



St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

Madison Heights, MI www.stvincentferrer.net

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 † TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From The Pastor

This weekend is our annual Missionary Appeal through the Propagation of the Faith. Our missionary priest comes from the Diocese of Same, in Tanzania, Africa. Most Reverend, Rogath Kimaryo, C.S.Sp. is the Bishop of the Diocese and will be making an appeal for the temporal and pastoral needs of a recently founded Congregation of Religious Sisters in the Same Diocese. The primary work of this Congregation is to serve the physical and spiritual needs of the people in their area. This includes a wide range of peoples with various faiths and traditional religions.

A primary need for both the sisters and the people is clean drinking water. Currently, the young sisters carry 18 liters of water from the river one mile away. The water is used by the sisters, the people, and the animals. The river is not clean, and the water causes serious health problems for those who drink it. Father Mansuetus Setonga is the founder of the community who seeks to transform the lives of the poor, the elderly, and the children through the newly built convent house. The primary focus of this appeal today is to raise funds to dig a well near the convent to serve the needs of the community.

Please give your attention to Bishop Rogath in service to the needs of those who suffer the challenges of poverty. The initial work of evangelization is to first meet the basic needs of health, security, and dignity of life as a groundwork to promote the virtues of the Christian gospel. Please pray for this important work and give as you can to serve our brothers and sisters who reach out to us in support of their basic needs. Thank you for your generosity.

Within a short time, the table that holds the tabernacle will be ready for use. I want to thank Ron Bertollini for his work in preparing the table. I have not yet seen the table, but I am confident of its beauty and appropriate use in our liturgical space. With this work nearing completion, we will soon be ready to bring the tabernacle and the reservation of the Holy Eucharist into the main sanctuary.

This change has wide support across our community. Even by a show of hands, there is strong interest in this significant change. Why is this significant and what is our response?

As previously mentioned, since the time of Vatican II the focus of the sanctuary was the altar. Why? The altar represents and is a symbol of Christ. The altar is made sacred by what takes place upon it. Prior to Vatican II, the priest faced the tabernacle and offered the sacrifice of Mass on a much smaller altar not seen

by the people. A new altar, with the priest facing the people, became the focal point. During this period, those churches that could physically accomplish it built a side altar or daily Mass chapel. The reservation of the Holy Eucharist was transferred to the chapel for reservation and more frequent adoration.

More recently, parishes are returning the tabernacle to the main body of the church to enrich the faith of the community through a more conscious and visible evidence of the Lord's presence. I support this move in this year of renewal of our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Catholics, the Eucharist is the most precious gift of how we believe Jesus is alive and fully present to us in the Holy Sacrament.

Why do we need a year of renewal of our faith in the Real Presence? Consider the needs of the Church and the world today. In many parts of the world, particularly the Northern Hemisphere, Christianity is waning. People are falling away, Mass attendance has dropped significantly, and many segments of the population have sought spiritual expression through our contemporary culture.

The Church teaches and I strongly believe in the real and living presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. I have said this many times, yet I am continually moved, and I perceive and 'feel' the presence of Jesus on the altar. Simple gifts of bread and wine that represent each of us and the lives we live, are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus. This means that Jesus, in his person and in his self is present and given to us to consume from this holy table. As we use the word body, think person, self, life of Jesus present and giving himself to us. Body is true and right, but body is an idiom that means person or self.

Jesus is giving his whole self that we may consume him into ourselves. Jesus is given to us through his body on the Cross which includes the reality of his person and his life immediately given to us in the form of bread and wine. Countless Eucharistic miracles, through modern scientific testing have proven that this simple bread and wine has been transformed into the Body and Blood, the Person and the life of the Lord Jesus.

Ponder this living mystery. It is real, and it is powerful. The Eucharist is perfectly worthy and deserving of our worshipful and reverent reception and prayerful adoration. Please prepare yourself in a reverent and worthy way to greet the Lord as we enter our worship space in the coming days.

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

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

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

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,
Friday 9-Noon
Closed 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 Office

248-398-1743

Matthew Zinser, Childhood Faith Formation Coordinator

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

MONDAY, September 25, 2023

8:00am Mass: Larry Celmer (health)
req. by Bernadette Gutowski

TUESDAY, September 26, 2023

8:00am Mass: Deanna's Intentions
requested by Mom

WEDNESDAY, September 27, 2023

8:00am Mass: Marty Karolski (health) req. by Bernadette Gutowski

THURSDAY, September 28, 2023

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

SATURDAY, September 30, 2023

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

Mike Kapolka† req. by Wife & Son

Jean Lebioda(15th R.A.) req. by Daughter, Jeanette & Tony Szeliga

SUNDAY, October 1, 2023

9:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer
Scarchilli Family req. by Giszczaks

Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family

Ernest Szwarc† req. by Mary Jane Guc

Annabelle Malotke† req. by Diane Follis

Jean Richardson† req. by Ray Amick

Jerry Gutowski† req. by Judy McCown & Mike Kairis

John Turchin (for healing) req. by Bernadette Gutowski



READINGS THIS WEEK

September 24, 2023

- Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/
Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-
4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/
Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and
9b/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps
138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab,
13/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



Thank you Fr. John for your love and dedication in serving our St. Vincent Ferrer community, our Family of Parishes and those in special need of healing. Thanks also to Br. Bob Malloy, Fr. Dennet Jung, and Fr. Phil Mayfield for their sacramental assistance to our community and their dedication to serving others.

Prayer for Priests

Lord God, most holy, we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood. You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people, as you shepherd your entire church. We pray for them in their daily work. Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand. Lead them not into temptation and protect them from the grasp of the evil one. It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way. May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy church. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is *unmerited* favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we *have* to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

Father John Muir ©LPi



Pet Blessing

Sept. 30 - 9am

Bring your pets! In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, Fr. John will bless them outside the Admin Bldg. next Saturday.

Pet Food & Supplies Collection
Next Weekend - Sept. 30/Oct. 1

Items requested: Hills Science Wet & Dry Cat & Dog Food, Cat & Dog treats, Toys, Towels, Blankets, Trash bags

Pet Food/Supplies can also be dropped off at the Parish Office this week by noon on Fri., Sept. 29.



Anointing of the Sick

HEALING MASS
NEXT SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 - 4:00pm

Fr. John will administer the Sacrament of the Sick after Mass. Prayer teams will be available for individual prayer.

The Invitation to the Vineyard

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I have been working since I was 17, and in that time, I've encountered my fair share of bosses who don't like being, well, fair. There was the retail gig that paid me less than the official minimum wage because I was a minor and scheduled me for long shifts because it meant cheaper labor. There was the restaurant manager who tried to convince me to leave seventh period early so I could waitress on a busy dinner shift (totally illegal, by the way). There was the unpaid internship with the editor who had no sense of work/life balance.

Our resumes are all full of these experiences — it's capitalism, after all. It conditions us to look out for ourselves, because we know no one else will. And it breeds an attitude of suspicion that often blooms into jealousy when we encounter the reckless mercy of God.

Most of us work hard for what we have in this life, and so we make the mistake of thinking we deserve the good things that come our way. That's all right and good when we're talking about a just wage. But sometimes we get our lines blurred and we begin to think we deserve, or have done something to earn, the salvation offered by Christ.

I am not the laborer who has borne the heat of long hours in the sun. I am the straggler, the lost one, the idler at the marketplace as the day draws to a close.

"As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts." — Isaiah 55:9 ©LPi

Evangelical Service Corner

PRAYER BLANKET & CARD DECORATING MINISTRIES MEETING Thursday, September 28th - 6-8pm

The Prayer Blanket Ministry and the Decorating Cards for Shut-Ins Ministry will resume meeting on Thursday, September 28th the church social hall from 6-8 PM. Please note the prayer blanket ministry used to meet from 6-9 pm, but beginning September we will now meet 6-8 pm. All are welcome to join us for these ministries.

PET FOOD & SUPPLIES COLLECTION September 30/October 1

In honor of St. Francis, we will be collecting the following items for local animal shelters next weekend:
wet & dry dog & cat food (Hill Science Diet), dog & cat treats, toys, towels, blankets & trash bags

PARISH BABY SHOWER BRING UNWRAPPED GIFTS OCTOBER 7/8

Requested items: diapers (all sizes), baby wipes, diaper bags, wash cloths, burp pads, quilts, blankets, receiving blankets, pacifiers, layettes, bibs, bottles, shampoo, body wash, outfits, rattles, onesies, socks, booties, nail clipper sets, brush & comb sets, light weights sleepers

FOOD PANTRY

Our food Pantry has closed, but if you are in need of food, contact the parish office for information on local food pantries.

Regarding Monetary Donations to St. Vincent de Paul Ministry
If donating to this ministry, make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul NOT St. Vincent Ferrer Church.



*Pray for...all government leaders to seek wisdom in finding a peaceful solution to world tensions.
...medical and humanitarian aid for those suffering from economic hardship due to catastrophic weather, fires, floods, 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

Are you suffering?
Do you wonder about the meaning of your life?
Do you want to grow in faith?

COME TO ME, ALL OF YOU WHO ARE TIRED AND BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST!

**JESUS IS ALIVE AND RISEN!
HE HAS CONQUERED DEATH FOR YOU!**

St. Vincent Ferrer Parish
Invites you to a Catechesis for Adults & Youth (ages 12 & up)

COME AND LISTEN TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST!

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When? Mondays & Thursdays
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Beginning on Monday, September 25th

Where? The Parish Administrative Building
28353 Herbert Street,
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Questions? Call Matthew at 646-369-8619
Free on-site babysitting available

God Loves You!
FAITH COMES FROM LISTENING!
(ROM 10:17)

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

CATHOLIC VS. PROTESTANT BIBLES

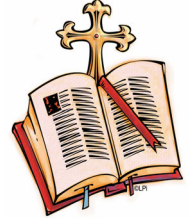
Question: Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?

Answer: Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books. At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament. ©LPi

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Saturday, September 30, 2023 at 9am
Faith Formation Office in School

The men's fellowship group gathers for a scripture reflection/sharing every other Saturday. All men are welcome. No registration is required.



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

First Reading: Is 55:6-9

Isaiah urged his fellow Israelites who were in exile to seek the Lord who is near, merciful, and forgiving. When have you sought the Lord's presence in dark periods of your life?

Second Reading: Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Paul writes the letter to the Philippians from prison, facing a spiritual dilemma of feeling "caught between" life and death. Have you ever helped someone going through a spiritual problem?

Gospel: Mt 20:1-16a

The parable of the workers in the vineyard speaks to God's generosity. In what ways do you think God has been generous to you and your family? ©LPi



OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
- Tuesday: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
- Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
- Thursday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- Saturday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday ©LPi

Ministry Schedule		
September 30/October 1, 2023		
Mass	4:00pm	9:00am
Sacristan	T Riley	D Tourville
Reader #1	J McCown	D Gray
Reader #2	M Kairis	P Allen
EME	M Kairis	D Gray
	J McCown	P Allen
	M Simmons	C McCarthy
Greeters	B Gutowski	N Oparka
	R Bertolini	T Oparka
	L Collins	P Miles
	L Proszkowski	M Bessler
Traveling Chalice Host beginning week of Sept. 30/Oct. 1		
Mary Jane Guc		

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community



extends its deepest sympathy and support to the family and friends of

Barbara Merchel

Please remember her and the souls of all the faithful departed in your prayers.

May all the deceased be welcomed into paradise!

GETTING TO KNOW OUR SAINTS...

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - SEPT 27**

St. Vincent de Paul is much more than a patron saint of thrift shops! Young Vincent became a priest hoping to advance and rise above his modest upbringing. His early ambition amounted to little when he was assigned to a poor rural parish. Here he experienced a new joy in his vocation. Hearing the profound deathbed confession of a dying servant, Vincent became more convinced of the special attention that must be given to the poor. In 1625, Vincent founded the Congregation of the Mission for the purpose of caring for the poor. Originally priests only, the mission expanded to include groups of laity who provided for spiritual and material needs of the poor in each parish. Nearly 400 hundred years later, his legacy lives on!

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**ST. WENCESLAUS | SEPTEMBER 28**

You may know St. Wenceslaus better than you think, he is in fact, the "Good King Wenceslas" from the Christmas carol penned in the 19th century.

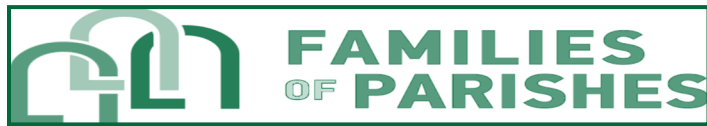
He was born in 907 near Prague, the son of the Duke of Bohemia, raised and educated as a Christian by his paternal grandmother, Ludmila, who herself became a saint. The land of Bohemia at this time was a place in turmoil. Christianity had not yet taken hold and there were power struggles even within the noble family... Wenceslaus, though young, eventually prevailed.

He ruled from 921-929, working at unification, he supported the Church building many churches... And like in the carol, he cared for sick, poor, widowed, and orphaned in his kingdom. To make peace with Germany, Wenceslaus recognized King Henry the Fowler as the successor of Charlemagne... The peace was not a popular move with the non-Christian sects and nobles... it is generally accepted that the saint was killed by Boleslaus (the Cruel, his brother)... His last words were to forgive his brother. (he) was immediately recognized as a martyr for the faith and sainted. The Holy Roman Emperor Otto I posthumously gave him the title "king." He is the first Czech saint and the patron saint of the Czech state.

**ARCHANGELS FEAST DAY - SEPT. 29**

"St. Michael is usually depicted as a warrior, St. Gabriel as a messenger, and St. Raphael as a healer. These three archangels also remind us of our mission as disciples. We must be defenders of the weak and lost, like St. Michael. We must bring the Good News to the world, like St. Gabriel. And we must be agents of healing to those who are broken, like St. Raphael.

St. Gabriel is the patron saint of messengers, broadcasters, telecommunications workers, postal workers, diplomats, and stamp collectors. St. Michael is the patron saint of military personnel, police officers, paramedics, and grocers. St. Raphael is the patron saint of the blind, nurses, physicians, medical workers, travelers, and happy meetings."

More at www.youngcatholics.com**MASS SCHEDULES*****National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica***

2100 W. 12 Mile, Royal Oak, 48073

SATURDAY- 8:30am and
4:30pm (livestreamed)SUNDAY-7:30am, 9:30am (livestreamed) , 11:30am
4:00pm (Spanish-livestreamed), and 6:00pmWEEKDAYS (*Monday - Friday*)
6:30am (livestreamed), 8:30am***St. Justin, St. Mary Magdalen***

1631 E. Elza Hazel Park, 48030 (St J)

50 E Annabelle Ave. Hazel Park, 48030 (St MM)

SATURDAY - 4:00pm - St. Justin

SUNDAY - 9:00am & 11:00am - St. Mary Magdalen

MON-WED & FRI- 9:00am - St. Justin

St. Mary

730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, 48067

SATURDAY - 4:30pm

SUNDAY - 9:00am, 11 am

MON, TUES, THURS, FRI - 7:30am

WED - 12:10pm

**ST. JEROME - SEPTEMBER 30**

St. Jerome (345–420) was considered the greatest biblical scholar of his day, conversant with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He set about translating the books of the Bible from their original languages into Latin.

Much of Jerome's correspondence has survived and gives us a powerful glimpse into the kind of person that he was, as well as the time in which he lived. Jerome eventually became Pope Damasus' (366–384) personal secretary. In the West, Latin was overtaking Greek as the language of the common people. The pope desired a translation of the Bible that would be accurately translated from the original languages into the language and idiom of the people. Previous Latin translations existed, but they were poor in quality.

Jerome set about this task and spent the rest of his life meticulously translating. He is credited with the translation of the Bible known as the Vulgate, a Latin translation intended to address the needs of the common people. That translation became the standard and the only one used by Catholics until modern times. Catholics did not actively engage in a similar process until 1943, when Pius XII allowed Catholic scholars once again to go back to the original languages and translate an accurate and meticulous version of the Bible. We carry on that tradition to this very day.

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Widowed Friends Upcoming Events

Widow Friends offers widowed men and women of all ages caring companionship and the opportunity for healing, spiritual development, education and wonderful new growth.

Activities include, a book club, breakfast, lunch and dinners at local restaurants, a Caribbean cruise, a theatre performance, a fall outing, a Halloween party, and a Christmas Mass. For event details and to register visit: <https://www.widowedfriends.org>

International Exhibition
MIRACLES OF THE EUCHARIST
ACROSS THE WORLD
Devised and planned by Carlo Acutis






A Slideshow Presentation
on Eucharistic Miracles
Based on the Website of Blessed Carlo Acutis
Wednesday, October 11, at 7 pm
St. Vincent Ferrer Church
Followed by a reception in the Social Hall

ORGAN CONCERT BY JOZEF KOTOWICZ
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023 AT 3:00PM
ST. VERONICA CHURCH
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Free Will offering

Jozef, and internationally acclaimed Polish organist will receive guests at an Afterglow reception in the Gym
For more information, contact Janina Jacobs at Jjacobs2456@yahoo.com or 313-980-0054

The Arm of
ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE
is visiting the United States and is coming to the
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Known as the *Apostle of the Impossible*,
Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering
dedication and steadfast faith. Millions
have experienced his intercession in times
of adversity and need.

Friday, October 13, 2023
National Shrine of the Little Flower
2100 W 12 Mile Royal Oak 48073
Veneration 1pm to 10pm
Mass 7pm

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR OTHER LOCATIONS

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TOGETHER IN HOLINESS CONFERENCE
for married and engaged couples
Sat., October 14, 2023 - 9:30am to 4:30pm
St. Hugo of the Hills in Bloomfield Hills
\$64/couple or \$40/single
(includes lunch and light afternoon snack)

Together in Holiness is a comprehensive marriage enrichment initiative that inspires spouses to grow together in holiness and empowers and equips parents to form their children in the Catholic faith. The initiative includes: a one-day Conference with presentations, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, lunch and a year-round Formation series

REGISTRATION DETAILS
Childcare: \$5/child (6m-12yrs) | \$20/family (4+children)
Full and partial scholarships are available, please inquire
If questions, email Conference Coordinator, Cameron Kelly at cameron@forlifeandfamily.org or call (832) 779-1070. or to register visit: <https://www.aod.org/together-in-holiness>

CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN
Question: What is the name of the very first Catholic university in the United States? ©LPi
Answer: Georgetown University

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP GIVING - WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 16/17

<i>Fiscal Year 7-1-23 to 6-30-24</i>	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Env. Used & e-fund participants	245	34	100	
Offertory (including loose cash)	\$ 5,293.00	\$ 4,324.73	(968.27)	(1,547.25)
Energy	289.00	\$ 188.45	(100.55)	(386.08)
Other: Coffee & Donuts, Flowers, Memorial Trees, Candles	\$ 1,115.39	428.50	(686.89)	(11,156.04)
Special AOD Collection: Mission Cooperation Plan	n/a	120.00		120.00
Mass Intentions	n/a	210.00		1,330.00
Special AOD Collections: Priest Retirement	n/a	150.00		995.00
Holy Days: All Saints	n/a	7.00		7.00
Budget deficit donations		229.00		3,258.00

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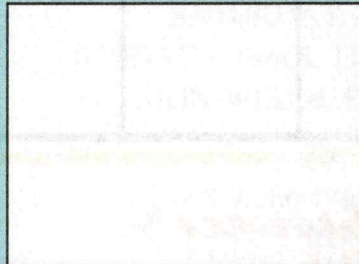
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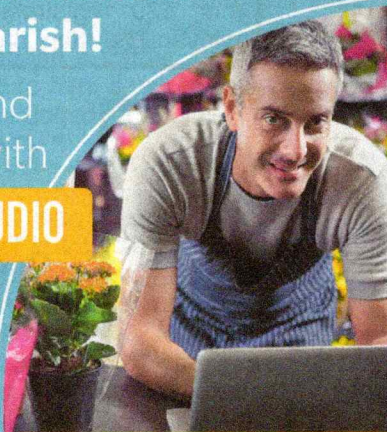
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