



St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community

Madison Heights, MI www.stvincentferrer.net

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 + THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From The Pastor

This weekend you will hear a video from Archbishop Edward Weisenburger regarding the restructuring of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Although this may feel like a surprise, this necessary initiative has been anticipated for ten years or more. You are familiar with the Family of Parishes model we are now working under. This was initiated by Archbishop Vigneron to fast track a better coordination of the Archdiocese due to the impact of the Covid pandemic. The Family of Parishes model was never intended to be a long-term solution to the decreasing number of priests and the significant decrease of people who attended Mass during and after the pandemic. A long-term response to these impactful concerns is on the minds of Bishops around the country.

Archbishop Weisenburger has engaged the Catholic Leadership Institute to design and implement a restructuring of all the parishes, buildings, and resources in our Diocese. This Institute has worked in several other Diocese, including Boston, Cleveland, and Cincinnati, as well as others around the country. Our Archbishop has recently returned from Rome after review and approval of the proposed framework for the plan. This is intended to be an eighteen-month process with resulting decisions and implementation by July of 2027. This initiative was made known to the priests about a month ago in a general meeting with the Archbishop, his leadership team, and the team with Catholic Leadership Institute. Subsequently, some parish staff, and Archdiocesan employees were informed of the initiative.

In the early years of our Diocese, founded in 1833, the Church was thriving and growing rapidly. Churches, parishes, and schools grew up overnight, vocations were thriving in the priesthood and religious sisters. Today, the landscape and demographics have changed dramatically. Through the sixties and seventies, vocations fell across the board, parish schools began to struggle with increasing costs with the loss of many religious sisters. At its peak, the Archdiocese served 1.5 million Catholics. Today, this number is closer to nine hundred thousand with only 150,000 going to Mass regularly. This leaves hundreds of unused schools, buildings, and other properties no longer needed costing parishes and the diocese money it does not have.

Through the seventies and beyond, many Catholics moved away from the city of Detroit for more northern and western communities. Larger and more

populated parishes and schools now reside in these locations. Older well-established parishes in the closer rings around the city of Detroit are struggling for parishioners, income, and priests to serve them. This is a snapshot of the broadest reasons it is necessary to restructure the parishes and resources of the Archdiocese as they exist today. Without singular blame or fault, this is the reality of the social, demographic, and spiritual change over the course of time. To do nothing and hang on as we are, is imprudent and dangerous for the wellbeing of the whole.

All parishes will have a voice and be represented in this process. Each parish has identified five or more key parish leaders who will serve as listeners and discussion moderators in this process. At SFV, we are blest to have eight leaders willing to serve in this role. They have and will attend meetings for training and program information. We are at an early stage in this process and many of the details have not yet been made known.

What I do know is there will be listening/sharing sessions, input from pastors and parish personnel, as well as statistical demographics, finance, parish size, and priest availability used to determine the model(s) used in preparing the final proposal. Again, we are early in the process, and I am not aware of how these details will play out. Despite my years beyond retirement age, I am motivated to participate with other pastors and key parish leaders to work toward the best solution(s) possible.

An obvious question most people will ask is, will my parish remain open? I do not know the answer to this question. Obviously, we want our parish to remain open and viable as we continue the good works and strong faith active in our community. All parishes and pastors will feel the same. It is a time to practice the faith we hold with trust and steady hearts as we move through this historic work. Pray. Be at peace. Do what you can to keep the gossip and rumors under control. Please pray for our eight parish leaders who will actively serve in the process. Ask the Holy Spirit what you can do personally to be a light of hope in this time of change.

I personally support this necessary process and pray it will be directed wisely, justly, and compassionately to serve the needs of all believers in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Father John Esper

Liturgical Schedule

DAILY MASS

8:00am Monday thru Thursday

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday - 4:00pm

Sunday - 9:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45pm
in Chapel

Live Streaming of the Following:

LIVE
STREAMING

Daily & Weekend Masses

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

Rosary on Thursdays
following 8:00am 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 - 9:00am to 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
Matthew Zinser, Evangelical Charity Coordinator/
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Coordinator
Carl Copen, Facilities Supervisor
Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

248-542-8720 – call for appointment

Matthew Zinser, Childhood Faith Formation Coordinator

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

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, November 17, 2025

8:00am Mass: Wayne Maynard† (4th R.A.) req. by wife, Angela

TUESDAY, November 18, 2025

8:00am Mass: Mary Guaiana† req. by Mary Jane Guc

WEDNESDAY, November 19, 2025

8:00am Mass: Mary Samel† (Memorial Birthday) req. by Corrine McCarthy

THURSDAY, November 20, 2025

8:00am Mass: All deceased bishops, cardinals & popes

SATURDAY, November 22, 2025

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

Donna Dietrich† req. by Family

Genevieve Kairis† req. by Sadie Nimoor Family

Tony Szeliga† req. by Jeanette & Family

All deceased parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer and St Dennis

Denise & Rich Lowe (healing) req. by Joe & Renee

Hauzie

SUNDAY, November 23, 2025

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

Doug Evans† req. by Family & Friends

JoAnn Rearick† req. by Mary Jane Guc

Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family

Deceased priests, deacons, and order brothers and

sisters who ministered at St. Vincent Ferrer & St. Dennis

Denise & Rich Lowe (healing) req. by Joe & Renee

Hauzie

Rorie Grant (Birthday Blessings) req. by Bernadette Gutowski



Readings for the Week

November 16, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 (see 9)/2
Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53,
61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b a
and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk
19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd,
11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/
Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

PRAYER BLANKET & CARDS for SHUT-INS MINISTRY MEETINGS

Thursday, November 20 - 6:00pm - Parish Hall

Due to Thanksgiving, the Prayer Blanket Ministry and Decorating Cards for Shut-Ins Ministry will meet this Thursday, November 20th in the church social hall from 6-9pm. All are welcome, children as well as adults. No artistic talent is required.

EXTENDED ADORATION HOURS DURING ADVENT - PLEASE SIGN UP



On Tuesdays during Advent, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following 8am Mass will extend until Noon, but we will need people to sign up keep Jesus' company during those hours. Please sign up to spend some time with Jesus. The sign-up sheets are located on the table outside the chapel.



*Father John's
42nd Ordination
Anniversary Mass &
Vocations Dinner*

December 13, 2025
Mass 4:00pm
St. Vincent Ferrer Church
Dinner 5:30pm
SVF Admin Bldg.

Menu
Appetizers
Salad
Rolls
London Broil
Chicken Marsala
Meatless Mostaccoli
Mashed Potatoes
Dessert
Beverages

Tickets
Tickets are \$30
No tickets at the door.
Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office or on weekends beginning 11-9 in back of church.

Raffles

RAFFLE BASKET DONATIONS NEEDED!

Join us in celebrating Fr. John's 42nd Anniversary of Ordination as a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit on December 13, 2025.

This year the basket theme will be "A JOYFUL HOPE"

We have so much to be joyful for at St. Vincent Ferrer. It is a joy to have Fr. John as our pastor. Since this is a special event, the value of each basket should be around \$50.00. There are several ways you can help:

- * You can be creative and assemble your own basket
- * You may donate the items, and we will create the basket for you.
- * You may make a monetary donation, and we will shop and create a basket for you.
- * Have fun with the theme. For instance, I am going to create a BBQ basket and call it "Joy of the Grill Master"

Bernadette Gutowski and Linda Collins will be managing the raffle. If you wish to donate a basket or items, please contact one of us. Bernadette (Bernadette42@comcast.net - 248-224-8771 or Linda (lcoll03@yahoo.com - 248-721-2109

The raffle will be held at the ordination dinner, and you must be present to win.

SIGN-UP TO LIGHT OUR ADVENT WREATH

Families and individuals are needed to light the Advent Wreath Candles.

Please sign up at the table outside the chapel by the Herbert St. entrance.



You are invited to Advent Tea

Renewing Our Hope in Jesus

Sunday, December 7
2:00 to 4:00pm
SVF Admin Bldg.

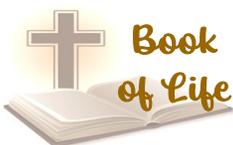
Advent Reflection by
Fr. Dan Crosby OFM Cap



A free will offering of a baby gift will go to Women's Pregnancy Aid Center in Madison Heights

It will be a prayerful, peaceful, relaxing atmosphere in which you can escape for a few hours. Join with friends to reflect upon the renewal of hope in Jesus as we begin this Advent season.

If you would like to host a table, or be a guest at someone's table, please sign up at the back of church after Mass the weekends of November 15/16, 22/23, and 29/30 or call the Parish Office at 248-542-8720 to RSVP by Monday, December 1st.



Book of Life

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

our parish and those whose funerals were celebrated at St. Vincent Ferrer during the past year. You are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones for our remembrance.



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a kid growing up in New England, I'd occasionally go on a whale watch. Once we went out with calm waters and clear skies. But on the way back in, the sea got rough. I was just a kid, and I remember thinking we should turn left or right toward the shoreline I could see. But the pilot of the boat kept going straight — right into the waves — focused on a small, discouragingly distant lighthouse. Even when it flickered in and out of sight, he stayed the course. He knew where he was going.

That image comes to mind when I hear Jesus' words in today's Gospel regarding false messiahs: **"Do not follow them" (Luke 21:8)**. In times of chaos or uncertainty, there are always voices offering easier routes, promising false safety, claiming to speak for God. But Jesus isn't found in the loudest voice or the nearest shoreline. He is steady, like a lighthouse in the storm.

The tribulation of which Jesus speaks — it's real. It happened to the Temple, it happened to him, it happens in the Church, and it will come to each of us. But the command is not to panic. It's to endure. To keep steering toward him. Faith isn't about having all the answers or dodging every wave. It's about knowing where the lighthouse is — and trusting it enough to keep going, especially when false safety beckons us to stop.

— *Father John Muir*

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ADVENT BEGINS IN TWO WEEKS DEVOTIONS, *EXPLAINED!* – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

JESSE TREE, *Explained!*

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold "shoot from the stump of Jesse" who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

In a way, creating a Jesse tree is the telling of one big story — the redemption of man — through the telling of many smaller stories — the fall of Adam, God's promise to Abraham, the wandering of the Israelites, the greatness of David and the humble submission of Mary. A Jesse tree is adorned with symbols of these various people and stories, with the earliest ones hung from the topmost branches, progressing downward.

There are different versions of the Jesse Tree featuring different Old Testament figures and stories, but all begin with Adam and end with the birth of Jesus. It is an easy tradition to practice at home — all you need is a tree, paper, markers, scissors, string and a Bible.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - Nov. 22/23

The annual collection for CCSEM will be next weekend. Here in Oakland County, a variety of services are available such as Adoption and Foster Care, Adult Day Services, counseling for Behavioral Health and substance abuse, and the Senior Outreach Program, which supports low income and disabled seniors living at home by delivering essential groceries and personal items.

Opportunities for senior volunteering and enrichment can be found through the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Foster Grandparent Program, and Senior Companion Program.

Additionally, the Walking with Moms in Need initiative collaborates with the Archdiocese of Detroit to empower Catholic parishes and their members in spreading awareness about available resources for pregnant and parenting mothers facing challenges.

La Casa Amiga in Pontiac, the Center for Working Families offers numerous family support services, including help with jobs, education, and financial literacy, as well as a food pantry, mentoring, and tutoring options.

The Project Hope pro-life ministry supports pregnant and parenting mothers, while the La Casa Amiga Legal Clinic offers immigration support.

Envelopes for this collection are at the church entrances. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent Ferrer Church.



...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.

...respect for life from conception to natural death

...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.

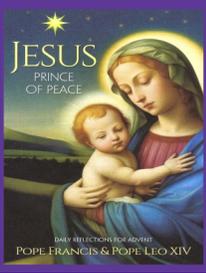
Lord Jesus,

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

Advent Reflection Book

Advent booklets with reflections from Pope Francis and Pope Leo are available in back of church after Mass.
A donation of \$1.00 is asked.





To be sure that Christmas donations are properly credited for Christmas, please do not submit them until after December 10th.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



**Saturday, Nov. 22nd at 9:00am
Faith Formation Office in School**

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

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

CALLING PRIESTS FATHER

Question: Why do Catholics call priests Father?

Answer: One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Mal 3:19-20a

Question: The prophet Malachi tells us that those who "fear" the Lord will be spared at God's coming judgment. What does it mean to "fear the Lord"?

2nd Reading: 2 Thes 3:7-12

Question: Paul gave the Thessalonians some very practical advice: work quietly and eat your own food! Are you open to taking advice from a loved one?

Gospel: Lk 21:5-19

Question: Jesus forewarned his followers that they will be persecuted for their faith in him, even with relatives and friends. How do you support friends and co-workers who are fellow believers?

Ministry Schedule		
November 22/23, 2025		
Mass	4:00pm	9:00am
Sacristan	D Tourville	C McCarthy
Reader #1	J McCown	A Goll
Reader #2	D Tourville	C McCarthy
EME	J McCown	A Goll
	T Pasiak	D Gray
	M Simmons	T Karolski
Greeters	J Ballantine	B Turchin
	P Miles	D Vu
	M Smith	B Gutowski
	R Juska-Svoba	J Ballantine
Traveling Chalice Host beginning week of Nov. 22/23, 2025		
Jennifer Ballantine		

GETTING TO KNOW OUR SAINTS

VENERABLE CORNELIA PEACOCK CONNELLY 1809-1870

Venerable Cornelia Peacock Connelly was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1809. Both of her parents died before she was 15 years old, so she spent many of her formative years living with her older sister Isabelle and her husband. While living with them, she met Pierce Connelly, an Episcopal cleric and joined the Episcopal church. Pierce and Cornelia were married in 1831 when she was 22 years old. They moved to the American South, had five children, and both converted to Catholicism. It's important to note here that, during this time, they practiced slavery as Pierce was gifted slaves by friends of theirs upon the birth of their first child. They later sold or transferred ownership of those enslaved peoples and ceased the practice.

Upon their conversation, Cornelia's husband Pierce dreamed of continuing his Episcopal priesthood as a Catholic priest. Unlike his previous appointment in the Episcopal church, however, his status as a married man prevented him from the pursuit of the continuation of his priestly vocation now that they were Catholic. To circumvent these restrictions, Pierce came up with an unorthodox plan while Cornelia was pregnant with their fifth child. He thought that if both he and Cornelia would agree to officially separate and then vow to live celibate lives, it was possible that Rome might allow for his ordination. Although devastated by this idea due to her love for her husband and her family, Cornelia reluctantly but faithfully agreed to support him.

Years later, in 1844, their plan was accepted by Rome and her husband was given permission to become a Catholic priest. This permission was conditional, however, upon Cornelia also taking vows of chastity as a religious sister. She agreed and they legally separated. He entered into ministry as a priest and she took residence with her young children with the sisters of the Society of the Sacred Heart, intending to enter the congregation once her children were old enough.

Eventually Cornelia decided not to join the Society of the Sacred Heart, but instead to found a brand new congregation — The Society of the Holy Child Jesus. The pope at the time, Pope Gregory, invited her to begin this congregation in England, where he saw a need for local Catholic schools. She eventually landed in the town of St. Leonards-on-Sea in East Sussex where she would remain for the rest of her life while her congregation flourished. Cornelia and her sisters were pioneers of Catholic education in England, founding many schools and educating countless young women.

During this time, however, Cornelia's relationship with Pierce would grow not only strained, but downright hostile. Once in England, Bishop Wiseman, her patron, did not think it wise for Pierce to visit her. Before the move to England, he had regularly visited with her and their children. Due to the new restriction on visitation, Pierce would go on to retaliate by removing their children from her care, banning them from communicating with her, and placing them in private boarding schools. He even prevented them from reading any of the letters she attempted to send to them.

As time went on, Pierce ended up leaving the Catholic priesthood and returning to the Episcopal faith. Following this decision, he petitioned Cornelia to leave the congregation she founded and all of her ministry work and return as his wife. When she refused, he actually SUED HER for loss of consortium but ultimately gave up when she appealed the original court ruling in his favor. Despite this incredible emotional burden, Cornelia continued to lead a thriving congregation and educate children and adults all over England.

She is remembered as a woman of her word who would stand her ground and defend those in need, including herself. She led her ministries with the joy of the Holy Spirit, enjoyed dancing, and eventually reunited with most of her children. She died in England in 1870 and was declared Venerable on June 13, 1992. The Sisters of the Holy Child continue her apostolic ministry of spiritual mercy in 14 countries around the world.

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Two Things Can Be True At Once

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

As my husband and I drove our firstborn child home from the hospital, I sat alongside my daughter in the backseat. Terrified, exhausted, exhilarated, confused, hopeful — I was all of these things at the same time. I gazed at her, this magnificent little creature whose face was both familiar and strange to me, thinking: *She is exquisite. She is the future. She is life.*

And then I burst into uncontrollable sobs.

“What’s wrong?” my husband cried, panicked, glancing in the rearview mirror.

“She’s — going — to — die — someday,” I blubbered, choking on my own tears.

“Ohhh, honey.” I’ll never forget the tone of his voice as he clearly debated turning this car around and taking me back to the hospital for an emergency psych evaluation. “I think you might be tired.”

Ten years later, it’s a memory we laugh about. I hadn’t slept more than four hours in four days. Postpartum hormones had lain waste to my senses. Here, on the threshold of new life, all I could think of was death. It’s funny. It’s absurd.

But it also makes a lot of sense.

Love and hate. Hope and fear. Joy and sorrow. Death and life. What lasts forever, and what is even now passing away before our eyes. To be human is to know that these feelings, these realities, can and often do occur at the same time. To be Christian is to know that it means something — even if we cannot understand what. Not yet.

In every moment of his earthly life, Christ shows us that two things can be true at once. A virgin is a mother. An exile is a king. The temple will be destroyed, and it will last forever. The world is ending. The world is beginning. The cross is death. The cross is life.

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus' words today are filled with fire and brimstone, vivid with images of pain, suffering, confusion — and, ultimately, peace. Do we believe what he promises? Do we have the endurance to stay with him until the end? ©LPi

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Healing the pain of abortion—one weekend at a time

Rachel's Vineyard is a retreat weekend for men and women that can help you experience God's love and compassion on a profound level in a confidential environment of emotional and spiritual safety.

The next Ann Arbor/Detroit area retreat will be Friday, Dec 12 thru Sun Dec 14, 2025

For more details and to register contact Beth Bauer
Email: toheal4give@outlook.com or call/text 734-879-0427

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a resource approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and offered throughout the United States and internationally.

SERRA VOCATION MINISTRIES

Dedicated to Promoting and Fostering Vocations

from the President...

Our mission at Serra is to grow "NEW VOCATIONS" to the ordained priesthood and vowed religious life while affirming "EXISTING VOCATIONS". By doing this we, through this ministry, grow in our Catholic faith and holiness.

from our Vocations Vice-President...

Check out our website for all the programs we have in place. We are currently looking to establish Vocations Committees at Oakland County parishes. We are looking for like-minded people to assist us on this mission so won't you please consider helping us.

from our Programs & Events Vice-President...

We meet monthly to pray a rosary, celebrate Mass and enjoy dinner and a speaker, all with the theme of vocations propagation.

from our Membership Vice-President...

A membership information evening is scheduled for
November 18 at 5:30pm
at Manresa Retreat House,

1390 Quarton Rd. Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

Please reach out to us via our website with any questions. **Check us out at: serradetroit.org**



Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of
Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose
Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Friday: The Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of
the Universe

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP GIVING - WEEK ENDING NOV 8/9, 2025

<i>Fiscal Year 7-1-25 to 6-30-26</i>	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Env. Used & e-fund participants	240	86		
Offertory	\$ 5,185.00	\$ 4,467.93	(717.07)	7,643.50
Energy, Coffee/Donuts, Flowers/Trees, Candles, Mass Intentions	472.00	310.00	(62.00)	(1,113.50)
Fundraising: includes Budget Deficit envelope, CSA returned	1,673.00	170.00	(1,503.00)	(2,845.32)
Bequests		112.00		1,441.00
Bequests: Thanksgiving		430.00		1,140.00
AOD Collections: Priest Retirement Fund		10.00		2,280.00
Holy Days: All Saints/All Souls		90.00		2,303.00
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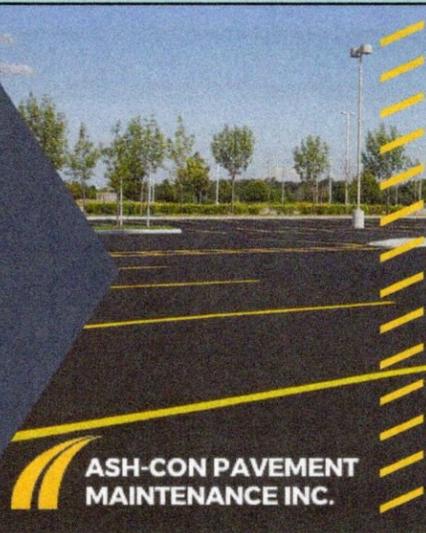
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