

St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

Madison Heights, Michigan www.stvincentferrer.net

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 † THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From The Pastor

The month of November has for centuries honored the dead. Even prior to the biblical age of Abraham, Moses, and the early beginnings of Jewish culture, human civilizations have honored the dead with rituals, burial preparations, and various forms of religious practices. Human nature holds a dignity and reverence grounded in bonds of love evidenced in social-communal living. Prior to the movements of Judeo-Christian faith and its religious practices, humans were drawn to a sacred sense of being in the loss of community members or loved ones who have died.

This sacred sense of the value of human life is disrupted by the ravages of sin and evil. The first reading describes a time after the diaspora of the Jewish people caused by the invasion of conquering nations. Many Jews fled to other countries for safety and security of life. At the time, Greeks dominated the biblical world and sought control over conquered populations. Greek rule forced all people to abandon former religious and cultural practices to fully adopt the Greek culture. This background, common as it remains in the world today, is the setting of the first reading. The Maccabee brothers and those resisting the Greek culture revolted against this oppression.

The point of the reading is the unwavering courage and conviction of those refusing to give up the faith they held in the Lord their God. The point is to encourage us by their steadfast faith that we might gain strength and courage in our own time to hold faith in a resisting and defiant culture.

What is to be gained by the violence and oppression of people who seek power and control over others? I am struck by the question of the tortured brother. "What do you expect to achieve by questioning us? We are prepared to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors." What is gained by such oppression attained through violence, war, hatred, and control of peoples? Conquerors feel the power of their control over others usually for the sake of wealth and sustained power. Until they themselves are conquered, the cycle of evil and oppression continues.

The ravages of such behavior lead to hatred, anger, and resentment among the conquered and the oppressed. Disunity and division grow, and people become restless inclining them to violence and retaliation against the oppressor. Human dignity is diminished, and the stability of society is threatened as people feel a lack of autonomy or any control over their lives. For many, faith in God is threatened by the

weight of desperate social circumstances that appear to have no resolution. Hopelessness and despair increase. A sense of separation builds, and loneliness sets in as people mistrust others and try to make it on their own. It can seem like God is absent.

What can be achieved by faith? The tortured brothers and their faith-filled mother are a good example. When the tortured brother is ready to die for the laws of his ancestors, he is surrendering his life for something much greater than a set of religious rules. This courageous man is giving witness to the living God through whom he embraces Divine truth, providence, and mercy. He is not defending the coat of cultural religion, but the secure hope in the truth of a God of love, justice, and dignity for all people, especially the poor and the oppressed.

Mature faith builds courage, inspires hope, and lives with trust in the providence of God who is just and true. Mature faith builds inner strength realized and experienced through a deep inner knowing of the presence of God. Faith in God builds and nurtures self-worth and self-respect. From this secure inner knowing of self-love grows a dignity and respect for others. If I believe I am loved, valued, and worthy to the Lord my God, how can I believe that all others are not similarly valued, loved, and worthy to God? Am I better than others? Should I have the right to take power and control over others? Clearly not. We are brothers and sisters to the same God and Lord. We have all been given the same redemptive love from the Lord Jesus with the promise of eternal life.

Secure faith in God builds happiness and stability of life through relationship with others as we share a common humanity. God the Lord is God and redeemer for all peoples. Only in the lie of evil and the disorder of sin do we suffer the illusion of having power over others. More often than we think power reveals itself in judgement, prejudice, and fear we hold towards others.

What we achieve by faith is the joyful hope gained in love as the gift of our Divine Creator. We gain the peace of a happy death in the promise of eternal life as well as the consolation that our loved ones now rest in Divine glory. One day we will all be together in the unitive love promised by God. On this earthly journey, let us live with love for others with the courage and conviction of faith to leave the world a better place before we enter the bliss of heaven. Your presence in the world matters. Secure in faith, give a lively witness to the love we profess.

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

Friday - 9am to Noon - Closed Saturday & Sunday

Parish Office 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/Order of Christian Initiation of Adults(OCIA) Coordinator
- Carl Copen, Facilities Supervisor
- Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

Faith Formation Office

Hours: Monday thru Thursday Noon-3pm or by appointment 248-398-1743

Matthew Zinser, Childhood Faith Formation Coordinator

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

Mass Intentions



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MONDAY, November 7, 2022

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

TUESDAY, November 8, 2022

8:00am Mass: Genevieve Browne† req. by Fr. John Esper

WEDNESDAY, November 9, 2022

8:00am Mass: Jerry Gutowski† req. by Marie Bessler

THURSDAY, November 10, 2022

8:00am Mass: Joseph & Jacquelyn Pantano† req. by Family

SATURDAY, November 12, 2022

4:00pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer Donald Winarski† req. by Winarski Family

Peter Conway req. by Mom

Jerry Van Sice†(8th R.A.) req. by Martha Kehoe & Family

Frank Riley† req. by Martha Kehoe & Family

Deceased Priests, Bishops and Popes

SUNDAY, November 13, 2022

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

Kathy Boguslawski† req., by Robert Boguslawski

Fred Karolski† req. by Bill & Mary Beth Hochstetler

Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family

JoAnn Rearick (health) req. by Bernadette Gutowski



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*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**READINGS FOR
THE WEEK OF
November 6, 2022**



- Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]
- Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
- Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
- Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
- Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19



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Proposal 3

Reproductive Freedom for All

Vote NO

“If passed, this proposal would turn Michigan into ground zero for abortions performed anywhere, at any time, by any person for any reason.”
Archbishop Allen Vigneron

See his video message at www.aod.org/prolife

PROPOSAL 3 WOULD RESULT IN :

- * Taxpayer funded abortions
- * Legalized partial birth abortions
- * Unregulated & unsafe abortion clinics
- * Abortions performed by unqualified individuals
- * No parental consent or informed consent

To learn more, Archbishop Allen Vigneron encourages visiting: supportmiwomenandchildren.org.

The full letter from the Archbishop can be found on our website, at aod.org or pick up a paper copy in back of church or at the Parish Office.

Election Prayer to Mary

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God’s law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen

VOCATION DINNER THEATER

Saturday, Dec. 10th - 5:30pm

Join us in celebrating Fr. John’s 39 years as a priest with a vocation dinner and musical performance

Menu: appetizers, country baked chicken, London broil, mostaccioli, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls, veggies, relish tray, dessert and beverages

**Dinner tickets are \$25.00 per person
 Tickets must be paid in advance
 at the Parish Office
 Seating is limited.
 No tickets sold at the door.**

SVF will be hosting a one-friar musical about Fr. Solanus Casey - open to all
More Love than Skill: A Saint and His Fiddle
Saturday, December 10th at 7:00pm
Free Will offering - See details below

A One-Friar Musical, by Br. Al Mascia, OFM
 inspired by the life of Blessed Solanus Casey, OFM Cap.

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church 28353 Herbert St. Madison Heights, MI

December 10th

More Love than Skill:
A Saint and his Fiddle

December 10, 2022
 7:00 PM
 Following Parish Social and Supper

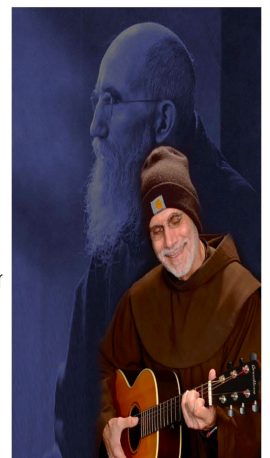
Doors Open to the General Public at 6:30 PM

Blessed Solanus Casey is known for the miraculous healing powers of his prayers. But, he was also a musician! Some stories need to be sung!

ABOUT THIS EVENT

This one-man, one-act musical tells the story of Capuchin Franciscan Blessed Solanus Casey in a way he would surely approve of: through song and music!

More Love than Skill: A Saint and His Fiddle is the creation of Brother Al Mascia, OFM, a Franciscan Friar from another generation. Through original music and fiddle tunes that Casey would have known and played on his violin, Br. Al tells the story of a saint whose love of playing his instrument was often belittled. Although Br. Al has been a professional musician and singer-songwriter for many years, he had never picked up a violin. That is, until now!



No charge for admission (Donations welcome)
www.BrotherAl.org 313-320-0548

EVANGELICAL SERVICE CORNER

THANKSGIVING BASKET NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 5 TO 20



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| Stuffing | Olives |
| Gravy | Canned Vegetables |
| Rice | Yams |
| Soups | Applesauce |
| Cranberry Sauce | Canned Fruit |
| Pickles | Cookies |

The requested items listed to the left can be dropped off in church before Mass or at the parish office during business hours. Monetary donations can be marked "Thanksgiving baskets" and put in the collection basket in church or left at the parish office. To donate electronically visit our website: www.stvincentferrer.net Click the donations tab and then the On Line Giving button. Choose Evangelical Charity Outreach as the fund.

If you are aware of a struggling family that would appreciate a Thanksgiving food basket, please contact the parish office at 248-542-8720.

HOLIDAY JAIL OUTREACH - OCTOBER 29 TO NOVEMBER 13



We are collecting white socks, bars of soap and postage stamps for those incarcerated at Oakland County Jail. Baskets for donations are available in church or at the Parish Office during business hours.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING - THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH AT 6:30PM IN CHURCH

The St. Vincent de Paul Ministry invites you to serve individuals and families in need in our local area. Christ said, "What you do for the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me". We welcome you to join us in seeking out and serving Christ in those who "knock on our door." Come join us this Tuesday, November 8th at 6:30PM at the back of the Church to learn more. Feel free to send us an email at svfconference@gmail.com for any questions.

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and cards. Your support helped me along my journey to better health. I thank God for you.

Blessings and love,
Nancy Sadowski



Pray for



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**...openness to God's will and election integrity at the ballot box
...all government leaders to seek wisdom in finding a peaceful resolution to**

**the Ukraine crisis.
...medical and humanitarian aid for those suffering from economic hardship and from complications caused by catastrophic weather
...the safety of men and women dedicated to protecting lives and freedom.
...the homeless, the addicted and all who are suffering physically, spiritually and emotionally
...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 in these difficult times. 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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COMING SOON!!

TUESDAY, Nov. 15th
Join us in church at 7:00pm
for an evening of

THANKSGIVING PRAISE AND WORSHIP

followed by refreshments and fellowship in the parish hall

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Our religious education classes are off to a great start this year. On Monday, October 24, our students and their parents attended the Parish Mission with Fr. Craig. Also, last Sunday, October 30, our catechists were commissioned and received a blessing from Fr. John. (See photo on right) We have 22 students registered this year and will happily accept more!



We begin each class on Monday evening in the church with prayer and a short catechesis before going into the classrooms for the lesson of the day. Next week when we begin class, the

children will learn to sing an Invocation of the Holy Spirit before class, so that the Holy Spirit will help them listen and understand what they are learning each week. The Holy Spirit is the love of God, and dwells within us. At Baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit, and it is important for us to awaken the Spirit within us to help us live Christian lives. I was teaching my class about how Christians are called to love. Jesus tells His followers, "Love one another as I have loved you" (to the point of giving His life for us) and "Love your enemies" - of course they said to me it is impossible to love like that, or to forgive someone who has hurt us, etc. And it is true, for us, humanly speaking it is impossible to love as Jesus calls us to love; it is only when we have the Holy Spirit dwelling and active in us that this is possible. The Holy Spirit is a great gift from God, and perhaps we don't always pay attention to the movement of the Spirit in us. I invite you to pray to receive the Holy Spirit each day, as the children will learn to do. The invocation we will teach is very simple - "Oh Lord, send forth your Spirit, to renew the face of the earth." The Holy Spirit renews the face of the earth. After Jesus died and resurrected, he appeared to His apostles on several occasions. He ate with them, spoke to them, allowed them to touch his body - they truly witnessed that Christ had indeed risen from the dead. However, after Jesus ascended to Heaven, and gave them the mandate to announce the Gospel to all nations, the apostles went back into hiding - they were still afraid. One would think that after seeing Christ risen that they would have no fear, but they still didn't have the courage to go out and preach - they needed something else - they needed the Holy Spirit. A few days later, on Pentecost, Jesus sent them a helper, and advocate, just as He had promised - the Holy Spirit - which gave them the strength and courage to announce that Jesus is the Lord.

Matthew Zinzer, DRE

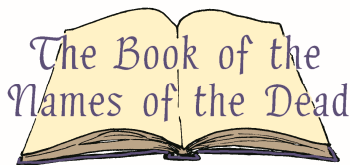
Advent Begins November 27th

Families and individuals are needed to light the Advent Wreath.

Please sign up at the table by the Herbert Street door.



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During the month of November, the Book of Life, remembering our beloved deceased will be displayed in church. In it, you will find the names of the deceased of our parish

and those whose funerals were celebrated at St. Vincent Ferrer during the past year.

You are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones for our remembrance.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Saturday, Nov. 12th - 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.

Ministry Schedule

November 12/13

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



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s readings present us with extreme examples of faithfulness and reliance on the promise of eternal life. Most of us will never be tortured because of our Christian faith, although people are martyred every year because of their commitment to Christ. While we may never face bodily harm as Christians, there are consequences to living as a disciple. We might be ridiculed or harassed. We might find it necessary to call out injustice in the workplace or our local city, and such witness may cost us our jobs and friendships. What are we prepared to do as followers of our Lord? Today, we are encouraged to be strong in faith, secure in the belief that when we endure in Christ, we may look forward to life in eternity with God.

THE APPLE OF GOD’S EYE

Any who have a relationship with a child—parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, special friends—know the power of love it is possible to feel for another. It is not that the child is incapable of doing wrong; we know they can and will. Rather, their mistakes do not change our love for them. In fact, the love makes us want what is best for them. Often, we can see their potential with greater perspective than they themselves can. They’re the apple of our eye. We are the apple of God’s eye, beloved children of our Lord. God knows (God really knows) that we can and will fail. We fall short of the potential that God is certain we have. Yet God does not cease to love us and to call us to live as God’s own in the world.

HIDDEN IN THE SHADOW OF GOD’S WINGS

Certain that we are held closely by God frees us to live the challenge of the gospel, to give our lives for the sake of others. We will be tempted to take the easy route and ignore the voice of the Lord, listening instead to the call of wealth, power, acceptance, status, and earthly security. Today’s readings remind us that we can face temptation, secure that we are hidden in the shadow of God’s wings, strengthened and guarded from evil by our Lord Jesus Christ. What challenging thing are you called to do today as a follower of Jesus? About what must you take a stand? What might be the consequences of discipleship at this time in your life? “May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and the endurance of Christ.”



OUR FAMILY - MASS SCHEDULES

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica

2100 W. 12 Mile, Royal Oak, 48073

SATURDAY

8:30 am and 4:30 pm (livestreamed)

SUNDAY

7:30 am, 9:30 am (livestreamed), 11:30 am

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

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

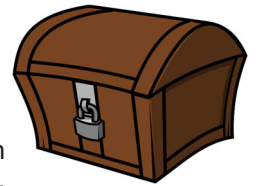


Offertory Env. Distributed & e-fund participants	723
Offertory Env. Used & e-fund participants	92
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Loose Cash /Check Collection	103.00
Total	\$ 5,141.00
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Energy	\$ 143.00



- Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time ends
- Tuesday: Election Day
- Wednesday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Thursday: St. Leo the Great
- Friday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day; Remembrance Day (Canada)
- Saturday: St. Josaphat

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



New religious faith gives fresh lenses for viewing human customs, and the wisdom to transform them. In the ancient world, the Romans feared the dead. Funeral customs were designed to hasten the departure of souls to the next world. Cremation was the rule, although burial increased in popularity in the second century. Procession from the place of death to the place of cremation or burial was the most important part of the funeral. Those who carried the funeral bier carried it low, close to the ground, to promote the soul's departure to the nether world.

Christians, on the other hand, did not fear the dead, but cherished them as they consigned them to Christ's love and protection. Gradually, they began to reject customs rooted in fear. Christians carried their dead to their resting places singing, with the bier carried high, away from the ground and toward the heavens. For the Christian, the grave was a sign of hope and a place of remembrance. Superstitious Romans feared burial places, and so the Christians cherished them as places of remembrance and prayer, and in time, even celebrated the Eucharist there. In November, many of us visit the cemetery for prayer and the autumn clean-up. By cherishing our dead, we are responding in faith to a vital part of our Christian tradition.

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Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations


June 4, 2022 to
May 28, 2023
Archdiocese of Detroit

This puzzle will teach you about two things the Lord will do. Just follow the directions:

First – Put all the words on the locks onto blanks with matching shapes.

Next – Write your name in the rectangle at the bottom.

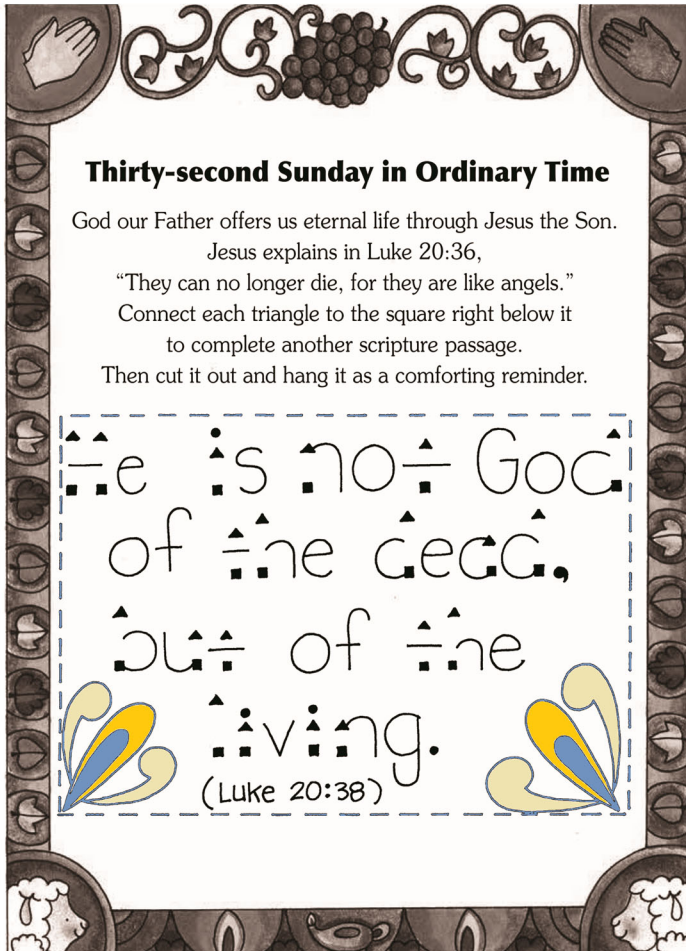
Last – Read the message you've completed.



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God's Word for Children



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

God our Father offers us eternal life through Jesus the Son. Jesus explains in Luke 20:36,

"They can no longer die, for they are like angels."

Connect each triangle to the square right below it to complete another scripture passage.

Then cut it out and hang it as a comforting reminder.

The is no God
of the dead,
but of the
living.
(Luke 20:38)

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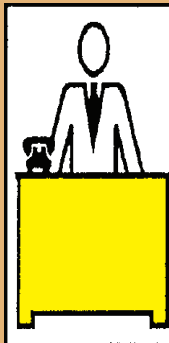
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