St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church

236 US Hwy 45
Indian Creek, Illinois 60061

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2019

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

Find us on Facebook
facebook.com/maryofvernon

Listening Assistant

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

RCIA – The Sacraments (continued): Matrimony

The Catholic concept of Christian marriage involves more than the wedding day – although it's a challenge for many to get past that concept. What makes a marriage Christian isn't a Church blessing added to a legal contract.

Christian marriage is a relationship of life-giving love in which the man and woman make the love of Christ present to each other and become a sign of the love of Christ to those around them. Through their love and faithfulness, they help each other grow in holiness. Christians see marriage as a sacred covenant, a way of joining the shared lives of the couple with God.

> *Just in case you were wondering – the Church didn't invent marriage. In the early days of the Church, there was no special Christian form of marriage. The celebration we share today evolved over years as the community applied the teachings of Jesus to daily life, and agreed that marriage should be appreciated as a sacred vocation.*

The RCIA team invites all our parishioners and guests to continue praying for our candidates – Lindley and Tracey – and our seekers – Emma and Hannah – and our sponsors, teams of catechists, our neighbors who are being called back to the Church, and all those who are seeking to better understand their relationship with God.

Individuals who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith can connect with someone on our RCIA 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).

Confirmation for Adults

Are you an adult who has missed the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to receive it in 2019? Vicariate 1 of the Archdiocese of Chicago will offer preparation sessions for Confirmation at two different locations and dates, starting soon.

A candidate must

- be 18 years old AND out of high school
- have already received the sacraments of Baptism and First Communion

On the first night, please bring

- Registration form signed by a priest or staff member from your home parish
- A copy of your baptismal certificate

Here are the two locations for the sessions:

- St. Francis de Sales Parish School, 11 S Buesching Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047. Sessions are Sundays, 6:30pm to 8:00pm on January 27, February 10 & 24, March 10 & 24, April 7 & 28, May 5
- St. Edna Church Doherty Center, 2525 N Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Sessions are Mondays , 7:00pm to 9:00pm on March 11, 18 & 25, April 1, 8, 15 & 29, May 6

Rehearsal and Reconciliation will be Thursday, May 16, location to be announced.
Confirmation Mass will be Thursday, May 23, location to be announced.

Please contact Maureen Evers, SMV Pastoral Associate, or our Pastor, Fr. Joe Curtis for more details and to obtain the registration form mentioned above. 847-362-1005; or mevers@maryofvernon.org or jcurtis@maryofvernon.org.

PARISH TRANSITION UPDATE

Four members of the Parish Transition Team attended the Archdiocesan Parish Information Night for Priests seeking to be new Pastors. This evening provided an opportunity to engage prospective Pastors in conversation about the strengths and challenges of our Parish.

Parish Transition team representatives Janet Flynn, Virginia Schaeffer, Sal Costanza and Tony Ranallo as they prepare to represent St. Mary of Vernon at the Pariah Information Night.

Thank you to the following team members for their support in preparing the team to "go forth" and represent SMV: Sal & Megan Costanza, Jennifer Gedville, Ryan Ray, Sue Wogan, Linda DiGati, Caren Keane and Susan Gray.

TAIZÉ PRAYER: JANUARY 31st @ 7 P.M.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thursdays have been designated as our Parish Day of Prayer. Since January 31st is the 5th Thursday of the month, we will have a Taizé prayer service here at St. Mary of Vernon at 7 p.m.

Taizé is a meditative common prayer that includes repetitive singing, Scripture, silent meditation, lit candles, dim lights and prayers of petition. The service is about contemplation and being in touch with God. The repetitive songs are simple and prayerful. Silence is also an important part of the Taizé service. It is in the silence that we hear God speak and invite the Holy Spirit to pray in us.

Taizé prayer originated in Taizé, France by a monk named Brother Roger who gathered around him men of different Christian denominations to come together for worship. It has since become a world-wide ecumenical movement. Its peaceful, contemplative nature has drawn millions from all over the world to practice this kind of worship.

There are very few 5th Thursdays in the year so you are invited to take this rare opportunity to experience this type of prayer. Join us for a calm, quiet and welcome respite from the busyness of the day. If you would like to know about Taizé, please go to the SMV website for further information and click on the link that will take you to a Taizé service.

Vicariate I, Deanery ABC Ministry Commission Presents:

MINISTRY OF CARE TRAINING
FOR NEW MINISTERS OF CARE

*Full participation in **both** training sessions will fulfill Archdiocesan requirements for mandation.*

Topics and Presenters:

Saturday, March 2:	9:00-11:00	Spirituality in the Ministry—Marlene Sweeney
	11:15-12:30	The Experience of Suffering—Sr. Mary Barbara Hassler
	1:00-3:00	Prayer in Care Ministry—Sr. Mary Barbara Hassler
Saturday, March 9:	9:00-11:00	Theology of the Eucharist—Deacon Jerry Nora
	11:15-12:30	Pastoral Communication Skills—Amy Florian
	1:00-2:45	Ministerial Procedures—Linda Engle
	2:45-3:00	Closing prayer and sending forth—Linda Engle

When: **Saturdays, March 2 & March 9, 2019**
Sign-in: 8:45-9:00 am
Session: 9:00 am—3:00 pm

Where: **St. Paul the Apostle**
6401 Gages Lake Road
Gurnee, IL 60031

Food: St. Paul the Apostle has graciously offered to provide a continental breakfast and a simple lunch with coffee, tea and water provided. Please bring whatever you need in order to care for your own dietary restrictions.

Reservations: You **MUST** contact the ministry of Care Coordinator at your parish prior to registering for this workshop at www.vic1chicago.org. **Minister of Care here at St. Mary of Vernon is Sister Mary Barbara Hassler. Contact her at 847-362-1005 or mbhassler@maryofvernon.org.**

Directions: The church is located at the corner of Hunt Club Road and Gages Lake Road in Gurnee, IL. There are entrances to the parking lots on both streets. Training sessions will be held in the lower level. Guests may park in the south parking lot for quickest access to the lower level. The venue is handicap accessible.

St. Mary of the Annunciation Bereavement Ministry

10 Week Grief Support Group:

"FINDING HOPE / HEALING HEARTS"

This weekly group will meet at St. Mary for 10 consecutive
Tuesday evenings: February 5 through April 9, 2019
7:00—8:30 pm

There is a $40.00 registration fee which covers the cost of the two books and materials. Register in the St. Mary of the Annunciation parish office . . . The group size is limited so register now!
For questions: dmulroe@stmota.org or call 847-398-3362

FootballMania!®

"SuperMatch" Sweepstakes

WIN $5,000 !

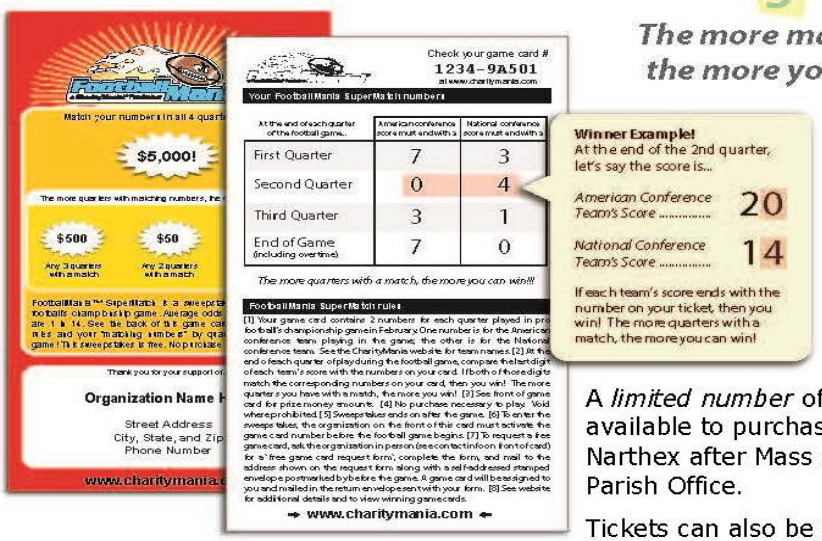
Support St. Mary of Vernon Youth Ministry!

Get online music downloads for only $5 and then have a blast playing this exciting sweepstakes during the Superbowl! Get your game cards and WIN!

1 *Based on football's popular "squares" pools*

2 *Match your numbers with the score of the game*

3 *The more matches, the more you win!*



A *limited number* of tickets are available to purchase in the Narthex after Mass or in the Parish Office.

Tickets can also be purchased online by going to: www.charitymania.com/give/P9069

What can I win?

At the end of a quarter, if each football team's score ends with the number printed on your game card, then you win! The more quarters with a match, the more you win: one match $10, two matches $50, three matches $500, and four matches $5,000!

PREP News ... There are no classes this week.

Next classes are February 3, 4, 5 and February 10, 11, 12.

Registration for the 2019-20 summer and school year sessions has begun.
Registration forms are available online on the PREP page of the SMV website and in the PREP Office.
Please call 847-362-0653 or email mwinegard@maryofvernon.org if you need more information.

February PREP Highlights

- 2 - First Reconciliation (10am)
- 3, 4, 5 - Classes
- 8 - Confirmation Dinner & Rehearsal (6:30-8:30pm)
- 10, 11, 12 - Classes
- 16 - Confirmation (10am in Church)
- 24 - Confirmation Mystagogy for newly Confirmed teens (6:30-9pm)

COVE Alliance Trivia Night is Back!

Saturday, February 23, 2019
Doors open at 6 pm

St. Mary of Vernon Parish Center
236 US Hwy 45, Indian Creek, IL 60061

Admission is $10 per person

Pizza, beer, wine, soft drinks & snacks will be available for sale.

Visit www.covealliance.org to Register Now

Have a blast using all your "useless knowledge" and enjoy several rounds of trivia while supporting a good cause!

All proceeds benefit COVE Alliance, a local 501(c)(3) organization that reaches out to disadvantaged and orphaned children in Uganda. COVE is committed to education and training that focuses on breaking the cycle of poverty and preparing the children to sustain themselves and their families in the future.

WHY YOU CAN'T SPLIT THEM APART

When:
Sunday, January 27, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Where:
St. Mary of Vernon Parish Center,
236 U.S. Highway 45, Indian Creek

Who Can Attend?

- Perfect for adults and youth in high school and middle school
- Hospitality included

Babysitting for ages 10 and younger provided!

OUR GUEST PRESENTER

- Astrophysicist, Biblical Scholar and Disciple of Jesus Christ
- Rector of University of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary
- Much sought-after teacher and presenter

Fr. John Kartje

Registration:
https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/faith-and-science

Sponsored by the Sts. Joseph and Mary Adult Faith Joint Council

CALLING ALL GIRL SCOUTS!

The local Girl Scout Service Unit is hosting a ***My Promise My Faith*** workshop on **Saturday, February 9 at Oak Grove School on O'Plaine Road from 9:00—10:30 a.m.** All Girl Scout levels are invited and girls may attend individually—troop participation is not required. Girls may earn a new *My Promise My Faith* pin each year of scouting; so if your daughter participated last year, she is welcome to come again. The workshop is an opportunity to compare a tenet of the Girl Scout law to the customs, beliefs and practices of the scout's faith and the faiths of others. We are examining "Courageous and Strong" this year and will be joined by women of the Jewish, Christian, Hindu and Muslim faiths. Adults are welcome to stay and participate. Please email Nancy Fink at finknj@gmail.com to register.

ALPHA OMEGA
ST. MARY OF VERNON HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

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

TONIGHT!
Faith and Science
Guest Speaker Event
Sunday, January 27th
2:00—3:30 PM

This presentation by Fr. John Kartje in the Parish Center is great for high school teens as well as adults. Come with or without your parents. See page 7 for details.

Junior High Event
Messy Game Night!
Sunday, January 27th
6:00—8:00 PM

7th & 8th graders, get ready for an absolute mess! **We're not kidding...** Just wear your grubby clothes and be ready for a super sloppy time! It is one of the most entertaining events of the year. Your friends won't want to miss this one so invite them to attend!

ALL-NIGHT LOCK-IN
At the Enchanted Castle
Friday, February 1st — 10:30 PM to
Saturday, February 2nd — 6:45 AM

7th & 8th graders and High School Teeens and their friends can sign up for this **all-night, no-sleep, game-filled** night. For the cost of $50 you get *Laser Tag, Karaoke, Video games ($21 game play card), indoor Go-Kartz, pizza at midnight, a bus ride there and back, Krazy Bumper Kars, Lazer Frenzy, donut breakfast* and more...

Meet at the Parish Center at **10:30 PM** on Friday night. We return at **6:45 AM** Saturday morning. Permission Forms are required and are available in the Kiosk (wooden tower) in the Narthex (gathering space), and in the PREP and Youth Ministry Offices.

Forms and money are due by Monday, January 28th!

2019 SUMMER MISSION TRIP
June 22-29, 2019
Fremont, NE

ONLY 8 SPOTS REMAINING! The Summer Mission Trip is open to current 8th Graders through teens in college. After February 2nd, the cost of the Mission Trip goes up!

2019 Summer Mission Trip Packets are available online at www.maryofvernon.org/youthministry, in the Alpha Omega Mailbox, in the Church & PREP Offices, and in the wooden kiosk in the Church Narthex

Please Join Us Sunday, Feb 3rd

SMV TROOP 44 & PACK 44

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

I love Elly's pancakes

Great sausage, and orange juice

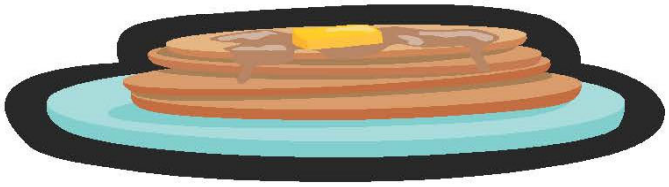
Scrambled Eggs

Which IHOP syrup do you like best?
Maple, strawberry, butter pecan, or blueberry?

Gotta love bakery fresh baked goods

Fruit Salad

Celebrate give MOM a break day!!



***Sunday*, February 3rd**

8:00 – 12:30 in the Parish Ctr

$6 Single, $20 Family: Pre-order
Checks to Troop 44 to SMV Business Office
$8.00 Single,$24 Family At the Door

This breakfast helps support SMV's Pack 44 & Troop 44

Interested in learning more about scouting go to **www.bsa44.org**

or contact Gary Schiappacasse @ 847-362-9364.

MEN OF ST. MARY OF VERNON

Please join us for a quiet weekend of Ignatian hospitality: Great food, great talks, and time for yourself and God.

Register as a member of St. Mary of Vernon at www.jesuitretreat.org . These are very popular retreats and fill quickly, please register today!

Please reach out to us if you have any questions: Deacon Jerry Nora: jerrynora@aol.com or Deacon Dan Moore: dpfmoore@gmail.com

Altar Server Appreciation Mass
SMV and All of Vicariate I

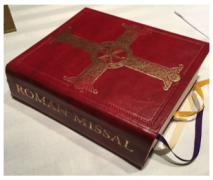
Join Bishop Alberto Rojas as he celebrates a Mass in thanksgiving for altar servers who faithfully serve in the parishes located in Vicariate I. This is an opportunity for our young servers to be thanked for their service to the Church and to encourage them to continue to grow in holiness through their ministry.

Parents and siblings of our altar servers are welcome and encouraged to attend!

All altar servers will walk in the opening procession, and will be seated in the front pews of the church.

Pizza will follow Mass in the Parish Center (basement of church).

Sunday, February 10—3:00 p.m. Mass
St. Hubert Catholic Church
729 Grand Canyon St.
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169



Register by February 3rd
To register or ask questions, please reach out to Deacon Dan Moore dpfmoore@gmail.com

Women's Day of Reflection
God's Loving Community

For the women of St. Joseph's parish in Libertyville
and St. Mary of Vernon's parish in Vernon Hills

Saturday, Feb. 16th
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Marytown, 1600 Park Avenue, Mundelein

The program willl include personal reflections shared by several women from St. Joseph's, and will be facilitated by Linda Couri. Linda is the Director of Lay Ministry, and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at the University of St. Mary of the Lake (Mundelein Seminary.)

The registration fee is $15 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and mass at noon. Participants will have ample time to enjoy Marytown's beautiful chapel, grounds, and gift shop.

Registration is required by signing up online at ***https://tinyurl.com/ydcs3sgt*** or by scanning the QR code at right. Payment will be accepted at the door. Cash only please! Please sign up by February 12th. Space is limited.

If you have any questions, please contact Carroll Gira at carroll71@comcast.net.

White Deer Run Golf Club

The Unemployment Line

Job Seeking Goals for the New Year: Goal #2 - Update your skill set

Even in a candidate-driven job market, today's job seeker needs to do everything possible to gain an advantage over fellow job seekers. One way is to learn a new skill or earn a certification. No matter your chosen industry or career, change is happening all around you. Your skill set may need a boost to remain relevant and attractive to employers.

Pursuing professional development shows initiative and a commitment to learning, as well as an understanding of what it takes to excel in your field. It also makes it easier for you to answer the question that all hiring managers are likely to ask in one form or another: "How can you add value to the organization?" Possessing certain abilities and credentials can also help you negotiate a higher salary.

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. Questions? Contact the WERC team at SMVWERC@gmail.com.

Upcoming "WERC" Events

Next Meeting: Monday, January 28th 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.

"Around the Corner…"

St. Joseph Employment Ministry – next session: February 6, 2019 – Topic: What Do I Want To Do?
Join the group at St. Joseph at a 3-part series beginning February 6th; the first session is "Determining My Values, Motivators and Needs." Entering the job search, our first and primary task is to decide, "What do I want to do?" If you are clear about what you want, you will present yourself to a prospective employer in a confident and succinct manner. Developing a solid job search strategy starts with understanding your unique value proposition. (NOTE: For maximum benefit, we recommend attending all 3 meetings.)

Feb 6 What Do I Want To Do? – Determining My Values, Motivators & Needs
Feb 20 What Do I Want To Do? – Assessing My Strengths & Competencies
Mar 6 Ash Wednesday – No Meeting
Mar 20 Your Brand and Value Proposition

Meetings are held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Formation Center (112 N Milwaukee, Libertyville 60048), Room C. Please enter from the rear of the building. All are welcome!

Sharing Hands Food Pantry Items 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 (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.**

Readings, Feasts & Mass Intentions This Week

Monday, Jan 28—Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30 *St. Thomas Aquinas*
7:00am—Stephen J. Grosko, Jr.
Tuesday, Jan 29—Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
9:00am—Tema Katz (living)
Wednesday, Jan 30—Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
7:00am—No intention
Thursday, Jan 31—Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25 *St. John Bosco*
9:00am—Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
Friday, Feb 1—Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
7:00am—All our people
Saturday, Feb 2—Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 *Presentation of the Lord*
8:30am—No intention
5:00pm—Edward Danta
Sunday, Feb 3—Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30
7:45am—Bernadette Albers
9:30am—James Genschorek
11:15am—Tom Richtfort, Greg & Epifania Manaloto

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

CPT Jay Althoff, USA
FC2 Trevor A. Amos, USN
LTC Robert Bowen, USA
COL Steven Carozza, USA
Sgt Michael J. Cinnick, USMC
SGT Thomas Cleary, USA
Capt Brian A. Dillon, USMC
LTJG Sara Dillon, USN
SGT Alyssa Eastman, USA
PO2 Swen Erickson, USN
LTC Grace Gallagher, USA
ETV2 Michael Gielczyk, USN
SSgt Nick Halverson, USAF
COL Matthew Hepburn, USA
LTJG Alex Hoersten, USN
Rct Kevin Holum, USA
LTJG Kendall G. Knorr, USN
Pvt Michael Kukula, USMC
LT Melanie C. Lecaroz, USN
SPC Kimberly Santiago, USA
LTC Michael Milas, USA
MAJ Paul J. Milas, USA
SN Abraham L. Moore, USN
CPT Christian A. Moree, USA
Capt Sean P. Morrow, USMC
Maj Thomas W. Morrow, USMC
PFC Nicholas J. Pagano, USA
SGT Anthony R. Powers, USA
SSG David Ptak, USA
CAPT Katie Schullian, USN
Capt Matthew Tegeler, USAF
CDR Matthew Wauson, USN
HN Anthony J. Wick, USN
2ndLT 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.

Mass Presiders & Homilists

February 2 & 3, 2019

5:00 PM	Presider:	J. Curtis
	Homilist:	J. Nora
7:45 AM	Presider:	D. Olson
	Homilist:	D. Olson
9:30 AM	Presider:	D. Olson
	Homilist:	D. Olson
11:15 AM	Presider:	J. Curtis
	Homilist:	J. Nora

Baptisms Last Week

Made children of God by water and the Spirit:

Carter Matthew Kutilek, son of Mark Kutilek & Amy Lynn Schulte

Miles Thomas Pokryfke, son of Michael Pokryfke & Kathleen Kruse

We congratulate the proud parents and welcome the newest members of our community of faith.

Our Recently Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Maureen Rita Baker,
sister of Terry Horan

Patricia Bishop

We offer our sympathy to their families and pray that their souls now rest in peace and joy in the arms of God.

Our Sick Who Have Requested Prayer

Evelyn Schultz, Dianne Hogan, Pat Slovak, Patrick Gasey, Jim Wogan, Phillip Pagnotta, Sr., Al Lovas, Kay Morrow, Ed Tracz Tom Gaubatz, Kay Spiller, James Sackley, Vito Lubes Sarah Weigert, Jan Kaczala, Rose Marie McFadden, Julie Smith, Vilma Fernandez, Maggie Carver, Franco Lenzini, Cathy Bradley Ian Bogdanowicz, Camilo Vitug, Chris Cwik

SMV Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 27

- 2:00pm—Teen Choir Practice, Church
- 2:00pm—Fr. Kartje Faith & Science Presentation, PC
- 4:00pm—Deaf Ministry Mass, Chapel
- 6:30pm—Junior High Messy Game Night, PC
- 7:00pm—Catholic Men in Action, 118

Monday, January 28

- 7:00pm—Parish Pastoral Council, RMR
- 7:30pm—WERC, 110/112

Tuesday, January 29

- 6:30pm—Sharing Hands, SHO

Wednesday, January 30

- 9:00am—Bible Study, 118
- 6:00pm—Youth Choir Practice, Church
- 6:30pm—Youth Ministry, TR
- 7:00pm—RCIA Inquiry, RMR
- 7:30pm—RCIA, 118
- 7:30pm—Adult Choir Practice, Church

Thursday, January 31

- 5:00pm—PADS, PC
- 7:00pm—Taize Prayer, Church

Friday, February 1

- Midnight—6am—PADS, PC
- 7:00pm—Filipino Community Santo Nino Prayer Group, Narthex

Saturday, February 2

- 9:00am—Rosary, Chapel
- 9:00am—Sharing Hands
- 9:00am—Furniture Ministry, Garages
- 9:00am—Bible Study, 118
- 10:00am—1st Reconciliation Prayer Service, Church
- 5:00pm—Youth Choir at Mass

Sunday, February 3

- 8:00am –Pancake Breakfast, PC
- 8:45am—PREP Classes
- 2:00pm—Teen Choir Practice, Church

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 847-986-4088 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 JANUARY 31 & FEBRUARY 1 (WEEK 5)

Volunteers, please report for the shift you signed up for. Thank you!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

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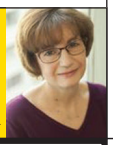

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