

In the Dominican tradition

St. Vincent Ferrer Parish



.... founded in 1931

1530 Jackson Avenue, River Forest, Illinois 60305

(708) 366-7090

February 14th, 2010

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**BLESSED
ARE
THEY**

**WHO
HOPE**

IN THE LORD

ASH WEDNESDAY Schedule

(February 17th)

7:00AM-Mass with distribution of Ashes

8:30AM-Mass with distribution of Ashes

(School Students present)

12:00 Noon-Mass with distribution of Ashes

4:30PM-Service with Distribution of Ashes

(School of Religion)

7:00PM-Service with distribution of Ashes

All are welcome to attend any of the services.

LENTEN RULES FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE



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The Lenten regulations for this year are as follows:

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

2010

Our faith is lived in schools and parishes, soup kitchens and counseling centers, on street corners and in churches, where people of all backgrounds in every neighborhood of the Archdiocese of Chicago are served.

Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal helps support the necessary financial needs of our schools, parishes and ministries in the Archdiocese. Your gift touches the lives of the unborn, the student, the educators, the infirmed, the elderly, the homeless and those suffering from injustice, both at home and abroad.

Please make pledge to the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Your gift underwrites ministries serving the People of God throughout Cook and Lake Counties.

The prayer of your heart, the work of your hands, and your

generous offering of financial support—all this identifies you among those who followed Him.

Family Community



The Annual Catholic Appeal helps to strengthen families and local communities through capital improvement grants to parishes and schools serving economically challenged neighborhoods in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Appeal funds recruitment, education and formation of lay min-

isters and deacons, and the continuing education and on-going formation of priests.

Catholic Religious Education



At Baptism we receive the gift of our faith. The formation of Catholic faith in our children is continued through the nurturing role of parents and teachers. The world offers our children choices that challenge their faith. We answer that challenge through religious education pro-

grams and Catholic schools. The Appeal funds grants and scholarships for Catholic schools serving economically disadvantaged communities. It also funds preparation and education of volunteers who conduct religious education programs in parishes.

SVF Food Pantry

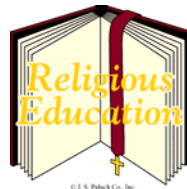
At this time our food pantry is in need of the following items:

Canned Tuna & Chicken
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Canned Soup
Pasta
Pasta Sauce
Macaroni & Cheese
Cereal

Thank You for your continued support.
Bins will be in the back of the church
Saturday-February 20th.
Sunday-February 21st.



From the Desk of Religious
Ed. Director, Kim Burch....



Our eighth grade students have chosen to support Maryville Crisis Nursery, located just north of Irving Park and Oak Park Avenues in Chicago, as their Confirmation service project. Maryville is a day care facility where parents can take their children, ages birth to six years, for a period of 72 hours during a family emergency. Our students will be making announcements at all Masses during the weekend of March 20-21. Please support the students in any way you can.

LOOK WHAT WE DID!

HAITI

EARTHQUAKE
RELIEF

A couple of weeks ago we asked you to respond to the needs of the people of Haiti as they began to recover from the devastating earthquake. We had a special collection during weekend Masses and Ms. Mazzulla and I asked the student council officers to coordinate an effort in the school. Well, as you will see, this turned into a three pronged effort and I would like to report to you the results of our efforts.

The special collection during the Masses the weekend of January 23 and 24 garnered \$15,167.38 in donations. The school student council sponsored two events, a dress down in red day (red is the primary color of Haiti's flag) and a bake sale during the first three days of Catholic Schools Week. These resulted in \$970.82 being collected.

The student council officers (Alexa Bisceglie, Ian Lowe, Morgan Pooler, Marisa Maite, Tori Gohmann, and Michela Williams) coordinated the school project. They researched Haiti and went around to all the classrooms to talk to their fellow students about this poor country. We do have great kids in the school!

Special thanks, also, to Sue Ponzio, a parishioner and the principal of Elmwood School in Elmwood Park. She heard our plea and took it to her school. Their *wear a hat day* netted \$1,231.08. You might have read about their efforts in a recent *Forest Leaves*. We do good things when working together!

Father Michael was recently told that the money we collected for the Haiti Relief Fund at the Purdue University Newman Center is going to the purchasing and sending of water and non-perishable food items. Also, the Newman Center is sending an engineer and a couple of parishioners to the Catholic school they support to begin formulating a plan for the rebuilding of the school. They are able to do this with what we sent.

Allow me to thank you all. When tragedy strikes anywhere in the world, there is usually a need for a swift response. Well, our response was swift and generous, and all the money collected is going directly to Haiti. We will certainly still be accepting donations for the relief effort.

Fr. Dennis Woerter, O.P.
Associate Pastor



Congratulations to the Fenwick students was achieved Honors for second semester.

First Honors

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Cinel, Scott | Marchetti, Gianna |
| Farina, Michael | Pape, Danielle |
| Holterman, Alex | Triggiano, Raffaele |
| Johnson, Thomas | Caputo, Olivia |
| Kulfic, Brittney | Forouzes, Dariush |
| Pinto, Marissa | Konkel, Nellie |
| Sassetti, Brett | Mastrangeli, Julia |
| Duran, Alexander | Tardella, Kathleen |
| Higgins, Sean | Higgins, Brittney |
| LaBarbera, Salvatore | Triggiano, Antonio |

Second Honors

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Kovak, Jessica | Lollino, Giana |
| Nolan, Matthew | Mavrogenes, Elizabeth |
| Saviano, Gianna | Mentone, Christopher |
| Watts, Daniel | Urigo, Gaetano |
| Amanti, Frank | Watts, Hugh |
| Giacotto, Justin | |
| Giannotti, Nicholas | |
| Pooler, Macklin | |
| Scorpio, Michael | |
| Ciolek, Paul | |
| Lollino, Alisa | |



LADDER UP TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Wondering how you will file your taxes this winter? Let Ladder's Up Tax Assistance Program prepare your taxes for free! Locations are open on Saturday mornings until April 10th.

Catholic Charities donates space for its service locations. For a full list and more information, visit www.goladderup.org or call 312-409-1555.

Bereavement Support Group

Grief work asks us to hurt more now so that we can hurt less in the future. When we are grieving, we have less energy and may need to simplify our lives. Doing the work of grief has benefits. Over time our love is freed to cherish both the deceased and others.

Date: Monday, February 15, 2010
Location: Rush Oak Park Hospital (Room B)
520 S. Maple Ave, Oak Park, IL 60304
Time: 7.00 – 8.00pm

Leader: Mrs. Charlotte Sugg, RN, LCSW (retired)
The 3rd Monday of the Month - Mrs. Sugg will lead a support group at the hospital for people who have been bereaved. No pre-registration is required. Free parking at the front of the hospital is available. Enter through the front lobby.



ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT:
The direction of state government?
Improving support for Catholic schools?
Care for the poor and vulnerable?
Illinois abortion laws?

Join Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. and the Illinois Bishops on March 3rd for a unique opportunity to discuss issues based on our gospel values

with state elected officials in Springfield.

YOUR PRESENCE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

For further information, contact the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 312-368-1066 or 217-528-9200, go to www.catholicconferenceofillinois.org, or talk to your parish pastor for details on how to sign up for Catholics at the Capitol!

TAX CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2009

To receive contribution total please call the Parish office, 708-366-7090.




PARKING: When the church lots are full, please use the lot behind the school (the entrance is on LeMoyné Avenue.) Please do not park in Dominick's Lot. Please respect our parking regulations regarding handicapped parking and the fire lanes. Please do not double park.



Liturgical Schedule for the Weekend of Feb. 20th & 21st



Mass Time and date	Altar Servers	EMC's	Lector	Sacristan
Sat., Feb. 20th: 5:30 pm	Emma Samatas Andrew Kopot	Gary Jankovich, Laverne Miller, Patricia Vinaja, John Sheahan, Elizabeth Jurjevich, Valsa Kappil, Mary Houlihan	Maria Samatas	
Sun., Feb 21st: 7:30AM	Wally LaBarbera Isabella Klepacki	Bill Walsh, Patricia Scwandt, Bill Andreoni, Teresa & Joseph Shaker, Timothy & Jeannine Schorn	Gerri Bohm	Marlow Comisky
Sun., Feb. 21st: 9:00 AM	Paul Ciolek Jackson Foellmer	Irene O'Hara, John Klebba, Lorana Castro, Terry Herbstritt, Triss & Timothy Meyer, Joan Carlson	Mary FioRito	Dolores Boveri
Sun., Feb. 21st: 11:00 AM	Joseph & Dominic Daley	Jeanne & Bill Hardy, Josephine Karr, Anthony Pasquini, Myriam Escobar, Jeffery Ptacek, Olivia Farina	Frank Loiacono	
Sun., Feb 21st: 5:30 PM	Alex & Patrick Szybowicz	Matthew Szybowicz, Clara Wiklanski, Mariclare Barrett, Linda & Paul Calabrese, John Greczek	Elaine Syrek	Juan & Jill Montesinos

This week at St. Vincent Ferrer

Sunday, February 14th

10:15 am Rel. Ed. — School

12:30 pm RCIA— Staff Room

Monday, February 15th –President's Day

Offices Closed/ Campus Closed

Tuesday, February 16th

7:30 am-9 pm Eucharistic Ador.—Adoration Chapel

9:00 pm Benediction— Adoration Chapel

Wednesday, February 17th-Ash Wednesday

7:30 am-9 pm Eucharistic Ador.—Adoration Chapel

3:30 pm Children's Choir

4:15 pm Religious Ed.

7:30 pm Prayer Group—Priory Chapel

9:00 pm Benediction— Adoration Chapel

Thursday, February 18th

10:00 am Bible Study—Parish Center

10:00 am Al-Anon (Español) — Youth Room

Friday, February 19th

8:30 am –3:00 pm Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, February 20th

11:00 am Al-Anon — Youth Room

4:30 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00 pm NAIM-Parish Center

Mass Intentions for the week



Sunday, February 14th

7:30 AM— Richard Maite

9:00 AM— Harold Joseph Pelzer

11:00 AM— Elizabeth Taylor

5:30 PM— People of the Parish

Monday, February 15th

9:00 AM — Kay Stamm

Tuesday, February 16th

7:00 AM— James F. Foely

12:00 PM— Margaret Malee

12:00 PM— Maria Danielak

Wednesday, February 17th

7:00 AM— Michael Lavelle

12:00 PM— Michael J. Perrone

Thursday, February 18th

7:00 AM— Santy Mendez

12:00 PM— Joseph & Angeline Borst

12:00 PM— Angela Devereux Ebzery

Friday, February 19th

7:00 AM— Pia & Agostino Unti

12:00 PM— Edward Brennan

Saturday, February 20th

8:00 AM— Louis Maritano

5:30 PM— Peg Henkle

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



Parish School and Parish Office
 Closed
 Monday, February 15th

The Parish School and Parish office will be closed on Monday February 15th, in observance of President's Day. Also, there will be no Eucharistic Adoration. Thank You.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Valentine's Day; World Marriage Day
 Monday: Presidents' Day
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast, Abstinence & Almsgiving
 Friday: Abstinence



BIBLE STUDY
 "Seek Wisdom in order to find God"
 Join us on Thursdays, 10:00 to 11:30 AM
 Parish Center Library
 Little Rock Scripture Study of
 The Book of Wisdom
 Contact Lorraine Sklaney -708.296.9509



St. Vincent Ferrer Elementary School

Now Accepting Registration for Fall 2010 for Pre-K through 8th Grade

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- Exceptional Curriculum
- Excellent Academics with Proven Results
- Solid Teaching of Personal Responsibility & Catholic Moral Values

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WELCOME TO ST. VINCENT FERRER PARISH

We are pleased that you have chosen to celebrate the Eucharist with us today. If you are a visitor or newcomer, please introduce yourself. And if you are interested in learning more about our parish, please take a look at our website www.svfparish.org. At St. Vincent we are delighted to welcome newcomers to our parish and there is a place for you. Our registration form can be found on the web site and is available in the parish offices at 1530 Jackson Ave. Should you have any questions, one of our parish staff will be happy to accommodate you.

708-366-7090 ext. 100. Again...Welcome!!



Now accepting enrollment for 3 year old program—3 or 5 day options available.



**SPRED Program
Faith Formation and Inclusion for
Children and Adults
with Developmental/Learning Disabilities
at St. Vincent Ferrer**

Did you know that St. Vincent Ferrer is trying to activate a SPRED ministry here? While we have many ministries, our new ministry is SPRED. We are looking for adults to join the SPRED Team of catechists. Each SPRED team consists of 8 people — a lead catechist, activity catechist and 6 helper catechists, each of whom are paired with a special SPRED friend.

SPRED gives you an opportunity to grow in your own faith and also to reach out to those more vulnerable and guide them as a friend so all grow in faith. SPRED meets on alternating weeks — for every session with our friends, there is a session the week prior for the SPRED team to prepare.

Getting involved so your faith makes a difference is the key. Celebrating that faith at a Sunday Mass becomes even more powerful when you are living it out in your daily life. We need volunteers, men and women. We also like to know the parents of people with developmental and intellectual challenges, of all ages or abilities who live in our parish.

These parents and those interested in serving in this ministry are invited to a **SPRED informational gathering on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 pm in the Cabrini Parish Center.** Training is offered to all who volunteer so as to prepare each SPRED catechist and make him/her comfortable in this unique program. The decision is yours. One does not need experience to become involved. SPRED is about developing friendships.

For more information, call Sylvia Zamora, SVF Chairperson: 708-366-7090 x 144 or email me at cre@svfparish.org.

*Please Pray for Our
Sick Relatives and*

<i>Zander Abayon</i>	<i>Steve Gayton</i>
<i>Al Albergo</i>	<i>Michael Karalis Jr.</i>
<i>Sebastian Albergo</i>	<i>Jeannine Malecki</i>
<i>Roberta Bednowicz</i>	<i>Lorena Morales</i>
<i>Charles Berndt</i>	<i>Jeanine Navigato</i>
<i>Jim Budzban</i>	<i>Darlene O'Donnell</i>
<i>Teresa Cairo</i>	<i>Rosalia Rizzo</i>
<i>Lillian Cataldo</i>	<i>Donata Serritella</i>
<i>Gerald Dal Cerro</i>	<i>Angelo Serritella</i>
<i>Agnes Chiodo</i>	<i>Bonnie Staniec</i>
<i>John Dalicandro</i>	<i>Mary Storino</i>
<i>Nicolette DelMonico</i>	<i>Susan Albergo Straube</i>
<i>Gene Diederich</i>	<i>John Summaria</i>
<i>Max DiFrisco</i>	<i>Virginia Summaria</i>
<i>Silvio Dato</i>	<i>Barbara Thome</i>
<i>Doris Franklin</i>	<i>Roman Truskolaski</i>
<i>Juan Garcia</i>	<i>James Weging, Jr.</i>
<i>Lena Gatto</i>	

*May our prayers bring them strength, healing and
peace.*

****Please contact the Parish Office to add a loved
one's name to our Parish prayer list. Names are
removed after four weeks unless the office is
called to renew.*



REST IN PEACE

Mary Jane Russo



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Gianni Anthony Klemenko

500 CLUB

**Congratulations to our Dividend
Winner for February 7th,
Ermina J. Panico**

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION:

Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM
 Saturday, 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM (Anticipated)
 Sunday, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
 and 5:30 PM
 Holy Days, 7:00 AM, 12 Noon and 7:00 PM
 Holidays, 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday, 4:30 PM and by appointment.

Church 7525 W. North Avenue
 Lathrop & North Avenues
 River Forest, IL 60305

Offices 1530 Jackson
 708-366-7090 FAX 708-366-7092
 M-F 8am-7:30pm Sat-Sun 9am-1pm

School 1527 Lathrop
 708-771-5905 FAX 708-771-7114

School of Religion 1527 Lathrop
 708-366-7090

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION
 Articles for the Bulletin must be
 received at the parish office on
 Thursdays at 12 noon, 10 days
 prior to issue date and 15 days
 for holiday issues.

PASTORAL STAFF

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 Camela Daley, Music Director x147
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 Fr. Michael Kyte, O.P., Associate Pastor x104
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 Robert Sassetti, Deacon Emeritus
 Jerome J. Trakszelis, Deacon
 Fr. Dennis Woerter, O.P., Associate Pastor x112

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✠BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are celebrated at one of the weekend masses or at 1pm on Sunday (except during Lent). Attendance at the baptismal preparation class is required.

Call parish office for more information.

✠WEDDINGS/MARRIAGE PROGRAMS:

Marriage Preparation Program with a Priest should be **started at least one year in advance of the proposed wedding date.** Call the parish office to begin the process

✠R.C.I.A.: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)/Adult Confirmation: Contact Fr. Dennis Woerter at ext. 112**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:**

Director: Kimberly Burch, ext. 144
 Coord. Rel. Sylvia Zamora, ext. 144
 Secretary: Loretta Eichenold, ext. 145
 Tuesday-Thursday 9:00 am to 2:30 pm (Closed Mon., Fri., & Sat.)

FAMILY MASS: Liturgy of Word for children every Sunday at 9:00 am.**HOMEBOUND PARISHONERS:**

Any Homebound Parishioners that need Communion contact Father Michael Kyte, ext. 104

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Contact parish office before major surgery or in case of serious illness. The sacrament is also celebrated at the 8am Mass on the second Saturday of each month.

FUNERALS:

Call the parish office (708) 366-7090x100
 For funeral planning see our website.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 7:30 am to 9:00 pm
 Adoration is held in the west sacristy chapel. Use the southwest entrance to the Church.

ROSARY: Daily before the Noon Mass**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP:**

Tuesday after Noon Mass.

BLESSING OF UNBORN AND THEIR PARENTS:

On the last Sunday of each month we will offer blessings for expectant parents and their unborn children at the end of the 9:00 am Mass. Inform the parish office during the preceding week.

NEW PARISHONERS:

Call or come by the parish office to meet parish staff and fill out a registration form.

RECONCILIATION:

Confessions are heard at 4:30 pm on Saturday.

✠FIRST PENANCE/FIRST EUCHARIST:

Celebrated in the Second Grade classes annually.

✠CONFIRMATION:

Administered to youth. Seventh and Eighth Grade religious catechesis required. Contact Kimberly Burch or Sylvia Zamora at ext. 144.

BLESSING OF HOMES:

Upon request. Contact one of the priest or deacons.

SVF MISSION STATEMENT

As committed Catholics we gather together at St. Vincent Ferrer Parish to build a Christian community on the Dominican tradition of dignity and truth.

Through the sacramental life of our Church, the celebration of the Eucharist, personal prayer, study, and working together to spread God's message of love, peace and justice we struggle to achieve this goal.