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AUGUST 9, 2026 † 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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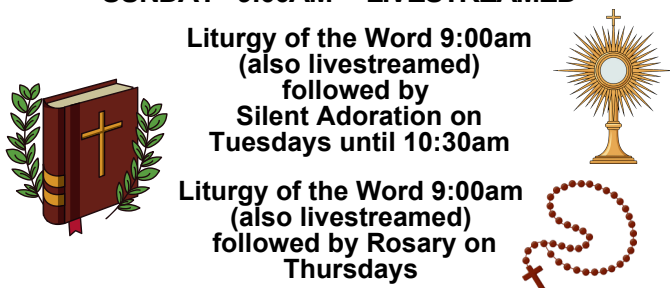
HE CAME TOWARD
THEM WALKING ON
THE SEA.

— MATTHEW 14:26 —

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 16, 2026

Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer
Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family
Karen Miceli† req. by Virga Family

CONTACT INFORMATION

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm
Closed Friday, Saturday, & Sunday

S Reverend Paul Snyder, Administrator, FOP Moderator
T Reverend Jude Inweregbu, Mass celebrant
A Deborah Tourville, Bus. Mgr/Adult Faith Formation
F Sheryl Brown, Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor
F Jim Balistreri, Music Coordinator
F Carl Copen, Facilities Supervisor
F Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Assumption: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

The SVF family offers our

CONGRATULATIONS
& BELATED
BIRTHDAY Blessings

to our third centenarian,
Stanley Lovsin, who turned
100 last month!



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

Thank you to all who have responded. St. Vincent Ferrer Parish has received \$35,304.00 in pledges or gifts. That amount is 90% 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.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, August 15th

(The obligation for this Holy Day is suspended in 2026)

THE ASSUMPTION

Question: What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

Answer: Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus' public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people."

It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches. ©LPi

WWMD?

(What Would Mary Do?)

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

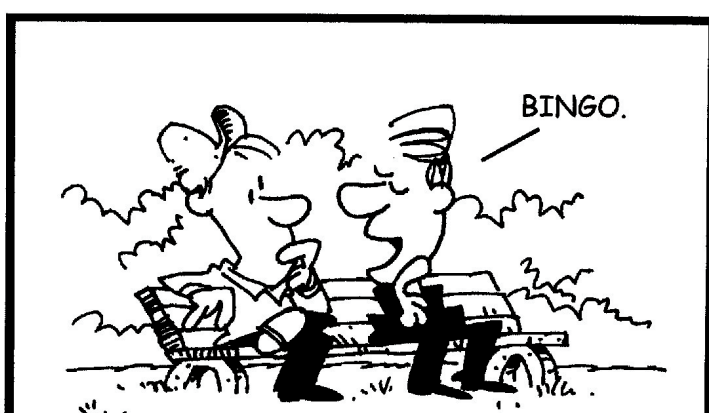
Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Saturday, August 15th 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.



...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 request.

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



*Nineteenth
Sunday in
Ordinary
Time*

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, "Lord, save me." Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

— Father John Muir

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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.

"The Rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world." – Pope John XXIII



WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Jesus Is Light of the World

Question: Why do we call Jesus “the light of the world”?

Answer: In cultures around the world, light and darkness are chief symbols of good and evil, order and chaos, clarity and confusion, hope and despair. These symbols tap into something essential about the nature of things. God has given us the created world as a gift. His first work, as we see in Genesis 1, is to create light, giving meaning and insight to the abyss. It is in the light that the rest of creation comes to be. A gathering darkness emerges in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve hide, shrouding themselves from the sun’s rays and the gaze of God. While God offers a promise of salvation and establishes a covenant with His people, the sense of fog and dim understanding still remains. The Hebrew people repeatedly betray the promises they have made to God, and all around them the nations actively worship idols.

The promise of God is not in vain, however. In John 1, we see a depiction of Christ as primordial goodness, order, clarity, and hope. “The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world ... this life was the light of the human race” (John 1: 9, 4). Think of the last sunrise you witnessed (if you could wake up for it!). As you watched the lavender brighten to rose edged with gold, did your heart swell? Did you recall the goodness of the world? Did you feel rekindled hope? Such is the role of Christ in the soul. Such is his coming Incarnate in our world. ©LPi

Traveling Vocations Chalice

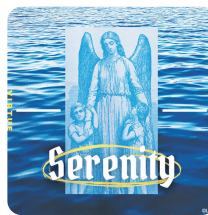
Families and individuals are needed to host the Traveling Vocations Chalice for a one week commitment. Prayers are included with the chalice.

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

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: Which artist was commissioned to paint the ceiling and wall behind the altar in the Sistine Chapel?

Answer: Michelangelo



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Serenity, Explained!

The word “serenity” is only found once in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: in the section describing the effects of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, quoting the Council of Trent when it declared that a good confession “is usually followed by peace and serenity of conscience.” (CCC 1468)

This may give the impression that serenity is not a foremost Catholic virtue, but the succinctness of the Catechism’s reference is actually proof of serenity’s importance.

What is serenity? It is an attitude of calm, one that can only be identified when contrasted with turmoil. It is stillness in a storm. It is Christ, walking steadily across the raging waves. That the Catechism links it exclusively with reconciliation to God tells us all we need to know about this virtue. Where can we find calm in turmoil, stillness in storm? Where can we find serenity?

There is only one place: the merciful embrace of God in His sacraments. ©LPi

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

August 16, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	C McCarthy
Reader #1	T Karolski
Reader #2	L Yolkiewicz
EME	N Virga
EME	D Gray
EME	T Pasiak
Greeter	M McLaughlin
Greeter	D McLaughlin
Greeter	N Oparka
Greeter	T Oparka

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning August 16, 2026
Mary Jane Guc

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In the midst of life's greatest storms, Jesus comes to us, but we may not recognize him. We may test him. In doing so, he will test us — and likely, we will fail. But when we falter, his saving hand is there.

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Observances of the Week

Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
 Tuesday: St. Clare, Virgin
 Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
 Thursday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
 Friday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
 Saturday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Next Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPi

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

Question: Elijah finds the Lord not in the wind, earthquake or fire, but in a light, silent sound. When or where do you hear God's voice?

2nd Reading: Rom 9:1-5

Question: Paul grieves over the unbelief of his fellow Jews. How can you help family members or friends who do not believe in Jesus?

Gospel: Mt 14:22-33

Question: Peter musters the courage to step out onto the water when Jesus calls him. What are some fears the Lord could help you face? ©LPi

LOOKING FOR GOD

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What do we think when we see Jesus coming to save us?

The first thing the Apostles scream is "Ghost!" when they catch sight of Jesus walking towards them on water. That always makes me laugh. After all they have witnessed thus far as the companions of the Messiah, they see someone walking on water and they still react like extras in a bad episode of Scooby-Doo.

We are always more quick to believe a bad thing than a good thing. We can easily believe gossip and hearsay about a friend, but we fear being taken for a fool when it comes to faith. We would rather look cynical than stupid.

"Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck," reads Psalm 69. "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

I think back on my life, on all the various ways that God has rescued me from slipping beneath the surface. Rarely did it ever occur to me, in the midst of it, that I was being rescued. In fact, I usually thought I was being held underwater. Did I hear His voice directing me, or did I only hear my own despairing? "Save me, God." Was I looking for Him, or were my eyes shut in fear? "My eyes fail, from looking for my God."

It's never until after the fact — sometimes years after, or decades — that we see things clearly. That we see Christ in the situation, making his way toward us, hand outstretched. ©LPi



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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

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

Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending July 26, 2026

Fiscal Year 7-1-26 to 6-30-27	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants	240	98		
Offertory	\$ 5,185.00	\$ 4,400.48	(784.52)	(3,444.90)
Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions	472.00	313.00	(159.00)	(810.00)
Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds	1,673.00	375.00	(1,298.00)	(4,363.00)
Bequests: Free Will				
AOD Collection:				
Holy Days				30.00

Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending August 2, 2026

Fiscal Year 7-1-26 to 6-30-27	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants	240	78		
Offertory	\$ 5,185.00	\$ 5,111.47	(73.53)	(3,518.43)
Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions	472.00	366.00	(106.00)	(916.00)
Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds	1,673.00	50.00	(1,623.00)	(5,086.00)
Bequests: Free Will				
AOD Collection: Missionary Cooperation Plan		5.00		5.00
Holy Days: Assumption		35.00		65.00
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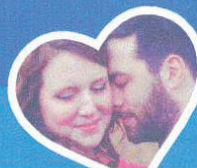
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