St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church
August 26, 2018

Rite of Candidacy - Fall 2015

Rite of Lector - Fall 2016

Rite of Acolyte - Fall 2017

Steve, Therese & Amanda De Sitter

God Bless You on Your Ordination to the Diaconate
16TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2018

Village Greens Golf Course
75th & Lemont Road, Woodridge

12:00pm Registration
1:00pm Shot Gun Start
6:00pm Dinner and Drinks
8:00pm Post Party

Dinner Only option for Non-Golfers

AMAZING Raffle Prizes including Golf Getaways, Sports Tickets, Dining Packages, and more!

GET YOUR FOURSOME READY!!
♦ This fundraiser benefits our Parish and School.
♦ Great opportunities to help with sponsorship, donations and volunteering.
♦ Register Early—this EVENT WILL SELL OUT
♦ Registration is open NOW—visit www.stmarygostyn.org or contact:
  ♦ Bill Tierney at btierney@barnhartcrane.com or
  ♦ Robert Keith Brown at rkeith.brown@gsa.gov

NEW THIS YEAR
$20,000 GRAND PRIZE
On Camera Hole

FUN NEW EVENING GAMES

EXPANDED DINING AREA
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with profound sadness that we have received additional knowledge of harm and misdeeds conducted by those who were in positions of trust and authority within the Church. This week the Pennsylvania Grand Jury released a report which details allegations of child abuse over a period of 70 years. The numbers are staggering. Words cannot adequately express the level of anger, pain and humiliation felt by people of faith, including myself.

I am genuinely sorry for the wounds inflicted upon precious children. I know that for many victims the wounds will never fully heal and for others the scars will remain a constant reminder of the pain endured. The violation of trust experienced by all is deep. It is alarming to realize the extent to which some of my brother bishops and priests have failed to uphold their obligations to care for the people. This is particularly disheartening for those of the clergy and laity who have faithfully served our Lord and yet find themselves with the burden of this weighty stigma. To all who have been touched by these tragedies, I am truly sorry.

There is no place in the Church for those who cause harm to children or participate in covering up egregious abuse. The protection of children and vulnerable adults is a critical component of the ministries in the Diocese of Joliet. Prior to the adoption of the national Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, the diocese had begun to address this issue of sexual abuse with implementation of a Misconduct Policy in 1990. By 1993 a committee, which would later be known as the Review Board, had been established. The policies and procedures developed by this board have evolved significantly over the years and will continually be evaluated and revised.

Today, the Joliet Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection is tasked with implementing the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and all related policies. This includes screening all clerics, seminarians, employees and volunteers who work with children, educating children on ways to stay safe and how to seek help when needed, training adults about the warning signs of abuse, and the appropriate actions to take if they suspect a child is at risk. The diocese has specific procedures in place for receiving allegations, immediately reporting allegations to appropriate civil authorities, and assisting victims with access to support services. Men seeking acceptance to the seminary or diaconate formation program must participate in an extensive process. This includes psychological testing and interviews with respective committees. Throughout their training the candidates are constantly evaluated in regard to their behavior, self-awareness, social interactions, disposition and overall character. Every effort is made to ensure that only those who are suitable for ministry are ordained.

The Church must work diligently to regain the trust that has been lost. To promote transparency the diocese participates in annual audits conducted by third parties. These audits assess the level of compliance to Church and governmental requirements. Indeed, this week the Diocese of Joliet participated in and passed an audit conducted by the FBI to review the application and management of criminal background checks. The diocese first published a list of diocesan priests with credible allegations.
of sexual abuse of minors over a decade ago. It can be found on our website. I pledge to you that anyone with a credible allegation will not be returned to ministry.

Evil is present in our society. I ask each of you to join me in efforts to rid the earth of this scourge and to protect the most vulnerable among us. I ask that you work with me to heal these wounds which have violated our trust and challenged our faith. I ask you to pray with me that we will all come to know and live the true message of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon

To make a report of child abuse first contact civil authorities (local police and/or Illinois Department of Child and Family Services 1-800-25ABUSE). Then, if the allegation involves a priest or other agent of the Church, contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 815-263-6467.

Protecting God’s Children Workshop

Out of concern for the safety and well-being of children, every diocesan parish, school or religious education employee or volunteer 18 years and older who is involved with minors on a regular, recurring basis and those who may have an opportunity to be alone with children during parish, school or religious education sponsored events, are required to attend a VIRTUS® Protecting God’s Children workshop. Of all the safe environment programs available, Protecting God’s Children was selected for the Joliet Diocese. It was determined to be the best possible program primarily because it is comprehensive, professional and appealing. SMG will host a PGC Workshop on **Thursday, August 30, 2018** at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place (lower lever of church). Registration is done online by going to [www.Virtus.org](http://www.Virtus.org). The viewing of other PGC Workshops in the immediate area is also accessible online. If you have previously taken a PGC Workshop, you do not need to take it again. Please refer any questions to Deacon Bob at deaconbob@stmarygostyn.org.

Stewardship

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Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

In today’s Gospel, we hear that a number of Jesus’ followers left him because his message was too difficult for them to accept. In essence, they did not believe in him. He then asked the Twelve if they wished to leave as well. Peter responds by making a profound profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Twelve made a choice and stood by their choice, remaining loyal to their commitment to Jesus. A good question for our reflection might be this: Are we satisfied with the stewardship we exercise over our baptismal commitment? Are we just “along for the ride?” Are we keeping Christ in front of us as we make decisions about our daily activities, our relationships, our parish, issues in the workplace, issues such as peace and justice? What is the quality of our stewardship?
Everyday Stewardship

We can easily feel obligated to attend a party, wedding, or other event that we find ourselves invited to as a guest. If we want to go, then we get dressed up and rush off with anticipation of fun and good times with friends. If we dread going, we get ourselves together slowly and arrive late, hoping that the event will not be so long and we can then get on with the rest of our day. The difference in our feelings may have to do with many aspects: the host, the attendees, the reason for celebration, or even the venue. Either way, the invitation has been given to us because someone feels that our presence would make a positive difference. Our response is entirely our own. We decide how we will answer the invitation.

Every Sunday, every day in fact, you and I have received an invitation to a banquet more celebratory and grander than any wedding or birthday party. The host is actually Jesus Christ himself, and he has prepared a feast that promises to satisfy. He has prepared for this event by giving all he has to give. No host has ever been more gracious. His hope is that you will be happy to attend for your presence does make a tremendous difference. Would he invite you if attending made no difference at all? Will you RSVP with a sense of joy and anticipation? If this is just another invite that obligates you and you approach the event with indifference, the host wonders if you really comprehend what he went through to make this meal possible. He also wonders if you really understand what is truly being celebrated.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Mary Kowalkowski req. Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Fr. Ernie Norbeck req. Ron & Mary Buchler
          Diane Main req. Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2018
8:00 AM - Ed & Mae Klinger req. Rita Blaney

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018
6:15 AM - Emma Verdun req. Tim Johnson Family
8:00 AM - Ted & Eleanor Kolpa req. Jerry Kolpa

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2018
8:00 AM - Matthias Eichhorn req. Family

Wedding
2:00 PM - Melanie Bava & Vincent Comella
4:30 PM - Tina Pua req. St. Vincent de Paul Society

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018
8:00 AM - People of the Parish
10:00 AM - Michael Kummerer req. Miriam Baker
12:00 PM - Hermina Lopez req. Reverence for Life Committee
          Kay Selfridge req. Jerry Kolpa
6:00 PM - Paul Pustelnik req. Ploskonka Family

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - The LORD, our God, protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).
Psalm - Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).
Second Reading - Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32).
Gospel - We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Around the Parish

ALTER FLOWERS

Our lovely altar arrangement this weekend was donated by

JACQUES & CLARA CHRISTIAENS

in thanksgiving for the many blessings received during their 62 years of marriage.

The 8:00 AM Mass is being celebrated in honor of their 62nd Anniversary.

Baptism

St. Mary of Gostyn Parish families welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:

Jameson Jerome Craven,
Son of Nicholas & Nicole Craven

Andrew Krzysztof Gago,
Son of Krzysztof & Shannon Gago

Maeve Kathryn Walsh,
Daughter of Adam & Ann Walsh

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A HERO?

Admit it. Haven’t you ever daydreamed of saving the world like Superman, Batman, or James Bond? Who wouldn’t love to be written about in a song? Or history book? Or have a movie made of your life or a statue erected in their honor? For most of us, the likelihood of such an occurrence is slimmer than the odds of winning a Power Ball drawing or getting a date with Cheryl Scott.

But you don’t have to broker world peace or discover a cure for cancer to make a difference in someone’s life. Did you ever think of endowing a scholarship? Imagine a scholarship, in your name, whereby the earnings would be used in perpetuity to provide a needy child with a Catholic education.


Study after study validates the quality education children receive from a Catholic school. And yet because of finances, that opportunity is often unavailable who would benefit the most from such a faith-filled environment.

Consider endowing a scholarship at St. Mary’s School today and cement your legacy and become a hero in the eyes of a child. Nobody is likely to know of such a gesture but you, the child……..and God.

St. Mary Book Group

Wednesday, September 12 Parish Center 9:30 AM The All –Girl Filling Station’s Last Reunion by Fannie Flagg

A southern belle discovers a secret her mother has kept hidden which changes her life.

Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

SMG Evening Book Discussion

Thursday, September 20 Parish Center 7:00 PM News of the World by Paulette Jiles

A former soldier is approached to take a 10 year old girl, who was held captive by Indians, back to her Aunt and Uncle.

Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

Presider Schedule for Saturday, September 1st and Sunday, September 2nd

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
Our school office was busy this summer

A lot has happened the last few months! We painted the entire office, rearranged all of our furniture, installed new floor tile, cleaned out all our closets and cabinets, and filled many recycling bins! Along with our office make-over, we designed a new, fresh school logo!

We’re so excited to share our new look and logo with everyone. Please stop by our office to see our new space, or just to say hello!
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

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In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Agnes Beeson, mother of Linda Gottschalk
Doris L. Hastings, mother of Jan Sherburne

Pray for our Military

Let us pray for all of our military personnel, especially the men and women of our parish who are serving in harm’s way:

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St. Mary of Gostyn Ministry to the Homebound

Do you have a homebound family member, friend, or neighbor who would like to receive the Eucharist on Sunday mornings?
If so, please have them contact Deacon Bob at the Parish Center at 630/969-1063, ext 244.
A Minister to the Homebound will be happy to visit them.
First Friday visits are also offered.

Nursing Home / Hospital Visitation

Notify the Rectory, (630) 969-1063, if you or a family member want a pastoral visit while in a healthcare facility. Without such notification, the rectory has no method of knowing who wants visitation.
(Please also see the tables at every church entrance for consent forms for healthcare facilities to notify the rectory of request for visitation).

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Registration Reminders

- Opening Packets for registered families are available for pick up at the Parish Center.
- RE Registration is ongoing for all parish families.

A Call For Catechists

Who Makes a Good Catechist?

- A person of faith who wants to share it.
- Someone willing to work with children, or middle schoolers.
- An adult age 18 and up.
- Any adult still passionate about his/her faith.
- A man or a woman.
- A person willing to follow a catechist guide with easy lesson plans.

Can you see yourself in this description. So many times we think we have to rely on the parents of the children in the program. Did you know that a vast amount of our catechists are not parents from our RE families? Many are parents, but not all.

Consider how you can participate. It’s all about sharing what you have been given by someone else. Training is available and encouraged. We’re praying for you to consider this opportunity.

If you are interested in volunteering, call 630.969-1063, ext. 220 or email religiouseducation@stmarygostyn.org

Important Dates to Remember in September

September 5th - R.E. Begins - Opening Mass at 6:30 PM for ALL Religious Education families

September 10th - First Reconciliation Parent Meeting at 6:30 PM in the church for all 2nd grade parents only.

September 12th & 13th - First Day of R.E. Classes

September 19th & 20th - 6th Grade Bible Blessing during class
Youth Ministry

Come Join Us!

ST. MARY OF GOSTYN HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS

YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF!

Sunday, Sept. 9th
7-9 PM in the Underground

PIZZA, GAMES, AND MORE!

WE WILL BE MEETING EVERY SUNDAY (7-9PM)
QUESTIONS? CONTACT CLAIRE SIMEO
@ 630-969-1063 EXT. 256, OR
CSIMEO@STMARYGOSTYN.ORG

@stmarygostynym  Youth Ministry SMG  @stmarygostynym
BOOK DISCUSSION: Read It then Discuss It!

An itsy-bitsy book packed with spiritual insights, C.S. Lewis’ *The Great Divorce* cracks open imaginative insights on heaven and hell.

Two discussion times: Thursday, August 30, after 8:00 Mass in the GP Sunday, Sept. 9 at 7:00PM.

All are welcome to either discussion.

Sign up at www.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation Book Discussions tab.
Questions? kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org

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Register for classes this fall at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Darien!

**Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet**

Here’s your chance to find out about our excellent diocesan Bible school right here at this parish.

The Biblical Institute offers in-depth study of the Bible, from the Catholic point of view, presented by trained and experienced Catholic teachers.

For information, go to: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/reo and click on Biblical Institute
Or call: 815-221-6147.

**Biblical Institute Preview Night**
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish
August 29 (Wednesday)
7-8:30 p.m.

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Encountering Heaven on Earth

Be transformed through an intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. *The Mass* will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of Christian life.

Thursday Mornings
9:00 AM in the GP
Beginning Sept 6th

www.stmarygostyn.org Faith Formation-Adult-Women’s CAFÉ Bible Study
Questions: kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org

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Everyone should have a chance to explore the faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

**Alpha at St. Mary of Gostyn**
Beginning Sept 19th
Be a part of it.

[www.stmarygostyn.org/alpha/](http://www.stmarygostyn.org/alpha/)
Volunteers Needed
Catholic Communion Ministry
Good Samaritan Hospital – Downers Grove
Contact: Gail Miskowicz-Retz
Gail.Miskowicz-Retz@advocatehealth.com
or
630-852-5347

2018 JOLIET DIOCESE
CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS
Presider: Father Paul Hottinger
Assisting: John Freund
St. Margaret Mary Church
1450 Green Trails Drive
Naperville, IL 60540
Friday, August 31, 2018
Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30 PM, Mass 7:30 PM
For more information, please call Joey Rose at:
(630) 926-6576
For directions go to www.smmp.com/info/directions.html

STEPPING UP
Stepping Up (formerly Out of Poverty) is a group that helps participants understand themselves and move toward achieving important personal goals. Stepping Up participants learn to set goals; manage time and money; and take charge of the future.

Classes are held each Wednesday from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM September 12th - October 31st, 2018
Location: 3130 Finley Road, Suite 520, Downers Grove
To register, call Joy Newburn at (630) 519-6547 or jnewburn@cc-doj.org. Class and childcare are free.

MAYSlake VILLAGE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
Mayslake Village will be accepting applications on Wednesday, August 29th for Annex II Villas and Center II Type I & 2 one bedroom apartments from 9:00—12:00 noon. The session will be held at the Oak Brook Hills Resort located at the corner of Midwest Road and 35th Street.

WESTMONT JOYFUL VOICES SHOW GROUP
Returning for their 17th Season of Seniors Entertainment presenting: An American Tribute
Where: Divine Savior Parish, Downers Grove
When: Tuesday, August 28th at 1:30 PM.
An exciting concert of patriotic music performed by this lively cast of senior singers and dancers along with the vibrant Joyful Voices Band.

THE 31ST ANNUAL BISHOP’S MASS WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES/SPECIAL NEEDS
The 31st Annual Bishop’s Mass with Persons with Disabilities/Special Needs will be held at 12:00 PM on Sunday, September 16, 2018.
Mass will be celebrated by:
Bishop R. Daniel Conlon at Holy Family Catholic Church, 600 Brook Forest Avenue, Shorewood.
A luncheon, provided by the Bishop Roger L. Kaffer Assembly and the Knights of Columbus, will follow.
Persons with disabilities and their families are invited to attend. To RSVP for the luncheon or for additional information, please contact the Diocese of Joliet/Disabilities Ministry Office by phone at 815-221-6229 or by email at ggiblin@dioceseofjoliet.org

LISTENING SESSION
FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DIVORCED
On September 20, 2018 from 6-8:00PM, all those who have experienced a divorce are welcomed to attend a listening session at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill. Facilitated by Dr. Valerie Maty, the Associate Director of Family Ministry, this gathering will include prayer wherein we will strive to listen and understand how the church can continue to support and encourage each one of you. We hope that you will join us for conversation and light refreshments.
To register, please call 815-838-5334 or register Online: https://conta.cc/2AvPHiV by September 10.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT VILLA ST. BENEDICT
Open House & Farmer’s Market
Wednesday, August 29th | 11:30am &
Thursday, September 27th | 11:30am
Take a tour of our beautiful 47-acre campus grounds and discover all of the amazing amenities and benefits that come with life at Villa St. Benedict. Be sure to stop by our farmer’s market before you leave, to enjoy some fresh produce.

6th Annual Alzheimer’s Walk
Saturday, September 15th | 9:30am
The End of Alzheimer’s starts with you! Join our Villa St. Benedict team to walk, donate or both for our 6th annual Alzheimer’s walk! VSB will donate $5 to the Alzheimer’s Association for each person who participates in the event!

VSB Cookout - Wednesday, September 19th | 12:30pm
Be our guest for an “End of Summer” cookout here at Villa St. Benedict! Enjoy delicious, chef-prepared, food and take in the beautiful view of our 47-acre campus from the comfort of our Lounge and Patio!
Call 630-852-0345
To RSVP to any event or schedule a personal tour!
St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church

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This Week

Monday / 27
6:30 PM Rosary Church
6:30 PM School Parent Night Gym
7:00 PM Catechism Course Living Room
7:00 PM Catechist Meeting Gath. Pl. A & B

Tuesday / 28
6:30 PM Legion of Mary Small Conf. Rm.
6:30 PM School Parent Orientation Gym
6:30 PM Prayer Group Chapel

Wednesday / 29
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
6:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church
7:00 PM Biblical Institute Mtg. Gathering Place

Thursday / 30
8:30 am Book Disc: The Great Divorce Gathering Place
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities Living Room
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym
6:30 PM Protecting God’s Children Gathering Place

Friday / 31
3:00 PM Volleyball Gym

Saturday / 1
9:00 AM Volleyball Gym
6:00 PM Volleyball Gym

Sunday / 2
1:00 PM Volleyball Gym
4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal Church
6:30 PM Volleyball 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.