



St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church

236 US Hwy 45
Indian Creek, Illinois 60061

Christmas Holiday Season
December 25, 2020 to January 3, 2021

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 Office Hours:
Monday thru Thursday
Friday
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9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
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8:30 a.m.—Noon



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Christmas 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Each one of us carries treasured memories of joyous Christmas celebrations. This year, the Christmas we are about to celebrate will be different. Because of the pandemic and the changes at work in our society, this season will no doubt have a more somber and restrained tone. And yet the very heart of our Christmas celebration does not change and, indeed, may be more important than ever.

To celebrate the birth of Jesus summons us to remember that the Word became flesh. In Jesus, God became one with us in all things but sin. In Jesus, God understands the joy and grief of our human condition from the inside. The great blessing of Christmas is Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us—the blessed assurance that God walks with us on our joyful and challenging life journey.

In his recent encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis reminds us that we are all sisters and brothers to each other, ultimately linked together in Jesus Christ who is Son of God and Son of Mary. As brothers and sisters, let us hold each other in the mystery of the Word made flesh. Let us pray for each other. I will certainly remember you, and I ask you to remember me. And although this may be a different kind of Christmas, it may also be one of the most meaningful.

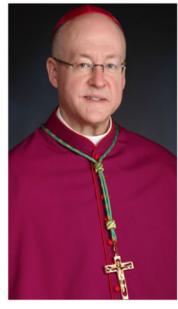
God bless you and your loved ones and keep you safe in his providential love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Archbishop of Chicago

WE WELCOME BISHOP GROB, OUR EPISCOPAL VICAR CELEBRATING MASS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 AT 8:00 A.M.



Bishop-elect Jeffrey S. Grob was born on March 19, 1961, in Madison, Wis. He grew up on a dairy farm outside Cross Plains, Wis. He earned a master of divinity degree in 1992 from the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, where he was also awarded a Licentiate in Sacred Theology in 1999. Bishop-elect Grob earned a Licentiate in Canon Law and a doctorate in Canon Law from St. Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario, in 2000 and 2007, respectively. He earned a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Ottawa in Ottawa, Ontario, also in 2007.

Bishop-elect Grob was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin on May 23, 1992. He served in parishes as resident and assistant pastor at SS. Faith, Hope and Charity Parish, Winnetka, from 1992 to 1998, and as a weekend assistant at St. Basil Parish in Ottawa, Ontario, from 1998 to 2002. He was dean of Deanery IV-D from 2008 to 2009 and pastor of St. Celestine Parish in Elmwood Park from 2008 to 2013.

He has served the archdiocese in many, often simultaneous positions. Bishop Grob was consecrated a bishop on November 13, 2020 at Holy Name Cathedral. He is an Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago and the Episcopal Vicar of Vicariate I, a region of the archdiocese composed of north and northwest suburbs of Cook and Lake County in Illinois. His Vicariate office is located in Libertyville, Illinois.

From the desk of Deacon Jerry Nora . . .

Where is Joseph? And other Christmas Mysteries

The Christmas Gospel raises some interesting questions.

Take, for instance, “swaddling clothes” and “lying in a manger.” What were swaddling clothes? And why are swaddling clothes and the manger so important? Luke’s Gospel mentions Jesus’ birth in passing but stresses the swaddling and manger three times.

I thought “swaddling” was something like rags, a sign of Jesus’ poverty. I was completely wrong. Swaddling was a wrapping with complex weaving that tightly protected and comforted an infant. It would have been a significant investment, either of money or labor, as well as love. The Jewish people would associate it with King Solomon (the first king called a “son of David”), who boasts in scripture, “I was carefully swaddled and nursed, for no king has any other way to begin at birth” (Wisdom 7:4-5). The swaddling is a sign that the child is a royal son of David.

The manger is not just a sign of physical poverty. In Luke, Jesus’ conception is understood through Isaiah’s prophecies. Now the newborn’s placement in a manger resonates with Isaiah’s very first oracle in which God’s people fail to know him even though “an ox knows its master, and an ass knows its master’s manger” (Isaiah 1:4-5). By lying in the manger, Jesus is shown to be God coming to remedy the spiritual poverty that makes humanity dumber than the ass!

The great biblical scholar Father Raymond Brown suggests that we may be missing an important point when Luke says Jesus lies in the manger because there “was no room for them in the inn.” The Jewish people yearned for the real and constant presence of God which they had enjoyed in the Exodus. The prophet Jeremiah lamented that the Lord was not at home with his people: “Why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler stopping only for a night?” (Jeremiah 14:8). For people who shared Jeremiah’s sorrow, it would be particularly good news that Jesus is not born in the inn. God is no longer like a traveler stopping only for a night. He has come to live as a real and constant presence with his people.

The shepherds understood these signs, and when they saw them, “they made known the message that had been told them.” According to Luke, all who heard the shepherds “were amazed.” Nevertheless, for some 30 years, Jesus goes unrecognized during his hidden life. Were none of the “amazed” people converted? This question comes because we changed the meaning of “amazed.” The original Greek word meant that all who heard the shepherds’ message dismissed it as nonsense, as complete craziness. Their amazement foretold what would happen in Jesus’ public ministry, when “these least ones” would understand the Good News and the sophisticated Pharisees and priests would be confounded.

Luke’s Gospel also raises what the great detective Sherlock Holmes would call, “the curious instance of St. Joseph in the night-time.” Why is there so little about Joseph in Luke’s Gospel? And notice how Joseph goes missing in so much of our Christmas art. The magi and shepherds appear more often than Joseph. If even Jesus needs a human father, shouldn’t our pictures, cards, and stamps emphasize Joseph more?

Our own artwork at St. Mary of Vernon answers the question by placing the St. Joseph statue in the very back of church. Like St. Joseph himself --- silent, attentive, and ready to serve -- our statue stands in the background and, like a worshipper, is focused utterly on the sanctuary. So, when Joseph seems to be missing in a Nativity scene, it reminds me that we are meant to look at Jesus and Mary through Joseph’s eyes. Come, let us adore!



Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday ~ January 7, 2021

9:00 am—11:00am

In the Church

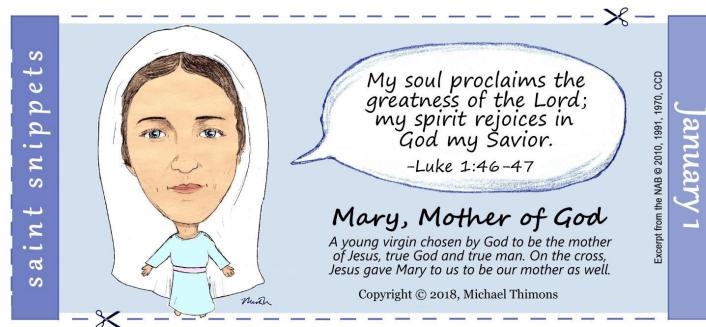
Sign up for Sunday Masses Reminder

A quick thank you to all who take the few minutes needed to register to attend Mass each week. Pre-registering for our weekend Masses is very important and helps the check in process go much faster, especially now that the weather has gotten colder. We are able to print out the registration list each week and just check your name off the list when you arrive. While we still have room for people to attend Mass each weekend, people who just come without pre-registering slow down the check-in process since we need to take your name and phone number before you can enter Church.

Sign up for Daily Mass at <https://tinyurl.com/yaymo6v2>. Sign up for Saturday night & Sunday Masses at <https://tinyurl.com/y9823aam>.

CONFIRMATION FOR VICARIATE I ADULTS

Confirmation preparation for adults will begin March 1, 2021. Any baptized adult who was not confirmed as an adolescent is invited to participate in preparation for the sacrament. Bishop Jeffrey Grob, Vicar of Vicariate I, will preside at the adult Confirmation Mass on May 18, 2021. Both the preparation sessions and Mass will take place at St. Edna Parish, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights. Find the registration form and details at www.vic1chicago.org, or contact the SMV parish office.



Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1) TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On this feast, we can see how devotion to Mary has been a beacon of hope to the sick throughout history. In the new cathedral of Los Angeles, the faithful enter through a single door topped by a striking sculpture of Mary with arms stretched down in compassion. Sculpted into the massive bronze doors are the titles of Mary most treasured by various cultures. Many of them speak of how the sick are consoled by a sense of Mary's presence.

Dorothy Day once recalled St. Bonaventure's remark that after the Lord's long forty days of fasting in the desert, when he was diminished and weak from his struggle, the angels who ministered to him went first to the Blessed Mother's house. There they saw the soup that was on her stove, and took some to the Lord so that he would delight in it even more since his mother had prepared it. "Of course," said Dorothy Day matter-of-factly.

In praying the rosary and savoring the stories of Mary's steadfast love in the face of all suffering, the sick are strengthened by one of our tradition's most shining treasures, and the whole Church is enriched.

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Please pray for our RCIA Inquirers and their Sponsors . . .

. . . who will be celebrating the Rite of Welcome Saturday, January 23, 2021 At the 5pm Mass:

Inquirer Peyton Habenicht; Inquirer Rebecca Joubert; Sponsor Alexa Liederbach; Sponsor April Martinez

If you or anyone you know is interested in exploring the Catholic faith, please contact Maureen Evers, Pastoral Associate, at the parish office: 847-362-1005 x207 or mevers@maryofvernon.org.

GIVE CENTRAL UPDATE

We are living through some challenging times. Back in March when we closed our Churches for the first time in memorable history no one thought the pandemic would last this long or have such far reaching affects. Even when we re-opened our Church doors on June 7, we did not think we would have to celebrate the approaching holidays with apprehension and uncertainty.

A year ago we had a successful increased offering campaign when we encouraged parishioners to use electronic giving to keep our parish income consistent each month. It really worked. This past quarter over 40% of our income came from online giving. The rest came from the Sunday Church collection boxes and the mail-in envelopes.

As we approach the end of the year, we are asking everyone who uses Give Central to pay close attention to the ending date on their account. You may have already received an email reminder from Give Central if your donations are set to **expire on or around the end of 2020**. It is important that you log into your Give Central account at www.givecentral.org and edit your primary information screen to reflect a new expiration date, if necessary. Some instructions to make it easier:

From the Donor Screen look for the Current Event – Sunday Collection. On the right side of that line you will see some small boxes, you can select the first or second box. This will take you to Edit Donor Event where you will see:

A screenshot of a web-based application titled "Edit donor events". At the top, there's a breadcrumb navigation: "Admin Panel" → "Donor" → "Edit All Payments". The main form has a header "Edit donor events". It contains three main sections: 1) "Event:" with a dropdown menu showing "Sunday Collection". 2) "Payment Start Date:" with a text input field containing "2020-11-18" and a calendar icon. 3) "Payment End Date:" with a checkbox labeled "Ongoing" and a text input field containing "2020-12-31", followed by another calendar icon.

You can see that you have two choices: ongoing, which will keep the donations scheduled until you end them, or you can insert a date in the future when the donations will end. Both of these date options can be changed at anytime.

We are very grateful for your commitment to St. Mary of Vernon, your donations are vital to the financial success of our parish.

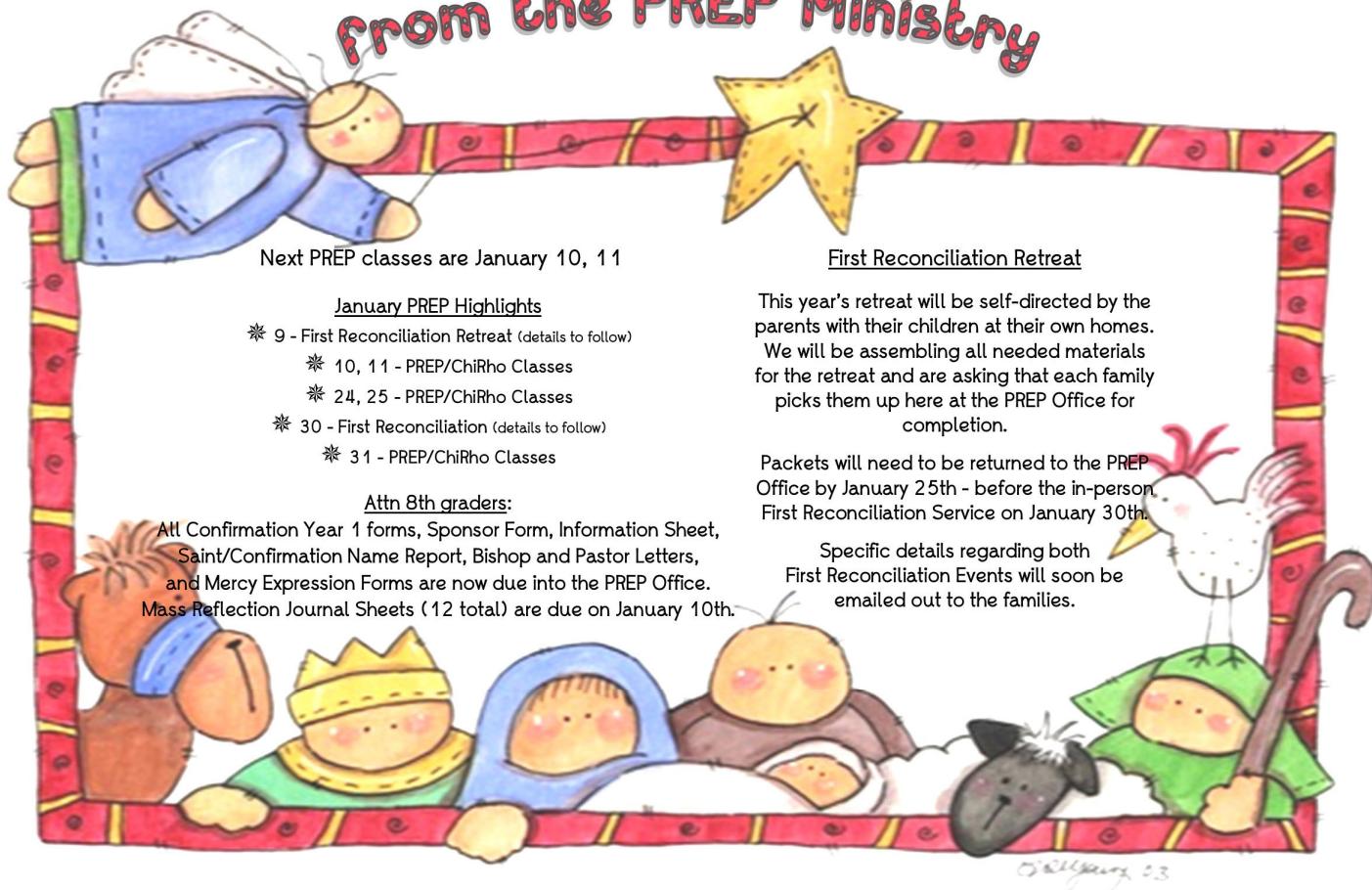
Fr. Ignatius and the Parish Finance Council

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—December 27 TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.

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



Next PREP classes are January 10, 11

January PREP Highlights

- * 9 - First Reconciliation Retreat (details to follow)
- * 10, 11 - PREP/ChiRho Classes
- * 24, 25 - PREP/ChiRho Classes
- * 30 - First Reconciliation (details to follow)
- * 31 - PREP/ChiRho Classes

Attn 8th graders:

All Confirmation Year 1 forms, Sponsor Form, Information Sheet, Saint/Confirmation Name Report, Bishop and Pastor Letters, and Mercy Expression Forms are now due into the PREP Office. Mass Reflection Journal Sheets (12 total) are due on January 10th.

First Reconciliation Retreat

This year's retreat will be self-directed by the parents with their children at their own homes.

We will be assembling all needed materials for the retreat and are asking that each family picks them up here at the PREP Office for completion.

Packets will need to be returned to the PREP Office by January 25th - before the in-person First Reconciliation Service on January 30th.

Specific details regarding both First Reconciliation Events will soon be emailed out to the families.



The Epiphany of the Lord TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans—purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

Centuries ago, today's feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ's identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ's coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer.

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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).



**Alpha Omega Youth Ministry
wishes you and yours a
Merry Christmas
and a
Blessed New Year!**



Virtual Event
Sunday, January 10th
7:00PM—8:30PM

zoom

Our first event of the New Year will be a Zoom! Wear your pj's and sit in the comfort of your own home for this fun, exciting Youth Ministry event! The Zoom link will be posted on Alpha Omega's Facebook page & Instagram page. We will also send the link on our Remind texts. Are you getting our text reminders? If not, please text @22fd9g2 to 81010.



Alpha Omega Summer Mission Trip

We are pleased to announce that work has begun to prepare for a possible Summer Mission Trip this July! All is considered "potential" in that we must await the "ok" from both State and Church officials; but the ball is rolling! More information will be forthcoming.

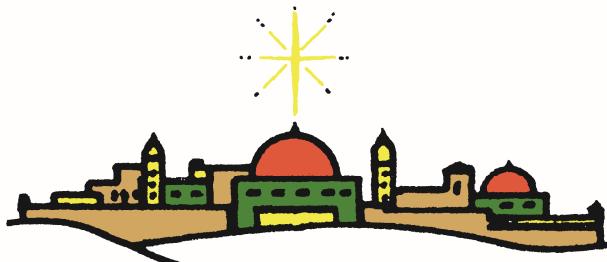
Please continue to look for information about Youth Ministry activities on Alpha Omega's Facebook page & Instagram page as well as through our Remind texts.

**Not getting the Alpha Omega Youth Ministry Remind texts?
Text @22fd9g2 to 81010
to make sure you are getting the latest Youth Ministry info.**

RECEIVE EUCHARIST FROM YOUR CAR

Now that we can live stream every Mass we would like to offer people the opportunity to receive Eucharist from your car in the Church parking lot after the 8am Mass. If you are not ready to come to Mass inside Church you can watch it at home or drive to the parish and watch it from your car on your smartphone. Father Ignatius will distribute Eucharist from the main entrance of church starting around 9:15am. If you are going to watch Mass on your smartphone from your car we ask you to park in the south auxiliary parking lot. This would be to avoid the cars that are parked for Mass attendees. Once Mass is over and the parking lot cleared, around 9:15 am, you can begin to form a line of cars in front of church from the south parking lot, running along the detention pond, then turning the car to face west, passenger side next to church. Fr. Ignatius will be standing under the awning in front of Church.

Everyone in the car should wear their mask. Remain in your car. A hand sanitizer volunteer will come to each car, walking around the car to sanitize each person's hands. Father will follow and distribute the Eucharist. Do not remove your mask until everyone in your car has received and Fr. Ignatius has moved away from your car. **Please note that this is all predicated on the weather. Father will not be able to distribute the Eucharist if it is actively raining, snowing or the temperature drops below freezing.**



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Creation Care Corner

*Taking action to protect God's great gift to us
— Mother Earth*



*"...we need to commit
ourselves to caring for
Creation, without
squandering its resources...."*
— Pope Benedict XVI

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION: Keep It Simple!

Pope Francis cautions us to avoid the "culture of consumerism" when he says, "A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment." A simpler "outer" life, free of clutter and distraction, makes it easier to be more spiritual. In turn, spirituality leads to a less attached and simpler outer life. A virtuous circle! Material simplicity is an intentional pathway to more joy, happiness and the flourishing of God's Creation. Filter acquisition decisions through a lens of needs v. wants. "Less is more."

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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READINGS, FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- Monday, Dec 28**—1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18 *The Holy Innocents*
8:30am—No intention
- Tuesday, Dec 29**—1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35 *St. Thomas Becket*
8:30am—Georgette Scully
- Wednesday, Dec 30**—1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
8:30am—No intention
- Thursday, Dec 31**—1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18 *St. Sylvester I*
8:30am—No intention
- New Year's Eve:** 5:00pm—No intention
- Friday, Jan 1**—Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 *Solemnity of Mary*
9:00am—Jose Pempe Rodriguez
- Saturday, Jan 2**—1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28 *Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen*
8:30am—No intention
5:00pm—Donald Blindauer
- Sunday, Jan 3**—Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 *Epiphany of the Lord*
8:00am—Stanley & Angela Archacki, Anthony & Connie DeVita, Merle Acosta Ilao
11:00am—Greg & Epifanía Manalato
- Monday, Jan 4**—1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*
8:30am—No intention
- Tuesday, Jan 5**—1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44 *St. John Neumann*
8:30am—No intention
- Wednesday, Jan 6**—1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52 *St. Andre Bessette*
8:30am—No intention
- Thursday, Jan 7**—1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22 *St. Raymond of Peñafort*
8:30am—No intention
- Friday, Jan 8**—1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
8:30am—No intention
- Saturday, Jan 9**—1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
8:30am—No intention
- Sunday, Jan 10**—Is 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11 *Baptism of the Lord*
8:00am—Arlette Krock
11:00am—Lawrence McLaughlin

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

- MAJ Jay Althoff, USA
FC2 Trevor A. Amos, USN
LTC Robert Bowen, USA
COL Steven Carozza, USA
Sgt Michael J. Cinnick, USMC
SGT Alyssa Cleary, USA
SGT Thomas Cleary, USA
PO2 Swen Erickson, USN
LTC Grace Gallagher, USA
ETV2 Michael Gielczyk, USN
COL Matthew Hepburn, USA
LT Alex Hoersten, USN
SPC Kevin Holum, USA
2LT Nicole Keane, USA
LTJG Kendall G. Knorr, USN
PVT Matthew Kukula, USMC
LCpl Michael Kukula, USMC
- LT Melanie C. Lecaroz, USN
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
Maj 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.

BAPTISM LAST WEEK

Made a child of God by water and the Spirit:

Antoni Henzel, son of Piotr Henzel & Marta Rybka.

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

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Innocensia Catacutan

Tommy Murdock,
brother of Nancy Pagnotta

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

Pat Slovak, Sarah Weigert,
Helen Dorn, Ruth Nowak,
Bill O'Shaughnessy,
Sam Denton, Sr., Barbara West,
AnneGene Fortman, Nathaniel Lee,
Michelle Lucas Freer, Pat Cahill,
Jim Wogan, Kay McNamara,
Zoe Weller, Margaret Litgen,
Roy Slade, Matthew Jurey,
Debbie Semple,
Fr. Hilary Muheezangango,
Pat Montgomery, Caroline Andrews,
Carlo Bello



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OPTIONS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT ST. MARY OF VERNON

We are so grateful to our parish families who have been supporting St. Mary of Vernon through the pandemic. Donations come in a variety of ways, all of them helpful.

Mail in or drop off envelopes from our monthly mailings.

Give online through www.givecentral.org or the link on our parish website.

Text to Give right from your phone. Simply text the word **Share** to 1-312-313-6152 to make a donation to St. Mary of Vernon through Give Central. Once you set up an account you can make donations at any time, from anywhere.

You can also donate through your annual Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from an IRA or investment account. Call the parish office for details.

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 847-546-6450 or visit www.gamblingservices@nicasa.org.

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: 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 <https://>

Information on Elder Abuse: www.nursinghomeabusecenter.com/resources/faith/

Pregnant and Need Help? Call 847-249-2700 (Aid for Women of Northern Lake County)

The Unemployment Line

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY – Meetings Resume: JANUARY 21

Our 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 21 Determining My Values, Motivators & Needs

Feb. 4 Assessing My Strengths, Competencies & Accomplishments

Feb 18 Your Brand and Value Proposition

We meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Our sessions are free, and all are welcome - feel free to invite a friend! Zoom links will be published in bulletins closer to the meeting dates.

The St. Joseph Employment Ministry assists the unemployed and under-employed in the pursuit of fulfilling employment opportunities. Anyone with an interest in assisting job-seekers is also invited to attend. Zoom meetings are usually held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month and feature topical presentations. If you have questions, contact John Jennings at jfjennings@comcast.net. Employers are invited to post open positions by sending an email to John.



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