SECOND SUNDAY
OF Advent

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4

DECEMBER 10, 2017
This fall we have been focusing on stewardship and examining our lives to make sure we are wisely using the gifts, talents, and abilities which our Creator has blessed us with. Matthew’s recent Gospel of the Parable of the Talents clearly highlighted that our Lord wants us to use our blessings to benefit the Church and its members if we someday want to hear him greet us by saying “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Beginning with Thanksgiving and running through Christmas, we are in a wonderful time of year when our focus is on family, our blessings, and a desire to make those we love happy. However, before we even take our tree and outdoor lights down, our mailbox soon provides us with clear reminders that tax season is upon us and Uncle Sam is beckoning. So much for warm fuzzy feelings.

What if you could have the best of both worlds? Share your gifts with those institutions and ministries which are important to you and also save on taxes.

Now you can and here are two ways to do so.

**IRA Charitable Rollover**

First, you can take advantage of the opportunity to make a difference with a tax-free gift from your IRA to St. Mary’s by December 31. If you’re 70½ years or older, you can contribute up to $100,000 directly from your IRA to St. Mary of Gostyn without including the amount in gross income.

**Appreciated Stocks**

A second option for making a big impact is by donating appreciated stocks. If you have held stocks for more than one year that have increased in value, you’ll avoid capital gains taxes by gifting all, or a portion, of the stock to St. Mary of Gostyn.

Should you be seriously considering a gift of stock, please contact your tax professional regarding the tax savings prior to contacting St. Mary’s for transfer instructions.
A friend of mine is an avid cross-country skier. Being barely an average skier myself, I am quite impressed with his skills. Some years back, he was actually so good that he was chosen to be one of a handful of skiers to prepare the course in the Nordic disciplines at the Winter Olympics. Their task was to “carve,” as it were, the tracks right before the actual competitors started challenging the elements, the milliseconds, and each other. These skiers are called forerunners; they are outside the competition, but their work is essential for the success of the run.

John the Baptist is also called a forerunner. The gospel tells us that he is the messenger sent ahead to prepare the way of the Lord. In Jewish consciousness, this track needed to be carved in the wilderness—the desert—where Israel first learned what it means to be the people of God.

Life takes on a penetrating quality in the desert: it’s precarious, and there are few things to distract or divert our attention. It is in the vulnerability of the desert that a word can shake us up and penetrate our reality. John’s proclamation fell like water on dry land, refreshing waters of “a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” His appeal to us, to you and me, is to acknowledge how dry our sin and hardness have made us. John is the forerunner who shows us the path of vulnerability in our own deserts, the path that alone enables us to turn around to receive the Word of God that leads us into the fertile Galilee of everyday human life and on to Jerusalem.

John and Jesus both have the same goal: conversion of the human heart—my heart. The forerunner prepares me to find my voice to ask forgiveness, so I may in turn reach out to others searching for “the one who is to come.”

Hans Christoffersen

### Advent Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Into all the dark and dreary places of this world.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come,  
Into hearts that are broken and lives that are shattered.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come,  
Into sinful souls—my own included.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Bring to repentance all nations of the world.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Fulfill your promise of reconciliation.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
Make the year of Jubilee a year of grace.  
Come, Lord Jesus, come.  
May the this Advent bring your healing love to all.  
Maranatha!

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**Second Sunday of Advent**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Confessions**

**Tuesday, Dec. 12:** 9:00 - 10:00 AM  
**Wednesday, Dec. 13:** 9:00 - 10:00 AM  
**Wednesday, Dec. 13:** 4:30 - 5:30 PM  
**Wednesday, Dec. 13:** 6:45 - 7:15 PM  
**Thursday, Dec. 14:** 4:30 - 5:30 PM  
**Saturday, Dec. 16:** 3:30 - 4:30 PM

**ADVENT PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**  
**MONDAY, DEC. 18TH - 7 PM**

**Saturday, Dec. 23:** 3:30 - 4:30 PM

*School/Religious Education Confessions, please go the front of the line - before the children.*
A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 12/03/2017 $ 35,171.21
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 17-18) $29,000.00
Sunday Goal to Date $667,000.00
Sunday Collections to Date $643,175.82
Total (Short of) Goals to Date ($23,824.18)

Other Collections
Baby Bottles for Life $3,545.16

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection TODAY!

Help religious communities.

“Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Advent and preparations have begun. Time will go by quickly and could easily pass without an encounter with, or in real preparation for the arrival of, Jesus.

Do more than shop, wrap and repeat! Experience the Lord in a meaningful way by participating in our all-parish Advent study. Simply login to FORMED.org (code 8PQ4J3) to view Anima, a weekly video study on the Gospel message and what it means for us as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

Stewardship

Today’s second reading is about Christ’s coming again, “The day of the Lord,” Peter calls it, but that day isn’t December 25th. It’s that other day, that second-coming day about which Peter is concerned. He waits with great hope and anticipation for God to remake the earth into a place of perfect justice and peace. And he sets some demanding goals for the Christian community as it awaits that final day of accounting and reconciliation: strive to be at peace, without spot or blemish. Christian stewards work for peace. As we await the coming of Christmas, what can we do to promote peace in our homes, workplaces, community and world?
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Under this title, Our Lady is the patron of Mexico, the United States and all of the Americas, as well as the protector of unborn children. In 1531, she appeared in a vision to the peasant Juan Diego, on Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City, and charged him with asking the bishop to build a church on that spot. But the bishop demanded a sign, so Our Lady had Juan gather flowers in his cloak, in December, to take to the bishop. When Juan opened his cloak, the colorful image of Guadalupe was emblazoned on the cactus-cloth. That icon is preserved in the most famous shrine in the Western Hemisphere and Our Lady of Guadalupe continues to inspire poor and oppressed people worldwide. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated Dec. 12.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Looking ahead, the Mass Schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be:

Saturday, Dec. 23
4:30 PM

Sunday, Dec. 24
8:00 AM  10:00 AM

There will be no 12 Noon Mass in order to prepare the Church for Christmas Eve Masses.

Something to Think About

For four days, 40-year-old Yuksel Er lay entombed beneath the concrete debris of the massive Turkish earthquake that killed thousands on August 17, 1999. He lay on his back in darkness in a tiny space, unable to roll over or sit up. He had no water or food. He dreamed of heaven. He prayed; he waited. Finally, rescue came. "I'm starting a new life," Yuksel said. Then he cried. Yuksel experienced what faithful Jews did as they prayed and waited for the Messiah.

How earnestly do I wait and pray for Jesus coming in this season of Advent?

It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can.
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<td>Fr. Jim, Fr. Shaun and All God’s Priests req. Harrington Family</td>
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**TODAY’S READINGS**

- **First Reading** - The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).
- **Psalm** - Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).
- **Second Reading** - Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).
- **Gospel** - I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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<td>Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30</td>
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<td>Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13</td>
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<td><strong>Sunday</strong></td>
<td>Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28</td>
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**Christmas Memorial Flowers**

Envelopes will be available at the entrances to church for those who would like to remember their deceased loves ones during the Christmas season. You may also use a plain envelope, and write your name on the envelope and the name of the person you wish remembered. We will publish the list of memorials in the parish bulletin.

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**Interested in a Ministry?**  
**Want to become more involved in parish life?**

We would love to hear from you!

Contact Deacon Bob Miciunas at 630-969-1063, ext. 244 or e-mail him at deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org to find out more about volunteer and ministry opportunities here at St. Mary of Gostyn!

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**Presider Schedule for Saturday, December 16th and Sunday, December 17th**

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.

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**Make St. Mary of Gostyn your Spiritual Home!**

If you are new to St. Mary of Gostyn or have been attending and do not have a church home, you are most welcome to become part of our Parish Family. Please fill out the information form below, and we will mail you a registration form to become a member of the Family of St. Mary of Gostyn! Welcome to St. Mary of Gostyn Parish!

Name_________________________________________________________

Address________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip__________________________________________________

Email address___________________________________________________

Phone Number: __________________________________ (circle one: cell    Home)

Please drop off in collection basket or mail to:
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish, 444 Wilson Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515

For your convenience, you can also register to become a St. Mary of Gostyn parishioner on our website: http://www.stmarygostyn.org/?page=ParishRegistration

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Oplatki is now available at the Rectory and Parish Center offices.
School News

Your Holiday Shopping Made Easy with Manna!

We have three sales before Christmas to order gift cards for holiday shopping or to give as gifts to those loved ones in your life.

Order last date will be Monday, December 11th.
Orders received by 10 a.m. the day of the sale will be available for pick on Thursday by 2 p.m.

Order forms are available for pick-up at the Parish Center, Rectory or School Office. Proceeds from the sales benefit SMG!

Questions? manna@stmarygostyn.org

SMG Dads and Daughter hit the dance floor at the "Ties and Tiaras" Dance
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella        Nicholas T. Almeida        Lois Bach        Anna Bandur        Gabriella Beirne
Abby Beranek        Kathy Berg                Sharon Binter    Bill Brown          Tom Brown
Felicia Bubula      Ann Clark                Margaret Corbett Helen Czulak      Jean Dahm
Frank Davis         Jessica Davy              Jim Donovan      Dennis Finn        Becca Gorman
Mark Gowgiel        Diane Goyette            Rion Goyette    Gen Hadamik        Hope Hathaway
Robert Hayes        Erinn Henes               Bobby Johnson    Donna Karlinski    Joseph Karlinski
Kenny Kern          Doreen Lehner             Robert Lehner    Diane Main         Virginia Mates
Eddie Mayerik       Spencer Mehr             Dolores Mendoza Kate Moss        James Murawski
Andrea Mutton       Rob Noonan               Fr. Ernie Norbeck Ken Norman      Daniel Oliver
Mary Ann Papievis   Eleanor Pecka             Cynthia Petro    Char Ryan         Tom Salansky
Eliza Skipworth     Yoshie Snider             Joey Stefka      Joan Tagglonia    Sharon Tallerico
Hugh Toner          Mark Trout               Laine Van Houton Audrey Waechtler  Loretta Wies
Ashley Woltman      Silas Bronk               Thomas Mendoza  Eloise Schleck  Isabella Tolmsma
Don Nietzel         Kathleen Stress           Candy Kormack    Joan Temborius  Bobbie Olp
Teresa Druzgala-Heaver Malek Family

Pray for our Military

Let us pray for all of our military personnel, especially the men and women of our parish who are serving in harm’s way:

Jason Weeks        Kevin Braasch        Michael Martel        Natalya Brechlin
John Svoboda       Christopher Fountain Nathan Kijowski        Bob Lang
Zachary Frana      Timothy Randazzo    Christopher Randazzo Kyle Ng
Richard Ciner

St. Mary of Gostyn Ministry to the Homebound

Do you have a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor who would like to receive the Eucharist on Sunday mornings?

If so, please have them contact Deacon Bob at the Parish Center at 630/960-1063, ext 244.

A Minister to the Homebound will be happy to visit them.

First Friday visits are also offered.

Nursing Home/Hospital Visitation

Notify the Rectory, (630) 969-1063, if you or a family member want a pastoral visit while in a healthcare facility. Without such notification, the rectory has no method of knowing who wants visitation.

(Please also see the tables at every church entrance for consent forms for healthcare facilities to notify the rectory of request for visitation).

Grow Your Faith. Walk in Christ.

Learning is a life-long and active process.

These titles and more available in the parking lot and Narthex entrance displays. CDs to go, or log onto FORMED.org, use parish code 8PQ4J3 for free e-books, movies, speakers -- lots of Catholic content -- available on any computer or mobile device. Try it today!
Religious Education

Advent Mass

In all of the learning and activities we do as Catholics, Mass is by far the most important. Giving our children an opportunity to go to Mass together allows them to build a strong community of believers outside of their family. We want to encourage the celebration of Advent as we prepare for Christ. Please join us on Wednesday, December 20 for an RE Family Mass at 6:30 pm. There are no sessions that week at our regular times.

RE Advent Reconciliation

During Advent in Religious Education all of Grades 3-8 will have an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession. We ask parents to talk with their children before hand and answer any questions or concerns they might have. If they forget anything, the priest are so good at helping them with anything. Parents are open to join us.

- **December 13 & 14** will be for Grades 6-8.
- Parents and older siblings encouraged to attend.

Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- **December 13 & 14** Advent Reconciliation for Grades 3-5. Parents/Adults welcome to join us.
- **December 20:** All RE Mass. 6:30 pm. A great way to worship together during this Advent Season.
- **December 27—January 6:** Christmas Break.
- **January 8—9** First Reconciliation
- **January 10** RE and Confirmation Sessions resume
- **January 11** RE and Confirmation Sessions

2nd Grade Families

How is your work coming along in your First Reconciliation Chapters?

RE Giving Opportunities

We are asking our RE Families and anyone interested to join in some opportunities to give,

- We will be doing a non-perishable food drive in January or February that will contribute to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Watch for Details.
Wisdom

Gather, grow and gain wisdom with a vision towards happiness and well-being.
All Women welcome!
Thursday Mornings 9:00
Beginning January 11
In the Gathering Place
Questions or to pre-register:
Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org
Faith Formation - Café Women Study tab

December Topic:
The GIFT of caregiving

Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging or ailing parent, grandparent, or spouse, in town or at a distance. Nourish provides you with a faith perspective as well as practical and emotional supports, tools and shared experiences.

Every Third Wednesday
December 20th
7:00 pm Parish Center
Drop in - all are welcome

Building on the foundation all people are beloved, precious, and created in the image and likeness of God, Father Shaun unpacked three paragraphs from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2357-2359:

♦ The Sacrament of Marriage, from its beginnings in Genesis, has two aspects, the unitive and procreative.
♦ Sin is not in inclination, but in the action. A person is not morally culpable for an inclination. An act is disordered, not a person.
♦ Someone with a same-sex attraction is also called to chastity.
♦ There are moral truths; one must use caution with language and labels to act in charity.
♦ Studies show that less than five percent of the population has a same-sex attraction.

More info and resources and readings on USCCB.org, including the link to COURAGERC.org.

December Topic:
Recap of the recent discussion on What the Church Teaches on Same Sex Attraction. Next One Topic Night: January 11th.

Franco will unpack the following paragraphs from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1573-1575:

♦ There are moral truths about marriage, which are immutable, unchangeable, eternal, absolute, and divinely revealed. The Sacrament of Marriage, from its beginnings in Genesis, has two aspects, the unitive and procreative.
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Our Children’s Stewardship Commitments

As you know, we distributed envelopes to all of our School and Religious Education students in the month of November so that they could participate in our Parish Stewardship in their own unique ways. Their offertory envelopes give them an opportunity to share how they are using their talents as well their “treasures” to serve our Parish. All of the monies collected in these envelopes will be donated to a charity chosen by the Children that serves children.

During the three weeks of November, we collected over 300 envelopes with lots of wonderful things that the children did to share their time and talent. They also donated $314.52 over the three weeks!

Here is a sample of some of their “deeds”:

“I’m giving a portion of my money from being a soccer referee this summer and fall”

“I prayed every night for my family”

“Walked home from choir so mom wouldn’t have to drive me”

“Helped at PADS set up”

“ Took food to the food pantry”

Christmas Mass Greeter Opportunities!

Be a Joyful Witness as we welcome all home to our Christmas Masses! It’s fun and simple!

Looking for a fun and simple way to live your faith? This works! And it’s family friendly – People love to be greeted and welcomed!

Join us at a Christmas Eve or Day Mass at St. Mary of Gostyn (SMG) as a greeter. 40 spots available in Church and School Gym doors for Masses. We ask our greeters to arrive 30 minutes early. We will welcome, meet & greet, and allow our ushers to seat. Nametags will be available.

Click this link to see our Sign-Up site: http://signup.com/go/SrjVvAJ Choose your time slot.

OR Contact: Tom Strolia / 630-253-0663 cell-text / tom12336@comcast.net – SMG Evangelization Coordinator
We are currently in the process of hiring a Parish Youth Minister (Part-time)
For a complete job description visit our homepage at www.stmarygostyn.org/About Us/
Employment Opportunities

Volunteers Needed
Catholic Communion Ministry
Good Samaritan Hospital – Downers Grove
Contact: Gail Miskowicz-Retz
Gail.Miskowicz-Retz@advocatehealth.com
or
630-852-5347

Friends of Harmony Chorus
Friday, December 15th at 2:00 PM
Enjoy the beautiful blended voices of this female chorus. Performing all holiday music, we are happy to have this wonderful group back to our campus.
Call 630-852-0345 to RSVP
Villa St. Benedict, 5450 Subiaco Drive, Lisle

381 - 1261
Young Hearts for Life Cardiac Screening Volunteers Needed
Montini Catholic High School is looking for volunteers to help with Young Hearts for Life Cardiac Screening to be held on Friday, January 19th, 2018. This is a free heart screening service provided to high school students to identify students at risk for sudden cardiac death.
Volunteers must attend a training session on Thursday, January 18th at 5:30 pm or 7:00 pm held at Montini Catholic High School. Times to volunteer for on Friday, January 19th are:

- 7:15 – 2:45 (full day)
- 7:15 – 11:45 (morning session)
- 11:00 – 2:45 (later session)

No experience is needed!
Registration is online at https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/1856727/false#invitation

Information Meeting for Navajo Mission to Chine, Arizona
The Joliet Diocese – Partnership in Mission is planning its next Navajo Construction Mission to Chine, Arizona. Two information meetings will be held one on January 9th, 2018 from 7-9 pm the other on January 17th, 2017 from 7-9 pm at the Bishop Blanchette Catholic Center – 16555 Weber Rd. – Crest Hill, IL 60403. Interested persons are invited to attend. Further information can be found at http://bit.ly/missionappl or call 815-221-6258, email: missions@dioceseofjoliet.org

Four Shepherds Retreat
Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House
Who Am I? Where Am I Going? How do I get there?
January 5 - 7, 2018 with Fr. Doug Leonhardt, SJ
An Ignatian Silent Retreat for Men
Call 847 - 381 - 1261

Boy Scout Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale
What better way to decorate your home for the holidays while supporting St. Mary of Gostyn’s Boy Scouts. A wide variety of trees and wreaths will be available to purchase from the scouts in the East Parking Lot. All proceeds & donations help support Troop 89. The lot is open from November 24th thru December 17th.

Hours are:
- Sat. & Sun.: 8:30 am - 8:30 pm,
- Weekdays: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm.
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This Week

Monday / 11
2:30 PM Brownie Troop #55103  Gath. Pl. C
2:30 PM Junior Troop #51979  Gath. Pl. A
3:00 PM Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM Rosary  Church
7:00 PM Boy Scouts  Gathering Place
7:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal  Church

Tuesday / 12
9:00 AM School Reconciliation  Church
9:30 AM Tiny Toes Music  Underground
3:00 PM Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM School Advisory Body  L.R.C.
6:30 PM Prayer Group  Chapel

Wednesday / 13
9:00 AM School Reconciliation  Church
3:00 PM Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM Religious Education  School/Ch/CH
6:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal  Gath. Pl. C
6:30 PM Religious Education  Sch/Ch/GP/CH

Thursday / 14
1:15 PM H.S.A.  Large Conf. Rm.
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities  Living Room
3:00 PM Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM Religious Education  Sch/Ch/GP/CH
5:45 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  Church

Friday / 15
7:00 AM School Cookie Bake  Gathering Pl.
3:00 PM Basketball  Gym
5:00 PM Art & Environment  Church
5:00 PM PADS  Gathering Place

Saturday / 16
12:00 AM PADS  Gathering Place
8:00 AM Adopt A Family Drop Off  Parking Lot
8:00 AM Basketball  Gym
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul  Large Conf. Rm.

Sunday / 17
8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word  Gath. Pl. B & C
8:00 AM RCIA  Underground
10:00 AM RCIC  Underground
1:00 PM Basketball  Gym
1:30 PM Baptism  Church
4:30 PM 6:00 Choir Rehearsal  Church
8:00 PM Men’s Basketball  Gym
NEW PARISHIONERS: We are happy to welcome new members to our community, and encourage you to register either in person at the Rectory, or register online through our website, www.stmarygostyn.org.

BAPTISMS: St. Mary of Gostyn offers baptismal preparation sessions on a monthly basis. If this is your first child or it has been more than five years since you attended a baptismal preparation session at St. Mary’s or another parish, you will need to participate in a session before you can receive a date for your baby’s baptism.

Parents are the first and primary educators in the practice of the Faith. Godparents play an important role in the faith life of your child. While considering godparents for your child, be aware that at least one must be a baptized and confirmed Catholic who is active in his/her faith. Please call the parish office at 630-969-1063 to register for a preparation class and to schedule a baptismal date.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of welcoming and preparing adults for the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation - for full membership in the Catholic Church. Unbaptized adults, adults baptized in another Christian faith, and baptized Catholics with little or no formal religious education are invited to participate. Please call the rectory for further information.

ANNULMENTS: We are available to help anyone who is in need of information about how to apply for an annulment. Please contact the rectory at (630)969-1063.

LITURGY of HOURS: Morning Prayer (Lauds) is prayed Monday through Saturday following the morning liturgies.

SACRAMENT of ANOINTING: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is available at regularly scheduled liturgies throughout the year, or by appointment. You may ask the presiding priest before any Mass for an anointing. Communal Anointing Masses are held on the 1st Saturday of the month in August, December and April at the 8:00 AM Mass.

The Eucharist will also be brought to those who are ill, upon request. Please notify the Rectory if members of your family are in the hospital or homebound.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are usually made by the Funeral Home or by a family member. A member of our Bereavement team will meet with you to plan the Funeral Liturgy. Eulogies can be given at the Wake Service, Interment at the Cemetery or at the Funeral Luncheon, but not at the Mass of Christian Burial.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance to provide ample time for preparation of this sacrament.

PRAYER GROUPS: Monday evenings at 7:15 PM in the Parish Center; Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center chapel.

ROSARY DEVOTION: Monday through Saturday, 7:30 AM in the church; Rosary will begin at 6:30 PM on Monday evenings in the church.

RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 PM in church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available by appointment. Please call the Rectory (630-969-1063) to arrange to have your confession heard by a priest.