



St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

Madison Heights, Michigan www.stvincentferrer.net

JULY 17, 2022 † SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the Pastor

As mentioned, our annual missionary appeal is this weekend. The Daughters of Mary St. Joseph Province, founded in India in 1938, will be with us to make an appeal on behalf of their ministries. Sister Nithya will accompany Sister Litty. For the last eighteen years, the Sisters actively minister locally at Angela Hospice in Livonia, Michigan. In India, the Sisters run several organizations that serve a wide range of pastoral services. A primary focus of their work is home visiting. The sisters serve the poor providing food, shelter, and education. They also run rehabilitation centers for the aged, handicapped, mentally challenged children, as well as Aide centers. Please give your kind attention to the Sisters as they present their ministry in the hope of our support for the charitable works of justice they perform.

Next weekend, Brother Bob Malloy will be present for Mass. On Wednesday, this week I will begin my annual retreat at the Capuchin Retreat Center in Washington, Michigan. I will return the following Tuesday. As always, I would appreciate your prayerful support during this valued time with the Lord. I will pray for all of you daily at Mass and throughout these days of prayer. I also ask for your prayers as we make decisions about our Religious Education program in the Fall. After offering a survey of interest and options for the program, families were contacted by email, personal letter, and a follow up phone call. Potential students remain fewer than twenty at this point. Should we go forward, a compatible Director of Formation must be found. To make this position viably full-time, we will post the job offering for a Director of Faith Formation as well as a Director of Evangelization. Both these areas of parish life are central to the ongoing work of evangelization. By design, each parish is to have a person on staff dedicated to promoting activities of evangelization and mature faith development, inclusive of children and adults. Though it might seem like we are just treading water at times to simply to maintain things the way they are, this is not the case. We are committed to doing all we can to engage our community through more active participation and engagement in our parish activities. As time goes forward, greater interaction with our family of parishes will become known. Other parishes in our family currently have or are looking to fill these same positions. Please support these important initiatives through your prayers.

A significant and powerful form of prayer is Eucharistic adoration. Currently, we offer Adoration after our morning Mass on Tuesdays for one hour. Typically, four to five people are consistently present. Many are missing a powerful and potentially transformative experience often gained through this form

of prayer. Given our high percentage of retired parishioners, I would like to think we could do better in this regard. Please consider this as an invitation. Should enough people show interest, it would be easy to expand the time of adoration to accommodate interest. We will expand the time only if enough people show committed interest. The Sacrament cannot be left unattended. Currently, the hour after our Tuesday Mass is sufficient, but the potential for the power of grace is endless. Given the tensions the world is currently facing, and the anxiety it produces in persons and society, I can think of no better way to offer these concerns to the Lord than through adoration.

Through death, attrition, and effects of the pandemic our daily Mass attendance has also waned. Weekday Mass is offered Monday through Thursday, normally thirty-five to forty-five minutes in length. It is a great way to start the day and bring light and active faith to yourself and to the world. Please consider joining us.

On July 19th of this year, the Committee for National Eucharistic Revival will begin a three-year initiative to promote the power of the Real Presence in the Eucharist. Its focus will be to present speakers and teachings about the central reality of the Eucharist and the power of the true presence of Jesus. An active part of this initiative will be supported by personal testimonies of those who have realized a transforming movement of faith through the practice of Eucharistic adoration. To read or listen to these testimonies on various internet platforms, please visit their website at iamhere@aod.org. This three-year period of revival will conclude with a Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN. on July 17-21, 2024

The story of Martha and Mary always seems to stir the ire of one side or the other. The doers of service think Martha gets a bad rap. The listeners, like Mary, feel smug in having the better part. As Jesus presents his case, what in fact is the better part? Both are necessary and of equal value. We all have a Martha in us, and we all need a Mary as well. Those who are all Martha, exhaust themselves doing too much while feeling unappreciated. To be all Mary, nothing would ever seem to get done. Quiet listeners must at some point become active in the needs and service of life. What is the better part?

Mary was at peace listening to Jesus seeking to know and love him. Martha is not at peace though she seeks the same thing as Mary. Martha invited Jesus and served as host. If at peace, Martha could likely have heard all Jesus was saying while serving him in love. Eucharistic adoration teaches the peace to love and serve the Lord through patient service. Be at peace in stillness and in action.

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
- Carl Copen, Facilities Supervisor
- Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

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 18, 2022

8:00am Mass: Richard McCarthy† req. by Corrine McCarthy

TUESDAY, July 19, 2022

8:00am Mass: Safe Travel req. by Mong Ching

WEDNESDAY, July 20, 2022

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

THURSDAY, July 21, 2022

8:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

SATURDAY, July 23, 2022

4:00pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer
Donna Dietrich† req. by John & Jenny Dietrich
Marian Welsh† req. by Regis & Family
Ben Guc† (R.A.) req. by Mary Jane Guc
Peter Conway req. by Mom

SUNDAY, July 24, 2022

9:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer
Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family
Cheri Fisher† req. by sister, Mary James
My mom (90th Birthday Blessings) req. by daughter, Mary



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 17, 2022



- Sunday: Gen 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42
- Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50
- Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15,17; Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17
- Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30
- Sunday: Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

ANNUAL MISSIONARY

APPEAL

THIS

WEEKEND



Daughters of Mary
St. Joseph's Province
Be pure and poor, contemplate, witness, and proclaim

This weekend we welcome Sister Litty and Sr. Nithya a member of the Daughters of Mary, an order that was established in India in 1938 with a commitment to serve the poor and the church. Sister Litty has been working with other sisters in her congregation at Angela Hospice in Livonia, Michigan for the past 18 years.

Envelopes for this missionary appeal are at the church entrances. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent Ferrer Church.

THE BETTER PART

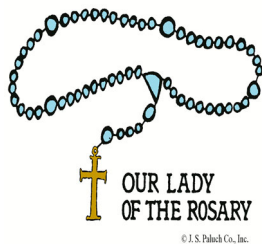
The Gospel for this Sunday can sometimes give the impression that Jesus favored Mary over Martha. But if they had both sat down to listen, there would have been no dinner to serve to Jesus. He wasn't just saying, "Sit down and listen." He meant that just as Mary was content to listen to him, so Martha could have been content to prepare the meal for him. Instead of thinking of her work as a gift to Jesus, she was more concerned with why Mary was not helping her. Remember the first reading, in which Abraham insisted on serving the visitors, whom he came to recognize as the Lord and two angels. He was rewarded with the assurance that he would soon have a son.

So simple acts of hospitality can also be how people can welcome the Lord into their homes. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ is in us; the church is the body of Christ. When we welcome someone into our homes as a visitor, or into our lives as a friend, we are also welcoming Christ. When we get to know someone better, we are also getting to know Christ. When we are respectful to people who help us, like the maintenance staff, the mail carrier, the waiter, we are also showing respect for the Lord.

And what about that "better part" that Mary had chosen? Are we sometimes like Martha, with too many things on our minds to be aware of the Lord? Sometimes we can't avoid the distractions that are part of life. But if we keep the Lord on our minds, we may be able to see which are distractions to be put aside and which are opportunities to serve the Lord in a different way. Sometimes kids interrupt when we're fixing dinner—maybe they need to be taught how to take care of things by themselves, or maybe they just need a few moments of attention. We can certainly ask the Lord to help us handle distractions. And as we spend more time with the Lord in prayer, we begin to experience God's peace, which gives us the ability to choose the better part.

Tom Schmidt,
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**Join us to
Pray the Rosary
This Monday, July 18th at
7pm On the Patio of the
Admin Building**



The Immaculata prayer group invites all to come and pray the Holy Rosary this Monday at 7:00pm on the patio of the Administration Building. (Immaculata prayers will be at 6:30 pm)

If the weather is intolerable, we will not meet but ask all to pray the rosary in private.

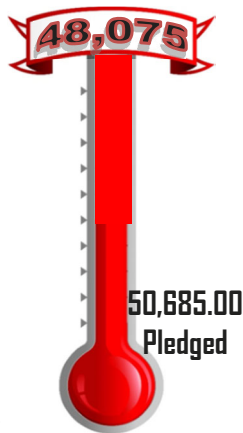
Please bring your own lawn chair, a rosary and, if needed, a bottle of water. If you have any questions please contact Jane McKay at 248-548-2765.



2022

Although we have reached our goal, sometimes those who make a pledge are not able to fulfill their pledge. When that happens, the funds must come out of parish funds, (as they did for CSA 2021) to satisfy our assessed amount. When funds received exceed our assessed amount, the excess is returned to our parish.

If you have not done so yet, please consider making a pledge/contribution. Thank you to those who have pledged or donated already. Our unpaid pledges total \$11,989.00.



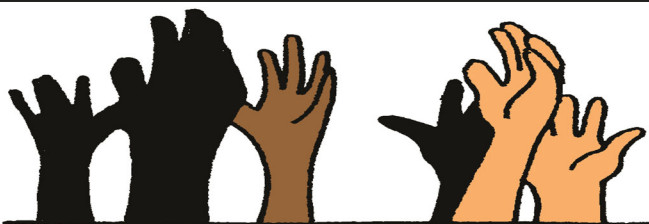
**SAVE
THE DATE!**

Sunday,
September 18, 2022
After the 9am Mass and
blessing

**Living God's Way
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For all who are single whether by choice,
divorce or loss of a spouse.

More information to come August 2022



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

JOM BUCKET OF BLESSINGS Thank You

Thank you to all who donated cleaning supplies for the JOM Bucket of Blessings Outreach. Twenty four laundry baskets or buckets of cleaning supplies were collected.

JOM SPECIFIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION JULY 16 TO 31

From July 16th to July 31st, we will be **collecting specific school supply items** for children served through the Jail Outreach Ministry. Flyers which contain a list of needed items can be found at each of our church entry doors. Donations can be placed on the table in the rear of church or brought to the parish office during regular office hours.

Only Specific School Supplies requested See List Below

- 5-subject Trapper Keeper
- 3 ring binders
- Colored Markers
- Washable Markers
- 2 pocket folders
- Wide ruled paper
- Glue sticks



Show favor, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.
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:

How has the Lord shown favor to me?

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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

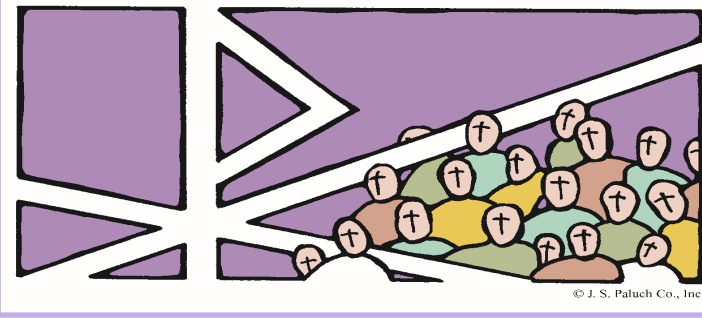
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so care-worn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love.

In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love.



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**Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
July 17, 2022**

It is [Christ] whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

— *Colossians 1:28b*



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP &
SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Saturday, July 23rd - 9am


Faith Formation Office
in School Building



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.

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

SAVE THE DATE



An icon of St. Joseph will be the centerpiece of a special rosary prayer service on August 9th at 7pm at St. Vincent Ferrer.

Ministry Schedule
July 23/24

Mass	Sat. 4 pm	Sun 9 am
Sacristan	D. Tourville	L. Yolkiewicz
Reader #1	M. Kairis	D Gray
Reader #2	D. Tourville	L. Yolkiewicz
EME	M. Hochstetler	A. Goll
	M. Kairis	D. Gray
	M. Simmons	M. Waskowski
Greeters	L. Proszkowski	D. Vu
	P. Miles	T. Oparka
	L Collins	N. Oparka
	R. Bertolini	T. Lane



**GO AND
MAKE
DISCIPLES**

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.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Camillus de Lellis
- Wednesday: St. Apollinaris
- Thursday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
- Friday: St. Mary Magdalene
- Saturday: St. Bridget of Sweden; Blessed Mary Virgin



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Summer is in full swing and tent camping is often a memory-making part of it—sometimes just because of the difficulties of putting up the tent! In today’s first reading we see Abraham sitting at the entrance to his tent and welcoming three unexpected strangers. By the end of the story God’s covenant with Abraham is renewed with the promise that Sarah will give birth to a son. Psalm 15 answers the question, “Lord, who may abide in *your* tent?” The answer leaves little doubt about what is required to live in the presence of the Lord. In his letter to the Colossians Paul confirms that “the mystery” that was hidden from past ages is now being revealed. The Gospel account of Martha and Mary’s ways of welcoming Jesus again emphasizes the central truth that God’s promise of salvation is real and present—if only we would listen.

CHOOSING THE BETTER PART?

Is it possible to listen to the Gospel story about Mary and Martha without immediately “*hearing* between the lines” as Martha mutters to herself, “Why do I have to do all the work around here?” Or without always feeling the sting of Jesus’ gentle reprimand of Martha? Without slotting our friends into either the “Martha” or “Mary” column? Without quickly “*translating*” the story into a lesson about the value of listening over action? Interestingly, Mary never says a word in this story. All of the dialogue is between Jesus and Martha. The importance of first listening to Jesus is, without a doubt, essential to discipleship. We need to be deeply rooted in the Word of God if we want to spread the Good News and stand firm in time of trial or temptation. Yet what does that mean when guests need to be fed?

WHEN WORK BECOMES OUR PRAYER

We know that hospitality to strangers was a central value in the cultural world of Jesus. Abraham’s welcome of the three strangers at his tent was expected protocol for the time. Sarah’s meal-making for the unexpected guests is blessed with welcome news of a son—and the keeping of God’s promise to Abraham. Immediately before the Mary and Martha story in the Gospel of Luke is the story of the Good Samaritan. That parable is unwavering about the importance of action—of going out of our way for others. In the Abraham and the Good Samaritan stories, action predominates. Yet in the next chapter of Luke when a woman in the crowd shouts out, “Blessed is the womb that carried you . . . ,” Jesus responds, “Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.” Hymn writer Herman Stuempfle expresses well the relationship between action and contemplation when he writes that we thank the Lord both for quiet time and for the Word that accompanies us in our work and helps make that work a prayer.



OUR FAMILY - MASS SCHEDULES

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SATURDAY

8:30 am

4:30 pm (livestreamed) and 6:30 pm

SUNDAY

7:00 am, 9:00 am (livestreamed)

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	727
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Total Amount in Offertory Env. & e-funds rec'd	\$ 6,667.00
Loose Cash /Check Collection	81.00
Total	\$ 6,748.00
Budgeted Amount for Offertory	\$ 9,340.46
Energy	\$ 340.00



"I know Jesus is always in the tabernacle, Pastor Al, but most of all I love knowing he's always in here."

saint snippets

I have seen the Lord!

St. Mary Magdalene

Jewish woman from whom Jesus cast seven demons. She is known as "the Apostle to the Apostles" because she was the first one to see the Risen Lord.

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July 22

Widowed Friends Gathering Again

"All widowed men and women regardless of faith affiliation or length of time since the death of a spouse, are welcome to participate in all activities and special events. Widowed Friends is a one hundred percent volunteer organization and while it operates with the approval of the Archdiocese of Detroit, it is self-governing and financially supported by its membership. We encourage all widowed to try attending our activities to discover why so many find support, new friends and many activities to enjoy in safe and friendly settings."

To see more at their website or to sign up for the newsletter or to check out upcoming events visit: www.widowedfriends.org

Abraham and Sarah treated three strangers as guests, serving them food and waiting on them. One of the strangers said that even though Sarah was old, she was going to have a son. Connect the letters in alphabetical order to see where Abraham was when he saw the three men.

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God's Word for Children

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Martha and Mary were sisters.
 One day Mary sat listening to Jesus while Martha did all the serving.
 When Martha complained to Jesus, he told her, "You are anxious and worried about many things" (Luke 10:41).
 Fill in the missing letters that will finish this list of things that can occupy too much of our time.
 Then read the circles from top to bottom to see whom we need to stay focused on.

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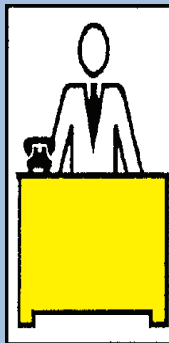
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