Sunday, January 28th - St. Mary of Gostyn School Open House @ 9:00am – 12:00pm
All families and visitors are invited and welcome to come and catch a glimpse of our school! Join us in the gymnasium to view our fifth grade curriculum fair projects and their creators, fine arts displays and more!

Monday, January 29th
Crazy Hat Day! – Students may wear their favorite or a crazy hat. All hats must be school appropriate.
Wheel of Wisdom Assembly
8:00 – 6th – 8th Grades
9:00 – K – 5th Grades

Tuesday, January 30th
Crazy Sock Day! – Students may wear colorful/creative socks. All socks must be school appropriate.
Mix It Up Activity (Teacher Activity) – This year our teachers will be participating in a special “Mix It Up Activity”. Each teacher will start the day off by teaching or co-teaching in a different classroom and grade level from their own! The activity will last for one period and teachers will then resume their regular teaching responsibilities. This activity is intended to foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of the work that each of our team members puts forth to help our larger school and community accomplish the mission of our school, and for teachers to offer some positive feedback to their colleagues.
Faculty & Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Wednesday, January 31st
All School Mass @ 8:00 (Parents and family members are welcome to attend)
Presentation of NCEA Distinguished Graduate Award (Mr. Andy Stapleton)
Recognition of years of service for SMG staff (Mrs. Dianne Czopek, 30 years)
Faculty All Stars vs. 5th Grade Volleyball
(K – 5th graders watch; 5th graders should bring a change of clothes for afternoon activities)

Thursday, February 1st
Tie Dye Shirt Day! - Students may wear school appropriate tie dye shirts with uniform bottoms. All tie dye shirts must be school appropriate.

Friday, February 2nd
Team T-Shirt Day! - Students may wear shirts/sweatshirts of their favorite sports team (high school, college, professional). Jeans and gym shoes are also allowed. Students’ attire should still comply with the school dress code for out of uniform days.
Brains vs. Brawn Competition (6-8th)
Pep Rally (Gym)
We are very excited to host our first ever SMG pep rally! Students will gather in the gymnasium, where we will recognize all of our SMG student-athletes and their accomplishments.
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.Stmary gostyn.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
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Movies, literature, opera, video games, everything considered art or entertainment (not to mention politics) seems to deal, however profoundly or superficially, with the power struggle between good and evil. Hollywood fortunes and political careers are made by playing on this age-old, deep-seated human perception of reality. In our minds and psyches, we seem to have a deep need to contrast the powers of good and evil, love and sin, violence and peace, captivity and freedom.

The Gospel of Mark offers us an unmatched “script” as to how this battle “for our souls,” at one and the same time, has already been won while still being fought. In the synagogue at Capernaum something new is beginning: The reign of God that Jesus preaches with authority ushers in a new age, and breathes conflict between him and the demons and unclean spirits: “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?” (Mk 1:24).

Unlike the disciples and the rest of us, the demons immediately knew the purpose of Jesus’ coming: to do battle with the powers of evil in the world and in our hearts. Being “possessed” or “unclean” is a matter of degree; we’re all struggling with evil in some way. Prejudice, dominating others, using goods and skills to exalt ourselves, etc., are all forces that keep us in bondage and enslave us to self. Jesus showed that whoever has had a deeply felt experience of being set free has experienced the reign of God.

So, the message of the gospel is liberation: The Word of God should set me ever more free and make me become more and more myself. From the first chapter, Mark tells us this wonderful news, but the rest of his gospel also tells us never to under-estimate the power of evil, even as we entrust ourselves to the decisive power of God’s kingdom, God’s presence.

— Hans Christoffersen
Thank you for your very generous response to the 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. The CMAA raised over $8 million from 36,500 generous households in the Diocese. The chart below shows the final results for St. Mary of Gostyn Parish for the past two years. Your generosity and commitment to both the Diocese and our parish are very much appreciated.

**CMAA Report By Parish**

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**A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

Weekly Collection 1/21/2017 $32,880.35
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 17/18) $29,000.00

Goals to Date

- Sunday Goal to Date $855,500.00
- Christmas Goal to Date $110,000.00
- Total Goals to Date $965,500.00

Collections to Date

- Sunday Collections to Date $850,699.34
- Christmas Collections to Date $114,437.27
- Total Collections to Date $965,136.61
- Total (Short of) Goals to Date ($363.39)

Other Collections:
- Church in Latin America $4,251.59

In today’s Gospel we hear proclaimed the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. He teaches. He heals. And all are amazed. By their baptism, Christian stewards realize they are called to do the same in their lives. They are called to be the light of Christ each day. As we bring closure to the beginning of this new year, now is a good time to ask the Lord to fill our hearts with courage and faith, so that we too may publicly minister in his name; that we may be liberated from our insecurities and fear so that we can share the Gospel authoritatively and work to heal at least one wounded relationship in the coming months ahead.
What do Jesus’ Miracles Prove?

To those of us who believe in Jesus, miracles gospel confirm our belief that Jesus is indeed God’s Son. It would be wrong to conclude, however, that Jesus’ miracles would have had a similar effect on those who lived in the first century.

Jesus was not the only person of his time who performed miracles. In fact, Jews were especially known as miracle workers in the ancient world. The Jewish writer Josephus tells of a Jew named Eleazar who performed an exorcism in the presence of the Roman general Vespasian. Josephus also tells of a Jew named Honi who was famous for his success in praying for rain. Rabbinic sources narrate the healings of Hanina ben Dosa who lived in Galilee about ten miles from Nazareth. Rather than making Jesus unique in the eyes of his contemporaries, his miracles situated him among a group of miracle workers.

Jesus’ ability to work miracles would certainly have attracted crowds and given people a chance to listen to his teaching. Miracles would not, however, have necessitated that people believe what he said. Once they had heard, some certainly went on their way either dismissing him as a fake or as a good man who nevertheless had no further interest to them.

Jesus’ miracles were a sign that people should take notice. They were not convincing evidence that his teaching must be believe. Faith, then as now, can never be proven. Miracles are an opportunity to believe, not a coercion to do so.

BLESSING OF THROATS

The blessing of throats is invoked as a sign of God’s care for every part of us. This tradition is often associated with Candlemas Day, probably because two candles are tied together in the shape of a cross, and the candles are touched to our throats by the priest or deacon. The blessing actually originated as a part of the Church’s memorial for Saint Blase, celebrated on February 3. Legend has it that Blase once saved the life of a child who was choking on a fish bone.

The Blessing of Throats will take place after the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday, February 3, 2018.

Prayer

God, Source of all goodness,
Before I can know you or praise you, before I can count my blessings and thank you for all I have received, your Spirit is within me, preparing my heart for faith.
Even though I suppose it is my wisdom which traces your action along the path of my life,
I must proclaim it is you who has gifted me with the power to believe.
Allow me to trust you and to follow the prompting of your Spirit, so that you who have begun faith in me might bring it to completion.
Amen.
MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017
6:15 AM - Peter May
8:00 AM - Eleanor Laria req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2017
6:15 AM - Deceased Members of the Gallagher & McNicholas Families
    req. Calistro Family
8:00 AM - Jane Clarke Whittington req. Sanderson Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017
6:15 AM - Edwina N. Day
8:00 AM - Deceased Members of the Bonadonna & Calistro Families
    req. Calistro Family
    Salvatore Madonia req. Minardi Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2017
6:15 AM - Charles Belano req. Calistro Family
8:00 AM - Kay Selfridge req. Gerry & Carolyn Mueller

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017
6:15 AM - Katherine Cunningham
8:00 AM - Katie Dombrowski req. Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2017
8:00 AM - Tina Pua req. Dolores Ronaldson
4:30 PM - John & Barbara Purcell - In celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017
8:00 AM - Robert Noonan req. Patrick & Eileen Noonan
    Joseph Massura req. Family
10:00 AM - Betty Duggan req. Steve & Julie Boyle
12:00 PM - Loretta Barrett req. Enochs Family
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you”
(Deuteronomy 18:15-20).
Psalm - If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).
Second Reading - Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).
Gospel - The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching (Mark 1:21-28).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18;Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39
Thank you for your generous support last week of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a parish, we collected $4,251.59, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so that they in turn can share it with others. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/latin-americacollections and click “How to Give” on the left. Your gift will certainly make a difference!

**Medical Missions Meeting**

**Monday, February 5th**
**9:00 AM - Gathering Place**

On Monday, February 5, 2018 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Place, we will be working on creating new lap throws for our homebound parishioners. We have depleted our inventory of lap throws and we need your help to make more. We need lap throws throughout the year as our deacons will take them to our parishioners.

We could use more lap throws if you can knit or crochet. Please consider making one or two for us. This is a great way to use up all the all your extra yarn. It needs to be approximately either 36” by 36” or 36” by 40”. It can be any pattern. Any questions please call Clara Christiaens at 630-971-1702. If you can’t help this month, our next meeting will be Monday, March 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Place.

Thank you helping the Medical Missions to help the homebound with a lap throw. Our homebound parishioners thank you.

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**GRIEF SUPPORT TEAM**

...“And Jesus wept” John 11:35

Jesus’ friend Lazarus died, and because of his grief, Jesus wept.

If you have lost a loved one and you are experiencing the pain of loss and grief, please join the Grief Support Team at St. Mary of Gostyn to share with us and others who have experienced the grief and pain you are now feeling.

Grief Support Group starts meeting on Tuesday, February 13th, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center Living Room. We will be meeting every Tuesday starting February 13th for six weeks.

Call Moira Barker at the Parish Center (630) 960-3565 to register. If you have questions, you will be referred to the appropriate person to contact for further assistance.

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**Check us out on the web!**

[www.stmarygostyn.org](http://www.stmarygostyn.org)

Parish, School, Religious Education and Diocesan news at the click of a mouse!

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**A Warm Welcome**

We welcome:

Janice Fellows
John & Molly Eileen Oros
Kevin & Kay O’Donoghue
Michael & Jane Plahm

who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

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**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Congratulations to

**JOSEPH & THERESA BALICE**

who donated the beautiful flowers on the altar this weekend in celebration of their

**60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.**

They are renewing their Wedding Vows at the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday.
St. Mary of Gostyn School offers:

- 3 year old Preschool thru 8th Grade
- Award Winning Preschool
- Challenging academics tailored to the individual needs of each child
- Motivating teachers that nurture a child’s curiosity and cultivate a love of learning
- No-cut sports (Cross Country, Volleyball, Basketball)
- Extra curricular activities such as Chess Club, Environmental Club, Student Council and various after school enrichment classes
- After school care for Kindergarten through 8th grade
- Catholic Culture: daily prayer, religion class and weekly Mass
- Upon graduation, students are accepted into the public or private high school of their choice, often with advanced placement in classes
**Prayer Requests**

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

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**In Sympathy**

Our deepest sympathy to the family of

Mary Lou Penninger,* mother of Reggie Dvorak & Roger Penninger*

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### 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:

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### 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.)

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First Holy Communion Enrollment
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. There will be a short meeting at 6:30 and Children will receive an enrollment blessing following the meeting.

Catechist Mid-Year Retreat:
Sharing Your Story of Faith
Upcoming Dates:  Feb. 3/Feb. 20/March 8

- Discover where God has been active in your life and in your classroom
- Tap into your own faith story to enrich your teaching
- Connect more deeply with your experience as a catechist
- Hear the witness of other faith-filled catechists
- Bless and be blessed!

Don’t miss this inspiring opportunity to continue your formation and spiritual development as a catechist. During this 2-hour session, you will pray and share your faith story, have personal reflection time, know God’s peace and discover new meaning in your ministry. Gift yourself with this opportunity for growth.

Call Mary Jane to register 630-960-3565 ext. 219

Religious Education Dates
Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.
- Jan. 31 & Feb. 1  Regular RE/Conf. Sessions
- February 6  1st Holy Communion Enrollment—Students and Parents
- February 7 & 8  Regular RE/Conf. Sessions
- February 14 & 15 NO SESSIONS

Ash Wednesday
Just a reminder to all St. Mary Families, especially those who choose Religious Education for their children;
There will be no Religious Education on February 14 & 15
Wednesday, February 14 is Ash Wednesday
Please choose to attend Mass or a Service that week.
On Ash Wednesday there is Mass at 4:30 or 7:00 pm

Catechist and Adults Invited to
Foundations of Faith
Formation Series
Tuesday  February 20, 2018
Topic: Creed II
Tuesday  April 17, 2018
Topic: Creed III

Totus Tuus
Save the Date!
June 9-15, 2018

Religious Education

Page 10  Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Adult Faith Formation

This is my Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; Listen to him.
Matthew 17:5

Discover Adoration.
Eucharist Adoration
St. Mary of Gostyn

February’s topic:
The Spirituality of Asking For and Receiving Help
Asking for help is often one of the most difficult things for us to do. Yet, it is in these times that we can see Christ at work in our lives. Learn to embrace the humility and strength of Christ as we explore the spirituality of asking for and receiving assistance.

Be nourished.
www.nourishforcaregivers.com

Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health, career and caring for an aging parent, grandparent, or spouse, in town or at a distance.
Nourish provides family caregivers practical and emotional supports, shared experiences and useful tools, all with a Christ-centered view.
Discover blessings in caring for another.

February 21st
7:00pm
Parish Center Living Room

More information: Kelly at kjohnson@stmarygosyn.org or www.stmarygosyn.org Faith Formation- Nourish tab.
Presider Schedule for Saturday, February 3rd and Sunday, February 4th

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

St. Mary Book Group

Wednesday, February 14    Parish Center    9:30 AM        The Aviator’s Wife by Melanie Benjamin
Anne Morrow, wife of Charles Lindbergh, a pilot, an author, adventurer and world traveler was viewed only as his wife.

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, February 15   Parish Center    7:00 PM        The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
The legacy of slavery and the dramatic escape of Cora from a Georgia plantation and her traumatic journey to freedom.

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.

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

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.
Around the Community

Mass and Sacramental Anointing
For all Seniors and All Who Desire God’s Mercy and Healing
Fr. David Medow
February 6, 2018
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Mass & Anointing of the Sick, Luncheon & Presentation. Fr. Medow is Pastor of Notre Dame Parish in Clarendon Hills. No cost for the afternoon, but reservations are required. Contact jane@hinsdale.com or 630-655-5918

2018 Toiletry Drive. Now through February 28th
Now through February 28th, Hope’s Front Door will be holding a toiletry drive to ensure that these items are available to those in need. For many in our community, the lack of access to toiletry items can prove a real challenge. Finding toiletries at Hope’s Front Door can have an immediate and positive impact on the self-esteem, health and well-being of clients. Hope’s Front Door is currently looking for the following items: bars of soap, toothbrushes, mouthwash, floss, toothbrushes, shampoo & conditioner, lotion, toilet paper, razors, deodorant, toilet paper and feminine sanitary products.
DROP OFF LOCATIONS:
Hope’s Front Door
1047 Curtiss Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515 (Mon., Wed, Thurs, Friday 10 am to 12 pm)
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church
1125 Franklin Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515

Semi-Retired? Retired?
Open the Doors of Your Heart!
The Ignatian Volunteer Corps may be for You! Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities 2 days per week (Sept-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector. IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, elderly companions, hospital chaplains, and more! Detailed information is online at www.ivcusa.org/chicago.

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.

Catholic Charities to Benefit from First Look for Charity
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, along with 17 other charities, will benefit from First Look for Charity, the official kick-off to the Chicago Auto Show. The black-tie event will be held on Friday, February 9 at McCormick Place from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Guests who purchase tickets through Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet will enjoy an incredible evening on the showroom floor, complete with champagne and hors d’oeuvres from around the world, and first class entertainment. Guests will also be treated to all the amenities of the Catholic Charities hospitality suite including private coat check, open bar, incredible food, free professional photographs, live music, and warm cookies as you depart for the ride home. Plus, when you purchase tickets and attend the event, you are automatically entered to win a new car!

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This Week

Monday / 29
2:30 PM  Daisy Troop #55604  Gath/ Pl. A
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place

Tuesday / 30
9:30 AM  Tiny Toes Music Class  Underground
2:30 PM  Junior Troop #50597  Gath. Pl. A
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
7:00 PM  Evening Bible Study  Underground

Wednesday / 31
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  School/Chapel
6:30 PM  6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
6:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch/Ch/Gath. Pl.
7:00 PM  CRHP#33 - Women  Underground

Thursday / 1
9:00 AM  Women’s Bible Study  Gathering Place
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
4:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch/Ch/Gath. Pl.
7:00 PM  10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM  Baptism Prep.  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Knights of Columbus  Gath. Pl. A

Friday / 2
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place

Saturday / 3
12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
8:00 AM  Basketball  Gym

Sunday / 4
8:00 AM  Liturgy of the Word  Gathering Place
8:00 AM  RCIA  Underground
10:00 AM  RCIC  Underground
1:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
1:00 PM  School Play Auditions  Gathering Place
4:30 PM  6PM 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.