



# St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

Madison Heights, MI [www.stvincentferrer.net](http://www.stvincentferrer.net)

JANUARY 21, 2024 † THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## From The Pastor

In church and religion, we use the words call and conversion. Both call and conversion are important movements in the spiritual life that lead to maturing faith and love for God. What these words mean in a mature spiritual sense is not often what is generally accepted in common human understanding.

In the best sense of the word, conversion is an encounter or awakening through a rich experience that leads to a new awareness and desire for God. True conversion awakens an inner love, a motive, and desire to change one's life in the awareness of the living presence of God. Conversion is different than but related to repentance. The call to repent is to change one's mind and/or the direction of one's life in response to an experience of God. Moved by an experience of conversion through grace, a person will often repent and change their thinking and even their way of acting.

In the lesser sense, conversion is often thought of something I must do to turn from sin to avoid the risk of God's punishment. Conversion is thought of as an act of my will, through my self-determination and hard work to be a better person in the eyes of God or others. It is something I do to avoid punishment, to be worthy of heaven, or to gain God's favor. In themselves, none of these are bad things, but they are not conversion and they will not lead to a deeper relationship with God. Why not? Because they are motivated by human will through personal efforts to gain God's good favor. They are not often motivated by love, but by what I believe I must do to attain or deserve God's blessing, love, or favor.

Divine love is always a free gift, never dependent on human performance. Consider, 'God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.' I John 4:16. God's call or identity in a person flows from this gift of love. True spiritual conversion is motivated and animated by an awakening to this love. Consider the difference: when you married you were motivated by the love you felt for and received from your beloved. In receiving that love, you desired to give your love in return to the one who loved you. Right? Do not look for perfection here, but structure. Look from the other side. You did not marry your spouse through an act of your will motivated by your self-determination with the expectation to serve your needs and wants. If you did, the marriage would not last or would bear only unfulfilled love. Right? Love is realized only in a willing surrender to the other motivated for the sake of love.

Consider the difference between the conversion of Jonah in the first reading, and the call of Andrew and Peter with James and John in the gospel. Jonah is in relationship with God and seeks to follow a Divine call.

God calls Jonah to preach a message of conversion to the violent and warring Ninevites. Jonah hates the Ninevites because they conquered the Northern kingdom of Israel and sent any survivors of the conquest into exile. Jonah sets his will against the will of God. His desire is not directed by love, but by his anger and hatred for this abusive nation. The will of Jonah overrides the will of God. Jonah's will to serve God is determined by his desire for God to destroy his enemies. The larger story of Jonah is not included today. Today's account is God's second call after Jonah's encounter in the belly of a whale for three days. Still resisting, Jonah finally does as God calls and his work is completely effective. Why? Jonah surrendered his will and expectation and did as God had directed. Not perfect, he still did not like it, but in reverence (love) of God Jonah obeyed and accomplished God's will.

The call of the early disciples is different. Why did they so immediately follow Jesus? This was not their first encounter with Jesus. There were several previous engagements with him. Why did they follow him? Their hearts were stirred and drawn by the conversion of love. Something in Jesus moved them deeply enough that they could not help themselves but to follow. They did not follow Jesus with a willful intention of personal gain. They were drawn by a love they could see and feel but could neither understand nor resist. Their hearts were grasped by an unseen love that was beyond any willful interest on their part. This is conversion at its finest. A surrendered yes to a love that grips the soul.

Conversion and the call of God are not determined by our willful desire, agenda, or expectation. Movements toward God that lead to spiritual growth are realized through willing desire for love alone. Because humans do not surrender easily, love is the only true motivation worthy of our personal surrender to another person or to Divine love. Otherwise, it is only for the sake of getting what I believe I need or want. There is no 'I' in God. God is a relationship of self-giving love.

Love is the true motivator of change. Look back on your life and consider the events, people, or experiences that you willingly surrender to for the sake of love, relationship, service, or self-giving. Marriage, children, the suffering or need of a loved one, actions of mercy or forgiveness come to mind. Next, do the same with God. What experiences, great or small, have lifted you beyond yourself stirring a love for God with a desire to surrender to God's purpose in love. Resistance is inevitable, for good reason or bad. In the end, three things will last; faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love.

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 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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, January 22, 2024

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

### TUESDAY, January 23, 2024

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

### WEDNESDAY, January 24, 2024

8:00am Mass: Dianne Karoliski† req. by Carl Copen

### THURSDAY, January 25, 2024

8:00am Mass: Dolores Bail (Birthday Blessings) req. by Spitz Family

### SATURDAY, January 27, 2024

4:00pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

Bonnie Riley† req. by Bernadette Gutowski

Donna Dietrich† req. by Family

Peter Conway (Special Intention) req. by Mom

Fr. Steve Koehler & Family req. by Mary Jane Guc

### SUNDAY, January 28, 2024

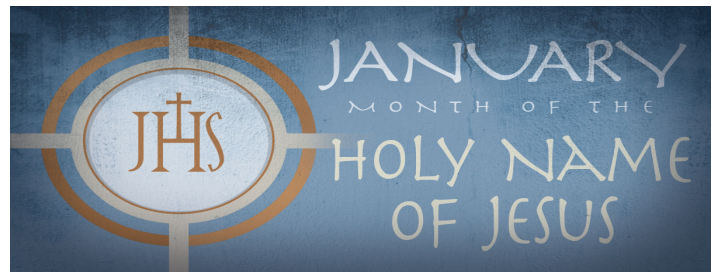
9:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

Dianne Karoliski† req. by Virga Family

Tom Karoliski (Birthday Blessings) req. by Jane McKay

Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family

Barbara Merchelt† req. by Family



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### January 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/  
1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/  
Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/  
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/  
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps  
117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-  
3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-  
15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/  
1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

**ATTENTION SVF  
MINISTERS:**

**SACRISTANS, GREETERS, READERS &  
EMES**

**SAVE THIS DATE - JANUARY 30TH**

Make plans to attend an evening of renewal and reflection Tuesday, January 30th at 7pm in the Admin bldg. Fr. John will lead us in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving for our ministries. The evening will also attend to tasks and format of the individual ministries.

**This meeting will also meet the requirements of the Archdiocese to recertify ministers every 3 years.**

 **UPCOMING**  
**6 WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES**  
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1ST

Beginning on Thursday, February 1, 2024 from 10am to 11:45am in the Administration bldg. dining hall, Judy McCown and Mike Kairis will facilitate a 6 week grief support series. The purpose of this grief support group is to provide a safe place for people who have experienced the loss of a significant person in their lives to engage in the work of mourning. Using the “companionship” model developed by Alan Wolfelt, Ph.D., we hope to help participants support each other in their journey through grief. Each session will explore different aspects of grief and mourning with a sensitivity to each individual’s unique experience of loss and grieving. Through weekly reading, reflection, and sharing, group members will work together through the essential phases of grief and mourning from the reality of loss to moving forward in life with a sense of hope and gratitude. Space is limited.

**Advanced registration by Jan. 29th. Please call the parish office at (248)542-8720 with your name and phone number. There is no fee.**



**Adoration  
THIS MONDAY,  
January 22nd**

Monday, January 22nd is designated as a “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8am Mass until 10:00am.

*Excerpt from Redeemer in the Womb Prayer*  
at priestsforlife.org

*Lord Jesus, we ask You to bless and protect the children who today are in their mothers' womb. Save them from the danger of abortion. Give their mothers the grace to sacrifice themselves, in body and soul, for their children. Help all people to recognize in the preborn child a brother, a sister, saved by You, our Redeemer in the womb.*

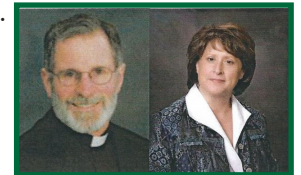
**Come and pray to protect the unborn.**

**AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE  
HEALING CHRIST**

**A Manresa Silent Healing Retreat  
Friday to Sunday - March 1 - 3**

There are quiet places in our hearts where we have placed doubts, memories, fears and hurts which need the loving hand of Jesus to heal. Receive His embrace during a precious few days of quiet and serenity. It is a place of peace where we can light a path which can lead to freedom, forgiveness, healing. God is waiting for you. Don't miss the invitation.

Directors:  
Fr. John Esper &  
Debbie Tourville



Weekend schedule: Registration, Friday 4:30pm  
(Dinner 6:00pm)  
Closure of Retreat: Sunday at Noon

A nonrefundable deposit of \$50 is required for this retreat  
You may register on line at [www.manresa-sj.org](http://www.manresa-sj.org)

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extends its deepest sympathy and support to the family and friends of  
**Catalina Ramirez**

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

May all the deceased be welcomed into paradise!



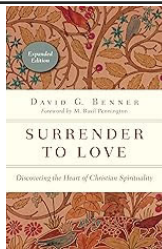
**Anointing of  
the Sick**

**HEALING MASS  
NEXT SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 27, 2024 - 4:00pm**

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

## Lenten Book Study Wednesday Mornings after 8 am Mass February 14 – March 20



God doesn't want his people to respond to him out of fear or obligation. Rather, he invites us to enter into an authentic relationship of intimacy and devotion. And so God calls us to move beyond mere obedience—by surrendering to love.

In this profound book, David G. Benner explores the twin themes of love and surrender as the heart of Christian spirituality. Through careful examination of Scripture and reflection on the Christian tradition, Benner shows how God bids us to trust fully in his perfect love. God is love, and he intends for you to live in his love. *Surrender to Love* will lead you to an unexpected place, where yieldedness to God frees you to become who he created you to be.

This book is available on Amazon or from your favorite book seller. We serve a light breakfast each week. Please RSVP at the parish office 248-542-8720.



### PRAYER BLANKET & CARDS FOR SHUT-INS MINISTRY MEETINGS

January 25 - 6:00pm - Parish Hall

After the Christmas hiatus the Prayer Blanket and Decorating Cards For Shut-Ins Ministries will resume on Thursday, January 25, 2024 from 6-8 PM in the church social hall. You don't need to be a seamstress or an artist to join our group. All are welcome, including children.

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Tuesday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Wednesday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Friday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Saturday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Next Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week ©LPI

## INTERGENERATIONAL HEALING MASS

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 7:00pm

St. Vincent Ferrer Church  
Celebrant: Fr. John Esper

### What is intergenerational healing?

We all understand the concept of material inheritance. After people die, they often leave money, property and possessions to family members.

We are also aware of a physical inheritance. Doctors always ask for the family medical history of a new patient. There is also a spiritual inheritance. We can thank God and family for the benefit from our virtuous ancestors going back a thousand generations (see Sirach 44:10-12). We are also adversely affected by the sins of parents, grandparents and great-grandparents and by the sins of the ancestors, who adversely affected them, with consequences that may extend to what is inherited materially, emotionally and physically.

In his book entitled *Intergenerational Healing*, Fr. Robert De Grandis writes: "intergenerational healing is, for the Christian, an opportunity to recognize and bring healing to family influences from the past, with implications for the future. Intergenerational healing suggests the possibility that negative acts and deeds of our ancestors can somehow enter our "bloodstream" and take a toll on future generations. Transforming the connection with these troublesome roots is what intergenerational healing is all about. It's an exciting, fascinating area of the healing ministry."

**All are welcome.**



...all government leaders to seek wisdom in finding peaceful solutions to world wars and tensions.

...medical and humanitarian aid for those suffering from

hardship due to catastrophic weather, fires, wars, 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*

*Women's Sacred Journey*

**SATURDAY, JAN. 27 - 9:00AM**

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE  
SVF SCHOOL BLDG.**



All women in our Family of Parishes are invited to join other women to pray and reflect on Scripture passages. The gathering is every other Saturday. No registration or fee required.

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION**

**First Reading:** Jon 3:1-5, 10

The people of Nineveh (the capital city of the Assyrian Empire and historic enemy of Israel) repented of their sins when they heard Jonah's warning of God's impending destruction of their city. What motivates you to repent?

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 7:29-31

Paul encouraged the believers in Corinth to live with a sense of urgency and in a radically different way than before coming to faith in Jesus. In what way are you living counter-culturally as a person of faith?

**Gospel:** Mk 1:14-20

This Sunday we hear the first words of Jesus in Mark's account of the call of the first disciples: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Jesus taught that the time had come for God to come and reclaim His world. What excites you about this message?

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**Ministry Schedule**

January 27/28, 2024

Mass	4:00pm	9:00am
Sacristan	T Riley	D Tourville
Reader #1	P Miles	A Goll
Reader #2	T riley	D Tourville
EME	T Riley	A Goll
	M Simmons	R Grant
	P Miles	M Waskowski
Greeters	L Collins	D McLaughlin
	R Bertolini	T Lane
	R Juska-Svoba	B Turchin
	P Miles	M McLaughlin

**Traveling Chalice Host beginning week of Jan. 27/28, 2024**  
Frank & Nina Virga

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "**Repent!**" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?  
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**DOES GOD FORGIVE ABORTION?**

**Question:** Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

**Answer:** For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016.

Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit [www.hopeafterabortion.com](http://www.hopeafterabortion.com). ©LPi

## EUCCHARISTIC SAINTS SERIES



### ST. JULIANA OF CORNILLON (1193-1258)

St. Juliana of Cornillon also known as St. Juliana of Liège, was born near modern-day Liège, Belgium. When she was 5 years old, she and her twin sister became orphans. Following the deaths of their parents, the sisters were entrusted to the care of the Augustinian nuns at Mont-Cornillon. Growing up among the religious, Juliana's spiritual journey flourished. At age 13, she entered the order.

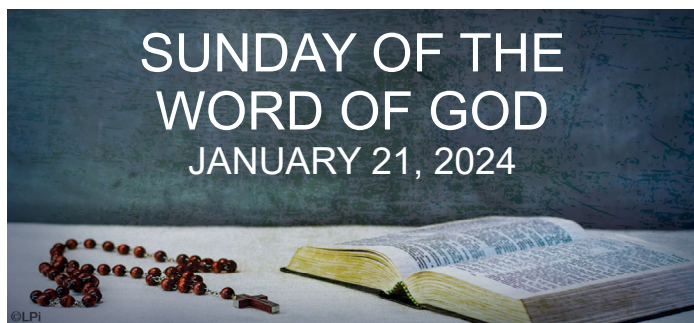
Juliana's profound love for Christ in the Eucharist was ignited during her time at the convent. She regularly participated in Mass and spent hours in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. In her prayers, she often experienced mystical visions, reinforcing her belief in the real presence of Jesus in the consecrated bread and wine.

Driven by her desire to see a dedicated feast to honor Christ in the Eucharist, St. Juliana took it upon herself to promote the idea fervently. She eventually became the Prioress of the canonry and frequently confided in her mentor, Canon John of Lausanne, telling him about her visions and her hope for the feast. He shared her experiences with his contemporaries, including Pope Urban IV.

Though Juliana died in 1258, her cause won over Pope Urban IV. In 1264 he issued the papal bill "*Transiturus de hoc mundo*" which instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. The feast aimed to celebrate and affirm the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, emphasizing the significance of the Blessed Sacrament in the life of the Church.

Juliana was canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1869 and is remembered not only for the pivotal role she played in establishing the Feast of Corpus Christi, but for her musical talents, teachings, and writings. St. Juliana of Cornillon, pray for us!

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### THE IMPORTANCE OF READING SCRIPTURE

The following is an excerpt from *The Power of the Word: A Pastoral Note from Archbishop Allen Vigneron on Sacred Scripture* (2021)

"Reading Scripture is not like reading any other book, because Scripture is a living word through which God speaks to each of us personally, right here and now. 'In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven meets His children with great love and speaks with them.' (Vatican II *Dei Verbum* 21) God reveals his heart to us and he longs for us to respond from our hearts. When we read Scripture prayerfully, it becomes a dialogue of love. We listen to God's heart through his word and we respond from our heart in prayer.

Christian tradition developed the practice of lectio divina as a way to exercise this kind of prayerful reading. Lectio divina traditionally consists of four simple steps:

Reading (lectio): Read a passage of Scripture slowly and attentively.

Meditation (meditatio): Meditate on the passage, turning it over in your mind and connecting it with other passages in the Bible.

Prayer (oratio): Respond to God in prayer, telling him your thoughts, questions, hopes, fears, and desires as they relate to the passage.

Contemplation (contemplatio): Rest in God, enjoying his presence and receiving his love.

Christian tradition has developed other helpful ways for us to listen attentively to God speaking to us through his Word. The spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius, in which we use our imagination to place ourselves within the scene of a biblical story, is a particularly effective way to incorporate Scripture into our prayer.

As we study Scripture prayerfully, it shapes our relationship with God, which in turn shapes our whole life: our values, judgments, desires, words, and actions. Even though it was written thousands of years ago, Scripture addresses the challenges of our time. God's word speaks to family life, education, commerce, social justice, deadly pandemics, racial and political tensions, and living as God's people in a world that is too often hostile.

In times of uncertainty and turmoil, it is all the more essential to be nourished on Scripture every day. God's word becomes an anchor for our souls. We begin to see everything in this life in its true light: as passing away in preparation for our final destiny."

(To read the entire document visit: <https://www.aod.org/pastoral-letters-and-pastoral-notes>)

Excerpt from a thank you note to SVF Parishioners...

*"let them know how grateful we are at Madison Family Planning (Image of God) for all the support they have given our center. We depend upon such generosity to function and could not do God's work without it. You are all GREAT! Thank you. God Bless,"*

Pat & all the Volunteers



# World Marriage Day

A day when St. John Paul II gave his apostolic blessing.

**Sunday, February 18, 2024**

2:30-6:30 pm (doors open at 2:00 pm) Dinner at 3:00 pm followed by Speakers & Dancing

San Marino Club, 1685 East Big Beaver, Troy 48083

**Emcees: Deacon Dominick Pastore & Teresa Tomeo**

**Music by: Rennie Kaufmann & his daughter Esther**



## Dr. Tim & Karen Hogan: Embracing Marriage as a Joyful Adventure

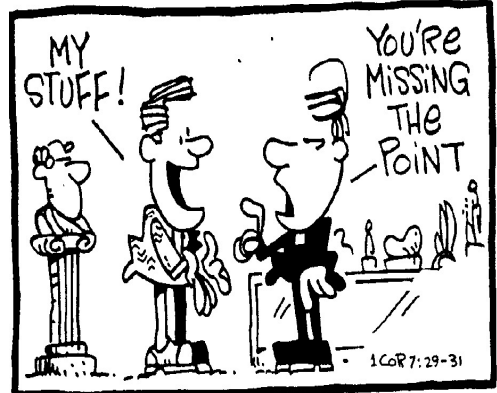
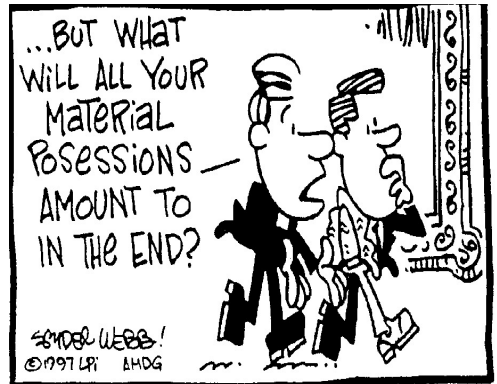


This is a chance to slow down and enjoy a dinner date with your spouse. Dr. Tim and Karen Hogan will show us how to use our marriage as a path of learning and purification, while also refreshing our friendship and re-awakening passion. You can expect to leave feeling encouraged and refreshed.

Karen and Tim Hogan have been on the marriage adventure for 34 years. From the beginning they have embraced marriage as a path of personal growth. They have been offering marriage retreats and seminars for many years. Karen is a spiritual director and Director of Faith Formation. Tim is a relationship therapist who recently published *The Gift of Cultural Hurricanes*. He has a small private practice in Plymouth, MI.

## Fr. Julius Milton

Fr. Julius Milton is a Franciscan Capuchin Friar living and ministering at the Capuchin Retreat Center in Washington Township, MI. He was born and raised in Tamil Nadu, a Southeast state in India. After his initial stages of the Capuchin seminary formation in Tamil Nadu, he came to the US for theological studies in 2017. Having been ordained as a priest on April 21, 2022, he assumed the responsibility as the Associate Director of Capuchin Retreat Center in June 2022. He loves the Capuchin life, the charisma of preaching, and accompanying people in their faith journey.



## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him.

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By January 1 - \$85/couple; after January 1 - \$95/couple  
Table Reservations \$400 (5 couples per table) by January 31  
On-line registration & payment: [WorldMarriageDay.org](http://WorldMarriageDay.org)

For questions about table reservations: Email Dan/Debbie at [worldmarriageday@yahoo.com](mailto:worldmarriageday@yahoo.com)

For general questions: Rich/Fran 586.979.0192 or [waldenlv2@wowway.com](mailto:waldenlv2@wowway.com)

ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY FEB 11, 2024



Mail-in Registration Please print both names to complete form w/ payment payable to: World Marriage Day

World Marriage Day  
43814 Falcon Lane  
Clinton Twp., MI 48038

Husband: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last First Last  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Tickets will NOT be sent to you, a name tag will be at the door

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP GIVING - WEEK ENDING JANUARY 14/ 15

Fiscal Year 7-1-23 to 6-30-24	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Env. Used & e-fund participants	245	83		
Offertory (including loose cash)	\$ 5,293.00	\$ 3,421.01	(1,871.99)	(6,681.58)
Energy	289.00	83.00	(206.00)	(1,110.61)
Other: Coffee & Donuts, Flowers, Memorial Trees, Candles	\$ 1,115.39	93.00	(1,022.39)	(26,694.08)
Mass Intentions	n/a	225.00		3,530.00
Holy Days: Mary Mother of God	n/a	25.00		4,517.00
Budget deficit donations		181.00		5,523.37
Christmas		98.70		28,553.21
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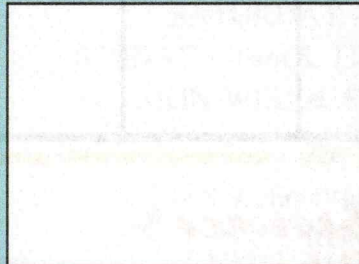
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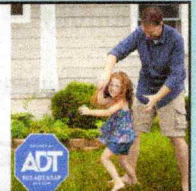
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