



St Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

Madison Heights, Michigan www.stvincentferrer.net

JUNE 4, 2023 † THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

From The Pastor

God is simple. God is the essence of love. God is what God does. God is love and God loves. The love of God is pure. If something were taken away from or added to what we believe of God, it would cease to be God. God is the fulness of what love is.

In the disorder of sin and its consequences on persons, cultures, and societies, God has become overly complex. Sin is the root of all division, separation, war, confusion, and injustice. Sin incites people to resist God, become separated from love, and seek comfort through various forms of personal isolation and control. Human emotions of fear, guilt, and shame caused by sin, incline a person to project such feelings onto God as the source of their discomfort. Such emotions projected onto God distort the essence of who God is. Faith is thrown out of balance and loses its trust in the power and nature of Divine Love.

The Feast of the Holy Trinity grew out of a need to defend the essence of God as One, expressed in three persons, or three ways of being. This feast has been celebrated in the Church for more than 1300 years. The challenge of the Trinity is that it is most often described as a mystery beyond our understanding or ability to grasp. Ultimately that is true. God is mystery beyond our capacity to fully understand or contain. If we could contain God, then it cannot be God.

However, the Trinity is a gift that offers us an expressive understanding of who God is and how God reveals the Divine nature. We know God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. One God expressed in three ways of being who fully reveals the Divine nature in the role of each person. These roles are not exclusive, but fully unitive. God creates through the Son in the workings of the Holy Spirit. The Son redeems in the will of the Father in the power of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit unites and sanctifies through the redemption of the Son in the will and essence of the Father.

Do not make this hard. You are one person, yet you express yourself in many ways as believer, spouse, parent, friend, beloved, etc. You remain one person but are known and valued in the many expressions of yourself across the breadth of who you are.

The readings confirm the nature and character of God. The first reading reveals the personal, face to face relationship between God and Moses. Moses

cannot see God's face and live, so God passes before the hidden face of Moses exclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." God speaks his own nature and identity.

The second reading gives us the quite common greeting of St. Paul to the Christian communities now frequently used in our liturgies. 'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.' The greeting itself tell us the nature and activity of God.

Jesus himself is the grace of God. Grace is God's personal self-communication of love, favor, and blessing for our well-being in relationship with God. The grace of our relationship with God is most fully expressed through the person of Jesus.

The love of God. What is the love of God? The love of God is unlimited, unmerited, freely given self-surrender for our sake. Divine love is fully surrendered for our redemption that we may share perfect union with God. God is saying, you are as important to me as I am to myself. I choose to be incomplete without you with me.

The fellowship of the Holy Spirit. This fellowship is our relationship with God through our relationships with one another. We share in the community of the Trinity through our faith in Jesus expressed in our love for others. This is the work of the Holy Spirit who is love.

The Gospel is the final confirmation of the nature and character of God given to us in Christ, ever-present in the Holy Spirit. With perfect love for the world, in all its sin and disorder, the Son is given that all who believe in him will have eternal life. The Son is the perfect image of the Father, Incarnate for our salvation. The Son did not come to condemn, but to save the world that God and all creation may be one in perfect unity.

In the Trinity I find clarity and security. The Christian faith reveals the truth of who God is and all God intends for us. The deception of evil and the disorder of sin is the enemy of the Trinity. Ponder the gift of these words. Through your faith in Christ, your sins are no match for the radical and infinite love God has for us. Never let your failures or sin leave you feeling distant from God. Confess. Talk to God like Moses. Accept the truth of God's mercy and persist in your faith.

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**

**Adoration on Tuesdays
8:45am to 10:00am**

LIVESTREAMING 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

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 SUMMER HOURS

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

Parish Office Staff

Reverend John C. Esper, Priest in Solidum
Deborah Tourville, Bus. Mgr/Adult Faith Formation
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 Summer Office Hours:
by appointment 248-542-8720**

Matthew Zinser, Childhood Faith Formation Coordinator

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



MONDAY, June 5, 2023

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

TUESDAY, June 6, 2023

8:00am Mass: Intentions of Deanna req. by Mom

WEDNESDAY, June 7, 2023

8:00am Mass: Sarah Esper† req. by Regina Juska-Svoba

THURSDAY, June 8, 2023

8:00am Mass: George Kaspar & deceased Family & Friends req. by George Kaspar

SATURDAY, June 10, 2023

4:00pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer Cheri Fisher† req. by Kathleen Lopp
Peter Conway req. by Mom

SUNDAY, June 11, 2023

9:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family
Giuseppe Tosto† req. by Virga Family



Readings for the Week

June 4, 2023

- Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
- Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6/Mk 12:1-12
- Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9/Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 12:28-34
- Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8/Mk 12:38-44
- Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

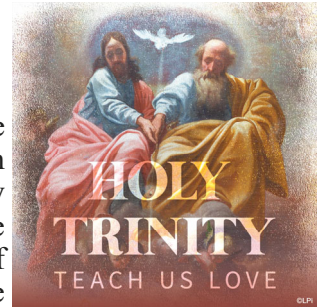


Please help reach our target of \$41,753.00 \$ 23,530.00 pledged

Information on CSA Campaign 2023 has been mailed to parishioners. To make a pledge or contribute by mail, follow the instructions on the pledge card 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 using the donations tab or see the other ways to give on the pledge card.

Pledge cards are available at the parish office for those who are not registered at SVF and would like to make a pledge or contribution.

The Most Holy Trinity



In my experience, one of the peculiarities of being a man is the somewhat unlikely ability to look into the mirror, no matter how out of shape he may be, and declare with full confidence:

“Looking good, buddy!” Ask a man. He’ll probably confirm it.

Therein lies a mystery. You might think I refer to man’s ability to deceive himself or his propensity toward vainglory. But in this case, I refer to the mystery of a healthy and proper sense of self-love. We human beings (both men and women) have the utterly weird ability to look at ourselves as if we were another. Then we tend to love this “other.” Then, somehow, that love becomes a bond between the two. We are three and yet one.

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. We ponder anew that God in His unity is a play of multiplicity: Lover, Beloved, and shared Love. Or, as we also proclaim, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If we allow it, this mystery heals our temptation toward self-hatred and destruction. We all know how awful it is to look into the mirror and not know the person we see, or, equally bad, to know and hate who we see. Jesus, the Son of God, draws us into the dynamics of authentic self-knowledge and self-love. Perhaps we could ask the Holy Trinity this Sunday to teach us to truly look at ourselves and to properly love who we see looking back.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

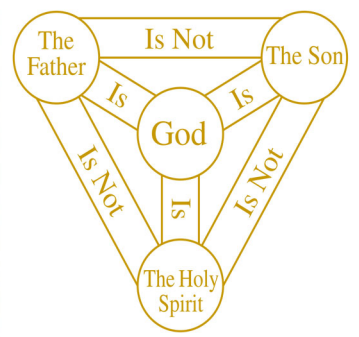
Join us to watch and reflect on Season 3 episodes of “THE CHOSEN”
Wednesday Afternoons 1:00pm in the Admin Dining Hall
This is a multi-season series about the life of Jesus. No registration required.



- ...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, earthquakes and disasters
- ...the safety of men and women dedicated to protecting lives and freedom.
- ...the homeless, the addicted and all who are suffering physically, spiritually, mentally, 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 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



“We worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity is unity, without either confusing the persons or dividing the substance; for the person of the Father is one, the Son’s in another, the Holy Spirit’s another; but the Godhead of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal.”

From Athanasian Creed

We Bear the Name of the Lord

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The name of the Lord is a curiously powerful thing. Say it deliberately, even in a group of people who are not particularly religious, and you'll know what I mean. There is a shift in the mood, a change in the atmosphere. When we utter the name of the Lord, He turns His head.

Once, in confession, I admitted to the sin of using the Lord's name in vain. "When you do that, tell God that you love him," advised the priest, who was wise enough to know that I would repeat this sin at some point. "You've said His name, after all. You have His attention."

We hear the name of the Lord, and we think of what it represents — John 3:16, salvation history summed up in a neat little sentence, the why and the how and the who of it all laid out before us. The Lord, so slow to anger that He offers us a million chances. The Lord, so rich in kindness and fidelity that He literally gave Himself to us that we might be saved.

But the name of the Lord is more than that. It is not just a symbol, it is an invitation. I think of Moses clutching the commandments, beseeching the Lord: "Come with us. Forgive us. Receive us as your own." The Lord accompanies us down the mountain. We bear the name of the Lord into the world with us wherever we go.

I have to ask myself: do I do that name justice?

"Blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages."

— Daniel 3:52

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MONTHLY CCSEM SENIOR FOOD COLLECTION

June 10/11

Items requested:

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

Canned Foods including:

Soups, Stews, Chili, Ravioli, Spaghettios, Fruit, Vegetables


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

Kroger, Meijer, Walmart or Target

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

June 11

Our Parish Nurse, Angela, will be checking blood pressures after the 9am Mass at our monthly Coffee and Donut Hospitality next Sunday.



FOR ALL WHO BRING EUCHARIST TO THE HOMEBOUND

An afternoon of enrichment and ongoing formation for all who bring the Holy Eucharist to homebound members of family, parishioners, or friends, will take place on Saturday afternoon, June 10, 2023 from 1pm to 3:30pm. This time together will include a lunch, prayer, reflection and sharing of our faith experience, and information regarding diocesan directives for this ministry. It is expected that all who share in this ministry attend this once-a-year opportunity. Please call the parish office (248)542-8720 to register.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

First Reading: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9

At Mount Sinai, the Lord revealed himself to Moses as merciful, gracious, kind, and faithful. Do you see these positive traits in yourself?

Second Reading: 2 Cor 13:11-13

In the closing remarks of his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to live in peace and love with one another, modeled after the grace, love, and fellowship of our Triune God. Where do you think you most need to show peace and love with others this week?

Gospel: Jn 3:16-18

Jesus taught his disciples that God loved the world and desired to save the world by offering believers eternal life. How do you think believers having eternal life saves the world?

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Ministry Schedule		
June 10/11, 2023		
Mass	8:00pm	9:00am
Sacristan	D Tourville	L Yolkiewicz
Reader #1	T Riley	P Allen
Reader #2	D Tourville	L Yolkiewicz
EME	T Riley	P Allen
	R Pasiak	R Grant
	M Simmons	C McCarthy
Greeters	R Pasiak	N Oparka
	T Pasiak	T Oparka
	T Milko	D McLaughlin
	L Proszkowski	M McLaughlin

Please join us this Sunday for an Evangelization Mission in Rosie's Park!

We will meet in Rosie's Park on 3 Sundays in June at 4:00 pm to pray, hear someone's experience of faith, and listen to a short catechesis. Call our DRE, Matthew for more information at 646-369-8619.

June 4th - Who is God for you? Have you experienced God in your life? Have you felt his help?

SAVE THE DATES

June 11th - Who are you? What do you live for? What is the purpose of your life? Are you happy?

June 18th - Announcement of the Kerygma - the Good News of your salvation. If you listen and believe in this announcement you will be saved!

Look for a banner with
this image to find us:



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

ROLE OF CATHOLICS IN SOCIETY

Question:

We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer:

The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, "In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we're there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God! ©LPi

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 9am
Faith Formation Office in School



The men's fellowship group gathers for a scripture reflection/sharing every other Saturday at 9am in the Faith Formation Office of the school building.

All men are welcome. No registration is

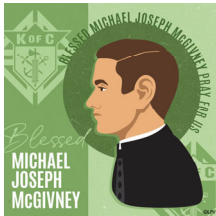


Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Is there someone whom you believe that the Lord has placed in your path to bring to Him through the OCIA at this time? If so, be sure to pray for her/him as the Holy Spirit urges you. You may be the link between that person and the gift of the Grace of life in God for her/him. What greater gift can we share with another?

For more information, contact Mary Ann Przybysz in the Parish Office - 248-542-8720.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR SAINTS...



BLESSED FR. MICHAEL JOSEPH MCGIVNEY

Michael Joseph McGivney was born on August 12, 1852, the first child of Irish immigrant parents in Waterbury, Connecticut. His parents went on to have 12 other children, half of whom died either as young children or infants due to their harsh living conditions. Michael left school at age 13 to work alongside his father and help support the family, but at age 16 he decided to enter the seminary. He studied in Quebec, Canada as well as in New York until he was called home to help work to support his family once more due to the death of his father. Michael eventually returned to his studies at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and was ordained into the diocese of Hartford, Connecticut in 1877.

Fr. McGivney's first assignment was to St. Mary's Parish in New Haven. While there, he quickly became very active in the community. Alongside his priestly duties, he served as director of public plays and community fairs. He even volunteered to foster a child whose father had passed away, leaving the boy's family in poverty and unable to care for him. It was during this time that McGivney envisioned the need for a Catholic mutual aid society. His intention was to create an institution where Catholic men could provide financial security to families in need who had lost their primary breadwinner.

...Fr. McGivney began to research similar Catholic-founded societies elsewhere in the USA. ... he decided to form a committee of men at home and, together, they designed an original Catholic fraternal organization...On February 6, 1882, Fr. McGivney and his men launched the Knights of Columbus... The order, whose founding principles were charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, grew rapidly. The Knights appealed to college campuses and, eventually, churches throughout the entire United States. There are now 16,000+ local councils and over two million members who donate hundreds of millions of dollars and tens of millions of volunteer hours yearly to benefit charities worldwide. Membership is still restricted to practicing Catholic men, although women may participate through the Columbettes, an auxiliary for Catholic women.

Fr. McGivney fell ill with the flu during the 1889 pandemic, contracted tuberculosis, and, subsequently, pneumonia. He passed away at age 38 on August 14 of the next year. He's remembered by those who knew him as being friendly and cheerful, a champion for the poor, and loyal to and fond of his community. In 2008, Fr. Michael Joseph McGivney was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI.



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

 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP	
Offertory Env. Distributed & e-fund participants	713
Offertory Env. Used & e-fund participants	84
Total Amount in Offertory Env. & e-funds rec'd	\$ 8,240.46
Loose Cash /Check Collection	252.00
Total	\$ 8,492.46
Budgeted Amount for Offertory	\$ 9,340.46
Energy	\$ 294.00

Official Prayer for the Beatification of Fr. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, You called Your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of Your servant prompt us to greater confidence in Your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of Your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

(Prayer Source: <https://www.fathermcgivney.org>)

PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Gød	gave	eternal
loved	believes	Son
world	perish	save

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MISSION

Read John 3:16-18 with your family. Thank Jesus for taking all of your sins away.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
 Monday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
 Tuesday: St. Norbert, Bishop
 Friday: St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church
 Next Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ ©LPi

CATHOLIC TRIVIA- JUST FOR FUN

Question: Saint Mother Teresa primarily worked in which country?

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Answer: India

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

On this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded to encourage one another, to show affection and support. Can we do it? Can we do it in our daily interactions, in our families? Can we even do it on social media?

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TRINITY SUNDAY

