



# St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church

236 US Hwy 45  
Indian Creek, Illinois 60061

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 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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**Fax:**  
847-362-6375

**Religious Education:**  
847-362-0653

**Youth Ministry:**  
847-362-1021

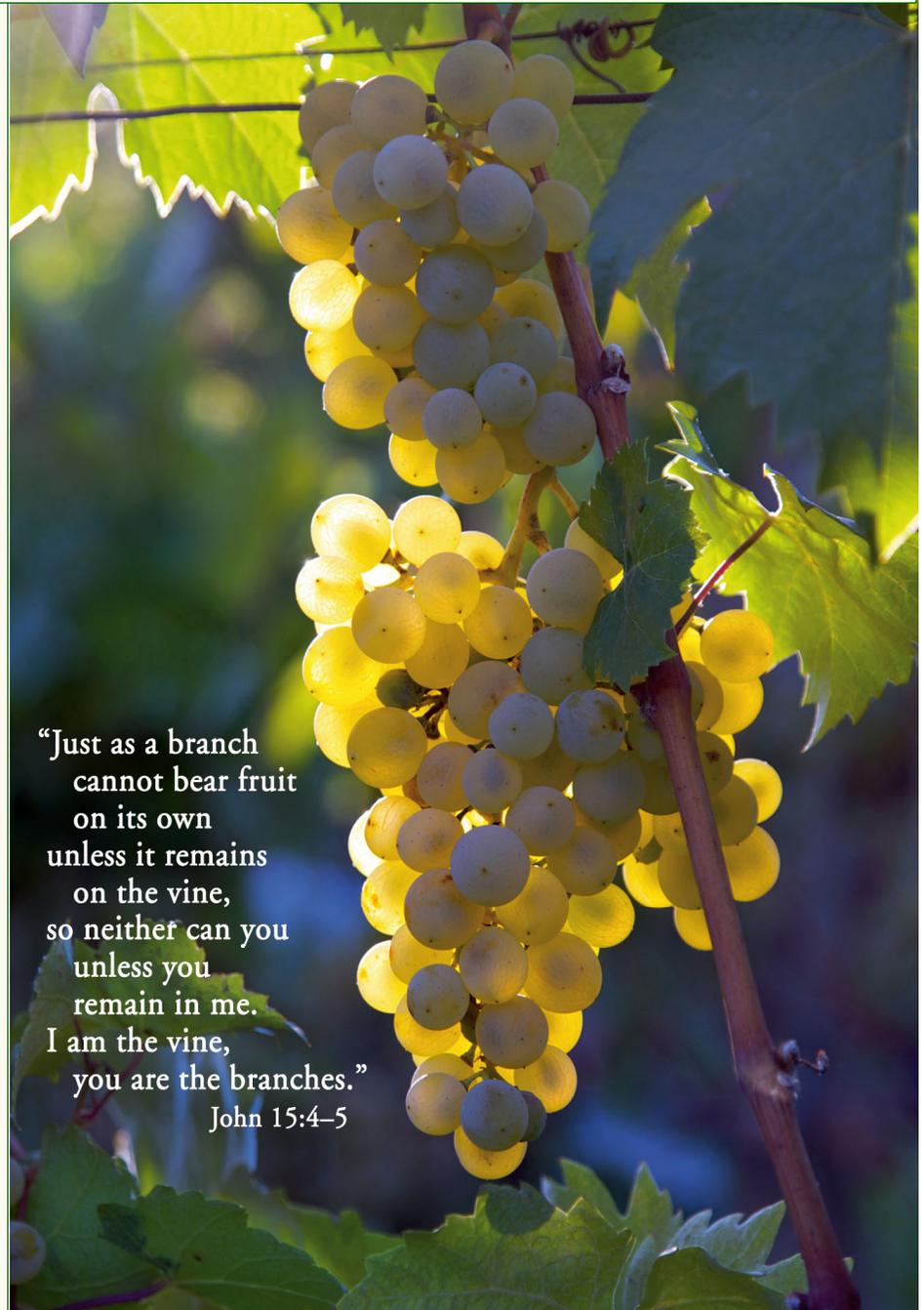
**Parish Website:**  
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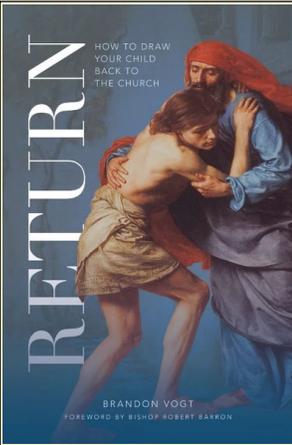
**ASSISTIVE  
LISTENING  
SYSTEMS  
AVAILABLE**



*“Just as a branch  
cannot bear fruit  
on its own  
unless it remains  
on the vine,  
so neither can you  
unless you  
remain in me.  
I am the vine,  
you are the branches.”  
John 15:4-5*

**Parish Office Hours:**  
*Monday thru Thursday*  
*Friday*  
*Saturday*

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



## **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](mailto: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](https://return.wordonfire.org/returnbook?_ga=2.206761239.528791425.1618508297-2098579164.1610039654)

## **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING**

The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy are at the core of who we are as Catholic Christians. They identify who we are as a people; charitable, caring, compassionate and generous. They identify the behaviors which help us to live our lives as true disciples of Jesus Christ.



All of us will experience the tragic loss of a friend or loved one in our lives. It is at these times when we, as a Christian community, need to draw close to each other and our loving God for support and comfort. If you have been a recipient of the care and support shared by our Bereavement Ministry or just want to help others who may be suffering, this is your opportunity.

Bereavement Ministry Training:

**Saturday, June 5, 2021; (8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)**

Presenter: Amy Florian

Via Zoom (Invitations will be sent after registration is complete.)

If interested, please contact Sr. Mary Barbara Hassler at the parish office 847-362-1005 or [mbhassler@maryofvernon.org](mailto:mbhassler@maryofvernon.org) for more information or to register.



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Spring, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Mothers are the great unsung heroes of the pandemic. And they need our help.

The responsibilities and stresses of motherhood have increased tenfold over this past year. Keeping family members healthy, housed, fed, on-task with schoolwork, and supported amidst fear and uncertainty is a staggering undertaking.

Add to this the hospitalizations or deaths of loved ones from COVID-19; lost jobs, wages, and child care; and the complete erasure of what little stability many families could count on, and you begin to understand the devastation the pandemic has wrought for so many mothers.

The health and economic repercussions of COVID-19 have been disproportionate for people already facing the challenges of poverty, food insecurity, mental health challenges and lack of health care. This is particularly true for women of color, who have experienced higher rates of infection, more loss of life, and greater job losses.

Your gift to the Catholic Charities Mother Day Collection means those bearing the most direct impact of this crisis don't have to struggle and lose ground they've worked so hard for. Your gift means they can access the resources—food, rental assistance, counseling—and professional help they need to ensure their families don't fall further behind.

What better way to honor our own mothers and other women we admire than by helping another mom provide for and strengthen her own family? To be part of their resilience and success? To live out the lessons our mothers—many of whom had their own struggles—worked hard to ingrain in us.

You have my sincere gratitude for your past support of the Mother's Day Collection, and my most urgent plea to give again. Contributions can be made at [www.catholiccharities.net/donate](http://www.catholiccharities.net/donate), or mail your gift to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60654.

This Mother's Day, the face of need is mothers and their children; the face of hope is you. Please join Catholic Charities in bringing God's infinite mercy and profound hope to thousands of mothers who are heroically shepherding their families through this unprecedented time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago

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



*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)

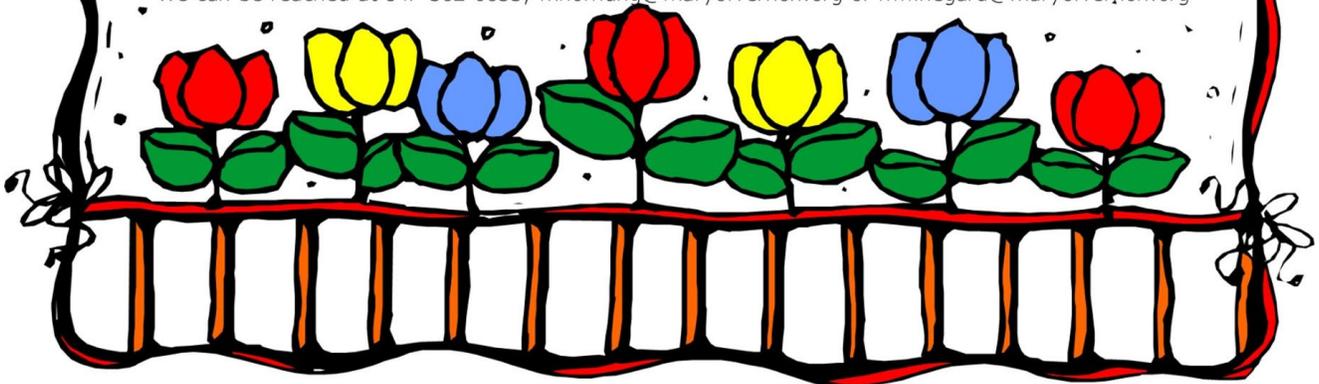
Confirmation Parent Meetings

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 have been emailed to all current families. Contact the office if you have not yet received.

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; [mhomung@maryofvernon.org](mailto:mhomung@maryofvernon.org) or [mwinegard@maryofvernon.org](mailto:mwinegard@maryofvernon.org)



A special thank you to all of our wonderful catechists who built the faith of our students during this challenging year. You are all essential!

Gwen Babb  
Lindley Caldwell  
Alyssa Cleary  
Karen Cole  
Sal Costanza  
Michael Crowe  
Martha Escobar  
Ethelyn Hill

Kim Khuen  
Julie Landgraf  
Mike Landgraf  
Domenic Lanni  
Paula Lanni  
Joan Lao  
Kent Liederbach  
Steve Lowe  
Becky Mendoza  
Bernice Milas  
Amanda Monico

Jan Noble  
Brendan O'Brien  
Francesca Ogilvie  
Kasia Olson  
Denise Ralph  
Chris Reinert  
Didier Ruiz  
Shannon Santos  
Lia Vinesse Sarmiento  
Pat Schwarz  
Maria Wells



**ALPHA OMEGA**  
ST. MARY OF VERNON HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

*Medical and Permission Forms, if required, can be found on the parish website: [www.maryofvernon.org](http://www.maryofvernon.org) or in the Kiosk (wooden tower) in the Narthex (gathering space of the Church).*

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

**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!



**No Youth Ministry Event for Sunday, May 9**

Hope you'll spend a great Mother's Day with Mom!

**Alpha-Omega Service Day Coming This Summer!**  
**July 16 & 17**

See the article below, and think about the possibilities . . .

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



Parishioners, Do *you* or do you know anyone in your neighborhood who might need some assistance with basic yardwork (trimming bushes, raking, planting flowers, etc.) or exterior painting for our Alpha Omega Service Days, July 16 & 17?

If so, please contact Jen Daniels at [jdaniels@maryofvernon.org](mailto:jdaniels@maryofvernon.org).

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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.



## Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday ~ May 6, 2021

9:00 am—10:00am

In the Church

As you leave Mass this weekend  
please pick up a sample copy of  
“Give Us This Day”  
in the Narthex.

It’s an aid for daily prayer.

## Preschool & Kindergarten Information Night

Parents with children ages 3-5 are invited to learn more about the exceptional programs at Saint Mary School.

### Virtual Preschool Information Night

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021 - 8:00 p.m.**

Learn about the Saint Mary School Preschool Program.

Meet the preschool teachers.

Get an overview of a typical day.

Q&A about the program and registration.

### Virtual Kindergarten Information Night

**Thursday, May 13, 2021 - 8:00 p.m.**

Learn about the Saint Mary School Kindergarten Program.

Meet the kindergarten teachers.

Learn what is and isn't expected and what a typical day is like.

Q&A about the program and registration.

Pre-Registration is required. RSVP at [bit.ly/EEdInfoNight](https://bit.ly/EEdInfoNight)

## FEAST OF FAITH The Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God’s word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God’s word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.

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### VOLUNTEER FOR SAINT MARY OF VERNON’S ADOPT A GARDEN PROGRAM



St Mary of Vernon has been blessed with 17 acres of woodlands, wetlands, prairies, and gardens. This beautiful environment is a welcoming and peaceful way to begin our worship experience but it takes some effort to maintain and more help is needed.

Recently we have become part of the *Laudato Si* garden project. The goal of the project is to increase green space for spiritual contemplation and give people access to it, while benefiting our environment as well. Interestingly, St. Mary of Vernon has been doing this for almost 20 years, which puts us ahead of what other parishes and organizations are just now trying to accomplish. We’ve been able to achieve this because of the financial support of the parish and from parishioner help with the landscaping maintenance. However, many hands make light work, and we need many *more* hands to help with the flower and native plant gardens on the grounds.

We have a program called *Adopt A Garden* and are seeking individuals, families, or groups to adopt a garden and care for it. This care involves weeding, pruning, deadheading spent flowers, etc. The time spent on your garden is determined by you. Gardening experience is welcomed, but not necessary as we can show you how to maintain the bed you adopt. We are all called to be stewards of the earth. You can do this while enjoying the beauty and tranquility of the little piece of heaven St. Mary of Vernon has been blessed with.

To volunteer, or for more information, please call Kathy Felice at 847-949-4497, or email [Kfelice201@yahoo.com](mailto:Kfelice201@yahoo.com)

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The season of First Communion is here, and invitations pour in as the new communicants, mostly seven years old, gather extended families for their first reception of the Eucharist. Recently, the celebrations are often on Sundays, in the regular gatherings of the faith community. There, it becomes clear that First Communion is meant to initiate a regular pattern of reception, and that there is to be a second, third, hundredth, thousandth celebration.

Eastern Catholics and Orthodox children follow a different plan, since they are given a taste of the consecrated wine at their baptism as infants. We Western Christians delay until “the age of reason,” but many years ago, Communion was not for children at all. Twelve to fourteen was the typical time for Roman Catholics to receive for the first time, and in those days this was a transition into the adult world of work and marriage. The custom did not begin to shift to childhood until reforms set in place by Pope St. Pius X began to take hold in the 1920s. If you are going to a First Communion, you can give thanks that the table of the Lord is today open so much more lavishly than before.

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**READINGS, FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Monday, May 3**—1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14 *Saints Philip & James*  
8:30am—Merle Acosta Ilao

**Tuesday, May 4**—Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a  
8:30am—No intention

**Wednesday, May 5**—Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8  
8:30am—No intention

**Thursday, May 6**—Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11  
8:30am—Arlette Krock

**Friday, May 7**—Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17  
8:30am—Communion Service

**Saturday, May 8**—Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21  
8:30am—Communion Service  
5:00pm—No intention

**Sunday, May 9**—Acts 10:26-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17  
8:00am—Arlette Krock *Mother's Day*  
11:00am—Greg & Epifania Manaloto, Beverly May Coffey,  
Carmen F. Diaz, Bunny Katz, Pasquina Pat Pesola,  
Jean Fabbri, Bonnie Mendez

**BAPTISM LAST WEEK**

Made a child of God by water and the Spirit:

**Mia Elise Samano**, daughter of Gonzalo Samano & Yunuen Avila.

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

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

With joy we announce the upcoming marriage of

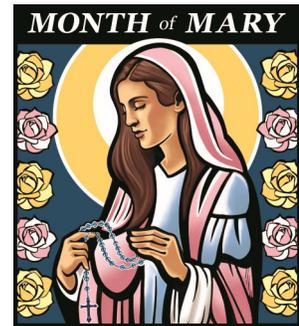
**Terry Kowalski & Laura Sheldon**

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
LT Alex Hoersten, USN	CDR Matthew Wauson, USN
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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 Czynski, Claudia Glenn,  
Steve Samp, Mary Fiore,  
Pat Cahill, Nathaniel Lee,  
Kathleen Baladad, Alice Seitz,  
Melody Ruane,  
George & Diane Asencio,  
Bob Greinke, David Lampi,  
Pat Slovak



**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](http://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.



## COMING HOME RETREAT

FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Sunday, May 23  
Bellarmine Jesuit  
Retreat House  
Barrington, IL

*A day-long retreat  
offered at no cost for  
veteran men and women  
and their adult  
family members*



[ComingHomeRetreats.org](http://ComingHomeRetreats.org)

## 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/meeting/register/tZ0kcOvsrzkjGNSeyQMcl0F6jQHSQnCDDW6r](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kcOvsrzkjGNSeyQMcl0F6jQHSQnCDDW6r)

*(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.

## 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](mailto:www.gamblingservices@nicasa.org).

**Narcotics:** [www.na.org](http://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.

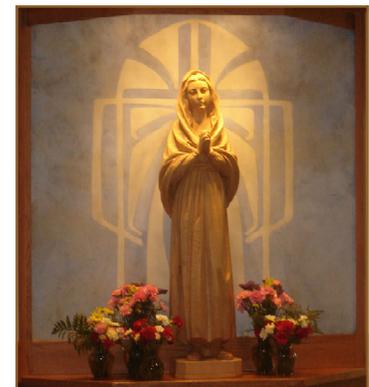
[mreilly@archchicago.org](mailto:mreilly@archchicago.org).

**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/](http://www.nursinghomeabusecenter.com/resources/faith/)

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



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