# St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church

**236 US Hwy 45, Indian Creek, Illinois 60061**

**Mission Statement:**

*Following Mary's example and rooted in the Eucharist, we Love God, Serve Others, Make Disciples*

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**November 22, 2026**

**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**

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

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

**Parish Website:**
**maryofvernon.org**

**Parish Email:**
**smv@maryofvernon.org**

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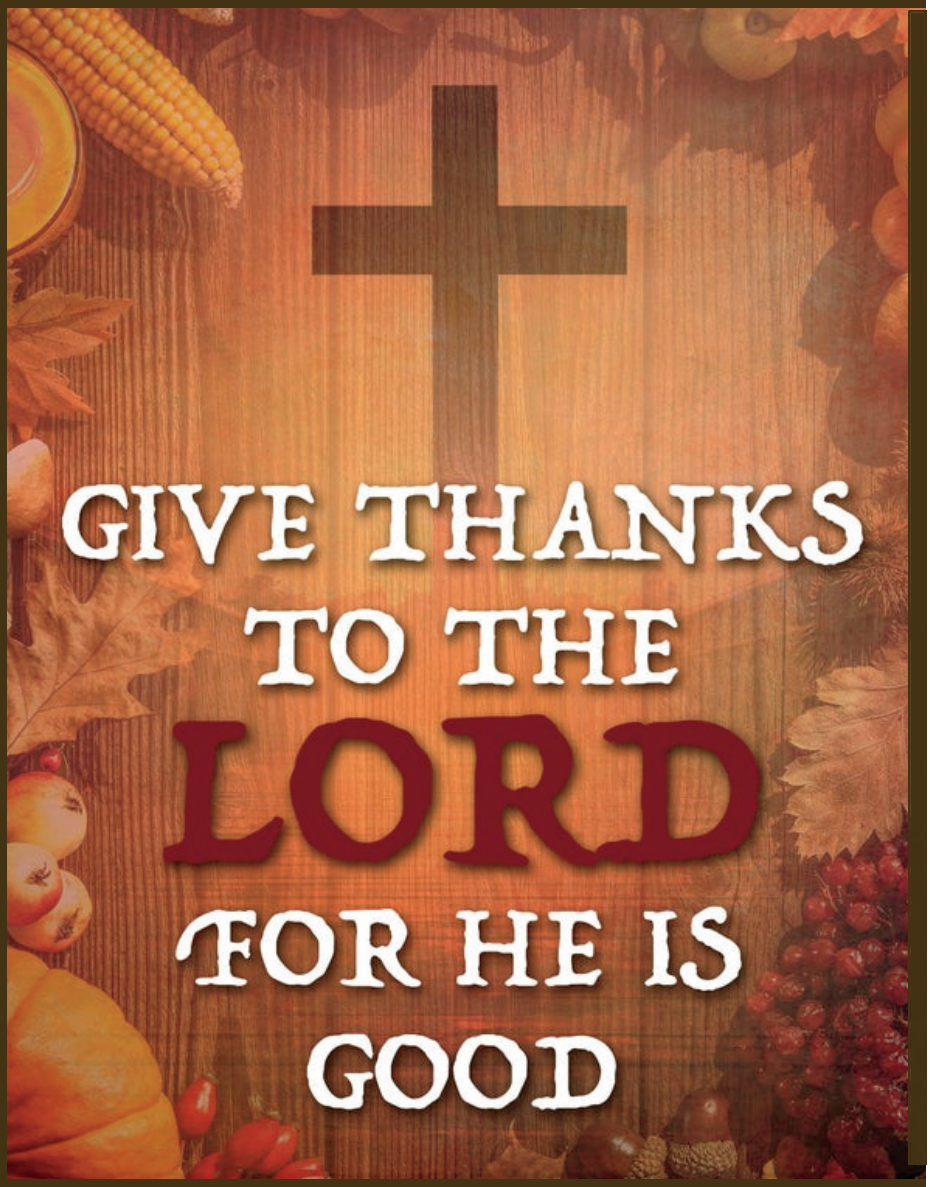
ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEMS AVAILABLE




**Parish Office Hours:**
**Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.**
**Friday Closed**
**Saturday 8:30 a.m.—Noon**




# Thanksgiving Day Liturgy

**November 26, 2026**
**8:30 AM in the Church**

"EUCHARIST" MEANS THANKSGIVING!

| **Fr Mike McMahon** | **Dcn Jerry Nora** | **Mark Schmitz** |
|---|---|---|
| Presider | Assisting | Music Minister |

# JESUS INVITES YOU ...



- Reflect in silence
- Humbly confess and be absolved
- Approach Christmas with a new heart!

## SMV Advent Reconciliation

*Service suitable for adults and children who have received First Reconciliation*

***December 15, 7:00 pm***

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

## VICARIATE I
## SYNODAL LISTENING SESSIONS

You are invited to be part of the **synodal listening sessions**, where we will come together as a local Church to pray, reflect and listen to where and how the Holy Spirit is moving.

**All are encouraged to participate!**

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| **Monday, November 23, 2026** \| 6:30 – 9 p.m. | **Saints Faith, Hope and Charity Parish** (Parish Center) |
| **Tuesday, December 15, 2026** \| 6:30 – 9 p.m. | **St. Edna Parish** (Parish Center) |
| **Sunday, January 10, 2027** \| 2 – 4:30 p.m. | **Holy Family Parish** (Gym) |
| **Tuesday, January 12, 2027** \| 6:30 – 9 p.m. | **St. Patrick Parish** (Parish Center) |
| **Thursday, January 14, 2027** \| 6:30 – 9 p.m. | **Prince of Peace Parish** (Parish Life Center) |
| **Saturday, January. 16, 2027** \| 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. | **Santa Maria del Popolo Parish** (Gym) |
| **Saturday, January 23, 2027** \| 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. | **St. Emily Parish** (Hajdu Hall) |

**More sessions will continue to be added.**
You are welcome to attend any session across the Archdiocese.

For more information, including FAQs, and the latest session listings, check the website at **archchicago.org/synodality** or scan the QR code.

## Important Safety Notice: Church Parking Lot Lighting

For everyone attending evening events at St. Mary of Vernon, please be aware that the lights in the main Church parking lot are currently not working. We are awaiting contract approval from the Archdiocese of Chicago and will begin repairs as soon as possible. Until repairs are completed, we strongly encourage everyone to park in the well-lit Parish Center parking lot and avoid using the main Church parking lot after dark. If you must use the main Church parking lot, please bring a flashlight.

# PREP News...

**No classes this week.**
**Next classes are December 9th!**

Happy Thanksgiving from the PREP Ministry!



**December**
- 6, 7, 9 – PREP/Chi Rho Classes
- 6 – Breakfast with Santa
- 7 – PREP Pizza with Santa
- 13 – Night in Bethlehem

**January**
- 6 – Chi Rho Classes
- 10, 11 – PREP Classes
- 24, 25, 27 – PREP/Chi Rho Classes
- 24, 25 – First Communion Parent Meetings

**February**
- 3 – Chi Rho Classes
- 7, 8 – PREP Classes
- 20 – 1st Reconciliation
- 21, 22, 24 – PREP/Chi Rho Classes

St. Mary of Vernon CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# ST. MARY OF VERNON
## 2026 ADVENT - CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Solemnity of Immaculate Conception Masses**
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Tuesday, December 8, 8:30am & 7:00pm

**A Night in Bethlehem & Live Nativity**
Sunday, December 13
2:00pm & 5:00pm

**Advent Reconciliation Service**
(with individual confessions)
Tuesday, December 15, 7:00pm

**Additional Confession Times**
Saturday, December 19, 3:00pm - 4:30pm

**Simbang Gabi Mass**
Monday, December 21, 7:00pm

**Christmas Eve Masses**
Thursday, December 24
3:00pm, 5:30pm, & 10:00pm

**Christmas Day Masses**
Friday, December 25
9:30am & 11:30am

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses**
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Thursday, December 31 (vigil), 5:00pm
Friday, January 1, 2027, 9:00am

# Vacation Bible School

For children in grades K to 6

Saint Mary of Vernon Church
June 28 to July 2
9am to 1pm








For more information contact
the PREP office at
847-362-0653
asmoron@maryofvernon.org



# CHI RHO Corner...

**There are no classes this week.**
**Next classes are December 9th.**

## Happy Thanksgiving!



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# ALPHA OMEGA YOUTH MINISTRY HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

*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 of Church.*







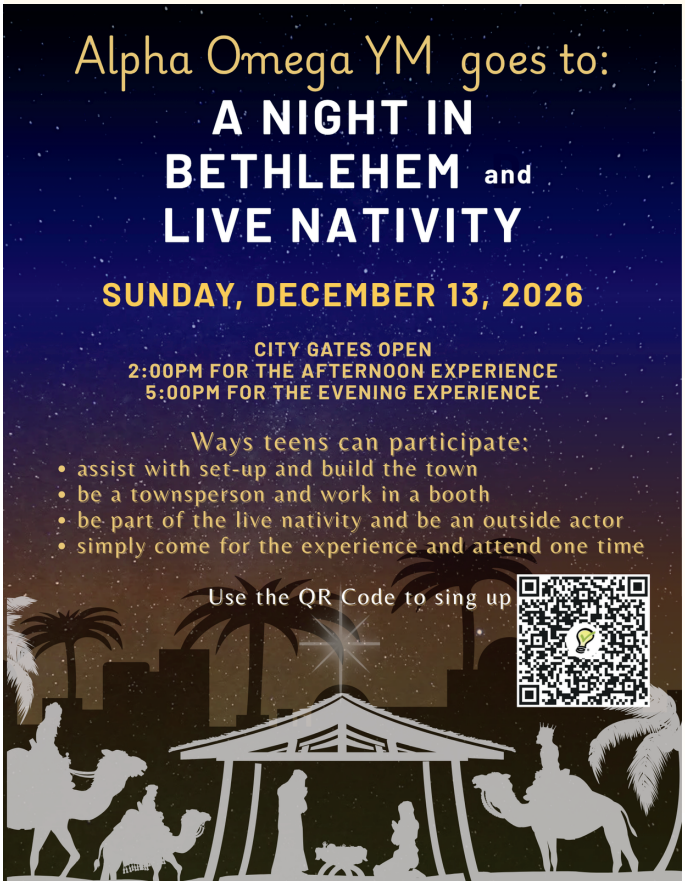
## Gift Sunday

**Sunday, December 6th**

**Timeframe TBD - But sometime around 1 - 5 PM**

This Service Day is all about the true meaning of Christmas, bringing joy to others through the gift of yourself! This event will fill your heart and bring a smile to your face. we will join with teens from other churches for service & fun! We will unload and sort the thousands of Christmas gifts donated to Catholic Charities. Please wear comfortable shoes and your friends!

We need adult chaperone drivers! Please let Jim Welch know if you are willing to drive there, back or even spend the day with us: 847-362-1021.






# Parish Life & Activities




### THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE FOR SHARING HANDS

On the weekend of November 21-22 we ask your help in stocking the shelves for our Sharing Hands Ministry. An increasing number of families and individuals have fallen on hard times and seek our help. We request mainly "staples" that are most needed. A partial list of suggested items is included below. Take advantage of pre-Thanksgiving sales and bulk discount store purchases! Gift certificates and cash donations are also welcome. Please look for our Sharing Hands truck in front of Church during all Masses on November 21-22; our friendly volunteers will be happy to acept your donations. Thank you for your generosity!

Peanut Butter Flour Juices Juice Boxes Sugar Coffee/Tea Oil Soup Pasta
Pasta Sauce Canned Vegetables Canned Fruits Cereal Gravy Syrup Olives Cookies
Cornbread Mix Nuts Cake Mix Granola Bars Stuffing Pie Filling Beans Jello/Pudding
Cracker & Peanut Butter Packs Cracker & Cheese Packs



### SMV Bible Study

SMV Bible Study Ministry meets every week during the Fall and Winter season, either for a Wednesday session or a Saturday Session. This December 2nd and 5th we will begin a study of the 1st and 2nd Book of Maccabees. We meet in the Parish Center room 118, from 9 am to 11 am, all are welcome. If you did not attend our sessions on The Book of Daniel this Fall, please register with Jim Felice at j_felice@att.net or call / text 847-371-1872.




### GIFT SUNDAY 2026

Gift Sunday will be **December 5 & 6** this year. Gift tags, which contain suggestions for the person(s) you will sponsor, will be on the tables in the Narthex starting **November 21/22** and again on **November 28/29.** You are invited to pick a nametag and buy a gift for that person, wrap it, attach **that tag** firmly to it, bring to church on December 5 & 6 and place it in the sanctuary during the offertory. After the 11:15 Mass, volunteers will sort the gifts by family and they will be distributed the next week. The recipients will be families that use our Sharing Hands food pantry as well as disadvantaged families from among Catholic charities clients. **Please do not be late with your gifts** - our truck delivers them to the Catholic Charities distribution center immediately after sorting on December 6. Gifts can be returned early, either to the Parish Office during the week, or at church the weekend of November 28/29.

If all the tags are gone when you approach the tables, please consider buying a "generic gift". Regrettably, people sometimes take a tag and do not bring back a gift, so these generic gifts help make up the shortfall. Just attach a tag with information as to the contents of the package, e.g., "Male, child, size Medium sweater".

Gift Sunday is just one example of the generosity of our parish family. Giving to the less fortunate has been a hallmark of our parish from its inception and we are glad to be able to continue this time-honored tradition.

***Volunteers are also needed after the 11:15 Mass on December 6 to sort the gifts and load the truck. Many SMV families and individuals make this a fun tradition - it's a great way to get in the spirit of Christmas.*

# You are Invited

## *Advent by Candlelight*

~Hearts That Await the Light~

Tuesday, December 1, 2026
doors open at 6:15PM

All women, ages 16 and over, are invited to begin the Advent season with an evening of prayer, reflection, music, fellowship, and dinner as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.



RSVP TODAY!

$40 per person
*$25 under 21 yrs

**REGISTRATION CLOSES NOVEMBER 24!**

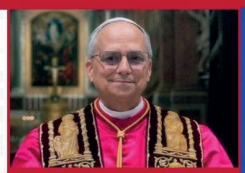


WYD SEOUL 2027

JULY 28 - AUGUST 9, 2027

# WORLD YOUTH DAY

International festival of Catholic faith with Pope Leo XIV in South Korea



POPE LEO'S INVITATION

AGE REQUIREMENTS: 18 - 39 (must be18 by July1,2027)

**$5498** taxes and fees apply

$500 Deposit due by December 1, 2026

Contact Agata Smoron • 847-362-0653 • asmoron@maryofvernon.org







## COVE Alliance Uganda - Sponsors Needed!!

Over 20 years ago, a priest, Fr. Hilary and a group of St. Mary of Vernon parishioners, set out to build a primary school in Kapeeka Uganda, which is now a thriving nonprofit 501(c)(3). The disadvantaged and orphaned children in Kapeeka still live in extraordinarily poor conditions, and face the dangers of extreme hunger and disease. By joining COVE Alliance, you can improve their lives and create a real possibility of constructive change in their futures. For as little as $40 a month, sponsorship provides a child with education, clothing, healthcare and nutrition. Sponsored children are taught the life skills that will allow them to become self-sustaining in the future.

**Cove Alliance has 15 incoming first grade students who are in need of sponsors!**

As a sponsor you will develop a relationship with your child and infuse a spirit of hope and dignity. You will receive annual reports from COVE Uganda on your child's progress in school, and you will have the opportunity to correspond with your child regularly.

Become a sponsor to provide a vulnerable child with basic sustenance, education, medical care and a better future. For more information about sponsorship, please email cove.alliance.sponsorship@gmail.com or call Julie Brown at 773-206-9315.



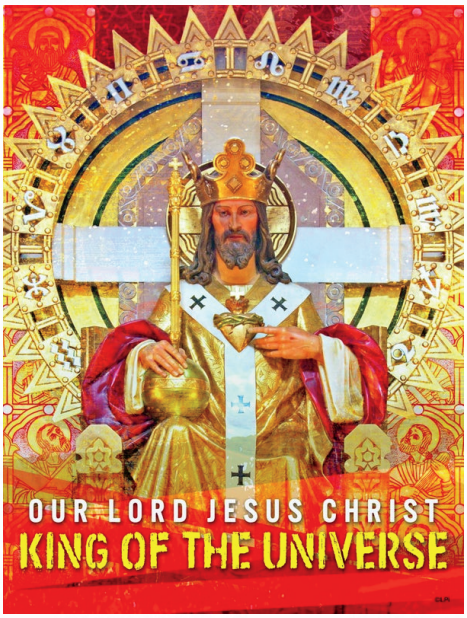
# A Night in Bethlehem & Live Nativity

Bring the whole family to celebrate the birth of Jesus!
A wonderful Christmas experience for all ages!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2026

City Gates Open
2:00pm for the Afternoon Experience
5:00pm for the Evening Experience

Admission: Boxed & canned food items
for the SMV Sharing Hands Food Pantry.







SMV Filipino Community Presents

# Simbang Gabi

## FILIPINO NIGHT MASS

**Monday, December 21, 2026**
**7pm**

*Reception to follow*

236 US-45, Indian Creek IL 60061

*For more information, contact:*

Donna Hageman — ddomingo01@gmail.com
Annette Liwanag — analiwanag@gmail.com

## Simbang Gabi 2026
### Mass Schedule

| Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| December 15 (Tuesday) | December 16 (Wednesday) | December 17 (Thursday) | December 18 (Friday) | December 19 (Saturday) |
| **St. Paul the Apostle** | **St. Therese Little Flower - St. Dismas** | **Our Lady of Humility - St. Brigid** | **Most Blessed Trinity - Imm. Conception** | **St. Raphael the Archangel** |
| 6401 Gages Lake Road<br>Gurnee, IL 60031<br>Tel: 847-918-0600 | 2600 Sunset Ave<br>Waukegan, IL 60087<br>Tel: 847-623-5050 | 10655 W. Wadsworth Rd.<br>Beach Park, IL 60009<br>Tel: 847-244-4161 | 508 Grand Ave.<br>Waukegan, IL 60085<br>Tel: 847-623-2655 | 40000 US-45<br>Lake Villa, IL 60046<br>Tel: 847-395-3474 |
| Rev. Steve Lanza | Rev. Tim Monahan | Rev. Wojciech Oleksy | Most Rev. Bishop Tim J. O'Malley | Rev. Matthew Kowalski |
| Mass: 7:00 PM | Mass: 7:00 PM | Mass: 7:00 PM | Mass: 7:00 PM | Mass: 7:00 PM |

| Day 6 | Day 7 | Day 8 | Day 9 |
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| December 20 (Sunday) | December 21 (Monday) | December 22 (Tuesday) | December 23 (Wednesday) |
| **St. Mary of Annunciation**<br>22333 W Erhart<br>Mundelein, IL 60060<br>Tel: 847-223-0030<br>Rev. Joji Thangundla<br>Mass: 5:00 PM | **St. Mary of Vernon**<br>236 US-15<br>Indian Creek, IL 60061<br>Tel: 847-362-1005<br>Rev. Radley Alcantara<br>Mass: 7:00 PM | **Prince of Peace**<br>135 S Milwaukee Ave.<br>Lake Villa, IL 60046<br>Tel: 847-356-7915<br>Rev. Steven Bauer<br>Mass: 7:00 PM | **St. Joseph**<br>114 Lincoln Ave.<br>Round Lake, IL 60073<br>Tel: 847-546-3610<br>Rev. Michael Zoufal<br>Mass: 7:00 PM |
| **St. Gilbert**<br>393 E Bohnlane Rd.<br>Grayslake, IL 60030<br>Tel: 847-215-2033<br>Rev. Raniv Sfafanowski<br>Mass: 7:00 PM | | | |

## READINGS, FEASTS, & MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Monday, Nov 23** - Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4 *St. Clement, St. Columban*
8:30am - No intention *Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro*
**Tuesday, Nov 24** - Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11 *St. Andrew Dung Lac and*
8:30am - All my people *Companions*
**Wednesday, Nov 25** - Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-29 *St. Catherine of*
7:00am - No intention *Alexandria*
**Thursday, Nov 26** - *Happy Thanksgiving!* Any readings from The
8:30am - No intention Mass in Thanksgiving to God
**Friday, Nov 27** - Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2; Lk 21:29-33
7:00am - Communion Service
**Saturday, Nov 28** - Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
8:30am - No intention
5:00pm - Thomas Keane
**Sunday, Nov 29** -Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
7:45am - No intention *First Sunday of Advent*
9:30am - Joy O'Connor
11:15am - Larry Sheya

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

MAJ Jay Althoff, USA
FC1 Trevor A. Amos, USN
FN Nathan Bernardo Andres, USN
ITC Rickie Arnold, USN
CPT Nicole Buss, USA
CPT Kevin Bloom, USA
SGT Thomas Cleary, USA
CTR2 James Colston, USN
PO1 Swen Erickson, USN
ETVC Michael Gielczyk, USN
MIDN Jack Hail, USN
PVT Patrick Henning III, USA
PVT E1 Jackson Hillis, USA
LT Alex Hoersten, USN
SGT Kevin Holum, USA
ENS Eric Krukar, USCG
Cpl Matthew Kukula, USMC
Sgt Michael Kukula, USMC
LTC Melanie C. Lecaroz, USN
CPT Emilio Lopez, USA
LTC Paul J. Milas, USA
LT Kelly K. Nagle, USN
1LT Luke Schulze, USA
Cadet PVT Will Sikora, USMA
Lt Col Matthew Tegeler, USAF
CPT Stephen M. Woldridge, USA

**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.**

## MASS PRESIDERS & HOMILISTS NOVEMBER 28 & 29, 2026

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| 5:00 PM | Presider: Fr. Ignatius | Homilist: Deacon |
| 7:45 AM | Presider: Fr. Ignatius | Homilist: Deacon |
| 9:30 AM | Presider: Fr. Ignatius | Homilist: Deacon |
| 11:15 AM | Presider: Fr. Joe | Homilist: Deacon |

## BAPTISMS LAST WEEK

Made children of God by water and the Spirit:

**Inez Magdalene Blaha,**
daughter of Devin Blaha & Felicia Hernandez

**Emerson Jo Becker**
daughter of Andrew Becker & Alyssa Burrows

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:

**James Wojczynski,**
husband of Mia Wojczynski

**Virgilio Jose,**
father of Rowena Oliva

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

## OUR SICK WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER

Rene Steigerwald, Maggie Litgen,
Deborah Bayer-O'Malley,
Delores Kierzek,
Fred Pfammatter, Susan Crook,
Stephen Amponin, Berniece Roeder,
Ron Roeder, David Beckman,
Kris Kaminsky, Gene Bayer,
Mary Ann Eder



## SMV WEEK AT A GLANCE

***Gift Sunday Tags in Narthex***
***Thanksgiving Food Drive***
***Advent by Candlelight Table***

**Sunday, November 22**
Masses at 7:45, 9:30 & 11:15 am
2:00pm - Teen Choir Practice, CRR
4:00pm - Mass for the Deaf, Chapel
6:30pm - Alpha Omega Thanks/Winning & Pie Contest, PC

**Monday, November 23**
8:30am - Mass, Chapel
1:00pm - PADS Meeting,
7:00pm - ASL Class, 114
7:00pm - Parish Pastoral Council, RMR

**Tuesday, November 24**
8:30am - Mass, Chapel
1:00pm - Staff Rebuilt Meeting, RMR
6:00pm - Eucharistic Adoration, Church
6:30pm - Children's Choir Practice
6:30pm - Sharing Hands, SHO
7:00pm - K of C Officers, 125

**Wednesday, November 25**
7:00am - Mass, Chapel
8:45am - Bible Study, 118
7:00pm - OCIA, NH
7:00pm - G2G Meeting, Chapel
7:30pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

**Thursday, November 26** ***Happy Thanksgiving!!***
8:30am - Mass, Chapel
3:00pm - PADS Meal Prep, Kitchen

**Friday, November 27**
8:30am - Communion Service, Chapel

**Saturday, November 28**
8:30am - Mass, Chapel
9:00am - Sharing Hands, SHO
9:00am - Furniture Ministry, Garages
9:00am - Bible Study, 118
4:15pm - Reconciliation, Church
5:00pm - Mass, Church

***Gift Sunday Tags in Narthex***

**Sunday, November 29**
Masses at 7:45, 9:30 & 11:15 am
2:00pm - Teen Choir Practice, CRR

**Location Code:**
AC=Administration Center
ACCR= Admin Center Conference Room
CRR= Choir Rehearsal 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 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 vislt www.gamblingservices@nicasa.org.
**Narcotics:** www.na.org
**Drinking or Emotional Problems:** Holbrook Counseling Center of Mundelein, 312-655-7725
**Overeaters Anonymous:** Call Susan at 847-710-8823 or visit www.oa.org or www.oachicagosni.org
**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)

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**Rev. Ignatius Ike Anaele,** Pastor
**John Glenn,** Deacon **Gerald E. Nora,** Deacon
**Phillip Pagnotta, Jr.,** Deacon **James Wogan,** Deacon
**Jen Daniels,** Director of Operations
**BJ Daly Horell,** Director of Liturgical Ministries
**Mark Schmitz,** Director of Music
**Agata Smoron,** Director of Lifelong Faith Formation
**Jim Welch,** Coordinator of Youth Ministry and ChiRho Sacrament Preparation
**Manny Colasuono,** Parish Reception
**Susan Gray,** ChiRho Administrative Assistant
**Frank Ruder,** Coordinator of Sharing Hands Food Pantry
**Lorenzo Ramos,** Facilities Director
**John Cavalier,** Maintenance & Repairs
**Jim Nachowicz,** Maintenance & Repairs
**Mary Winegard,** PREP Administrative Assistant
**Sue Wogan,** Bulletin Editor

**Sunday Masses:**
Saturdays at 5:00 PM (Church)
Sundays at 7:45am, 9:30am & 11:15am (Church)
**Weekday Mass (In Chapel):**
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8:30am
Wednesday 7:00am Friday Communion Service 7:00am
**Reconciliation:** Saturdays at 4:15pm or by appointment - please call the Parish Office.
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Every Tuesday 6-8pm in Church. First Thursday of the month, 9am to 7pm in the Chapel.
**Baptisms:** Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements as far in advance as possible.
**Weddings:** Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements at least six months prior to the wedding date.
**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.
Contact for people with special needs: johnglen108@comcast.net