



St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

Madison Heights, MI www.stvincentferrer.net

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 † FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

From The Pastor

Lent has many faces and has taken on different expressions through the years. As a youth, Lent was a time of sacrifice, fasting, giving up, and hanging on until it was over. It was characterized by a focus on sin, penance, and efforts to be closer to Jesus and his Cross. More recently, Lent has become a time of attentive awareness to the life of Christ, the meaning of his Cross, and the great gift of our redemption.

Liturgically, the Church calls us to a time of increased prayer, fasting, and service to the poor as we prepare to renew our profession of faith at Easter. The core purpose of the season is to journey with the Lord Jesus toward a renewed commitment of faith through the Passion of Holy Week and the new life of Easter Sunday. Given the nature of sin and grace, the season wisely provides us the with opportunity to attend more closely to Jesus as Savior and Christ in how our profession of faith impacts our lives as we journey toward the promise of eternal life.

Rather than deciding what you are going to do for Lent, I liked how I heard this recently. What are *you and Jesus* going to do for Lent? Big difference. God needs nothing from us. We do not do things for God during Lent for God's sake. Lent is for our sake to sharpen our attentiveness to the unending love God has given us in the human-Divine Christ who offered himself in sacrifice for our sins. This is the approach I will take today.

We begin with Jesus. Immediately after his Baptism, the Holy Spirit drove Jesus into the desert. At his Baptism, Jesus is confirmed as the beloved Son with whom the Father is well pleased. In the confirmation of his identity, Jesus is sent forth to fulfill his mission as the Divine Son. To prepare for this mission, the Spirit drives Jesus to the desert. Why? To take an extended period of prayer with attentive awareness to the Father's love in the communion of the Divine will to save the world. Could he do it? Was he willing to surrender his life against the weight of evil, sin, and death? Did he have the strength, faith, and trust in the Father to fulfill this mission? Jesus fully shared the Father's will, but could he accomplish it through the flesh of his human person in obedient surrender? Jesus successfully resisted every temptation of the Devil and was fully prepared to serve the Father's will in death to new life.

With Jesus, what are we to do with our forty days? Pretty much the same thing Jesus did. We are invited, with Jesus, to spend time in attentive awareness of God pondering our faith, our life habits, our ways of loving, and the hope we hold in the mystery of Christ. This

attentiveness calls for a mature disciplined sense of presence. It is a call to self-awareness that will lead us to a greater awareness of God in our way of life. Such awareness will naturally bring to mind faults, sins, or non-lifegiving activity. We can bring this to the Lord and have conversation, both speaking then listening. It can also be a time to ponder the grace and blessings you have known, and all the ways you feel God's love and care for you.

These forty days are a time to deepen our love for God in the awareness of the redemption given us in the Lord Jesus. Our sacrifices of the season are not so much an offering for our sin, as they are a willing desire to offer God our love, sorrow, and repentance. We cannot give God anything to merit the mercy God freely gives to us. What God wants is our desire to know, love, and serve him in the model and example of Jesus. To do so is to make God more present in the world through our imitation of Christ. God wants us to want to freely love him and to follow the way of the Son.

Pondering our sin or our unloving ways is one important way to renew our relationship with God. Name your sin, confess to God with sorrow, and resolve to do better. More deeply, how invested are you in the gift of God's personal love for you? Are you aware and attentive to this love? Does God's love for you and your awareness of this love express itself in meaningful ways in your life? Does the love of Christ and his redemption play an active role in your self-awareness as you engage in daily activities and relationships?

Where do you see an active desire to love God in your life? How does that love express itself? Do not always look through the lens of sin, faults, or failures. Consider your inner truth, your goodness, and light. How do you bring that light, love, and goodness to others, to the world? This may come through active engagement and connection with others. It may come through a mature commitment to pray for those in need. It may come in a deep desire to pray for the world and all the suffering, war, and oppression that surrounds us. You may feel a deep desire to know and do God's will supported by prayer that leads to action.

Lent can be so much more than giving up this or that and denying yourself a favored pleasure. Lent is a rich opportunity to deeply realize the love that sustains you in life, the love that forgives your sin, and promises eternal life. Lent can renew us in the love of Christ that could change the world. Consider what you could do to help that happen.

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 Noon

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



MONDAY, February 19, 2024

8:00am Mass: Jane McKay (for healing) req. by Bernadette Gutowski

TUESDAY, February 20, 2024

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

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 2024

8:00am Mass: Dianne Karolski† req. by Debbie Tourville

THURSDAY, February 22, 2024

8:00am Mass: Francis Bischoff, Jr. (Birthday Blessings) req. by Jane McKay

SATURDAY, February 24, 2024

4:00pm Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer Donna Dietrich† req. by Family

Jean & Mike Pietraszewski (successful eye surgery)

SUNDAY, February 25, 2024

9:00am Mass: Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer Stefanija & Pranas Juska (Memorial Anniversary) req. by Regina Juska-Svoba

Anna Perry† req. by Corrine McCarthy

Dianne Karolski† req. by Sr. Nancy Zajac

Joseph Dong Kim Pham req. by Family

Carlo Virga† req. by Virga Family



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

February 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/ 1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

*All are invited to Fr. John's
Lenten Reflections on*

**EUCHARIST REVEALED
AND RECEIVED IN THE
LENTEN SEASON**

*Wednesday evenings
February 21, 28, March 6, 13
at 7:00pm in church*

Virtual Soup Supper

Donations for our first Virtual Soup Supper this week will go to Song & Spirit. This charity seeks to bring people together from different faith traditions to engage in creative services through outreach to the poor, in music, art and education. Located in Royal Oak, it collects and delivers food, clothing, and care packages containing everyday necessities for personal hygiene across Metro Detroit. It is committed to engaging others in creative service. Make a donation to Song & Spirit at Fr. John's reflection, at the Parish office or online at www.stvincentferrer.net. **Checks must be made payable to St. Vincent Ferrer Church.** For more information on this charity visit: <https://songandspirit.org>.



Thanks to Angela Maynard for the following soup recipe:

HEALTHY TACO SOUP

- Needed:
- 1 lb chicken or more if you desire
 - 1 diced onion, some minced onion
 - 1 can each of fat free pinto beans, black beans and corn, drained
 - 1 can diced tomatoes with green chilies, not drained
 - 2 c fat free chicken broth
 - 1 package taco seasoning
 - 1 package powdered Hidden Valley seasoning

Put all ingredients in a crock pot and cook on low for about 5 hours. Shred chicken when done.

Optional: Top with cheese & sour cream.
Sprinkle with taco chips. Enjoy!

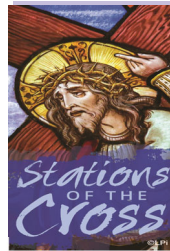
**HEALING MASS
NEXT SATURDAY**

FEBRUARY 24, 2024 - 4:00pm

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



**Anointing
of the Sick**



ALL ARE WELCOME

**Fridays at 7:00pm
Feb. 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22
in church or online at our
youtube channel**

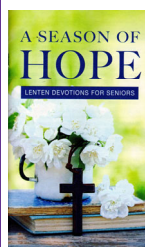


When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous "Double Rainbow" video on YouTube to feel better. It's hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. "Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!" he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, "What does it *mean*?" Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What does it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante's medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God's promise of peace. For Dante, it's even more: nature's encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, "Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory." This Lent let's embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



**LENTEN
REFLECTION BOOKLETS**

Pick up a Lenten reflection booklet at the table in back of church.

To defer the cost, a \$2.00 or free will donation is appreciated.

**INSPIRATION
FOR THE WEEK**

In the desert, Jesus endured forty days of hardship and temptation. But he did not endure it alone: “the angels ministered to him,” the Gospel tells us. Remember that you do not face Lent alone. God is beside you in your journey to the desert. ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

First Reading: Gn 9:8-15

God used a rainbow as a sign of his covenant with Noah and all living creatures to never again flood the earth. Are there some additional signs in your life of God’s love for us?

Second Reading: 1 Pe 3, 18-22

Peter taught that baptism serves as an appeal or pledge to God for a clear conscience. What leads you to an examination of conscience?

Gospel: Mc 1, 12-15

After a brief report of Jesus’ temptation by Satan in the desert, we hear the first words of Jesus at the launch of his public ministry in Galilee: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel ©LPi

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent
- Monday: Presidents’ Day
- Wednesday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- Friday: St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
- Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent ©LPi



...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

Lent and the Flood

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I would bet money that somewhere in your church this Lent, there’s a bare tree branch draped in purple fabric and an empty bowl filled with rocks.

I’m not poking fun, the desert imagery that surrounds the season of Lent isn’t a cliché — or if it is, it’s only because cliches are essentially true. Lent *is* the dessert. Lent is the wilderness. Lent is the time of less.

But what if Lent was also the flood?

It seems counterintuitive, floods are excessive, and we don’t think of Lent as a time for superabundance. Lent is when we limit experiences outside of ourselves in order to limit proclivities within ourselves. Lent is not a time for anything to be washing over us, consuming us, carrying us away on a tide.

Unless...it is.

Consider the flood of the Old Testament. An act of destruction, yes, but also an act of purification. An endurance test for the soul, an epic trust fall exercise between God and Noah in which Noah had to ride the literal waves, clinging to life as God wiped away everything familiar. Everything sinful.

In Lent, we relinquish our weaknesses and our infirmities to the flood. It’s frightening, certainly. But it’s also exciting. Because just as the flood destroys everything, it also makes everything possible. It is a baptism.

Lent, like the flood, makes the world new.

“Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.” — 1 Peter 3:18 ©LPi

EVANGELICAL CHARITY

PRAYER BLANKET & CARDS FOR SHUT-INS MINISTRY MEETINGS

February 22 - 6:00pm - Parish Hall

Prayer Blanket and Decorating Cards For Shut-Ins Ministries will meet this Thursday, February 22nd from 6-8pm in the church social hall. You don’t need to be a seamstress or an artist to join the group. All are welcome, including children.



FEBRUARY 14 TO MARCH 24

“40 Days for Life” is an international, grassroots organization that campaigns against abortion in more than 60 nations worldwide through prayer, fasting, and peaceful witness.” To register for a weekly hour of prayer in front of Planned Parenthood facility - 23338 Woodward Ave, near the zoo, visit www.40DaysforLife.com/Ferndale

*Lenten Catechesis
For Adults & Youth (over 12)*

**Monday & Thursday Evenings
Beginning February 19
7:00pm-8:00pm - Admin Bldg.**

This Monday, February 19th, we will begin a series of talks/catechesis offered by missionaries serving in the Archdiocese, including our DRE, Matthew Zinser. The talks will take place throughout the season of Lent. Numerous topics will be covered over the weeks from Scripture to the Second Vatican Council. It will culminate with beautiful catecheses on the Eucharist and taking a close look at how the very first Christians lived and celebrated their faith. If you have any questions, please call Matthew at 646-369-8619

We hope to see you this Monday!

Women's Sacred Journey

SATURDAY, FEB. 24 - 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.

Ministry Schedule

February 24/25, 2024

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

**Traveling Chalice Host beginning week of Feb. 24/25, 2024
Frank & Nina Virga**

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

VESTMENT COLORS

Question: What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

Answer: In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

White: Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.


Red: As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.

Violet: The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).

Green: A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.

Other colors: Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.

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OH,
COME
LET US
ADORE
HIM.

Come Spend Time With Jesus

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Real Presence of Jesus, is on Tuesdays following the 8:00am Mass until Noon.

52 Sundays

52 Sundays is a free weekly resource from the Archdiocese of Detroit which will help families reclaim Sunday and prioritize time spent with each other and our Lord. Each week the family will receive:

- A prayer to grow in faith as a family
- Activities to help bring the Gospel to life
- Recipe of the week for meal planning and more!

52 Sundays content is free and fully accessible online, with the option to print each week's resources. Sign up at: <https://www.52sundays.com/year/2024>

What Are The Symbols Of Lent And What Is Their Meaning?

Lent is a forty-day penitential season spent in preparation for the highest holy days of our Christian faith, the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Over the centuries many symbols have evolved that represent key spiritual aspects of this holy season.

Ashes. In the Old Testament ashes represent death and sorrow for sins. Ashes and dust are synonymous. Our bodies are made of dust (Gen 2:7), and upon death they return to “dust and ashes” (Gen 18:17). Ashes serve as a stark reminder of human mortality which is a compelling reason to do penance. In biblical times, once people admitted their sins they covered themselves with sackcloth and ashes (Jer 6:26; 25:34; Dan 9:3; Jonah 3:6,10) as a public admission of guilt, a plea for God’s mercy, a promise to reform, and a pledge to resist future temptation. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from the burning of palms from previous Palm Sundays, the residue is crushed into a fine powder, and then applied to the forehead in the Sign of the Cross with one of two statements: “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel” (Mk 1:15) or “Remember you are dust and unto dust you will return” (Gen 3:19). Antiphon I on Ash Wednesday urges us: “Come back to the Lord with all your heart; leave the past in ashes.”

Violet. Violet is the liturgical color for the season of Lent, as well as the color of the stole worn by the priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Violet is a somber color which symbolizes mourning, suffering, humility, regret, and the willingness to do penance, particularly fasting. Violet’s association with suffering is based upon Jesus’ Passion when the soldiers clothed him in a purple cloak and tortured him (Mk 15:17-20; Jn 19:2-3).

Barren stones. Jesus went out into the desert where the landscape was parched and the surface covered with loose stones and almost no sand. The stones are a symbol of austerity and rigor, desolation and misery, severity and sadness. The devil used stones to tempt Jesus, “If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread” (Mt 4:3), but Jesus made them a symbol for overcoming temptation when he replied, “One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Mt 4:4; Dt 8:3).

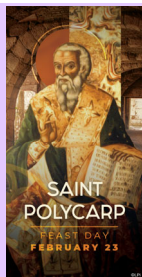
Fish. A fish is a Lenten symbol for the obligation to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and to abstain from all flesh meat on every Friday in Lent.

Praying Hands. Praying hands represent prayer, the activity that ranks first among the other three traditional penitential practices: fasting, almsgiving, and works of charity. Prayer is the premier way to strengthen one’s relationship with God, and in so doing, to turn away from sin.

Incense. Incense is another symbol for prayer. The Psalmist wrote, “Let my prayer come like incense before you” (Ps 141:2); it was customary to burn incense in the Temple to worship God (Lk 1:9); and in John’s vision of heaven the elders were gathered around the throne of the Lamb, and “Each held bowls filled with incense which are the prayers of the holy ones” (Rev 5:8). As incense smoke curls upward in the air, may our prayers rise upward to God, and as the fragrant fumes have a pleasing aroma, so may the sincerity of our prayer be pleasing to God.

Money Bag. A Money Bag or Money Bags symbolize the Lenten penitential practice of almsgiving. It is “penitential” because it “covers a multitude of sins” (Sir 3:29). In fact, the archangel Gabriel, the great messenger for God, exhorted Tobit and his son Tobiah, “Prayer and fasting are good, but better than either is almsgiving accompanied by righteousness. It is better to give alms than to store up gold, for almsgiving saves one from death and expiates every sin. Those who give alms shall enjoy a full life” (Tob 12:8,9).

Pretzels. Pretzels had their origin in early Christian Lenten practice. “Because fat, eggs, and milk were forbidden during Lent, a special bread was made with dough consisting of only flour, salt, and water. These little breads were shaped in the form of arms crossed in prayer and were called *bracellae* (Latin, ‘little arms’). Among the Germans the Latin word became ‘*bretzel*.’ These pretzels were a common Lenten food throughout the Middle Ages in Europe and became an all year round snack, in its original shape, only in the 19th century” (Dues, G., *Catholic Customs and Traditions*, 76-77).
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EUCHARISTIC SAINTS SERIES

ST. POLYCARP OF SMYRNA | FEBRUARY 23

As a disciple of St. John, the Evangelist, St. Polycarp was able to hear about Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection directly from those who witnessed it. Because Polycarp was ordained as Bishop of Smyrna by St. John, he is one of three chief Apostolic Fathers, along with Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch.

During his life Polycarp defended the Church against heresies. His important writing, the *Letter to the Philippians*, quoted the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, stressing Paul’s authority in the Church and setting out clear arguments against the gnostic heresy that denied Christ’s divinity. The early period of the Church was a dangerous time to be a Christian and like many, St. Polycarp was martyred. He was captured by Romans and sentenced to burn at the stake. However, the fire did not touch him, instead rising up like sails around him. Seeing that the flames would not injure Polycarp, the Romans stabbed him instead. The Martyrdom of Polycarp is perhaps the earliest fully preserved account of a Christian martyr. ©LPi

*Lent is like a long
'retreat'
during which we
can turn back to
God, in order to
defeat the
temptations of the
Evil One.*

Pope Benedict XVI

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

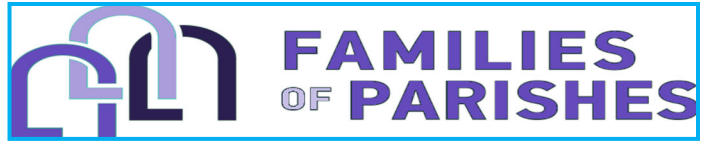


Weekend schedule: Registration, Friday 4:30pm
(Dinner 6:00pm)

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
For more information call 248.644.4933



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 6:00pm

WEEKDAYS (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

Eucharistic Revival & Community Meal

FEBRUARY 25-27 - 6:30PM

Feb. 25: St. Margaret of Scotland in St. Clair Shores

Fr. Jim Lowe C.C. will give a talk, followed by confessions and adoration

Feb. 26: St. Pio in Roseville

Fr. David Preuss, OFM Capuchin will give a talk bringing with him a relic of Blessed Solanus Casey for veneration and intercession

Feb. 27: Our Lady of Hope in St. Clair Shores

Bishop Jeffrey Montforton will conclude the Eucharistic Revival Mission with Mass.

For info on what to bring for the community meal each evening contact each parish above

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Which Catholic order produces the famous blue Ermite cheese?

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Answer: The Benedictine Order.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP GIVING - WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 10/11

<i>Fiscal Year 7-1-23 to 6-30-24</i>	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Env. Used & e-fund participants	245	111		
Offertory (including loose cash)	\$ 5,293.00	\$ 5,607.32	314.32	(4,433.32)
Energy	289.00	255.00	(34.00)	(935.61)
Other: Coffee & Donuts, Flowers, Memorial Trees, Candles	\$ 1,115.39	143.00	(972.39)	(29,867.78)
Mass Intentions	n/a	140.00		3,920.00
Holy Days:	n/a			4,497.00
Budget deficit donations		246.00		6,187.37
2023 CSA overage (pledges outstanding - 3,200.00)				6,570.43

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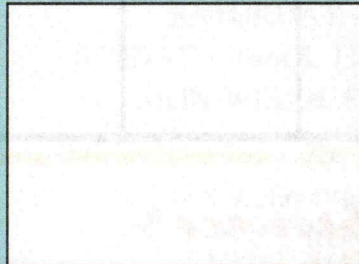
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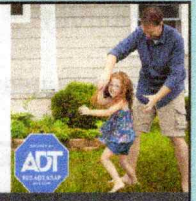
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