



St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church

236 US Hwy 45
Indian Creek, Illinois 60061

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 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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is kind
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Parish Office Hours:

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

Friday Closed

Saturday 8:30 a.m.—Noon

Pilgrimage Experience

We had a spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage. Our group travelled from Rome to Monte Cassino, Foggia, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Assisi, Loreto, Split, and Medjugorje. I felt the Spirit of God guiding us. I am still processing, and discerning what God wishes to teach me from these experiences. Presently, I want to share two experiences with you. First, is my experience in Lanciano, Italy, the place of the Eucharistic miracle.

In the 8th Century A.D., a Basilian monk in a little church of St. Longinus was in doubt of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. According to the story, he had this doubt when he went to celebrate the Eucharist. As he proclaimed the words of consecration, “This is my body.....this is my blood,” the edge of the host was changed into live flesh and the wine was changed into live blood. The priest was terrified as he was finally convinced that he was in the presence of the LORD. In shock he stopped the Eucharistic Prayer. Can you imagine the astonishment on the congregation’s faces when they noticed the priest suddenly stopped the Eucharistic Prayer? After minutes of complete silence, the priest invited the congregation to come up to the altar to see Jesus, who to confound his unbelief had rendered Himself visible to the human eyes in the Most Blessed Sacrament on the altar.

While praying before the Host-Flesh fragment in the Church of San Francesco, Lanciano, it dawned on me that we travelled this long distance to observe a miracle that takes place every Sunday, and every time we celebrate the Eucharist on the altar of St. Mary of Vernon.

Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus Christ Himself, through the words of the priest, the words of consecration, makes Himself present to us under the appearance of bread and wine. The Host, after the words of consecration, still looks the same, feels the same and tastes the same. The same applies to the Precious Blood. Yet, we know both bread and wine have been transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. We call this process transubstantiation. Do you believe in transubstantiation? Do you believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? A 2019 Pew Research shows that only one-third of U.S. Catholics believe in the doctrine of transubstantiation. I pray you are among that one-third. If you are among the two-thirds who do not believe, what is keeping you from believing in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist?

The second experience I want share with you occurred as we made our way from the Shrine of St. Philomena on Via Salaria Nova to the Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel in Foggia. The Shrine of St. Philomena is believed to contain the remains of St. Philomena. She was a thirteen-year-old virgin martyr who was killed because of her refusal to marry the king. The sister who gave us a tour of the shrine told us about miracles people received from the holy oil and cord from the Shrine. Many people on our pilgrimage bought a lot of holy items.

As the bus drove us to the Sanctuary of Saint Michael the Archangel, we were told that St. Michael the Archangel had appeared there. The Archangel had promised that anyone who came to that Sanctuary and asked for anything with faith, whatever they asked for would be granted. For centuries pilgrims have visited this cave to ask favors of God. Among those who made a pilgrimage to this cave was St. Francis of Assisi. It is said that St. Francis descended on several steps of the cave but did not enter the grotto. He did not feel worthy to stand on the same place the messenger of God had stood.

As we made our way to this cave, I began to think what I might ask. What was the one thing I desperately needed? What homily should I deliver to the pilgrims with me? How could I guide them to ask for the right thing? I had several ideas. Yet none of them gave me peace. Finally, it was revealed to me what to ask. And what to tell the pilgrims to pray for. I was to tell them to pray for their priest because the holiness of a parish depends on the holiness of its priests. Secondly, I should advise them to go to confession; that way they would make a holy pilgrimage and receive the graces of these holy places. Thirdly, I was to tell the pilgrims that I know they had brought the intentions of their loved ones. They had also bought many things for their loved ones. God inspired me to tell them to pray for holiness. That they may live a holy life. For the holiness of their husband, wife, children, grandchildren, relatives, and friends. Each of us was to pray asking God to help us submit our will under the will of God. Why is it important for each of us to submit our will under the will of God? Why is it important for you and me to be holy?

In that great homily Jesus gave, called ‘The Sermon on the Mount,’ Jesus gave several instructions. Toward the end of that sermon, Jesus asked, “Why do you worry about what you are to eat?” He tells us to look at the birds of the sky--they neither sow nor harvest, yet our heavenly Father feeds them. He asks, “Why do you worry about clothing?

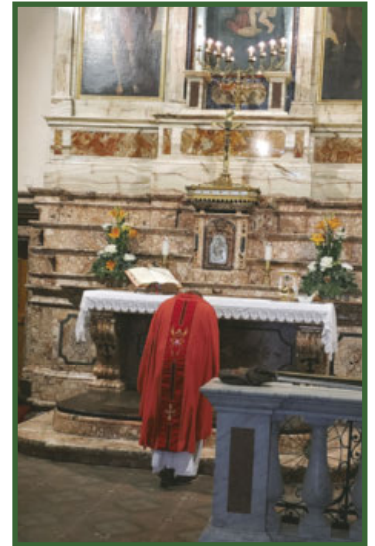
How you look? Look at the flowers in the fields. They do not work or spin. Yet not even Solomon in all his wealth and knowledge was as elegant as one of these flowers.” Jesus tells us that if our heavenly Father takes care of flowers in the fields which today are alive and tomorrow are thrown into the oven and burn into ashes, burn to nothing, how much more will God take care of us. He concludes by stating, “Seek first the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness, and all the other things will be added unto you” (Mt. 6:33). Seek first the kingdom of God, and every other thing, health, wealth, family, and all other things will be given to you as well. May St. Michael the Archangel help us to place our will under the will of God. Amen!

To help us grow in holiness at SMV, we will:

1. In the Prayers of the Faithful each Sunday, we will pray for the holiness of the parishioners of SMV. For the holiness of those who have asked us to pray for them, for those we promised our prayers, and those who are most in need of God’s presence today.
2. A two-hour Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday from 6-8:00P.M. This will afford those who work the time to come before Jesus. Parents with young children can also attend yet still have enough time to make it home for their child’s bedtime.

Please join me as we strive to cooperate with God to lead a holy life.

Blessings always,
Fr. Ignatius



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



September 17, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today, more than ever, we need compassionate and knowledgeable priests who will accompany us on our life journey, sharing in our joys and sorrows and guiding us through its challenges. The young men who are currently enrolled at both the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary and at St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, are the priests of tomorrow who will walk with us through life.

We are truly blessed to have these selfless young seminarians step forward to minister to us, our children and our grandchildren. We are grateful for their willingness to dedicate their lives to Jesus, the Church and each of us.

As a show of our gratitude, we take a moment this weekend to pay our respects by making a gift to their education. At Masses throughout the archdiocese this weekend, we ask for your encouragement and prayers for our seminarians. We also seek your financial support to help cover the cost of their preparation, which includes tuition and fees, room and board and health insurance.

These young men are giving their lives to us, and I ask that you match their generosity by making a sacrificial gift as we take up this collection. Not only will you be investing in them, but also in the future of the Church.

A remittance envelope has been placed in your pew or at the back of the church for your gift. You may also send your donation directly to your parish, noting that it is for “Seminarian Education”; or you may make a gift online at archchicago.org/seminarianfund.

In addition, you can also support vocations in the archdiocese by encouraging young men in your acquaintance to consider discerning the priesthood. Many current priests credit their vocation to personal conversations with loved ones and friends who recognized this potential in them.

On behalf of current and future archdiocesan seminarians, thank you. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please know that I keep you in my daily prayers and intentions, and I ask for yours in return.

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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE RCIA JOURNEY? COME JOIN US!

On Saturday April 8, 2023, three women and two men were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil at St. Mary of Vernon. This beautiful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ also marked the completion of the journey known as the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (or RCIA) for these five people. It was a journey of faith that began in September 2022 when they first met on Tuesday nights with Fr. Shemek and the RCIA team. As the group explored joining the Catholic faith a different topic was discussed each week beginning with the basic foundations of Christian faith and eventually including the many teachings and beliefs of the Catholic church and how they impact our lives. They were also introduced to the faith community of St. Mary of Vernon- which had been praying for them during their journey- as well as the faith community of the entire Archdiocese of Chicago at Holy Name Cathedral.

This particular group was composed of people of different ages, backgrounds and careers ranging from a stay at home mom to a first responder to a physician to a data analyst to a company CEO. But they shared one thing in common- a desire to learn about the Catholic faith and become members of the Catholic church at SMV. Two of these new Catholics have shared with us a little about themselves and especially what the RCIA journey meant to them.

In my 22 years as a catechist with the RCIA program, I have witnessed many different people take the journey of faith for many different reasons. Some come before marriage to join a future spouse in faith, some as a parent wanting to unite a family in one faith and some just as an individual who feels something important is missing from their life. If the idea of exploring the Catholic faith appeals to you or someone close to you, **please feel free to join us at our first meeting on September 19 at 7pm in the Lower Rectory meeting room.** Come see what the RCIA is all about in a relaxed setting. If you have any questions or just want to talk about the program before the first meeting, please contact Fr. Shemek (stomczyk@maryofvernon.org) or myself (Bruce Kwiecinski- bkwiecinski@sbcglobal.net). I will be happy to share some insight on my 22 years of sharing this RCIA journey of faith with others and answer any questions.

NEW CATHOLICS OMARA CASTILLO AND BEN BECKSTROM

Omara lives in Vernon Hills and is employed as a data analyst. Omara is the youngest of four siblings. She is originally from Honduras and relocated to the United States five years ago. Her parents still live in Honduras but come and visit Omara often. Omara is also the proud aunt of an amazing niece and nephew. Omara's favorite summertime hobby is paddleboarding. When winter arrives she likes to practice snowboarding. "I'm not the best at it", she says, "but I try to keep practicing!" According to Omara, the RCIA journey was a wholesome experience. In her own words, Omara says that "the RCIA allowed me to deepen my faith which made a difference in how I interact with myself and others. It was definitely a powerful opportunity to grow a deeper relationship with the Lord. I learned a lot more about the church than I previously knew and it's been a spiritual journey for me!"



Ben and his family live in Buffalo Grove. Ben states that he has been married to his beautiful wife Christy for 24 years! Ben and Christy have two wonderful children. Anja is 18 and is a freshman at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio studying pre-med. Lukas is 16 and a junior at Stevenson High School. Ben is the CEO of Warehouse Lighting. When he isn't working, Ben likes to spend time with his family and enjoys cooking for them. His other hobbies include playing music (guitar and piano) and watching sports- especially football and basketball. When reflecting on the RCIA journey, Ben says, "I have been a committed Christian for most of my life. I was born into a Protestant tradition, specifically the Evangelical Covenant denomination. My 'road to Rome' began more than ten years ago. I witnessed the conversions of a few close friends and found myself both curious and reading. Ultimately, I became convinced that the Church was who she claimed to be: the Church that Christ Himself had bestowed upon St. Peter at the ascension." Although he was active in a Protestant church, Ben felt compelled to pursue communion with God in His holy church by sharing in the gift of the Eucharist. For Ben the RCIA process was a rich time. It provided him a platform for the structuring and settling of many questions he had and provided him a true Catholic community. Ben also said, "I am extremely grateful to Fr. Shemek, Fr. Ignatius and all the catechists and my fellow RCIA journeyers."



Saturday, September 30, 2023

6:00 to 9:00 pm

John P. Finnegan Parish Center

Come dance to German (and other) music and enjoy a great Oktoberfest meal. This year's menu will include pork, sauerbraten, brats, German potato salad, red cabbage, sauerkraut, spaetzle, strudel and a kid friendly meal. German bier and wein along with soft drinks will also be available. A 50-50 raffle will be conducted.

	Advance	Purchase At the Door
13 years old & older	\$20.00	\$22.00
6-12 years old	\$ 5.00	\$5.00
Under 6 years old	FREE	FREE

There are several ways to procure tickets. They are available in the parish office, in the narthex after Masses on the weekends of September 16/17 and September 23/24, or at the website smvmensclub.square.sites. In each case use cash, check or credit card. Or use this QR code ➡



Consider volunteering for cooking, serving, dishwashing or clean-up. If you want to help make this event a success please sign up using the Signup Genius link or the QR code on the left.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0845a5af2faaf85-oktoberfest#/>

TinyURL <https://tinyurl.com/23p53vu5>



Family Mini Golf Sunday Sept 24, 1pm start

Par King Golf Course
21711 N Milwaukee Ave,
Lincolnshire, IL 60069
Children must be 48" tall
\$10 each, cash only
Sponsored by the
SMV Knights of Columbus.

**Please contact/text Fred Pfammatter
to RSVP 224-305-7257**



SMV Garden Walk Next Sunday

SMV is once more hosting a Laudato Si Walk for all interested people from the Chicago Archdiocese along the Reflection Trail, on **Sunday, September 24 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**, hosted by Kathy Felice and possibly Mike Lawler

Stop by the Season of Creation Lego River in the SMV Narthex. Parishioners are invited to attach their droplets supporting protecting the environment and their fellow man. "What can I do to make this world better?" Look for a new question each week.

To learn more about the Season of Creation go to their link: <https://seasonofcreation.org/> Or call Gary Schiappacasse 1-847-691-3293 cell



PREP News ...

No classes this week. Next classes are September 24th and 25th.

September

24, 25 - PREP/Chi Rho Classes

24 - 1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist Parent Meeting

25 - 1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist Parent Meeting

November

5, 6 - PREP/Chi Rho Classes

12, 13 - PREP/Chi Rho Classes

12, 13 - Parent Workshops

October

4 - Confirmation Commitment Service

15, 16 - PREP/Chi Rho Classes

15, 16 - Parent Workshops

22, 23 - PREP/Chi Rho Classes

December

2 - First Reconciliation Retreat

3 - Breakfast with Santa

3, 4 - PREP/Chi Rho Classes

10 - Night in Bethlehem

10, 11 - PREP/Chi Rho Classes

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Parent Meeting

Parents of students making their First Eucharist next Spring (2024) must attend one of the First Reconciliation/First Eucharist Parent Meetings

to be held on Sunday, September 24th from 10-11a

or Monday, September 25th from 5:30-6:30pm. in the Parish Center.


Extremely important information regarding First Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation will be discussed. This meeting is for parents only.

Confirmation Commitment Service

All Year 2 Confirmation candidates and a parent or sponsor are required to attend the Confirmation Commitment Service in Church on Wednesday, October 4th from 6:30-7:30pm.

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HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

We are looking for caring, supportive families to host international high school students (grades 9-12) attending Carmel Catholic High School. We have students arriving from around the world, including Italy, Germany, Brazil, China and Vietnam. This is an unbelievable opportunity for both the host family and the student to expand their horizons, make new friends and change their lives!

For information contact Livia Holmstrom at Livia.Holmstrom@amerigoeducation.com. Monthly stipend provided.



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).



Banana-Rama Kick-Off Event for High School Teens

Sunday, September 17th

6:30-9:00 PM



It's the **BIGGEST** event of the year—the 20th Annual **BANANA-RAMA**;
AΩ Youth Ministry's **HUGE** and **HILARIOUS** Kick-Off Event!
There will be an awesome and entertaining **Scavenger Hunt** followed by
the enormous and delicious 100 foot long **Banana Split!**
All High School Teens welcome. Bring a friend & **be on time!**

Please call Jim Welch at the Youth Ministry Office if a parent is willing to be a Driver (6:15-9:00 PM)
or be a Scorekeeper (7:45-9:00 PM) for this event: 847-362-1021.



Chi Rho - Year 1 & 2 Confirmation Preparation

Beautification Bash

Sunday, September 24th

4:30-6:00 PM



Chi Rho students Years 1&2 can earn service hours while having fun playing games and working on landscaping for the parish! We will plant bulbs, spread mulch and more.

We will have pizza dinner before heading over to church for the start of the Chi Rho PREP class.



Bonfire and Topic Night

Sunday, September 24th

6:30-9:00 PM

High School Years, please join us for an evening OUTDOORS on the back patio! We'll have a fire going and the heat lamps lit if it's cold. We will move indoors in the event of rain.

S'mores, hot chocolate, lemonade, and lots of other snacks will be provided.

Employment Opportunity

St. Patrick Church located at 991 S. Waukegan Rd. in Lake Forest seeks a qualified, full-time Administrative Assistant. The Administrative Assistant assists in all functions of the parish office. Serves as the first point of contact for those calling and entering the parish office. Acts in accordance with Archdiocesan policies, procedures, and guidelines. Demonstrates understanding, respect, and support of the Catholic Church teaching, mission, and values.

For more information, please check out the Archdiocese of Chicago website at www.archchicago.org. On the home page under the "About Us" tab, click on "Careers", then "Parish Opportunities". This will bring you to the complete job posting for St. Patrick Church, Parish Administrative Assistant. You may also contact Jennifer Boldry at 847-234-1401 with any questions you may have.

Dress A Girl Around the World Crafting Sunday

Join us on **Sunday, September 17th** from 1 pm-5pm in the Parish Center to sew dresses, cut fabric, string beads and hand stitch dolls for girls in need across the globe. All skill levels welcome!

We are also in need of cotton fabric to make more dresses. If you are a quilter or seamstress and want to donate your remnants, we would love to receive them!

Questions? Email DressAGirlStMary@gmail.com. Thank You!

PARISH LIBRARY IN NARTHEX SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2023

Stop by after Mass and browse the Library Cart and our display of interesting titles. All Library items can be checked out for one month.

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

Women of The Mantle

Come celebrate the One Year Anniversary of The Women of The Mantle group of St. Mary of Vernon!!

Wednesday, September 27th at 7PM in the Parish Center, Room 118

We will be gathering on the very special Feast Day of Our Lady Undoer of Knots and will enjoy light hospitality while reflecting on the Hallow app session on The Feminine Genius (Session 6 of 8)

Please contact Connie Lopez @ 224.420.0862 for any inquiries



For Our Future Update

As of Monday, September 11, we have \$1,840,131 pledged and \$570,190 has been collected from 379 donors. All pledge acknowledgements and payment schedules have been sent to all our donors. If you have not received your payment schedule, please send an email to

Forourfuture@maryofvernon.org and a duplicate will be sent to you. If you are just starting to make your pledge payments, please consider using Give Central. You can access the site at www.givecentral.org.

A sincere thank you to all those who have participated in the For our Future Campaign.

Saint Mary of Vernon Bible Studies Program Begins in October



This year's bible study will take a deep look at the Old Testament Book of Joshua. Sessions will begin on **October 11th** for the Wednesday morning sessions and **October 14th** for the Saturday sessions. Both sessions are from **9am to 11am**. The Book of Joshua is a strange and sometimes difficult story to understand; we will look at the circumstances and authorship of the writing to get a feel for the intention of the author(s). The session should run through January and if time permits, we may jump into the Book of Judges as well. Sessions will be presented in-person in the parish center room 118. These sessions are open to anyone so spread the word and invite a friend. All you need to bring with you is a bible. Please register for this session by e-mail to j_felice@att.net or call/message 847-371-1872. All I need is your e-mail address, telephone (for emergency use only), name (as you want it on a name tag), and preferred Wednesday or Saturday session (though you can switch as needed over the course of the program.)

READINGS, FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, Sept 18 - 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 7:1-10

8:30am—Joseph Joseph Kerksick Gardner

Tuesday, Sept 19— 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17 *St. Januarius*

8:30am—No intention

Wednesday, Sept 20—1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35 *St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon,*

7:00am—No intention *St. Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions*

Thursday, Sept 21- Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13 *St. Matthew, Apostle*

8:30am - All my people

Friday, Sept 22—1 Tm 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3

7:00am—Warren Kurth

Saturday, Sept 23—1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15 *St. Pius of Pietrelcina*

8:30am—Carolyn Reinertson

5:00pm—Joaquin Enriquez

Sunday, Sept 24—Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

7:45am—Andy Rieder

9:30am—Lucille Grosko, Jill Hatfield, Janalee Booker,
Kenneth Villamar, Jeff Peterson

11:15am—Souls in Purgatory

BAPTISM LAST WEEK

Made a child of God by water and the Spirit:

Xavier Noah Samano,
son 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

Alexander Piorkowski & Taylor Vorel

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

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

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

Rene Steigerwald, Alice Seitz,
Sarah Weigert, Lyle Berndt,
Tom Haaker, Nathaniel Lee,
Grace Flynn, Janet Dutler,
Gloria Bayer

Monthly Anointing of the Sick

Every 4th Saturday of the month (this month it is **September 23**), the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is offered at the **8:30 a.m. Mass**. September 23 is the Feast of St. Padre Pio. On his recent pilgrimage, Father Ignatius said Mass in the Church of Mary, Mother of Grace, where Padre Pio celebrated Mass. This Mass will be very special; so please attend, especially if you desire anointing; and encourage family and friends who are ill to come, too.

All who are experiencing illness, old age or anticipating a surgery may receive this sacrament as well as those who are dying. The sick person is united to the passion of Christ, receives strength, peace and courage to endure the sufferings of illness or old age, the forgiveness of sins, and preparation for passing over to eternal life for those who may be dying.

MASS PRESIDERS & HOMILISTS SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2023

5:00 PM Presider: Fr. Ignatius Homilist: Fr. Ignatius

7:45 AM Presider: Fr. Bob Homilist: Fr. Bob

9:30 AM Presider: Fr. Shemek Homilist: Fr. Shemek

11:15 AM Presider: Fr. Ignatius Homilist: Fr. Ignatius

SMV WEEK AT A GLANCE

Library in Narthex Oktoberfest Tickets in Narthex

Sunday, September 17

- Masses at 7:45am, 9:30am, 11:15am (Family Mass), Church
- Hospitality in Narthex
- 1:00pm - Dress A Girl Sewing, PC
- 6:30pm - Youth Ministry Banana-Rama, PC
- 6:30pm - Baptism Prep, Chapel

Monday, September 18

- 8:30am—Mass, Chapel

Tuesday, September 19

- 8:30am—Mass, Chapel
- 6:00 to 8:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration, Church
- 6:30pm - Sharing Hands, SHO
- 6:30pm - Children's Choir Rehearsal, MR
- 7:00pm - RCIA, RMR

Wednesday, September 20

- 7:00am—Mass, Chapel
- 8:00am - SPRED, 113-117
- 7:00pm - Knights of Columbus, Quad
- 7:30pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, September 21

- 8:30am—Mass, Chapel
- 7:00pm - K of C, PREP Conf Room

Friday, September 22

- 7:00am—Mass, Chapel

Saturday, September 23

- 8:30am—Mass with Anointing, Chapel
- 9:00am - Sharing Hands, SHO
- 9:00am - Furniture Ministry, Garages
- 5:00pm - Mass, Church

Sunday, September 24

- Masses at 7:45am, 9:30am, 11:15am (with Children's Liturgy of the Word), Church
- 9:00am - PREP Classes
- 9:00am - 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting, GH
- 2:00am - *Laudato Si* Garden Walk, Grounds
- 4:30pm - ChiRho Beautification Event, Parish Grounds
- 6:00pm - ChiRho Classes
- 6:30pm - Youth Ministry Bonfire Nite, PC

Location Code:

AC=Administration Center
ACCR= Admin Center Conference Room
GH=Great Hall, JP Finnegan Center
MR=Music Room
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 Office
TR=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

Gambling:

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

Narcotics:

www.na.org

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.

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/

Pregnant and Need Help?

Call 847-249-2700 (Aid for Women of Northern Lake County)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST THE BLESSING OF PETS & ANIMALS

You are invited to bring your pets to Church to be blessed before St. Francis of Assisi's feast day (October 4). St. Francis is known for his love for animals as expressed in his Canticle of Creatures.

Please join us in the south parking lot on
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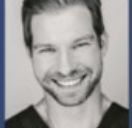

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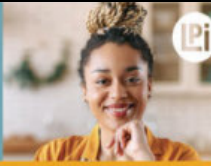
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