



ST. VINCENT FERRER CHURCH

• 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

“WHICH DID HIS
FATHER’S WILL?”

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, OCTOBER 4, 2026

Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family
Jason Bertolini† req. by Family
Dolores Bail† req. by Corrine McCarthy
Womens' Sacred Journey Prayer Group (3rd Anniv) req. by Bernadette Gutowski
Parishioners of St. Vincent Ferrer

CONTACT INFORMATION

ST VINCENT FERRER PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9am to Noon - 1:00pm to 4:30pm

Friday 9am to Noon

Closed 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: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/
Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13,
14-15/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-
14/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8,
9-10, 13-14ab/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75,
91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9 and 12, 13-14, 15-16,
19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, Jesus tells a short, uncomfortable story. A father asks two sons to go work in the vineyard. One says no, but later goes. The other says yes, but never shows up. It is a parable so simple, we almost miss how sharp it is. Jesus is clear about who it is for. This is not aimed at pagans or outsiders. It is aimed squarely at religious people, people who know the right words and sound obedient.

Jesus is not condemning unbelief so much as disobedience. The polite hypocrisy that says the right things while quietly resisting the Father's will. St. John Chrysostom put it bluntly, "Not words, but deeds, are what God requires. Nothing so exasperates Him as insincere obedience, while nothing so delights Him as repentance."

Every disciple must face that mirror. Do I publicly profess faith in Christ while privately resisting what He asks of me? It is easy to say, I believe in God in my heart. But if faith never becomes action, it slowly becomes an illusion.

Jesus does not expose hypocrisy to shame us. He reveals it to heal us. He wants our hearts and our deeds to speak the same word, to let our yes truly mean yes. Like the second son who initially refused but afterwards changed his mind and went, Jesus invites us to step into the Father's will, however late, however imperfectly.

Challenge: Where are your public faith and private obedience divided? Where do you say, I will go, but never enter the vineyard? Go, get to work, even if it is late. The Father's vineyard is still open.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Special thanks & God's blessings to...
Fr. John Esper, Fr. Paul Snyder, Br. Bob Malloy
Fr. Jude Inweregbu, and Fr. Paolo Tanzini for
 their ministry to our parish family.

*LORD JESUS CHRIST, eternal High Priest,
 You offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the Cross and through
 the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a share in
 your redeeming sacrifice. Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our
 priests. Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood
 may be ever more conformed to you, the divine Master. May they
 preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be
 shepherds according to your own Heart, single-minded in service to
 you and to the Church and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful
 life. Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother and
 ours, draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the
 fullness of eternal life where you live and reign with the Father and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen -- Pope Benedict XVI*



**Did you know
 that there are 2
 types of Catholic
 Priests?**

**DIOCESAN
 PRIESTS &
 RELIGIOUS
 PRIESTS**

DIOCESAN PRIEST FACTS:

- Diocesan priests serve in parishes/schools assigned to them in a specific diocese by their local bishop.
- They take a vow of chastity and obedience but not a vow of poverty.
- They are allowed to own property and a vehicle and live independently.

RELIGIOUS PRIEST FACTS:

- These priests choose a religious community or an order, based on charism, lifestyle, and mission.
- They take a vow of poverty alongside their vows of chastity and obedience and only "own" things communally
- Some examples of the many religious orders are Dominican, Jesuit, and Carmelite.

ROSARY PRAYER CONTINUES MONDAY EVENINGS

Many have joined the Immaculata Rosary Group in praying the rosary at 6:30pm every Monday evening on the Admin Bldg patio, followed by consecration prayers for those who wish to remain. The group has chosen to continue to meet on the patio as we move into Autumn and welcomes others to join them.

As the weather changes, the gathering will move indoors to the Faith Formation Office in the school. Until then, please bring a chair. Rosaries and prayers are available for those who need them.

Women's Sacred Journey

Saturday, October 3rd 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.



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The owner of the vineyard gave both his sons the same opportunity. Only one took it, even though he had rejected it at first. Always remember: it is never too late to do the will of God. He waits for you.

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Observances of the Week

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| Sunday: | 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday |
| Monday: | St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs |
| Tuesday: | Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels |
| Wednesday: | St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church |
| Thursday: | St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church |
| Friday: | The Holy Guardian Angels |

MERCY IN ACTION MONTH



Activity	Date	Requested items
Pet Blessing	October 3 10:00am - Admin bldg patio	see below
Pet Food & Supplies Collection	October 3 & 4	puppy & dog dry and canned food kitten and cat dry and canned food dog & cat treats & toys, bleach no clumping cat litter, paper towels used towels, 55 gallon trash bags
Sandwich Items Collection	October 4 & 11	Creamy Peanut Butter (10-12 jars) Grape or Strawberry Jam (10-12 jars) Loaves of White Bread (30)
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Rosary	Sunday, Oct. 4 - 10am-Noon in church	volunteer sign up
Rosary	Monday, October 5 6:30pm - Admin Bldg. patio	volunteer sign up
Halloween Candy Collection	October 11 & 18	bags of individually wrapped candy
Sandwich Making	October 17 10am - Admin bldg. hall	volunteer sign up
Men's Socks & Underwear Collection	October 18 & 25	men's white socks men's undershirts (L & XL) men's underwear (L & XL)

**** being offered in conjunction with Eucharistic Rosary Congress**

A Eucharistic Rosary Congress is 7 days and nights of continuous Eucharistic Adoration in which the Holy Rosary is prayed aloud every hour. It is being offered for the conversion of sinners, the consecration of our nation, and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary from October 3 to 9, 2026 in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

St, Vincent Ferrer Catholic Community
extends its deepest sympathy and support to the
family and friends of



Rosemarie Tye

Please remember her and the souls of all the
faithful departed in your prayers.

May all the deceased be welcomed into paradise!

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

St. Jerome

Question: Who is St. Jerome, and why is he so significant that we honor him with a feast on September 30?

Answer: St. Jerome (345–420) was considered the greatest biblical scholar of his day, conversant with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew. He set about translating the books of the Bible from their original languages into Latin.

Much of Jerome's correspondence has survived and gives us a powerful glimpse into the kind of person that he was, as well as the time in which he lived. Jerome eventually became Pope Damasus' (366–384) personal secretary. In the West, Latin was overtaking Greek as the language of the common people. The pope desired a translation of the Bible that would be accurately translated from the original languages into the language and idiom of the people. Previous Latin translations existed, but they were poor in quality.

Jerome set about this task and spent the rest of his life meticulously translating. He is credited with the translation of the Bible known as the Vulgate, a Latin translation intended to address the needs of the common people. That translation became the standard and the only one used by Catholics until modern times. Catholics did not actively engage in a similar process until 1943, when Pius XII allowed Catholic scholars once again to go back to the original languages and translate an accurate and meticulous version of the Bible. We carry on that tradition to this very day.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Ez 18:25-28

Question: Ezekiel challenges people who complain, "the Lord's way is not fair." Can you think of a time you felt the need to defend God?

2nd Reading: Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Question: Paul urges believers to be humble and look out for one another's needs. How might you help build up a friend or co-worker this week?

Gospel: Mt 21:28-32

Question: In the parable of the two sons, Jesus warns the chief priests and elders to be open-minded and willing to change. What are you hoping will change in your life? ©LPi



...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

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

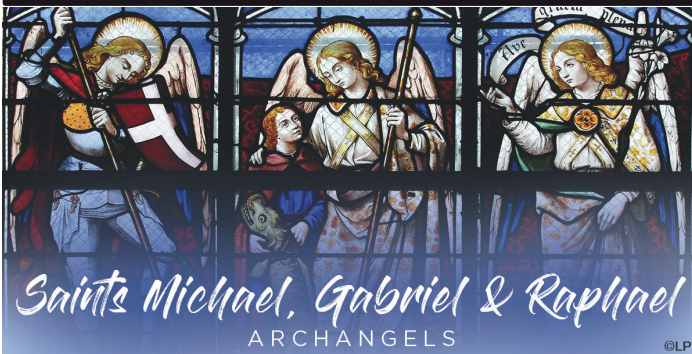
October 4, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	T Karolski
Reader #1	J McCown
Reader #2	M Kairis
EME	M Simmons
EME	T Riley
EME	L Collins
Greeter	B Turchin
Greeter	R Juska-Svoba
Greeter	T Lane
Greeter	D Vu

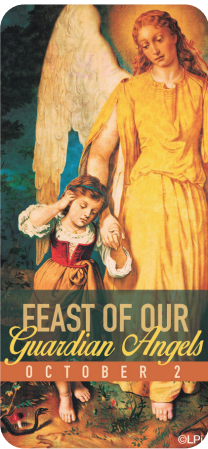
Traveling Chalice Host Beginning October 4, 2026

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FEAST DAY SEPTEMBER 29



FEAST DAY OCTOBER 2



The Gift of Our Guardian Angels

It's good to know we're not alone. This October 2nd we celebrate the feast of our guardian angels. This ancient belief has roots in Scripture. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus implies the special guiding care of the angels. "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:10). Our guardian angels are given to us by God to protect and watch over us from the moment of our conception until the hour of death. ©LPi



THE GOD OF CHANGED MINDS

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I wonder what was so important.

The man gave both his sons the same order: go out and work in the vineyard today. One son said yes. One refused.

The first son doesn't show up. The second son changes his mind and does what his father asked. I wonder what was so important, that it kept the first from fulfilling his word. I wonder what was so important, that it prevented the second from committing wholeheartedly.

I have an image in my head of the sun setting on the vineyard. The second son pauses for a moment to catch his breath while his father sits at the gate, anxiously scanning the horizon. "Any sign?" the son asks the father, who instead of answering drops his gaze into his lap.

With this parable, Jesus acknowledges that few of his disciples can anticipate a straight path to Heaven. Most of us are destined for a few bends in the road. Most of us will suffer failures of will and strength. We will become distracted. We will become preoccupied. We will doubt ourselves. There will be so many things that seem important, and it will take us too long to realize they aren't. Once we have, we may be too proud to change course.

The shadows grow long in the vineyard. Any moment and they will give way to darkness. With its dying breath, the sun illuminates the contours of a figure making his way toward the father and son. When the figure cries out, it is a voice they recognize. "Am I too late?"

We worship the God of second chances. The God of changed minds. The God of never-too-late.

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VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Equity, Explained!

Our God is just — but our God is also merciful. Practicing the virtue of equity means striving to imitate God in both these important aspects.

Governments draft legislation and authorities enforce laws in an attempt to create a system of rules and regulations that will ensure the common good. But we live in a fallen world, and there will never be a perfect justice system. Following one law will demand much more of one man than it does another, just the same as breaking one law will be easier for one woman than it is for another — and exacting punishment for the sake of punishment is never justice.

The virtue of equity is practiced by those who attend to the letter of the law, but who do so using their God-given human faculties and the mercy required of a Christian. To practice equity is to look at the whole picture — especially the divinely crafted person at the center of it. ©LPi



Hosted by:

Fr. Heary K of C Council

Where: St. Vincent Ferrer - Social Hall 28353 Herbert St. Madison Heights, MI 48071

When: October 10th – Registration starts @ 6:00pm – Bags fly @ 6:30p

Entry Fee \$30.00 Cash per player – Cost covers one Food item one Soft Drink Beverage item per player. Additional food and beverages available for purchase.

This is a Switch Format Cornhole tournament (six games guaranteed) - No partner needed

1st Place Cash Prize!

2nd Place Cash Prize!

3rd Place Cash Prize!

There will be 50/50 drawings & gift basket raffles.

Please help make this a successful event for Fr. Heary K of C Council #7239 to support our 4 key principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism.

Please share this flyer with friends and family. All are welcome

IS IT THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS?

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really!?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found.

- Tracy Earl Welliver
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Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending September 20, 2026

Fiscal Year 7-1-26 to 6-30-27	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants	220	84		
Offertory	\$ 5,185.00	\$3,663.89	(1,521.11)	(5,387.51)
Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions	472.00	91.00	(381.00)	(2,640.00)
Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds	1,673.00	60.00	(1,613.00)	(15,477.00)
Bequests: Free Will		43.00		104.00
AOD Collection: Priest Retirement Fund				6.00
AOD Collection: Missionary Cooperation Plan		50.00		3,180.00
Holy Days				584.00
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