

July 5th
2026

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church

Madison Heights, MI - www.stvincentferrer.net

14th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

- Mt 11:28-30

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

ST VINCENT FERRER MASS TIME

SUNDAY - 9:00AM - LIVESTREAMED



Liturgy of the Word 9:00am
(also livestreamed)
followed by
Silent Adoration on
Tuesdays until 10:30am



Liturgy of the Word 9:00am
(also livestreamed)
followed by Rosary on
Thursdays



Search for St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church (in Madison Heights) on youtube to find our channel or connect via our APP or website

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Mary: 730 S Lafayette, Royal Oak 48067

Tuesday: 7:30 to 8:30pm

Friday: 6:30 to 7:30am

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00pm

National Shrine: 2100 W 12 Mile Royal Oak 48073

M thru F: following 6:30 Mass until all heard but no later than 8am

Saturday: following 8:30 Mass until all heard but no later than 10am

MASS INTENTIONS SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

9:00am Mass: Don Bessler† req. by Marie Bessler
John & Stella Gadowski† req. by Trish Gadowski
Mitchell & Rita Gniewek† req. by Darlene Kreska
Jane Bischoff† (Memorial Birthday) req by Jane McKay
Living & Deceased Members & Families of Fr. Heary K
of C Council

CONTACT INFORMATION

ST VINCENT FERRER PARISH OFFICE

28353 Herbert St., Madison Heights, MI 48071

248-542-8720 Fax 248-542-8721

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Closed Friday, Saturday, & Sunday



Reverend Paul Snyder, Moderator
Deborah Tourville, Bus. Mgr/Adult Faith Formation
Sheryl Brown, Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor
Jim Balistreri, Music Coordinator
Carl Copen, Facilities Supervisor
Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

**For sacramental information or funerals
contact the Parish Office 248-542-8720**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/
Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7,
8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-
10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/
Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and
17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/
Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



14th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, "They took offense at him. Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.'" Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

— Father John Muir

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SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

JULY 4-26

REQUESTED ITEMS

- Backpacks
- 2 Pocket folders
- Composition notebooks
- Markers/Washable markers
- Highlighters
- Glue sticks
- Colored pencils & Erasers
- Scissors - blunt-tipped & regular
- 24 pack crayons
- Rulers
- 5-star spiral notebooks: 1 subject
- White binders 1 1/2"
- Wide & college ruled paper
- Index cards
- #2 pencils/Pens
- Pencil cases & pencil sharpeners

HELP STUDENTS START THE SCHOOL YEAR RIGHT

Suicide Awareness

The CDC reports from 2023 that 1,529 people died from suicide in Michigan. The rate in males was 4 times higher nation wide then among females. Ages 85 and older had the highest rate. Overall, firearms were used more than 50% of the time for all ages. There was 1.5 million attempts, 12.8 million reported they seriously considered it, and 3.7 million reported they made a plan to go through with it.

Circumstances that protect against suicide include relationship, community and individual factors. Individual factors that protect against suicide include effective coping and problem solving, reasons for living, and a strong sense of cultural identity. Relationship factors that are healthy protect against suicide risk are support from partners and feeling connected to others.

These community factors protect against suicide risk. A feeling of connection to school, church, or other social clubs. Having the availability of consistent physical and behavioral health care.

Societal protective factors include reduced stress to lethal means of suicide along with cultural, religious or moral objections to suicide.

The following are lifelines if you are struggling.

- CALL OR TEXT 988
- CHAT AT 988LIFELINE.ORG
- Oakland County
 - 24 hour Crisis helpline 1 800 231-1127
 - Youth Mobile Crisis Team 877-800-1650
- Macomb County
 - Call 855-9962264 or 586-948-0222
 - between 8am and 8 pm M-F to learn more or schedule an appointment
- 24/7 Crisis Line 586 307 -9100

Always discuss these feelings with your Primary Care provider as well and ask for counseling referrals.

Angela Maynard Parish Nurse

Prayer Blanket Ministry

Many people have asked me about the ministry going forward. Many people think the Prayer Blankets are only given out during the Healing Masses. So, since Fr. John will not be here to do them any longer, they believe the blankets are no longer needed. THAT IS NOT TRUE. The Prayer Blankets are given out at any time; not only at the Healing Masses. Anyone who has a severe illness, is in the hospital, a rehab center, or nursing home, has an emotional or psychological difficulty, or is grieving the loss of a loved one is eligible for a prayer blanket. All they have to do is ask one of the sacristans, EMEs, or greeters in church at any time, or they can ask at the church office. A priest will bless the blanket and pray for the recipient before the blanket is given to the one in need. It does not even need to be a priest here at our church. Someone can take the Prayer Blanket to another church to have it blessed before giving it to the one in need. So, until we are told otherwise, the Prayer Blanket Ministry will continue. Hope to see you next Fall.

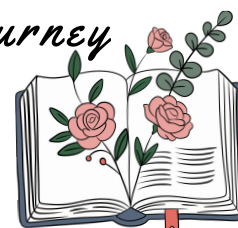
Renee Hauzie

Women's Sacred Journey

Saturday, July 11th at 9:00am

**Faith Formation Office
SVF School Bldg.**

Women's Sacred Journey group invites all women to join them in praying and reflecting on Scripture passages. The gathering is every other Saturday. No registration or fee required.



COME PRAY THE ROSARY

Join the Immaculata Prayer Group in praying the rosary every Monday evening at 6:30pm on the Admin Bldg Patio. Bring a chair. Rosaries are available for those who need one.





...government leaders everywhere 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, floods, wars, 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

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Zec 9:9-10

Question: Zechariah speaks of a just and humble king who will lead all people to a future of peace and joy. What are some things that make you genuinely happy?

2nd Reading: Rom 8:9, 11-13

Question: Paul teaches that the Spirit of God dwells in those who believe in Jesus. Where do you see the Holy Spirit active in your life?

Gospel: Mt 11:25-30

Question: Jesus speaks of himself as meek and humble of heart, and invites us to find “rest” in him. What are some burdens Jesus could relieve for you?



**Our target for this
year is
\$ 39,101.00.**

Thank you to all who have responded. St. Vincent Ferrer Parish has received \$27,844.00 in pledges or gifts. That amount is 71 % of our target.

Checks must be made payable to *Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA* and mailed to the gift processing center in Minnesota using the return envelope included in the packet mailed to parishioners. To make an electronic donation, please follow the directions on the pledge cards.

If you did not receive a CSA letter packet and wish to make a donation, please call the Parish Office.

Create A Community

Many young people want to make a path for themselves in life without the help and guidance of others. My own young adult son oftentimes refuses assistance because he feels that he must learn to go it alone and have his achievements based solely upon his effort. However, few truly get anywhere of circumstance without the aid of others.

The body of Christ only functions well when we move together and help each other. Unfortunately, too often parts of the body seek to do their own thing and do not integrate with the other parts. We use our gifts in ways that are only focused on our own gains and our own being. But be mindful, our gifts exist in us to be cultivated and shared with God and his people.

In the same manner, with Jesus as the head of this body, he is there for us as well. In Jesus we find our rest and assistance with our burdens. I cannot imagine life without the compassion and aid of our God. If it isn't bad enough that some people fail to lean on their brothers and sisters, some of them fail to ever turn to God.

This is never good stewardship. A stewardship way of life seeks to share and integrate with others, especially Jesus. We have been created for community. If we take seriously our discipleship, a true relationship with Jesus always beckons us into community with other believers. Here we are strongest. Here we are the most fruitful. Here we are Christ's body on earth.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Can Catholics Gamble?

Question: The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

Response: Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs. ©LPi

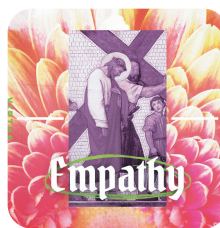
Observances of the Week

- Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin Martyr
- Thursday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday: St. Benedict, Abbot
- Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the term for an uninterrupted hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament? ©LPi

Answer: Holy Hour



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Empathy, Explained!

The virtue of empathy describes our ability to connect emotionally with the suffering of others. It's our interior capacity to appreciate and experience other people's feelings — to the extent, even, that we allow those feelings to impact our own decisions and our own actions.

Christ had empathy for us and for our state of imprisonment in original sin. He had empathy for the suffering we endure because of our self-imposed exile from friendship with God. This empathy meant that he sacrificed himself willingly for our salvation — he wanted to do it, because he had allowed our feelings to intermingle with his own.

Since empathy flows directly from charity, the theological virtue that enables us to love God and to love others, we can use charity as a way to increase the empathy we feel. If we find ourselves struggling to muster empathy in a particular situation, engaging in charity will liberate us from our state of self-centeredness. ©LPi

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

July 12, 2026

MASS	4:00PM
Sacristan	T Riley
Reader #1	P Miles
Reader #2	A Goll
EME	L Collins
EME	L Yolkiewicz
EME	N Virga
Greeter	P Rarus
Greeter	M Smith
Greeter	T Lane
Greeter	D Vu

**Traveling Chalice Host Beginning July 12, 2026
Duane & Marge McLaughlin**

Faith Like a Child

If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with — or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of “mine” turn to laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe.

I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don't you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired. Also, we at times are generous and loving people. It is sin that draws us back into ourselves and away from any meaningful life of stewardship and generosity. In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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THE SMALLNESS OF GREAT FAITH

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

My children attend Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) for their faith formation. Because of its Montessori basis, CGS atriums, which are something like classrooms, contain lots of objects made from real materials — authentic glass, wood, and ceramic.

This is a polite way of saying there are lots of breakable things in there.

So when my four-year-old entered the atrium on her first day of CGS, my whole body tensed, wondering what she would shatter first. I had to restrain myself from crying out, “Don't touch anything!” She spotted the prayer table — the low, wooden stand which holds an open Bible, candles, a vase with flowers and a statue of the Good Shepherd. It's the centerpiece of every atrium.

She knelt before the table. She made the sign of the cross. And she sat there, still and silent.

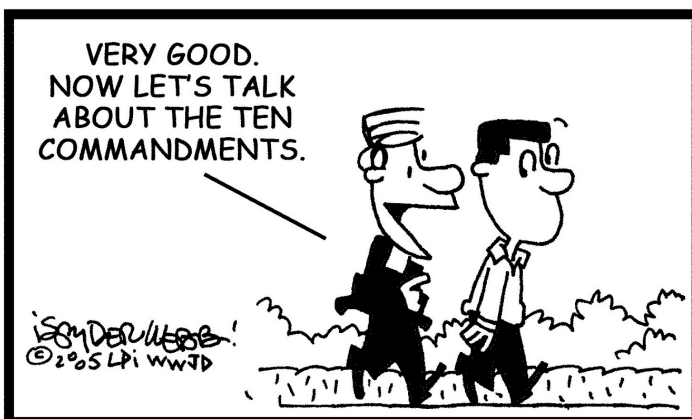
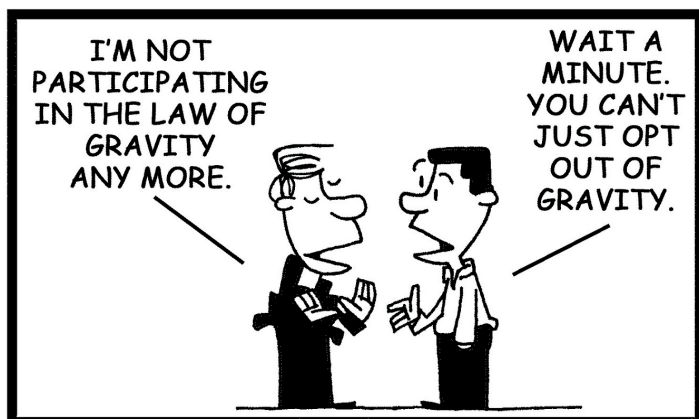
I stopped dead in my tracks. How had she known to come here? And where did she learn to make the sign of the cross? (Obviously we've tried to teach her, but she does it wrong every time!) And why was she sitting there so quietly, so expectantly, in front of a book she can't read?

A thought came to me so clearly: Well, Colleen, you can read that book. But can you understand it?

It is so easy for us to forget that great faith does not require great intelligence. It does not require great knowledge of the world and its workings. Great faith does not require the believer to possess any answers.

Great faith only requires the believer to know his own smallness.

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OUR LORD PREFERS
TO WAIT HIMSELF
FOR THE SINNER
FOR YEARS RATHER
THAN KEEP US WAITING
FOR AN INSTANT.

-ST. MARIA GORETTI

St. Maria Goretti July 6

Have you heard of the patron saint of purity? Born to peasant parents in southern Italy, St. Maria Goretti was a devout girl whose life was marked by difficulty. Her father died when she was nine, leaving her single mother with six mouths to feed. Two neighbors helped on the family farm, including a young man named Alessandro. He began making crude comments towards Maria. She repeatedly denied him. After several years, Alessandro attacked Maria to force himself on her. She resisted and, in his anger, Alessandro stabbed her. Maria died from the wounds' infections, but her last words were "I forgive Alessandro Serenelli, and I want him with me in heaven forever." While he was in prison, Maria appeared to Alessandro with a bouquet of roses, one for each wound he inflicted. In a true miracle of mercy, Alessandro experienced repentance, became a Franciscan brother after his release, and was later present at Maria's canonization. St. Maria Goretti, pray for us! LPi

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

These days, everyone's an expert. We have a world of information at our fingertips. But some answers can't be found in newspapers or even history books. What God hides from the wise, He reveals to the little ones. Are you looking in the right place? ©LPi

FAMILIES OF PARISHES MASS SCHEDULES

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica

2100 W Twelve Mile, Royal Oak, 48073

SATURDAY - 8:30am and 4:30pm (livestreamed)

SUNDAY - 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 6:00pm
3:30pm (Spanish)

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

6:30am (livestreamed), 8:30am

St. Mary Magdalen

50 E Annabelle Ave, Hazel Park, 48030

WEDNESDAY - Noon

SATURDAY - 4pm & SUNDAY - 10:00am

St. Mary

730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, 48067

SATURDAY - 4:30am

SUNDAY - 9:00am & 11:00am

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



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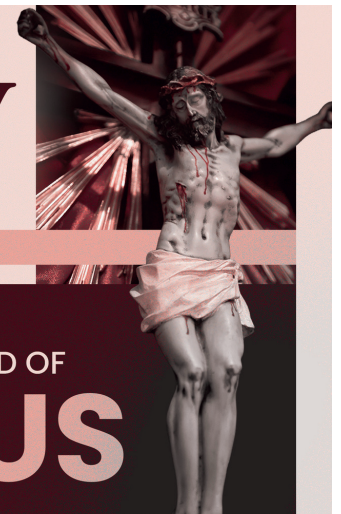
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