



# St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church

236 US Hwy 45  
Indian Creek, Illinois 60061

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 11, 2023

### 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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847-362-1005

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847-362-6375

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847-362-0653

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847-362-1021

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St. Mary of Vernon

Join us in prayer and  
Eucharistic Procession on  
Sunday, June 11th after the 11:15am Mass  
for the

## Feast of Corpus Christi



Light hospitality to be served.

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Friday Closed

Saturday 8:30 a.m.—Noon

## For Our Future Update

As of Tuesday, June 6, 2023, we have \$1,717,512 pledged and \$323,761 cash in the bank from 345 donors. We are very excited to announce that our first project will be the sound system in church; installation will begin on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. The project is expected to take two weeks to complete. The current sound system is over 20 years old. Parts of the current system are outdated and can no longer be repaired. We currently have temporary bandaids on the system, but any day the entire system could go out.

After obtaining several references and quotes, and meeting with multiple vendors, we signed a contract with **Sound Planning** out of Wheaton. \$106,461.00 has been set aside for the project. All contracts have been reviewed and approved by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

### Scope of Work

**Sound Planning** will enhance the sanctuary audio system with a partial new output stage and new rack equipment with the goals of a better audio experience for parishioners and a more streamlined and easier to use audio flow for operators.

As a value engineering measure, **Sound Planning** will partially redesign the output stage (speakers and amplifiers) to provide a better auditory experience. One new center speaker will handle the center seating area. The speaker selected will eliminate the need for the existing center delay (which upon site visit seems to be operating intermittently). The new speaker will be suspended from the existing ceiling structure.

Because the customer notes the existing input and outputs (I/O) in the musician area is sufficient for their needs, the number of inputs and outputs will be maintained. All wiring will be inspected and replaced as necessary for noise free performance. The pockets will be maintained but replated to remove where corrosion has developed.

Audio system control will be streamlined. The rear of church control area will be discontinued. All liturgical inputs will be controlled by a touch screen at the rack location. It is likely very infrequent adjustment of liturgical inputs will be necessary. The musician area will be provided a new 16-channel digital mixer for control of musician and singers' equipment. The mixer will be remote controllable by iPad control.

The existing assisted listening equipment will be maintained.

Because the control area is being redesigned, a new power management plan is included to provide both single button on/off as well as component protection.

Sound panels will be installed on the back walls to help reduce echoing.

A sincere thank you to all those who have made this project possible through your participation in the For our Future Campaign.

*Look for photos of Fr. Ignatius' 25th Anniversary  
Party scattered throughout the bulletin.*

**Dress A Girl Around the World meets this Sunday, June 11  
from 1-5pm in the Parish Center!**





## Thank You!

Dear Family of Faith,  
Thank you!

Thank you for your presence, prayers and wishes on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. My family and friends could not stop singing the praises of this great parish. They were highly impressed. They mentioned that beginning with the arrival of the congregation and priests till the D.J. packed up his equipment the entire event was well organized. It was a spectacular experience filled with grace and joy. I am grateful. I am humbled.

Thank you to the planning committee, the photographers, landscaping committee, SMV staff, Knights of Columbus, Men's Club, Liturgy Team, and others who simply volunteered to ensure this event was a success. Indeed, I lack words to express my gratitude. You made me proud. I hope I did not disappoint you. God is truly gracious for ordaining that I celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my priestly ordination amid so great a family. I count myself blessed.

Once again, thank you!

I will be on a one-week retreat from Thursday, June 8, to Thursday, June 15. After the retreat I will be on vacation till the end of June. I will be back at the parish in the first week of July.

Please pray for me as I continue to pray for you and your loved ones.

Blessings always,  
Fr. Ignatius

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### ***A letter from Cardinal Cupich . . .***

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With Father's Day next Sunday, I am reminded not only of the importance of the many fathers who tend to their families in our archdiocese, but also of our parish priests who serve as our spiritual fathers. So first, allow me to wish all the fathers in our parishes my heartfelt thanks and congratulations. You truly make a difference in the lives of those who know and love you. Father's Day also gives us an opportunity to thank and support our priests who minister in the Archdiocese of Chicago. These 430 active and 257 retired priests have chosen to dedicate their lives to serving you and your family through pastoral care, celebration of the sacraments, and leadership of our communities of faith.

With this letter I ask you to join me in supporting the health and well-being of our priests by making a generous gift to the Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA collection for the benefit of their healthcare and retirement needs. Your sacrifice on their behalf not only contributes to their health and well-being, but it also demonstrates to them your support of their ministry in our parishes and communities.

You might not be aware that this is the only collection for our archdiocesan priests' health and retirement, which totals nearly \$13 million annually in health care, nursing, and retirement costs. This collection is separate and distinct from the annual collection for religious order priests, sisters, and brothers.

Join me in making a generous contribution to this weekend's second collection. I also ask that you consider naming the Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA as beneficiary of your will, something I personally have done.

As I ask you to join me in praying that God continue to bless our dedicated priests, I assure you of my remembrance of you and your families in my prayers and at the Lord's Table.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Blase Card. Cupich  
Archbishop of Chicago

### Care For Our Common Home

The next meeting of the SMV Care For Our Common Home Ministry will be **Monday, June 12, at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome to join us. We will meet in Room 110 in the Parish Center.

Having completed viewing the "Understanding Laudato Si" Series with Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM over the last few months, we are turning our attention to what we can do to inform Saint Mary of Vernon parishioners about the goals of Pope Francis' Laudato Si encyclical. Our guest speaker will be Adrienne Kalmes, Volunteer Co-Coordinator, Laudato Si' Action Platform, Care for Creation Ministry, Archdiocese of Chicago.

We will continue to discuss what we can do at Saint Mary of Vernon to reduce the use of plastics, improve recycling, and discuss the idea of solar panels. We will review the results of our ministry meeting with Father Ignatius in May.

Journeying Laudato Si' Action Platform Webinar Series: Consider viewing the YouTube site of the Laudato Si Action Platform Webinar series. I have attended four of these international meetings. The latest was June 1<sup>st</sup>, "Using "The Letter" Documentary to Inspire Your Community to Action Through the LSAP."

The Laudato Si' Action Platform is a project of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, in collaboration with partners, and is connected with its efforts to promote greater understanding of Laudato Si'. Please feel free to email, text, or call me with any questions you may have.

Gary Schiappacasse  
1-847-691-3293 cell

### Parish-Wide Service Day

**Saturday, June 24**

*"serve one another humbly in love" (Gal 5:13)*

Circle June 24, 2023 on your calendar and plan to join your fellow parishioners in a day of service and fellowship. There will be service projects of all types that will benefit the parish and our community while enjoying fellowship with one another. Let us share our discipleship from SMV, and BE the giving parish family that we are called to be!

Sign up NOW to get your desired service(s)!

\*\*\*\* **To sign up go to :** [www.SMVMinistries.com](http://www.SMVMinistries.com) Or see the parish e-post or call the parish office.

Teens: contact Jim Welch for separate "Turtle Day"

T- shirts will be available for the first 250 volunteers.

#### **Our current service projects include:**

Roadside Cleanup    Blood Drive    Furniture Ministry    Tie End Blankets    Light cleaning around the church  
Sharing Hands Food Pantry

#### **SMV Landscaping:**

Spread Wood Chips    Cleaning Windows    Power Wash Benches    Trimming Bushes    Grounds Cleanup

Shoe Collection / Gently Used / Recycle @ Masses

Off Site: Outside home cleanup (outreach); St Joseph (LZ) Landscaping / cleanup (outreach)

Feed My Starving Children – June XX, 2023 6pm

We are seeking volunteer coordinators for each of these events. Please consider helping to make this parish-wide event the best that it can be. The day will start with a blessing at 8:30 in the narthex, and end with 5:00 Mass. (You don't have to be here the entire time). Please include in your prayers for a giving and parish bonding day of service.

***This event is co-sponsored by Women of the Mantle, Knights of Columbus, and the Mens Club.***



## PREP News ...

### PREP, Chi Rho, High School Confirmation Registration

Registration for 2023-24 Religious Education sessions has begun. Forms are available in the PREP Office, YM Office, Church Office, Narthex, and may be downloaded from the PREP page of the St. Mary of Vernon website. If you choose to email in a completed form, payment must be made in full, and proof of payment must be submitted with the registration form.



Full payment is due with registration form. Outstanding balances from prior sessions must be paid in full. Checks may be mailed in or brought to the PREP Office.

For your convenience, use this QR code, which connects directly to the Parish donation site, GiveCentral, to pay tuition and fees. Special financial arrangements can be made, if needed, but you must contact the PREP Office for information and approval.

#### The PREP Ministry is looking for volunteers!

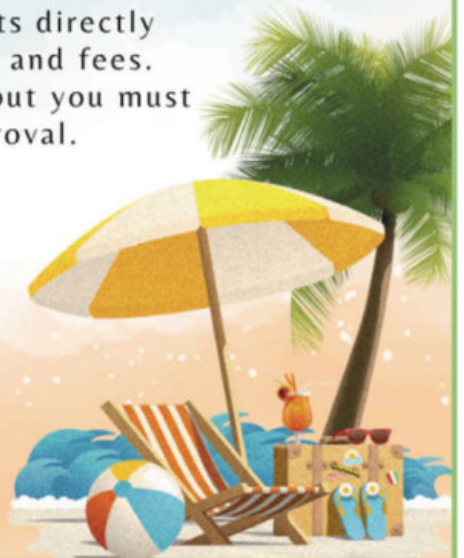
We have a need for lead catechists/teachers for our 6th grade classes and teacher assistants for Sunday morning and Monday after school.

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 [mwinegard@maryofvernon.org](mailto:mwinegard@maryofvernon.org) or give us a call at 847-362-0653.  
We look forward to hearing from you!



### **PARISH LIBRARY IN NARTHEX JUNE 17-18, 2023**



**Stop by after Mass and browse the library cart, our display of interesting titles, and the return of the FREE TABLE. All regular Library items can be checked out for one month.**

***Please remember to return any items that you have previously checked out.***

#### **INFORMAL DISCUSSION GROUP FOR GUYS –**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays**

The Knights of Columbus SMV chapter invites all men to a discussion group to talk about topics pertinent to being a Catholic man in today's society. Discussions occur every THIRD Thursday at 7:00pm – 8:00pm in the Parish Center, PREP Conference room. **June 15 this month.**

We will watch a short video, and then discuss its application to our lives. You do not have to be a Knights of Columbus member. Come to just one or come to all. You can just show up, but preferably RSVP to Jeff Steybe at [jsteybe@yahoo.com](mailto:jsteybe@yahoo.com), or text 847-370-7766. We will try to stay on topic, but sometimes, the Lord takes the conversation in strange directions. Come for insight, direction, and camaraderie with fellow parishioners.



# 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).



### 2023 Mission Trip

### July 8-15 to serve others in Kansas City, Kansas

It's not too late to sign up and go to Kansas City with us.  
Teens entering high school in the Fall of 2023  
and all current high school students are eligible to participate.  
Contact the Youth Ministry office today!! 847-362-1021

## ALPHA OMEGA SUMMER EVENTS!



**Sports Night!!**  
**Wednesday, June 14th**  
**6:30-9:00pm**  
**Parish Center Grounds**

We'll play  
Nuke 'em  
Kickball  
Wiffleball  
4-Square  
and more!!



Snacks and drinks provided! If it rains, games will be moved indoors.  
8th grade grads, high school teens, high school grads - all are welcome,  
and bring your friends!!

### Things to look forward to in June, July and August:

Miniature Golf  
Bowling  
Sports Nights



Backyard Pool Party  
Outdoor Movie Night  
Mission Trip Meetings

Bonfires  
Water Wars  
Picnics



Keep your eyes open for information on our Summer events.  
Look in the bulletin, on the Youth Ministry Web Page of the Parish website, and/or on our Facebook page!





## Baseball & Tailgate



Come one, come all. Get your tickets while they last.

The SMV Men's Club sponsored Cubs-Brewers outing is July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ticket prices are \$30 for seniors (60+) and kids under 14 and \$50 for all others. The ticket includes a tailgate party for which the Men's Club provides a hot grill and beverages; bring your own meal to grill. Game time is 1:10 PM. Tailgate begins at 11:00 AM. Tickets can be procured at the parish office. Check, cash, or credit cards accepted. What better way to celebrate Independence Day weekend than with our national pastime? Enjoy food and drinks with friends.



## SMV Men's Club

All of the men in the parish are invited to our June meeting on **Monday, June 19 at 7 PM** for a backyard barbecue in the John P. Finnegan Parish Center. Come and enjoy food and drinks with friends.



## SUMMER MISSION TRIP Take Stock In Our Teens!



In about a month, 20 teens and 5 adults, including Fr. Shemek, are heading to Kansas City, Kansas to perform Mission Work. Our service will include: painting, yard work, home repair, indoor and outdoor clean-up, assisting children, and helping to distribute food to the needy.

Please support our Main Fundraiser for the Mission Trip, the Stock Sale, by purchasing "stock certificates" after all Masses the weekends of June 10/11 and 17/18.

Common Stock Certificates are \$20 a share and Preferred Stock is \$100 each. As a stockholder, you will receive a postcard from a teen while on Mission and an invitation to a special Stockholders Meeting complete with a dinner and an update on the Mission Week.

*We hope you can support us! Thank you for your generosity.*

### HELP WANTED!

#### Part-Time Administrative Assistant to the Coordinator of Alpha Omega Youth Ministry / Chi Rho Confirmation Prep St. Mary of Vernon Parish

**Summary:** This is an administrative support position to the Youth Minister.

**Position Type:** This is a twelve-month, part-time position, with a maximum of 10 hours per week. Hours and days are flexible but will include some weekends.

**Skills:** Microsoft Office programs, including Office 365, Excel, Canva  
Social media programs - Instagram, Facebook, Remind.com, etc.  
Strong organizational skills and willingness to collaborate

Contact Jim Welch 847-362-1021 if interested



## Corpus Christi

Love has its alphabet of symbols.  
Here are three:  
a cup of wine,  
a loaf of bread  
and the wonder of words  
that Jesus said  
over them both  
in that holy place  
where he sang God's love,  
and shared God's grace.

A splendour was burning  
in Christ that night  
as shadows deepened  
and darkness fell . . .  
But the light of the love  
poured over them there  
pours over us here  
in our lives as well.

He fed, and washed, and bound  
them in bonds as strong as death.  
"Do this for one another.  
Live in my love," he said.

Deep longing filled his spirit:  
great passion filled his cry - - -  
"That they may be one, my Father,  
even as you and I . . ."

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Seekers, we come to the altar to find  
food for the journey,  
comfort of mind,  
words that break open  
whatever Christ meant  
in leaving himself  
as our true Sacrament.

So here come the children  
brimming with sunlight;  
the halt and the lame,  
the young full of dreams;  
those blest with wings  
and those who must plod . . .  
Together we weave  
new garments for God!

--Eileen Lomasney, CSJ



ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS,  
KNITTERS and CROCHETERS !

Participate in the upcoming SMV Service Day project  
on June 24th without leaving the  
comforts of you home.

Use your talents to make prayer shawls or no-sew tied fleece lap blankets for elderly residents  
of senior care facilities in our community.

Finished size of knit/crocheted prayer shawls should be:

For rectangular shawl - between 26" - 30" wide x 60" in length (not including fringe)

For triangular shawl - between 72-74" for the longest side of the triangle and length from  
middle of the longest side to triangle tip measures between 30-34"

Finished size of no sew tied fleece lap blankets should be 30" x 40" or 36" x 50"

Please drop off your completed project in the baskets located in the Narthex any weekend in  
June but no later than Saturday June 24th by 12 noon. We will distribute them to the senior  
homes in the afternoon on Saturday, June 24th.

If you have questions, please contact Bernice Milas at [brone.milas@gmail.com](mailto:brone.milas@gmail.com) Stay tuned for  
an upcoming bulletin article about prayer shawls!

## REUSE-A-SHOE



As part of our SMV Service Day event (June 24<sup>th</sup>),  
we will be collecting your unwanted shoes to be  
reused or recycled by SWALCO.

Collection dates for the shoes are the weekends of June 10-11 and June  
17-18. Bring your shoes to Mass and drop them off in the Narthex. All  
types of shoes and boots are acceptable, new, gently used or worn, ex-  
cept -- NO rollerblades, ice skates, or winter boots.

Volunteers will be needed to sort the donations on Service Day, June 24<sup>th</sup>,  
and Sign-Up Genius will be online soon.





## READINGS, FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Monday, June 12**— 2 Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12

8:30am—No intention

**Tuesday, June 13**— 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16 *St. Anthony of Padua*

8:30am—No intention

**Wednesday, June 14**—2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19

7:00am—John Ward

**Thursday, June 15** - 2 Cor 3:15--4:1, 2-6; Mt 5:20-26

8:30am - Catherine Harrington

**Friday, June 16**—Dt 7:6-11; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30 *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

7:00am—All my people

**Saturday, June 17**—2 Cor 5:14-21; Lk 2:41-51 *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30am—No intention

5:00pm - Sergio Jimenez

**Sunday, June 18**—Ex 19:2-6a; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36--10:8 *Father's Day*

7:45am—Maglyn Ortiz

9:30am—Lucille Grosko, Vernon Howard

11:15am—Rosendo & Anita Montalbo, Lorenzo & Amy

Rebong, Merlie Bangloy, Rebecca, Tomas, Maximina Domingo, June Lane, John Bednar, Nelson Diaz, Rom Gemmati, Rose & Louis Aquila, Charles Iannone

## BAPTISMS LAST WEEK

Made children of God by water and the Spirit:

**Francisco Manuel Alvarez,**

son of Francisco Eduardo Alvarez &  
Cristy Elizabeth Cuevas

**Lela May Galvan,**

daughter of Richard Galvan &  
Vanessa Sandoval

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

## OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

**Catherine Harrington,**

sister of Pat Schwarz &  
Rae Torbik

**Eleanor Schroeder,**

mother of Mary Tompkins

We offer our sympathy to their families and pray that their souls now rest in peace and joy in the arms of God.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SMV LOVED ONES WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY

**MAJ Jay Althoff, USA**

**FC2 Trevor A. Amos, USN**

**FN Nathan Bernardo Andres, USN**

**ITC Rickie Arnold, USN**

**SGT Rosannah Bernardo, USA**

**1LT Kevin Bloom, USA**

**SGT Thomas Cleary, USA**

**E3 James Colston, USN**

**PO1 Swen Erickson, USN**

**ETV1 Michael Gielczyk, USN**

**LT Alex Hoersten, USN**

**SPC Kevin Holum, USA**

**1LT Nicole Keane, USA**

**LT Kendall G. Knorr, USN**

**Cpl Matthew Kukula, USMC**

**Sgt Michael Kukula, USMC**

**LT Melanie C. Lecaroz, USN**

**LTC Paul J. Milas, USA**

**LT Kelly K. Nagle, USN**

**SFC David Ptak, USA**

**Maj Matthew Tegeler, USAF**

**CDR Matthew Wauson, USN**

**CPT Stephen M. Woldridge, USA**

**Cpl Tyler Zamsky, 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,

Nathaniel Lee, Melody Ruane,  
Maybelee Gifford, David Beckman,

Mary Schurder, Charles Richtfort,

Carlo Bello, Peyton Newman,

Leonard Becker, Jim Ewing,

John Hornung, Jr.,

Rene Steigerwald, Paul Carrica,

Alice Seitz, Jasmin Kruse,

Sarah Weigert, Ruth Erickson,

Lyle Berndt, Tom Haaker



## SMV WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Youth Ministry Stock Sale

#### Sunday, June 11

- Masses at 7:45am, 9:30am, 11:15am, Church
- 10:45am - Lake County United, Narthex
- 1:00pm - Dress A Girl, PC
- 6:30pm - Baptism Prep, Chapel

#### Monday, June 12

- 8:30am—Mass, Chapel
- 7:00pm - Care for Our Common Home, 110
- 7:00pm - Men's Club Board, PC

#### Tuesday, June 13

- 8:30am—Mass, Chapel
- 11:30am - K of C Lunch Bunch, 110

#### Wednesday, June 14

- 7:00am—Mass, Chapel
- 6:30pm - Youth Ministry Sports Nite, PC
- 7:30pm—Choir Rehearsal, Church

#### Thursday, June 15

- 8:30am—Mass, Chapel

#### Friday, June 16

- 7:00am—Mass, Chapel

#### Saturday, June 17

- 8:30am—Mass
- 5:00pm - Mass, Church

### Youth Ministry Stock Sale in Narthex Parish Library in Narthex

#### Sunday, June 18

- Masses at 7:45am, 9:30am, 11:15am, Church

#### Location Code:

AC=Administration Center  
ACCR= Admin Center Conference Room  
GH=Great Hall, JP Finnegan Center  
NH=North Hall, JP Finnegan Center  
N—Narthex  
O/S—Off-Site  
PC or Numbers= JP Finnegan Center or Classrooms  
PO=PREP Office  
RMR—Rectory Meeting Room (Lower Level)  
SHO—Sharing Hands OfficeTR=Teen Room

## NEED HELP?

### Alcohol Abuse:

Call Alcoholics Anonymous 847-362-1811  
Information on Al-Anon & Adult Children of Alcoholics can be found at 1-888-425-2666 or [www.niafg.org](http://www.niafg.org)

### 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 Center 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).

### Domestic Violence Help:

**WINGS 24 Hour Hotline, Counseling & Emergency Shelter:** 847-221-5680;  
**National Domestic Violence 24 hr Hotline:** 800-799-7233; **National Dating Abuse Helpline:** 866-331-9474.  
**In an Emergency dial 911.**

### 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)

## Lake County United News

It is time for SMV's Peace and Justice Lake County United Ministry to get together. **We meet in the church Narthex at 10:45 AM the second Sunday of each month.**

We know that there is up to a seven year wait for affordable housing in Lake County. Our SMV members have been working on solving this problem. We are meeting to discuss our efforts to support affordable housing in Waukegan, Libertyville, and in Lake County. As well as update our efforts at improving gun safety through the National Gun Safety Consortium. Mark Alexander has been working at getting college students in Lake County interested.

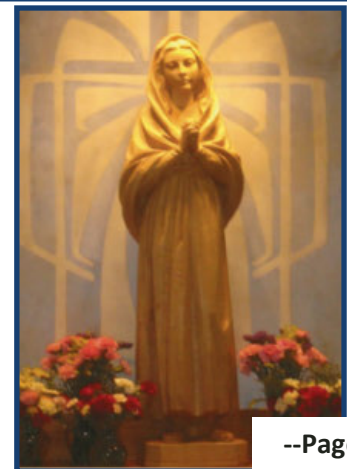
Patricia Bahnick has attended the Libertyville Housing meeting at SMV and represented LCU at United Methodist Church of Libertyville's ministry Sunday, Mary Anne Wender has surveyed area towns to find out their level of support for affordable housing. She has discovered that Mundelein is most supportive. What about Vernon Hills and Libertyville?

I have been meeting with the LCU Libertyville and Waukegan affordable housing committees. Our Waukegan St. Therese property housing development is at a stalemate. In Libertyville we are working to engage local businesses as large as Advocate Condell Medical Center, interviewing their essential workers to learn their housing stories and more.

In addition we have met with Lake County Sheriff Idleburg to get his support for gun safety by joining the National Gun Safety Consortium. Currently, Park Ridge, Evanston, Kane County, and Milwaukee are members.

An outgrowth of the *Do Not Stand Idly By* campaign, the National Gun Safety Consortium is organizing public sector leaders to combine their purchasing power, research and expertise to promote gun safety and tackle the problem of unsecured guns in America.

**Gary Schiappacasse, SMV LCU Steering Committee Representative**  
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