The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40
All are invited to celebrate our

Valentine Gala

When: February 10, 2018 at 6:00pm

Where: Esplanade Lakes, Downers Grove

Dinner, Dancing, Live and Silent Auction and the Drawing for the Grand Prize for *the Lucky in Love* Raffle

Registration is now open at:

www.Stmarygostyn.org

Check or cash payments can be dropped off at the Rectory.

$100 per person, tables of 10 for $1000

Proceeds for this event go to our School Operating Budget, our Endowment Fund and our Athletics Department
We would like to express our thanks to you and your family for your spirit of cooperation and generosity this past year. Along with our thanks, we send an assurance of a place in our in our prayers throughout 2018! Thank You to all who sent cards, gifts, food, and remembrances during this Holy Season!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Jim Schwab, Fr. Shaun Cieslik Deacons
and Staff of St. Mary of Gostyn

THE HOLY FAMILY

When I look at my family with its struggles and chaos, I don't see a relationship with the Holy Family. How can this feast of the Holy Family be a help for me and my clan?

The Holy Family is amazingly similar to many of today’s families. The Holy Family experienced:

- Homelessness, when Mary and Joseph could find nowhere in Bethlehem to give birth to Jesus;
- Exile, when the family fled into Egypt to escape Herod's wrath;
- Joy and apprehension, as Mary and Joseph listened to Simeon's and Anna's prophecies at the Temple;
- Fear and dread, when the child Jesus was lost, only to be found in the Temple sharing his wisdom with the scholars;
- Contentment and security, as Jesus spent most of his adult life at home working with his foster father;
- Bewilderment, as Mary and her cousins sought out Jesus in the midst of his public ministry;
- Wonder and awe, as Mary urged the wine stewards to obey Jesus' instructions at the wedding at Cana;
- Widowhood, when Mary lost her good husband Joseph;
- Grief, loss, and separation, as Mary witnessed the brutal torture and crucifixion of her only son;
- Inexpressible joy, as Mary witnessed the risen Lord Jesus and received the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

By their very nature, families are holy. They are the nurturing, supportive system that God created to sustain life on the earth. There are times when every family feels less than holy. Think about those sleepless nights with sick children. Remember the frazzled nerves? Or how about those vacation gone sour when nothing seemed to turn out right. "Family fun?" you ask.

None of us pretends to have the perfect family, the family pictured on TV shows of old. And, hopefully, none of us has the totally dysfunctional family portrayed on today's TV shows. A true vision of family is somewhere in the middle - working to overcome shortcomings while thanking God for the blessings family life brings.

It is God's love that supports and strengthens our families. How else would parents and teens ever get through those awkward years? Or the “terrible twos”? We are fortunate that God gave us a sense of humor to help out when all else fails. What once seemed a fiasco becomes a laughable memory down the road.

God gave us tender moments, too. A child's first smile, tiny hands grasping dad's big finger, tear-filled eyes, a morning hug, moments of pride and achievement. This collage of special moments is what makes families special. We are present for one another - in good times and bad. We stumble and fall, and get back up again, knowing God's love and God's universal family are there for support.
**St. Mary of Gostyn Liturgy Schedule**

_Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God_
Monday, January 1, 2017
10:00 AM

_Epiphany of the Lord_
Saturday, January 6
4:30 PM
Sunday, January 7
8AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00PM & 6:00 PM

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**New Year’s Office Hours**

Please note the following Christmas schedule for the Rectory, School, and Parish Center offices:

**RECTORY & PARISH CENTER**

- Monday, January 1st: CLOSED
- Tuesday, January 2nd: CLOSED
- Wednesday, January 3rd: Regular Office Hours

**SCHOOL**

The School office will re-open Tuesday, January 8, 2018.

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**Stewardship**

_A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP_

- Weekly Collection 12/24/2017: $27,905.57
- Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 16-17): $29,000.00

**Goals to Date**

- Sunday Goal to Date: $739,500.00
- Christmas Goal to Date: $110,000.00
- Total Goals to Date: $849,500.00

**Collections to Date**

- Sunday Collections to Date: $735,183.14
- Christmas Collections to Date: $82,127.27
- Total Collections to Date: $817,310.41
- Total (Short of) Goals to Date: ($32,189.59)

_Thank you for your continuing support and generosity._

When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God’s service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?
4 WAYS to Benefit From a Year-End Gift

The final months of the year are traditionally considered the season of giving. In addition to the gifts we give to the important people in our lives, this season of generosity is also the prime time to show support for the causes we love. When you support your parish this year, not only will others benefit, but so will you.

Few things in life offer more personal satisfaction than helping others. When you make a gift at year-end in support of our vital mission, not only will you help us meet our goals, but you can also receive important tax benefits. Here is what you need to know about making charitable gifts before the year comes to a close.

Explore Your Options
Although there may still be time to make several different types of charitable gifts, based on your unique situation and tax considerations, some gift types may be more practical than others. Following are a number of popular options.

1 Make an immediate impact.
Cash is an easy way to give each year. You can receive an income tax charitable deduction for the full value of the gift, up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. If you write a check for less than $250, a copy of the check will suffice as a record of the gift. You should obtain a receipt for gifts of $250 or more.

2 Save taxes on appreciated stock.
When you donate stocks that are worth more than what you originally paid for them, you can claim deductions for their full fair market value and eliminate any tax on the appreciation.

3 Avoid the hassles and costs associated with selling real estate
Like securities, if you try to sell appreciated property you will be subject to capital gains tax on the appreciation. By donating the property to charity, you can enjoy tax savings and relieve yourself from the hassles of selling or maintaining it.

4 Put an insurance Policy to good use.
An old policy you no longer need can make a big impact on our work. To qualify as a deductible gift, we must become the policy owner. For most types of insurance policies, your tax deduction is usually the cost basis or the fair market value of the policy - whichever is less.
It is more common for policies to still require premiums to be paid. When you donate these, the future premiums are tax-deductible as you pay them.
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017
10:00 AM - Elliot Jaskula & Stevie Jaskula req. Rose & Bob Jaskula

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017
6:15 AM - In Thanksgiving req. Steve & Therese DeSitter
NO 8:00 AM Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017
6:15 AM - Steve Janetka req. Family
NO 8:00 AM Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017
NO 6:15 AM Mass
8:00 AM - Daniel McLean req. Rose Vitulis
James Masden req. Dolores Ronaldson

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017
NO 6:15 AM Mass
8:00 AM - Joseph Massura req. Steve & Mary Spencer

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017
8:00 AM - Robert Noonan req. Family
4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017
8:00 AM - Dave Craven req. Family & Friends
Christa Lenski req. Family
10:00 AM - Deceased Members of the Miskowicz & Retz Families
req. Gail & Konrad Miskowicz-Retz
12:00 PM - Ivan Buh req. Gene & Blanca Adams & Family
6:00 PM - Patricia McDonnell req. Toth Family

~ PLEASE NOTE ~ CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, January 2nd & Wednesday, January 3rd
6:15 AM Mass
NO 8:00 AM Mass

Thursday, January 4th & Friday, January 5th
NO 6:15 AM Mass
8:00 AM Mass
Baptism

St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:

John Richard Froehlich, son of Michael & Sara Froehlich
Graham Desmond Henry, son of Daniel & Erin Henry
Clara Therese Schuttenmaer, daughter of Eric & Roxana Schuttenmaer
Charlotte Anne Scully, daughter of Brian & Jennifer Scully
Harper Amore Snyder, daughter of Alan & Teresa Snyder
Ryan James Wilson, son of Kevin & Theresa Wilson

BLESSING OF THE NEW YEAR

God of time and of eternity, with Christmas joy we praise you for the year gone by and for the year we have begun.

Your Son comes among us to bring glad tidings to the poor and to proclaim a year acceptable in your sight.

Knit us in harmony and love, we who are flesh of his flesh.

Fill this new year with mercy and compassion, with prosperity and accord, as we join the angels in proclaiming your praise:

Glory in heaven and peace on earth, now and forever. Amen.

Thank You!

Waterleaf would like to extend a heartfelt “THANK YOU” to the parishioners of St. Mary of Gostyn Parish for participating in this year’s Baby Bottle for Life fundraising campaign. As of December 15, 2017, St. Mary of Gostyn Parish has raised $3,545.16! Your support ensures that we can provide the material and emotional support necessary for men and women to choose life for their babies. Sometimes, just the simple fact that our doors are open and a woman visits us, rather than an abortion provider, is the difference between life and death. We greatly appreciate your support, and ask that you keep Waterleaf in your prayers. For information about Waterleaf and our programs and services, please contact us at 630-701-6270 or visit us on the web at www.waterleafwc.org.

Check us out on the web!

www.stmarygostyn.org
Parish, School, Religious Education and Diocesan news at the click of a mouse!

St. Mary Book Group
Wednesday, January 10          Parish Center          9:30 AM          Shannon     by Frank Delaney

In 1922, a WWI veteran journeys to Ireland to find his roots after witnessing corruption in the Diocese of Boston.

Books are on hold at the Downers Grove Public Library. Please ask for the St. Mary Book selection. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

SMG Evening Book Discussion
Thursday, January 18    Parish Center          7:00 PM          The All Girls Filling Station’s Last Reunion     by Fannie Flagg

A daughter discovers a secret on her mother’s past when she runs her family’s filling station in the 1940’s.

Books are on hold at the Downers Grove Public Library. Please ask for the SMG Evening Book selection. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.
State of Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship

Receive up to 100% of Catholic School Tuition

The State of Illinois has created a new way to fund scholarships for children who choose to attend Catholic schools through the “Invest in Kids Act.” Scholarships offered through this program have the potential to cover up to 100 percent of tuition and eligible charges for next school year.

The Empower Illinois Scholarship Granting Organization will be operational and will have application information around December 15, 2017 and anticipates accepting applications January 2, 2018. These dates are subject to change. Visit www.weteachmore.org for up-to-date details.

State of Illinois “Invest in Kids Act”

Support Catholic Education and Receive a 75% Tax Credit

The State of Illinois has created a new way to fund scholarships for children who choose to attend Catholic schools through the “Invest in Kids Act.” Scholarships offered through this program have the potential to cover up to 100 percent of tuition and eligible charges for next school year.

Under the Tax Credit Scholarship Program in the "Invest in Kids Act", individuals and corporations will make donations to Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGO) that will distribute scholarships to qualified students. **Tax credits will be available on a first come, first serve basis beginning January 2, 2018.**

**Benefit to Donors**

- Individual or corporate donors will receive a 75 percent tax credit, up to $1 million, for donations made to a SGO on their 2018 State of Illinois tax return.
- Example: a scholarship donation of $1,000 will provide a $750 tax credit to a corporate or individual Illinois taxpayer.
- Individual (non-corporate) donors may designate their parish school or all Joliet diocesan schools to receive their scholarship donation.

Visit www.weteachmore.org for details.
Prayer Requests

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella     Abby Beranek    Felicia Bubula     Frank Davis     Mark Gowgiel     Robert Hayes     Kenny Kern     Spencer Mehr     Rob Noonan     Eleanor Pecka     Yoshie Snider     Mark Trout     Malek Family     Greg Yearling     Martha Laughlin
Nicholas T. Almeida     Kathy Berg     Ann Clark     Jessica Davy     Diane Goyette     Erinn Henes     Doreen Lehner     Dolores Mendoza     Fr. Ernie Norbeck     Cynthia Petro     Joey Stefka     Laine Van Houton     Katie Main Hwan     Frankie Colonna     Margaret Augustyniak
Lois Bach     Sharon Binter     Margaret Corbett     Jim Donovan     Rion Goyette     Bobby Johnson     Robert Lehner     Kate Moss     Ken Norman     Char Ryan     Joan Taglioni     Audrey Waechtler     Minnie Lopez     Dennis Stefka     Anna Bandur     Bill Brown     Helen Czulak     Dennis Finn     Gen Hadamik     Donna Karlinski     Virginia Mates     James Murawski     Daniel Oliver     Tom Salansky     Sharon Tallerico     Loretta Wies     George Drobney     George B. Metzger
Gabriella Beirne     Tom Brown     Jean Dahm     Becca Gorman     Hope Hathaway     Joseph Karlinski     Eddie Mayerik     Andrea Mutton     Mary Ann Papievis     Eliza Skipworth     Hugh Toner     Ashley Wolfsman     Larry Lovitch     Tony Romazzatto

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Lawrence O’Brien
Kathleen Robinson

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:

Kevin Braasch     Michael Martel     Natalya Brechlin     John Svoboda
Christopher Fountain     Nathan Kijowski     Bob Lang     Zachary Frana
Timothy Randazzo     Kyle Ng     Christopher Randazzo     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.
(Also see the tables at every church entrance for consent forms for healthcare facilities to notify the rectory of request for visitation).
Religious Education Dates
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.
- January 8—9 First Reconciliation
- January 10 & 11 RE and Confirmation
  Sessions resume

Winter RE Session Attendance
Our Calendar for the first semester was comprised of many days on and many days off. However, for the winter we have many consistent days in session. Even though basketball season is popular right now and activities, I remind parents that our attendance policy still remains.
- Children are expected to attend each and every class (except due to illness or other emergency). We strongly discourage regular early dismissal, late arrival, and switching of sessions. Permanent session re-assignment is available depending on availability.

Around the Corner: First Reconciliation
St. Mary will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation just before we return to RE Sessions.

January 8: 6:30 pm
Sacrament of First Reconciliation
for the following:
  RE Wednesday @ 4:30
  RE Wed. @ 6:30 pm
January 9: 6:30 pm
Sacrament of First Reconciliation
for the following:
  School—both classes
  RE Thursday @ 4:30
  RE Track 1
Please be sure to have your Act of Contrition memorized as well.

New Year News

First Holy Communion
Enrollment Mass/Meeting
February 6, 2018
6:30 pm - 7:45 pm
In the Church
All Families of students in Grade 2 or in the RCIC Track program should plan to attend. Children will receive a blessing from their parents and we will have a short informational meeting following Mass.

Rainbows For All Children
The mission is Rainbows for All Children (Rainbows) is dedicated to being the premier source of support for all youth as they navigate grief and heal from loss, whether from death, divorce, deployment, or other trauma. Rainbows fosters awareness that youth require support to heal. We nurture a community of effective Rainbows-trained Facilitators, supported with a repository of resources designed to guide youth in their grieving process.

Would you be interested in training as a facilitator. All training is online and easy.

If you are interested in this ministry, call the RE office.

Catechist and Adults Invited to
Foundations of Faith
Formation Series
Tuesday February 20, 2018
Topic: Creed II
Tuesday April 17, 2018
Topic: Creed III
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 practical tools and emotional supports, all with a Christ-centered view.

Every Third Wednesday
January 17th
7:00 pm Parish Center

More information: Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygosyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation - Nourish tab.

January’s topic:
The Realities of Stress and Learning to Cope
Are you handling stress well? Find out! We’ll use tools to measure actual levels and discuss practical ways to reduce it. The physical and emotional strains of caregiving can place you at higher risk for memory problems, heart disease and depression. Can faith, worry and stress co-exist? Be nourished.

www.nourishforcaregivers.com

Stop in St. Mary’s Café to grow in truth and grace, so that it is a year abounding in happiness and peace of mind.

Two times, both beginning in January:

Thursday Mornings, 9:00 am
We all need it. We all want more.

Wisdom
Gather, grow and gain
•Wisdom in RELATIONSHIPS
•Wisdom in FINANCES
•Wisdom in DECISION-MAKING

Tuesday Evenings, 7:00 pm
An essential for a thriving faith life:

Prayer
. Join this teaching and find intimacy with God.

For more information on both:
www.stmarygostyn.org - Faith Formation - Adult - Café Evening or Café Women’s Bible Study tabs
**NOW HIRING**

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](http://www.stmarygostyn.org/About Us/Employment Opportunities)

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**Presider Schedule for Saturday, January 6th and Sunday, January 7th**

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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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**Reward yourself... and your family**

**Men’s C.R.H.P. weekend**

Saturday-Sunday, Jan 27-28, 2018

Reserve Your Spot: 630-969-1063 (Rectory)

d_sheeran@yahoo.com – Dave Sheeran

630.442.4425

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**Women’s**

**SAVE THE DATE**

The women of CRHP #33 hope that you will prayerfully consider joining them for CRHP #34 on the weekend of February 24th to 25th.

For information or to register, please contact Carolina Menapace at cmenapace@gmail.com.
ARE YOU ITCHING TO DO SOMETHING IMPORTANT?  
THE UPPER ROOM CRISIS HOTLINE NEEDS YOU!

Ever have an itch you can’t seem to scratch – an itch that just won’t go away? Well, sometimes God is like that itch. He tries to get your attention by annoying you with a little itchy urge that only He can scratch.

If God is urging you to do something to help others, consider becoming a volunteer phone counselor for The Upper Room Crisis Hotline. We provide counseling and referral services to anyone struggling to find a reason to keep living in all circumstances. While we deliver our services in the Catholic tradition, we counsel anyone who needs help.

Becoming a phone counselor requires you to complete an eight-week training program where you learn communication skills, relationship issues, suicide prevention and much more. We hold classes from Jan. 9th thru Feb. 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays. All classes are held at The University of St. Francis (The old Guardian Angel Home on the corner of Theodore St. and Plainfield Rd) in Joliet, Il.

If this work touches your heart, please call Sr. Mary Frances Seeley at 815-341-9124, or email catholic hotline@gmail.com. Check us out at www.CatholicHotline.org.

Thank You and God Bless!

WHO WILL FILL THESE SHOES?

It really is a simple question, “Who Will Fill These Shoes?” More importantly, it’s a shocking image, the image of empty shoes, a priest’s shoes, laying there by the altar. It is a sharp reminder to all of us that without priests, there will be no Eucharist! Men ages 7th Grade and older are invited to a day about priesthood!

Thurs, January 4, 2018 9:00 AM—3:00 PM 11:30 AM Mass Blanchette Catholic Center 16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill

This is a day for men to hear more about the priesthood, meet our seminarians, and to find out if the Lord is asking them to “fill the shoes” of the priests who have gone before us. The day will include Mass, talks from priests and seminarians from our diocese, lunch and time for questions and answers about the priesthood. Parents are welcome to accompany their sons. Parents of our current seminarians will be available to speak about what it is like to have a son answer God’s call.

For more information or to register go to: www.whowillfilltheseshoes.com

THERE IS NO COST FOR THE DAY

RETREAT/ WORKSHOP FOR WIDOWED MEN/WOMEN

The Joyful Again! program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life’s journey. “I felt welcome.” “Found hope.” “Am more at peace.”

Upcoming Dates: March 3 & 4, 2018 and April 21 & 22, 2018. For more information contact us at Joyful Again!

Widowed Ministry Ph: 1-708-354-7211
Email: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
Website:www.joyfulagain.org

IMPORTANT: Register early, space is limited.

MAYSLAKE VILLAGE OPEN APPLICATION SESSION

Applications being accepted for Wings, Manor, Villas & Center II Type 3 1 bedroom apartments on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018 at the Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort. The session will start at 9:00 AM and close at 12 noon.

Additional information about Mayslake Village and its several residences is available on our website at www.mayslake.com

CALLED TO SERVE?

Attend the next Vocations Event
Young Men Ages 13 +
Operation Andrew Dinner
Tuesday, January 16th, 6 - 8:00 PM
St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Plainfield

- Meet Bishop Conlon & Fr. Burke Masters, Vocation Director
- Hear inspiring Vocation stories, watch a video and Q & A Session
- Lots of food and fun! Free! Parents welcome!

Register at www.vocations.com
Click on “Register for Events”

CHICAGO MARCH FOR LIFE 2018

Join thousands at March for Life Chicago 2018 as we come together from across Chicago, Illinois, the Midwest and the U.S. to defend, protect and celebrate LIFE! The march kicks off at 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm on Sunday January 14th, at the Federal Plaza, 50 W. Adams St., Chicago, IL. Be part of the ever increasing crowd at our very own Chicago March for Life. For more information about this very exciting event, go to www.marchforlifechicago.org/. People from surrounding states come to join the faithful pro-lifers who can’t make it to Washington, D.C., but are proud to stand up for LIFE.

STOP THE HATE

Monday, January 15, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Christ the Servant Catholic Church

Presentation & Discussion led by Mary Francis H. Beno MSW, LCSW
Based on materials from Teaching Tolerance/The Southern Poverty Law Center

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*Live as the Holy Family. Unite yourselves in love and respect for each other, live in peace with all people and pray that you may share in the life of the Lord.*
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.