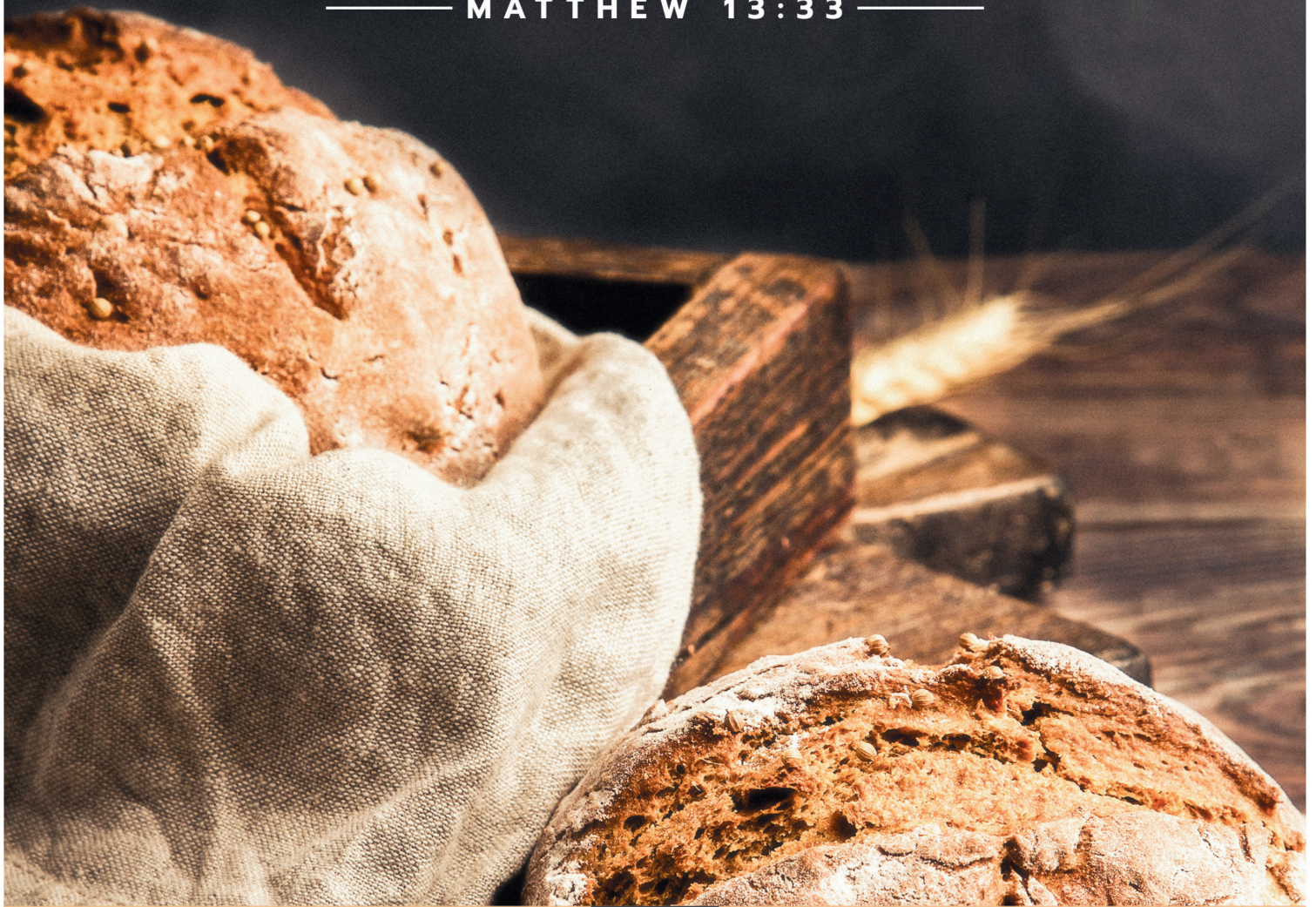


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THE WHOLE BATCH WAS **LEAVENED.**

— MATTHEW 13:33 —



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SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

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 26, 2026

Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

Paula Moran (Memorial Birthday)† req. by Family

Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family

Francis Bischoff, Sr.† (Memorial Birthday) req. by Jane McKay

Donna Dietrich† req. by Family

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Reverend Jude Inweregbu, Mass Celebrant

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
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/

Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/ Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Next 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

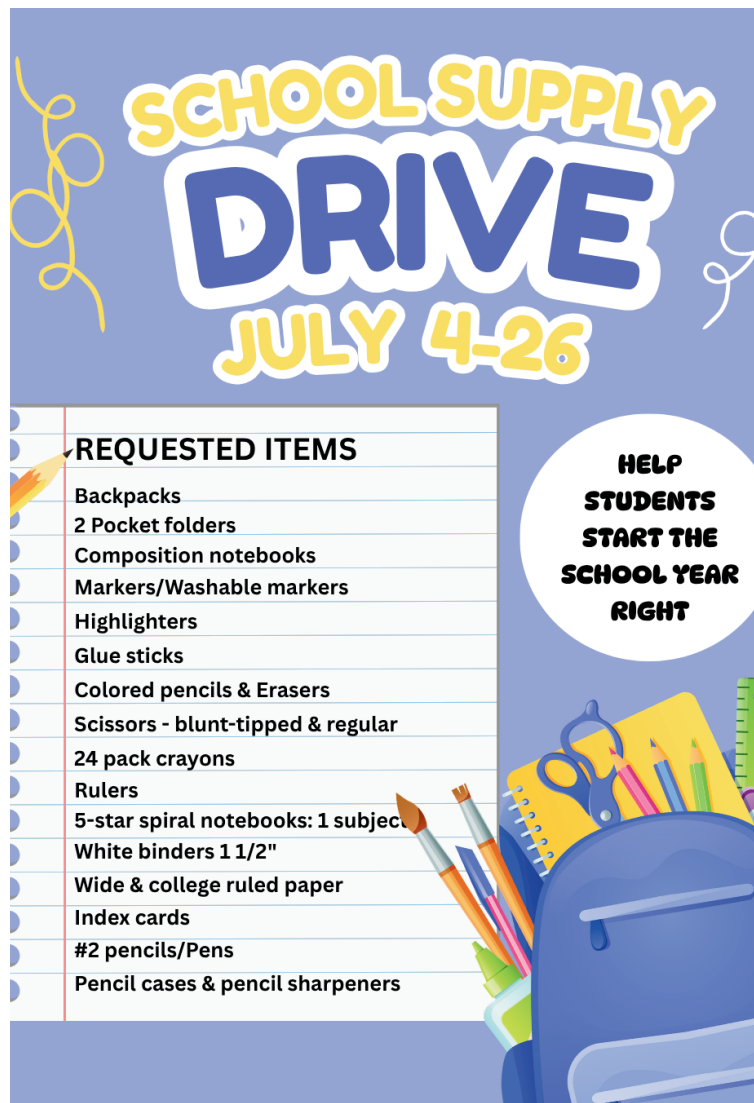
SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

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**





16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. "It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth," he said, "but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?" That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field," yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.

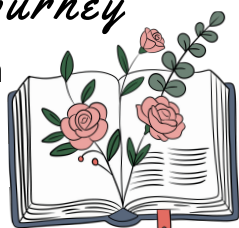
— Father John Muir
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Women's Sacred Journey

Saturday, July 25th 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.



**LOVE
BEYOND MEASURE**

Natural Family Planning...
supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage

Natural Family Planning Week July 19-25

"Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a unique form of fertility education. Specifically, NFP is the title for the moral, natural and healthy, modern and scientifically reliable methods of family planning. These methods teach married couples how to identify and understand their combined signs of fertility. This information then helps married couples plan to achieve or postpone a pregnancy. NFP is morally good because it helps married couples respect God's design for married love."

(Theresa Notare, PhD, Assistant Director, NFP Program, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

"The natural methods of family planning (NFP) do not depend on a woman having "regular" menstrual cycles. NFP information treats each woman and each cycle as unique. NFP teaches a woman to watch every day for her signs of fertility. NFP therefore works with menstrual cycles of any length and any degree of irregularity. It can be used during breastfeeding, just before menopause, and in other special circumstances. NFP allows a woman to understand the physical signals her body gives her to tell her when she is most likely to become pregnant."

(See: NFP, Myth and Reality, NFP Program, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops)

"Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods "reflect the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, and promotes openness to life and the gift of the child. By complementing the love-giving and life-giving nature of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife."

(See: Standards for Diocesan NFP Ministry, NFP Program, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2010)



**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

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Wis 12:13, 16-19

Question: Wisdom speaks of God's power in terms of kindness, leniency, and mercy. What words would you use to describe God?

2nd Reading: Rom 8:26-27

Question: Paul explains that the Spirit intercedes on our behalf, especially when we struggle in our prayer life. How can the Spirit help you in your prayer life?

Gospel: Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Question: In the parable of the weeds and the wheat, Jesus warns the disciples of the presence of the devil active in the world. How do we stay on guard against the evil one?

Thank you to all who have responded. St. Vincent Ferrer Parish has received \$32,309.00 in pledges or gifts. That amount is 82.6 % 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.

Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

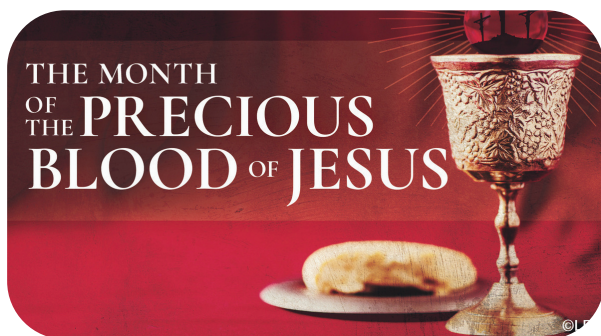
WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

The Most Holy Trinity

Question: I accept on faith that God is a Trinity of Persons, and I know it's something we can't fully understand. Should I just accept that, or should I try to learn more?

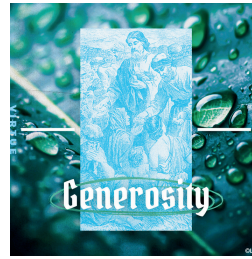
Answer: There's a legend from the life of St. Augustine. As the early Church grappled with the identity of Christ and his relation to the other Persons in the Trinity, the holy theologian wrote a book about the Trinity. The story goes that, while he worked on the piece, he took a break to walk along the seashore. He came upon a small boy who had dug a hole in the sand. He was carrying a bucket, which he'd fill up with seawater and pour into the hole. Back and forth he walked. St. Augustine gently chided the young boy, "You can't pour the whole ocean into that hole." The boy responded, "And you cannot fit the whole Trinity into your mind."

The Trinity is a mystery! Our finite mind can't comprehend the infinite God. Of course, the lesson isn't about giving up trying to understand God. St. Augustine did write that treatise, after all. The hunger to know more about God is good. We can read books about the Trinity or about the fatherly love of God, the life of Christ, and the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives. More than that, we can deepen our life of prayer. The heart of our Trinitarian teaching is "God is love." The Three Persons are an infinite relation of love between one another. Real understanding of that comes less through our heads but through our hearts. ©LPi



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.



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Generosity, Explained!

In the early Church, we read in the Acts of the Apostles, "all who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need." (Acts 2:44-45)

This doesn't mean we are obligated to sell our homes and cars, move in with our fellow parishioners and split the water bill. But it certainly does describe the spirit with which we must live as Christians — and it is a generous spirit, a spirit of self-denial, a spirit that prioritizes the welfare of our brothers and sisters as it does our own.

Generosity is a fruit of the Holy Spirit, cultivated in our hearts by a closeness to the sacraments and a persistence in prayer: "The one who provides seed for sowing and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness." (2 Corinthians 9:10) ©LPi

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

July 26, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	R Pasiak
Reader #1	J Kosnak
Reader #2	D Gray
EME	T Pasiak
EME	T Riley
EME	P Miles
Greeter	T Lane
Greeter	T Oparka
Greeter	N Oparka
Greeter	P Miles

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning July 26, 2026
Fank & Nina Virga



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.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The mustard seed was the smallest seed, but it grew to be the largest plant because it was well-tended. This is faith: looking past what is to see what can be, if only we make the necessary choice.

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Observances of the Week

Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
 Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
 Thursday: St. Bridget, Religious
 Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
 Saturday: St. James, Apostle
 Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: When bishops from around the world gather in council to make decisions for the Universal Church, what is the council called? ©LPi

Answer: An Ecumenical Council

THE WEEDS WE NEED

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Driving up my street in late spring, you can see which yard is mine from a whole block away: it's the one covered in dandelions. And I like it that way.

I fear neither my husband's shame nor the snarky comments of neighbors: I will never apologize for my dandelion-filled yard. "It's for the pollinators," I say, but it's a total lie. I just think it looks lovely. Who doesn't like a splash of yellow after a long, dreary winter?

People call dandelions "weeds," but it's just not true. Weeds are, by definition, any plant growing where it isn't wanted. A rosebush is a weed, if it's in the middle of a cornfield. I want my dandelions. Plants that are commonly considered weeds can even have beneficial properties. They attract pollinators, for instance, and they promote nutrient cycling, whereby soil health is improved.

We all have metaphorical "weeds" in the garden of our lives. I certainly do: facets of my personality I loathe, realities of my life I resent, limitations in my abilities I dread—these are my weeds, and their roots run deep, coiling closely around those of the plants I try to cultivate. But if I could rid my garden of any one of these weeds, would it really benefit me? And if I examined them all closely, could I tell them apart—the blessing from the curse, the struggle from the triumph?

One day, it will all become clear: what is the wheat, and what is the weed. We will be put to our ultimate purpose, and we will see ourselves for what we are meant to be.

Until then, we need the weeds. It's not harvest time yet.

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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

SUNDAY - 11:00am

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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Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants	240	24		
Offertory	5,185.00	\$5,368.48	183.48	(1,450.95)
Energy, Coffee/Donuts, Candles, Flowers, Mass Intentions	472.00	264.00	(206.00)	(302.00)
Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds	1,673.00	56.00	(1,617.00)	(3,240.00)
Bequests: Free Will				
AOD Collection:				
Holy Days: Assumption		20.00		30.00
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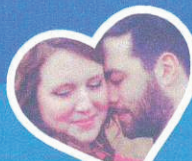
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