



# St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church

236 US Hwy 45  
Indian Creek, Illinois 60061

**Christmas Holiday Season**  
December 22, 2019 to January 1, 2020

## 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](http://www.maryofvernon.org)



Find us on  
**Facebook**

[facebook.com/maryofvernon](https://facebook.com/maryofvernon)

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)**

## *Christmas Greetings from Cardinal Cupich . . .*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Across this liturgical year, we hear Saint Matthew's Gospel. And in this holy season that celebrates the birth of Jesus, we hear a story unique to Matthew—the journey of the Magi. He writes: "The Magi were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother."

We can imagine their joy. They discovered the one for whom they longed and searched. He is the newborn Jesus. His mother Mary holds him in her arms and, at the same time, presents him to the world. In this simple gesture, she evangelizes, gives us the living good news of her son. Then and now, it is a moment wrapped in joy.

On our journey of renewal in the Archdiocese of Chicago, may this image of Mary, mother of the Lord, inspire and encourage us to carry and present Jesus to a world that is so much in need of him. In our marriages, families, workplaces, and communities, may we joyfully carry and present him who is the great light shining in darkness.

God bless you and all your loved ones in this holy season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Blase Cardinal Cupich  
Archbishop of Chicago



### **MISSED CONFIRMATION?**

Are you over 18 and out of high school, baptized and made your first Holy Communion, but missed the Sacrament of Confirmation? A class is forming at St. Edna in Arlington Heights beginning on February 24, and ending with Confirmation on May 14. Please contact the parish office for more information.



### ***SMV THURSDAY DAY OF PRAYER***

#### **First Thursday—January 2, 2020 Eucharistic Adoration**

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

***Drop in any time that day, or to become a Committed Adorer  
for one hour on the first Thursday of each month,  
contact Miriam Preussner at [miriam406@att.net](mailto:miriam406@att.net) or 224-628-1187.***



## *From Our Pastor's Desk . . .*

Merry Christmas, everyone!

As you know, I just returned from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, which was spiritually fulfilling. I visited many holy sites. Each of them made the scriptures come alive. The Holy Land leaves an imprint in one's heart that at a certain time in history Jesus actually did live on this earth. As some have suggested the Holy Land is indeed the fifth gospel.

Our journey began the day after Thanksgiving. We arrived in Tel Aviv the following day. Upon arrival, our first visit was the cave of Elijah, Mount Carmel. Some of you may remember this was the place Elijah sought refuge after defeating 450 prophets of Baal after he had called down fire from heaven. According to Wikipedia, the highest point of Mount Carmel is 1,724 ft. Standing there on Mt. Carmel, one could not help but wonder how difficult it was for Elijah to make the trip, on foot, up Mt. Carmel. I guess when one is running for his life no obstacle is too great to overcome in order to stay alive.

After Mt. Carmel, we proceeded to The Sisters of Nazareth where we lodged for two days. On our first night with the sisters, we were told there would be a candlelight procession around The Church of Annunciation. It was to begin by 8:30 P.M. Since we had not had any sleep from the previous day, our guide pointed out that those interested should meet him by the entrance gate at 8:15 P.M. I was surprised everyone on the pilgrimage showed up ready to attend.

We made our way up a hill, passing a few houses, to the entrance of the church. Some people had already gathered in the church premises when we arrived. As I was walking around to get a better look at what was happening, a young man in a black cassock came up to me. In broken English he asked me if I would be willing to help them carry the statue of Mary. I said "Sure." He showed me where to stand while he recruited other men to help. When I told him I am a priest from Chicago, he said, "Oh, father, I didn't know you are a priest. You don't have to do this. Let me get someone else." I assured him he did not have to. I was willing to do whatever they needed me to do.

That night was my first time at The Church of the Annunciation. It was also the eve of Advent. I figured, if our Lord Jesus could humble himself, in this very place, to become man for my sake, who am I to say no to being an altar server, in this place where the Word became flesh. If our mother Mary could say yes when asked by the angel Gabriel, in this place, if she was willing to make herself available so the Word could become flesh in her womb, who am I to say no. That night I was one of the altar servers who carried a lamp (see the pictures below). I was honored to have been asked. After the service, I spent a few minutes in prayer asking our blessed Mother Mary, and her Son Jesus, to keep me close to their hearts.

On behalf of our parish staff and pastoral council, I want to wish each and every one of you and your loved ones a very holy and blessed Christmas! May Our Lord, who humbled himself to take on flesh, bring each of us his everlasting peace.

Blessings Always,  
Fr. Ignatius



(At left)  
*Fr. Ignatius worships at Bethlehem, at the place of Jesus' birth.*



(Above) - *Fr. Ignatius serves at the altar at the main Church of the Annunciation.*

(At left) - *Fr. Ignatius celebrates Mass at Chapel of the Annunciation.*



## 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.

*Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years,  
for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets.  
We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we  
praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.  
Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying:  
Glory to God in the highest!*

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,

*Catechumens, Candidates, and Inquirers:* Jessica, Hannah, Dan, and Peyton

*Sponsors:* Virginia, Mary, Jim

*Catechists and Leaders:* Sandy Ekern, Maureen Evers, Bob Foley, Tom Gaubatz, Bruce Kwiecinski, Mary & Jerry Olszewski, and Deacon Mark Zwolski



### HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

**Sunday, December 22nd after 11:15 Mass**

We need help setting up the trees, setting up the chairs in the Narthex, and decorating the sanctuary. We will begin around 12:30 p.m. Should you have any questions, please call Teri Feurer at 847-487-4723.

*(And please mark your calendars for taking down the trees after the 11:15 Mass on January 12, 2020)*



### IS YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT AN ENGAGEMENT RING?

If you plan to be married in the Catholic Church, it is required that you participate in a Pre-Cana session, and it's a good idea to do it early in your engagement.

Please consider Pre-Cana at St. Mary of Vernon! We only offer it once or twice a year; but we do have openings at our March 6 & 7, 2020 session. We meet from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, March 6 (and this includes dinner at our Men's Club's Lenten Fish Fry); and reconvene on Saturday, March 7 from 12:30 to 5 p.m., ending with a blessing of engaged couples at our 5:00 p.m. Mass.

If this time suits you, please call Sue Wogan at the SMV Parish Office 847-362-1005 for more information.





## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES—TUESDAY—DECEMBER 24, 2019

(NO MORNING MASS)

*2:45 PM Christmas Carols*

**3:00 PM Mass**

(Interpreted for hearing impaired)

*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**

### CHRISTMAS MORNING

#### WEDNESDAY—DECEMBER 25, 2019

*9:15 AM Christmas Carols*

**9:30 AM Mass**

*11:00 AM Christmas Carols*

**11:15 AM Mass**

(Interpreted for hearing impaired)

#### **Regular Sunday Masses—Feast of the Holy Family:**

Saturday, December 28, 2019 at 5:00 PM; Sunday, December 29, 2019 at 7:45, 9:30 & 11:15 AM

### SOLEMNITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Eve: Tuesday, December 31, 2019—5:00 PM Mass

New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1, 2020—9:30 AM & 11:15 AM Masses



### ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIME

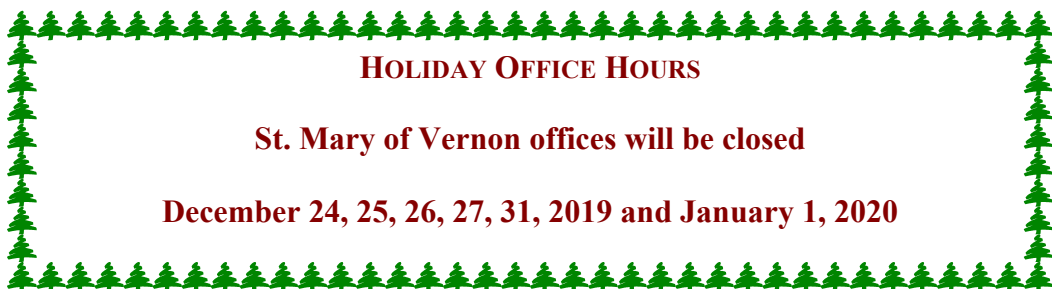
**DECEMBER 24 (TUESDAY)**

**9:00—10:30 AM**

### **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

**St. Mary of Vernon offices will be closed**

**December 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 2019 and January 1, 2020**



# WHO WILL FILL THESE SHOES?

December 27, 2019  
5 – 8:30 p.m.

Mundelein Seminary  
1000 E. Maple Ave  
Mundelein, IL 60060



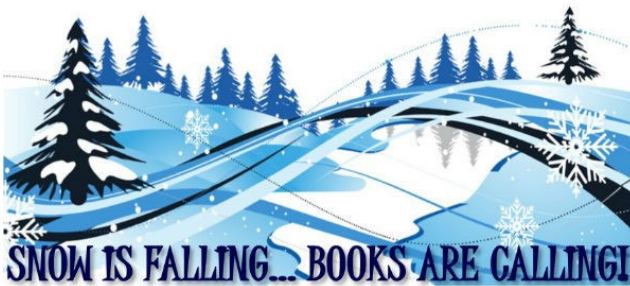
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An evening at Mundelein Seminary for fellowship, prayer, and dinner with seminarians and priests. All high school young men and their parents are invited to attend this free event.

Please register at [ChicagoPriests.com/events](http://ChicagoPriests.com/events), or call the Vocation Office at 312-534-1037.

## PARISH LIBRARY IN THE NARTHEX DECEMBER 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>



The Parish Library Cart will be in the Narthex December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, with a display of titles for the Christmas Season, and a return of the FREE table.

*Library items can be signed out for one month. Please remember to return any items that you have previously checked out.*



## SIGN YOUR NAME TO LEGALLY PROTECT THE UNBORN DECEMBER 28-29, 2019

On the weekend of December 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<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 a full-page ad that will run in the Daily Herald on January 22, which will be the 46th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the U.S. In this ad 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.

## A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOU

Due to the kindness of a very generous parishioner, St. Mary of Vernon is once again able to provide the gift of a book to every household attending our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. This year's selection is *Rediscover the Saints: Twenty-Five Questions That Will Change Your Life* by Matthew Kelly.

Matthew Kelly's new book is a game-changer. It doesn't chronicle the lives of popular saints—plenty of great books already do that. Instead, this book brings the saints to life and puts them front and center in your life. Because the saints remind you each day that holiness is possible and that you have great friends always cheering you on!

We encourage you to read it, discuss it with your family, and pass it on to a friend.

**Merry Christmas!**

# GOD

**SAVE  
THE DATE!**

Insert Prayer *HERE*

## is not a vending machine!



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020**

**WHY** do we settle for 'spiritual junk food'? Communication with God is more than taking. What are we *giving*? Join Fr. David Mowry of Mundelein Seminary to get honest about why and how we pray.



Want to learn about Fr. Mowry?  
Visit [www.fatherdavidmowry.com](http://www.fatherdavidmowry.com)

**When & Where:**

2 to 4 p.m.

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 **Babysitting for ages 10  
& younger provided!**

**Register to attend:**

<https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/god-is-not-a-vending-machine>



**Sponsored by the Mary and Joseph Adult Faith Council**

A joint effort of St. Mary of Vernon and St. Joseph-Libertyville parishes



## Living Your Strengths Workshop—A Journey of Self-Discovery

Discover your God-given talents from among 34 themes revealed through an online assessment tool.

**Tuesday, January 28, 2019—6:30pm to 9 pm, including light supper**

**St. Mary of Vernon Rectory Meeting Room  
236 U.S. Highway 45, Indian Creek, IL 60061**

### **Coaches:**

**Maureen Evers**

**Pastoral Associate**

**Strengths: Empathy, Adaptability,  
Developer, Connectedness, Maximizer**

**Katie Quade**

**Parish Pastoral Council Member**

**Strengths: Context, Individualization,  
Empathy, Achiever, Responsibility**

**Patrick Phalen**

**Former Parish Pastoral Council Chair**

**Strengths: Learner, Analytical,  
Achiever, Relator, Strategic**

Who is invited? All parishioners, high school age and up

Cost: \$20 for book and light refreshments

Registration: Deadline: Sunday, January 19. Stop by the table in the Narthex on the weekends of January 4/5, 11/12, or 18-19, or come to the Parish Office to register and pick up the book. Submit your top five strengths from the assessment tool to Maureen by Thursday, January 23.

Questions: Contact Maureen Evers at [mevers@maryofvernon.org](mailto:mevers@maryofvernon.org) or 847-362-1005



# Tailgating With GOD!

Encountering Jesus in Our Everyday Lives

**Men's Weekend of Reflection**

**January 17-19, 2020**

**Prayer, Presentations, Discussion, & Quiet Time**



**JOSEPH & MARY RETREAT HOUSE**  
**on the beautiful & peaceful grounds of Mundelein Seminary!**

**Retreat Leader: Deacon Mark Duffey – facilitator of creative, enthusiastic retreats for over 30 years**

**Kickoff: Dinner Friday 1/17 at 6:00pm**

**Final Whistle: Mass Sunday 1/19 at 11:00am-noon**

**Attire: Casual – wear your favorite team gear!**

**All meals professionally prepared – including a tailgate-style lunch on Saturday!**

**Box Office/Registration/Questions: 847-566-6060 or [jcummings@josephandmaryretreat.org](mailto:jcumings@josephandmaryretreat.org) (Jen Cummings)**

**\$250 for the full weekend**





## PREP & HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FOR 2020 - 2021!

**begins WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020** **8:00 AM - 8:00 PM**



It is hard to believe, but we are starting to prepare registration materials for the 2020-21 PREP year. Our first day of registration is on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. It doesn't matter if you register in the morning or in the evening on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. However, on January 23<sup>rd</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 22<sup>nd</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.

<b>• Summer Session *</b> June 15-19 / June 22-26 Grades 1-6 only 9am - 12:30pm <b>Commitment to all 10 sessions is required!</b> <b>Students must arrive on time; Early dismissal is not permitted!</b> <b>*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.</b>		
<b>School Year Sessions: September - April</b>		
• Sunday	8:45am - 11:00am	Grades K-6
• Monday	4:15pm - 6:30pm	Grades 1-6 New Beginnings I and New Beginnings II
• Sunday Evening	6:00pm - 8:15pm	Grades 7-8 <b>CHI RHO JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY WILL MEET TWICE A MONTH ON SUNDAY EVENINGS.</b>
• Wednesday Evening	time tbd	High School Confirmation

The first day of registration, January 22<sup>nd</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 credit/debit accepted. Payment made via credit/debit will be subject to a bank processing fee.
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.**
6. Parental participation is expected.

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 masses and in the PREP classroom is expected for all students. Class sizes are limited. **NO REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE PROCESSED UNLESS PAST YEARS' TUITION AND FEES HAVE BEEN PAID IN FULL.** 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 2020-2021. If you feel you would like to help out, or have any questions/or concerns, please contact the PREP office at [mwinegard@maryofvernon.org](mailto:mwinegard@maryofvernon.org) or 847-362-0653. We'd love to talk with you!



# Merry Christmas and New Year's Blessings from the PREP Ministry

## 2019 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

These children proudly proclaimed the Christmas Story on December 15th!  
We want to thank them for expressing their love to God and to St. Mary of Vernon.



**PREP NEWS...** There are no classes this week.  
Next classes are January 12, 13.

- All 8th grade Confirmation forms (Year I and Year II) forms are due into the PREP Office on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Year I (7th grade) WWJD forms are now due into the PREP Office.

### January PREP Highlights

- \* 4, 5 - Feast of the Three Kings at all Masses
- \* 11 - First Reconciliation Service
- \* 12, 13 - PREP/ChiRho Classes
- \* 22 - PREP Registration Begins (8am - 8pm)
- \* 26, 27 - Prep/ChiRho Classes



## A BIG THANK YOU

As the Christmas Season approaches, your Knights of Columbus would like to thank you for the support you have provided throughout 2019: buying Tootsie Rolls, Breakfast with Santa, helping with the food drive, the blood drive, Feed My Starving Children and many other activities - the proceeds of which have gone to help those less fortunate, the intellectually disabled and the unborn. May the newborn Christ bless you and your families at Christmas and throughout the coming year and continue to bless the Knights through your generosity.



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### **Vicariate I**

## **ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION MASS**

**President:** Bishop Alberto Rojas  
**Date:** Saturday, January 18, 2020  
**Time:** 5 p.m. Vigil Mass (arrive by 4:50)  
**Location:** St. Emily Catholic Church  
1400 E. Central Road  
Mt. Prospect, IL 60056  
**Who:** Altar Servers, grade school through high school



Join Bishop Alberto Rojas as he celebrates a Mass in thanksgiving for the altar servers who faithfully serve in the parishes located in Vicariate I. This is an opportunity for us to thank them for their service to the Church and to encourage them to continue to grow in holiness through their ministry. The family members of the altar servers are welcome and encouraged to attend! Priests are welcome to concelebrate.

During the Mass, the altar servers will walk in the opening procession. They are welcome to vest in their altar server robes or walk in plain clothes. They will be seated in the front pews of the church. Pizza will follow Mass in the Parish Center.

**Individuals:** Fill out the registration form at [chicagopriest.com/events/altar-server-events](http://chicagopriest.com/events/altar-server-events)

**Parish Coordinators:** Email both Karen Gorajski and Shawn Lucas (email addresses below) with the name of the parish and the number of altar servers attending, along with any additional family members.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Shawn Lucas  
Special Events Coordinator  
Vocation Office  
[shlucas@archchicago.org](mailto:shlucas@archchicago.org)  
312.534.8292

Karen Gorajski  
Senior Administrative Assistant  
Vicariate I  
[kgorajski@archchicago.org](mailto:kgorajski@archchicago.org)  
847.549.0160



### **SAINT EGWIN—FEAST DAY DECEMBER 30**

Egwin had given up his worldly life, as a prince of the Mercian Royal House and just wanted to be a monk (or better yet, a hermit) when the people of Worcester, England, called him to be their bishop. He would be only the third bishop of that diocese and much of that county was still pagan and even the Christians were in need of reform. Having the zeal of a hermit, he implemented reforms to both clergy and laity; such as the sanctity of marriage, clerical celibacy and evangelizing the surrounding pagans; beliefs, which now may seem obvious, but to that recently Christianized region seemed new and different. Although praised for his protections of widows and orphans, Egwin was also resented by some of the same people who sought him out as their bishop. Eventually, he would be forced to make a pilgrimage to Rome to defend himself before the pope. His case was dismissed and he was cleared of any wrongdoing.

Soon after his triumphant return to England, a shepherd named Eoves told Egwin that he had a vision of the Blessed Virgin asking that a church be dedicated to her. Egwin built not only a church, but the Abbey of Eversham on the site that Eoves showed him. The entire Benedictine abbey was dedicated to Mary. He died in 717 in the Abbey which he had founded and his remains were enshrined there.

From [newadvent.org](http://newadvent.org) and [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)



## 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](http://www.maryofvernon.org) or in the Kiosk (wooden tower) in the Narthex (gathering space of the Church).*

### Roller Skating Sunday, January 5th 1:30-4:00pm



Let the good times roll! Get ready for a groovy time! \$10 will cover the cost of admission and skate rental. Of course, friends are welcome to join us. Permission slips are required for all.  
NOTE: Drop-off and Pick-up will be at Just for Fun Roller Rink in Mundelein, 139 N. Seymour Ave.



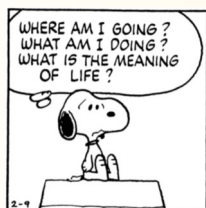
### Service Day Sunrise Assisted Living Sunday, January 12th 1:30-4:00pm

We will go to Sunrise Assisted Living to play BINGO and visit with the residents. Have a BLAST playing BINGO and sharing amusing stories. Don't miss the chance to lift the spirit of others. Permission slips are required.

### Summer Mission Trip Information Meeting Sunday, January 12th 7:00-8:30pm, Parish Center



We will answer the who, what, when, where & why about this summer's mission trip. Teens entering high school in the fall of 2020 are eligible to go on the trip, as well as current high school students. Anyone interested in going on the trip as a chaperone, and parents and teens should attend this important meeting.



### Topic Night Sunday, January 19th 6:30-9:00pm



Walking tacos and sitting convos! Join us for an evening of dinner and conversation.  
*What is the point of all of this? What is our purpose here on earth? Why are we here?*  
We will dive deep into some of these questions and more!  
Let's start our new year with some new perspective and answers to the big picture about our lives.

### SAVE THE DATE: Alpha Omega OVERNIGHT RETREAT Saturday, February 29th-Sunday, March 1st More details coming soon!



Men of St. Mary of Vernon – ***Retreat Yourself*** for Christmas!

Join Deacon Jerry and Deacon Dan on retreat March 27-29, 2020

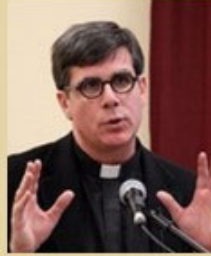
Register at [www.jesuitretreat.org](http://www.jesuitretreat.org) - you will see St. Mary of Vernon as an Attending Group of this retreat. Fr. Meconi is a popular speaker and retreat master. Please reach out with any questions to Deacon Dan at [dpfmoore@gmail.com](mailto:dpfmoore@gmail.com) or call 847-204-9167

**"Becoming Another Christ"**

**March 27-29, 2020**

Retreat Master Fr. David Meconi, SJ  
An Ignatian, Silent Weekend Retreat for Men

The fullness of Christian life is not in keeping rules but in being gradually made into a beloved child of the Father, another Christ, another Mary! This retreat begins with our being made in God's own "image and likeness" and then traces this journey through the *Spiritual Exercises* of St. Ignatius of Loyola.



**Meet Fr. David Meconi, SJ**

Fr. David Meconi, SJ is associate professor of Historical Theology as well as director of the Catholic Studies Centre at Saint Louis University; he is also the editor of *Homiletic and Pastoral Review*. He holds the pontifical license in Early Church History from the University of Innsbruck in Austria, as well as a doctorate in

Patristics from the University of Oxford. He has published numerous books on the early Church, most recent is his *101 Surprising Facts About Church History* (St. Benedict's Press). Fr. Meconi is a Fellow of the Augustinian Institute at Villanova University; he serves on the board of St. Benedict Forum at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, and the ecclesiastical board of Boston College.



**2020 SUMMER MISSION TRIP  
INFORMATION MEETING**

**Sunday, January 12, 2020  
7:00-8:30pm, Parish Center**

This is an Information Meeting for the 2020 Summer Mission Trip. \$100 deposits will be accepted to hold spots. We have 40 total spots for high school teens and chaperones this year. We will answer the who, what, when, where & why about this summer's mission trip. Teens entering high school in the fall of 2020 are eligible to go on the trip, as well as current high school students. A parent of any interested 8th grader (who will be in their Chi Rho class), should attend this meeting. Anyone interested in going on the trip as a chaperone, and parents and teens should attend this important meeting.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**"RESPECT IS THE HEART OF LOVE"**

*Morning of Reflection*

Join us for a Pre-Lenten Retreat  
Saturday, February 22, 2020, 9 a.m.

Mundelein Seminary

1000 E. Maple Ave, Mundelein, IL

**Reflection Leader: Fr. John Kartje, Seminary Rector**

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## The Unemployment Line

### Christmas Prayer For The unemployed:

*Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, we long to know you, your presence in our lives and your love for us. We long to embrace the peace of mind and heart which we are confident can be ours. We long for the day when we will find ourselves working as we dreamed, as we are capable.*

*Child Jesus, we seek you as did the shepherds, the magi. We look forward to offering to you the gift of our labor; we find ourselves eager to use all the Father has provided that we might care for our families. Bless us, dear Jesus, hear our prayers to you. Help shatter the darkness of our work situation which has entombed us; let your light shine upon us and our hearts.*

*Wonder-counselor, watch over us as we search for the position, role, hours, or contacts we believe we need. Guide our efforts, and do not let us diminish our faith in you. Grant us a peaceful and joyous Christmas with our families and friends. Amen.*

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 parishioners in their search for meaningful and rewarding work.

### Upcoming "WERC" Events

**WERC GROUP MEETINGS are currently held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.**

*All meetings are held in the Rev. John P. Finnegan Parish Center*

**Next Meeting – Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM – Monthly WERC Support Group Session**

WERC members and guests will have the opportunity to meet to network, share success stories and advice, and discuss some of the challenges of the job search. All are welcome! Questions? Contact the WERC team at [SMVWERC@gmail.com](mailto:SMVWERC@gmail.com).

### Around the Corner – At St. Joseph's Parish in Libertyville

Our St. Joseph's Employment Ministry January and February meetings will help you: 1) Determine your unique skills, talents, strengths and abilities, and activities that energize you and make you happy, 2) Develop the language to clearly articulate your unique traits in a few short sentences, and 3) Create a crisp, clear value proposition for yourself and prospective employers.

**Jan 8 Determining My Values, Motivators & Needs**

Jan 22 Assessing My Strengths & Competencies

Feb 5 Your Brand and Value Proposition

We meet 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, the sessions are free – please join us, and bring a friend!

### **Mass Presiders & Homilists**

#### **December 24 & 25**

<b>3:00 PM</b>	Presider: I. Anaele Homilist: I. Anaele
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Presider: D. Olson Homilist: D. Olson
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Presider: B. Beaven Homilist: B. Beaven
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Presider: I. Anaele Homilist: I. Anaele
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Presider: S. Luthuli Homilist: S. Luthuli
<b>11:15 AM</b>	Presider: I. Anaele Homilist: I. Anaele



### **Mass Presiders & Homilists**

#### **December 28 & 29**

<b>5:00 PM</b>	Presider: I. Anaele Homilist: D. Moore
<b>7:45 AM</b>	Presider: I. Anaele Homilist: J. Nora
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Presider: B. Beaven Homilist: J. Wogan
<b>11:15 AM</b>	Presider: B. Beaven Homilist: P. Pagnotta



## READINGS, FEASTS & MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Monday, Dec 23**—Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66 *St. John of Kanty*  
7:00am—No intention

**Tuesday, Dec 24**—No morning Mass—*Christmas Eve*—Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25  
3:00pm—David J. Mackenzie 5:00pm—Jim Weidner  
7:00pm—Richard W. Coconato Midnight—Phil Pagnotta, Sr. Lara Rutchik

**Wednesday, Dec 25**—Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 *Christmas Day*  
9:30am—Gertrude Vale  
11:15am—Laura Lichter, Karl Bahnick, Maria Dimayuga, Jose Dimayuga

**Thursday, Dec 26**—Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22 *St. Stephen*  
9:00am—Stephen J. Grosko, Jr.

**Friday, Dec 27**—1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8 *St. John, Apostle & Evangelist*  
7:00am—All our people

**Saturday, Dec 28**—1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18 *The Holy Innocents*  
8:30am—No intention  
5:00pm—Kevin Molson

**Sunday, Dec 29**—Sir 3:1-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 *Holy Family*  
7:45am—Jim Weidner  
9:30am—Georgette Scully  
11:15am—Zenon Goni, Peter Lichter, Pedrito Andres

**Monday, Dec 30**—1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40  
7:00am—Rey & Marieta Esteban (living)

**Tuesday, Dec 31**—1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18 *St. Sylvester I, Pope*  
9:00am—No intention 5:00pm *New Year's Eve*—No intention

**Wednesday, Jan 1**—Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 *Mary, Mother of God*  
9:30am—Stanley & Angela Archacki, Anthony & Connie DeVita  
11:15am—Peter Bros

**Thursday, Jan 2**—1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28 *Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*  
9:00am—No intention

**Friday, Jan 3**—1 Jn 2:29—3:6; Jn 1:29-34 *Holy Name of Jesus*  
7:00am—All our people

**Saturday, Jan 4**—1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*  
8:30am—Peter J. Murray  
5:00pm—No intention

**Sunday, Jan 5**—Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12  
7:45am—Sigita Da Masius 9:30am—Lois Rindone  
11:15am—Greg & Epifania Manaloto

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

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## Mass Presidents & Homilists December 31 & January 1

**5:00 PM** President: B. Beaven  
Homilist: B. Beaven

**9:30 AM** President: I. Anaele  
Homilist: I. Anaele

**11:15 AM** President: I. Anaele  
Homilist: I. Anaele

## Mass Presidents & Homilists January 4 & 5

**5:00 PM** President: D. Olson  
Homilist: J. Glenn

**7:45 AM** President: D. Olson  
Homilist: M. Zwolski

**9:30 AM** President: I. Anaele  
Homilist: I. Anaele

**11:15 AM** President: I. Anaele  
Homilist: I. Anaele

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

With joy we announce the upcoming marriage of

**Michael Hameister &  
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Please pray for them as they prepare for their marriage in the Lord.



## OUR SICK WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER

Pat Slovak, Al Lovas, Tom Gaubatz,  
Sarah Weigert, Helen Dorn,  
Chris Cwik, Ruth Nowak,  
Bill O'Shaughnessy,  
Sam Denton (the younger),  
Sam Denton, Sr.  
Barbara West, AnneGene Fortman,  
Charlotte Afonso, Nathaniel Lee

## **SMV Week at a Glance**

### ***Parish Library in Narthex Hospitality After Masses***

#### ***Sunday, December 22***

- 2:00pm—Teen Choir Practice, Church
- 4:00pm—Deaf Mass, Chapel
- 6:30pm—Youth Ministry Christmas Party, PC
- 7:00pm—Small Christian Comm, 118

#### ***Monday, December 23***

- No extra events scheduled

#### ***Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve No 7am Mass***

***Christmas Eve Masses at  
3pm, 5pm, 7pm, Midnight***

#### ***Wednesday, December 25***

***Merry Christmas!  
Masses at 9:30am & 11:15am***

#### ***Thursday, December 26***

***Parish Office Closed This Week***

- 5:30pm—PADS, PC

#### ***Friday, December 27***

- Midnight –6am—PADS
- 3:00pm—Wedding, Chapel

#### ***Saturday, December 28***

- 9:00am—Sharing Hands
- 9:00am—Furniture Ministry, Garages
- 2:30pm—Wedding, Church

#### ***Sunday, December 29***

- No extra events scheduled

#### ***Monday, December 30***

- No extra events scheduled

#### ***Tuesday, December 31—New Year's Eve Mass at 5pm***

#### ***Wednesday, January 1—New Year's Day Masses at 9:30 & 11:15 am***

#### ***Thursday, January 2***

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

#### ***Friday, January 3***

- Midnight-6am—PADS, PC

#### ***Saturday, January 4***

- No extra events scheduled

#### ***Sunday, January 5***

- 1:00pm—Dress A Girl Sewing, PC
- 1:30pm—Alpha Omega Roller Skating, O/S

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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

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### **PADS ASSIGNMENTS DECEMBER 26 & 27 (WEEK 4)**

**5:30 – 8:30 PM—** M. Kelly, V. & V. Grossi, S. Epstein, R. Schultz, N. & M. Wayne, J. Brown, M. Phelps, V. Hudspeath, K. Berns, P. Cahill

**8:30 – 11:00 PM—** M. Litgen, S. Rathsam, M. Nicholas, L. Lemon, N. Hencier, L. Schulze

**11:00 PM – 3:00 AM—** G. Palubicki, S. Rankin

**3:00 – 6:45 AM—** G. & M. Maher, D. Carroll

**5:15 – 6:45 AM—** T. Rieder, C. Donaldson, T. & S. Larkin, J. Kron, P. Rizzo, B. Hogan, B. Cutro, M. & S. Czynski

**If you have arranged for a sub, disregard your name above.**

### **PADS ASSIGNMENTS JANUARY 2 & 3 (WEEK 1)**

**5:30 – 8:30 PM—** C. Levitz, M. Kelly, M. Baker, D. Williams, J. & D. Krippinger, G. Reznicek, K. Berns, M. Reif, D. Rutkowski

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

**11:00 PM – 3:00 AM—** J. Hornung, S. Smith, R. Stoeberl

**3:00 – 6:45 AM—** B. Reinert, D. Wascow-McGuire, B. Foley

**5:15 – 6:45 AM—** J. Venard, C. Donaldson, M. & A. Augustyn, C. Brownson, B. & L. Gosen, S. Hogan, B. Hogan

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