

ST. VINCENT FERRER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ALL WE
HAVE.

— MATTHEW 14:17 —

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 9, 2026

Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

Marty Karolski† req. by Tom Karolski

Don Bessler† req. by Marie Bessler

Debbie Tourville (Birthday Blessings) req. by Bernadette Gutowski

Living & Deceased Members and Families of Fr. Heary K of C Council

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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, Administrator, FOP Moderator

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
contact the Parish Office 248-542-8720

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



*Eighteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, "the mood all changed."

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, "When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself." Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life. This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

— Father John Muir
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Evangelical Service Corner

CCSEM Senior Food Collection August 9

Items requested:

Individual lunchbox sized and packaged snacks like: Crackers, Granola bars, Cereal bars and Fruit snacks
Canned Foods including: Soups, Stews, Chili, Ravioli, Spaghettios, Fruit, Vegetables

Gift cards, in any amount are especially appreciated and used to buy perishable food, from: Kroger, Meijer, Walmart or Target **NO CASH**

Blood Pressure Checks Sunday August 9

Next Sunday, Angela, our Faith Community Nurse will be checking blood pressures at our monthly Coffee and Donut Hospitality.

The Power of a Simple Action

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

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The Benefits of Prayer in Health

There has been some research on the benefits of prayer related to health. The University of Minnesota cited some studies on religious beliefs and how it affects our health. It is well documented that hope, belief and faith positively influence health outcomes. Murphy (2009) found that "belief in a concerned God can improve response to medical treatment". Dr. Herbert Benson from Harvard documented the potential benefits of spiritual practices, such as meditation and prayer in his book *Healing Words*.

The body responds to these practices with the relaxation response, which lowers the heart rate, blood pressure, and breathing rate; a reduced need for oxygen and less production of carbon dioxide. Thus, it reduces stress.

Nearly 90% of patients with severe illness will use prayer for alleviation of symptoms from disease. Dr Christina Puchalski, Director of the George Washington Institute for spirituality and Health, reports prayer is the second most common method of pain management.

In summary the following explanations are offered on how prayer improves health:

- The relaxation response- lowers blood pressure and other factors related to stress.
- Secondary control- prayer releases control to God reducing our need to be in control.
- The placebo response- prayer improves a person's hope and expectations, that in turn can positively improve health.
- Healing presence- prayer can bring a sense of loving presence and a oneness with God.
- Positive feelings- prayer can elicit feelings of gratitude, compassion, forgiveness, and hope, all are associated with healing in wellness.
- Mind-body-spirit connection- when prayer uplifts or calms, it inhibits the release of cortisol and other hormones, thus reducing the negative effects of stress on the immune system and promoting healing.

May the Holy Spirit Guide you in peace and comfort.

Angela Maynard, Parish Nurse

Women's Sacred Journey

Saturday, August 8th 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.

*"Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword;
wear humility rather than fine clothes."*

St. Dominic

Feast Day - August 8



...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.



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.



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

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: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest
- Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
- Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
- Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest
- Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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COME PRAY THE ROSARY



Our families, our friends, our Church, our country, and our world all need prayer. Join the Immaculata Prayer Group and others 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.

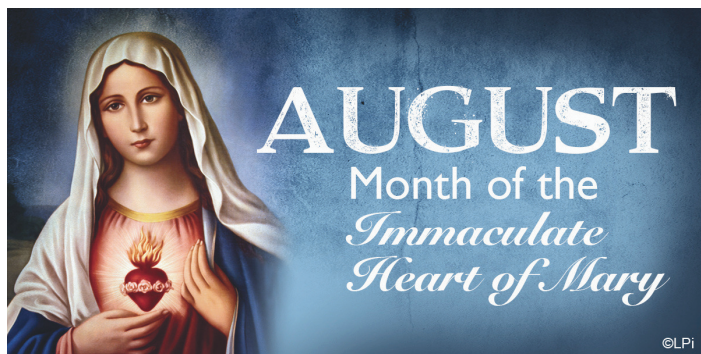
WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Mary, Mother Of God

Question: If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?

Answer: The title of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself. We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake.

As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' human nature. But people don't give birth to a "nature." They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary Theotokos. Translating the Greek to English, that means "God-bearer." Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator." Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God. ©LPi



CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: In addition to Jesus' mother Mary, which saint is depicted in artwork more than any other?
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Answer: St. Nicholas



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Respect, *Explained!*

Respect, as defined in the Oxford Dictionary, means a feeling of admiration for someone's good qualities or achievements.

This is also how we understand respect in terms of Catholic virtue. Let's consider that: the Catechism tells us that "man must...respect the particular goodness of every creature" (CCC 339) in God's world. So what are the admirable qualities shared by each and every creature? There is only one, and it's quite simple: the Creator himself. Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the "everyday form of reverence."

Respect is an admiration of the sacredness of a thing. Respect for those made in God's image flows from our primary respect for God himself. Because of this, it is particularly important that we, as Christians, show respect for those segments of society that only we will recognize as being sacred: the unborn, the elderly, the poor, the stranger.

If we do not respect them, who will?

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MINISTERS SCHEDULE

August 9, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	T Karolski
Reader #1	R Pasiak
Reader #2	C McCarthy
EME	A Goll
EME	M Waskowski
EME	P Allen
Greeter	B Gutowski
Greeter	Regina Juska-Svoba
Greeter	T Lane
Greeter	D Vu

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning August 9, 2026
Barbara Panek

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Is 55:1-3

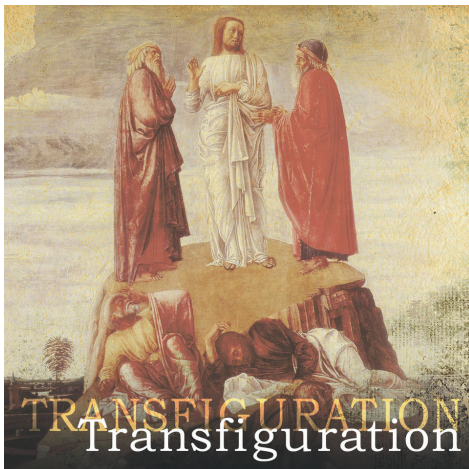
Question: Isaiah speaks of the Lord's invitation to all to join in His feast of rich food and drink without cost. To whom can you show generosity to this week?

2nd Reading: Rom 8:35, 37-39

Question: Paul is convinced that nothing in this life can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. When do you feel closest to God?

Gospel: Mt 14:13-21

Question: Moved with pity for the crowds, Jesus healed the sick among them and fed thousands with only five loaves and two fish. Can you think of a time when someone showed compassion toward you? ©LPi



“And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light...”

...from a cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.’” Matthew 17: 2,5

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn't create only what was needed – there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share. ©LPi

THE MIRACLES WE DON'T SEE

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I've heard people say this more than once. Usually, it is someone who is a believer in Christ but not a Catholic, because Catholics understand that miracles happen at every Mass, to say nothing of the other miracles the Church recognizes. But even some Catholics often find themselves wondering why it's been so long since God gave us a good show. A good sundance in the sky. A good, flashy reason to believe.

I don't know what it looked like when the loaves and the fishes were multiplied. I believe it happened, and I have envisioned it often, but I just can't picture it. Did everyone blink and there was a giant pile of food? Did they just keep finding more? Was it all the same kind of bread, or did Jesus mix it up?

I think the Gospel is deliberately vague on this to test the patience of pathologically nosy people like myself. It's not important what it looked like. If those details mattered, they would be spelled out in Scripture.

How often we find ourselves unsatisfied with the answers God has for us.

I wonder if that's what Christ was thinking when he savored those last few minutes of solitude on the boat, where he had gone to be alone after hearing the crushing news of his cousin's execution. Was he imagining the crowds gathering on shore? Was he contemplating their enormous expectations for God — for him! — and anticipating their disappointment when every wish could not be granted?

Maybe. But that's not what the Scripture says.

“His heart was moved with pity,” we are told. I think of him looking at them all, so weary and uncertain and hungry. Pity — this is what he felt. Not resentment, exhaustion or frustration. Pity. And his precious heart was moved.

What a miracle. No details, no explanation. No dancing sun. But what a miracle. ©LPi



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Cost is \$255 for meals and a single room.

For more information, go to www.RenewRetreats.org email renewretreat.mi@gmail.com or call (586) 770-1772



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

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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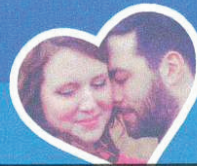
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