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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

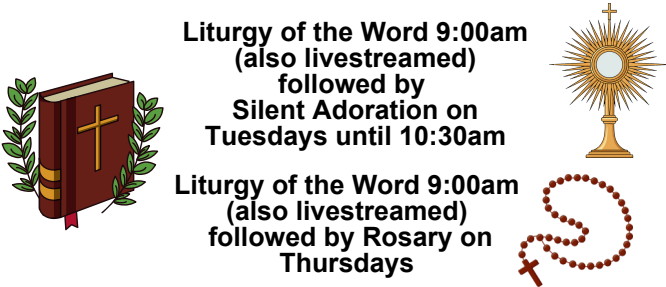


"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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 30, 2026

Dianne Karolski† req. by Tom Karolski

Martin Daryl† req. by Family

Vincas Mickevicius (39th R.A.)† req. by Regina Juska-Svoba

Tony Szeliga† (1st R.A.) req. by Jeanette Szeliga

Dolores Bail† req. by Bernadette Gutowski

Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

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Monday through Thursday
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Reverend Paul Snyder, Administrator, FOP Moderator

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For sacramental information or funerals
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8

Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18

Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/

Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/

Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/

Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/

Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Observances of the Week

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Thursday: St. Monica

Friday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Next Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Thanks to the generosity of many wonderful parishioners, twenty two children will be receiving backpacks filled with school supplies to help them begin a new school year. In addition to the backpacks, a box of extra supplies went to each charity.

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan and Oakland County Jail Outreach Ministry will be distributing your donations. Please keep the children in your prayers.



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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Thank you to all who have responded. St. Vincent Ferrer Parish has received \$ 45,304.00 in pledges or gifts, exceeding our target. We have also met the target amount in paid contributions, so we should begin to receive overpayment refunds. All funds received now will come back to St. Vincent Ferrer. So, please continue to make your pledge payments and if you have not yet submitted a pledge or one-time payment, please consider one.

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.



...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

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— Father John Muir

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

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THE CHOICE OF STEWARDSHIP

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose?

– Tracy Earl Welliver

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Saturday, August 29th 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.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Is 22:19-23

Question: For disobeying the Lord, Shebna, the master of King Hezekiah's palace, is stripped of his authority and honor, and it is given to Eliakim. Are there people in your life or family that you honor and revere?

2nd Reading: Rom 11:33-36

Question: Reflecting on the unimaginable depth of God's wisdom and knowledge, Paul asks, "Who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?" What question do you have for the Lord?

Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

Question: Jesus establishes Peter as the rock upon whom he will build his church. In what ways do you help build your church community? ©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.

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.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Question: In Sunday school, the students are studying the Ten Commandments. I know that kids are important in the eyes of God, so I'm just wondering why there isn't a commandment about honoring children.

Answer: Commandments provide EOO-Equal Opportunity for Observance! They are meant for everyone, children as well as adults. There are several assumptions that would make such a commandment a bit redundant. One, children are entrusted to the care of their parents. So, respect, love, and care — as well as teaching them — are assumed to be part of the responsibility of parents. They are the first teachers in the ways of faith and, as such, participate in God's work of loving and creating. The child has the obligation and responsibility towards their parents. Only when they are adults will they make decisions on their own.

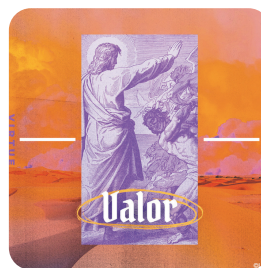
In Biblical times, and in many societies today, children are responsible for caring for elderly parents, providing for their needs. In our culture today, too often kids have more rights than responsibilities, and oftentimes long before they are able to handle them. If we follow the Commandment of Jesus to love others and treat them as we would want to be treated, everyone is included, children too.

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the Lord your God: You shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Valor, Explained!

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means “strength,” we often associate it with the gift of fortitude. Specifically, it conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield — of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack.

When Christ presides at the Last Supper in the Gospel of John, he speaks to his Apostles of the persecutions that will soon be suffered by him and by them. He also speaks of the Advocate (the Holy Spirit) who will “guide you to all truth” — a significant choice, since fortitude is not only a virtue, but a gift of the Holy Spirit.

“Behold, the hour is coming...when each of you will be scattered...and you will leave me alone,” Christ tells them. “But I am not alone, because the Father is with me.”

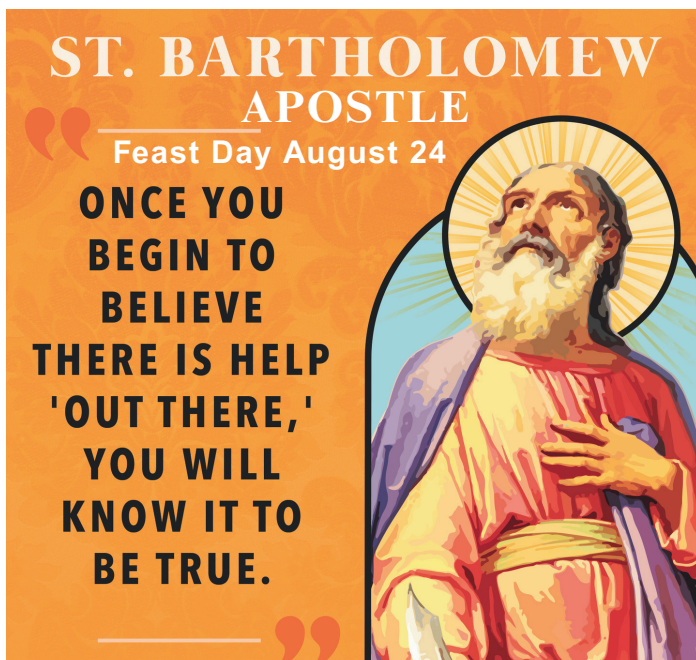
In the world, he concludes, there will be pain and suffering. “But take courage, I have conquered the world.” (John 16:13-33). ©LPi

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

August 30, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	D Tourville
Reader #1	M Kairis
Reader #2	J McCown
EME	R Pasiak
EME	T Karolski
EME	C McCarthy
Greeter	P Rarus
Greeter	T Pasiak
Greeter	R Juska-Svoba
Greeter	M Smith

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning August 30, 2026
Patrick Allen



*Month of the
Immaculate Heart
of Mary*

ONLY PETER HAS THE ANSWER

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

“What do you think of the Pope?”

After the election of Pope Leo XIV in 2025, all my non-Catholic friends texted me this question. The result of the papal conclave was dominating the news cycle, and everyone was curious about this man who would now be so prominent on the world stage, making me temporarily popular with people who apparently need more (and better) Catholics in their lives.

In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus entrust Peter and his heirs with the stewardship of the kingdom here on earth, creating an unbroken line of authority which stretches through the millennia all the way to our current Pope — whoever he is at the time you are reading this.

I don’t know if you like the Pope. The same goes for your local bishop and your pastor. If a friend texted you, “What do you think of him?” I have no idea how you would respond.

All I know is this: it doesn’t really matter. What really matters is what we would say if a friend texted us the same question about Jesus Christ: “What do you think of him, and why?”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus doesn’t ask his disciples to take an IQ test. He doesn’t try to find out which one is the nicest, the hardest worker, the most humble, or even the holiest.

He asks a very simple question: “Who do you say that I am?”

Peter has the answer.

I am not Catholic because I like the Pope. I am not Catholic because the human representatives of the Church have anything to offer me (they often do, but this is beside the point).

I am Catholic because only Peter has the answer.

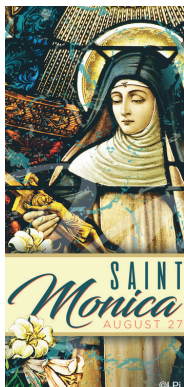
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CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the very first ecumenical council of the Catholic Church, held in 325 AD? ©LPI

Answer: The First Council of Nicaea

AUGUST 27



NOTHING
is far from
GOD
-St. Monica-

TO FALL IN LOVE WITH GOD

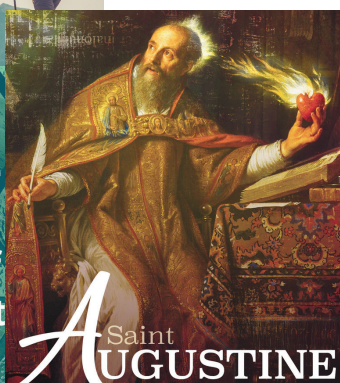
**is the greatest romance;
to seek Him the greatest adventure;
to find Him, the greatest
human achievement.**

— St. Augustine

**AUGUST
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**“Faith is to believe
what you do not
see. The reward of
faith is to see what
you believe.”**

ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO





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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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Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending August 16, 2026

Fiscal Year 7-1-26 to 6-30-27	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants	220	81		
Offertory	\$ 5,185.00	\$ 6,738.27	1,553.27	(1,210.98)
Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions	472.00	265.00	(207.00)	(1,272.00)
Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds	1,673.00	155.00	(1,518.00)	(7,508.00)
Bequests: Free Will				
AOD Collection: Priest Retirement Fund				4.00
AOD Collection: Missionary Cooperation Plan				5.00
Holy Days: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		280.00		425.00
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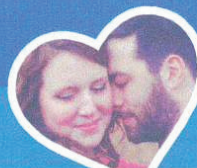
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