

St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church



23rd Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:19-20

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, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Don Bessler† req. by Marie Bessler

Jessie Giszczak† req. by Corrine McCarthy

Living and deceased members and families of Fr. Heary
K of C Council

Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

CONTACT INFORMATION

ST VINCENT FERRER PARISH OFFICE

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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm
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Reverend Paul Snyder, Administrator, FOP Moderator
Reverend Jude Inweregbu, Mass celebrant
Deborah Tourville, Bus. Mgr/Adult Faith Formation
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Missionary Cooperation Plan Visit & Collection

"The Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) takes place each summer within the Archdiocese of Detroit. Through the Missionary Cooperation Plan, missionaries, religious communities, and mission dioceses are invited to share the story of their mission and raise support for missionary work throughout the world. These annual appeals help build missionary awareness and strengthen the connection between the local Church and the Universal Church."

from AOD website

Today, we welcome
Fr. Timothy Dogo, who will speak
about the work of his mission.

The yellow envelopes for
this collection can be found at
the church entrances.

Please make checks payable
to St. Vincent Ferrer Church.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom
13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab,
6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-
14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6,
12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/
Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Vaccine Clinic - Sept. 27

Kroger pharmacy will be here on Sept. 27th
from 8:30am to 11:30am to administer
vaccines. These will be free of charge,
but they still need your insurance card.
Sign-ups for the different vaccines will be
September 13 or September 20.



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily together with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when his children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, "Go and tell your brother his fault," He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into his mission of reconciliation. When he adds, "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother," we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. Amen.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Christ tells us that "where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Our faith compels us to be in community with one another. No one should be a Christian alone. How can you draw closer to others who love Christ?

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Monday
Sept. 7

PEOPLE SHOULD
EAT AND DRINK
AND ENJOY THE
FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR,
FOR THESE ARE GIFTS FROM GOD.

-ECCLESIASTES 3:13



HAPPY
LABOR
DAY!

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Saturday, September 12 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.



Due to the Labor Day holiday, there will not be a gathering this Monday to pray the rosary on the Admin Bldg. patio. Please pray a rosary at home instead.

OWE ONLY LOVE

I have to smile when I read in St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." I smile because I know that in today's world few people owe nothing to anyone. We have credit card debt, mortgages, student loans, car loans, and new loans to consolidate old loans. It would seem that we actually owe everything to everyone.

These debts are of this world. I am pretty sure no one residing in heaven is still making mortgage payments. We have created contracts in this world to make possible certain transactions of goods, services, and shelter. But there is one thing that we naturally owe one another and that lasts longer than our time on earth: love.

You do not need to take out a loan to have more love to give. There also is no limit to the love you have been given to share. However, it is the one gift that we sometimes treat with the least respect. We hold back love due to sins of pride, prejudice, and apathy. We distort and manipulate love for our own gain and selfish desires. We can find ourselves placing more importance on the things for which we have taken out loans than the love that is eternal.

I am trying the best I can to get to a point where I no longer owe anything to banks and mortgage lenders. I don't want to leave this world owing anyone for the earthly things I had in this life. But even more importantly, I realize the shame it would be to leave people behind that didn't get enough love from me. There is nothing greater than love.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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**Our target for this
year is
\$ 39,101.00.**

Thank you to all who have responded. In receiving \$50,504.00 in pledges and one-time contributions, we have exceeded our target. However, before we can receive any refund, the full target amount has to be received by the Archdiocese, so please continue to make your pledge payments. If you have not made a contribution, 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.



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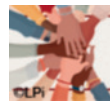
...the homeless, the addicted and all who are suffering physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally.

...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



Evangelical Service Corner

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

September 8, 2026

The St. Vincent de Paul Ministry will meet this Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30pm in Church. If you are interested in joining this ministry to those in need, you are welcome to attend the meeting.

CCSEM Senior Food Collection

September 13

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 or checks.

Blood Pressure Checks

Sunday, September 13

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

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Question: What is the “Miraculous Medal” and why is it called that?



Answer: The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the “Miraculous Medal” dates back to an apparition of Mary to Saint Catherine Laboure, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee,” surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital “M” with a cross above it and below two hearts. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal.

Saint Catherine’s “Miraculous Medal” is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, “Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy,” observes that the medal “recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life.”

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Ez 33:7-9

Question: Ezekiel learns the importance of telling the truth when speaking God’s prophetic word, even if it is difficult. Can you think of a time when telling a difficult truth led to a good outcome?

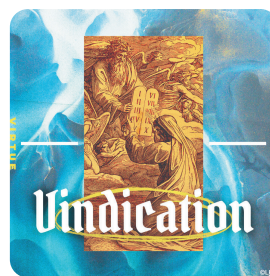
2nd Reading: Rom 13:8-10

Question: Paul teaches that we owe it to others to love our neighbor. How might you show love to a neighbor this week?

Gospel: Mt 18:15-20

Question: Jesus places a high priority on reconciling with someone who has sinned against you. Are there people in your life who easily forgive?

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**VIRTUES.
EXPLAINED!
CONNECT WITH
TRADITION AND
GROW YOUR FAITH**
Vindication, Explained!

Most commonly, we understand the term “vindication” in a very legal, argumentative context. We say someone is “vindicated” when they are proven innocent, or when their good name is defended from an accusation.

This isn’t so far from what vindication means in the sense of virtue, either. Vindication is related to the virtue of justice, which demands we honor our duty to God and to one another. Justice seeks to ensure the fairness of human interaction. It seeks to safeguard truth against those who would co-opt it for their own purposes.

If we truly put our trust in God and seek to do His will, we may not always have popularity, but we will have truth: “Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him and he will act, and make your righteousness shine like the dawn, your justice like noonday.” (Psalm 37:5-6) ©LPi

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

September 13, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	D Tourville
Reader #1	P Miles
Reader #2	P Allen
EME	N Virga
EME	M Waskowski
EME	L Collins
Greeter	B Gutowski
Greeter	J Ballantine
Greeter	T Lane
Greeter	D Vu

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning September 13, 2026
Nina & Frank Virga

Courageous Young Evangelizers

Young Martyrs of Tlaxcala

In Tlaxcala, Mexico, in the early 1500s, three indigenous boys embraced Catholicism after encountering Spanish Franciscan friars who were working to convert the locals of the area. Their names were Cristóbal, Antonio, and Juan. Each was martyred for their faith, making them the first Catholic martyrs on the continent.

Cristóbal was born around 1515, the eldest son of his community's chief. As the chief's first-born son, he was to inherit the chief's position, property, and the customs of his people. Cristóbal first encountered the Franciscan friars when he was 10 years old and soon desired to be baptized. After his baptism, he went to work trying to evangelize his family.

The Spanish missionaries were attempting to stop the worship of idols among the native peoples. Knowing this, Cristóbal took it upon himself to destroy some public idols in his village. He also poured out the alcohol his family kept because he thought it was his father's dependence on alcohol that was keeping him from converting to Catholicism. Because of this destruction, his neighbors and family became enraged. They demanded the chief make an example of his son. His father, also furious, beat him with a wooden club and burned him alive. He died the following day of his injuries at age 12.

Antonio and Juan were born around 1516. Antonio was the grandson and heir of the prominent leader Xicoténcatl who was lord of the entire region. Juan was Antonio's servant. Both boys attended a Franciscan school for their education, and both converted to Catholicism at a young age. When they were around 12 years old, they endeavored, with the support of the local Franciscan friars, to travel their local region and evangelize their community.

While in the town of Tepeaca, the boys tried to convince some of the locals to destroy their idols. The local men resisted and retaliated by attacking Juan. Antonio, trying to defend him, also got caught in the attack and both children were killed.

All three boys were canonized by Pope Francis on October 15, 2017, and are collectively remembered as the Young Martyrs of Tlaxcala.

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Observances of the Week

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Labor Day
 Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Wednesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest
 Friday: Patriot Day
 Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

TREAT HIM LIKE A GENTILE

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives instructions for ministering to those persisting in error. Here's the CliffsNotes version: If all else fails, "treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector."

In other words? Don't give up. Tell him the truth. Wash, rinse and repeat.

Technically speaking, I'm a Gentile. I've done those mail-in DNA tests, and none of my ancestors were Jewish. So whoever told my family about the God of Abraham, it wasn't Moses, and it probably wasn't Jesus himself, unless he spent some time in northwestern Europe that the Gospels fail to mention.

Nope, my ancestors were big old Gentiles living in a big old Gentile world. Lucky for me, someone evangelized them. At first, my ancestors probably didn't listen. But the evangelist, whoever he or she was, didn't give up.

I say "lucky for me" because this all means that I was born and raised Catholic. It makes it easier, I think — but it doesn't make it easy. I'm not an automaton, and I still have to accept the truth of the faith I choose to live. So do you. So do we all.

Inevitably, we falter. What then?

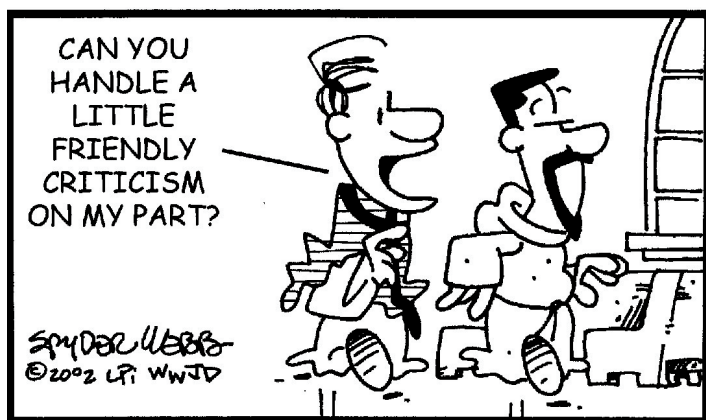
Who are the tax collectors? Zaccheus was one. Matthew was another. Maybe you recognize his name — he's the guy who wrote this Gospel. And who are the Gentiles? Me. You, maybe. Everyone the disciples decided not to give up on. Everyone the Church is called not to forget about, not to dismiss, and not to take for granted.

So treat them all like Gentiles, and remember that God sees the future, not just the past. ©LPi

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: The word "Catholic" comes from the Greek "katholikos," meaning what? ©LPi

Answer: Universal



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 - 4:30pm

SUNDAY - 9:00am & 11:00am

MON., TUES., THURS., FRI. - 7:30am

REPORT ABUSE

To make a report or contact the Abuse Hotline:

EMAIL reportabuse@aod.org

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Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending August 30, 2026

Fiscal Year 7-1-26 to 6-30-27	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants	220	99		
Offertory	\$ 5,185.00	\$4,411.27	(773.73)	(2,871.23)
Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions	472.00	111.00	(361.00)	(2,038.00)
Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds	1,673.00	105.00	(1,568.00)	(10,729.00)
Bequests: Free Will				
AOD Collection: Priest Retirement Fund				6.00
AOD Collection: Missionary Cooperation Plan.				5.00
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