

# St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church

236 US Hwy 45 Indian Creek, Illinois 60061

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 10, 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:

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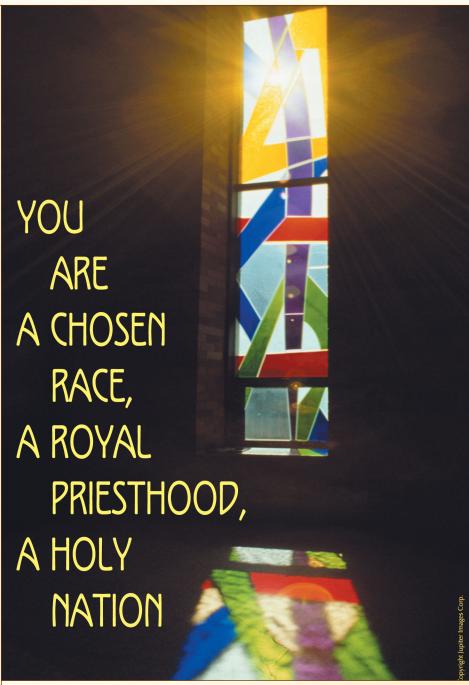
Parish Website: www.maryofvernon.org



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Parish Office Hours:

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#### SMV Masses Live-Streamed on Facebook!

Until the quarantine ends, St. Mary of Vernon weekend Masses will be celebrated on Saturday evenings at 7 p.m. on Facebook.

Go to St. Mary of Vernon FB Page. Facebook.com/maryofvernon. It is not necessary to have a Facebook account in order to view these events. Simply go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/maryofvernon">www.facebook.com/maryofvernon</a> from any internet browser. When prompted to sign in or create an account, click "not now." This should give you access to all our public posts, including the livestreamed Mass. Select "videos" on the left, and choose the one you wish to view.

#### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

#### BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. IGNATIUS IS CONTINUING!

Please check our website, www.maryofvernon.org, for dates and Zoom meeting codes, which change from week to week.

#### **RCIA** – Formation Continues

The Archdiocese of Chicago will be providing guidance in the coming weeks regarding how we can/should celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with Jessica, our Elect, and Hannah, our Candidate. We are looking forward to the day when we can meet as a community to celebrate the Eucharist together and welcome Jessica and Hannah into full participation of the Sacraments and unity wth our community of faith. In the meantime, the St. Mary of Vernon RCIA group continues to meet virtually each week while we comply with stay-at-home directives. Topics vary from week to week dependent on the syllabus we follow as part of the Catechumenate and the needs of the group as we continue our journey in faith together. One of the more recent additions to our activities — "What Would Jesus Tweet?" — is growing on us and has provided some very keen insights into our relationships with our Risen Savior.

We all wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the important women in our lives, especially to all those new mothers among us (for whom the joy of motherhood has the added challenges of isolation from family and friends).

The RCIA team continues to invite all our parishioners and guests to continue praying for Jessica, Hannah, and for Peyton, and Bryan – our Inquirers; we also encourage prayers for 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).

### From the desk of Marion Hornung, Director of Religious Education . . .

This week's Gospel reading is part of what is known as "The Last Supper Discourse." Jesus understands and knows this is his last opportunity to prepare the apostles for what is to come. Jesus knows their hearts and he understands they will be fearful and confused. He wants to reassure them of the promise that no matter what they endure on earth, they will be joyfully reunited with him in heaven.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled." I am profoundly struck by the sheer nature of the words of Jesus in light of what the world has experienced these past several weeks. The Covid 19 pandemic has dramatically changed the way we are living our lives. It is easy to understand that like the apostles, people can be fearful and confused.

We encounter Philip, one of the twelve apostles. He witnessed miracles, broke bread with, and was taught at the feet of Jesus. Even after everything he saw, Philip asked Jesus to "...show us the Father and that will be enough." At this very moment Philip showed a lack of faith. His question to Jesus demonstrates the problem of embracing faith.

Like Philip, we know who Jesus is and what he teaches, but do we have faith? Jesus wants us to have faith in Him. Therein lies the challenge for each of us. We can have an intellectual understanding and knowledge of Christ but faith is something much deeper as it is manifested in the heart.

The events of the past several weeks have caused fear and uncertainty in our lives. We can find ourselves being doubtful or unable to relinquish the illusion of complete control due to our own reasoning. We try to fit God into our paradigm rather than fitting ourselves into His.

But God wastes nothing! I have been connecting with all of the PREP families during this time, and I am moved by the impact the stay-at-home-order has had on their lives. Yes, parents are facing challenges. For example, they are working at home to provide for their families and are now e-learning with their children. However, parents have also shared they are so grateful for the family time, they had no idea how busy they were, sitting at the dinner table has become the new norm and many have discovered the joy of playing board games with their children. They are creating memories.

We are reminded that we can take people and events for granted. We are now "social distancing" and hugging our family and friends has its challenges to say the least. We now attend Mass online and are unable to receive the Eucharist. I miss celebrating Mass at the parish and I am looking forward to the day when I can walk through the doors of our church. Celebrations such as Easter, Mother's Day and birthdays look very different. I am looking forward to seeing and hugging my children, grandchildren and friends. I miss them all.

As Christians we live in hope and not in fear. I encourage you to be fearless during this time and to be faithful. We are called to have faith. I love the quote of St. Augustine of Hippo, "Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe." Our faith is especially important during times such as these. It is our faith and relationship with Jesus Christ that will see us through.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

PLEASE SEND CHECKS MADE OUT TO ST. MARY OF VERNON TO THE PARISH OFFICE.

OR, DONATE VIA GIVE CENTRAL—CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS A SELECTION ON THE FIRST PAGE.



Need a little spiritual pick-me-up during these trying times? Then join the Knights from St. Mary of Vernon in daily prayer, gospel readings, intercessions, and the rosary. These will be "virtual" sessions offered via ZOOM; all you need is a computer with a built-in camera and microphone to participate in the comfort of your own home.

Sessions began Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM and will continue during the mandated "stay-at-home" order. Attend daily or when your schedule permits. The Knights can also help you get setup with a free subscription to ZOOM if you require some assistance. If you are interested or have questions please contact Eric Fernandes.

AERICFERNANDES@YAHOO.COM 847-791-3911



On Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> a handful of Knights from St. Mary of Vernon Council 8022 honored groups of Northshore University Healthcare front line workers performing COVID-19 testing at two local locations with lunch from City Barbeque in Vernon Hills. The event was coordinated by fellow Knights Walter Babb and Jeff Steybe; who along with Arnold Gorospe, Bill Kenyon, Vasyl Veremchuk, and Ruben Herrera volunteered their time to deliver lunch and personally thank those working so hard on behalf of us all.

Knights of Columbus are called to step into the breach and leave no neighbor behind — especially in this time of crisis. As the coronavirus pandemic continues, our duty is to lead our families, protect our parishes, and serve our communities, remembering always that where there's a need, there's a Knight.

If interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus service tenets of Faith, Family, Life and Community - as well as joining our Council - please visit <a href="www.kofc.com">www.kofc.com</a>. The Knights of Columbus also accept endowments in honor of loved ones who'd like to leave a lasting legacy.

#### **Chat with Friends on Zoom after Mass!**

Grab your own decaf beverage (did someone say wine?) or dessert and join your parish friends for an informal chat immediately following our Livestream Mass. You may even meet someone new! Hosted by Maureen Evers, Pastoral Associate.

Saturdays from 8-8:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78922076333?pwd=MkN1TkhaSTlSZklYMURxUGFFNGVyQT09

Meeting ID: 789 2207 6333 Password: 7X9L5W

If you need help getting started on Zoom, just email Maureen at <a href="mailto:mevers@maryofvernon.org">mevers@maryofvernon.org</a> to set up a time for tech assistance.





First, we want to thank you for enrolling your children in the PREP program. Passing on the faith to our children and inviting them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is the best gift we can ever give someone, as it opens the door to eternity.



As you may well know, Governor Pritzker has extended the stay-at-home-order for the state of Illinois until May 30, 2020. Due to this new executive order, the summer PREP program has been canceled. We do recognize this decision will impact the children enrolled in the program. However, the safety and protection of the children, catechists and parish staff is our top priority.

For your information, we can accommodate the summer PREP students into the school year program. The days and times are posted on the PREP page of the SMV parish website at: <a href="https://www.maryofvernon.org">www.maryofvernon.org</a>. Please notify Mary Winegard as to your preference for either Sundays or Mondays as soon as possible at <a href="mailto:mwinegard@maryofvernon.org">mwinegard@maryofvernon.org</a>.

Know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. If you need anything, please feel free to contact either Fr. Ignatius or Marion Hornung via email.

## THE 2020 St. MARY OF VERNON RUMMAGE SALE

## HAS BEEN CANCELLED

#### SHARING HANDS IS HERE TO HELP

We hope our parish family knows about the great work of our **Sharing Hands Ministry**. Through the generosity of our parishioners, we have a fully stocked food pantry that is available to anyone in our parish community who is in need.

We know many local companies and businesses are closing for an undetermined period of time and many workers will be out of work without pay. We are here to help. If your family or a neighbor needs food due to this pandemic our pantry is available to you. Sharing Hands is open Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00pm and Saturday mornings from 9am to 11am. Distribution of food has been modified to put space between each guest and maintain best practices for social distancing. If you would like to donate food to Sharing Hands, please come during their regular hours and volunteers will accept it from you.

For more information you can call the parish office at 847-362-1005 (leave a message if we are not there) or by email to: smv@maryofvernon.org.

This is a difficult time for everyone and your parish is available to help. Let's keep each other in prayer.

#### **Financial Update**

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners the parish is doing well in light of the COVID 19 pandemic.

We did lose one weekend at the end of March when the lockdown started so the month of March was \$13,070 below budget.

Thankfully, people really responded to Father's Easter letter. The donations for the month of April have been right on target. Many people made their entire monthly donation in one check, several made extra donations to help out. Easter was slightly below budget but adding Sunday and Easter together got us to the budget number that we needed to pay all our April bills.

You may not be aware that the parish has continued to pay the salaries for all the employees since the beginning of the pandemic. The parish office remains closed and we have locked down the parish center and church to all but limited use to save on utility bills.

So that is why the best news is that last week we were approved for the Payroll Protection Program loan for \$132,500. This represents 2.5 times our monthly salary and will enable us to continue to pay our employees and utility bills for the next 8 weeks. These funds are part of the CARES Act and will be a forgivable loan at the end of 8 weeks if we follow the requirements.

These funds will enable us to stretch our savings so we will have enough money on hand to cover any shortfall in income over the summer and fall. So even while we wait to worship together, the parish is here waiting for your return. Remember there are several ways to support the parish from home: through regular mail using the envelopes we sent you, directly from your own bank, or electronic giving on live through <a href="https://www.givecentral.org">www.givecentral.org</a> or text-to-give by texting DONATE to 1-132-313-6152.

Be well, be safe,

Susan Gray Parish Business Manager

#### **UPDATES FROM LAKE COUNTY UNITED**

First, the Lake County CoVid19 webpage now has a listing of all food pantries in Lake County. Not all of them require registration or even identification.

In addition, a new program called "CATCH" - Community Action to Counter Hunger - is working with the Northern Illinois Food Bank to ensure food is delivered to those unable to get out of the house or unable to have groceries delivered. This is especially useful going forward as there are long wait times (days-week) to have food delivered or even ready for pick up at the grocery stores. Add to this the fact that we may experience more serious food shortages in the coming month, and this new resource becomes especially valuable. This program is just getting underway and we will have more information next week; in the meantime, those interested in this program should contact the 211 center for more details and registration.

The second item of note is that the county is now looking to develop a database of Hispanic- and African-Americans citizens in order to reach out to the communities directly. Our parish may have already heard from J. Ashworth regarding this project. For further information, our parish staff can contact <a href="mailto:jashworth@lakecountyil.gov">jashworth@lakecountyil.gov</a>. We will continue to keep all updated on this.

Finally, the county has its first testing facility. The testing facility is located at the State Vehicle Emissions Testing Site, on Western Avenue, in Waukegan. It will only have access to the molecular test (nasal swab) results will be available in 5-7 days, and there will only be 500 tests given per day. The best part is that people will not need a doctor's order for the test. If someone has the symptoms, they will be allowed to test. Also, high-risk groups such as medical professionals, first responders, and essential workers, are permitted to be tested without symptoms. The Illinois National Guard will be administering these tests. If anyone is interested in reading all the information from every conference call, they can be accessed at https://lakecountyil.gov/4428/conference-calls.



### **ATTENTION TEENS (& PARENTS):**

Thousands of teenagers from across the country are gathering on Sunday nights for the BIGGEST YOUTH NIGHT EVER. It's called ProjectYM Live and each week it'll feature some of the biggest speakers and worship leaders in the Catholic youth ministry world – last week they had OVER TEN THOUSAND students participate.

Our parish is signed up to participate – all you need to do is head to <u>WWW.PROJECTYM.COM/WATCH</u> this Sunday at 7pm Central.

#### Two quick notes:

The broadcast starts at 7pm CDT, but plan to have your student log in a few minutes early to make sure they're on when it starts.

They can access the event on any device with a web browser – but the faster the connection, the better. Hope you will join us!!

#### **BULLETIN INFORMATION UPDATES**

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic information has been changing almost hourly. While we are making every attempt to keep information current it is sometimes impossible. We will be sending out the weekly **epost**, (more often if necessary) and will keep our website updated as often as we can. Please check it often. **To add your name to the ePost distribution list, contact swogan@maryofvernon.org.** 

Since the parish offices are closed the best way to leave a message is through email to: smv@maryofvernon.org. It is monitored daily.

#### A Fast Way to Support SMV

Announcing a new fast way to make contributions to St. Mary of Vernon—Text-to-Give through Give Central. Right now it is available to use for Easter, Sunday and the Building Maintenance Fund. Using the phone number in the article to the right you can use the following words:

**Donate**— to make a donation to the Sunday Offering

Maintain—to make a donation to the Maintenance Fund

If you already have a Give Central account it will take you right there. If you are new to Give Central there will be a place to enroll.

Any issues, email sgray@maryofvernon.org



#### Tips for Reducing Anxiety During the COVID-19 Outbreak

From Arlington Heights parishes, and recommended by Deacon Tom Lambert, head of our Archdiocese's mental health commission, and by our own Deacon Jerry Nora.

Ground yourself in science. Science-based facts will ground you in a reality where truth, hope, and interventions exist. Resist sensational news or social media, where facts are often blurred or exaggerated. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides information and frequent updates.

Limit your consumption of the news. A near-constant stream of news reports can cause anyone to feel anxious or distressed. Instead, seek CDC updates and practical guidelines at specific times during the day.

**Isolate but stay connected to others.** Protect yourself and others with social distance and homebound activities. But make sure to keep your attachments to friends, family, and loved ones by calling, texting, using FaceTime or Skype.

Get your emotional support system in place. Maintain familiar routines in daily life as much as possible; Routines and schedules reduce stress and anxiety in our lives. Keep your list of support people or tools at your fingertips so you can draw on them easily if needed.

Think locally, not globally. Focus on what is happening in your local community and what you can do to keep yourself and neighbors healthy and safe. A sense of community is vital for moving through traumatic situations and builds resiliency in children and adults.

Practice self-care and make sure others do too. Be mindful about eating well, keeping a healthy sleep cycle, exercising, and other soothing self-care behaviors. Make sure to avoid using alcohol or drugs to cope with stress. And limit caffeine as it heightens anxiety and irritability.

**Fight helplessness by finding purpose.** The uncertainty that COVID-19 brings can leave many of us feeling unspeakably helpless. Finding purpose can alleviate restlessness and anxiety. Choose things you can control, be it shifting negative thoughts into positive ones, deciding what to cook for lunch, reading a good book, picking what movie you and the kids will watch, or other activities you have power over.

Let your faith be a beacon of hope. In addition to prayer and watching online daily Mass, scripture "mantras" can be helpful to ease moments of anxiety.

Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13





## **The Unemployment Line**

WERC is wishing everyone a safe and healthy stay-at-home experience! And for those who continue to work – we are grateful for your service!

Per the recent Archdiocesan guidelines our monthly employment support group meetings are cancelled. We will re-evaluate our schedule for future months as we learn more.

#### Looking for work in the midst of the pandemic?

Experts are saying there are plenty of jobs to be had – even in this down economy. Here's another key consideration for your job search in May and June 2020:

Since in-person contact is limited and remote work is the predominant new norm, make every effort to use videoconferencing to maintain and nurture your relationships—personal and professional. Need a coffee break? Make it virtual. Launch a video meeting and have a conversation with a fellow teammate, catch up with a colleague you haven't spoken to in a while, or introduce yourself to someone new. Virtual face-to-face interaction during times of isolation can boost your mood, promote camaraderie, and make a lasting impression on recruiters if done effectively.

#### We're Still Here!

The St. Mary of Vernon WERC team is still available to help! Contact the WERC team at SMVWERC@gmail.com to pose questions, ask for advice, connect (virtually) for a shoulder to lean on...

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.

#### Around the Corner – From St. Joseph's Unemployment Ministry

Here are some resources you might find helpful in you job search and life situation:

For anyone who may have missed Bruce Bennett's Zoom presentation "5 Keys to Impressing a Hiring Manager" on April 15, Bruce was kind enough to record it and share it with us - the link appears below:

Topic: 5 Keys to Impressing a Hiring Manager

Meeting Recording:

https://zoom.us/rec/share/\_sptF4r9qipLUI3m7Fr7AYMYGbi8aaa8gSEcrPsKzsN1LGgMEVTg\_fyCcJ-ZqVA

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Our own Maureen Mueller has been working very hard with the Lake County Workforce team to create online versions of Lake County's resources for job seekers. Be sure to make use of the online version of their successful 5 Steps Program (a comprehensive guide to landing your next job):

https://www.lakecountyil.gov/347/5-Steps-to-Your-Next-Job.

(Also, you'll find a number of excellent additional job search resources - click on the links on the left side of the page...)

Lake Country resources: (Everything from employment resources to maintaining utilities to free internet service): <a href="https://211lakecounty.org/images/News/COVID\_19\_Resources.pdf">https://211lakecounty.org/images/News/COVID\_19\_Resources.pdf</a>



#### READINGS & FEASTS THIS WEEK

Monday, May 11—Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 12—Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a Saints Nereus & Achilleus

Wednesday, May 13—Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 Our Lady of Fatima

**Thursday, May 14**—Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17 St. Matthias

Friday, May 15—Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17 St. Isidore

**Saturday, May 16**—Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 17—Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

#### OUR SICK WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER

Pat Slovak, Sarah Weigert, Helen Dorn, Chris Cwik, Ruth Nowak, Bill O'Shaughnessy, Sam Denton, Sr. Barbara West, AnneGene Fortman, Charlotte Afonso, Nathaniel Lee, Michelle Lucas Freer, Donald Dobrowski, Ed Tracz, Pat Cahill, Jim Wogan, Kay McNamara, Mary Rollo

#### A PRAYER FOR TRYING TIMES

God of all mercies, grant:

To our family, safety and good health;

To those afflicted with COVID-19, swift healing;

To healthcare providers, strength and stamina;

To our leaders, wisdom and compassion;

To our nation, unity and purpose;

To the dying, comfort;

To the dead, eternal life;

To all believers, strong faith in You;

To the Church, the gift of service;

To the whole human family, unity of heart; and

To us, your servants, the reward of knowing that we are doing Your will

When we spend ourselves in loving service of others.

Amen.



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

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#### SMV Week at a Glance

Until further notice, all group events are cancelled, including daily and Sunday Masses. Sharing Hands will continue operations to serve our neighbors in need. Sharing Hands on drive-up basis only.

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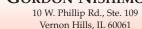
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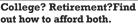
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