St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church
April 22, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” - Jn 10:14-15
Reward yourself... and your family

MEN’S C.R.H.P. WEEKEND

Saturday-Sunday, April 28-29, 2018

St. Mary of Gostyn (SMG) Parish Center

GUYS NIGHT OUT – WHY NOT YOU?

♦ Free Weekend – No cost to you!
♦ 5 cooked meals!
♦ Great conversation & laughter!
♦ Audio, Visual, Man Cave & More!
♦ Meet other Men in the SMG Parish
♦ Deepen your Faith

Reserve Your Spot: 630-969-1063 Rectory

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Our Mother’s Day Novena of Masses will be offered for all Mothers, living and deceased, beginning on Mother’s Day, May 13th thru May 21st. Pick up a Mother’s Day (living) spiritual bouquet greeting card at the three entrances to Church (Prairie, Wilson Street and the parking lot) or at the Rectory, Parish Center, or School Offices. To include your deceased Mother, there is no need for the card, please use the envelope provided to enroll them.

The names of Mothers enrolled by Monday, May 7th, will be published in the bulletin on Mother’s Day.

This is a beautiful way to remember your Mother on her Special Day.
Fourth Sunday of Easter

One of the most favored images of Christ in the early Church was that of the “Good Shepherd.” This image appears several times in the paintings found in the catacombs.

When in Rome one summer, I visited the catacomb of Saint Priscilla, where some of the paintings date back to the late second and early third centuries. It was a very hot afternoon, with glaring sunlight and the infernal noise and smell of the traffic all around us. But within a few minutes of arriving at the entry, we found ourselves thirty to forty feet below all that, in coolness, darkness, and total quiet. Soon, right there in front of me, was a beautiful painting of the Good Shepherd, only a few feet tall but with colors that not even 1800 years had been able to fade. Whether it was the quiet or the silence of the centuries surrounding me, all of a sudden I knew myself to hear his voice, to know him, and to be known by him in a way unlike I had ever felt before. It only lasted a second; I don’t think anyone around me noticed anything, but in that moment I simply knew the concern, protection, and love the Good Shepherd has for me. Was there an actual voice? I don’t think so; it was more a matter of knowing than hearing.

We are constantly bombarded with voices clamoring for our attention, promising security, affluence, and even love. I recently heard that the average American is exposed to 3600 pieces of advertisement every day! How do we recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd in the cacophony of everyday life? Sure, we have the voice of the Church, the Body of Christ, but how often do we—as a community and as individuals—take the time to truly listen and discern the Spirit in our midst?

I was privileged, one time, to know the voice of the Good Shepherd in the quiet of the catacombs. Places like the catacombs leave us a silent, yet clear message of faith, all the more necessary as our culture is wounded by noise, outward appearance, and superficiality. But I couldn’t stay there. The people who honed out and worshiped in the catacombs didn’t stay there either: They heard the voice of the Good Shepherd and took who and what they heard “back up” with them, in order to be that voice of love and peace.

Hans Christoffersen

Something to think about

In The Land and the Book, W. M. Thomson tells this story. A shepherd was tending his flock in the vicinity of Mount Tabor. Suddenly three Bedouin rustlers appeared. The young man knew what he was up against, but he didn’t flee. He stood his ground and fought to keep his flock from falling into the hands of outlaws. The episode ended with the young shepherd laying down his life for his sheep. It is this kind of heroic beauty that radiated from Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Hans Christoffersen
In today’s Gospel reading we hear Jesus referring to himself as “the good shepherd.” His sheep know him, trust him, listen to him and follow him; having faith that no harm will come to them as long as they stay close to him. We reaffirmed our faith in Christ when we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter. As stewards of our relationship with Jesus Christ, are we, like the sheep, willing to listen to Jesus, trust him, follow him no matter the cost to our comfort?
World Day of Prayer for Vocations
April 22, 2018

The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), to the Religious life in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of mission "ad gentes" - (To the Nations). Vatican Council's decree on missionary activity that announces the commitment to bringing the Gospel to all people.

Prayer for Vocations

GOD OUR FATHER, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

National Health Care Decision Day
April 16–22, 2018

The moral teachings that we profess... flow principally from the natural law, understood in the light of the revelation Christ has entrusted to his Church. From this source the Church has derived its understanding of the nature of the human person, of human acts, and of the goals that shape human activity.

Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

National Health Care Decision Day invites us as to initiate conversations with our loved ones about end-of-life issues. The Catholic Church, and the USCCB, have a wealth of information available, including Advance Directives for Catholics. In these times, our faith and the teachings of the Catholic Church can provide a tremendous amount of guidance and comfort. Life is a precious gift from God, and as Catholics some of our most difficult moral decisions come as we navigate the dilemmas surrounding the complex issues to balance nurturing life and our loved one's, or our own, dignity. By proactively having these conversations, and understanding the teachings and resources available from the Church helps resolve tension and provide clarity to better allow the dignity and holiness of each cherished life surface.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018
6:15 AM - Maribeth Gillies req. Grandma & Grandpa Gillies

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018
6:15 AM - Rita Phillips req. Bob & Ginger Jurish
8:00 AM - Fr. Ernie Norbeck req. Kay Papineau
Fr. Larry Christensen req. Mike & Mary Signer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018
6:15 AM - Bernice Seweryn req. Marty & Carol McDonough
8:00 AM - Adeline Glowaty req. Ron & Mary Buchler
Julie Eylander req. Graczyk Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018
8:00 AM - Kate Olifer req. Patrick & Sandra McManus

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018
6:15 AM - Ignatius Twardzik req. Family
8:00 AM - John Sheehan

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018
8:00 AM - Diane Main req. Women’s CRHP #4 & #17
4:30 PM - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018
8:00 AM - Bob Jacobs req. Bob & Rose Jaskula
Robert McMahon req. Family
10:00 AM - Evelyn Trojanowski & Norman Wilderspoon req. Gail & Konrad Miskowicz-Retz
12:00 PM - Deceased Members of the D’Souza Family req. Rebello Family
6:00 PM - Jim Sullivan req. The Quealy Family

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - There is no other name under heaven by which we are to be saved than the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene (Acts 4:8-12).
Psalm - The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone (Psalm 118).
Second Reading - See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2).
Gospel - I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep (John 10:11-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
A Warm Welcome

We welcome:
Aubrey Ignace
Michael & JoAnn Monahan
Jeff & Amy VanHowe
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

Blessed are they that mourn,
for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)

The Funeral Liturgy Planning group is in need of volunteers. This is a group of volunteers from the parish who help families plan the funeral liturgy by helping them choose readings and music from a Liturgy Planning Book. Volunteers are called as the need arises. There are no monthly meetings to attend and training will be provided. If you would like to volunteer, please call Deacon Al Agurkus at 630-969-3565, ext. 221.

Baptism

St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:
Riley Rose Palumbo,
daughter of Timothy & Melissa Palumbo
James Mentzer Sullivan,
son of Tim & Maggie Sullivan

Saint Vincent DePaul (SVDP) Food Pantry ~ MARCH 2018 REPORT

Thank You St Mary’s for supporting our food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 280 individuals within 120 Families. So far, this year we provided food for 1009 individuals within 413 Families. Donations for the five homeless shelters in Chicago have gone with the support from other pantries.

Item most in need is: Spaghetti Sauce

FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY DONATIONS

1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s or Fresh Thyme thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Received a large food donation in memory of Walter Murawski from Jim/Lois Murawski.
3. Thanks to our St Mary’s school for their large Lenten food donations.
4. Thanks to the Mysliwiec family for their large donation of food from the celebration of a family Birthday.
5. Thanks to our Parishioners for their large Lenten food donations.
6. Received a large monetary donation from the Irish Bowling Tournament at the Suburban Bowl. Thank you.
7. Thankyou Ron/Linda Cuchna family for your large food donation.
8. Received a nice monetary donation from the Friday Night Fish Fry Bunch.

Proverb for this month: There are times when your greatest accomplishment is simply keeping your mouth shut.

Don’t forget Amazon Shoppers! You can donate to St. Mary’s SVDP Conference at no cost to you by going to smile.amazon.com and selecting St. Vincent de Paul - St. Mary of Gostyn. A percentage of your purchase is automatically donated to SVDP with every Amazon order you place. Thank you for your support!

Thank you, St Mary’s, from all of us at Saint Vincent DePaul we could not accomplish all we have without your support, God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardships are most welcome at our Food Pantry. Pantry hours are from 8:00-11:00am every Wednesday unless Wednesday falls on a holiday.
5th Grade Class Celebrates 'Special Persons Day'

It's a well-known event and a much anticipated day for every 5th grade class, and this year was no different. This year's 5th grade class celebrated "Special Person's Day" last week at St. Mary's. Fifth grade students are always encouraged to invite a special person to school with them for this day. This can be a family member such as a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling, cousin, friend or, anyone the student may want to include. On this day, the special person is honored by each student and recognized for the importance and significance this person brings to the child's life.

The morning started with an all-school mass led by Fr. Jim. Each special person was in attendance with their student for this honorary mass. Following the mass, all students and significant others were invited to the Gathering Place for a special reception. Attendees and students were welcomed there with light refreshments and snacks. During the reception, each student also paid a tribute to their special person and spoke about what their special person means to them.

One child in particular mentioned his Grandfather was special to him because he comes to his baseball games, fits him into his schedule, cheers for him on the sidelines, plays catch with him, takes him out to eat, and is also very generous. Needless to say, this Grandfather welcomed his grandson with an enormous hug and smile after his touching tribute.

Thank you to all that attended, and to everyone that helped organize this very special day. It meant the world to the 5th grade class!
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Judith Abella
Gabriella Beirne
Tom Brown
Jean Dahm
Dennis Finn
Gen Hadamik
Donna Karlinski
Doreen Lehner
Spencer Mehr
Ken Normal
Baby Jackson Ruggiero
Dennis Stelka
Mark Trout
George Lindell
Baby Sofia Kent
Sue McCowan
Nicholas T. Almeida
Abby Beranek
Felicia Bubula
Frank Davis
Becca Gorman
Robert Hayes
Joseph Karlinski
Robert Lehner
Dolores Mendoza
Daniel Oliver
Char Ryan
Joey Stefka
Audrey Waechtler
Linda Hillsman
George Hejny
Lois Bach
Kathy Berg
Ann Clark
Jessica Davy
Mark Gogiel
Erinn Hennes
Peter Kavanagh
Virginia Mates
Kate Moss
Mary Ann Papiervis
Tom Salansky
Joan Tagglionia
Loretta Wies
Grant Bahr
Shirley Pollacheck
Anna Bandur
Sharon Binter
Margaret Corbett
Jim Donovan
Diane Goyette
Katie Main Hwam
Verine Kavanagh
Eddie Mayerik
James Murawski
Eleanor Pecka
Eliza Skipworth
Sharon Tallerico
Ashley Wolfman
Paul Mintautus
Andrea Hoover
Logan Bannon
Bill Brown
Helen Czulak
George Drobney
Rion Goyette
Bobby Johnson
Kenny Kern
Barbara McCammond
Andrea Mutton
Cynthia Petro
Yosiee Snyder
Hugh Toner
Adam Frankel
Baby Fiona Kent
Theresa Herman

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Paul Pustelnik
Margaret D. Sierawski
Marie Szabo, grandmother of Julie Worch

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
Michael Martel
Nathan Kijowski
Kyle Ng
Natalya Brechlin
Bob Lang
Christopher Randazzo
John Svoboda
Zachary Frana
Joe McSweeney

We give thanks to God for the safe return of Richard Ciner.

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

A mailing will soon be sent to all parishioners who have not yet made a gift to the CMAA. Despite the severe February snowstorm we encountered over Commitment (In-Pew) Weekend, we are confident we can still meet our goal if we all partner together. If you have not done so already, I ask that you please reflect on God’s gifts to you and prayerfully consider supporting the CMAA. A gift to the CMAA, no matter the amount, will make a difference!

By partnering together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our Diocese through our ministries. Thank you for your support.
Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- April 25—Phase I Registration Open
- April 25 & 26: RE Sessions
- April 30 & May 1: First Holy Communion Rehearsal
- May 2 & 3: RE Sessions
- May 5: First Holy Communion @ 10 am and 1 pm
- May 15: Catechist Appreciation Dinner. All volunteers and catechist please plan to attend.

Religious Education Celebration Days

Our final days before summer are coming soon. The last week of Religious Education Sessions are scheduled for

- Wednesday, May 9 and Thursday, May 10 at regular times.

Families are encouraged to come directly to the Church on these days for family Masses. Following Mass will be an Awards Presentation. Afterwards we will proceed downstairs to the Gathering Place for a simple picnic meal and prizes for all. We will provide hot dogs. Bring the following:
  - Family Names A to L bring 12 individual chip bags
  - Family Names M—Z bring a dozen Cookies

Save the Date for the annual Parish May Crowning Sunday, May 6, 2018

All Parish First Communicants are invited and encouraged to come dressed in your 1st Communion apparel, and be part of the Marian honor guard.
May 9th
7:00 pm
Parish Center
Topic:
The Thing about
Compassion:
Setting Intentions
to care for An-
other AND One-
self

www.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation-Nourish tab

In the changes and challenges of caring for another, we can sometimes lose sight of the need to care for oneself. Together we will explore ways to care for others as well as ourselves, and in the process embrace the blessings and graces of caregiving.

Be nourished.

This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

Jesus is waiting.
The Adoration Chapel is open.

A Catholic moral conscience is built on the framework Jesus, thoughts and actions are to give glory to God. **Forming a conscience is an ongoing, lifelong process.** As rational beings, with intellect and reason, the formation of conscience and moral decision making requires a willingness to discern, and work towards seeking the upright and judicious course of action that conforms to goodness, beauty and truth.

Father Shaun laid out steps to examining a particular issue or topic of faith:

1. Embrace the effort needed to understand the situation and look at it from all sides - the spirit of openness.
2. **Study Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church.** Indexed by topic, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) is a tool to understand Scripture, the teaching of the Church and Early Fathers.
3. Bring it to prayer; seeking to discern God’s will, ask for the Spirit’s gifts.
4. Seek council of someone who may know better, gather prudent advice.
5. A regular, **daily examination of conscience** allows us to see faults, change sinful behavior, and better know the will of God.

"Deep within his conscience, man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice [is] ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil...Conscience is man’s most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths" CCC 1776.
Presider Schedule for Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 29th

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

MEMORIAL GIVING CARDS

Attending wake services can be a very stressful time for all parties concerned. As visitors, we generally try and buoy the emotions of the family that lost a loved one by sharing stories, experiences, and anecdotes about how much the deceased had touched our life. We genuinely celebrate the impact the departed made in the success of the organizations they worked at or participated in. You want to be comforting, but words fail. You want a remembrance that is lasting, but flowers wilt.

Often times, funeral announcements will convey family wishes that, in lieu of sending flowers, those inclined to such a gesture be given the opportunity to support a cause near and dear to the heart of the person who has gone on to his/her eternal reward. Examples include the American Cancer Society, St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, or a local Hospice organization. In addition, families often designate a school or parish to receive such funds.

We are pleased to announce that if you choose to honor a loved one to whom St. Mary of Gostyn Parish or School has been major influences in their life, our local funeral homes now have cards available to carry out those wishes. We have met with officials from Adams, Winterfield, & Sullivan, Toon, Hallowell & James, Modell, and Knollcrest Funeral Homes. All you need to do when making arrangements for a loved one is tell them you prefer St. Mary’s Parish or School be the recipient of monetary expressions of grief.

Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

- Our Lady calls you by name.
- Bring Her into your home for one week.
- Pray the Rosary together every day or evening.
- Invite family, neighbors, or friends.
- Receive Her into your home and witness the many blessings and graces that She brings.

We will bring Our Lady to your home from Saturday to Saturday and provide the Rosary materials. Please call Diana @ (630) 971-1026 and reserve your week with Our Lady.
RUN/WALK TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN DUPage COUNTY

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet will benefit from The Human Race 5K run/fitness walk in Downers Grove. This fun event is on April 28th and starts at 9:00am at The Esplanade at Locust Point (1901 W. Butterfield Road). Register or donate online at dupagehumanrace.org and please choose “Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet” to receive your donations. Money raised will help fund vital programs to help the poor and vulnerable in DuPage County. For more information about Catholic Charities, please visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE GOLDEN JUBILEE BANQUET

May 18, 2018
The Carlisle in Lombard
Join us for an evening of laugh out loud comedy, a celebration of protecting life, and looking back on a 50 year legacy in the pro-life movement.
Purchase tickets now at www.illinoisrighttolife.org/banquet or call 312-422-9300

Funds are Matched with Catholic Charities’ Angel Fund

Each day at Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet we assist individuals and families who need an angel – veterans who have lost their homes, single mothers who seek warm clothes for their children, and seniors who are forced to choose between paying rent and buying food. Thankfully, we have found someone who is so special and generous... that he is almost like an angel on earth. This anonymous donor wants to team up with you to continue to help our struggling neighbors. For every dollar you donate, our special angel will match it – up to $50,000.
Please be generous. This is an opportunity to help someone who will have nowhere else to turn if Catholic Charities isn’t there to help.
Please send in a donation by May 31st. Make checks payable to:
Catholic Charities Angel Fund
16555 Weber Rd.
Crest Hill, IL 60403

SPIRITO SINGERS SPRING CONCERT

Under the artistic direction of Molly Lindberg, Spirito! Singers will be performing their spring concert, If Music be the Food of Love, on Friday, May 18, 2018 and Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm at Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church, 149 W. Brush Hill Road, Elmhurst, IL. Reserved seating tickets are $25.00 and can be purchased at www.spiritosingers.org or by calling 1-877-8WE-SING (893-7464). Come out and enjoy the beautiful voices of the Spirito! Singers as they celebrate their tenth anniversary concerts. These concerts include two world premier pieces by composers Paul French and Phil Riegle. Spirito! Singers offers young singers between 5th - 12th grades the opportunity to learn and grow through exceptional vocal and musicianship training, discipline and performance. Auditions for next season are going on now. Visit www.spiritosingers.org or call 630-581-5440 to learn more and to schedule an audition.

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This Week

Monday / 23
2:30 PM Brownie Troop #55103 Gathering Pl. C
2:30 PM Junior Troop #51979 Gathering Pl. A
6:30 PM Rosary Church
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Gathering Place

Tuesday / 24
9:30 AM Tiny Toes Music Class Underground
6:30 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM School Gathering Place Chapel
6:30 PM Prayer Group
7:00 PM Worship & Spiritual Life Comm. Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM Evening Bible Study Underground

Wednesday / 25
4:30 PM Religious Education School/Chapel
6:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church
6:30 PM Religious Education Sch/Ch/GP.
7:30 PM Reverence for Life Chapel

Thursday / 26
9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study Gathering Place
1:15 AM Small Christian Communities Living Room
4:30 PM Religious Education Sch/Ch/GP
5:45 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal Church
6:00 PM School Play Rehearsal Gym
6:30 PM Cub Scouts Den Meeting Underground
7:00 PM 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday / 27
5:00 PM PADS Gathering Place
5:00 PM School Play Rehearsal Gym
6:00 PM Men’s CRHP #24 - Men Underground

Saturday / 28
12:00 AM PADS Gathering Place
8:00 AM Men’s CRHP #24 - Men GP/CH/PC/UG.

Sunday / 29
8:00 AM Men’s CRHP #24 - Men GP/CH/PC/UG.
8:00 AM Liturgy of the Word Gathering Place
1:00 PM School Play Rehearsal Gym
4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church
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.