

July 26th

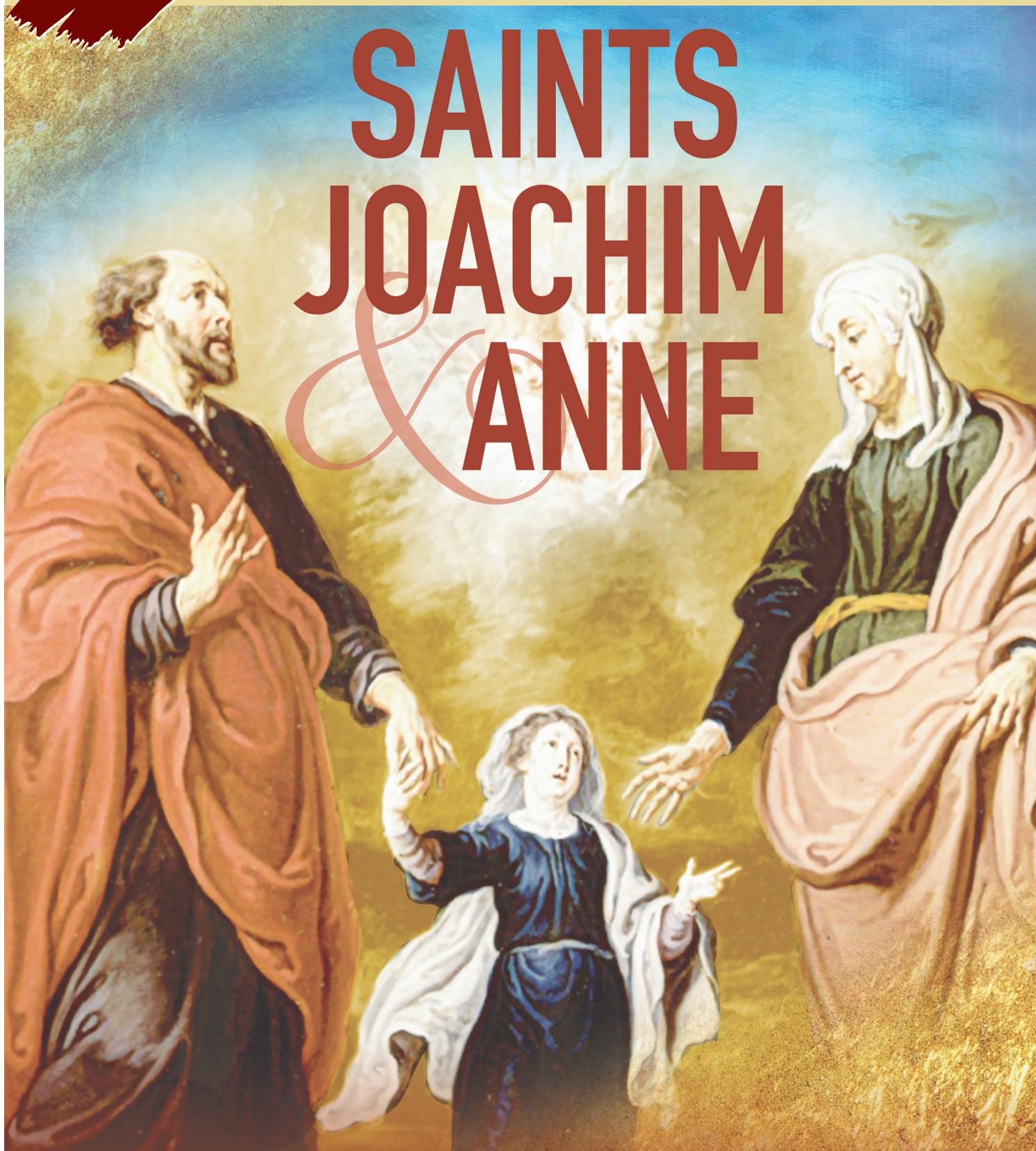
2026

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church

Madison Heights, MI - www.stvincentferrer.net

SOLEMNITY OF SS. JOACHIM AND ANNE

SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE



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, AUGUST 2, 2026

Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family

Jason Bertolini† req. by Family

Tony Szeliga† req. by Jeanette Szeliga

Dianne Karolski† (Memorial Wedding Anniv) req. by Tom Karolski

Jaye Kairis† (7th R.A.) req. by Mike Kairis Family

Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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Carl Copen, Facilities Supervisor

Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

**For sacramental information or funerals
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Solemnity of Ss. Joachim & Anne

Falling on a Sunday, this year, the Solemnity of Ss. Joachim and Anne takes liturgical precedence over the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Ss. Joachim and Anne are the father and mother of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus.

Throughout the Catholic world, except in the United States, this day is also the celebration of *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, designated so in 2021 by Pope Francis. In our country, *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* is celebrated in conjunction with *National Grandparents Day* in September, which has been celebrated since 1978.

“I will never forget you’ (Is 49:15) is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the *Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* which aims to emphasize how God's love for each person never fails, even in the fragility of old age.

Taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah, the chosen verse is intended to be a message of consolation and hope for all grandparents and the elderly, especially those who live in solitude or feel forgotten. At the same time, it is a call to families and ecclesial communities not to forget them, recognizing them as a precious presence and a blessing.”

from Dicastery for Laity & Family Life website

“The celebration of *World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly* is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God. May this day, therefore, be an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family and even those who have no one to visit them.”

Pope Leo XIV

Traveling Vocations Chalice



Families and individuals are needed to host the Traveling Vocations Chalice for a one week commitment. Prayers are included with the chalice.

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

Solemnity of Ss. Joachim & Anne

Jesus' Grandparents

Question: July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

Answer: Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

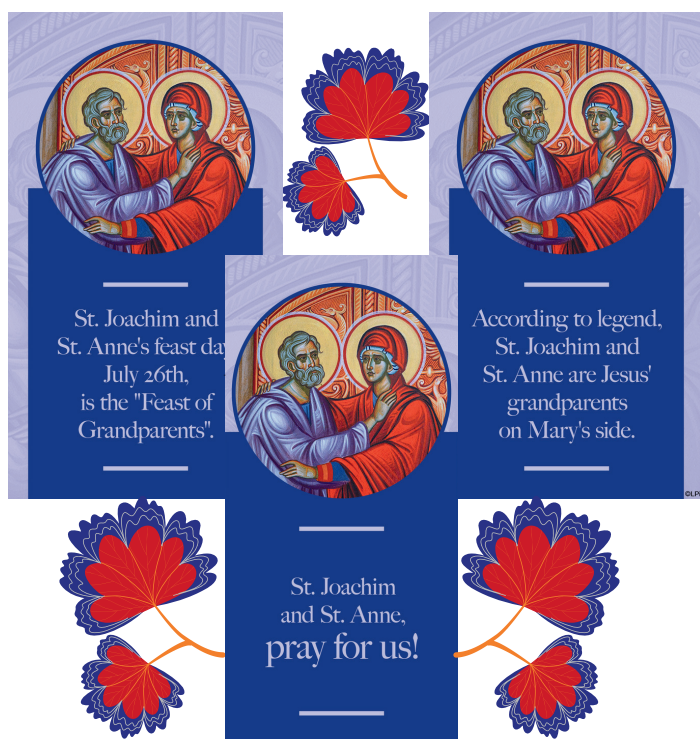
James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation--God becoming human!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34
Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21



Prayer for the 6th World Day for
Grandparents and the Elderly

Holy Father

Who watches over every person

Watch over me too when I am elderly.

*You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
And You were not discouraged by my frailties.*

You hold me tenderly in your hands,

And You caress my lines.

You will never forget me! (see Is 49:15).

Grant that I may not fear my weakness;

Help me learn to love it

Just as You love it.

Help me learn to listen to it

Just as You listen to it.

Help me embrace it

Just as You have chosen it –

*You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in
humility.*

*May growing old strip away all our pride
and all division*

*So that we may live these years
united in You.*

You will never forget us! (see Is 49:15)

Amen.

from Vatican Dicastery for
Laity, Family and Life



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

...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

To be added to the prayer list or remain on it after four weeks, please call the office at 248-542-8720.

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 and prayers are available for those who need them.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Saturday, August 1st 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.

Thank you to all who have responded. St. Vincent Ferrer Parish has received \$32,329.00 in pledges or gifts. That amount is 82.7% 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.

Observances of the Week

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Solemnity of SS. Joachim & Anne
Wednesday: Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Question: The Lord grants Solomon's request to give him a wise and discerning heart so he can rule justly over the people of Israel. Have you ever had a wish come true?

2nd Reading: Rom 8:28-30

Question: Paul speaks of God working with believers according to his purposes. How would you describe your purpose or passion in life?

Gospel: Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Question: Jesus often speaks in parables about the kingdom of Heaven that invite you to imagine how God works in the world. Where do you see God at work in your family?

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

The Giving of Treasure

Question: Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer: Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called “tithing,” in which 10 percent of a person’s goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, “The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities” (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice “tithing” in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, “As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied graces” (4:10).

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VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Hospitality, Explained!

When three strangers came to Abraham’s tent at Mamre on a sweltering day, he rushed to offer them respite from the heat (Genesis 18:2-3). When the prophet Elisha visited Shunem, a woman set aside a special room in her house for him, so that he would return and feel comfortable (2 Kings 4:10).

These Old Testament examples show people living out the law of welcoming the sojourner (Leviticus 19:33), a law that found fulfillment in the Christian mandate to “practice hospitality” (Romans 12:13) and show “brotherly love” (Hebrews 13: 1-2).

The virtue of hospitality is characterized by kindness and welcome, particularly to those who are strangers. Since the stranger, by nature, has no particular claim on our affections, the love we extend to him is true Christian love — love purely for the sake of the one “who loved us first” (1 John 4:19).

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MINISTERS SCHEDULE

August 2, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	P Miles
Reader #1	T Riley
Reader #2	D Gray
EME	M Kairis
EME	J McCown
EME	D Tourville
Greeter	L Collins
Greeter	R Pasiak
Greeter	T Pasiak
Greeter	M Smith

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning August 2, 2026
Michelle Waskowski

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who is considered the founding father of the Catholic Church in Ireland? ©LPi

Answer: St. Patrick

SURRENDER EVERYTHING TO GOD

My wife is a big Dave Ramsey fan. She loves when he tells people that in order to pay down their debt they need to sell so many of their possessions that the kids think that even they can be sold for the right price. He definitely sees earthly possessions as simply tools to be used and not "possessed." This is a tough, countercultural message for sure in the eyes of the average American. Too often, our self-worth is derived from our wealth and the items we own. The size of our house, the brand of our car, and the quantity of our belongings are all gauges of success in our world. For Ramsey, not only can you not truly own anything if you owe money to others, it belongs to God anyway and is only given to us as stewards.

Could you sell all you have right now? Could you walk away from all that you have amassed and be truly free? When Jesus speaks of the merchant who sells all he has to obtain a pearl of great price, he calls us to see the pearl as the kingdom of heaven. Nothing on earth can rival the value of the kingdom. If that is true, why is it so hard to surrender everything to God to obtain it? It can be fear that keeps us from stepping out in faith. It can be selfishness that prevents us from letting go. Whatever it is, we must face the fact that we are "possessed" by it. The good news is that God does not expect us to conquer this obstacle on our own. But with God, all things are possible.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ compares the kingdom of Heaven to buried treasure — the find of a lifetime, one you would risk everything to keep. Are we doing all we can to hold onto this treasure that we have been lucky enough to discover? What is Heaven worth to us?

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Blessing for Our Parish

*Dear God,
Pour Your blessing upon our parish, in need of
Your renewal and inspiration.
Prune the places that need pruning, and pour
fresh grace and courage into our midst.
Help us to find You and, with great joy, follow
You wholeheartedly. Amen*

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CHOOSING HEAVEN

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

My children often ask me questions about Heaven. What does Heaven look like? Is there nighttime in Heaven? Do you get hungry in Heaven? Are there oceans in Heaven? Will we feel bored in Heaven?

My answer is almost always the same: "I can't tell you for sure." I guess I didn't realize how little we actually know about Heaven until I had kids who were obsessed with hearing the details.

But accepting human ignorance is liberating in a way, because it allows me to see clearly — and cling wholeheartedly to — the three things I do know for sure: Heaven is where God is, and Hell is where He isn't, and it's completely my decision where I want to be.

The choice, you see, is everything.

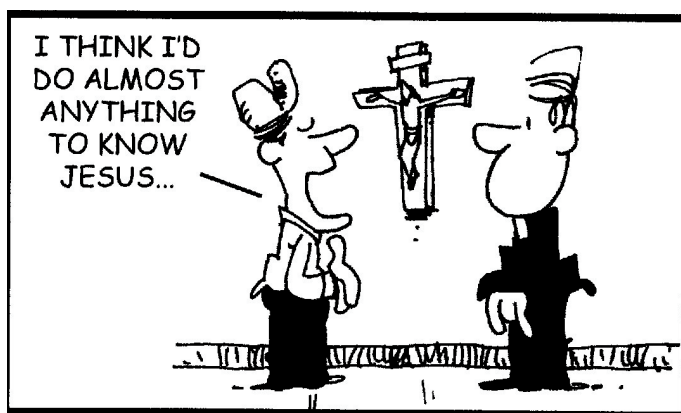
We need to pay attention to how Jesus describes the kingdom of Heaven in his parables. It is, he tells us, a treasure — but a treasure buried in a field owned by someone else. It is a beautiful pearl — and a very expensive pearl. It is a bountiful yield — one which must be carefully, even painstakingly sifted through.

It's so easy to imagine the delight of the man who finds the treasure, who encounters the pearl, who hauls the bursting net aboard, just as it is easy to call ourselves followers of Christ, to hang a Rosary from our windshield and go to Mass.

It's less easy, and a great deal more uncomfortable, to contemplate what comes next: the sacrifice, the commitment, the perseverance through uncertainty.

Heaven is an incredible stroke of luck — one that requires a good deal of follow-through. We can never earn it, but we must choose it. Again and again and again, we must choose it.

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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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Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending July 19, 2026

Fiscal Year 7-1-26 to 6-30-27	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants	240	81		
Offertory	\$ 5,185.00	3,975.57	1,209.43	(2,660.38)
Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions	472.00	123.00	(349.00)	(651.00)
Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds	1,673.00	225.00	(1,448.00)	(3,065.00)
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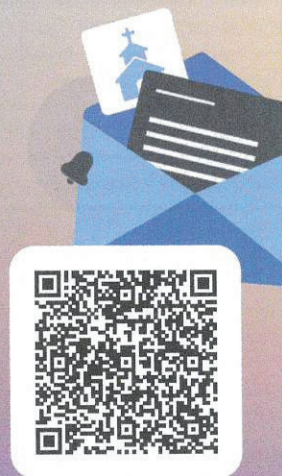
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