

# St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church

236 US Hwy 45 Indian Creek, Illinois 60061

Christmas Holiday Season December 24, 2017 to January 1, 2018

# Welcome!

We are pleased that you have come to worship with us.

The doors and hearts of our parish family of faith are always open, and we invite you to contact us at any time:

**Parish Office: 847-362-1005** 

Fax: 847-362-6375

Religious Education: 847-362-0653

Youth Ministry: 847-362-1021

Parish Website: www.maryofvernon.org



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Assistive Listening Devices are available at the Reception Desk in the Church Narthex. Please ask the receptionist for more information.



Parish Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:30 AM—7:00 PM
Thursday 8:30 AM—4:00 PM Saturday 8:3
Friday 8:30 AM—3:00 PM Sunday 9:00

3:30 AM—7:00 PM Saturday 8:30 AM—Noon Sunday 9:00 AM—12:30 PM (In Narthex)



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In 1223, just two years before his death, Saint Francis of Assisi set up a living crèche, a replica of the manger in Bethlehem at the birth of Jesus. He preached and prayed before the scene. His biographer, Thomas of Celano, says that in that moment Francis was "overwhelmed with love and filled with wonderful happiness." His contemplation of Jesus, the Word made flesh, drew him to experience the depth of God's love.

We live in a troubled world beset by wars, violence, injustice, broken relationships, and illness. Beyond that, we do believe and are convinced that God loves us and walks with us in Jesus, his Son. As we know, God will heal us and our broken world and bring us into the fullness of life. It is my hope that when you pray before the mystery of the Incarnate Word, as Saint Francis prayed, you will be renewed in hope and confidence and be "overwhelmed with love and filled with wonderful happiness."

May God bless you with a renewal of faith, hope, and love as we celebrate the birth of the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO



Christmas 2017 Cardinal's letter to the Faithful Archdiocese of Chicago



# A Most Blessed Christmas to All Parishioners and Visitors alike!

Sometimes it takes a special season and a sacred time to slow one down enough to become aware of the blessings we so often take for granted throughout most of any given year - any given month, day or hour for that matter.

As I sit down to write this Christmas note to you, words fail me. To think that I have been able to call you my people, my family, for just about 19 years now! This has been an unbelievable amazing grace and amazing gift for me. How many people can claim such awesome extended family members surrounding them with prayers and encouragement year after year? As I like to say and truly believe: "All of you make me look very good indeed."

Often passages from scripture will come to mind which seem to capture what is in my heart better than my own words. This year let me express this gratitude through a passage of St. Paul's that I can totally relate to and which reminds me of you.

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly, calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, sisters and brothers loved by God, how you were chosen.

1 Thessalonians: 1:2-5

Each of you who cross my/our path here at SMV has readily been an instrument of Christ's presence, for you have been ministers of the Good News of Jesus the Christ. From the bottom of my heart I pray:

May Christ, who comes and will come again, bless you and your families this Christmas Season!

Your pastor, Fr. Joe Curtis...
...with our Parish Pastoral Staff and
Parish Pastoral Council!



#### **CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS**

The St. Mary of Vernon Parish Office will be open limited hours the week after Christmas. We will be open Tuesday, December 26 through Thursday, December 28 with limited staff from 9 a.m. to noon.

The office will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.



# **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

# CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES – SUNDAY - DECEMBER 24, 2017

2:45 PM Christmas Carols 3:00 PM MASS 6:45 PM Christmas Carols 7:00 PM MASS

4:30 PM Christmas Carols 5:00 PM MASS 11:15 PM – Christmas Carols Midnight MASS at 12:00 Midnight

# <u>CHRISTMAS MORNING</u> MONDAY - **D**ECEMBER **25**, 2017

9:15 AM - Christmas Carols 9:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM - Christmas Carols 11:15 AM Mass

# **NEW YEAR'S MASSES**

REGULAR MASSES ON DECEMBER 30/31, 2017 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30—5:00 PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31—7:45 AM—9:30 AM—11:15 AM



# **NO EVENING MASS ON DECEMBER 31**

NEW YEAR'S DAY MORNING
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018
MASSES AT 9:30AM & 11:15AM
(This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)



# HELP TAKE DOWN CHURCH TREES AFTER CHRISTMAS

We could use your help taking the trees down on January 7 after 11:15 Mass!

We welcome all helpers! It is helpful to bring a pair of work gloves.

Should you have any questions, please call Teri Feurer at 847-487-4723.

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM THE RCIA GROUP!

All of the members of this year's RCIA program want to wish the entire SMV community and all our guests and visitors a most blessed and Merry Christmas! And a Happy New Year!

We ask that you keep us all in your prayers this Christmas season as we continue our journeys of faith and our attempts to understand how God is calling us to himself. We appreciate your support and look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks.

Merry Christmas! May the Light of Christ find its way into your hearts as you celebrate this season with family and friends. With wishes for Christ's peace now and throughout the coming year.

Perhaps – as you celebrate Christmas – you've been feeling a bit of a tug to take action. Or perhaps – as a non-Catholic – you find this Christmas season challenging you to take a new path to the Lord. Or perhaps – if you are a practicing Catholic, you've been considering a different reaction to the comments/questions presented by a non-Catholic family member or friend.

The faith community of St. Mary of Vernon stands ready to help. Our RCIA team welcomes anyone looking to learn more about our Church, our Faith, our community of faith. We welcome people of any faith background or experience – including those baptized Catholic who have not yet received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

Individuals who would like to know more can drop in on these weekly open discussion meetings – currently held on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM in the Lower Level of the Rectory; meetings will resume in January. Or to connect with someone on our team for basic information or to set up an appointment to discuss specific questions or goals, contact Maureen Evers (847-362-1005 or mevers@maryofvernon.org) or Mark Zwolski (847-644-7073 or mrzwolski@gmail.com).

# Eucharistic Adoration

# **THURSDAY ~ JANUARY 4**

"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." St. Alphonsus Ligouri



Beginning at 9:30 am in the Day Chapel following the 9:00 am Mass, concluding at 7:30 pm with Benediction

Being a Committed Adorer at SMV Eucharistic Adoration involves spending just one hour in prayer on the first Thursday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Miriam Preussner at miriam406@att.net or 224-628-1187.



Thank you for all the tidings of comfort and joy you bring us at Christmas and throughout the year!

If you sing or play an instrument, you could be listed here next year! Call me!
Michele Farmer, Director of Music Ministry



# ADULT CHOIR and INSTRUMENTALISTS

**Mary Ann Balas** Carmelo Bernardo Lynn Blessing **Bill Dawson** John Cavalier **Debbie Cavalier** Jerry Farrell\* quest singer Sidney Czynski **Roy Slade** Lisa Gosen **Sue Davis** Kara Nuzzo Mike Lawler lov O'Connor **Bob Burton** Janie Ann Slade Carrie Benito Sara Gil Mary Scardina **Larry Simonis Todd Gedville** Rita Stoeberl Nancy Pagnotta **Charlotte Afonso** Fran Wohlrab Sue Wogan Jean Hruska Mike Walter Karen Gorajski **Lorena Flores** Carolyn Grieco Mary Byrne Maria Katz Michael Spoula **Gwen Babb** Gene Bayer

Andy Gorajski Natalia Kmieć

**GUEST INSTRUMENTALISTS** 

Alex Blessing, bassoon, clarinet Becky Weiler, flute

Matt Farmer, trumpet Wes Farmer, euphonium

Nick Blessing, percussion Miranda Farmer, percussion, piano

Andy Gorajski, guitar, vocal

<u>"Flutopía" flute chorus</u> - Laurel Ann Kaiser (director), Sheryl Lynn DeVore Bailey, Sarah VanSickel, Dorothy Such

# TEEN CHOIR - Christmas Choir Session

~ Cameron Overbeck~ Nathan Charles ~ Katie Dong ~Natalia Kmieć ~ Celia Gomez

~ Kelly Escobar ~ Paula Oluwande ~ Sheryl John ~ Maggie Phelps

Teen Choir alumni - Katie Weiler, Miranda Farmer, Anna Buckardt, Emma

Buckardt, Scott Friedrichs, Monica Gil, Sara Gil, Vivien Overbeck, Ariana Afonso

<u>Clarinet</u> Josh Kalinowski, Monica Gil <u>Viola</u> Katie Mark Flute Becky Weiler, Gwen Babb Violin Sara Gil

<u>Tenor Saxophone</u> Aidan Afonso <u>Percussion & Piano</u> Miranda Farmer <u>Guitar & Vocal</u> Cary Charles <u>Asst Direction & Percussion</u> Kara Nuzzo

# **YOUTH CHOIR -Christmas Choir Session**

Belén Babb ~ Meredith Rozario ~ Madelyn Wayne ~ Beatriz Gatmaitan ~ Chloe Baekim ~ Isabel Daniels ~ Andrian Afonso ~ Abigail DiModica ~ CJ Oluwande ~ Elizabeth Mark ~ Celina Gomez ~ Alexis Vasilenko ~ Hailey Diaz ~ Maddie Nuzzo

# MUSIC MINISTRY PLANNING TEAM

John Cavalier (composer in residence), Sue Davis, Mary Scardina, Michele Farmer

# SOUND MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Randy Farmer, Will Farmer, Jim Felice, Gary Schiappacasse



# **ALPHA OMEGA**

# ST. MARY OF VERNON HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Medical and Permission Forms, if required, can be found on the parish website: <u>www.maryofvernon.org</u> or in the Kiosk (wooden tower) in the Narthex (gathering space of the Church).

Next Event BOWLING NIGHT Sunday, January 7th 6:30—9:00 PM



**PIN** this date on your calendar. There'll be fun to **SPARE!** \$20/person which includes **pizza**, **pop**, **2** hours of **bowling**, **shoe rental**, **and PRIZES!** We will meet at St. Mary of Vernon, and then drive over as a group to Lakeside Lanes, 900 S. Lake Street, Mundelein. You will need to be picked up from Lakeside Lanes at 9pm. Permission Slips are required.



# Alpha Teen Night Sunday, January 14th 6:30—9:00 PM

Join us in the Teen Room of the Parish Center for this NEW event! Snacks and drinks provided. Your friends are always welcome.

2nd Mission Trip Information Meeting
Thursday, January 18th
7:00PM-8:30PM



If you missed the first meeting, please come to this one! If you attended the first one, this one will just be a repeat of that information. This is an information meeting for all interested in going on 2018's Summer Mission Trip. All current high school teens, those who will be freshmen in the fall of 2018, and current college students are eligible to go on the Mission Trip. We will discuss all of the trip details, and will be taking trip deposits. We will be meeting in the Parish Center Quad classrooms.

After February 2nd, the cost of the Mission Trip will go up \$50!





# PREP & HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2018 - 2019! begins WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM



It is hard to believe, but we are starting to prepare registration materials for the 2018-19 PREP year. Our first day of registration is on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 from 8am to 8pm in the Parish Center. The first day's registration forms will be processed using a lottery system. It does not matter if you register in the morning or in the evening on January 17<sup>th</sup>. However, on January 18<sup>th</sup>, all registration forms will be stamped with a date/time, and processed accordingly. Registration forms will not be mailed out, but will be available to download on the PREP page of the St. Mary of Vernon website beginning January 15<sup>th</sup> and on the first day of registration in the Parish Center. Forms cannot be turned in until January 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are new to the program, please stop by our office so we can welcome you and give you the necessary information needed to register.

There are several programs from which to choose. Please note the specific days and times and choose what works best for your family's schedule.

# To process your registration, you will need to select two choices as we cannot guarantee your first choice.

In the past, the Sunday and Summer programs have been extremely popular and we try to accommodate as many as possible. Those who do not get their first choice will be put on a waiting list and notified prior to the session if accepted.

• Summer \* June 11-15 / June 18-22 Grades 1-7 9am - 12:30pm

Commitment to all 10 sessions is required! Students must arrive on time; Early dismissal is not permitted!

\*Due to the popularity of the summer session and limited space in the building, summer registration will be limited to actively participating parishioners who have been registered with St. Mary of Vernon for at least one year.

School Year Sessions:September - April• Sunday AM8:45am - 11:00amK-5 and Grade 8• Monday AS4:15pm - 6:30pmGrades 1-8

• Tuesday AS 4:15pm - 6:00pm New Beginnings I and New Beginnings II

• Tuesday EVE 6:15pm - 8:30pm Grades 6-8

Wednesday EVE time tbd High School Confirmation

The first day of registration, January 17<sup>th</sup>, is definitely our busiest. We ask for your patience and cooperation. To expedite the registration process, please have the following information ready:

- 1. Both sides of registration completed and signed.
- 2. Medical and insurance information for emergency form.
- 3. Cash, check or charge cards accepted.
- 4. For new students: a copy of baptismal record if your child was not baptized at SMV and record of previous religious education.
- 5. All past due balances paid in full.

If you have a child (3rd grade and up) with little or no religious education, please call the PREP office to discuss placement (New Beginnings I and II). Also, please call If your child has been baptized in a faith other than the Roman Catholic tradition.

Regular consecutive attendance at our Sunday liturgies <u>and</u> in the PREP classroom is expected for all students. Class sizes are limited. <u>NO REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE PROCESSED UNLESS PAST YEARS' TUITION AND FEES HAVE BEEN PAID IN FULL</u>. We will be sending out invoices for all unpaid balances. Also, no 7th grade student will be placed into an 8th grade class unless the first year of Confirmation assignments are completed.

The PREP Office is trying to "go green" so much of our communication is done via email or texting. We are requesting that all families register with "remind.com" to facilitate this communication. Please text "@4dbdg8" to 81010 or use this QR code.



It is essential that you register as soon as possible. Many programs get closed over the first few days of registration. **Notification of your child's enrollment into a particular program will be sent via email by the end of March and only after we have all of our catechists in place.** Due to the high volume of registrations, we cannot give out that information over the phone.



We are very blessed to have over 80 PREP volunteers this year. Over the next few months, we will be putting together our volunteer roster for 2018-2019. If you feel you would like to help out, or have any questions/or concerns, please contact the PREP office at mwinegard@maryofvernon.org or 847-362-0653. We'd love to talk with you!



# 2017 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

These children proudly proclaimed the Christmas Story on December 17th!

We want to thank them for expressing their love to God and to St. Mary of Vernon.

We are truly blessed!

Belen Babb	Kate Elliott	Caden Kutilek	Ryan Mick	Isabella Rojas
Sofia Babb	Campbell Fenton	Rosie Kutilek	Seth Mick	Fabian Rozario
Chloe Baekim	Rory Fenton	Ashley Lamberti	Daniel Nitz	Meredith Rozario
Christopher Baekim	Joey Fricano	Natalie Lopez	Zachary Nitz	Jillian Sambor
Arianna Barron	Nathan Giroux		Catalina O'Brien	Annabelle Schorsch
Elizabeth Bowen	Peter Giroux		Annabel Ogilvie	<b>Evan Torres</b>
Kiley Brockway	Gabriela Guimaraes		Juliet Ogilvie	Grant Torres
Mariella Costanza	Eleanor Heintz		Brian Povilus	Alyssa Vela
Isabel Daniels	Nick Heiser	CASE SE	Sonya Povilus	Isaak Vela
Josie Daniels	Annika Helbing	CO CO	Liam Ray	Jasmine Wascow
Mary Daniels	Regan Helbing	Adelynn Mendoza	Dylan Rodriguez	Jayla Wascow
Mia DiGati	Vivian Helbing	CJ Mendoza	Ashley Rojas	Joey Wascow
Abby DiModica	Scott Herod	Emma Mendoza	Ben Rojas	Olive Wasseluk
Brendan Elliott		Gavin Mick		Violet Wasseluk



# Special thanks to our Staff Coordinator, Jen Daniels, and sincere thanks to our volunteers ...



Tim Andersen	Cathy Giroux	Amy Kutilek	Christine Nitz	Sarah Schorsch
Gwen Babb	Christa Haberkorn	Becky Mendoza	Francesca Ogilvie	Angie Stefani
John Cavalier	MaryAnn Hageman	Amy Mick	Ewa Povilus	Sue Wogan
	Flizabeth Herod		Joanna Sambor	



# PREP NEWS ... There are no classes this week.

Next classes are January 7, 8, 9.

- All Year II (8th grade) forms are due into the PREP Office.
- Year I (7th grade) WWJD forms are now due into the PREP Office.
  - \* January PREP Highlights:
  - \* 6,7 Feast of the Three Kings (at all Masses)
    - \* 7,8,9-PREP Classes
- \* 7, 8, 9 8th Grade Confirmation Interviews (during class)
  - \* 17 PREP Registration Begins (8am 8pm)
    - \* 21, 22, 23 PREP Classes
- 21, 22, 23 8th Grade Confirmation Interviews (during class)
  - \* 27 First Reconciliation Retreat (8:30-10:30am)



One of the objectives that came out of the parish transformation process last year ivolunteeronline was to make volunteer opportunities systematically available and shared as well as simplifying and standardizing the process for volunteering for ministries.

Now available on our website is a way to volunteer for specific requests from ministry leads. Please feel free to look at the site to become familiar with it.

# How to use iVolunteer:

Access iVolunteer through our website: <a href="www.maryofvernon.org">www.maryofvernon.org</a>. On the top of the menu bar select Get Involved. On that page will be a link to our own iVolunteer site. When you click on the iVolunteer link, you will see our current Volunteer opportunities organized by three tabs: St. Mary of Vernon Parish, SMV PREP and SMV Youth Ministry. Select the event or ministry that you are interested in volunteering for. Click on the blue volunteer button and provide the required information. If you are new to iVolunteer, you will receive an email with a link to verify your email address. Your information will be sent to the contact person listed on the event. You will receive a confirmation and can select if you'd like a notification email. You will then be contacted by the ministry lead for that event. If you have any questions, feel free to email Caren Keane at carenkeane 11@icloud.com.

On our Get Involved page, we also have a general form to volunteer for the various ministries. Feel free to use that one as well.

# WE BELONG TO CHRIST IN THE CHURCH: A PRACTICAL ECCLESIOLOGY FOR RENEW MY CHURCH FATHER LOUIS J. CAMELI

(Last in a series of articles)

# Part 7 The pilgrim people of God on their journey to God

The Church is a pilgrim people. This means that we are on the road, that we have a destination, and that we have not yet arrived. Along the way we encounter or meet each other as fellow believers, and we accompany each other with encouragement. At times, we may feel unsteady on this pilgrimage. Every journey has its challenges, and so it is for the Church. Together, we keep learning and growing in faith and challenging each other. We do not have a perfect grasp of the truth or the ways to live it out. Deeper understanding comes with time, humble perseverance, and—sometimes with real struggle. Together, we also keep growing in holiness. While on this journey, the Church embraces both saints and sinners. We regularly and painfully recognize our sins and failures both in what we have done and what we have failed to do. Those who belong to the Church always stand in need of purification and a fuller conversion of heart, a more complete turning to the Lord. The pilgrim Church never ceases to call on God's mercy and forgiveness.

On its pilgrimage through time and space, the Church has the assurance of the Lord Jesus, "Behold, I am with you always until the end of the age." That promise of his presence raises our hope even in difficult circumstances. On this journey, there is also the consoling presence of the pre-eminent person in the Church, the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Second Vatican Council says of her . . .

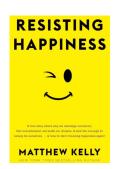
In the bodily and spiritual glory which she possesses in heaven, the Mother of Jesus continues in this present world as the image and first flowering of the Church as she is to be perfected in the world to come. Likewise, Mary shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come as a sign of sure hope and solace for the pilgrim people of God. (Lumen gentium, 68)

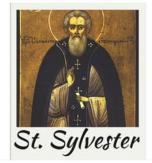
Question: How have you felt the struggle and the hope of being on a pilgrimage to God in the company of other believers? What is especially important in sustaining you as you make this personal and shared journey? How can you best support other believers along the way?

#### **OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD**

On your way out of Mass this Christmas, be sure to pick up your copy of *Resisting Happiness* by Matthew Kelly. We hope you will read it and share it with your household.

You are also encouraged to join a small group this Lent, which starts on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Groups will meet once per week for the six weeks of Lent, on various days and times, and many of them will be discussing this book. Check future bulletins for details or call Maureen Evers, Pastoral Associate at the Parish Office (847-362-1005) or email mevers@maryofvernon.org.







# **Feast Day: December 31**

It seems fitting that Pope Saint Sylvester I's feast day should be on New Year's Eve, because less than a year before he became pope the Edict of Milan, legalizing Christianity throughout the Roman Empire, went into effect. Christians could come out of the catacombs, organize and build churches. This truly became a "new year" for the Christian church.

Sylvester was born to a Roman couple, Rufinus and Justa, in the mid third century. Legend has it that he was very devout from an early age. He was ordained a priest not long before the Diocletian persecution began and showed such resolve during that difficult time that some have said that was the reason he was later elected pope. With the resources of the new Emperor Constantine and the blessing of Sylvester, the first basilicas, St. John Lateran, Saint Peter's and others, were built. Two councils of the Church, the Council of Arles and the very familiar First Council of Nicea were held during his pontificate. Nicea was planned by Constantine and himself, and although Sylvester did not attend, due to his advanced age, he sent trusted advisors in his stead. The council gave the Church the first part of the Nicene Creed, clarifying that Jesus Christ was consubstantial with the Father. He died in 335 and was buried in a church which he had built over the Catacomb of Priscilla, named Saints Sylvester and Martin in the Mountains after two earlier martyrs. He is one of the patron saints of stone masons and animals.

From: catholicsaints.info, www.ewtn.com and www.franciscanmedia.org





# SIGN YOUR NAME TO LEGALLY PROTECT THE UNBORN JANUARY 6-7 On the weekend of January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> we have the opportunity to show our

On the weekend of January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> we have the opportunity to show our belief in the sanctity of life. After all Masses that weekend you can sign your name to be included in the full-page ad that will run in the Daily Herald on January 22, which will be the 45th anniversary of the legalization of abortion. We will be announcing to the public that we support and pray for the legal protection of the unborn. The ad will be placed by the Lake County Right to Life organization, and a \$5.00 donation is suggested to help cover the cost.



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State of the Art STEAM Lab
Technology-Integrated Curriculum
ACT Aspire Test Scores Exceed
National Average
AdvancED Accredited

EDUCATING STUDENTS IN MIND, BODY & SPIRIT.

**Join Us for an OPEN HOUSE**Sunday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup>
10:00AM - 12:30PM



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# NEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR 2018/19 SCHOOL YEAR

Through the "Invest in Kids Act", the state of Illinois has created a new way to fund scholarships for children from low-income households who want to attend private schools. This program provides an opportunity for more students to receive a quality Catholic education. The tax credit scholarships offered through this program could cover **up to 100 percent of tuition and fees** for eligible, low-income students. Not all families will be eligible for the new scholarships, but we want to make sure all families are aware of the program.

Program details are still being finalized, but you can find information on the scholarships, the application process and the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the Archdiocese of Chicago's website, archchicago.org/tcs. If you have any questions about tax credit scholarships, please contact the Archdiocese at InvestInKids@archchicago.org or 312-534-5321.

# JOYFUL AGAIN! Retreat/workshop for widowed men & women.

The Joyful Again! program brings understanding and hope to help you on your new life's journey.

"I felt welcome." "Found hope." "Am more at peace."

Dates: March 3 & 4, 2018; April 21 & 22, 2018

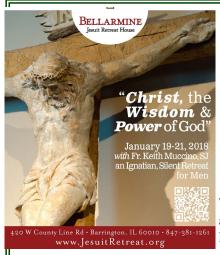
For more information contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry. 1-708-354-7211 or email joyfulagain7211@gmail.com.

Website: www.joyfulagain.org. (Short video on website). IMPORTANT: register early, space limited.)

# 40th Anniversary Celebration August 2018



Our parish's 40th anniversary will be celebrated on August 15, 2018 so it is time to begin planning a celebration. We will need many volunteers to organize the various events that will take place during the year. If you are interested in helping please attend our next meeting which will be held on **Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7PM** in the Rectory meeting room. If you can not attend but are interested in volunteering or for any questions email Susan Gray at sgray@maryofvernon.org or call the parish office.



# MEN OF ST. MARY OF VERNON, RESERVE YOUR RETREAT NOW!

Join Deacons Jerry and Dan on this silent retreat for men, January 19-21, 2018

Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House

420 W County Line Rd, Barrington, IL 60010

Contact us with any questions and visit <a href="www.jesuitretreat.org">www.jesuitretreat.org</a>

to register before the retreat fills.

Deacon Jerry Nora: <u>jerrynora@aol.com</u> Deacon Dan Moore: <u>dmoore@archchicago.org</u>

The retreat will draw upon Saint Paul's reflection on the power of the Christian paradox, wherein God's seeming foolishness is to be seen as true wisdom, and the humility and weakness of Christ crucified is the power that redeems all things.



SMV Parish Staff members help out at the Catholic Charities Gift Program warehouse in Waukegan on December 18. At right—one day's worth of gifts from all over Lake County, organized for distribution. The program served 14,000 needy people this year, thanks to the generosity of churches like ours, schools, businesses and individuals; and the hundreds of volunteers who make it happen.







# The Unemployment Line

The purpose of our Wellspring Employment Resource Community (WERC) ministry is to provide a safe and effective forum for sharing work search tools and techniques which can enable unemployed, underemployed, and job-searching parishioners in their efforts to find meaningful and rewarding work.

All are welcome – from recent graduates looking for that first job to the individual looking to make a change in their career or current role to the seasoned job hunter.

The WERC team wishes all our parishioners a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year; our wish for you is happiness and fulfilment in your work, and success in any job search you embark on!

# Upcoming "WERC" Events

# First meeting of 2018: Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM –WERC Support Group

WERC members and guests will have the opportunity to meet to ask questions of our team and each other, network, share success stories and advice, and discuss some of the challenges of the job search. This meeting will take place in Rooms 110-112 of the Parish Center.. All are welcome.

Our team of experienced job seekers and HR managers provides a range of services including job search strategy/planning, resume reviews, practice interviews, and networking recommendations.

Refer to the SMV website for additional links to resources for job seekers. Questions? Contact the WERC team at SMVWERC@gmail.com. Any Parishioner is welcome to join the WERC LinkedIn Group to share/post job information – on LinkedIn, search for the WERC (Wellspring Employment Resource Community) Group and complete a "Request to Join."



# Sharing Hands Food Pantry Item For January: Pancake Mix & Syrup

Please bring your donations to Mass or to the Sharing Hands drop-off door on the side of the Parish Center (please call for the daily code). We will see that the items get to needy families. Please ensure that food items are not past their expiration date. We must dispose of them if they are.

# Please Pray For Our SMV Loved Ones Who Serve in the Military

**CPT Jay Althoff, USA** SN1 Trevor A. Amos, USN COL Steven Carozza, USA Sgt Michael J. Cinnick, USMC SGT Thomas Cleary, USA Capt Brian A. Dillon, USMC ENS Sara Dillon, USN SGT Alyssa Eastman, USA PO2 Swen Erickson, USN ETV2 Michael Gielczyk, USN SSgt Nick Halverson, USAF COL Matthew Hepburn, USA LTJG Alex Hoersten, USN ENS Kendall G. Knorr, USN LTJG Melanie C. Lecaroz, USN SPC Kimberly Santiago, USA MAJ Michael Milas, USA

MAJ Paul J. Milas, USA Cpl Israel Montelongo, USMC E3 Abraham L. Moore, USN **CPT Christian A. Moree, USA** Capt Sean P. Morrow, USMC Maj Thomas W. Morrow, USMC CDR Phil Pabellon, USCG PO1 Vincent Q. Padaoan, USN SGT Anthony R. Powers, USA SSG David Ptak, USA **CAPT Katie Schullian, USN** SFC Jason B. Strait, USA Capt Matthew Tegeler, USAF CDR Matthew Wauson, USN HN Anthony J. Wick, USN OC Michael D.Wick, Jr., USMC CPT Stephen M. Woldridge, USA

Please call Sue Wogan at 847-362-1005 if you would like to add your loved one to this list or have any changes to their information.

# INFORMATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 AT 7:00 PM

at St. Mary of Vernon Church in the Parish Center Two Destinations:

2019: HOLY LAND and JORDAN: 13 Day - March 25 ~ April 6, 2019 - Hosted by Frs. Joe Curtis and Rich Sztorc - Jerusalem ... Bethlehem ... Sea of Galilee... Nazareth ... Tiberias ... Caesarea-by-the Sea ... Jericho ... Masada ... Aqaba ... Wadi Rum ... Petra ... Mt. Nebo ... Jerash...

Of all the places in the world, this is where God chose to come to earth. Jesus was born here, lived here, taught here, died here, and rose here. You will be in all of these places. You'll stand where the shepherds stood when the angels sang of Christ's birth. You'll hear the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus preached it. You'll pray the Lord's Prayer where Jesus first prayed it. You'll be reminded of your baptism where Jesus was baptized. You'll look up at a cross where Jesus' cross stood. And you'll go into the tomb, the open tomb, from which Jesus rose. But that will only be the beginning. A trip to the Holy Land continues for the rest of your life. Then there's the fun. You'll float on the Dead Sea. You'll ride in a jeep through the Jordanian desert. And if you choose, you'll experience culture and even night life in fascinating cities like Bethlehem, Petra, Nazareth, and Jerusalem. Having been to the Holy Land, I can tell you that there was never a moment when I didn't feel safe. Most moments, instead, were filled with amazement and gratitude



2010: OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY: 11 days - September 11 ~ 21, 2020 Day - Hungary ... the Czech Republic, Germany and Slovakia Hosted by Frs. Joe Curtis and Rich Sztorc - Budapest ... Bratislava ... Prague... Nurnberg ... Rothenburg... Heidelberg and Rhine River Cruise and Oberammergau...



During the Thirty Years War the deadly plague raged throughout Europe, until in 1633 it reached even the tiny Alpine village of Oberammergau. During the next six months, so many villagers died of the Black Death, that the townspeople took a solemn Vow – if God would release them from the plague, they would perform once every ten years the story of the Passion of Christ. From the moment the Vow was taken, no one else in the village succumbed to the plague and so the first Passion Play was performed in 1634. What began as a single performance in the churchyard has developed over 380 years into a masterpiece of theater and music, with all the villagers involved either on stage or behind the scenes. The Play now takes place once every ten years. Brochures available for both trips in the church office.

For further information contact Fr. Joe at <u>icurtis@maryofvernon.org</u> or 847-362-1005.



#### PARTICIPATE IN LITURGY

Bringing the Gifts to the Altar. You are most welcome and encouraged to present the gifts at Sunday Mass. Sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. A minimum of 4 and maximum of 8 people are needed to present the gifts; but single persons as well as families can sign up to join in the procession. Just arrive 10 minutes early on that day, check your name off in the book, and let one of the ushers know you are present. They will guide you as to the procedure.

Mass Intentions read during the Prayers of the Faithful. Mass intentions can be reserved at the Narthex desk, or by visiting or calling the Parish Office. At weekday Masses and at the 5 pm and 7:45 am Masses, only one intention is allowed (although names of related family members can count as one intention). At the 9:30 am and 11:15 am Masses, we can reserve more than one intention. We request a \$10 stipend.

<u>Votive Candles</u> (on the east side of the sanctuary) may be reserved at the Narthex desk or at the parish office during the week. Candles last @ six days, and are changed on Saturday mornings. The donation is \$5.



## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Our parish welcomes the opportunity to include the loved ones of parishioners in prayer. We do respect people's privacy, however; and restrict the list in the bulletin to names that have been given to us by the ailing persons themselves, or by a spouse or immediate family member. The prayers included in the Sunday liturgy petitions are for parishioners facing imminent serious surgery or death (also requested by themselves, or immediate family).

We also have a Prayer Ministry, people dedicated to praying for specific intentions. To have your intention put on the prayer list, please fill out a form by the box under the Mother Theresa picture in the narthex. These intentions are sent out weekly to our "prayer warriors", and first-names only are included.

# MASS PRESIDERS, HOMILISTS & CHILDREN'S MINISTERS DECEMBER 30 & 31, 2017

5:00 PM Presider: J. Curtis

Homilist: J. Nora

AM Presider: B. Beaven

7:45 AM Presider: B. Beaven Homilist: M. Zwolski

**9:30 AM** Presider: J. Curtis M. Rizzo

Homilist: D. Moore R. Bauer Presider: J. Curtis T. Acuna

11:15 AM Presider: J. Curtis T. Acuna Homilist: J. Glenn H. Acuna

**JANUARY 6 & 7, 2018** 

**5:00 PM** Presider: J. Curtis

Homilist: J. Curtis

7:45 AM Presider: M. Woldenmichael

Homilist: M. Woldenmichael

9:30 AM Presider: D. Olson L. Keller Homilist: D. Olson A. Ruiz

11:15 AM Presider: J. Curtis C. Haberkorn

Homilist: J. Curtis N. Freihammer/N. Herrera

Please visit our website: www.maryofvernon.org for links to parish ministries, Catholic sites, to register as a parishioner, to set up online giving, or to read the bulletin online (often photographs look better online).



## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR ELECTRONIC GIVERS

St. Mary of Vernon church would like to thank the 250 families who are currently giving electronically. You may not see these fellow parishioners place an envelope in the basket every week, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed in our parish office. Each month our parish receives a steady and predictable stream of income from those donors who have made the commitment to give to God first by having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through GiveCentral.

If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please contact our Business Manager, Susan Gray, at 847-362-1005 or sgray@maryofvernon.org. Or check out our website www.maryofvernon.org and click on the Donate link on the bottom of our homepage.

# READINGS, FEASTS & MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Dec 24—Christmas Eve:** Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

3:00pm—Dorothy & Edward Migut, Judi Leventhal

5:00pm—Robert Hill, James & Kris Lemmon, Laura & Peter Lichter

7:00pm—Wilfrid & Veronica White

Midnight: - Mary Dee, Bobby Morgan, Don Wohlrab

Monday, Dec 25—Christmas Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

9:30am—Walter, Catherine & Dan Slovak; Betty Flynn, Peggy McAuliffe Baskin

11:15am—Maureen DeRosier, Jerry Jacob, Sr., Jerome Schultz Pablo Boniquit

**Tuesday, Dec 26**—Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22 St. Stephen, 9:00am—No intention the First Martvr

Wednesday, Dec 27—1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8 St. John, Apostle & 7:00am—Stephen J. Grosko, Jr. Evangelist

**Thursday, Dec 28**—1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18 *The Holy Innocents* 9:00am—All our people

Friday, Dec 29—1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35 St. Thomas Becket 7:00am—Georgette Scully

**Saturday, Dec 30**—1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

8:30am—Rey & Marieta Esteban (living)

5:00pm—Barbara Crowley

Sunday, Dec 31—Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

7:45am—Anthony Janowski, Jr., Anthony Janowski, Sr.

9:30am—Rita Pleines, Emmett Duprey

11:15am—No intention

**Monday, Jan 1**—Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

9:30am—Stanley & Angela Archacki, Anthony & Concetta DeVita 11:15am—Piotr Bros

**Tuesday, Jan 2**—1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28 St. Basil the Great,

9:00am—Mary Schramm St. Gregory Nazianzen

**Wednesday, Jan 3**—1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34 *The Most Holy Name* 7:00am—Sophie Filas of Jesus

Thursday, Jan 4—1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 9:00am—Lawrence McLaughlin

Friday, Jan 5—1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51 St. John Neumann 7:00am—All our people

Saturday, Jan 6—1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 St. Andre Bessette

8:30am—No intention

5:00pm—Marian Reznicek

**Saturday, Jan 7**—Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 *Epiphany of the* Lord

7:45am—Muriel Mac

9:30am—Rita Pleines, Mona Coutre

11:15am—Greg & Epifania Manaloto



#### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

With joy we announce the upcoming marriage of

# Kenneth McLaughlin & Thelma Marquez

Please pray for them as they prepare for their marriage in the Lord.

## MASS FOR THE DEAF

At 4:00 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of every month Mass is celebrated in our chapel for the deaf and hearing impaired. Fr. Joe Mulcrone from the Archdiocese Office for the Deaf celebrates Mass in sign and speech. All are welcome, whether hearing or not. On the 4th Sunday of the month we do not have deaf interpreters at the 11:15 Mass. Mass for the Deaf will not be celebrated December 24—will resume on January 28, 2018.

# OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

# Len Schockling,

brother of Linda Romansic

We offer our sympathy to the family, and pray that his soul now rests in peace and joy in the arms of God.

# **OUR SICK WHO HAVE** REQUESTED PRAYER

Evelyn Schultz, Dianne Hogan, Gertrude Vale, Tim D'Angelo, Pat Slovak, Patrick Gasey, Al Lovas, Dennis Knauft, Mary Jo Knauft Strat Barrettsmith, Ray Machalinski, Bob Lapinski, Troy Butler, Mary Rollo, Jim Wogan, Karen Arends, Stevens Sainte-Rose, Phillip Pagnotta, Sr., Sandy West, Bill O'Shaughnessy, Lisa Visconti, Haig Pedian, Louis Morabito

# SMV Week at a Glance

#### Sunday, December 24

- Regular Sunday Masses at 7:45am,
   9:30am, 11:15am
- Christmas Eve Masses at 3pm, 5pm, 7pm & Midnight

#### Monday, December 25

 Christmas Day Masses at 9:30am & 11:15am

# Tuesday, December 26

- 6:30pm—Sharing Hands, SHO
- SMV Parish Office open 9am to Noon

## Wednesday, December 27

• SMV Parish Office open 9am to Noon

# Thursday, December 28

- SMV Parish Office open 9am to Noon
- 5:00pm—PADS, PC

#### Friday, December 29

• 12:01am—7am—PADS, PC

#### Saturday, December 30

- 9:00am—Rosary, Chapel (after 8:30 Mass)
- 9:00am—Sharing Hands, SHO
- 9:00am—Furniture Ministry, Garages

# Sunday, December 31

Regular Sunday Masses at 7:45am,
 9:30am, 11:15am

#### Monday, January 1

New Year's Day Masses at 9:30am & 11:15am

#### Tuesday, January 2

No extra events scheduled

## Wednesday, January 3

- 9:00am—Bible Study, 118
- 7:00pm—Human Concerns Comm., 110
- 7:00pm—RCIA Discovery, RMG
- 7:00pm—Knights of Columbus Board, 125
- 7:30pm—RCIA, 118

#### Thursday, January 4

- 9:30am—Benediction, Chapel
- 5:00pm—PADS, PC
- 7:00pm—Small Christian Comm, 118

#### Friday, January 5

• 12:01am—7am—PADS, PC

#### Saturday, January 6

- 9:00am—Bible Study, 118
- 12:00pm—Filipino Community, PC
- 2:30pm—Wedding, Church

## Sunday, January 7

- 8:45am—PREP Classes
- 1:00pm—Dress a Girl Sewing, PC
- 6:30pm—Youth Ministry, O/S

#### **Location Code:**

AC=Administration Center
ACCR= Admin Center Conference Room
GH=Great Hall, JP Finnegan Center
NH=North Hall, JP Finnegan Center
N—Narthex
O/S—Off-Site

PC or Numbers= JP Finnegan Center or Classrooms
PO=PREP Office

RMR—Rectory Meeting Room (Lower Level) SHO—Sharing Hands Office

TR=Teen Room

# NEED HELP?

Alcohol or drug abuse: Call Alcoholics Anonymous 847-362-1811 Al-Anon 847-680-4640; Adult Children of Alcoholics 847-680-4640 Gambling: Call Sarah at 847-927-0265

or 1-800-522-4700 or visit www.gamblersanonymous. **Narcotics:** www.na.org

**Emotions Anonymous:** 847-370-6937 Ask for Don.

**Drinking or Emotional Problems:** Holbrook Counseling Ctr of Mundelein, 312-655-7725

**Physical/sexual abuse**: Call Jane 847-367-5676 or Lee 847-367-5034. The Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center offers counseling for children & adult survivors of abuse. Call 847-244-1187. Hot line is 847-872-7799.

Reporting Allegations of Child Abuse to Civil Authorities: Contact Matt Chancey, Chief of Criminal Division at 847-377-3000. D.C.F.S. = 1-800-252-2873. To report sexual abuse of minors by priests or deacons, lay employees, and/or volunteers: Call Leah McCluskey, MSW, LSW, 312-751-5205. Confidential Hotline: 1-800-994-6200. **Domestic Violence Group Counseling** offered in English & Spanish. Monday evenings in Waukegan, Tuesday evenings in Mundelein. Call 847-249-4450 Pregnant and Need Help? Call 847-249-2700 (Aid for Women of Northern Lake County) Annulment Information/Support: Call Nancy at 847-234-4517; nancy.pag@comcast.net Veteran Support. vets.archchicago.org

# PADS ASSIGNMENTS DECEMBER 28 & 29 (WEEK 4)

**6:00 – 8:30 PM**— P. Hehr, S. Epstein, R. Schultz, L. Lenzini, S. Olson, J. Brown, M. Weeks, N. & M. Wayne

8:30 – 11:00 PM—M. Litgen, M. Nicholas, R. & L. Leber, N. Hencier, S. Rathsam, B. Doering

11:00 PM – 3:00 AM— G. Palubicki, E. Leek, M. Clark

3:00 –7:00 AM— G. & M. Maher, D. Carroll

5:15 – 7:00 AM—S. Hogan, J. Kucera, J. Kron, T. & S. Larkin, J. Kron, P. Rizzo, B. Hogan, K. Brosmith, C. Wallen, S. Spinell

If you have called Jane for a sub, disregard your name above.

## PADS ASSIGNMENTS JANUARY 4 & 5 (WEEK 1)

**6:00 – 8:30 PM**— C. Levitz, G. Reznicek, M. Kelly, E. Brettmann, J., D. & S. Krippinger, A. Karwat, M. Baker, E. Rybicki

8:30 – 11:00 PM—M. Katzner, A. Foley, D. Panek, S. & G. Tumino, R. & R. Steigerwald

11:00 PM - 3:00 AM— J. Hornung, S. Wogan, S. Smith

3:00 -7:00 AM— B. Reinert, D. Wascow-McGuire, B. Foley

**5:15 – 7:00 AM**—J. Venard, B. Hogan, M. Augustyn, T. Rieder, C. Donaldson, B. & L. Gosen, C. Brownson, N. Kranberg

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# ST. MARY OF VERNON CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sunday Masses: Saturdays at 5:00 PM Sundays at 7:45, 9:30 & 11:15 AM

11:15 AM Sunday Mass signed for the hearing impaired.
(Except on the 4th Sunday of the month,
when there is a Mass for the Deaf)
4th Sunday of the month—Mass for the Deaf—4 PM

Weekday Mass:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 AM Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM Saturday Morning at 8:30 AM

**Holy Day Masses:** 

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM on the Feast

**Confessions:** Saturdays 4:15 to 4:45 PM, or by appointment.

**Baptisms & Weddings:** Please call the Rectory to make arrangements as far in advance as possible.