



# St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church

236 US Hwy 45  
Indian Creek, Illinois 60061

**Christmas Holiday Season**  
December 24, 2023 to January 1, 2024

## 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:*

Parish Office:  
847-362-1005

Fax:  
847-362-6375

Religious Education:  
847-362-0653

Youth Ministry:  
847-362-1021

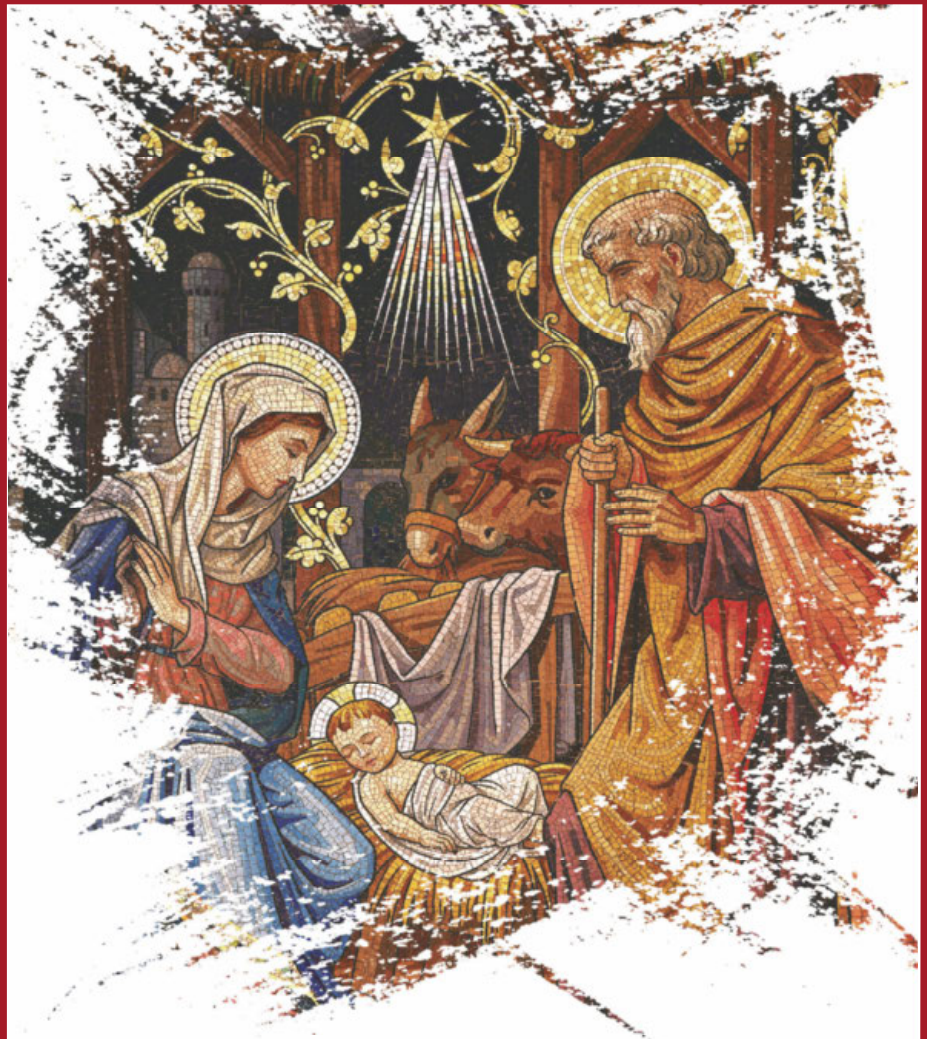
Parish Website:  
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"FOR TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN  
BORN FOR YOU WHO IS CHRIST AND LORD." — LK 2:11

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### *Parish Office Hours:*

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

*Friday Closed*

*Saturday 8:30 a.m.—Noon*





## *Christmas 2023*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also celebrate the birth of our hope. When he came among us as one like us in all things but sin, he lifted us up to new and transformed life. In fact, he opened for us the way to share in the very life of God. One of the prayers of the Mass gives us these words: "...may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity."

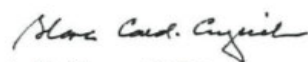
The struggles that we face in our personal lives and in our wounded world do not have the last word. We are meant for more. We are meant for full and eternal life. I pray that our celebration of the Lord's birth will remind us of the glory that will carry us beyond the challenges, sometimes truly significant challenges that mark our lives and our world.

We must also remember that the Lord did not just come among us once and long ago. He continues to walk with us as we walk with each other. Our celebrations of the Eucharist remind of that. And he will never abandon his people. He is now and always Emmanuel, our God with us. Our journey is his journey. And this year, having celebrated the first of two synods of the Church, we are especially aware that he accompanies us as we accompany one another.

In this holy season, I invite you to pray. Take time, create a quiet space, look on the creche, read the gospels, and allow yourself to know that he is near and that he walks with you. If you do so, I can assure you that you will know his peace. Then, take what you learn from him to your family, to your workplace, to your community, and to entire world. The gift of Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, is not something we can hold for ourselves. We are called and destined to share it with others.

As I celebrate the Eucharist, I will remember you and pray that you will have a living sense of the Lord among us, the one who walks with us and draws us forward into the fullness of his life.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Archbishop of Chicago

## ST. MARY OF VERNON PARISH 2023 CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24  
3:00PM, 5:00PM, 7:00PM & 10:00PM

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25  
9:30AM & 11:30AM

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30  
5:00PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31  
7:45AM, 9:30AM & 11:15AM

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024  
9:00AM



### Christmas 2023

Seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, the Prophet Isaiah wrote, "For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace" (Is. 9:5). After the birth of Jesus, multitude of angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Lk. 2:14). Yet, two thousand years after the birth of the Prince of Peace, the world still does not know peace.

The author of The Letter of James (4:1-3) has an opinion on why peace continues to evade the world. He asks, "Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from?" To answer that question, he states, "Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions."

Where did wrong passion come from? It came from the fall of Adam and Eve. Their actions brought the first conflict in nature. For example, when God created the world, God set limits for the sea and land. Because of Adam and Eve's actions, there were now earthquakes, tsunamis, diseases, etc. Secondly, their actions brought conflicts among animals. The Wolf no longer was a guest of the lamb, the Leopard no longer laid down with the kid, the Calf and the young Lion no longer browsed together with a little child to guide them (Is. 11: 6). Thirdly their actions brought conflict among persons, groups, and nations. Fourth, it brought conflict within the individual, and last of all, their actions brought conflict between human beings and God.

One can categorically state that conflict in the world began with conflict with God. To resolve this issue, man needed to make peace with God. Since humans did not have what it took to make this reconciliation, God took it upon Himself to come into the world to reconcile the world to Himself. God did this in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. According to the Apostle Paul, "It pleased God to make absolute fullness reside in him and, by means of him, to reconcile everything in his person, both on earth and in the heavens, making peace through the blood of his cross" (Col. 1:19).

Before Jesus did battle with Satan on Calvary, he said to his apostles, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (Jn. 14:27). After he defeated Satan the father of lies and chaos and emerged triumphantly from the grave, Jesus's first words to his disciples were, "peace be with you" (Jn. 20:19).

Peace in the world begins with peace with God. It all began with the birth of a child, the Prince of Peace, some two thousand years ago. "For onto us a child is born, a son is given, upon his shoulder dominion rests. They call him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace."

May the Prince of Peace, who is born into our world today, bring each of us his everlasting peace.

Peace be with you! Merry Christmas everyone!

Fr. Ignatius

## ST MARY OF VERNON HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

In honor of Christmas & New Years

SMV Parish Offices will be closed

**December 25 & December 26 & December 27**

**January 1**

Regular office hours will resume January 2nd

*On December 26 & 27, Daily Mass will be replaced by Communion Services.*

YAM-NW and YAM-Lake County invite you to look into their upcoming activities. See their websites to find Adoration, Service and Social Events, Presentations and more. Send an email to either or both YAM groups to receive news about young adult activities in Vicariate I.

**YAM-NW Young Adult Ministry Northwest Suburbs**

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/yamnw](https://www.facebook.com/groups/yamnw)

Webpage: <https://vic1chicago.org/young-adult>

Email: [yamnw.suburbs@gmail.com](mailto:yamnw.suburbs@gmail.com)

**YAM-Lake County Young Adult Ministry Lake County**

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/981171095370036/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/981171095370036/)

Webpage: <https://yamlakecounty.wixsite.com/yamlakecounty>

Email: [yamlakecounty@gmail.com](mailto:yamlakecounty@gmail.com)



### First Friday Devotion to Our Santo Niño

Friday, January 5 - 7:15 P.M.

SMV Chapel

Contact Annette Liwanag

[analiwanag@gmail.com](mailto:analiwanag@gmail.com)

### Eucharistic Adoration THURSDAY ~ JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 AM through 7:00 PM

Spend an hour or a just a few minutes adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 am following the 8:30 am Mass, and concluding with Benediction at 7:00 pm.

*If you can devote an hour of silent reflection on the first Thursday of each month, or be a substitute for a committed Adorer, please contact Jocelyn Ko at [ajccca800@gmail.com](mailto:ajccca800@gmail.com) or 847-924-3756..*



**Are you being called to join our SPRED community?**

***"Where two or three gather in my name, I am with them."***

SPRED is a small faith based community within our St. Mary of Vernon parish that is looking for **helper catechists**.

SPRED is an agency of the Archdiocese of Chicago which has designed a unique Program for people who live with various developmental disabilities.

Training is provided.

If this sounds like a ministry you may be interested in please contact Maureen Kelly at [maureen10kelly@gmail.com](mailto:maureen10kelly@gmail.com) for more information.





*"Good men, doing great work, for the glory and honor of God."*

We're looking for a few good men who want to make a difference and leave that lasting legacy not only to your children and grandchildren but to your parish and your community, regardless if you have children or not.

The Knights of Columbus is a national Catholic men's fraternal service organization. You've seen our local Saint Mary of Vernon (SMV) chapter members around the parish performing good deeds or raising money for worthy causes. Last year alone SMV council 8022 donated over 3,100 hours and \$43,500 on charitable activities.

So, what is it that we do? Our Faith-In- Action activities are focused around 4 pillars - Family, Community, Faith, and Life. Below are some of the main events we host to give you a general idea.

**Family** – Family movie nights; breakfasts with Santa; Easter egg hunt, A night with the Knights Halloween Events; and Food for families donations, PREP social group support.

**Community** –Winter coats for kids donations (600 coats this year!); Alpha Omega habitat for humanity donations; roadside cleanups, Vernon Hills July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

**Faith** – Spiritual development prayer and discussions; seminarian scholarships; parish landscaping support; support of confirmation candidates, and prayer support for those in need.

**Life** – Ultrasound machine purchases for local woman's centers; donations for pregnancy centers, donations to intellectual disability causes (SPRED) /Tootsie Roll drives, Respect Life activities.

We do all this **and more**, as a band of brothers, men sharing a common bond forged in Christian fellowship and comradery.

If you are a Catholic male, over 18 years old, and desire to give faith filled service to our parish, communities, and others; or are simply looking for a way to meet other parishioners and get involved in our parish, we **invite you to join us as a member**, or at any of our service activities as our guest. To learn more – and/or sign up – visit [www.KofC.org/join](http://www.KofC.org/join) and request to join council 8022 at St Mary of Vernon, Indian Creek. Or simply scan the (Q code on the right) or call us at 8022-4LEASH (802- 245-3274), email [KofC8022@gmail.com](mailto:KofC8022@gmail.com) , or talk to any of our members before or after mass.

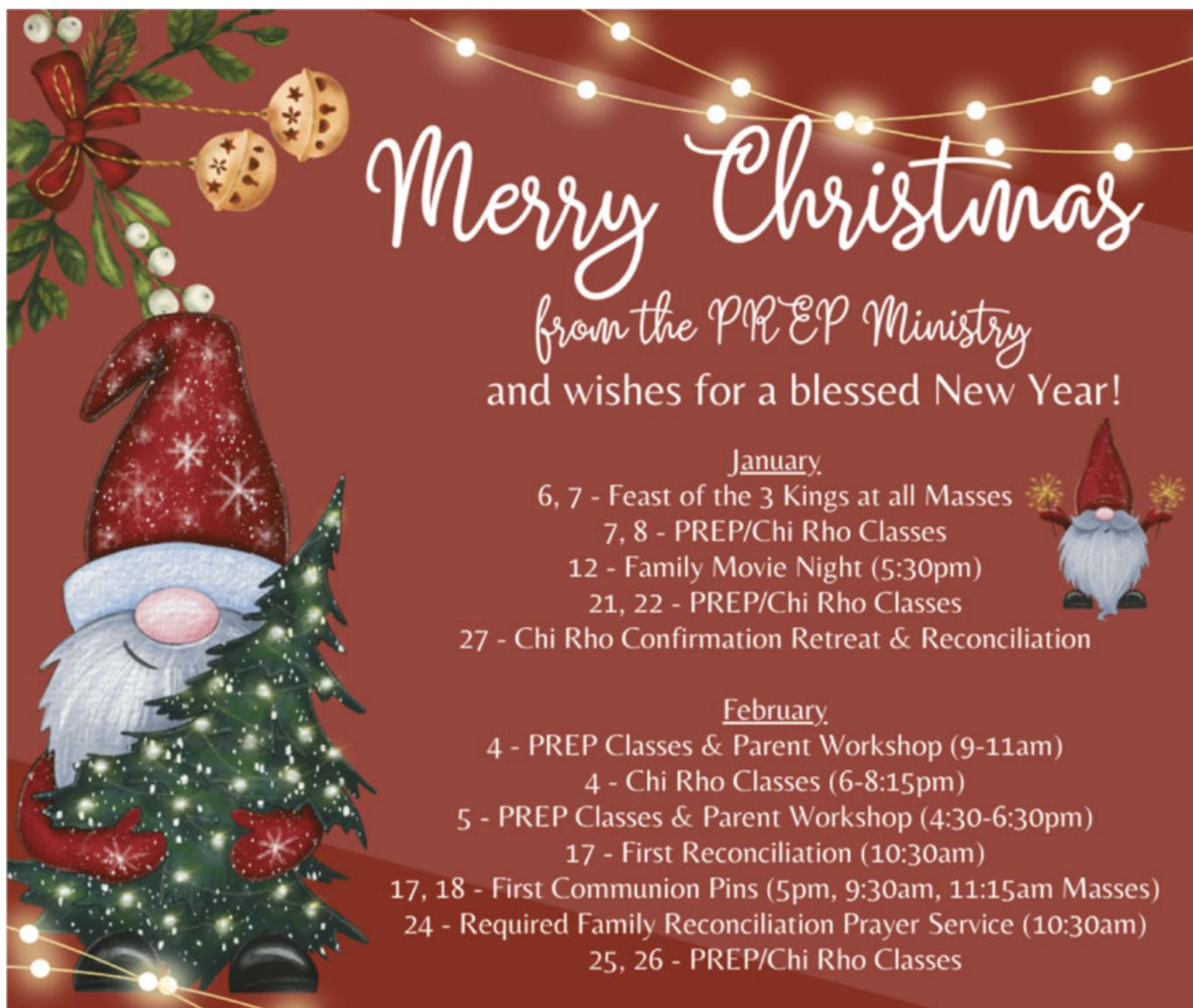


### Spring 2024 Adult Confirmation for Vicariate I Parishioners

Are you an adult who missed receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? Preparation for Confirmation for Vicariate I parishioners will be offered weekly on Mondays beginning Monday, March 25, 2024, 7-9 pm, at St. Edna Parish, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd. in Arlington Heights. Bishop Jeffrey Grob will preside at the Confirmation Mass at St. Edna Parish on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Registration closes on March 15.



Contact Lorie Crepeau for information and registration;  
[lcrepeau@stedna.org](mailto:lcrepeau@stedna.org), 847-398-3362, ext. 325.



### Women of the Mantle

No gathering in December, but we look forward to meeting in January.

May you have a very Blessed Christmas and we will see you in the New Year!

**Next meeting: Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**  
at 7pm in room 118

Please contact Connie Lopez @ 224.420.0862 with any questions



**ST. MARY OF VERNON  
FAMILY SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE**

**FREE**

**ADMIT**

**Finding Nemo**

**Pajamas  
Pizza  
Popcorn**

**ALL ARE INVITED TO A FAMILY  
MOVIE  
Night**

**Friday, January 12th**  
Doors open at 5:30pm  
"FINDING NEMO"  
will start shortly thereafter

**ST. MARY OF VERNON CATHOLIC CHURCH  
FR. JOHN P. FINNEGAN PARISH CENTER**

**PLEASE USE THIS QR CODE TO SIGN-UP**



## 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).*



### No Event Sunday, December 24th nor December 31st

Enjoy your Christmas and New Year's Extended Weekends!

### Nerf, Nine-Square, and Nacho Night

Sunday, January 7th

6:30 - 9:00 PM



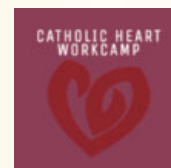
Join us for a fun evening of Nerf, Nine-Square, and Nacho Nonsense. Come with your own Nerf-gun, energy, and appetite! As always, your friends are welcome to join us.



### Mission Trip Information Night

Thursday, January 11th

7:00-8:30 PM



Incoming Freshman in the Fall of 2024 through graduating Class of 2024 seniors and even college-aged youth are invited to learn more about next summer's Mission Trip.

We will be traveling to Cincinnati, Ohio. ***We leave July 13th and return July 20th.***

Location: The meeting will be in the Parish Center.





### Traditional Blessing of Chalk

**Weekend of  
January 6 & 7, 2024**

**More information  
to come  
in January 7  
Bulletin**

### Dress A Girl Around the World

The Dress A Girl St Mary of Vernon mission creates dresses for girls in countries less fortunate than us. We will be meeting the afternoon of January 14, 2024 to sew, string beads for bracelets and hand stitch dolls. We meet in the Parish Center from 1-5 pm. Many jobs for all skill levels; men, women and interested teens! Bring your machine if you sew.

Always looking for new, clean, cotton fabric and men's large and extra large cotton/poly button dress/casual shirts. Think of us as you clean out closets this holiday season.

Thank you for your continued support!

Questions? Email Sharon at [DressAGirlStMary@gmail.com](mailto:DressAGirlStMary@gmail.com)

### Men's Breakfast with Bishop Grob

Catholic Men of Lake County are invited to Mass and breakfast on Saturday, January 13, 2024, Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Rd., Lake Forest. Mass is at 7:30 AM. After Mass is a continental breakfast and a talk by Bishop Jeffrey Grob, *Issues Facing Catholic Men in 2024*, in the Parish Center, 201 E. Illinois Rd.

The event is sponsored by the Faith and Fellowship Men's Club of the Church of St. Mary and the Knights of Columbus #1268. Advance registration is required, will be capped at 75 registrants, and will close on January 10. To register, use the link: <https://forms.gle/nMfU2rMystrBUtdX6>, or contact Joe Zaccari: 847-997-0490, [mensclub@churchofstmary.org](mailto:mensclub@churchofstmary.org).

### CONSIDER CLOW!

Please join us for CLOW or Children's Liturgy of the Word at 11:15 am Masses. (Except for the 3rd Sunday of the month.)

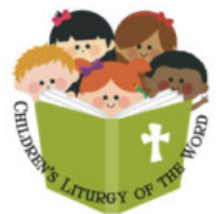
**What is CLOW?** It is a wonderful ministry that invites and calls forward our children ages 5-10 years old right before we break open The Word at Mass. The children are brought to the chapel and there they celebrate and reflect on the Sunday Gospel reading. The children are led through prayers and readings adapted to their level of understanding by a wonderful group of volunteers.

**What CLOW is not:** It is not a child-care program. Nor is it an arts and craft session intended to keep the children busy as the adults attend Mass.

Parents are always encouraged and welcome to attend CLOW. Younger children may also attend but will need the supervision of an older sibling or a parent.

Once CLOW concludes, the children will be dismissed and will return to the church.

If you would like to consider volunteering for this ministry, please contact the PREP office at 847-362-0653 for further details. We would love to hear from you!







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PARISH CENTER**

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\$35/PERSON FOR JUST DINNER**



**TICKETS**

SCAN QR Code or visit  
[maryofvernon.org](http://maryofvernon.org)

Must be 21 years old to attend.  
St. Mary of Vernon 236 US Hwy 45 Indian Creek, IL




**ST. MARY OF VERNON**

# BOOK TALK

For Christmas, every family at St. Mary of Vernon has been gifted this wonderful book.

Please join Fr. Ignatius to discuss *Beautiful Eucharist*, Thursday, January 25th, at 1pm or 7pm in the Parish Center.



## JESUS and the JEWISH ROOTS of the EUCHARIST

*Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper*

**BRANT PITRE**

*Preface by SCOTT HAHN*



## St. Mary of Vernon Rummage Sale 2024

Volunteers Needed  
Summer 2024

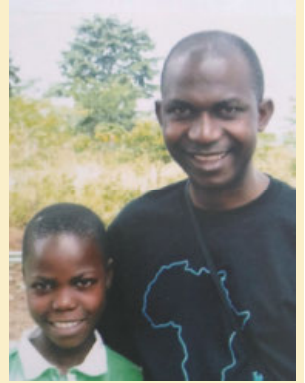
Contact Jen Daniels if you are willing to help.  
[jdaniels@maryofvernon.org](mailto:jdaniels@maryofvernon.org)

*Just a heads-up . . . the book "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" will be distributed in January for discussion groups that will meet during Lent.*

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

### To all of our wonderful St. Mary of Vernon sponsors and supporters

COVE Alliance originated as one man's dream, and has become a growing network of caring, generous people reaching out to orphaned and disadvantaged children in Uganda. Hilary Muheezangango began studying for the priesthood at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary in 2003. During his internship here at SMV, he shared his dream of building a school and health clinic in his home town of Kapeeka, Uganda. His dream touched a group of SMV parishioners and in 2005 COVE Alliance was formed. Fr. Hilary shared personal stories of growing up in Uganda, an area that had seen multiple civil wars since his birth in 1972. His childhood experiences included roaming and sleeping in the jungles while seeking safety during times of war. At one time he and his family were in a relocation camp in Kapeeka, on the very site where the COVE buildings now stand.



As 2024 approaches, COVE is preparing for the start of a new school year that begins in January, in Uganda. We have a new group of approximately 15 students who will begin their journey with COVE Alliance. Usually we have a wait list of sponsors ready to embark on this exciting journey; however this year, we are in dire need of sponsors for these young children. We need your help to spread the word. If you, your colleagues, neighbors, friends or relatives might be interested in learning more about sponsorship, please don't hesitate to pass along this information. If you have any questions, please contact us at [cove.alliance.sponsorship@gmail.com](mailto:cove.alliance.sponsorship@gmail.com). You may also call Julie Brown at 773-206-9315 or Darlene Frantonius at 847-502-0648. And donations are always welcome. You can donate online at [www.covealliance.org](http://www.covealliance.org) or by mail to COVE Alliance, PO Box 1051, Libertyville IL 60048.

Father Hilary hopes to visit us in 2024 for our annual Fundraiser to be held on April 20th. Don't forget to mark your calendar!

*Make a difference in the life of a child - support COVE today!*

## RECYCLING HELPS ALL OF US



Some years ago COVE Alliance collected your empty toner and ink cartridges. We no longer have a way of recycling the toner cartridges BUT WE ARE STILL ABLE TO RECYCLE INK CARTRIDGES.

At this time we would like to bring back the collection program. You can help by bringing your used cartridges to church and putting them in the COVE Alliance box that is located in the handicapped Narthex entrance.

As a parish we try to focus on the environment and find ways to personally commit to helping the environment. Here is an easy way to do that. Did you know that over 500 million ink cartridges are sold in the US each year? Nearly 375 million end up in landfills.

***"Everything is connected, and as a family of nations we must have a common concern: to see that the environment is cleaner, purer and preserved. And take care of nature, so that it takes care of us."***  
--Pope Francis





## PARTICIPATE IN THE WEEKEND LITURGY

**Bringing the Gifts to the Altar.** You are most welcome and encouraged to present the gifts at Sunday Mass. Sign up at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. A minimum of 4 and maximum of 8 people are needed to present the gifts; but single persons as well as families can sign up to join in the procession. Just arrive 10 minutes early on that day, check your name off in the book, and let one of the ushers know you are present. They will guide you as to the procedure.

**Mass Intentions read during the Prayers of the Faithful.** Mass intentions can be reserved at the Narthex desk, or by visiting or calling the Parish Office. At weekday Masses and at the 5pm and 7:45am Masses, only one intention is allowed (although names of related family members can count as one intention). At the 9:30am and 11:15am Masses, we can reserve more than one intention. We request a \$10 stipend.

**Votive Candles** (on the east side of the sanctuary) may be reserved at the Narthex desk or at the parish office during the week. Candles last for six days, and are changed on Saturday mornings. Donation is \$5.



### MONTHLY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is offered at the 8:30am Mass.

**Who can receive the sacrament?** All who are experiencing illness, old age or anticipating a surgery may receive this sacrament as well as those who are dying.

**How is it celebrated?** The anointing of the forehead and hands of the sick person is accompanied by prayer, laying on of hands and Scripture reading. The communal celebration of the sacrament is appropriately celebrated during the Mass.

**What are the sacrament's effects?** 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 to eternal life for those who may be dying.

## *You Are Cordially Invited!*

Family Mass is celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 11:15 a.m. The homily is geared towards children, and teens will fulfill ministerial roles in the liturgy.

On the third Sunday of the month, Children's Liturgy of the Word will not take place at 11:15 a.m. Mass.



## SHARING HANDS FURNITURE MINISTRY

Every Saturday morning SMV sends out 5 trucks, driven and staffed 100% by volunteers, for the purpose of picking up furniture from donors and delivering it to needy families. If you have gently used furniture that you wish to donate, you need only contact the parish office at 847-362-1005 to arrange pickup.

Should you wish to volunteer for this “feel good” ministry, contact Jim Wogan at 847-732-9028 or wogans@comcast.net. Most adult drivers volunteer for one Saturday per month from 9AM - Noon (usually finish by 11AM). We also need young people who can carry the larger items. If you need service hours for school, or would just like to help, please contact Jim as noted above.

The following article from “Chicago Catholic” should make SMV people proud of how we use some of our furniture in cooperation with Catholic Charities to make a real difference in people’s lives:

[chicagocatholic.com/voice-of-catholic-charities/-/article/2023/11/15/volunteers-make-apartments-homes-](http://chicagocatholic.com/voice-of-catholic-charities/-/article/2023/11/15/volunteers-make-apartments-homes-)

### Merry Christmas from St. Mary of Vernon Men’s Club!

Please read the bulletin  
every week for  
information on our  
events in 2024.

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

MAJ Jay Althoff, USA	SPC Kevin Holum, USA
FC2 Trevor A. Amos, USN	LT Kendall G. Knorr, USN
FN Nathan Bernardo Andres, USN	Cpl Matthew Kukula, USMC
ITC Rickie Arnold, USN	Sgt Michael Kukula, USMC
1LT Nicole Bass, USA	LT Melanie C. Lecaroz, USN
SGT Rosannah Bernardo, USA	LTC Paul J. Milas, USA
1LT Kevin Bloom, USA	LT Kelly K. Nagle, USN
SGT Thomas Cleary, USA	SFC David Ptak, USA
E3 James Colston, USN	Maj Matthew Tegeler, USAF
PO1 Swen Erickson, USN	CPT Stephen M. Woldridge, USA
ETV1 Michael Gielczyk, USN	Cpl Tyler Zamsky, USMC
LT Alex Hoersten, USN	

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.

### SMV HAS A CLOTHING & TEXTILE RECYCLING BIN

It’s near the dumpster by the garages next to the Parish Center

Clothing is the fastest growing waste in the U.S. waste stream today. Your new and gently used donations will be re-used; worn, torn, stained items will be recycled/upcycled into secondary products. The following are acceptable items:

**Clothing:** Jeans, Pants, Shirts, Socks, Coats, Jackets, Pajamas, Skirts, Dresses, Blouses, Shorts, Sweaters, Suits, Sweats, Undergarments, Halloween Costumes, Pet Clothing. ALL SIZES OF Men’s Women’s & Children’s Clothing.

**Accessories:** Purses & Handbags, Belts, Ties, Hats, Scarves, Soft Backpacks & Duffel Bags, Soft & Plush Dolls & Stuffed Animals.

**Textiles:** Table Linens, Washcloths & Towels, Sheets, Blankets, Bedspreads, Quilts, Duvets & Comforters, Curtains & Drapes, Furniture Covers. NO PILLOWS OR RUGS.

*Donations must be in sealed bags.*



## READINGS, FEASTS AND MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Christmas Vigil Readings:** Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-2

**Masses at 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm & 10:00pm**

**Monday, Dec 25 - Christmas Day** - Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

9:30am - Jose Maldonado

11:30am - Greg & Epifania Manaloto

**Tuesday, Dec 26**— Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22 *St. Stephen*

8:30am— No Mass - Communion Service

**Wednesday, Dec 27** —1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8 *St. John, Apostle*

7:00am—No Mass - Communion Service

**Thursday, Dec 28** - 1 Jn 1:5--2:2; Mt 2:13-18 *The Holy Innocents*

8:30am - Jeanne Reinhard

**Friday, Dec 29**—1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35 *St. Thomas Becket*

7:00am—All my people

**Saturday, Dec 30**—1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

8:30am— Irene Wolfe

5:00pm— Georgette Scully

**Sunday, Dec 31**—Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40 *The Holy Family*

7:45am—Stanley & Angela Archacki; Anthony & Connie DeVita

9:30am—Lucille Grosko

11:15am - No intention

**Monday, Jan 1** - Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 *Solemnity of Mary,*

9:00am - Peter Bros, Helena Wojnar *Mother of God*

**Tuesday, Jan 2** - 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28 *St. Basil the Great,*

8:30am - No intention *St. Gregory Nazianzen*

**Wednesday, Jan 3** - 1 Jn 2:29--3:6; Jn 1:29-34 *Most Holy Name of Jesus*

7:00am - No intention

**Thursday, Jan 4** - 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

8:30am - No intention

**Friday, Jan 5** - 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51 *St. John Neumann*

7:00am - All my people

**Saturday, Jan 6** - 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 *St. Andre Bessette*

8:30am - No intention

5:00pm - Mary Brandhurst

**Sunday, Jan 7** - Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 *Epiphany of the Lord*

7:45am - Andy Rieder

9:30am - Lucille Grosko

11:15am - Greg & Epifania Manaloto, Milagras Ogalesco

## OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Mary Lou May,**  
mother of Brad May

We offer our sympathy to the family and pray that her soul now rests in peace and joy in the arms of God.

## OUR SICK WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER

Rene Steigerwald, Alice Seitz,  
Tom Haaker, Nathaniel Lee,  
Janet Dutler, Jennifer Morrow,  
Dan Dulik, Juanita Puchalski,  
Sr. Rita Stoeberl, Giulia Gagliardi,  
Daniel Bayer

## Just a reminder . . .

**Eucharistic Adoration is held  
in St. Mary of Vernon Church  
every Tuesday evening from  
6pm to 8pm.**



## For Our Future Update

As of Wednesday, December 13, we have \$1,867,037 pledged and \$689,240 has been collected from 392 donors.

Now that the end of the year is approaching, we would like to thank everyone who has continued to support our capital campaign with your regular and consistent pledge payments. This is also the perfect time to catch up on your pledge if you haven't already and to make your annual or semi-annual payment if that is the payment method you chose. Annual statements of your pledge status will be mailed by the end of January.



## SMV WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, December 24

- Masses at 7:45am, 9:30am, 11:15am, Church
- **Christmas Eve Masses:**  
3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

***Merry Christmas!***

### Monday, December 25

- 9:30am & 11:30am—Mass, Church

### Tuesday, December 26

#### Parish Offices Closed

- 8:30am—Communion Service, Chapel
- 6:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration, Church
- 6:30pm - Sharing Hands, SHO
- 7:00pm - RCIA, RMR

### Wednesday, December 27

#### Parish Offices Closed

- 7:00am—Communion Service, Chapel
- 7:30pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

### Thursday, December 28

- 8:30am—Mass, Chapel
- 3:00pm - PADS Meal Prep, Kitchen
- 7:00pm - Knights of Columbus, PO

### Friday, December 29

- 7:00am —Mass, Church

### Saturday, December 30

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

### Sunday, December 31

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

### Monday, January 1, 2024

#### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- 9:00am - Mass, Church

### Tuesday, January 2

- 8:30am - Mass, Chapel
- 6:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration, Church
- 7:00pm - RCIA, RMR

### Wednesday, January 3

- 7:00am - Mass, Chapel
- 9:00am - Bible Study, 118
- 7:00pm - Knights of Columbus Officers, 125
- 7:30pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

### Thursday, January 4

- 8:30am - Mass, Chapel
- 9:00am - Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel
- 3:00pm - PADS Meal Prep, Kitchen
- 7:00pm - Knights of Columbus, PO

### Friday, January 5

- 7:00am - Mass, Chapel
- 7:15pm - Santo Nino Prayer Group, Chapel

### Saturday, January 6

- 8:30am - Mass, Chapel
- 9:00am - Bible Study, 118
- 9:00am - Liturgy Team, RMR
- 6:30pm - Altar Servers, PC

### Sunday, January 7

- Masses at 7:45am, 9:30am, 11:15am, Church
- 9:00am - PREP Classes
- 6:00pm - ChiRho Classes
- 6:30pm - Youth Ministry, PC

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RMR—Rectory Meeting Room (Lower Level)  
SHO—Sharing Hands Office  
TR=Teen Room

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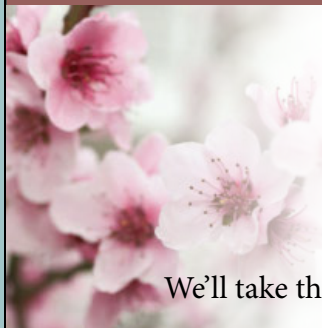
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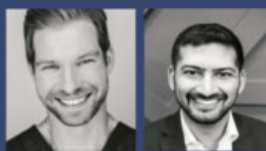
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Wednesday & Friday 7:00am

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**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Tuesday 6-8pm in Church. First Thursday of the month, 9am to 7pm in the Chapel.

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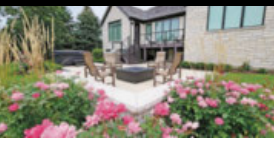
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