



St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church

236 US Hwy 45
Indian Creek, Illinois 60061

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25, 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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847-362-0653

Youth Ministry:
847-362-1021

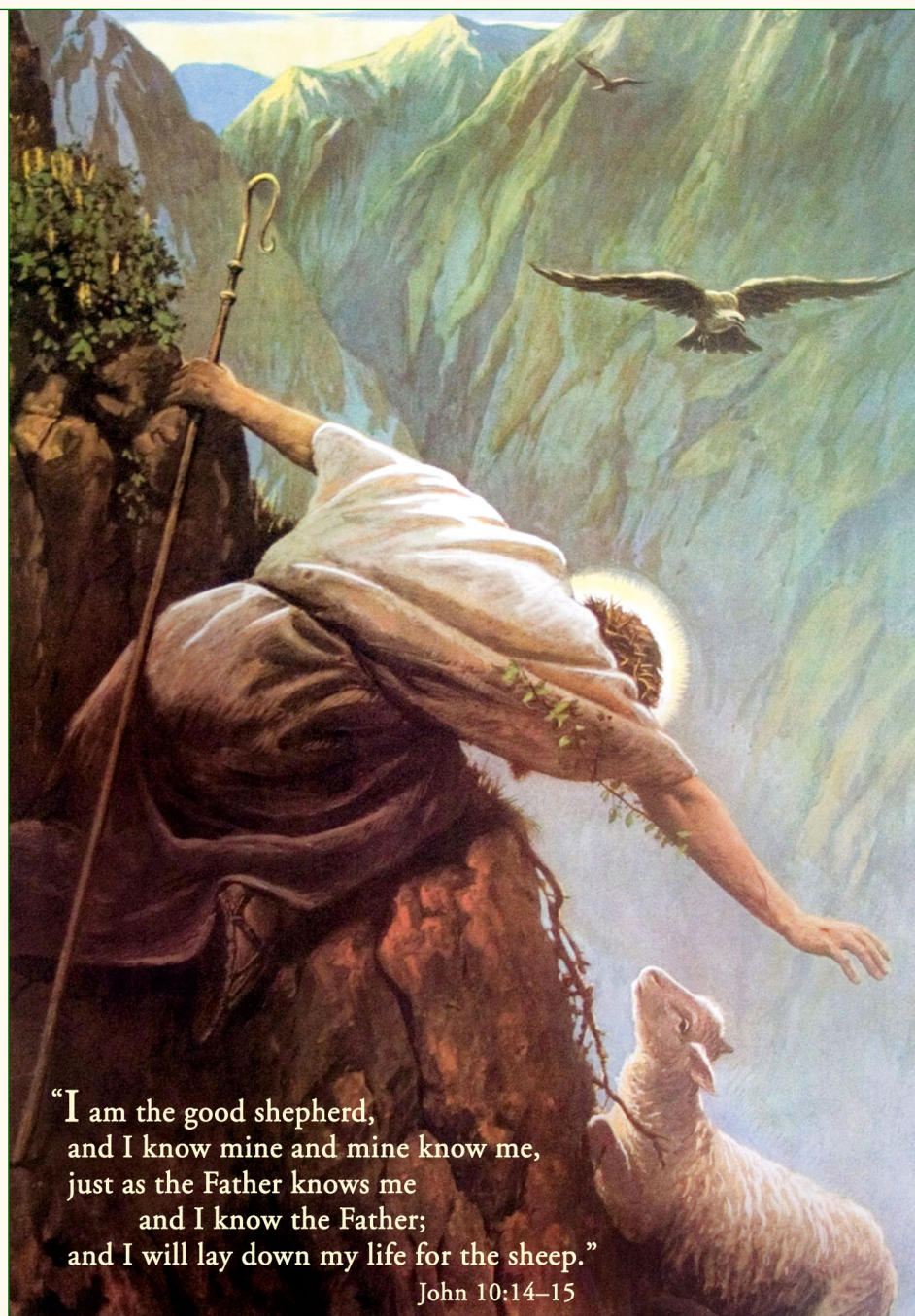
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*"I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep."*

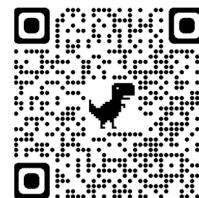
John 10:14-15

Parish Office Hours:
Monday thru Thursday
Friday
Saturday

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



A Virtual Parish Mission
April 25 and 26 (Note date change) 7-8:15pm
On Zoom



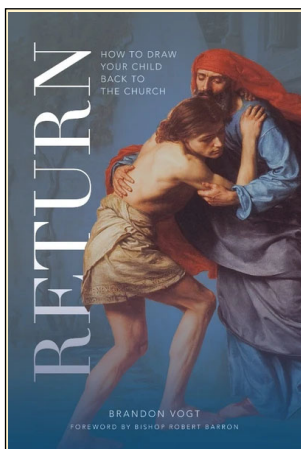
***The Hope of the Resurrection:
 God's Invitation to Freedom***

Christ invites Peter to freedom again and again in their relationship... from the first invitation on a fishing boat in the morning, to a walk on water in stormy seas, to a new way in a Garden, to Christ's breath of forgiveness on a beach asking Peter if he loves Him three times. Through the stories of St. Peter in scripture, music, reflection, and the stories of our lives, Mike Gregg will help us draw deeper into the mystery of the God who doesn't give up on us.

Mike Gregg is a Campus Minister at Loyola Academy where he spends most of his time leading retreats, offering spiritual conversation, and leading the community in liturgical music and prayer. He has his Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University. He has over 20 years of experience ministering to high school aged youth. He has offered retreats for local Catholic School & Parish staffs and spoken at Diocesan Conferences.

Please register at <https://maryofvernon.org/parish-mission-1> no later than 6:30pm on April 25. Upon registration you will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom link for the sessions. Participation is limited to the first 100 people who register.

For questions or tech assistance, contact Maureen Evers at 847-362-1005 x207 or mevers@maryofvernon.org.



Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church

By Brandon Vogt

Forward by Bishop Robert Barron

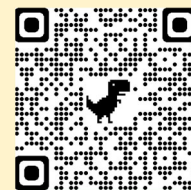
The statistics are troubling: **6.5 people leave** the Catholic Church for every one that joins, and 50% of young people who were raised Catholic are no longer Catholic today. The Catholic Church is hemorrhaging young people.

Behind these statistics are countless stories of wounded families. Millions of mothers and fathers are longing for their prodigal children to come home to the Church, crying: **"Where did we go wrong?"**

The passive wait-and-see approach is no longer an option. We need a different strategy. We need to understand the real reasons why our young people drift away, and we need a game plan to bring them home. We need *Return*.

Interested in discussion group based on this book?

Contact Maureen Evers at mevers@maryofvernon.org or call 847-362-1005x207 or go to our parish website to register by scanning this QR code with the camera on your smartphone:



Please indicate your preferred time and location of the following choices. Please note that only **one** group will be formed, based upon the highest number of interested participants. The group will begin in early June and go through early September, meeting weekly or biweekly depending on the collective interest of participants at the first gathering. Sessions will be about one hour. In the email or voicemail to Maureen, Please indicate your Preferred meeting times as available/not available/if need be:

Mondays at noon on Zoom

Tuesdays at 10am in person (Rectory Lower Level)

Thursdays at 7pm in person (Rectory Lower Level)

Books can be purchased at https://return.wordonfire.org/returnbook?_ga=2.206761239.528791425.1618508297-2098579164.1610039654

Consider Joining the PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) as St Mary of Vernon Leads the Re-awakening of the Community

Parishioners have the opportunity to share responsibility for pastoral life at St. Mary of Vernon under the leadership of its pastor through the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). And what great timing! Candidates will be planning and executing our own parish's mission and ministries as parishioners and the church re-awaken from the pandemic and realize the hope that sustained us as a community over the last year. Members will help to plan and implement short and long term strategies to grow our faith community and live the Gospel.

Our Parish Council is planning to fill the expiring terms of 5 members to maintain its full complement of 12. The council needs a variety of ages, experiences, and backgrounds to reflect the needs of the dynamic community that is St Mary of Vernon.

If You Are:

- ... open to change, the input of others and willing to express *your ideas* on matters of church and parish life.
- ... are able to commit time to prepare for, attend and participate in monthly meetings.
- ... willing to be a liaison to a parish commission.
- ... a practicing Catholic who is a registered member of SMV Parish.
- ... willing to serve a three-year term.

Then Attend The Discernment Meeting:

- ... Saturday, May 15, 2021 with all parish council members.
- ... learn even more about the Parish Pastoral Council
- ... make new friends.
- ... discern through community involvement and prayer your calling to serve.

PPC Members will be available in the narthex after Masses on the Weekends of May 1/2 and May 8/9 to share information and answer questions.

Volunteer Yourself or Suggest Others: If you feel you might be called to this work of the council, please suggest your own name. If you know of someone that you feel would be good for the work of the council, please suggest their name or names as soon as possible so we can contact them. **Just fill out the form below and drop it off at the parish office/mailbox, or give it to a parish council member or to Fr. Ignatius Anaele, our pastor, or even just place it in the collection boxes.** If you have any questions, please feel free to call or talk to Fr. Ignatius or any of our Parish Pastoral Council members.

The **discernment process** takes place on **Saturday, May 15 from 8:30 Mass until around noon.** Through facilitated prayer and discussion, those who stepped forward with an openness to the possibility of serving on the PPC discern among themselves who is called to be on the council for the next term.

FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: I submit the following name (s) for consideration for possible discernment to be a member of the Parish Pastoral Council of St. Mary of Vernon Parish:

I, personally, might be interested: _____
Name Telephone email

I suggest the following person (s): _____
Name Telephone email

Congratulations to our First Communicants
for celebrating their First Eucharist this weekend.
May God continue to nourish and guide them!

Julia Josephine Albin
Cristan Gabriel Balmeo
Christian Samuel Blasco
Benjamin Warren Dahl
Damian Louis Ekern
Grace Helen Elliott
Matthew John Gitzinger
Harper Katherine Guch
Cole Robert Hablewitz
Elizabeth Jean Heneghan

Anthony Hudy

Sebastian Hudy

Liane Reuelle San Antonio Jose

Nicolas William Keller

Kierani Noelle Koester

Amelia Sophia Kruswicki

Caden Joseph Kutilek
Charlotte Pasquariello Lazor
Calvin Nathan Magsino
Elsa Nicole Manson
Lucas Michael Marvin
Madison Tess Monico
David Scott Morvig
Emma May Newell
Max Peter O'Brien
Macklin David O'Connor
Claire Concetta Sapyta
Liam Vincent Gianan Sarmiento
Annabelle Ruth Schorsch
Ethan Davies Stuard
Julia Rose Wozniak





*PREP News ... No classes this week.
Our school year sessions are complete.
Fall 2021-22 classes begin September 12, 13.*

May PREP Highlights:

4 - Incoming 7th Grade/Confirmation Year 1 Parent Meeting via Zoom (7:00-8:00pm)

5 - Incoming 8th Grade/Confirmation Year 2 Parent Meeting via Zoom (7:00-8:00pm)

Confirmation Parent Meetings

The PREP Office will be holding parent meetings via Zoom for parents of all incoming 7th (Confirmation Year 1) and 8th (Confirmation Year 2) grade students.

Meeting for incoming 7th grade parents to be held on Tuesday, May 4th from 7-8pm.

Meeting for incoming 8th grade parents will be held on Wednesday, May 5th from 7-8pm.

Zoom details and necessary materials will be emailed out towards the end of the week.

PREP Registration

Registration for the 2021-22 Sessions is ongoing.

Forms are available to download from the PREP page of the SMV website.

We can be reached at 847-362-0653; mhornung@maryofvernon.org or mwinegard@maryofvernon.org



The PREP Ministry has a need for teachers.

Our ministry is dependent on adults volunteering to serve as catechists/teachers in the program.

**You do not need to be a parent to volunteer.
No experience necessary!**

**We provide you with training, materials, and support.
Lead Catechists receive free family tuition!**

As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well!

If you are interested or have questions, email us at
mhornung@maryofvernon.org; mwinegard@maryofvernon.org;
or give us a call at 847-362-0653.



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).

8th Graders are now welcome to attend all Alpha Omega Youth Ministry Events: both in-person & on-line!



Virtual Parish Mission Sunday, April 25 & Monday, April 26 7:00-8:15pm

Instead of a Youth Ministry Zoom event this Sunday, let's participate in the Virtual Parish Mission!

I have known the presenter, Mike Gregg, since he started working with teens as a Youth Minister; he is a wonderful speaker and musician and will have a great message that we can apply to our lives.

You'll need to register for the event, but it's easy!
Just follow the steps on the article on page 2

See you virtually at the Mission Sunday night!

Youth Ministry—In-Person Sunday, May 2 7:00-9:00pm



We are planning another great in-person event for our first event of May.

If the weather is good, **plan on being outside!**
In bad weather we will have fun indoors instead.
Invite a friend along for the fun!

Are you getting our text reminders? If not, please text @22fd9g2 to 81010.

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Attending Mass in the COVID-19 Era (Signup for Daily Mass No Longer Required)

We have three regular weekend Masses with a total seating capacity of 330 people, 140 at each Mass. **All three Masses (5pm, 8am & 11am) are live-streamed on Facebook. Sign up for Sunday Masses is required through Sign Up Genius or by calling the parish office at 847-362-1005.** Sign up for Saturday night & Sunday Masses at <https://tinyurl.com/y9823aam>. Sign Up Genius reservations will close at **noon on Saturdays.** **Signup is no longer required for Daily Masses.**

Please remember to arrive 20 minutes early. The Church doors will be locked 5 minutes after Mass starts. We understand that there are a lot of “rules” to attend Mass, so please understand that the guidelines we are following are from the Archdiocese and civil authorities with the intention of keeping everyone as safe as possible.



Give to Change Lives

Please join Catholic Charities on May 9, 2021 in bringing God's infinite mercy and profound hope to mothers and children who make up the largest group of people we serve at Catholic Charities.

Your gift to the 2021 **Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection** means that they don't have to walk alone. Your support will provide food, shelter, housing, counseling, maternity assistance, childcare, domestic-violence support and other life-changing programs.

Learn more or make a gift at www.catholiccharities.net text HOPE to 878787 or scan the QR code with your phone.



DO YOU MISS THE 9:30AM SUNDAY MASS??

We have heard from several people that they miss the 9:30am Mass; and now that many people have been or soon will be vaccinated we can think about adjusting our Mass schedule. However, this can only be done if enough volunteers step forward to be trained to help. The guidelines require us to have a minimum of 12 people assist at each Mass. They include a Team Leader, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Check-in, Ushers, Cleaners, and Video Operators.

If you are a current Liturgical Minister ready to return or a parishioner ready to volunteer please contact Susan Gray via email at sgray@maryofvernon.org. If we can get a minimum of **24 new people** trained who are willing to serve at the 9:30 Mass we will be able to bring the Mass back. (Don't worry if you are already trained and would switch to the 9:30 if offered. That will be worked out in the scheduling program later.) Training will take place early in April.

NEW PROJECT AT ST. MARY OF VERNON

The Parish Finance Committee has recently approved a major project for the Parish Center. We will be replacing the original boiler and the pneumatic system that controls the classrooms in the building. The boiler and controls for the Great Hall area were replaced several years ago.

We have selected a contractor, and once the parts are available they will begin work. We were told that the lead time for parts is longer than usual due to the pandemic, but hopefully the controls will be installed before we need air conditioning this summer.

The total cost of the project will be just over \$110,000. If you would like to make a contribution to this project you can do so by using the blue Building Maintenance Fund envelope in your packet or through Give Central: www.givecentral.org.

There's Still Time To Register For COVE Alliance's 16th Annual *Seeds of Hope*

Saturday, May 1, 2021
7 p.m. CST

Virtual doors open at 6:45 p.m. CST

**Recognizing Fr. Joe Curtis for his past support and
Introducing Fr. Ignatius Anaele to COVE Alliance**

Featuring...

**A Message from Fr. Hilary
"Keep COVE Safe" Campaign
Sponsor recognition
Special musical performance
Inspirational COVE videos**

**Please visit www.covealliance.org to
register for this free event or to make a donation.**



Proceeds from *Seeds of Hope* benefit Children's Outreach and Vocational Education (COVE) Alliance, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization serving orphaned and disadvantaged children in Uganda, Africa. Your support provides social services, such as shelter, food, healthcare, and education, which focus on breaking the cycle of poverty and preparing the children to sustain themselves and their families in the future.

Make a difference in the life of a child. Support COVE today!

RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Do we truly know the voice of Christ? Do we truly respond to the voice of our shepherd with our own distinctive voice? How often we attempt to imitate those around us, appropriating the response of another member of the flock to Christ. Perhaps we need to balance the image of being sheep of one flock with the image from the second reading, which tells us that we are all children of God. What child has precisely the same interaction with parents as his or her siblings? Instead, they frequently do and say things to distinguish themselves in the eyes of their parents.

Whether we use the image of children or of sheep to understand our relationship with Christ, we believe that we are all known and called by name. With this great gift comes a responsibility: to respond to the call with our own distinctive voice, to take time to discern exactly what our call is, to determine precisely what the will of the Father is for each of us.

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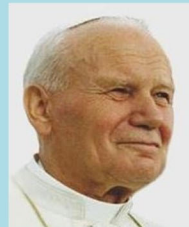
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are few openings for "Shepherds" in the classified ads today, but few occupations are as dear to the Christian heart. Most of us tenderly place shepherds by our Christmas cribs, name the Twenty-third Psalm as our favorite, and recognize "Good Shepherd" as a title of Jesus. Bishops carry a staff, called a crozier, modeled after the shepherd's walking staff. Long before Christian artists painted Jesus on the cross, they traced on the walls of their worship places images of a strong young shepherd, shouldering a lost sheep and bringing it to safety. Springtime is the season of lambing, a time when the shepherd not only learns the faces of the new arrivals, but also when the newborn sheep become attuned to the voice of the shepherd. This is exactly what we do as a community in Easter as we shelter and guide the newly received Christians, and also put our Lenten muscles to good use: listening more attentively to God's Word, and responding with springtime vigor to God's call.

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Creation Care Corner

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



*"We cannot interfere in
One area of the ecosystem
without paying due
attention...to the well-being
of future generations.*

—Pope John Paul II

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Protect Pollinators.

Bees, butterflies, and other key pollinators are necessary for three-quarters of our major food crops. They are in serious decline due to exposure to parasites, pesticides, disease, habitat loss and climate change. If we all dedicate just a small area to protecting habitats for pollinators, using native plants and sustainable gardening practices, we can help safeguard our common home. Halt pesticide use and follow these guides to start your own pollinator garden.

www.vimeo.com/63267755

www.fws.gov/midwest/news/PollinatorGarden.html

READINGS, FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, Apr 26—Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
8:30am—No intention

Tuesday, Apr 27—Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
8:30am—No intention

Wednesday, Apr 28—Acts 12:24—13:5; Jn 12:44-50 *St. Peter Chanel;*
8:30am—No intention *St. Louis Grignon de Montfort*

Thursday, Apr 29—Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20 *St. Catherine of Siena*
8:30am—Dieter Moreno

Friday, Apr 30—Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6 *St. Pius V*
8:30am—Communion Service

Saturday, May 1—Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14 *St. Joseph the Worker*
8:30am—Communion Service
5:00pm—Donald Blindauer

Sunday, May 2—Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
8:00am—No intention
11:00am—Lawrence McLaughlin, Pat Pesola, Sigbert Ocuto

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

With joy we announce the upcoming marriage of

**Cory Luitjohan &
Molly Nora**

**Terry Kowalski &
Laura Sheldon**

Please pray for them as they prepare for their marriage in the Lord.

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

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

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

AnneGene Fortman,
Mary Ann & Stan Sosnowski,
Mark Czyski, Claudia Glenn,
Steve Samp, Mary Fiore,
Pat Cahill, Nathaniel Lee,
Kathleen Baladad, Alice Seitz,
Melody Ruane,
George & Diane Asencio,
Bob Greinke, David Lampi



SPIRITUAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Bereavement Ministry of St Joseph Catholic Church in Libertyville is sponsoring a virtual Spiritual Bereavement Support Group for adult men and women who have experienced the loss of a loved one. We will meet six Tuesday evenings on Zoom from 6:30-8:00 PM, June 1 through July 6, 2021. Advance registration is required. Please call Maryann Morse at 224-522-6734 or email her at mcodebike5@sbcglobal.net to register or for further information.

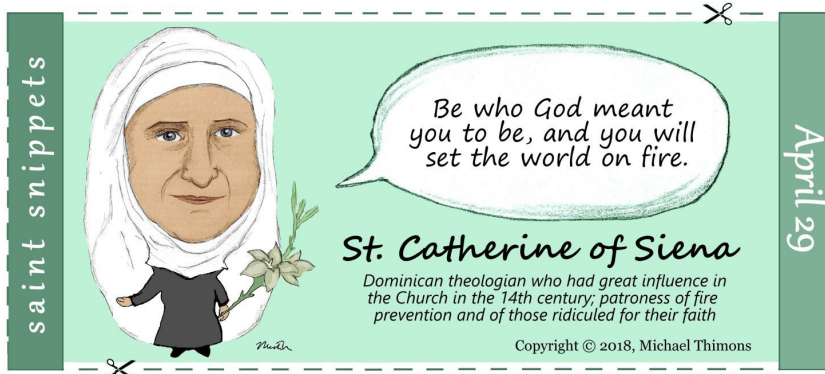
OPTIONS TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT ST. MARY OF VERNON

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 SMV office for details.



ST. JOSEPH EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY: ZOOM MEETING – MAY 6

Be sure to join us for the next meeting of the Employment Ministry, when **Dan Barber**, highly experienced career transition professional, and **Maureen Mueller**, of Lake Country Workforce Development, will share their job search knowledge and expertise in an **open-ended “Ask the Coach”** session, providing answers to **YOUR specific job search questions**. Ask anything - all job search process questions, issues and concerns are fair game. Bring your most pressing questions and challenges (e.g. How to explain why I left my last position? What's a handbill used for? etc.) for insight, advice and guidance from the pros. If you register by May 3, we'll even send you a list of some typical questions that may trigger more of your own. Our sessions are free, and all are welcome - please preregister at the Zoom link below:

Zoom meeting: **Ask the Coach**

When: May 6, 2021

7:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0kcOysrzkiGNSeYQMcl0F6jQHSQnCDDW6r>

(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.

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)



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