



St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

Madison Heights, Michigan www.stvincentferrer.net

JULY 3, 2022 † FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From The Pastor

As you practice your faith as a Christian with trust and hope in the life Jesus promises, do you consider yourself on a religious journey or a spiritual one? This question comes to me as I ponder the commissioning of the first disciples in today's gospel as Jesus sends them out on mission for the first time. They are not sent alone, but in pairs for companionship and mutual support. Thirty-six pairs go out all over Judea and Galilee to various towns and villages to talk about Jesus and act in his name. Consider the miles they covered and the number of people they impacted. Hundreds, if not thousands of people were engaged.

It is likely that prior to this initial endeavor of sending the disciples out, Jesus was not widely known. Internet and social media communications happened at the speed of walking and word of mouth. Word of the initial activity of Jesus' public ministry of preaching and healing was certainly known, but the numbers and circle of contact would have been limited.

Jesus is sending these first disciples on a spiritual journey, not a religious one. Religion and its devotions were practiced through Judaism in its ritual laws and sacrifices. The experience of these early disciples and those whom they encountered was much different. The disciples were formed through a lived experience of Jesus. Through their experience, their hearts were moved in a way they never knew through church religion. Jesus spoke with power that moved people to hope, peace, and forgiveness that stirred their hearts as never before. The deeds of Jesus supported the power of his words. People were healed, freed from their demons, and forgiven their sins in a way that offered them inner freedom and a new awareness of self-worth before God.

Consider the excitement people must have felt. They were hearing words of love about God as never before. Images and understandings of God were stretched beyond the rules and obedience of organized religion. Potently, the words of these early disciples were confirmed in their power to heal, deliver, and offer deep peace to the weary and the wounded. People had a spiritual experience as they felt the presence of God. Hearts were touched beyond the experience of the grace conveyed through religious devotion. Both have their place, and each plays a significant role in the breadth of our experience as we seek to encounter God with faith and trust.

In a broad description, religion is motivated by faith through devotion to symbols and actions that convey the Divine. The power of the Sacrament of the Eucharist is one example. After saying Mass thousands of times, I still find each experience meaningful as I perceive the evidence of grace being given not only to

myself, but also to those whom I am serving. The grace of church religion tends to be conveyed and received more passively if only by the repetitious expression of ritual. It is from the outside-in. Such rituals, in our case Sacraments, are efficacious. They convey what they signify. Bread and wine become Body and Blood. The person and the life of Jesus is consecrated, shared, received, and consumed. Grace is transferred from God to people.

The spiritual journey is comparative to, but different than the rubrics of church religion. Its experience is from the inside-out; deeply felt from within the person through an unmistakable spiritual awareness. God's grace is conveyed and effective in any venue or circumstance of life. While God or religion is the furthest thing from a person's mind, they may be spontaneously moved by an encounter of grace. Stargazing, holding a new baby, loving another, or countless other events can convey grace that open and stir the heart in transforming ways outside the practice of church religion.

This is the experience of the early disciples as well as those whom they encountered. These earliest accounts are largely unknown to us. Consider the experience of Peter at the great catch of fish. "Leave me, Lord. I am a sinful man." No religious mood there. Pure grace stirs Peter's heart in the presence of the Divine. Also, the Samaritan woman: "Come and see the One who told me everything I ever did..." This was a great grace of conversion and healing.

Consider your religious faith and the impact of your participation at Mass. Name the grace or blessings you feel from the Sacraments and the community around you. Also consider your spiritual journey. In what ways have you been touched by God in the up and down rhythms of your daily life? Perhaps you have been touched with the grace of healing, inner freedom, forgiveness, or a movement of conversion that led to deeper faith. Perhaps it was in a time of crisis, loss, or injury; at a cottage, on retreat, or having a beer in the backyard. God is not limited in the desire to share the Divine action of giving grace.

The faith we share as a community is critical for maturing in God through our gathering and mutual support. The Sacraments are primary and privileged ways of knowing and receiving the Lord. Yet, the practice of religion will always be in support of the larger spiritual journey. Pay attention to the actions of God however they may come. Allow yourself time and space to more readily perceive the endless grace God seeks to give us. Our spiritual journey is only strengthened through the gifts of church religion gathered in the power of the Lord Jesus.

Father John Esper

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday thru Thursday

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 4:00pm

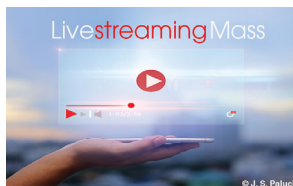
Sunday - 9:00am

Church doors open 1/2 hour before Mass begins

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm
in Adoration Chapel

Only one person allowed in chapel at a time. Persons seeking Sacrament of Reconciliation will be allowed in church to line up at 3:00pm



Live Streaming of Mass
Monday thru Thursday
8:00am and Sunday 9:00am

One hour of Adoration on
Tuesday following
8am Mass

Livestream of Rosary on Thursday following Mass

Search for St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church (in Madison Heights) on youtube to find our channel or connect via our APP or website

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

ST VINCENT FERRER PARISH OFFICE

28353 Herbert St., Madison Heights, MI 48071
248-542-8720 Fax 248-542-8721
Website: www.stvincentferrer.net

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm
Closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Parish Staff

Reverend John C. Esper, Priest in Solidum
Deborah Tourville, Business Manager/Spiritual
Direction
Sheryl Brown, Parish Secretary/Bulletin
Jim Balistreri, Music Coordinator
Mary Ann Przybysz, Evangelical Charity Coordinator/
RCIA
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FAITH FORMATION

For information on our Faith Formation Program contact the Parish office at 248-542-8720

**For information on Baptisms, RCIA and
Funerals contact the Parish Office 248-542-8720**



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MONDAY, July 4, 2022 Independence Day

9:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

TUESDAY, July 5, 2022

8:00am Mass: Christopher Hudy(Special Intention) req. by Mom

WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2022

8:00am Mass: Vocations to the Priesthood

THURSDAY, July 7, 2022

8:00am Mass: Mass of Thanksgiving req. by Mong Ching

SATURDAY, July 9, 2022

4:00pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer
Peter Conway req. by Mom

SUNDAY, July 10, 2022

9:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer
Antonina Miceli† req. by Virga Family
John & Stella Gadowski† req. by Trish Gadowski
Irene Falkowski† req. by Jessie Giszczak



In observance of the holiday,
the Parish Office will be
closed Monday, July 4th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 3, 2022



- Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;
Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]
- Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9;
Mt 9:18-26; or, for Independence Day,
any readings from the Mass "For Public
Needs," nos. 882-889, or "For
Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
- Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt
9:32-38
- Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt
10:1-7
- Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16;
Mt 10:7-15
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17;
Mt 10:16-23
- Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
- Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34,
36-37; or Ps 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk
10:25-37

Statement From the Archbishop...

On June 24, 2022, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron issued the following statement in response to the United States Supreme Court decision in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*:

“While the decision announced today by the U.S. Supreme Court is a cause for praise and thanks to God, it does not mean our work is over. I join my brother bishops in Michigan in affirming that the Church must redouble her efforts to ensure every woman, child, and family has the support necessary to thrive in pregnancy, early childhood, and beyond.

“In the Archdiocese of Detroit, we have partnered with Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan to launch Walking With Moms in Need, which equips Catholic parishes and parishioners to assist pregnant and parenting mothers. We seek to address and resolve the struggles women and families face, rather than contributing to the “throwaway culture” that proposes eliminating people as an acceptable solution.

“As we renew and redouble our efforts, let us continue to pray unceasingly for all pregnant women and their children, that they know the love of Christ as shared through the witness borne by you, me, and all Catholics. “Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.”

False Humility?

There seems to be a lot of rejoicing in today’s readings. Isaiah talks about rejoicing with Jerusalem. The Gospel shows the disciples rejoicing when they came back from visiting towns to tell about the Kingdom. St. Paul is happy to be suffering for Christ. So what is the reason for such joy?

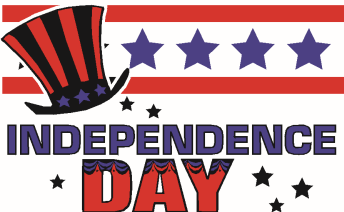
The readings make clear that it is not a result of our efforts. Isaiah writes that “the Lord’s power shall be known to his servants” (Isaiah 66:14). Jesus tells his disciples not to rejoice that they cast out demons, but “because your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20). In other words, we are to rejoice over all the Lord has done for us, not what we have done for him.

Does that sound like false humility? No; when we do anything for others, we can honestly say that God does the real work. Knowing that frees us from expecting everyone to be happy, everything we do for others to be successful. Instead of being discouraged when we seem to fail, we can trust that God’s plan is working in ways we just can’t see.

St. Paul has a similar theme in the second reading. You would think he would be proud of all the converts he made, or the people he cured. He boasts only about his suffering because that is how he is most like Jesus. He sees all of his accomplishments as the work of God. All three readings remind us that what changes our lives and changes the world is not how hard we work, or how holy we are; what really makes the difference is how much God loves us. That is the real reason to rejoice.

Tom Schmidt,

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INDEPENDENCE DAY

MONDAY,
JULY 4TH
MASS 9AM

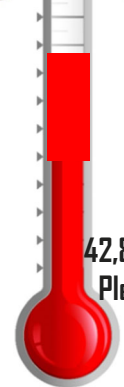
“Observe good faith and justice towards all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all.”

-George Washington



2022

Please help reach our target of \$48,075.00



42,895.00
Pledged

CSA Campaign 2022 information has been mailed to parishioners. To pledge /contribute by mail, follow the instructions on the pledge letter and use the return envelope provided. **Checks need to be payable to Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA and mailed to the AOD gift center in Albert Lea, MN** Donations can be made online at our website: www.stvincentferrer.net. Click on the donations tab and the click the CSA donation button.

HELP US KEEP IN TOUCH!

If you have changed your email address or primary phone number since our merge in 2012 and have not updated your information, please do so below and drop it in the collection basket or lock box at the parish office.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

Do those around me see in me the joy of someone who has been rescued from sin?

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Please pray for...

...all government leaders to seek wisdom in finding a peaceful resolution to the Ukraine crisis.

...medical and humanitarian

aid for the wounded in Ukraine and the refugees fleeing the country.

...the safety of men and women dedicated to protecting lives and freedom.

...the homeless and all who are suffering physically and emotionally due to economic conditions.

...all who are sick, homebound, undergoing or recovering from surgery, medical procedures, treatments or testing, and those who have made specific prayer requests.

Lord Jesus,

You are the Divine Physician and Healer. To You, we lift up in prayer all who are lonely, homeless, sick or addicted; all who are unemployed or underemployed; all who are anxious or depressed and all who are suffering in any way spiritually, physically or emotionally especially during this crisis. In their pain and brokenness, we ask that you bring them the comfort of your loving presence. In You, may they find strength for the day and hope for the journey. Amen



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

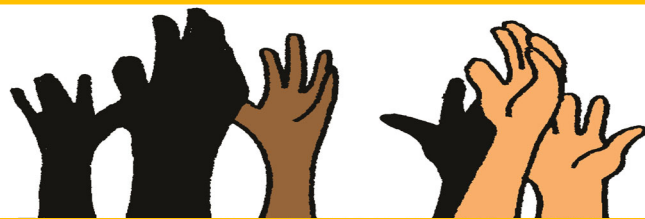
Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Independence Day

Tuesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria;
St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Wednesday: St. Maria Goretti

Saturday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and
Companions; Blessed Virgin Mary



EVANGELICAL SERVICE CORNER

FOOD PANTRY

Parishioners in need of food at this time can contact Doris at St. Mary Magdalen Parish (248-542-8060)

EYEGASSES & HEARING AID COLLECTION

We continue to collect hearing aids and eyeglasses for the Lions Club. Donation boxes are at the church entrances. Please do not leave eyeglass cases.

MONTHLY CCSEM

SENIOR FOOD COLLECTION July 9/10

Items requested:

Individual lunchbox sized and packaged snacks like: Crackers, Granola bars, Cereal bars and Fruit snacks

Canned Foods including:

Soups, Stews, Chili, Ravioli, Spaghetios, Fruit, Vegetables

Gift cards in any amount are especially appreciated and used to buy perishable foods from:

Kroger, Meijer, Walmart or Target

JOM BUCKETS OF BLESSINGS OUTREACH CONTINUES TO JULY 10TH



This outreach project from Jail and Outreach Ministry in Oakland County will enable families they serve to maintain and clean their homes by providing them with cleaning supplies.

Suggested items for each "Bucket of Blessings:

One bucket	Reusable gloves
Heavy duty scrub sponge	Garbage bags
Mult-purpose cleaning cloths	Toilet bowl cleaner
Window cleaner	Small laundry basket
Laundry detergent	Fabric softener sheets
Dish detergent	Dish brush
All purpose cleaner	Paper towels
Toilet paper	

**All items can be purchased at the Dollar Tree
(Please package items
within laundry basket and or bucket)**

Filled buckets can be dropped off at the Parish Office



In-person Vocation Awareness Information Night for the Diaconate

Wednesday, Jul 13 7:00 to 8:30pm

Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48206

The Permanent Diaconate Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit will be hosting an in-person Vocation Awareness Information Night at Sacred Heart Major Seminary for all who are discerning a call to the Diaconate. Please pass along the following information if you know of any interested men or would like to encourage someone you know. Wives are strongly encouraged to attend.



*Congratulations to
Erin Miles
and
Benjamin Horn*

*who exchanged wedding vows on
Saturday, June 25, 2022
in the presence of Reverend John Esper.
May God richly bless them in their
new life together.*

**Ministry
Schedule**

July 9/10

Mass	4:00PM	9:00AM
Sacristan	D. Tourville	T. Karolski
Reader #1	P. Miles	A. Goll
Reader #2	D. Tourville	T. Karolski
EME	M. Hochstetler	L. Yolkewicz
	P. Miles	A. Goll
	D. Tourville	M. Waskowski
Greeters	L. Proszkowski	D. Vu
	K. Heffner	T. Oparka
	L. Collins	N. Oparka
	R. Bertolini	T. Lane

GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

R Jesus gave this commission to His apostles, and it surely extends to all of us who are His disciples today. If we think of all the people who helped us become disciples of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church, we'd probably have a long list of names. Frequently, when these names may come to mind, we can readily thank God for them because, partly through their efforts, we now hold a "treasure not made of gold. . . one treasure only, the Lord, the Christ." What does all this have to do with the RCIA? In the RCIA process, we as a parish get to proclaim and share the life of God that we receive in the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation! Do you know someone who may be ready for this adventure? If so, pray for her/him in an ongoing way. As you are led, encourage them to consider the RCIA journey. Contact Mary Ann Przybysz at the parish office for more information.



**Baptism
Preparation**

Parents who desire to have their infant or toddler baptized can contact Mary Ann in the Parish Office at 248-542-8720 to set up an appointment.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP &
SCRIPTURE
REFLECTION**
Saturday, July 9th - 9am
Faith Formation Office in
School Building



No need to register, no cost involved. Join fellowship at any time. Come and see what God might want to say to you! Bring a friend or come and make new ones.

CALLED TO HIGHER THINGS

Think about a typical day for you. From the time you awake until your day ends, you may be busy, focused on work or family with little time to pause except perhaps a few moments for lunch or dinner. Most of us would say this is an accurate description of life as we know it. And if we are honest with ourselves, we see much good that comes from the attention we pay to the people in our lives and the tasks that we accomplish. We may even be mindful of our call to do these things with and through the Lord as we go about our lives. Yet we must remember that we are also called to higher things. We are in the world but not of it. Our ultimate goal is to be with God for eternity, and all our activities, tasks, and interactions must bear this great purpose in mind.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND

Jesus sent the seventy-two to proclaim the kingdom of God. They were to show people God’s love by the way in which they lived. They were to travel simply, with only the provisions that were needed, rely on the good will of the people they served, and care for those who were in need. While some of us are called to live as missionaries, visiting places far from the comfort of home, most of us are called to live faithfully in our daily lives, where we are, with family and friends, co-workers, fellow citizens of our local towns and cities, our country, and the world. Whether we go to far-off lands to serve and share Christ’s message of mercy or we serve in simple ways at home and in our local place, we must remember that whenever we reach out to heal, forgive, and show compassion, the kingdom of God is at hand. Christ is with us and will remain with us.

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GOOD NEWS IS ON THE WAY

This week, in the midst of summer, the scriptures greet us with joy, peace, mercy, and more peace! Sounds a little like Advent, doesn’t it? We often associate the prophet Isaiah with that preparatory season, and our first reading rings with such words as exult, comfort, and rejoice. The Israelites had reason to rejoice, for they had returned, come home, to a rebuilt Jerusalem from their exile in Babylon.

In the Gospel, the seventy-two disciples who were sent out have their own “homecoming,” returning to Jesus from spreading the Good News of the Kingdom and preparing people for the “advent” of Jesus into their cities and towns on his long road to Jerusalem. Like the exiles in Isaiah, the disciples return rejoicing.

The Good News, the Kingdom of God, is coming, even in summer. As today’s psalm reminds us, “Shout joyfully to God, all the earth!”

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FAMILIES OF PARISHES

OUR FAMILY - MASS SCHEDULES

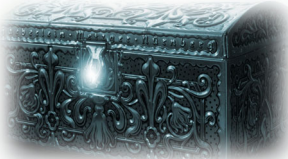
National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
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SATURDAY
 8:30 am
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SUNDAY
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 10:45 am, 12:30 pm,
 4:00 pm (Spanish-livestreamed), and 6:00 pm
WEEKDAYS (Monday - Friday)
 6:30 am (Livestreamed), 8:30 am
St. Justin, St. Mary Magdalen
 1631 E. Elza Hazel Park, 48030 (St J)
 50 E Annabelle Ave. Hazel Park, 48030 (St MM)
SATURDAY - 4 pm - St. Justin
SUNDAY - 9 am & 11 am - St. Mary Magdalen
MON-WED, FRI- 9am - St. Justin
 No Mass on Thursday
St. Mary
 730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, 48067
SATURDAY - 4:30 pm
SUNDAY - 9 am, 11 am
MON, TUES, THURS, FRI - 7:30 am
WED - 12:10 pm

Weekly Offering



Offertory Env. Distributed & e-fund participants	731
Offertory Env. Used & e-fund participants	109
Total Amount in Offertory Env. & e-funds rec'd	\$ 3,885.00
Loose Cash /Check Collection	55.00
Total	\$ 3,940.00
Budgeted Amount for Offertory	\$ 9,340.46
Energy	\$ 64.00
Memorial Tree Fund	\$ 665.00

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are "among the missing." Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are. In answering the call, they keep the "sabbatical" rhythm of the Christian life: every seventh day, the Body of Christ assembles for worship.

For centuries, there was no obligation to Sunday Mass in the sense of a written law, but Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshipping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live." By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace. On our Independence Day, the experience of worship situates us in community, and evokes a commitment from us to be advocates of peace in all aspects of our society's life.

—James Field,
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CALLED TO THE JOY OF LOVE: MARRIED DATE NIGHT

DATE AND TIME: FRI, JUL 29, 2022, 6:00 PM

LOCATION: CARPATHIA CLUB,
38000 UTICA ROAD, STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48312

PRICE: \$50.00/COUPLE

Join us for our 2nd annual Married Date Night in celebration of NFP Awareness week! The evening will begin with a cocktail hour and a presentation from Giovanni and Lauren Vitale, founders of Whole Mission healthcare collaborative. (Keynote presentations will be offered in both Spanish and English.) The presentation will be followed by dinner, dancing, and door prizes!

THE PERFECTED SPOUSE: INTERMEDIATE GUIDE TO MARRIED LIFE, presented by Giovanni and Lauren Vitale

With almost 14 years of marriage experience, Giovanni and Lauren Vitale have five children and live locally in Dearborn, MI. Together they started Whole Mission to create a unified force for supporting couples in fertility awareness after their own positive experience learning and using the Marquette Method. Lauren is a registered nurse with a background in pediatric nursing, and a Marquette Method instructor. She serves on the board of directors for the Marquette Method Professionals Association as communications officer. Giovanni is a Master's level psychologist, and has worked in Catholic ministry for over a decade.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/called-to-the-joy-of-love-married-date-night-tickets-348190425937>

God promised the people of Jerusalem,
"As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13).
Help this child choose the path that will lead to her mother.

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God's Word for Children

Jesus told his followers,
"Rejoice because your names are
written in heaven" (Luke 10:20).
Start at the circle that says "Begin."
Connect the words to make this same sentence,
doing it in a way that gets you to the "End."

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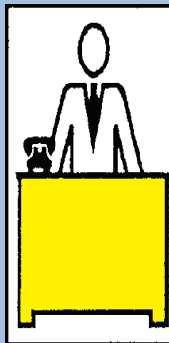
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