



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind.” - Mt 22:37

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



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, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Leonard Vertel, Sr. (22nd R.A.)† req.by Bernadette Gutowski
Milda Svoba Walters (11th R.A.)† req. by Regina Juska-Soba
Fred Karolski (5th R.A.)† req. by Tom Karolski
Rosemarie Tye† req. by Anne Thousand
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Friday 9am to Noon

Closed Saturday, & Sunday



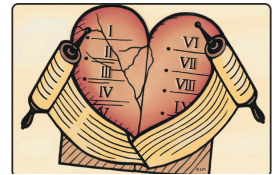
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, he wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love. — Father John Muir ©LPi

November 1-15

Thanksgiving Food Drive



★ Please make donation choices only from these items

- Stuffing
- Gravy
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned Vegetables
- Dessert Mixes: Brownie, Cake & Pie Filling

This year, all our donations will go to to Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan CCSEM to help provide dinners for over 300 people.

All Soul's Day Mass of Remembrance



Monday, November 2nd
7:00pm

REGARDING MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Mass intentions requests have been limited to five on our Sunday Mass. There are no dates available through the end of the year.

Mass intention requests for 2027 will not be honored until December and will be limited.

Women's Sacred Journey

Saturday, October 31st 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.

Rosary Prayer Continues on Monday Evenings



All are welcome to come and pray the rosary at 6:30pm on Monday evenings followed by consecration prayers for those who wish to remain.

We will be gathering in the Faith Formation office in the school building. Rosaries and prayers are available for those who need them.

NEXT SATURDAY

**Daylight
Saving
Time
Ends**



REMEMBER TO



Change Your Clock
CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES



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.



...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

Observances of the Week

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Saturday: All Hallows' Eve

Next Sunday: All Saints; Daylight Saving Time Ends;
National Vocation Awareness Week

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NO SUBSTITUTE FOR LOVE

I read an interesting article about how tolerance has become a substitute for love. As Christians we often talk about tolerance toward others when truly the call of Jesus Christ is to love others, not simply tolerate them. The truth is tolerance is a lot easier than love.

In tolerance, we are asked to give nothing away. It costs us nothing to simply allow people to be who they are, where they are, and stay in the state in which they find themselves. Love requires us to step outside of our comfort zone and to offer a part of ourselves to others. This makes us vulnerable and open to possible pain and discomfort. Those whom we seek to love could take advantage of us. It is easy to see why tolerance seems a bit more popular these days.

Jesus could have tolerated the religious hypocrites of his day. He could have tolerated the Romans who oppressed the Jews. He could have simply tolerated the tax collectors, prostitutes, and outcasts of his day. Instead, he loved them. He made himself vulnerable and open to pain. When we look at the cross we see what can be the true price for love. It is easy to see why a policy of tolerance looks more desirable to many.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Ex 22:20-26

Question: At the heart of the Mosaic social laws, we hear God's expectation for compassion, especially to the most vulnerable among us. Is compassion a virtue that comes easily to you?

2nd Reading: 1 Thes 1:5c-10

Question: Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving for the faith of the Thessalonian community members who are seen as role models for believers throughout the regions of Macedonia and Achaia. Is there someone in your life who models the Faith well?

Gospel: Mt 22:34-40

Question: Jesus taught that love of God and love of neighbor are the foundation of the Jewish law and the prophets. How does this two-fold commandment inspire you to live the Christian life?

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Halloween

Question: Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

Answer: The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallows' Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

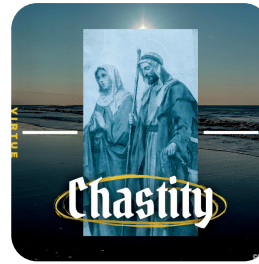
All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first! ©LPi

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus gives us the greatest commandment: love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind. When we do that, the rest comes naturally, and we love others as they should be loved. So, give him everything – and let your life be love.

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

All human beings have a body, just as all human beings have a soul. Since mankind fractured his relationship with the divine, the inclinations of the body are often at odds with the well-being of the soul.

Through the virtue of chastity, these inclinations become once again integrated.

In the Catechism, we read that chastity "includes an apprenticeship in self-mastery which is a training in human freedom" (CCC 2339). True freedom is impossible when a person is subject to any of his or her passions.

The sins of lust, pornography, and prostitution are principal offenses against the virtue of chastity, because these things undermine the integrity, or wholeness, of the human person's physical and spiritual dimensions.

All people are called to chastity, even those who are not called to celibacy, because all people have a physical self. Chastity is one of the twelve gifts of the Holy Spirit, which sustains moral life.

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MINISTERS SCHEDULE

November 1, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	R Pasiak
Reader #1	J McCown
Reader #2	M Kairis
EME	M Simmons
EME	T Riley
EME	P Miles
Greeter	N Oparka
Greeter	T Oparka
Greeter	B Gutowski
Greeter	P Rarus

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning November 1, 2026
Kathy Menard

LOVE GOD FIRST by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

When the iconic Notre-Dame Cathedral of Paris burned in 2019, some made the argument that the money necessary to rebuild it would be better spent by the Church on providing services to the poor.

“After all,” I heard someone argue. “History is important, but humanitarianism is our religion.”

Close, but — as my father likes to say — no cigar.

Humanitarianism is actually not our religion, and you should never let anyone tell you it is. It’s a small mistake, but it can become a big one, fast. Humanitarianism is wonderful — it describes a set of principles animated by an underlying belief in the value of human life. But this is not sufficient. We can’t start with loving people and work our way up to God.

Why? Because I promise you, we will never end up reaching God.

If you have any doubt about this, you can consult literally any history book. Every war, every famine, every political disaster since the dawn of time has resulted from an attempt to put people first. “We’re putting our people first,” governments say — always right before they do something really, really heinous.

For what it’s worth, the Church hasn’t owned the Notre-Dame de Paris since the French Revolution. It was seized and rededicated to the Cult of Reason — the atheistic state religion that, it assured everyone, put people first (and put those people who disagreed to death at the guillotine).

We can’t start with love of people, because we will always displace some of the other people. Only by starting with love of God — heart, soul, and mind — can we enter the narrow gate of correctly loving other people.
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Blessing For Harvest

Thank you, Lord, for the growth we have seen this season. Bless our harvest and those who labor to bring us nourishment. May Your provision be known, Your pruning be sure, Your preservation total. Prosper the work of our hands, Lord, in Your goodness. Amen. ©LPi

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: Other than Sundays, what are the names of the days on which Catholics are required to attend Mass?

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Answer: Holy Days of Obligation

Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending October 18, 2026

Fiscal Year 7-1-26 to 6-30-27	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants	220	61		
Offertory	\$ 5,185.00	3,282.85	(1,994.15)	(8,723.63)
Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions	472.00	92.00	(380.00)	(3,351.00)
Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds	1,673.00	45.00	(1,628.00)	(12,860.00)
Bequests: Free Will		53.00		483.00
AOD Collection: Priest Retirement Fund				1,125.00
AOD Collection: Propagation of the Faith		375.00		375.00
Holy Days: All Saints/All Souls		25.00		739.00
CSA 2026 Pledged \$ 51,074.00			CSA Paid \$ 48,954.00	

NEW RESTRUCTURING MODELS**Planning Area 9E**

4,096

Christ our Light – **No weekend Mass**
 Guardian Angels
 St Elizabeth Ann Seton
 St. Thomas More

4,233

Shrine of the Little Flower
 St Vincent Ferrer - **No weekend Mass**
 Our Lady of LaSalette – **No weekend Mass**
 Our Mother of Perpetual Help – **No weekend Mass**
 St. Justin-St Mary Magdalen – **No weekend Mass**
 St. Mary

3,670

Holy Name
 Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
 St Owen – **No weekend Mass**
 St Regis

Planning Area 9F

5,330

Christ Our Light
 Guardian Angels
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton- **No weekend Mass**
 St. Anastasia

4,233

Shrine of the Little Flower
 St Vincent Ferrer – **No weekend Mass**
 Our Lady of La Salette – **No Weekend Mass**
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 St. Regis

-An appropriate number of priests will be determined by the needs of the pastorate and priest availability

-Parishes in a pastorate will share the same pastor

-Parishes where worship sites will have no weekend Masses will be merged with another parish in the pastorate on or after July 1, 2027

Change from 9E to 9F St. Thomas More moves to another pastorate and St. Anastasia moves in from another pastorate

To view model boundries visit aod.org Click the red restructuring tabs. Search for pastorate #9

Planning Area 9E - Model 1**Planning area 9F - Model 2****What works in this model?****What works in this model?****What does not work in this model?****What does not work in this model?****What suggestions do you have?****What suggestions do you have?**

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