



St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church

236 US Hwy 45
Indian Creek, Illinois 60061

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 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
Saturday

9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Closed
8:30 a.m.—Noon

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR

The month of December ended the first half of our fiscal year 2020-2021. While we have been able to gather for Masses only on a limited basis our parishioners continue to support our parish through their regular donations. Whether by mail, in person, or through on-line giving, we collected \$448,370.00 between July and December, just \$16,545 below our budget.

As previously reported our parish offices are open and all 17 employees have been working on site since June. We were able to secure a Payroll Protection Program loan for \$132,500 which enabled us to continue to pay our employees this whole time. This loan has been forgiven and right now we are waiting to see if we will qualify for additional funding from this program.

Since we must follow the civil guidelines, we have postponed our on-site parish ministry meetings until we are moved from Tier 3 restrictions. Not having the buildings open for meetings has enabled us to save on some of our recurring expenses, such as utilities, police protection, and even maintenance. But since we are open, the regular bills still arrive, even if they are slightly less than last year.

In November we received our Annual Catholic Appeal rebate, for \$65,718.00. This money will be used to cover any shortfall in our Sunday income and the rest will be for special projects decided by the Finance Council. We count on this rebate money to help balance our budget each year. Fortunately, every year our parishioners are extremely generous.

Our Christmas Collection was \$81,628, slightly over budget, although \$22,405 was deposited in 2021 and will be credited in January.

So overall, we have ended the first half of this fiscal year very close to where we expected to be. This is remarkable through this pandemic. Our sincere thank you to all who continue to support St. Mary of Vernon.

—St. Mary of Vernon Finance Council

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL—2021 *Come, follow me . . . and bring hope to the world*

Sacred Scripture teaches us “if we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us” (cf. 1 John 4:12).

Supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal unites us as a faith community in demonstrating love of neighbor through the good works we are able to provide together. The Appeal drives the holy mission of our archdiocese to teach, to serve and to sanctify, allowing us to carry out the work of Christ. As a parish, we can join together during this time of uncertainty to continue to carry out these works.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online.

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>.

From the comfy couch of Jim Welch, our Youth Minister. . .

Our First Reading this weekend comes from the Book of the Prophet Jonah. This short book of the Old Testament, only four brief chapters long, has as one of its main themes that of repentance - feeling sincere regret and remorse about one's wrongdoing. The Lord God sends the prophet Jonah to Nineveh to tell its people to repent of their evil way of life or suffer the wrath of God. One small problem for Jonah: Nineveh, in the land of Assyria, was a traditional enemy of Israel.

Our reading today starts after Jonah's attempt to run from the job the Lord asks of him (he feared for his life –didn't trust in the Lord to take care of him), after he is thrown from the ship in the storm at sea and swallowed by the whale, after his own prayer of repentance, when Jonah arrives in Nineveh to deliver the Lord's message: "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed."

The people of Nineveh believed God's message immediately. Everyone from the king to the common people fasted; and all of them, even down to the livestock, wore sackcloth and ashes. (According to Wikipedia, sackcloth was coarse fabric, usually made from rough goat's hair, that would be extremely uncomfortable to wear.) They repented, turned from their evil lifestyle, and asked for forgiveness.

Jonah repented. All the people of Nineveh repented. That got me thinking, how often do I repent? How often do I have sincere regret and remorse about my actions?

Jonah had good reason to ask for forgiveness, right? I mean what did he have to lose? He was stuck in the belly of a giant fish. He must have had a lot of free time to contemplate his actions, his choosing to do the opposite of what God asked of him. And the people of Nineveh, didn't they also have a good reason to change their ways? I mean a foreigner and sworn enemy just waltzed into their town unafraid proclaiming that God would destroy them if they didn't change! That Jonah guy has guts; he must really, really believe that God has the power to do what he says he will.

So how about me? In what ways do I need to change? And how come I don't have as strong a "motivating factor" as those we hear about in the First Reading today?

Well, like Jonah, I may need to take the time to reflect on my choices. In doing so, and it didn't take all that long, I can see how my patience is not what it should be when I drive. The thoughts that come to my mind, and unfortunately sometimes come out of my mouth, when I get frustrated by other drivers' lack of speed, way of turning, hugging of the line, riding my bumper, weaving in and out of traffic, lack of a use of a turn signal, (taking a deep breath here) all cause me to realize that I need to ask God for forgiveness and to change my way of life. (And I took the "easy" fault in my life to focus on today; I'd fill three pages if I reflected on the areas in my life where I act selfishly. Maybe next time...)

God is always ready and willing to forgive us. We simply need to ask. And, maybe more importantly, since we don't have a calamity befalling us, we need to take the time to reflect on our actions so that we can clearly see what we need to repent from.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Ordinary" is not always a desirable adjective. Who would not be insulted to receive a thank-you note for your "ordinary birthday gift," or "the ordinary hospitality at the dinner party"? No restaurant advertises its "ordinariness," no car dealer seats a customer at the steering wheel and whispers, "Look how ordinary it is!" Yet here we are in "Ordinary Time." The word carries a different meaning here: it does not mean these days are dull, boring, pedestrian, uninteresting. It means "ordinal," or "numbered" Sundays, a season of the year when we follow the story of Jesus' life and ministry in an ordered way, with each Sunday assigned an ordinal number.

You can amaze your friends with this example of Catholic arithmetic: the "Ordinary Sundays" begin with the last Sunday of Christmas, the Baptism of the Lord, continue until the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, and resume after a cluster of feasts following Pentecost Sunday. The numbers are calculated by counting backwards from the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Now you know there is nothing "ordinary" about "Ordinary Time!"

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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.



Pictures with Santa have been uploaded and are available for download here:

<http://www.kc8022.org/Pictures/Santa2020.aspx>

Creation Care Corner

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



*"Let ours be a time remembered
for... the firm resolve to achieve
sustainability... and the joyful
celebration of life."*
— Pope Benedict XVI

THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION: Be Salt Wise This Winter.

Salt can infiltrate and permanently pollute groundwater and streams. Use the minimal amount needed.

1. **Shovel** - Clear walkways and other areas before the snow turns to ice.
2. **Scatter** - If you use salt, scatter it so that there is space between the grains. A 12-ounce coffee mug of salt is enough to treat an entire 20-foot driveway.
3. **Switch** - When pavement temperatures drop below 15 degrees, salt won't work. Switch to sand for traction or a different ice melter that works at lower temperatures (i.e., Calcium chloride).
4. **Store Correctly** - Store ice melting products in airtight containers to maintain maximum effectiveness.

For information, visit: www.wisaltwise.com.

MASS ATTENDANCE RECAP

We were very happy to see 815 people attend our Christmas Masses. While this was nowhere near years ago, it was wonderful to see families gathered together to attend Mass in the midst of a pandemic.

Since we anticipated larger than normal attendance we were able to increase the seating capacity in church by rearranging the individual chairs in the back rows. Even with the additional chairs, please note that we are still following the social distance spacing and are under the required occupancy limits for a building of that size.

It is our hope that our weekend attendance will continue to increase as time goes on. We were averaging just over 260 people, and this last weekend we had 317, the highest weekend so far.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who clean and sanitize the Church after each Mass. We hope you feel safe with all the protocols we have in place. Please encourage your family and friends to attend Mass with you. Everyone is welcome... you are missed.

**THE ARCHDIOCESAN COMMISSION ON MENTAL ILLNESS INVITES YOU TO
"MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE" AN EVENING OF PRAYER, CONNECTION AND HOPE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 7:00-8:00 P.M.**

The Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness is pleased to offer Moving Forward in Hope, a monthly series of evening prayer, connection, and hope. Our goal is to create a safe place for those living with or those caring for someone with mental health concerns to come together to pray and share with one another.

We know connection is paramount to mental health and well-being. These virtual meetings will cover relevant topics and be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

For the registration link send an email to Deacon Tom Lambert at tlambert@ourlmc.org



Lector Training, Winter 2021

Learn the theology, skills and self-confidence to help communicate God's Word and make it come alive for the assembly.

FOR NEW MINISTERS ONLY (Adults and Teens)

When: Saturday, February 13, 2021
Check-In, 8:45 a.m.;
Workshop, 9 a.m. to noon

Where: Zoom

Registration: www.vic1chicago.org

D. Todd Williamson is the Director of the Office for Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He is a speaker, author and liturgist whose ministerial experience includes teaching and parish pastoral ministry. His most recent publications, *Great is the Mystery*, *the Formational Power of Liturgy*, and *Guide for Celebrating the Rites of Christian Initiation with Adults*, are published by Liturgy Training Publications.



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INFORMATION: mevers@archchicago.org





**PREP NEWS . . . There are classes this week - January 24th / 25th
and next week - January 31st / February 1st.**



January PREP Highlights

🕯️ **24, 25** - PREP/Chi Rho Classes

🕯️ **30** - First Reconciliation

🕯️ **31** - PREP/Chi Rho Classes

February PREP Highlights

♥️ **1** - PREP Classes

♥️ **13** - Confirmation (10am and 1pm in Church)

♥️ **21, 22** - PREP/7th grade Chi Rho Classes

First Reconciliation

Saturday, January 30th, beginning at 10:00am in the Great Hall of the Parish Center.

Please use the following link to sign up your child for a specific time

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4eaeaf2fa2fb6-first8>

First Reconciliation worksheet should be completed and turned in prior to the service.

Confirmation

Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, February 13th at 10:00am and 1:00pm by

Fr. Ignatius. Due to seating social distancing requirements, we can only allow the

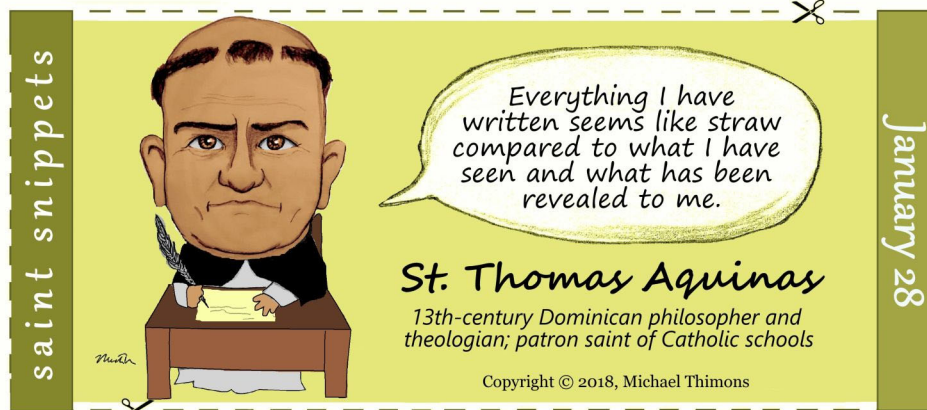
Confirmation candidate, sponsor, and parents to be in attendance.

We will be livestreaming the Masses via Facebook, and then will post the Confirmations on the official St. Mary of Vernon YouTube channel for future viewing.

More details will follow as we get closer to the 13th.

All Confirmation paperwork is now past due and must be turned in to the PREP Office.

Once all forms have been turned in, families will be given the choice as to which Mass time is preferred.





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).

Youth Ministry– IN PERSON

Sunday, January 24

7:00-9:00pm



We are excited to have Fr. Ignatius preside at another Teen Mass!. The Mass will be in the Great Hall of the Parish Center. Social distancing will be observed and masks need to be worn. After the Mass we will continue with additional Youth Ministry activities.

Youth Ministry– IN PERSON

Sunday, January 31

7:00-9:00pm

We will have another fun-filled in-person Youth Ministry event in the Great Hall of the Parish Center. We are still working out the details, but know that it'll be memorable.

Social distancing will be observed and masks will be worn. Individually wrapped food and water bottles will be provided.

Not getting the Alpha Omega Youth Ministry Remind texts?

Text @22fd9g2 to 81010

to make sure you are getting the latest Youth Ministry info.

A NEW DAY DAWNS

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing “by their actions” how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

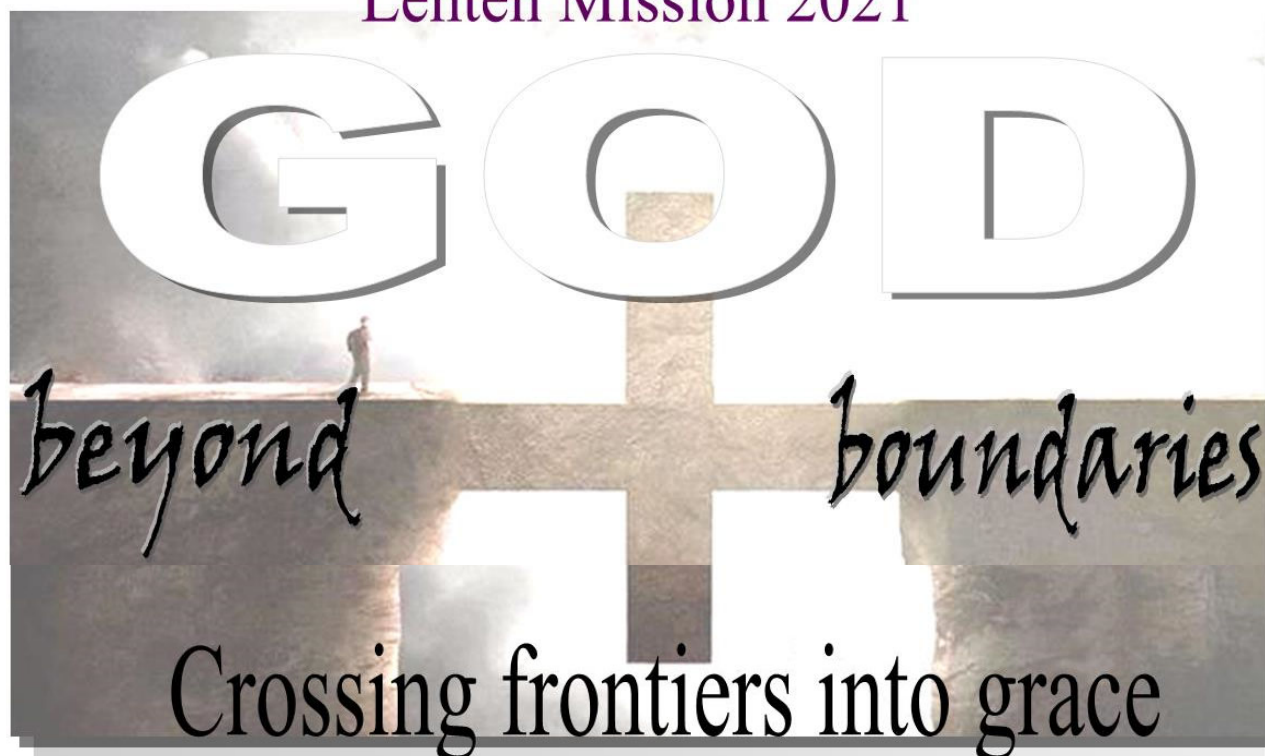
Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, “The world in its present form is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live “as though” they aren’t doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, “The kingdom of God is at hand!” (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn’t a new day dawn today for us as well?

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Lenten Mission 2021



Join us to learn how to encounter God's grace for healing ourselves
and in turn, share that grace with others in our world.

When: Sunday, February 14 through Tuesday,
February 16, 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

Where: **In-person:** St. Joseph Catholic Church,
121 E. Maple Avenue, Libertyville (Come one
night, or all nights!)

[https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/
lentenmission2021](https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/lentenmission2021)

Livestream: <https://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live>

Information: Dave Retseck, 847-990-1266 or
dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org

OUR MISSION PRESENTER:

- Executive Director, Viator House of Hospitality, Viator a home for young men, ages 18-21, seeking asylum in our nation who arrived alone as children and need a home while they await years for their immigration proceedings.
- Former president of St. Viator High School, Arlington Heights.



**Fr. Corey Brost,
C.S.V.**

Find out more at [https://
viatorhouseofhospitality.com/](https://viatorhouseofhospitality.com/)

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.**

READINGS, FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, Jan 25—Acts 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18 *Conversion of St. Paul*
8:30am—Arlene Pokorney
Tuesday, Jan 26—2 Tim 1:1-8; Mk 3:31-35 *Saints Timothy & Titus*
8:30am—Presentacion Fiquera, Edmund Solita
Wednesday, Jan 27—Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20 *St Angela Merici*
8:30am—No intention
Thursday, Jan 28—Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25 *St. Thomas Aquinas*
8:30am—No intention
Friday, Jan 29—Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
8:30am—Communion Service
Saturday, Jan 30—Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41
8:30am—No intention
5:00pm—No intention
Sunday, Jan 31—Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
8:00am—Eugene Wieczorek
11:00am—Rebecca Domingo, Angelina Samoni

BAPTISM LAST WEEK

Made a child of God by water and the Spirit:

Emmalyn Jae Cabrales, daughter of Ervin Cabrales & Bailey Frew

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



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

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

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, Jim Pagnotta

FEAST OF FAITH The Penitential Rite

Standing together in the presence of the Lord, we acknowledge our weakness, our sins and faults and failings. But the penitential rite is really less about our sins than it is about God's mercy. It is not a time for individual confession, like a mini-sacrament of reconciliation. It is, rather, a preparatory rite, preparing us to praise the mercy of Christ as we acknowledge our own weakness. When Simon Peter witnesses the miraculous catch of fish—when he realizes who is in the boat with him—he falls at Jesus' feet with the words, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). We are like Peter. The more aware of the Lord's presence we become, the more awareness we also have of our sinfulness, our weakness.

The penitential rite of the Mass takes several forms, from the traditional *Confiteor* or "I confess" to a litany, spoken or sung by the deacon or cantor with responses by the entire assembly. The penitential rite always includes the words *Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison*—Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. This ancient Greek prayer came to the Roman liturgy from the East, and still echoes in many of the litanies of the Eastern Rite Churches. These words turn our gaze from our own weakness to the gentleness, the kindness, the forgiving love of Christ.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



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.



The Unemployment Line

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY TO MEET FEBRUARY 4

Assessing Your Strengths, Competencies & Accomplishments. Developing a strong job search strategy starts with understanding your unique value proposition, so that you can clearly articulate the specific offerings that you will bring to a prospective employer. At this meeting, **Dan Barber**, our career transition expert, will help you identify those specific skills, talents, strengths and abilities that make you unique and provide value to your prospective employer, so that you can clearly articulate your unique traits confidently and succinctly. We meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Our sessions are free, and all are welcome - feel free to invite a friend! Please preregister at the Zoom link below:

"Assessing My Strengths, Competencies & Accomplishments"
Thurs, Feb. 4, 2021 7:00 PM Central Time

Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZArD-GhrT8oHd3wuUYWLwOQrd_HN9BnmqvR

NOTE: If clicking the link above doesn't take you to the Zoom registration, please copy and paste it into your browser.) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Upcoming meetings:

February 18 - Your Brand and Value Proposition
March 4 - Developing a Compelling Resume

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.

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 Moira Reilly, LCSW, 312-534-5205.

mreilly@archchicago.org.

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

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

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

FAMILY INFLUENCE

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—St. Angela Merici

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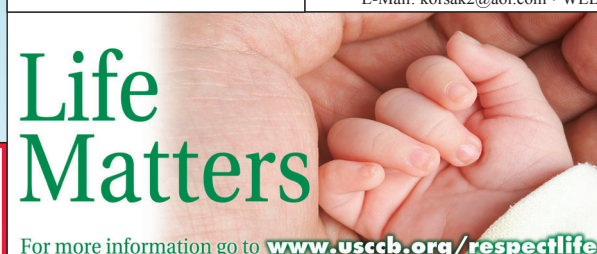
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