Jesus said, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.”

John 2:19
ALL YOU CAN EAT
FISH FRY

You Will Get:
Battered fish served with coleslaw, fresh chips, sweet corn nuggets and a drink. Cheese pizza available as a non-fish option.
Prepared by St. Mary of Gostyn’s very own Knights of Columbus.

FryDays
MARCH 2nd and 9th
5:30 - 8:00 PM
Stanley Hall Gym
St. Mary of Gostyn
440 Prairie Ave.
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Pricing:
$10 / Adult (High School and above)
$8 / Senior
$7 / Child

More info: https://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=16062

ST JOSEPH’S TABLE

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH 4:30 - 8:00 PM.
ST. MARY OF GOSTYN - GATHERING PLACE
TWO Sittings: 4:30 PM AND 6:30 PM
$5.00 A TICKET AVAILABLE AFTER MASS (DATE TBD)
AND AT THE DOOR

Volunteers needed.
Consider donating baked goods.

More Information is available at the KOC website:
https://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=16062

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Free will donation for our Lenten project will be accepted at the door.
A friend of mine has joined the ranks of “ordinary” people who play the stock market. In fact, he has embraced this pastime to the extent that one of the twenty-four-hour business channels on cable TV that churns out pronouncements from experts on points and percentages is constantly on in his home. It strikes me that most of what is being said sounds like some unseen, fickle, merciless stock market deity is out there, a deity that needs to be appeased at all costs—and at all times—so that it won’t ruthlessly strike down civilization as we know it.

“I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God.”

When the latest installment of “Star Wars” movies was being shown in the theaters, the media jumped on the bandwagon of covering people camping out for weeks in order to get tickets. People with doctorates spoke of the sociological, anthropological, and philosophical implications of this “classic” not yet released. At one point, all the hoopla caused one of the main actors in the movie to express a sentiment conceived by some to be the ultimate sacrilege: “At the end of the day, it’s just a movie.”

“I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God.”

The many and varied worlds of religion can get bogged down in well-intentioned attempts to preserve authentic values within their respective traditions. But authentic values are not preserved by confusing accidentals with essentials. Think about it: Are we worshiping God, or are we too absorbed in the way we worship God?

“I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God.”

Idols—be they gods of metal, money, business, entertainment, or religion—are enticing us to live vicarious lives through the intrigues of Wall Street and Hollywood. We are always being tested, by God-given commandments, by moral imperatives, by self-made exceptions to limits, or by viewing ourselves—our happiness and our “righteousness”—in light of “nice,” as in nice family, nice portfolio, nice Masses, nice shopping mall, nice getaways, etc.

Our God is “jealous” in that God does not want to be external or peripheral to our lives. God is the truth in us, solicitous and vigilant in seeking our trust so we might live. Are we jealous—solicitous and vigilant—of God’s life and truth in us, or have we jealously entrusted our lives to idols?

Hans Christoffersen

The Ten Commandments

Our First Reading from the Old Testament Book of Exodus presents the Ten Commandments, as God gave them to Moses. The Ten Commandments are also called the “Decalogue,” which means literally “ten words.” According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2056) “God revealed these ‘ten words’ to His people on the holy mountain. They were written ‘with the finger of God.’ They are pre-eminently the words of God.”

The Commandments are considered essential for spiritual good health and growth. They serve as the basis for Catholic social justice. A review of the Ten Commandments is a common type of examination of conscience before receiving the sacrament of Penance.

During Lent, it is important for each of us to go to confession and receive the sacrament of Penance. As part of that we may wish to look at our lives and how we live them through the holy words of the Ten Commandments.
Stewardship

If your parish celebrates the Mass for the First Scrutiny for catechumens preparing for Baptism at the Easter vigil, you may hear the Gospel story of Jesus speaking with the Samaritan woman at the well; someone who supposedly is of the wrong gender, wrong religion, and has lived the wrong life. The woman is overwhelmed by guilt and shame. And yet Jesus speaks to her and offers her “living waters” to quench her spiritual thirst. The living water that Jesus gives is new life through the Holy Spirit; a life that is accepted, forgiven, loved and eternal. Good stewards of their life in Christ remain mindful of their own spiritual thirst. They listen to Jesus who speaks to them just as he spoke with the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus has living water for us today. He encourages us to come and drink. Are you thirsty? Are you ready to listen to him?

Reconciliation
Tuesdays, 6:45 PM
Following the 6:00 PM Mass
March 6, 13, 20 & 27

Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 PM
March 10 & 17

Wednesday, March 7
R.E. Students & Parishioners
4:30 - 5:30 PM & 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Thursday, March 8
R.E. Students & Parishioners
4:30 - 5:30 PM

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
Weekly Collection 2/25/2018
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 17/18)
Guards to Date
Sunday Goal to Date
Christmas Goal to Date
Total Goals to Date
Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date
Christmas Collections to Date
Total Collections to Date
Total Over Goals to Date

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.
PRAYER

Holy God, I praise and bless your name!
Just as Abraham, our father in faith, obeyed you,
so may I always seek to do only your will.
Just as Jesus was obedient unto death,
even death on a cross,
so may I always be faithful to your call.
Just as Abraham was blessed in his descendants,
given life without end,
so may I live, always in your presence.
Just as Jesus became a blessing
for all humankind,
so may my life bring good to this world
and be a blessing for others.

Amen.

Seeking Meaning in Penance

Going to confession has lost its meaning for me. I am a good Catholic; I still go to our Advent and Lent penance services. I just wish I could “get more” out of this sacrament.

The Catholic Church has always treasured the sacrament of reconciliation. But as adults we need to center on the spiritual depth of this sacrament and gain a new appreciation of it.

First of all, the sacrament of reconciliation is a healing sacrament. It is meant to mend the rift that we create between ourselves and God and ourselves and other human beings. We seal this tear by seeking forgiveness from God and forgiveness from each other. It can be a very powerful experience to receive the words of forgiveness, spoken by the priest, as the very words of Jesus healing us and sending us forth to live a more loving life.

This sacrament helps us confront the weakness and malice in our life. We all do some shameful things. Sometimes we think, “If others only knew what I think or what I have done, they would not accept me!” In confession we, as sinners, are assured of God’s complete pardon and acceptance no matter what the sin. If God accepts and loves us, surely we can accept and love ourselves.

The sacrament of reconciliation also is a beacon to help keep our life on a straight course. We all have faults that center around gossip, selfishness, impatience, and anger. At the time of penance we take stock of our direction in life and, with God’s help, we re-commit to a more loving path. I hope that you can fully unite yourself with the forgiving Jesus and the forgiving church and receive the grace of the sacrament this Lent.

Rev. Paul J. Coury, C.Ss.R.
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2017
6:15 AM - Special Intention
8:00 AM - Fr. Ron Hart

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2017
6:15 AM - Jodi Mark
6:00 PM - Cynthia Martin req. Martini Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Sal Madonia req. Mike & Mary Signer
Lester Torrey req. Leahy Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2017
6:15 AM - Tom Verdun req. Tim Johnson Family
8:00 AM - Donna Marie King req. Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2017
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Don Hebert req. Hugh & Maureen Toner

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2017
8:00 AM - No Mass due to Confirmation
1:00 PM - Confirmation
4:30 PM - Jim Swiglo req. Barb Tatge
Lawrence O’Brien req. Chuck & Donna Golly

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2017
8:00 AM - Mary Pat Shepard req. Lucado Family
10:00 AM - Felix Barron req. Karen & Emil Mudra
Annemarie Gunther req. Paruszkiewicz Family
12:00 PM - Gertrude Butzen
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - God gives the law through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17)
Psalm - Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19)
Second Reading - We proclaim Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.
Gospel - Many began to believe in Jesus’ name when they saw the signs he was doing (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42

READSINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry Lenten Project

Please help stock the food pantry during Lent with items that are needed most:

3rd Week of Lent (3/4) - Laundry Detergent
4th Week of Lent (3/11) - Dish Soap
5th Week of Lent (3/18) - Coffee

Please place items in the designated bins at the church entrances. Thank you for your support!

Medical Missions

On Monday, March 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.

Golden Agers

The Golden Agers will meet on Wednesday, March 7th in the Gathering Place. Doors open at 11:00 A.M. Lunch will be served at noon and Bingo will follow. Any donations to the Food Pantry would be appreciated. Please call (630) 960-2126 for additional information.

Children’s Choir ~ Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

Any child in grades 3-8, in School, or Religious Education is invited to join the Parish Children’s Choir to sing for Easter Sunday Mass at 8:00 AM on Sunday, April 16th.

The Children’s Choir rehearsals are:
Thursday, March 8,15 & 22 - 5:45 - 6:45 PM in Church
Monday, March 26 - 5:30 - 6:45 PM in Church

The children do not need to fill out a form, simply e-mail Mr. Bisaillon or Mrs. Durham and come to the practices.

Mrs. Durham  hreusz@gmail.com
Mr. Bisaillon  sbisaillon@stmarygostyn.org

Presider Schedule for Saturday, March 10th and Sunday, March 11th

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
All-School Mass had great attendance!

Thank you to all of our School Families and Parishioners who celebrated last week’s 8:00 Mass together as one big family. Our School children participated as lectures, altar servers, choir and greeters.

Mr. Tiritilli, our School Principal, thanked all of our Parishioners for their continued support of the School both financially as well as in their prayers. He also invited the congregation over to the School Gym for donuts and coffee to socialize with our current HSA parents and our School Parent Ambassadors.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella        Nicholas T. Almeida        Lois Bach        Anna Bandur        Logan Bannon
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         George Drobney
Dennis Finn        Becca Gorman             Mark Gowgiel      Diane Goyette      Rion Goyette
Gen Hadamik        Robert Hayes             Erinn Henes       Katie Main Hwan     Bobby Johnson
Donna Karlinski    Joseph Karlinski         Kenny Kern        Doreen Lehner       Robert Lehner
Virginia Mates     Eddie Mayerik             Spencer Mehr      Dolores Mendoza     Kate Moss
James Murawski     Andrea Mutton            Fr. Ernie Norbeck Ken Norman        Daniel Oliver
Mary Ann Papievis  Eleanor Pecka            Cynthia Petro     Char Ryan         Tom Salansky
Eliza Skipworth    Yoshi Snider              Joey Stefka       Joan Taglioni       Sharon Tallierico
Hugh Toner         Mark Trout               Laine Van Houton   Audrey Waechtler    Loretta Wies
Ashley Woltman     Georgette Racine          Michael Durkin    Liam Langan        Dick Dibble
Jacques Christiaens Clara Christiaens       Barbara McCammond Baby Jackson Ruggiero
Verine Kavanagh    Dominic DiFoggio         Theresa Herman

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

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!

St. Mary Book Group
Wednesday, March 14    Parish Center    9:30 AM

Pilgrimage by Mark Shriver

The authors search for the real Pope Francis.

SMG Evening Book Discussion
Thursday, March 15      Parish Center    7:00 PM

The Forgotten Garden by Kate Morton

Abandoned on a ship to Australia in 1913, a woman seeks her identity.

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

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar:

- March 5: Confirmation Rehearsal 6:30 pm
- March 7 & 8: RE Sessions w/ Reconciliation
- March 10: Sacrament of Confirmation 1:00 pm in the Church. Candidates arrive at 12:40 pm
- March 14 & 15: Regular RE Sessions
- March 21 & 22: Seder Meal hosted by the Eighth Grade for Grade 6 & 7.
- March 26—30: Holy Week, No RE

Confirmation 2018

St. Mary of Gostyn
Celebration of Confirmation will be held on
Saturday
March 10
1:00 pm
Please pray for our candidates!

First Holy Communion Families

This is the first full week of family preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Families are reminded to use this week to complete Chapter 1 of your Encounter with Christ Child and Parent resources. Remember to use the website as well.

Find the website here: sacraments.osv.com/eucharist for the week 3 video.

Attention All Grade 7 Families

Christian Living Journals

Last year all then 6th grade students who are now 7th graders were given a Christian Living Journal to record your service opportunities as well as Holy Encounters. The due date for Grad 7 has arrived. All completed journals are due on or before:

April 1, 2018

Remember that Grade 7 is a preparatory year for Confirmation.

CRS Rice Bowl Lenten Project

In Burkina-Faso, we encounter Safiata, a mother, grandmother and farmer who relies on the money she makes from her crops to put her children through school. How can our purchases this Lent support farmers and artisans? How can you support those worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities?

Visit https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-3# for more on Safiata, and how contributing to the Rice Bowl can help!
Placing Christ in the center of our life allows for better planning, giving definition and meaning to each day. Discover the grace of each moment, and find how this path leads to being better organized and more prepared as we care for another.

March 14th
7:00 pm
Parish Center
Living Room
Topic: Staying organized & Preparing for What’s Next
All are Welcome

Kingdom of Happiness
Exploring the Beatitudes as Jesus’ path to happiness for us today

God speaks in the silence.
Saint Mother Teresa

Eucharistic Adoration, away from noise and distractions, is opportunity for guidance, grace, healing, enlightenment, forgiveness, peace and joy.

In a world that offers fleeting pleasures and false promises, Jesus calls us to better plan, a way to enter into the Kingdom of Happiness. Learn to live the Beatitudes and achieve happiness today!

All Women are welcome!
Thurs Mornings - 9:00am
Beginning March 8
In the Gathering Place
Questions or to pre-register: kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org or www.stmarygostyn.org
Faith Formation-Adult-Women’s CAFÉ tab.
Over the next several Sundays, our RCIA Catechumens will be celebrating the Lenten Scrutinies. It is the primary way that the Church assists the catechumens (now called the “Elect” – those who are to be baptized and receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation) in the conversion process during Lent. These ritual celebrations on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent are communal prayers celebrated around the elect to strengthen them to overcome the power of sin in their lives and to grow in virtue. To scrutinize something means to examine it closely. The parish community does not scrutinize the catechumens; the catechumens scrutinize their own lives and allow God to scrutinize and heal them.

All of us are called to continuing conversion throughout our lives, so we join with the elect in scrutinizing our own lives and praying to God for the grace to overcome the power of sin that still infects our hearts.

Taking seriously the dynamic of scrutiny and conversion gives us a richer perspective of Lenten “giving up.” What we are to give up more than anything else is sin, which is to say we are to give up whatever keeps us from living out our baptismal promises fully. Along with the elect we all need to approach the season of Lent asking ourselves what needs to change in our lives if we are to live the gospel values that Jesus taught us. Our journey through these forty days should be a movement ever closer to Christ and to the way of life he has exemplified for us.

The first scrutiny, celebrated today at the 8:00 AM Mass, uses the story of the Samaritan woman to highlight the reality of sin in its individual dimension. The narrative of John 4 dominates the liturgy of the word, not only by its length, but also by the sheer power of its images and messages. The universal story of faith is compressed into the space of moments, as the woman challenges, probes, questions and finally yields to the presence of the Holy One. That which she thought she knew and that which she sought, have been turned upside down and inside out. Her radical conversion is portrayed in terms that invite the hearer into a similar process. Conversion, in this perspective, is coming to know and accept Jesus the Christ – personally, deeply, totally.

Please continue to pray for our Elect and our Candidates, as they move ever closer to the Easter Vigil and full communion into the Catholic Church.
40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

“Because you were there, I changed my mind. I was looking for a sign from God.”...

...and Baby David was born!

You can be that sign from God. Join us to pray for moms and their babies during a 40 day prayer vigil. Select the same hour to pray each week or different hours whenever you can. Invite a friend to join you as a “prayer buddy” or bring your kids to teach them what is important. Or, if you cannot join us on site, pray and fast from home – you will still make a difference!

When: February 14 to March 25, 7am to 7pm
Location: Access Health Center, 1700 W. 75th Street,

IS YOUR MARRIAGE STRUGGLING?

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of marriages at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about the program call or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on April 20-22, call 815-246-2080 or email: retrouvaillegojiet@gmail.com or visit the web site at http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Chicago also has a weekend scheduled for July 20, 2018, if couples are unable to attend this date.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER MENTOR FOR FORMERLY HOMELESS FAMILIES

Catholic Charities is sponsoring a one day mentor training for individuals interested in mentoring formerly homeless families in our Transitional Housing program. Once trained, these volunteers will be matched with a family in DuPage County and will mentor along the journey toward self-sufficiency.

Mentor training will take place on Saturday, March 17 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Catholic Charities, 3130 Finley Road (Suite 520) in Downers Grove. Training is free and lunch will be provided. To register, contact Joy Newburn at 630-519-6547 or jnewburn@cc-doj.org. To learn more about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

SUPPER WITH THE SISTERS & BISHOP CONLON

March 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
St. Ann Parish,
Channahon
Women ages 16+ are invited to meet the sisters and learn more about religious life.

ATTENTION ALL WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER COUPLES! WWME IS CELEBRATING ITS 50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY!

Whether you experienced your weekend 50 years ago or 1 month ago, you are invited to participate in our big celebration at the upcoming convention in Lombard, IL at the Westin Hotel on June 22-24, 2018. Here are ways in which you can be involved in celebrating the sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders with so many other couples and priests at this grand event!!!

Register for the convention at https://wwme-2018-convention.myshopify.com/
This Week

Monday / 5
9:00 AM  Medical Mission  Gathering Place
2:30 PM  Junior Troop #55326  Gathering Place
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  Confirmation Practice  Church/GP
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church

Tuesday / 6
9:30 AM  Tiny Toes Music Class  Underground
1:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:00 PM  Lenten Mass  Church
6:30 PM  Reconciliation  Church
6:30 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
7:00 PM  Journey with Joy Lenten Series  Gathering Place
7:00 PM  Grief Support Group  Living Room

Wednesday / 7
11:00 AM  Golden Agers  Gathering Place
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
4:00 PM  Brownie Troop #50689  Gathering Place
4:30 PM  Religious Education  School, Chapel
6:30 PM  6PM Choir Rehearsal  Gathering Place
6:30 PM  Religious Education  Sch/Ch/GP
7:30 PM  Evangelization Committee  Large Conf. Rm.

Thursday / 8
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/GP
5:45 PM  Children’s Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM  10 AM Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM  School  Gathering Place

Friday / 9
2:30 PM  School Play Rehearsal  Gathering Place
5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place
5:30 PM  KC Fish Fry  Gym

Saturday / 10
12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
8:30 AM  CRHP #17 - Women  Chapel
1:00 PM  Confirmation  Church
6:00 PM  Play Rehearsal  Gathering Place

Sunday / 11
7:30 AM  CRHP#24 - Men  Large Conf. Rm.
8:00 AM  Liturgy of the Word  Gathering Place
8:00 AM  RCIA  Underground
1:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
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.