St. Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church
March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” — Lk 9:34-35
Here at St. Mary’s, there is so much for which we are thankful. As you know, we are approaching the end of the fourth year of our Capital Campaign: *Blessed in Tradition, Faith in our Future*. We have received over $1,110,000, which is 98% of the amount that was pledged for the campaign. We thank you for your diligence and commitment to supporting this effort.

As a reminder, the purpose of the campaign was to primarily restore and/or replace many of our campus’s operating systems which were in need of maintenance, as well as to add air conditioning to the classrooms in our School. As we shared with all of you at the beginning of the campaign, if there were any funds remaining once this work was completed, we would put those funds toward the outstanding loan that our Parish has with the Diocese of Joliet.

We are very happy to share some great news with you. As of this writing, we have completed the following projects:

- Replacement of the A/C in the Church and the Parish Center
- Replacement of our Parish Center roof
- Installation of energy efficient boilers for the Church, Rectory, Narthex, and Parish Center
- Replacement of our Learning Resource Center boiler
- Addition of A/C to all school classrooms

We have reserved money to replace the A/C in the School Administrative Office, the Gathering Place, and the rectory and have decided to replace the two remaining boilers in the School. These repairs will occur throughout the summer of 2019, as these systems are close to their life expectancies. Once these repairs are complete, we will have satisfied the need for major repairs for many years on our campus. We are also budgeting for future repairs on an annual basis, so that we will not have to do another campaign for the basic maintenance needs on our campus.

This campaign is now rolling to closure, and we are very happy to report that our Diocesan loan has been Paid in Full this month!! We were able to make an additional $155,000 loan payment in January from excess Capital Campaign funds, thus allowing for the final balance to be paid in March.

Again, we are thankful for your generosity to invest in the future of our Church and School facilities. You continue to show me that we are a parish of faith-filled people who can accomplish goals we set before ourselves through the grace of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Joe Sw.czak
Abraham and the Sacrifice of Isaac

What can the story of Abraham’s near-sacrifice of his son mean for us? Listen to the Lord’s words to Abraham after the ram was killed and offered.

This is the answer: God gives everything to the person who has given everything to God. Abraham’s life had long belonged to God, and Isaac was the only element of his life that he cherished especially. Even this God asked Abraham to let go into the divine hands. Abraham was fully ready to act on this.

What a standard for us! We often wonder why we don’t feel closer to God, why our dreams seem to be refused, why we find challenges difficult to face, why sometimes even our faith seems distant. It is never because God is far away. It is never because God doesn’t care. It is because we have not given ourselves totally to the Lord.

Our resistance to letting go of everything into God’s heart is the only thing that keeps us from union with God. Most of us have to chip away at this resistance by practice and prayer for years and years, teaching ourselves little by little to let go.

Who let go most of all? Jesus, of course, in his dying. What did God give him? Everything — resurrection, power, and total oneness with God — a oneness so complete that today we acknowledge that Jesus and God are the same.

What will he give us? Everything that matters. But it can happen only when we give God everything, let go of everything that in the least stands between us. Letting go is a wonderful theme for Lenten practice!

Marilyn Gustin

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 28, 2019

Because of scheduling conflicts this year, our priests are unavailable to conduct the Divine Mercy devotion at St. Mary of Gostyn. Please plan on attending a neighboring parish which will be holding services.

Holy Trinity Parish
25 E. Richmond St.
Westmont, IL

Our Lady Peace Parish
701 Plainfield Rd.
Darien, IL

Divine Mercy Parish
21W411 Sunset Ave.
Lombard, IL

St. Peter and Paul
36 N. Ellsworth Ave.
Naperville, IL

St. Raphael Parish
1215 Modaff Rd.
Naperville, IL

Visitation Parish
779 S. York St.
Elmhurst, IL

We will publish times as they become available in future church bulletins.
A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection 3/10/19 $30,667.77
Weekly Goal (Fiscal Year 18/19) $29,500.00

Goals to Date
Sunday Goal to Date $1,091,500.00
Christmas Goal to Date $115,000.00
Total Goals to Date $1,206,500.00

Collections to Date
Sunday Collections to Date $1,082,382.28
Christmas Collections to Date $108,714.07
Total Collections to Date $1,191,096.35

Total (Under) Goals to Date ($15,403.65)

Other Collections
Ash Wednesday (Home Missions) $5,029.19

Thank you for your continuing support and generosity.

Thank you to everyone who has pledged a gift to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your support will help provide Signs of Hope to so many through the 30 ministries our annual appeal benefits.

Our parish’s goal for the 2019 CMAA is $133,400.00. Every gift — large and small — makes a difference! If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year’s CMAA and make your gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail, make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org, or text “Donate” to (815) 205-1949 to link to a donation form from your mobile phone.

In today’s second reading we learn that one of Saint Paul’s principles of Christian living is to watch and imitate other followers of Christ. There is a pattern for Christian living that Saint Paul wants others to discover and then imitate. This pattern includes a life of prayer, selflessness, sacrifice, and caring for others, including our family of faith. Good stewards choose their friends wisely. They cultivate friendships with other Christian stewards, spend time with them, observe how they live, ask questions about their faith and learn from them. Who are your friends? Are they good stewards of their faith? Are they those who can help you on your own journey of faith?
Jesus takes Peter, John and James to the top of a mountain to pray. Jesus’ appearance changes as he prays, and his face and clothing reflect the glory of God. The apostles also notice that Jesus is talking to two men, Moses and Elijah. Peter wants to build three tents on the mountain to mark the experience.

But after hearing God’s voice proclaim Jesus as God’s Son, the apostles leave the mountain and tell no one what they have seen or heard.

Like Peter, James and John, we, too, sometimes have mountaintop experiences. It is easy to pray at those times—to praise God or just sit in quiet meditation. In those brief, personal encounters with the divine, our prayers can become deeply private and powerful. However, as this Scripture reminds us, we can’t stay on the mountain.

More common are our valley experiences with prayer: times when we are plugged into every distraction around us, and God feels an eternity away. Spiritual masters tell us that those prayers that seem empty and monotonous can be even more valuable than a mountaintop experience.

Those same masters remind us that while alone time with God is valuable, often Christians pray best together. Christians are not theists who believe in a totally personal, one-on-one relationship with God. We are a covenant people who believe that together we are the body of Christ. We believe in the Incarnation—God is with us and in us. We don’t have to go to mountaintops or valleys to encounter God, because we find God all around us in everyone we meet.

We find God in other people, in our parish church and in our homes. This is why communal and family prayer is so important. Every Sunday, we gather to pray together with our parish family. And so it should be with our immediate family. Choose a prayer space in your home, and gather on a regular basis. You may be surprised to find how this not-so-quiet family time can provide transfiguring moments when a kitchen or living room can seem like a mountaintop.

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FAMILY RESPONSE

Plan some time each day when your family can pray together. Gather in the same place, light a candle, join hands, say a simple prayer like the Our Father and then let people add their own prayers.

“...and when we get there you won’t be doing stupid stuff anymore...”

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“Hey, Louise, great news! I just got a message from God: We’re both going to heaven!”

Y’know, Bernice. When you come into the kingdom you’ll no longer feel this need to criticize Louise...
Prayer for the Sick through the Intercession of St. Peregrine

Graciously hear the prayers which we offer to you O God.
We present our petitions through St. Peregrine, your beloved servant and patron of those suffering from cancer, AIDS, and other life-threatening diseases.
Grant that the sick may receive help in all their needs through the intercession of St. Peregrine, whose life was so pleasing to you.
Hear us in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St. Peregrine, Pray for us!
O Mary, health of the sick, Pray for us!

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2018
6:15 AM - Nancy Babich req. Peter Babich

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019
6:15 AM - Paul Stahr req. Esther Byrne
8:00 AM - Intention of the Priest
10:30 AM - J. Don De Bruin req. Billie De Bruin - Oak Trace

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Jane Cressy req. Frank & Dianne Czopek

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019
8:00 AM - Matty Jennings req. Mike & Mary Signer

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019
6:15 AM - Intention of the Priest
8:00 AM - Paul Pustelnik req. Sanderson Family
Christa Lenski req. Family
1:45 PM - Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross with St. John Paul II

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019
8:00 AM - Living Intention for Newlyweds Danny & Sabrina Glover req. Donna & Dave Peffer
4:30 PM - Gregory Wahl req. Patricia Metzger
Jerry Papievis req. John & Carol Sommer

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019
8:00 AM - Gregory Kozik req. Ron & Mary Buchler
10:00 AM - Rosemary Hanson eq. Family
12:00 PM - Carl Cinkus req. Kay & Art Papineau
6:00 PM - People of the Parish

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading - The Lord made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)
Psalm - The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).
Second Reading - Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).
Gospel - Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11,1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
SMG Evening Book Discussion
Thursday, March 21          Parish Center          7:00 PM
Pachino by Min Jin Lee

A multi-generational epic novel of a Korean family living in Japan. Everyone is welcome. For further information, call Pat Burton (630) 852 - 2168.

Baptism
St. Mary of Gostyn Parish Family welcomed the following children to the Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism recently:
Nolan Mark Peterson, son of Mark & Kathleen Peterson
Wyatt James Sherburne, son of Nickolas & Stacy Sherburne

A Warm Welcome
We welcome:
Margaret Hecht
Marco & Kristine Charo
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry - FEBRUARY 2019 REPORT

Thank You St Mary’s for your continuing generosity to the food pantry. This month St Mary’s provided food for 236 Individuals within 103 Families. So far, this year we have fed 466 Individuals within 215 Families. Inclement weather has held down attendance at the food pantry.

Pantry items most in need are canned vegetables.

FRIENDS OF THE PANTRY DONATIONS
1. If you shop at Trader Joe’s, Fresh Thyme or Aldi’s. Thank them for their continuing generosity.
2. Thank you Jim/Lois Murawski for your large food donation in memory of Walter Murawski.
3. Thank you St Mary’s third graders for your large food donations.
4. Thank you Ron/Linda Cuchna for your large food donation.

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!

February Adage: Seven days without prayer make one week.

Traveling Statue of Our Lady of Fatima
- Our Lady calls you by name.
- Pray the Rosary together every day or evening.
- Bring Her into your home for 1 week.
- 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.

Thank you, St Mary’s, from all of us at Saint Vincent DePaul, we could not accomplish all we do without your support, and God bless you. Please keep us in your prayers. Parishioners experiencing financial hardship are most welcome at our Food Pantry. The pantry is open every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:00am.
Congratulations to all our students and their accomplishments this second trimester!

**8TH GRADE HIGH HONORS 4.0**
- Ava Bechstein
- Elizabeth Carlson
- Olivia Cieplak
- Kaitlin Jeschke
- Nicole Moravec
- Amanda Quealy
- Katherine Southworth
- Michael Budzynski
- Nora Casey
- Moira Jermak
- Wilson Kramnic
- Samuel Panatera
- Bennett Ruskusky
- Grace Tierney

**7TH GRADE HIGH HONORS 4.0**
- Erin Crowe
- Jennifer Lucina
- Curtis Mysliwiec
- Ella Reiser
- Erin Stapleton
- Dominic Krzeczkowski
- Jonathan Moscinski
- Daniel Petersen
- Tanner Sebben

**8TH GRADE 1ST HONORS 3.5-3.9**
- Celia Colucci
- Benjamin Farrell
- Mary Catherine Gaughan
- Samuel Ruddy
- Lainey Devine
- Christopher Fry
- Luke Leahy

**7TH GRADE 1ST HONORS 3.5-3.9**
- Grace Babich
- Hugh Flannery
- Gabriella Okuku
- Anna Walsh
- Brooke Bobbitt
- Brett Nolan
- Alana Oplanic
- Tyler Wayman

**8TH GRADE 2ND HONORS 3.0-3.4**
- Maya Alikpala
- McKenzie Buchanan
- Madeline Casey
- Anne Flynn
- Morgan Lally
- Liadan O’Flaherty
- Leah Sebo
- Raechel Boyle
- Jamie Bukovsky
- Lucia Fernandez
- Brendan Harker
- Michael Logan
- Sebastian Pappas
- Pierce Walsh

**6TH GRADE HIGH HONORS 4.0**
- Rylee Cieplak
- Catherine Hernandez
- Isabel Okuku
- Giovanna Russotiesi
- William Tierney
- Emma Heintzelman
- Gianna Kurelko
- Mary Panatera
- Meghan Southworth
- Alexander Tolczyk

**7TH GRADE 2ND HONORS 3.0-3.4**
- Aidan Beirne
- Abigail Dombrowski
- Isabella Kurelko
- Sophia Montalbano
- Alexandra Ulisano
- Mary Kate Casey
- Joseph Giannola
- Elizabeth Laverty
- Rory O’Connor
- Olivia Warmke

**6TH GRADE 1ST HONORS 3.5-3.9**
- Brody Bohan
- Peyton Farrell
- Grace Fremgen
- Matthew Fry
- Thomas Majchrowicz
- Shane Walsh
- Dylan Casey
- Ruby Fernandez
- Julia Fremgen
- Sean Hubeny
- Caroline Sobkowik

**6TH GRADE 2ND HONORS 3.0-3.4**
- Lucas Adams
- Luke Cakuls
- Ian Dambazi
- Quinn Leahy
- Isabella Murphy
- Annabelle Ruskusky
- Gabrielle Slevin
- Carter Bruno
- Robyn De Los Santos
- Isabella Gleason
- Kendall Mallers
- Joseph Rodi
- Kyle Sicler
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Leonard Fisher  Marcus Casteneda  James Sadowski  Theresa Hurley  Dotty Briscoe
Vinny Miraglio  Julie Riley  Jaclyn Golly  Barbara Vinsik  Patti Newey
Spencer Mehr  Nicole Maher  Mark Gowgiel  Marizon Torres Relucio

In Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy to the families of
Peter Caracello, brother of Gloria Caracello
Betty E. Batten, mother of Peggy O’Flaherty
Ann Marie Harris

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

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

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, April 14th will be published in the Easter bulletin.

Your name: _______________________________________________________________
(please print clearly)
In Memory of: _______________________________________________________________
(please print clearly)

Presider Schedule for Saturday, March 23rd and Sunday, March 24th

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers, please consult your online personal schedule and email reminders for assignments.
Please join us for the Stations of the Cross. Every Friday, everyone is welcome.

**1:45 PM in the Church**
April 5 and April 12- Stations of the Cross for Children. All are welcome.

**7:00 PM in the Church**
The evening Stations will feature prayers for particular intention centered on the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome.

- **March 22** - Station of the Cross with Saint John Paul II
- **March 29** - Stations in the Holy Cross Tradition
- **April 5** - Stations for the Suffering, Ill & Disabled and their Caregivers
- **April 12** - Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis

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Are you curious about how to travel the Lenten Journey in 2019? Then come join us in a relaxed and welcoming setting as we explore ways to enrich our lives during this Holy Season.

**Place:** Ballydoyle Irish Pub,
**Times:** 7:30 to 9PM,
- Wednesdays
- 3/13, 3/20, 4/3, 4/10

**Details:** Appetizers provided
No RSVP required
ALL ARE WELCOME

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*Tap into the Spirit of Lent*
Space is limited, so SIGN UP TODAY!!

What? Join over 2,000 teens from around the country for a weekend you’ll never forget—packed with fun, inspiring speakers, prayer, music and more!!

When? June 14-16 this Summer

Why? You will encounter Jesus, make new friends, grow in your faith, and have SO MUCH FUN!!

Where? Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH

How Much? $295 - covers bus transportation, food, housing, t-shirt, and conference fee. (Financial Aid is available — cost is not an obstacle to going!!)

How? Reserve your spot today by filing out an application form (available on the parish website), and making a $45 deposit.

Questions? Contact Claire: csimeo@stmarygostyn.org

Have the best Lent ever and join us for games, adoration, and confession tonight!! 7-9pm

Thanks for helping us make a meal for Hope House!!
Religious Education Dates

Please pay attention to the following dates on your calendar.

- March 20/21  RE class - Lent Reconciliation grades 2,3,4
- March 27/28  No RE class - Spring Break
- April 3/4    RE class - Lent Reconciliation grades 5,6,7
- April 10/11  RE class
- April 17/18  No RE class - Holy Week
- April 24/25  RE class - 7th grd Christian Living Journals due

FIRST COMMUNION REMINDERS

April 6th - First Communion Retreat 10am to 12pm
For students and parent

April 29th - First Communion Practice at 6:30pm
All SMG 2nd grade students AND Thursday 4:30 RE students

April 30th - First Communion Practice at 6:30pm
All Wednesday 4:30 AND Wednesday 6:30 2nd grade students

May 4th - First Communion
10am Mass - All SMG 2nd grade students AND
Thursday 4:30 RE students
1pm Mass - All Wednesday 4:30 AND Wednesday 6:30 2nd grade students
### Lenten Music 2019

- **Our Opening Song** will be found in the Green Hymnal at # 561. Note that the 3rd verse will change each week to correspond to the Gospel reading for that Sunday.

- Our spoken **Penitential Act** will be Form 2 or B and it can be found in both the Green Hymnal on page 29 and in the Brown hymnal on page 4.

- Our sung **Gospel Acclamation** is printed in the Brown Hymnal on the page corresponding to the Sunday being celebrated.

- **Our Holy Holy and Great Amen** will be a simple chant version and it can be found in the Brown Hymnal on pages 11-12.

- Our **Mystery of Faith** will be spoken by all: *Save us Savior of the World, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.* (page 11 of the Brown Hymnal)

- We will sing the Latin text of the Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei* to a simple familiar chant tone which can be found in the Green Hymnal at # 337 or in the Brown Hymnal at # 936.

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### Around the Parish (cont’d)

#### Around the Parish Community

#### Easter Triduum Vocation Discernment Retreat

**April 18- 21, 2019 – St. Procopius Abbey**

Designed for Catholic men, ages 18-45, who are thinking about a religious vocation, this retreat offers an immersion into the monastic life at St. Procopius Abbey during the Easter Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Join the monks for prayer, work, and meals as they prepare for and celebrate these Holy days. Participants also hear presentations on Benedictine monastic life and have opportunities for discussion and questions, silent prayer, reading and reflection. The retreat is an excellent opportunity for furthering the discernment of one’s vocation. Come and learn more. Attendance is free but space is limited.

For more information or to register, please contact Fr. James at vocations@procopius.org
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This Week

Monday / 18
2:30 PM  Daisy Troop #55604  Gathering Pl. A
2:30 PM  Junior Troop #51979  Gathering Pl. C
6:30 PM  Rosary  Church
6:30 PM  Boy Scouts  Gathering Place
7:00 PM  Catechism Class  Chapel

Tuesday / 19
9:00 AM  School Reconciliation  Church
6:00 PM  ALPHA  Gathering Place
6:00 PM  Prayer Group  Chapel
6:00 PM  Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm
7:00 PM  Buildings & Grounds  Large Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM  Grief Support  Living Room

Wednesday / 20
9:00 AM  School  Church
4:30 PM  Religious Education  School/GP
6:30 PM  6 PM Choir Rehearsal  Music Room
6:30 PM  Religious Education  School/GP
7:00 PM  Athletics - Track & Field Mtg.  Gathering Place

Thursday / 21
9:00 AM  Women’s Bible Study  Gath. Pl/UG
1:15 PM  Small Christian Communities  Living Room
4:30 PM  Religious Education  School/GP
6:30 PM  Cub Scouts - Den 2  Gathering Place
7:00 PM  10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM  Evening Book Discussion  Living Room
7:00 PM  Youth Ministry ALPHA  Underground

Friday / 22
6:30 PM  PADS  Gathering Place
7:00 PM  Parish Stations of the Cross  Church

Saturday / 23
12:00 AM  PADS  Gathering Place
9:00 AM  St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.

Sunday / 24
8:00 AM  RCIA  Large Conf. Rm.
1:30 PM  Baptism  Church
4:30 PM  6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM  Youth Ministry  Underground
7:30 PM  CRHP #35 - Women  Living Room

Happy St. Patrick’s Day

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: 630-969-1068
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, you will need to participate in a baptismal preparation 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 6:00 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.