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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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 15, 2026

Joseph Dong Kim Pham† req. by Family
Don Bessler† req. by Marie Bessler
Dolores Bail† req. by Mary Jane Guc
Dennis & Rosemarie Tye† req. by Anne Thousand
Jean Pietraszewski† req. by Mary Lou Bozman
Deceased clergy & religious who served at St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Dennis

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

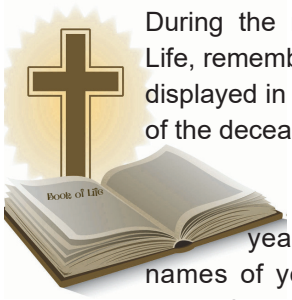
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Reverend Jude Inweregbu, Mass celebrant
Deborah Tourville, Bus. Mgr/Adult Faith Formation
Sheryl Brown, Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor
Jim Balistreri, Music Coordinator
Carl Copen, Facilities Supervisor
Alex Mototolea, Maintenance

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6/ Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/ Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/ Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/ 1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Book of Life



During the month of November, the Book of Life, remembering our beloved deceased will be displayed in church. In it, you wil 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.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Collection November 15, 2026

"The bishops of the United States founded the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) to fight poverty by empowering members of local communities, rather than by offering top-down solutions. Using this approach, CCHD funded organizations identify the most pressing issues and develop creative solutions that lead to lasting positive changes in the community They address poverty at its roots." For more information, pick up a flyer at the church entrances.

Envelopes for this collection are at the church entrances Please make checks payable to St. Vincent Ferrer Church.



After much prayer and discernment, our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Ministry officially concluded its service on October 31, 2026.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers, donors, parishioners, and supporters who generously gave their time, talent, and resources to assist those in need through this ministry. Your compassion and commitment have made a meaningful difference in the lives of many individuals and families within our community. Through your faithful service, you have truly lived out Christ's call to love and serve our neighbors.

While our parish St. Vincent Ferrer conference ended, the mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continues. Those who wish to continue supporting or seeking information about the Society's work may visit **St. Vincent de Paul Detroit or call 313-393-2930.**

Thank you for your years of dedication, generosity, and prayers. May God bless each of you for the countless ways you have shared His love with those most in need.

- St. Vincent Ferrer Vincentians



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Times

My first instinct upon waking is to grab my phone and start scrolling. Sometimes I do it for 20 or 30 minutes, and it makes me feel distracted and agitated. I feel guilty, too, for wasting my first moments of the day. So recently, I committed those minutes to reading a book that would focus my mind on Jesus. I enjoy the fact that I am not scattering my attention as much. I feel more peaceful and focused on God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about attention. He contrasts wise and foolish virgins, and then sums up the teaching by saying, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). The basic currency of the human heart is attention. The foolish bridesmaids are not immoral or malicious; they are unfocused, distracted, and unprepared. They assume that borrowed oil will suffice, that someone else's readiness can make up for their own lack. But the attention which is love cannot be outsourced. A relationship with God requires personal attentiveness cultivated over time.

This Gospel leaves us with an honest question. What am I giving my attention to each day, and am I forming a heart that is awake, watchful, and ready to meet the Lord when He comes? How can I use key moments of my day to focus my attention where I need it to be?

— Father John Muir
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Observances of the Week

Sunday:	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday:	St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
Thursday:	St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Next Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED



LIGHTING CANDLES IN CHURCH

Question: Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer: Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

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Women's Sacred Journey



Saturday, November 14th 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.



REMEMBER *in your prayers*

...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



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.



VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Kindness , *Explained!*

In the modern lexicon, the quality of "kindness" is often equated with politeness — but real, virtuous kindness is so much more. Virtuous kindness is a way of seeing others through the eyes of God.

God is not polite — God is kind, and His kindness is abundantly evident in all of creation. It was suspicion of this divine kindness that precipitated the fall of Adam and Eve (CCC 214), and it was this unfailing kindness that facilitated our own adoption as God's children, conformed to the image of His son (CCC 257).

Also known as benevolence or beneficence and derived from the theological virtue of charity, kindness is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22) and is a central theme in the famous parable of the Good Samaritan. In practicing kindness and seeking the good of another without prejudice or condition, the Samaritan reflects God's own plan of loving kindness for us.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR REFLECTION

1st Reading: Wis 6:12-16
Question: According to our Jewish sage, wisdom is a virtue that desires to be known by those who seek her. How does anyone know they have found wisdom?

2nd Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14
Question: Paul offers hope in the bodily resurrection of the dead for the Thessalonians who are grieving the death of a loved one. How does your faith in Jesus sustain you in times of grief and distress?

Gospel: Mt 25:1-13
Question: In the Parable of the Ten Virgins, Jesus teaches his disciples the importance of planning ahead for the unknown. Do you consider yourself a pre-planner?

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Prayer Blankets

Our parish still has a Prayer Blanket Ministry. Currently we have over 130 Prayer Blankets in the church Sacristy closet. The blankets are for anyone who is severely ill, hospitalized, facing surgery, in a nursing home, has severe depression or a mental illness, is grieving the loss of a loved one, has a long term illness like MS, kidney disease, macular degeneration, etc.

If you or someone you know has a need for a Prayer Blanket ask a greeter or the sacristan in church for one. Then take it to the priest to bless it before taking it home. Many blanket recipients have found comfort knowing they are not alone in their illness or struggle and that the members of St. Vincent Ferrer Church are keeping them in prayer.



Families and individuals are needed to light our Advent. wreath. Please sign up at the table along the chapel wall near the Herbert St. entrance.

MINISTERS SCHEDULE

November 15, 2026

MASS	9:00AM
Sacristan	T Riley
Reader #1	R Pasiak
Reader #2	A Goll
EME	T Pasiak
EME	L Collins
EME	L Yolkiewicz
Greeter	M Simmons
Greeter	B Turchin
Greeter	D Vu
Greeter	B Gutowski

Traveling Chalice Host Beginning November 15, 2026
NEEDED

DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Every November is Diabetes Awareness month per the National institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Diabetes is a leading cause of death in the United States. Diabetes increases the risk of heart disease, stroke, blindness, nerve damage, and kidney failure.

Type 2 diabetes is the most common form. You are more likely to get type 2 diabetes if you are overweight, obese, don't get physical activity, or have prediabetes. Prediabetes is when the levels of glucose in your blood are higher than normal but not high enough to be called type 2 diabetes.

The good news is that you can prevent or delay type 2 diabetes by:

·Reaching and staying at a healthy weight
·Staying active
·Eating healthy
·Quitting smoking

The American Diabetes Association (ADA), wants you to know that there have been advancements in knowledge, treatment and care. There is more to be done as diabetes is one of the fastest growing chronic diseases in the world with 1 in 2 Americans with prediabetes or Diabetes. Be your own healthcare advocate by following the prevention strategies and working with your health care professional to monitor your numbers.

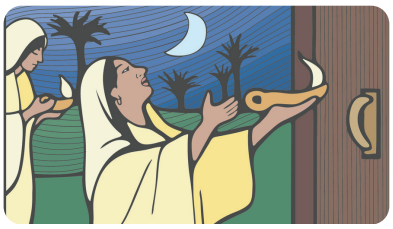
Angela Maynard
Parish Nurse



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Christian life is a life of waiting, for the Bridegroom is long delayed. We can grow too comfortable in the waiting that we forget what it's all for. So let us look to our lamps and always remember – the waiting will not last forever.

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OUTSIDE THE WEDDING FEAST

by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Every time my husband tells me he needs to take our car in for an oil change, I groan: "Didn't we just do that, like, six months ago?"

"Yeah," he replies. "And like I told you six months ago, that's roughly how often it needs to be done."

If I didn't have him, I would forget to change that oil until the engine came to a grinding halt in the middle of the interstate. It's not that I'm incapable — I remember when we're about to run out of butter, when we need to scrub out the kitchen sink so it doesn't get nasty, when it's time to schedule the kids' annual doctor visits. I just don't even think about the oil.

Why would I? My husband's on top of it.

Our brains reflexively prioritize certain tasks, delegating the rest to the care of others we trust. I do it with the oil in the car. My husband does it with the groceries.

Sometimes — too often, in fact — we do it with our spiritual lives. We let it go. We don't think about it. We trust. God's got us. We'll focus on that tomorrow.

It's beautiful to have a relationship with God based in confidence, not in anxiety. But do we sometimes take this further than is healthy? In trusting that God loves us unconditionally, do we slip into the habit of de-prioritizing him? Do we linger too long outside the wedding feast, trimming our neglected lamps, forgetting that once the door closes, it also locks? ©LPi

MERCY IN ACTION

On October 17th, three hundred PB & J and meat & cheese sandwiches were made by faithful volunteers and taken to MATT to feed the homeless.



A big thank you to all the volunteers and to the generous parishioners who donated the sandwich making foods and supplies!

FAMILIES OF PARISHES

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

REPORT ABUSE

To make a report or contact the Abuse Hotline:

EMAIL reportabuse@aod.org
PHONE 313-237-6060
TOLL FREE 866-343-8055

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Financial Stewardship Giving - Week Ending November 1, 2026

Fiscal Year 7-1-26 to 6-30-27	Budgeted	Actual	Over/Under	YTD
Offertory Envelopes Used & e-fund participants	220	73		
Offertory	$ 5,185.00	$4,168.47	(1,016.53)	(9,893.36)
Energy/Hospitality/Flowers/Candles/Mass Intentions	472.00	307.00	(165.00)	(3,892.00)
Fundraising: Budget Deficit Envelopes/CSA Refunds	1,673.00	130.00	(1,543.00)	(15,086.00
Bequests: Free Will		58.00		541.00
AOD Collection: Priest Retirement Fund				1,125.00
AOD Collection:				
Holy Days: All Saints/All Souls/Mary Mother of God		1,505.00		2,399.00
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