FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 11 2018

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16
This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him.

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

The Adoration Chapel at St. Mary of Gostyn is available for everyone. Frequent visits to the chapel are encouraged. We live in troubling times with many worries and decisions. Who better than Jesus to bring them to? Stop in the Adoration Chapel. You can also sign up for an Adoration Hour and commit to a specific weekly hour of adoration; this may be done as an individual or with a family/group. By making a “public “commitment to “be there” the obligation becomes easier to keep, because others are counting on you. Jesus is waiting for you...don’t disappoint Him! We are always in need of more people to make the commitment and sacrifice of time and effort to be with Jesus in Eucharist Adoration. Why not you? Sign up this Sunday in the Narthex or contact Kathy Nelson at tknelson@comcast.net or 630-269-9708.

Here’s what participants of Eucharist Adoration have said:

“From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others." - Saint Pope John Paul II

“Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, for He has made the promise, 'Ask, and you shall receive,' but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." - Saint Alphonsus Liguori

“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth." - Saint Teresa of Calcutta
The readings today all convey a concern crucial to the thought and theology of Martin Luther: a theology of the cross versus a theology of glory. With Saint Paul, Luther emphasized the “wisdom of the cross.” Only a life lived in the awareness that our sin keeps knocking us down (versus trying to smooth over sin and pain at all cost), along with the willingness to sacrifice our need or desire to exalt ourselves, will open us to a faith that saves.

Luther believed that when we truly pray to God, we exalt God and humble ourselves. This prayer is nourished by our constant meditation (“rumination”) on God’s Word. This is important for us in order to discern the difference between “knowing the faith” and “experiencing the faith.” And here the human story of faith leads us to experience desperation in realizing our helplessness: only in believing that Christ suffered for me will I acknowledge that salvation is a gift wholly from God. “But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.”

From a Catholic point of view, this insight was not unique to Luther: We find it in the theological and spiritual giants of the Church that came before him, not the least those from the Middle Ages such as Francis, Bonaventure, and Catherine of Siena. Still, Luther put his finger on a challenge that every Christian needs to be alerted to: that none of this is our own doing. “By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.”

It is when we feel the most helpless and hopeless that we are closest to God’s grace...which is always already there!

Therefore, as Catholics, we have no qualms attaching the word Laetare (“rejoice”) to the readings and our celebration of this Sunday halfway through Lent!

—Hans Christoffersen

### Something to think about

Neil Miller strikes a positive note when he writes in The Christian Science Monitor: "If tenderness were rare instead of normal wouldn’t newspapers give it headlines: Mother Cherishes Family — Destitute People Care For . . . and on and On?" But thanks to Jesus' coming on earth "such events are not news; they are as common as grass and as beautiful as roses."

What is one thing I see happening in today's world that fills me with hope for the future?

Speak to Jesus about it.

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Stewardship

If your parish celebrates the Mass for the Second Scrutiny for catechumens preparing for Baptism at the Easter vigil, you may hear the Gospel story of how a man born blind came to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Jesus and his disciples are walking along when they encounter the man. The disciples ask a question that reflects a narrow understanding of God’s mercy. They assume that if people suffer, then they must have done something bad to deserve it. In the case of a man born blind, it had to be something done by his parents. But Jesus says: “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him…” Good stewards know that God is working in their lives so that through their lives, God’s goodness will be revealed. How is God working in you? Do you see God’s goodness reflected in your life?

Children’s Sunday Envelopes

We continue to have our children show their support for our Parish Stewardship Campaign. In the month of February, we received 210 offertory envelopes from the kids with various monetary donations that raised $118.47. This money along with the money raised in previous months will go to a children’s charity chosen by our School and RE students quarterly.

As part of the campaign, we also asked the children to commit to sharing their time and talents in their unique ways. Some of what they told us they did is as follows:

- Helped my Mom serve lunch at CRHP
- Visited my teacher who is sick
- I said I was sorry
- Helped my friends in class
- Played with kids who were sad
- Worked with Feed My Starving Children
- Helped my Dad shovel snow
- Helped my Teacher
- Shoveled snow for a neighbor
I was recently diagnosed with cancer. When I think about death now, I get scared. The crucifixion and death of Jesus, surrounded by dark skies, earthquakes, and opening tombs, adds to my fright. Any words of encouragement?

Transitions in life are always a bit frightening, and the transition of our dying and rising can be the scariest of them all. When we were tiny infants in our mother’s womb, we transitioned into life. We were not conscious of what we were doing, and so we were not scared. We left it in the hands of God. And God, who creates all life, brought us to be born and to live.

The same challenge faces you now as when you were in the womb. Even though you are conscious of your sickness and your possible death, you are still asked to leave it all in the hands of God. God, who brought you to life, will travel with you through your dying and into the kingdom. Jesus certainly showed us how to do this with his prayer during his crucifixion: “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit” (Lk 23:46).

People who have had “near death” experiences do not talk about how scary and frightening it was. In fact, they speak about how peaceful and full of light the journey was for them. Most hated the idea of “returning” to their sick bodies. This same journey of peace and light, and the sense of God’s close presence to you, can be yours in your last moments here.

Trust in God. Commend your spirit to God’s care. God loves you! God will keep you safe and lead you home!

Rev. Paul J. Coury, C.Ss.R.
Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057.
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018
6:15 AM - Lawrence Kovacevic
8:00 AM - John Korsack req. Chuck & Donna Golly

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018
6:15 AM - Jorge Cilia
6:00 PM - Frank Knowski req. Lucy Wilczynski

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018
6:15 AM - Joseph Massura req. Family
8:00 AM - Sal Madonia req. Mike & Maryalice Dewbray

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018
6:15 AM - Eleanore Lewandowski
8:00 AM - Jim Costello

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Valentine Claus req. Jack & Anne Himpler

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018
8:00 AM - Emily Adamowicz req. Helene Mayer
Mary Apprill req. Kathy Ranft
4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018
8:00 AM - Bernice Rydzewski req. John & Barb Purtell
10:00 AM - Intention of the Priest
12:00 PM - Andy, Leonard & Harry Zolecki req. Family
Nick Martini req. Carmela Martini
6:00 PM - John Flannery req. Joe & Amy Schaffer Family

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People
(2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23)
Psalm - Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137)
Second Reading - God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10)
Gospel - The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life
(John 3:14-21)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry
Lenten Project

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

4th Week of Lent (3/11) - Dish Soap
5th Week of Lent (3/18) - Coffee
Thank you for your support!

ARE YOU READY?
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 2018
SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

WHEN: SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH
FROM 7:00AM - 2:00PM.
WHERE: EAST SIDE OF THE CHURCH PARKING LOT

Through your donations many of our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters are provided clothing and household items at little or no cost. We accept all clothing, household items, linens, blankets, books in good condition, toys, knick-knacks, throw pillows, Glassware, Cookware, computers and shoes.

ITEMS BELOW ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT OUR CLOTHING DRIVES:

- No Infant equipment (strollers, cribs, car seats, high chairs)
- No Clothes hangers.
- No Encyclopedias, Readers Digest Editions, or Magazines.
- No Bed pillows, mattress’s or mattress covers.
- No Sporting Goods (Bowling Balls, Ski’s, Exercise Equipment, Tents, or Sleeping Bags.
- No Items containing mold, mildew, or that smell musty.
- No Blinds or drapery rods unless new in box
- No Bed pillows, mattresses or mattress covers

IN THE NEAR FUTURE, LARGE PLASTIC BAGS FOR USE IN THE CLOTHING DRIVE WILL BE PLACED AT ALL CHURCH ENTRANCES

FOR LARGE ELECTRONICS OR FURNITURE, PLEASE CALL FOR A HOME PICK UP AT 630-231-4658

Friends of the Pantry Donations

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Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry
FEBRUARY 2018 REPORT

Thank You, St Mary’s, for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 355 Individuals within 144 Families. This year we provided food for 729 Individuals within 293 Families. We are using space at Eagle Storage to sort food for our outreach Ministry that makes four trips into Chicago inner city shelters helping feed those less fortunate. The Chicago shelters are provided food by St Mary’s, St Joseph’s parish and Trader Joe’s. All food sent to Chicago is driven by expiration date or surplus inventory and have no cost impact on our pantry.

Item most in need: Canned Fruit.

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New Track & Field Program Added This Spring

New athletic opportunities are now available to SMG students. Beginning this spring, SMG will offer a brand new Track and Field Program for 5th and 6th graders (Junior Varsity) and 7th and 8th graders (Varsity). Coach Kevin Casey, an SMG parent with three children attending the school, is looking forward to the upcoming inaugural season.

“The Casey family has a strong legacy with running Cross Country and Track,” he explained. “My passion for the sport led me to this opportunity; I’m excited about helping to develop the kids’ skills in the Track and Field events. They’ll compete in distance runs, relays, hurdles, sprints, shot put, and the long jump, among others. Students can participate in up to four events during each competition.”

St. Mary’s Track and Field Program will be part of the Parochial League. “Practices start in early April, and will be twice a week,” added Casey. “We’ll participate in five Meets, including the final Championship Meet on May 19th. We’re proud that so many SMG parents have offered support to help further their child’s development through participation in sports.”

A whopping sixty-eight students have registered for the inaugural program that begins in April. “We’re excited about the response by the students, and we hope to grow the program over time,” said Casey. “Student athletics allowed me to be part of something special growing up, and I want to share that experience with students at St. Mary of Gostyn.”

Registration Reminder for the 2018–2019 School Year!

Registration for the 2018–2019 school year is open and underway! Make sure to submit your complete registration packet and fee of $300 to the school office on or before April 3rd. After that time, our registration incentive will conclude and the registration fee will remain at $350 for the remainder of the year. In order to help maintain consistent and accurate records for registration, we have developed a new registration packet for all new and returning families to complete. Please call our front office with any questions.
**Prayer Requests**

The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

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**In Sympathy**

Our deepest sympathy to the families of:
- Kathryn Jedlicka
- Lawrence Kovacevic
- Edward Main, brother of Bob Main
- Reverend Ernest Norbeck
- Rita Phillips

**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
- Christopher Fountain
- Timothy Randazzo
- Joe McSweeney
- Michael Martel
- Nathan Kijowski
- Kyle Ng
- Natalya Brechlin
- Bob Lang
- Christopher Randazzo
- John Svoboda
- Zachary Frana
- Richard Ciner

**Easter Memorial Flowers**

The celebration of Easter is an experience of Life. We remember the New Life Christ gave us once He rose from the dead. This feast is remembered for fifty days. From Easter to Pentecost, we gather as Easter people celebrating Christ’s resurrection.

During this time we will have the church decorated with plants and flowers. This is an excellent opportunity to remember deceased family members and friends. You may fill out this form, place it in an envelope marked “Easter Memorial Flowers,” and put it in the collection basket. Donations received by **Sunday, March 25th** will be published in the Easter bulletin.

Your name: _______________________________________________________________

(please print clearly)

In Memory of: _____________________________________________________________

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Journey with Joy  
Lent 2018

**Tuesday Evenings**

Mass at 6:00 pm  
followed by  
Reconciliation at 6:45pm  
followed by

**Encounter with Mercy**  
March 13th

Reflection discussion on our  
FORMED.org  
*Lent to Remember* Series

"Those who have a true encounter with Christ find their lives filled with happiness."  
Pope Francis

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

**March 14th**  
7:00 pm  
Parish Center  
Living Room

**Topic:**  
Staying organized  
& Preparing for What’s Next

**All are Welcome**

**Place:** Ballydoyle Irish Pub, Highlander Room  
**Times:** 7:30 to 9pm, Wednesdays 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21  
**Details:** Appetizers provided  
• No RSVP required  
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We will celebrate the Second Scrutiny with our Elect at the 8:00 AM Mass today, at which time we will also present the Creed to them. These rites are significant in the faith journey of these individuals as they move towards the Easter Vigil and into full Communion with the Catholic Church.

The Second Scrutiny, by means of the story of the man born blind, focuses on social sin. Using the powerful images of religious leaders who are blinded to the Christ and play on the fear and indifference of the man’s parents, the story evokes the tragic impact of a community turned away from the light of truth. The blind man finds himself surrounded by Jewish leaders who conspire against anyone who would recognize Jesus as God’s instrument of salvation. The helplessness of the man in the face of this evil was the weight carried by this truly tragic figure. It is only with God’s help (in Jesus) that a way out is possible.

The Presentation of the Creed is one of the final major instructional events for the Elect. It is one of the only instructions given publicly. We, as church, are passing along our traditions. Our Creed is the summation of the trinitarian faith into which the elect will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

Please continue to pray for our Elect and Candidates, their Sponsors and the RCIA team, during these final weeks of preparation, as all journey to the glory of the Easter Vigil.

Presider Schedule for Saturday, March 17th and Sunday, March 18th

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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, 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.
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.

The Diocese of Joliet Cemetery Office is seeking to hire multiple Seasonal Cemetery workers. These positions consist of the performance of seasonal work in the cemetery for the maximum period as outlined in the union contract (mid- March to October 31st). A valid Illinois driver’s license is required. Must be willing and able to perform tasks as outlined in the Cemetery Seasonal job description. Diocesan Cemetery reporting base at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee; Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Joliet; or Assumption Cemetery, Wheaton. Normal 40 hour work week. Union membership is required. Conditions and pay-rate ($12.00 per hour) as outlined in the current union contract. Seasonal/temporary with no benefits. Interested applicants may email a resume and/or application to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org or complete employment application found at http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org under employment and forward to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org. To mail resumes and/or applications, mail to: Office of Human Resources Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403.

Attention ALL Scouts – Male and Female. If you have earned your Catholic Religious Recognition for your age group then come and get it blessed at the Annual Diocesan Religious Recognition Ceremony to be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018, from 10am – 12:30pm (registration begins at 9am) at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, 604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet (enter door 26).

The event is free and open to ALL Scouts (male or female). No pre-registration is needed (check-in at the door). For more information visit: dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click on ‘Events’ from the main page and from there scroll down to the section for the ‘Annual Recognitions Mass’.

The SERRA CLUB of DUPAGE, a national organization supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, invites you to join them on Monday, March 19, 2018, at St. Michael Parish, 210 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton. The evening will begin at 6:00 PM, with Rosary and Mass in the Church. Dinner will follow in the Parish Center. At the dinner, Father Hans Founder will be the guest speaker.

After his marriage was annulled by the Church, Father Hans entered the Conventual Franciscans as a Postulant in 2004 and on May 26, 2012, at the age of 50, was ordained a priest. After a pastoral assignment, he was named Vocation Director for the Conventual Franciscans in an area covering Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado.

To learn more about SERRA, or to make a reservation for the Dinner, please contact Joann Carr at carrgeojo@gmail.com or 630-665-0994.

The 2018 JOILET DIOCESE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS will be held at St. Margaret Mary Church, 1450 Green Trails Drive, Naperville, IL 60540, on Friday, March 16, 2018, with Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30 PM and Mass 7:30 PM. For more information, please call Joey Rose at (630) 926-6576 or visit www.smmp.com/info/directions.html.

The event is free and open to ALL Scouts (male or female). No pre-registration is needed (check-in at the door). For more information visit: dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting and click on ‘Events’ from the main page and from there scroll down to the section for the ‘Annual Recognitions Mass’.

SUPPER WITH THE SISTERS & BISHOP CONLON
March 13, 2018, 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
St. Ann Parish, Channahon
St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church

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This Week

Monday / 12
2:15 PM  Daisy Troop #55604  Gathering Pl. A
2:30 PM  Brownie Troop #55103  Gathering Pl. C
2:30 PM  Junior Troop #51979  Gathering Pl. B
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
7:00 PM  Athletics  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place

Tuesday / 13
9:30 AM  Tiny Toes Music Class  Underground
3:00 PM  Basketball  Gym
6:00 PM  Lenten Mass  Church
6:30 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM  Reconciliation  Church
6:30 PM  School Advisory Body  L.R.C.
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 / 14
9:30 AM  Morning Book Discussion  Living Room
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
7:00 PM  Nourish for Caregivers  Living Room
7:00 PM  Parish Council  Large Conf. Rm.

Thursday / 15
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
6:30 PM  Cub Scouts Bear Den Mtg.  Gathering Place
7:00 PM  10 AM Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM  Evening Book Discussion  Living Room
7:00 PM  Vocations Meeting  Large Conf. Rm.

Friday / 16
1:30 PM  Stations of the Cross  Church
5:00 PM  PADS  Gathering Place
5:00 PM  School Play Rehearsal  Gym

Saturday / 17
12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
9:00 AM  Play Rehearsal  Gathering Place

Sunday / 18
7:30 AM  CRHP#24 - Men  Large Conf. Rm.
8:00 AM  Liturgy of the Word  Gathering Place
8:00 AM  RCIA  Underground
10:00 AM  RCIC  Underground
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.