St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church



33rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'"
Matthew 25:21

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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, November 22, 2026

Dianne Karolski† req.by Tom Karolski
Martin Daryl† req. by Family
Mike Kairis & Judy McCown (4th Anniv) req. by Tom Karolski
Gene Bosetti† req. by Bernadette Gutowski
Mary Guaiana† req. by Family
Deceased clergy who served in Archdiocese of Detroit
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

STAFF

Reverend Paul Snyder, Administrator, FOP Moderator
Reverend Jude Inweregbu, Mass celebrant
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Sheryl Brown, Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor
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Carl Copen, Facilities Supervisor
Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or Mt 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/ Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



St. Vincent Ferrer Parish 70th Anniversary Celebration

Dec. 6th - 9:00am Mass
Celebrant: Br. Bob Malloy
followed by light refreshments

Observances of the Week

Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
Saturday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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REGARDING CHRISTMAS DONATIONS



In order to be recorded as a Christmas donation, a contribution must be received between December 11, 2026 and January 7, 2027.

Contributions received at times outside this period will be recorded as a holy day.

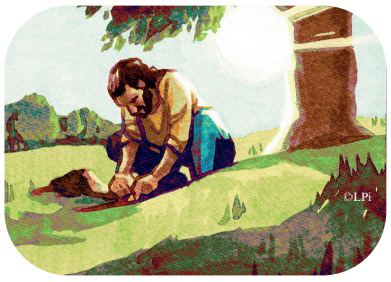
BURIED IN YOUR BACKYARD

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried twenty-five years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone--the current students as well as those now grown--laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those twenty-five years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to him and those around us for his glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Times

A friend once took his young adult son to the casino for his birthday. He handed him $100 and said, “Let’s have a great time.” The son, a graduate student with limited money, quietly pocketed the money and refused to play. “I don’t want to lose it,” he said. But he missed the point: the money was not really his to pocket; it was his father’s invitation to share an experience together.

God sees our gifts a bit like this. In Jesus’ parable, a servant buries his master’s talent and explains: “Master, I knew you were a demanding person...so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground” (Matthew 25:24-25). The master condemns him not for failure but for refusing to risk. The servant’s fear distorts his image of the master and leads to a small, loveless response. No love, no risk. No risk, no relationship.

How easily we fall into this trap! We treat God’s gifts as fragile possessions rather than invitations. We play it safe, avoid risk, and tell ourselves we are wise and God is cruel. But Jesus praises those who trust the Master’s goodness enough to act boldly. They are not reckless but confident enough in their Master to risk their gifts for Him.

So, what is my interior story about God right now? Is it marked by generosity, adventure, and trust? Or by fear, caution, and suspicion? That hidden narrative shapes everything. Because love, by its nature, always takes risks with, and for, the beloved. — *Father John Muir*
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SIGN-UP TO LIGHT OUR ADVENT WREATH



Individuals and families are needed to light our Advent wreath. Please sign up at the table outside the chapel wall by the Herbert Street entrance.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Question: Proverbs explains how a kind, wise, and loving wife is an invaluable treasure to a husband. What qualities do you think make for a healthy and life-giving marriage?

2nd Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6
Question: Paul urges the Thessalonians to remain focused on the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Is there something that needs your urgent attention this week?

Gospel: Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Question: In the Parable of the Talents, Jesus teaches the importance of investing in the gifts God has given each of us. What would others say are your God-given gifts? ©LPi

Pray For...

...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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



Saturday, November 21st 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.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God invites us to take part in the mission of the Gospel. His investment is his Body and Blood, offered for our salvation. What return will it generate? Only we can decide what to do with this great gift. ©LPi

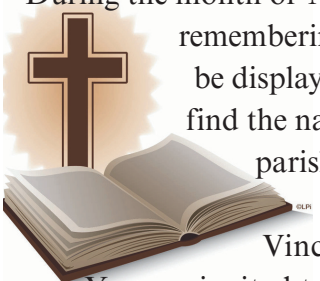
JOIN OTHERS IN PRAYING THE ROSARY



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

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

Book of Life



During the month of November, the Book of Life, remembering our beloved deceased will be displayed in church. In it, you will find the names of the deceased of our parish and those whose funerals were celebrated at St. Vincent Ferrer during the past year. You are invited to write in the names of your deceased loved ones for our remembrance.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

THE GIVING OF TREASURE

Question: Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer: Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).

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



Jeanette Kage
David Karolski
John Turchin

Please remember them and the souls of all the faithful departed in your prayers.
May all the deceased be welcomed into paradise.



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Abstinence , *Explained!*

The virtue of abstinence describes the act of refusing, to any extent, food or types of food. On its own, this action does not produce grace within a soul. However, when regulated by reason and performed in pursuit of sanctification, it is a pious form of mortification of the flesh.

Abstinence is compelled by the fourth precept of the Catholic Church ("You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.") This precept "ensures the times of ascesis and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart," says the Catechism (CCC 2043).

St. Thomas writes that the virtuous act of fasting is ordered to three ends: first, to control the appetites of the flesh; second, "that the mind may arise more freely to the contemplation of heavenly things," as we see so often in Scripture; and third, in reparation for sin (II:II, 147, Art. 1).

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MINISTERS SCHEDULE

November 22, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	D Tourville
Reader #1	C McCarthy
Reader #2	T Karolski
EME	N Virga
EME	M Waskowski
EME	A Goll
Greeter	J Ballantine
Greeter	P Rarus
Greeter	R Pasiak
Greeter	T Pasiak

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning November 22, 2026
Frank & Nina Virga



Evangelical Service Corner

Prayer Blanket and Card Making Ministries Meeting
Thursday, November 19th

Prayer Blanket and Cards for Shut-Ins Ministries will meet this Thursday at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. Artistic talent is not required. Supplies are provided.

Reminder: Prayer blankets are available in church following Mass. Please see a sacristan to obtain one and ask the presiding priest to bless it.



PROFESSIONAL CATHOLICS

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

They call us "professional Catholics."

You know many of these folks. Maybe you are one (I am). Maybe it's part of your actual job to work for the Church. "Manna from Heaven," I once called it — the privilege of seeing your bills paid by money earned talking about God.

I was having dinner with a friend recently who works in a local parish. She shared with me that some of her colleagues don't seem to have much of a devotional life outside of their jobs. Some don't even attend regular Mass, though their lives revolve around the Church.

"That's terrible," I said, not wanting to think of the holy hours I haven't had time for, the Rosaries I haven't finished, and the stack of spiritual books next to my desk, spines uncracked.

You don't have to earn a paycheck to be a professional Catholic. A professional Catholic can be anyone who spends a good deal of time simply identifying as a disciple, without embracing what that actually means.

See, I was wrong to call it "manna from Heaven." Manna merely sustains life, and we shouldn't be satisfied with that. The reward of a disciple should be more.

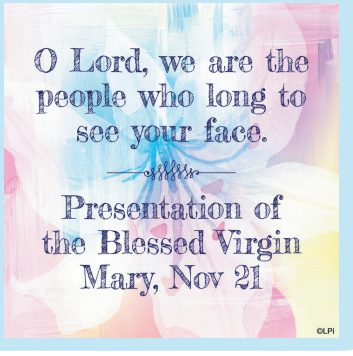
The opportunity to spread the Gospel is a fortune, lavishly endowed to the care of a servant by a master who is long delayed. He doesn't care about return on investment. He'll be just as pleased with a twofold increase as a five-fold one. It's not about profits. It's about engagement.

How terrible will it be, when I stand before God, if all I can tell Him is this: "I did my job. I was a professional."

I want to tell Him I did more. I pray I can tell Him I did more.

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MASS SCHEDULE

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica
2100 W. 12 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 am
MON, TUES, THURS, FRI - 7:30am

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Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending November 8, 2026

Fiscal Year 7-1-26 to 6-30-27	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants	220	76		
Offertory	$ 5,185.00	$ 4,172.88	(1,013.00)	(10,906.36)
Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions	472.00	246.00	(226.00)	(4,118.00)
Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds	1,673.00	91.00	(1,582.00)	(16,668.00)
Bequests: Free Will		62.00		603.00
Bequests: Evangelical Charity: Thanksgiving		25.00		25.00
AOD Collection: Priest Retirement Fund		5.00		1,130.00
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Holy Days: All Saints/All Souls		135.00		2,534.00
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