“But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’” - Lk 18:13
Once again Saint Mary Appalachia Outreach Ministry will be furnishing Christmas gifts for the children of McCreary County, Kentucky. Names will be available in the Narthex THIS WEEKEND from 4:00 PM until 5:30 PM on Saturday, October 26 & Sunday, October 27 from 7:30 AM until Noon. You may choose your child’s name at this time. If you cannot make it on this day and would like a name, or would like more information, please call Deacon Al at (630)960-3565 ext. 221 or Nancy Babel (630)852-2692.

The gift of New Clothing consists of a pair of jeans, socks, underwear, a winter hat and a shirt or sweat shirt. For some of the children this may be the only gift they will receive.

Gifts will be collected in the Narthex on Saturday, November 23rd from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM and Sunday, November 24th from 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Through your generosity for the past thirty-four years, we have been able to provide thousands of Christmas gifts to the children of McCreary County. This year we will have 185 names.

Thank You!

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**A Stewardship Saint for October**

**Saint Paul of the Cross**

Saint Paul of the Cross was born in 1694 in the town of Oavada, in northern Italy, to a wealthy merchant family, the second of sixteen children. At age 19, after a normal childhood, he experienced a conversion to a life of prayer.

When he was 26 years old, during a period of intense prayer and solitude, Paul of the Cross had a series of prayer-experiences which made it clear to him that God was inviting him to form a community of men who would live together and dedicate themselves to preaching the Passion of Christ. His main aim in the community was, as he wrote, to form a man totally centered on God, a man of prayer who is detached from possessions so that he may be free to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

His first companion was his own brother, John Baptist, who was ordained to the priesthood with Paul by Pope Benedict XIII in 1727, in St. Peter’s Basilica. After ordination they devoted themselves to preaching missions in parishes, particularly in remote country places where there were not enough priests. Their preaching and retreats gained the attention of others and gradually the “Passionist” community began to grow. The Passionist community was in great demand in many parts of Italy, in part because of the community’s success in bringing lapsed Catholics back to the Church, and in their ministry to the sick and dying.

During his lifetime, Paul of the Cross was best known for his preaching and spiritual direction. More than two thousand of his letters, most of them letters of spiritual direction, have been preserved.

He died in Rome in 1775, at the age of 81. He was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1867. His feast day is October 20.
Confronting Arrogance

This Week’s Readings at Mass
► Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 - The God of justice
► 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 - Reward for fidelity
► Luke 18:9-14 - The Pharisee and the tax collector

After the Gospel passage last week in which Jesus reminded his disciples that God hears the cries of those who call out to him “day and night” (like the widow in the parable), the first reading today makes the same point. God hears the cry of the weak, the oppressed, and the vulnerable. However, Sirach insists God shows “no favorites” and is a God of justice. Jesus will drive that point home in the Gospel reading, once again reminding his hearers that human ways are not always God’s ways.

Immediately we know who Jesus’ audience is in this Gospel reading: “those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else,” usually identified as the scribes and Pharisees. As in other places in the Gospels, Jesus is not shy about confronting arrogance and judgmentalism when he sees it. He consistently speaks to people what they need to hear, building them up when they have been beaten down by life, and taking people down a peg when they need that. Last week, his words offered encouragement for his followers to persist when life is difficult. This week it is a challenge to those who think they have it all together and don’t need God’s mercy because they do everything right.

Ironically, the “prayer” of the Pharisee in this parable isn’t really even directed at God. He is speaking to himself and telling God how well he compares to the sinful tax collector he notices out of the corner of his eye. He makes sure to boast, lest God has missed it, that his fasting and tithing go above and beyond what is required by Jewish law. So what is the point of his “prayer” anyway? What does he want from God? It doesn’t seem he has any need for God or anything from God. He is so full of himself and his own accomplishments; there is no room left in him for God. He goes home without receiving any gifts from God—because he doesn’t think he needs any.

The tax collector, on the other hand, knows his life is a mess and knows he needs God’s mercy. His prayer is addressed straight to God, without comparing himself to the Pharisee nearby. He focuses on his own failures and asks for what he needs: mercy. Jesus tells us that he goes home having received the gift.

All Saints Day
Holy Day of Obligation
Nov. 1, 2019

This Friday is the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1), a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Friday at 6:15 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7 PM.

All Souls Day
Nov. 2, 2019

Masses for Saturday, All Souls Day will be at 8:00 AM, and the Mass at 4:30 PM will be our Annual Memorial All Souls Day Mass, remembering those who have been given Christian Burial from St. Mary of Gostyn this past year. (This Mass will fulfill the obligation for Sunday attendance as usual).

Families attending this Mass are invited to bring a picture of their loved one and place it on the sanctuary steps prior to the Mass. A Memorial Candle will be given to each family during the liturgy.
There is an interesting twist we find in today’s gospel when we hear Jesus’ parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. The Pharisee is “praying to himself.” It doesn’t mean he was praying silently. It seems to mean something a lot more troubling, that he is praying to himself; that God is not his prayer’s intended audience. The words of the Pharisee are very much centered on himself: he makes claims about his character. He highlights his own admirable activities. Good stewards of their prayer lives know that a prayer of praise and thanksgiving should focus on the goodness of God. Do your prayers of thanksgiving always stay focused on God’s unfathomable, immeasurable goodness and generosity?
Gym work is moving along both inside and outside of the building. Electricians have begun the lighting and power rough out in the ceiling. Sprinkler pipes are also going up for the fire protection system. The roof drains are being tied in and insulation work has begun.

The finishing brick has gone up on the south and east sides of the building, with contrast detail in the change of the brick color. The white brick affect will run along the east and north walls as well. In the top right hand picture, you can see the roofing overhang that will provide architectural interest to the “big box” as well as some sun and element protection over the windows.

We moved the athletic and PE equipment into the new storage area. Our thanks to the eighth grade class that helped with this move. Additional PE equipment, currently being used on our lower parking lot for outdoor classes, as well as Athletic equipment, being used by teams practicing and playing off site, will also be housed in this space.

The multi-purpose room is complete and ready for use. This view is from the new pass out window from the kitchen looking into the room. A final cleaning and inspection of the area was completed this past week.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019
6:15 AM - Jerry Papievis req. Shirley Nolan

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2019
6:15 AM - Caitlin Hill req. Romenesko Family
8:00 AM - Jacklyn Pakura req. Mike & Mary Signer

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019
6:15 AM - Fr. Jim Ryan req. Fr. Keith
8:00 AM - Emil Cici req. Adam Walsh Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019
8:00 AM - Diane Main req. Family
Kay Selfridge req. Selfridge Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019 - ALL SAINTS DAY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
6:15 AM - Ruth Palczynski req. Claire Simeo
8:00 AM - Sue Keefer req. Mike & Mary Signer
7:00 PM - The Weaver Family req. Deb Kelsey-Davis & Kelly Johnson

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019 - ALL SOULS DAY
8:00 AM - Chester & Veronica Cisowski req. Lois Bach & Family
4:30 PM - Annual Memorial Mass for All Souls Day - People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019
8:00 AM - John Creighton req. Barb & Jim Holmes
Philip Calcagni req. Deacon Bob & Dona Miciunas
10:00 AM - Joseph Karlinski req. Karen & Emil Mudra
12:00 PM - Betty Kolpa req. Jerry Kolpa
6:00 PM - Beatrice Vlasick req. Susan Klarkowski

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).
Psalm — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).
Second Reading — The Lord will rescue me from every threat (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).
Gospel — All who exalt themselves will be humbled; all who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 18:9-14).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31; Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40,
Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10
**Around the Parish**

**Medical Missions**

I would like to thank all the ladies who have made lap throws so far for our homebound parishioners. Also, it has been brought to my attention that they would like a shawl as well. The size of a shawl is 18” x 48” or 18” x 60”.

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 of your extra yarn. It needs to be approximately either 36” by 36” or 36” by 40”. It can be any pattern. Please call Kay Papineau at 630-963-4617 or email me at pkppapineau01@gmail.com.

Also, if you would like to make bandages, please email me to set up a time.

Our first meeting will be will be delayed until Monday, November 4, 2019 due to the construction and the reduced parking in the parking lot. On November 4, 2019, our meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Gathering Place till 9:45 a.m.

Thank you helping the Medical Missions to help the homebound with a lap throw or shawl.

**Altar Flowers**

Our beautiful floral arrangement this weekend is in memory of Jerry Papievis.

**A Warm Welcome**

We welcome:
Patricia Brennan
who registered at St. Mary of Gostyn Parish recently.

**Funeral Information**

Do you want a quick way to find out about funerals that are being held at St. Mary of Gostyn. You can now receive a quick email whenever a funeral is scheduled. The email will include all pertinent information: who the service is for, time of the funeral, and any other details the family has asked us to share with friends and family within the parish. To register, go to https://tinyurl.com/SMGFuneral

**Thanks for your participation!**

Thank you for answering your baptismal call to witness for mission on World Mission Sunday!

Our parish offered $4,797.82 to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the missionary work of the Church—a real blessing for the Missions! Please continue to pray for missionaries, and for the people to whom they bring the “Good News” of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!

**Presider Schedule for Saturday, November 2nd and Sunday, November 3rd**

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Our school participated in the annual “Move Your Feet to Give a Child a Seat” initiative sponsored by the Catholic Education Foundation of the Diocese of Joliet. The CEF provides partial scholarships each year to students in the diocese who might not otherwise be able to attend a Catholic school. On this morning, our K-8 students walked around the block at approximately 8:00 a.m. Students were also permitted to wear gym shoes for the day with a $1.00 donation that went to the CEF.
The following persons have requested prayers from our parish community:

Pat Metzger Noonan            George Metzger                Fran Boland                     Karli Brown              Kevin Sullivan
John Sommer                       Donna Miciunas               Candy Cameron                Dan Juris                  Edward Menghini
Spencer Mehr                       Jaclyn Golly           Michael Kay                      Sally Moll                Marilyn Gaughan
John Rudey        Pat Burton           John Sommer                    Tom McRickard       Hugh Toner
Niki Nolte                            Bob Earley                        Stephen Randall                Owen Randall          John Navin
Marilyn Claus

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Raymond Braatz
Patricia Russell

To request to have your name, or with permission, the name of another, on the bulletin prayer list, please contact the Parish office. Names will be listed for four weeks and then removed automatically. You will need to call for an additional four weeks.

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
Maggie Benhart                      Kevin Hanlon

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

If you or a family member would like to have a pastoral visit while in a healthcare facility, please contact the Parish Office at 630-969-1063 to arrange. Without such notification, there is no method of knowing who wishes a visitation. Due to privacy laws, hospitals, nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities are unable to contact St. Mary’s directly.

Rosaries Available

In the month of October, we pray for Respect for Life and honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through the generosity of a parishioner, rosaries are available at the Faith Network Desk in the narthex on the Prairie Street side of the church.
Please stop by and take home a Rosary for yourself or someone you know.
The only request is that if you take a Rosary, you will pray it regularly.
Religious Education Dates

- Oct 27  RE Saint Fair after 8am, 10am and 12pm Masses
- Oct 30/31  NO RE class
- Nov 6/7  RE class
- Nov 12/13  First Reconciliation 6:30pm in Church
- Nov 13/14  RE class  class  ** Parent social at all sessions **
  ** 2nd grade does not have class this week due to First Reconciliation**
- Nov 20/21  RE class - Thanksgiving Mass at all sessions
- Nov 27/28  No RE class - Happy Thanksgiving!

First Reconciliation

**Tuesday Nov. 12th at 6:30pm**
Wednesday 4:30 2nd grd students
&
Thursday 4:30 2nd grade students

**Wednesday Nov. 13th at 6:30pm**
Wednesday 6:30 2nd grd students
&
All SMG 2nd grd students

RE Saint Fair
Please join us Today for the annual Religious Education Saint Fair after the 8am, 10am and Noon Masses in the Gathering Place. Come learn about the Saints!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Come join us on the following dates:
10/27  11/3  11/10
11/17  11/24  12/8

Grade 8 will serve refreshments at the “All Saints Café”
SUMMER TRIPS!!!

We packed the bus and had a great time with St. Joe’s youth group last Sunday at Konow’s Farm!

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Thanks to all the Young Adults who joined us for our first Communion Night last Saturday—we had a great evening of adoration & prayer, and enjoyed some good food & community after. Stay tuned for other events for Young Adults!

A special thanks to everyone who has donated snacks & gift cards to our Youth Group! We have been enjoying them :)

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR FOOD, GAMES, Q&A WITH GUEST SPEAKERS, AND A NIGHT ON VOCATIONS

How do I Follow Jesus?
With speaker Fr. Steven Borello & a Guest Panel

7-9PM in the Underground!
Nourish is for anyone juggling the challenges of life, health and career while caring for a disabled child, an aging parent, grandparent, or spouse, either in your home, 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.

The ONE topic ONE night Speaker Series aims to provide our parish community a platform to foster dialogue, cultivate enriching ideas, and continue an appreciation of learning as an active and lifelong process. One topic. One night. One faith.

Date: Nov 6th at 7:00pm
Speaker: Deacon Bob
Topic: Being a Deacon in Today’s World

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL CAREGIVER MONTH

“Caring around the Clock”

Check out the helpful hints and resources at our Nourish for Caregivers gathering this month. If you don’t take care of yourself, you can’t take care of anyone else.
**GOT GENTLY USED OR NEW TOYS?**

HOPE’S FRONT DOOR is currently collecting new and gently used toys to sell at our 11th annual toy sale, December 5th, 6th, 9th, & 11th. All toys will be sold at reduced cost to help our clients, clients of our community partner human service agencies and those in the community in need. The toys are generally priced from 50 cents to five dollars. The idea is to give clients a chance to provide items to their children during the holidays with a sense of ownership and dignity. Family members shop and select items their loved ones will enjoy. We also work with clients who cannot take part in the toy sale to access free items for the holiday.

Please bring toy donations to the HOPE’S FRONT DOOR Office M, W, Th, F; 10am - 11:45am or Mondays 6:30 pm – 8 pm at 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. To arrange a pick up or drop off please email info@hopesfrontdoor.org or call 630.241.0187.

We are also looking for volunteers to help clients shop on December 5th, 6th, 9th, & 11th. If interested in volunteering, please email info@hopesfrontdoor.org.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOSTS FUNDRAISER**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is hosting “Playing for Miracles,” a fun and lively fundraiser at Carlisle Banquets (435 E. Butterfield Rd.) in Lombard. The event features open bar, dinner, charitable gaming, silent auction, and live auction! It’s sure to be a great time! Tickets are $175 each and are available online at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or by calling 815-724-1140. All funds raised will be directed to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet.

**EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AT VILLA ST. BENEDICT**

**ESTATE PLANNING - MUST HAVE** - WED. NOV. 6TH, 2:00 PM

Mary Kay Furiasse, nurse and elder law attorney with A/Z Health, Trust & Elder Law, will help you understand that there is much more to include in your estate planning. Make certain all of your assets are transferred seamlessly to your heirs and provisions allowing family members access, should you become unable to do so yourself! Please RSVP by November 4th by calling 630-852-0345 or emailing info@villastben.org.

**SENIOR LIVING Q & A** - WED. NOV. 13TH, 2:30 PM

Understand the difference between Independent Living and Assisted Living. Learn about when is the right time for Memory Care. Villa St. Benedict’s Director of Nursing, Kathy Benjamin, will answer your most pressing questions about senior-retirement living and options to keep you Living Fully – Living Well! Please RSVP by November 11th by calling 630-852-0345 or emailing info@villastben.org.

**TREE OF LIGHT MEMORIAL MASS**

**SPONSORED BY THE OFFICE OF FAMILY MINISTRY**

**DIOCESE OF JOLIET**

**NOVEMBER 3, 2019**

2:00 p.m. Tree-Blessing Ceremony

Preceding Mass. Reception following.

Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Rd. Crest Hill

This special Mass remembers infants lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, other pregnancy losses and infant or early childhood death.

To register, or to have a baby remembered please call 815-838-5334 or register online: https://conta.cc/30Vbbi7 by October 28, 2019.

**ANNUAL ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE ACTION BANQUET**

You won’t want to miss the 47th annual Illinois Right to Life Action Banquet on Friday, November 8th at The Carlisle, 435 Butterfield Road, Lombard. The Guest Speaker is Matt Walsh, columnist for The Daily Wire and host of The Matt Walsh Show, a very articulate young man and defender of Life. The Master of Ceremonies is Jeanne Ives, currently a candidate for Congress in the 6th District. This is the wing of Pro-Life that provides for the hard working lobbyists in Springfield. This has certainly been a difficult year for them with more battles ahead.

Tickets are $90 (or $850 for 10), Clergy and Students are $60. You could also have your name or ad listed in their ad book. For more information and to purchase your tickets, go to www.IRLAction.org/ActionBanquet or call 312-422-9300.

**ANNULMENT INFORMATION DAY**

Sponsored by the Office of Family Ministry, Diocese of Joliet

Saturday, November 16th

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

(Check-in at 8:30 AM)

Blanchette Catholic Center

16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill

People interested in petitioning for an annulment, those already in the process, or anyone who wants information about the annulment process are welcome to attend.

Pre-registration is required by November 11th. Please register online at https://conta.cc/2TOoxobW or call the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334.
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This Week

Monday / 28
2:30 PM Daisy Troop #55771  Gath. Pl. A & B
6:00 PM Cub Scouts  Gathering Place
6:30 PM Boy Scouts  Gathering Place
6:30 PM Rosary  Church

Tuesday / 29
6:00 PM Prayer Group  Chapel
6:30 PM Youth Ministry ALPHA  Underground
6:45 PM Legion of Mary  Small Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM Grief Support  Living Room

Wednesday / 30
6:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church

Thursday / 31
9:00 AM CAFÉ Women’s Bible Study  UG/Gath. Place
9:30 AM School Halloween Party  Gathering Place
1:15 PM Small Christian Communities  Living Room

Friday / 1
5:00 PM PADS  Gathering Place
12:00 AM PADS  Gathering Place
9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Society  Large Conf. Rm.

Sunday / 3
8:00 AM Children’s LOW  Gath. Pl. B & C
8:00 AM RCIA  Large Conf. Rm.
10:00 AM Children’s LOW  Gath. Pl A &
4:30 PM 6PM Choir Rehearsal  Church
7:00 PM 8th Grade Volleyball Awards  Gathering Place
7:00 PM Youth Ministry  Underground

Oh God,
be merciful to me, a sinner

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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 Parish Office, 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 Parish Office 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 Parish Office 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 Parish Office 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 Parish Office (630-969-1063) to arrange to have your confession heard by a priest.