5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:5
Please join us for St. Mary of Gostyn’s Spring musical

Disney’s The Lion King Jr.

The middle school students will be performing on the following dates:

Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 pm
Friday, May 11th at 7:00 pm
Saturday, May 12th at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Sunday, May 13th at 2:00 pm.

All shows will be performed in the auditorium at Montini Catholic High School
19W070 E 16th St. Lombard, IL 60148.

Tickets for each performance can be purchased online at: https://smgplay2018.brownpapertickets.com

Questions? Please email Julie Boyle - julie.boyle@me.com
Fifth Sunday of Easter

It is still Easter. The Easter story continues to unfold. The image of the vine and the branches powerfully illustrates how intimately close we are to Jesus. There is much comfort in Jesus’ own words that we are one with him, as branches on a vine. But there is also a tremendous challenge conveyed in this image: Our oneness depends on allowing ourselves to be pruned, over and over again, of whatever is not fruitful within us or in what we bring about. Oneness with Christ is not secured by simply saying, “Yes, I believe,” but by being open, by trying to become like him.

In his great spiritual work, *The Tree of Life*, Saint Bonaventure reflects on how the Bible is given to us so that we might recognize and respond to the way God is at work in human history. A “tree of life” appears in the story of the Garden of Eden at the very beginning of the Bible. There is also a “tree of life” in the story of the New Jerusalem at the very end of the Bible.

This tree is also mentioned in the middle of the Bible, as an image of life to those who identify with the path Jesus showed us and walked himself: the way of the cross. The wood of the cross, says Bonaventure, is the Tree of Life. Good Friday and Easter Sunday are like two sides of the same coin!

If we want to be sure we are grafted onto the vine that is Christ, we need to attach ourselves to the wood of the cross. Our desire to live in Christ—to be fruitful, and to be sustained and empowered by him—is closely tied in with “remaining in him.” In John’s Gospel, this image is placed right before the passion, so to “remain in him” means to grow like Jesus did, to follow Jesus, who was crucified in order to be revealed as the heavenly Lamb of God.

It is still Easter. The Easter story keeps unfolding. Is it unfolding in us?

Hans Christoffersen

Something to Think About

The movie *La Dolce Vita* opens with a statue of Jesus being towed across the Italian sky by a helicopter. A second helicopter carries a writer named Marcello. He grew up in a village in a good family. He moved to the city, where he lost his faith. Instead of finding happiness, he found emptiness. The movie ends with Marcello studying a rotting fish on the beach. Cut off from the sea, it died, as a branch cut off from a vine dies. Marcello was cut off from Jesus and was also slowly dying.

To what extent can I relate to Marcello? How can I build my bond with Jesus?

Unless there is within us that which is above us, we shall soon yield to that which is about us.

Peter Taylor Forsyth

Generous God,
who gave your Son to be born, to suffer, and to die in this world, we give you praise for this redeeming act of love.
In our own suffering, strengthen us to unite our pain to the passion of Jesus for the sake of others.
In the face of evil, grant us the courage to stand firm, choosing goodness, love, and forgiveness through the grace of Jesus’ living and dying.
In the hour of death, fill us with hope In the resurrection and faith to believe that we will be united with you through our brother and savior.

Amen.
Jesus offers a quintessential stewardship statement in today’s Gospel reading: “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”

Jesus Christ offers us the fullness of eternal life. Do our lives reveal that this is what we want? Do we believe that by hearing the Word of the Lord and responding we not only produce “good fruit,” but abide in the very life of God?

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.

**Stewardship**

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Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.
Furthermore

The community of the beloved disciple (John) to whom today’s second reading is addressed was apparently torn with internal conflict and strife. The author of the epistle seeks to bring peace, but not at the cost of sacrificing what he believes to be the truth. For that reason, it is important for him to explain how it is that one can determine whether or not a person "belongs" to the truth.

The author resolves this in terms of the great commandment that Jesus gave his disciples that they love one another. The love in question, according to the epistle cannot be mere speech but must be demonstrated “in deed and truth.” For the early Christians that meant preserving unity among the members of the community — a unity based on and expressed in concrete acts of love and concern for one another. The kind of squabbles, accusations, and cutoffs that had apparently plagued the community were the opposite of what Jesus required of his disciples. The author makes it clear that such destructive behaviors put one outside the “truth” of the Gospel.

At the risk of appearing simplistic, might we not suggest that even in today’s complex world, exactly the same criterion remains valid? If our position (whether as a nation or as a partner in ecumenical dialogue, or just as a family member) contributes to greater harmony and unity, then we have a clear sign that we are headed in the direction of Gospel truth.

Likewise, whatever produces division, or becomes exclusionary, or contributes to the destruction of community heads one in a direction away from the truth.

Keeping the Lord’s Sabbath

Suggestions in keeping the spirit of Sabbath by:

- Taking a walk and noticing the "small" beauties of creation.
- Reading to a child or sick friend or family member.
- Spending time alone to reflect on the Sacred Scriptures or in quiet contemplation.
- Preparing a dinner for family or friends.
- Sharing your ideas about Sabbath rest with a friend, spouse, or sibling.
- Planning your week to avoid shopping on Sunday.
- Surrendering your “to do” list to God's timing and just “be.”
- Reading an enlightening, spiritual book that you've put off for a long time.
MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2018
6:15 AM - Mary Janetka req. Mary Lou & Family
   Adeline Glowaty req. Frank & Dianne Czopek

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018
6:15 AM - Living Intention for Barbara Mc Cammond req. Twardzik Family
8:00 AM - Larry Kovacevic req. Susan Scott

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018
6:15 AM - Fr. Ernie Norbeck req. Esther Byrne
8:00 AM - Hermina Lopez

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018
8:00 AM - Gene Zidek req. Richard & Family

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018
6:15 AM - Michael Kummerer req. Doering Family
8:00 AM - Joan Perniconi req. Family

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018
NO 8:00 AM MASS DUE TO FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
10:00 AM - Parish Mass of First Holy Communion
1:00 PM - Parish Mass of First Holy Communion
4:30 PM - Raymond & Barbara Heye req. Family
   Lawrence O’Brien req. Chuck & Donna Golly

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018
8:00 AM - People of the Parish
10:00 AM - Edwin & Lillian Szmurlo req. Paruszkiewicz Family
   Darlene Hammer req. Ken & Rose Ann Bringle
12:00 PM - Ronald Mattes req. Joe Leto & Family
6:00 PM - Diane Main req. Adam Walsh Family

**PLEASE NOTE**
There will not be an 8:00 AM Mass on Saturday, May 5th
due to First Communion Masses.

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).
Psalm - I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).
Second Reading - Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).
Gospel - Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:

Amelia Geraldine Gurrola, daughter of Victor & Samantha Gurrola
Olivia Marie Gurrola, daughter of Victor & Samantha Gurrola
Emmett Gordon Kmetz, son of Jacob & Vanessa Kmetz
Alivia Melissa Osika, daughter of Neill & Lisa Osika
Mallory Jane Rowe, daughter of Marc & Kim Rowe
John James Schuster, son of Ian & Cindy Schuster
Lucy Ann Smith, daughter of Andrew & Laura Smith

Mary We Crown Thee With Blossoms Today
Sunday, May 6th
12:00 PM Mass
Mrs. Dianne Czopek & Family will be crowning Mary
Light refreshments will be served after Mass in the Gathering Place

ST. MARY’S MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND SPRING MEETING
Wednesday, May 9, 2018
at 7:00 PM
Location: Parish Center Underground
We are in great need of new ministers! Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. Otherwise, please contact Gail Miskowicz-Retz at 630-852-5347.

Medical Missions
On Monday, May 7, 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 lap throws. We need lap throws throughout the year as our deacons will take them to our parishioners. If you need a pattern or some yarn to create a throw, we will have yarn and simple patterns available at the meeting.

Also, at this meeting, we will be starting to cut up sheets into strips which we then roll into bandages. We have a little device that rolls the strips up quickly and efficiently. If this is something that you would like to do, please come to the meeting. We can also send you home with a sheet and the device. These bandages are used overseas.

We could use more lap throws if you can knit or crochet. Please consider making a lap throw 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 Kay Papineau at 630-963-4617. If you can’t help this month, please watch the bulletin as we may have a June meeting.

Thank you helping the Medical Missions to help the homebound with a lap throw and overseas missionaries with bandages.
Jarrett Payton Speaks to St. Mary's Students!

Jarrett Payton, son of the late NFL Hall of Famer Walter Payton, is a radio host, businessman, philanthropist, motivational speaker, former NFL and CFL running back and devoted husband and father. Currently he is a fill-in sports anchor for WGN’s Morning Show and is co-host of WGN Radio’s The Beat program. Payton was most recently a co-host of the “Jarrett, Harry and Spike” radio show on Chicago’s former radio station The Game 87.7FM.

Along with honoring his father’s legacy of making a difference in the community, Payton enjoys connecting with children, serving as a role model and stressing the importance of sports, education and character. He and his wife Trisha are the co-founders of The Jarrett Payton Foundation. This foundation is committed to positively impacting the lives of children and adolescents physically, emotionally, and psychologically by creating and providing programs that present them with a wide variety of opportunities specifically designed to develop their leadership skills and enrich their lives.

A huge thank you to St. Mary’s HSA for organizing this amazing event!
Prayer Requests

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 Norman
Baby Jackson Ruggiero
Dennis Stefka
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
John Sommer

Lois Bach
Kathy Berg
Ann Clark
Jessica Davy
Mark Gowgiel
Erinn Henes
Peter Kavanagh
Virginia Mates
Kate Moss
Mary Ann Papievis
Tom Salansky
Joan Tagglonia
Loretta Wies
Grant Bahr
Shirley Pollacheck
Bob Earley

Anna Bandur
Sharon Binter
Margaret Corbett
Jim Donovan
Diane Goyette
Katie Main Hwan
Verine Kavanagh
Eddie Mayerik
James Murawski
Eleanor Pecka
Eliza Skipworth
Sharon Talliero
Ashley Wolfman
Paul Mintautus
Andrea Hoover
Stephanie Houllahan

Logan Bannon
Bill Brown
Helen Czulak
George Drobney
Rion Goyette
Bobby Johnson
Kenny Kern
Barbara McCammond
Andrea Mutton
Cynthia Petro
Yoshie Snider
Hugh Toner
Adam Frankel
Baby Fiona Kent
Theresa Herman

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
John Martin Galvin, brother of Jeanne Marszewski
Fr. Henry Wilkening

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

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or the local police.

The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is in the Ushers Closet located next to the Narthex entrance, along with a First Aid kit. AED’s are also located in the Gathering Place (North wall) and in the School kitchen.
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish
May Crowning
Sunday, May 6, 2018 ~ 12:00 Noon Mass
Mrs. Dianne Czopek & Family will be crowning Mary

1st Communion Class of 2018 will serve as the Honor Guard
Arrive at Prairie Entrance by 11:45 am
Reception to Follow

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 12 Cookies

2018 –2019
RE Phase I Registration
Opened April 25, 2019
Watch Your Mail for Registration Materials
This month's topic:
The Thing About Compassion:
Setting Intentions to Care For
Another AND Oneself
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.

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.

May 9th at 7:00 pm
Parish Center Living Room

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

Eucharist Adoration
The Lord is waiting - stop in the Adoration Chapel this week.

Teachings of the Catholic Church
Caring for People at the End of Life
There is a long tradition in Catholic moral theology that is as relevant today as when it was developed over 500 years ago. It speaks of “reasonable” care in terms of the benefits of such treatments being proportionate to the burdens that the treatments impose. The tradition does not prescribe a hard-and-fast rule regarding specific medical procedures but rather urges prudent decisions regarding the benefits and burdens of medical treatments for the patient. In doing so, the Catholic tradition offers a middle ground between two extremes, on the one hand intending the death of a patient by euthanasia or assisted suicide, and on the other hand continuing useless or excessively burdensome treatments, often against the patient’s wishes.
Presider Schedule for Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th

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

FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR OFFERED

If you had the chance to double—or even quadruple—your retirement savings, you’d probably jump at that opportunity, right? Well, there’s one simple change you can make today that’s sure to boost your retirement savings.

An HSBC study of worldwide retirement savings habits discovered that people with some kind of retirement plan have more than three times as much in their next egg than those with no plan at all.

And savers who take it one step further by working with an investment advisor have, on average, a nest egg that is a whopping 445% bigger than non-planners.

There’s no guarantee that having a retirement plan will make you a millionaire, but it is the first step to reaching your retirement savings goals—because a goal without a plan is just a wish.

As a service to our parishioners, we have invited Doug Towsey from Merrill Lynch to speak on the topic of Financial Planning. Mr. Towsey is a Professor of Finance and Economics at DePaul University and a Financial Advisor for Merrill Lynch. He has more than 25 years of business and investment experience as a corporate business executive, professor and financial advisor. He holds a B.S. degree in Finance and Economics from Indiana University and a MBA in Finance and Management from Northwestern University Kellogg.

Mr. Towsey’s presentation will begin at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 16, in the Gathering Place. Light refreshments will be served and there will be Q&A session afterwards.

To reserve your seat, please call our parish Advancement Director, Frank Glowaty, at 630-737-9621.

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 Agurkis at 630-969-3565, ext. 221.
### Hope’s Front Door’s Hands of Hope Luncheon

Wednesday May 2, 2018, from 11:30am – 2:00pm at Bobak’s Signature Events and Conference Center (6440 Double Eagle Drive Woodridge, IL 60517). HOPE’S FRONT DOOR welcomes program speaker Jacque Ortegel who will share her experience as a client. HOPE’S FRONT DOOR welcomes program speaker, Jacque Ortegel, who will share her experience as a client and her success in using the tools in her journey to self-sufficiency.

Tickets are $50 each or you can purchase a table of 8 for $400. Please go to www.hopesfrontdoor.org, call 630-322-9803 or email info@hopesfrontdoor.org to purchase tickets. This is a great opportunity to contribute to programs that change and improve the lives of area families. Join us to enjoy lunch, raffles, a silent auction and gain information about the latest Education & Empowerment services offered to our neighbors in need.

### 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.

### 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

Donations can also be made at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or by calling 815-724-1140.

Bless you for your support of Catholic Charities. Together we are doing God’s work – changing and saving lives! If you can’t send a gift, please remember the vulnerable and needy in your prayers.
This Week

Monday / 30
6:30 PM First Comm. Practice  CH/GP
6:30 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal  Church
6:30 PM Rosary  Chapel
7:00 PM CRHP #34 - Women  Large Conf. Rm.

Tuesday / 1
9:30 AM Tiny Toes Music Class  Underground
6:30 PM First Comm. Practice  CH/GP
6:30 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal  Church
6:30 PM Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM Prayer Group  Chapel

Wednesday / 2
11:00 AM Golden Agers  Gathering Place
4:30 PM Religious Education  School/Chapel
6:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
6:30 PM Religious Education  Sch/Ch/GP.
7:00 PM Evangelization Committee  Large Conf. Rm.

Thursday / 3
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
6:00 PM School Play Rehearsal  Gym
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 / 4
1:30 PM School Lector Training  Church
2:00 PM School  Gathering Place
5:00 PM PADS  Gathering Place

Saturday / 5
12:00 AM PADS  Gathering Place
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.
10:00 AM First Communion  Church
1:00 PM First Communion  Church

Sunday / 6
12:00 PM May Crowning  Church/GP

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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.