

In the Dominican tradition

St. Vincent Ferrer Parish



.... founded in 1931

1530 Jackson Avenue, River Forest, Illinois 60305

(708) 366-7090

May 16th, 2010 - The Ascension of the Lord



**I pray that they
may all be ONE**

**From the Desk of the Pastor....****St. Vincent Ferrer Needs You**

Our fiscal year ends on June 30th and our parish is facing a shortfall of \$50,000 from what was budgeted for Sunday Collections. Although the Parish continues to remain on target with a bare bones budget, the Sunday collections are running about \$4000 short each week. It is necessary to come to our loyal parishioners to seek your help.

We are designating May 23rd and June 6th as Balance the Budget Sundays. Please consider a minimum of doubling your regular donation on those two dates. For those who do not donate on a regular basis, please take these two Sundays as an opportunity to help assist your parish.

Last year we found it necessary to initiate this “Balance the Budget” campaign and your response was most generous! We humbly request that you respond as generously again this year. St. Vincent Ferrer Parish is always there for you, please be there for your parish in this time of financial need!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Herb C. Hayek, O.P.

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!!



From the desk of JoAnne Kennelly, Development Director

Attention Parents!!! Do You Know Where your Children Are?

For well over a year I have put pleas in the bulletin for the addresses of St. Vincent Ferrer School graduates. There was no database whatsoever when I came to SVF, just 100's of sheets of paper.

We now have correct addresses, emails and phone numbers for about 425 alums. While I'm happy about the numbers that I've found, it is a very small percentage of the total number of SVF graduates in the past 40 years.

In anticipation of the 70th anniversary celebration, there is a big push towards finding as many alumni as possible. I know that there are parents of graduates of the school who are still in the parish. **PLEASE** help by sending your child(ren)'s whereabouts to me. Then, they will receive future communiqués regarding this very special event!

Save the date: Anniversary Celebration Weekend 10/8/10 - 10/10/10 with the big event on that Saturday beginning with 5:30 Mass.

Thank you for your help.

JoAnne

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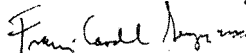
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord during this Easter season, I invite you to join me in supporting the Archdiocesan Office of Assistance Ministry, victims- survivors, priests and others in the creation of a Healing Garden. The idea of the Healing Garden was initially brought to me in 2008 by a victim-survivor of clerical sexual abuse and staff members from the Office of Assistance Ministry. They and others who were supportive of this initiative proposed the construction of a beautiful place of refuge, prayer, reflection and solitude, where God, whose goodness is visible in creation, might help all victims-survivors of sexual abuse in their journeys toward healing and reconciliation.

Through collaborative efforts with the Jesuit Community, this Healing Garden will be located at Holy Family Parish on Roosevelt Road in Chicago, which is centrally located and easily accessible by all forms of transportation. The design for the garden will be completed soon, and construction is scheduled to begin this summer. Survivors of sexual abuse in this Archdiocese are actively involved in this Archdiocesan-supported project.

As the Healing Garden takes shape over the next several months, I ask you to join me in praying for all those who seek healing from the wounds of sexual abuse. May the Lord, whose power to make the injured whole and to bring goodness out of evil drew people to follow Him, bless you and those you love with His peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.


Archbishop of Chicago

Catholic Lighthouse Media Catholic CD's

Catholic CDs covering a variety of topics are now available in the display case in the northeast corner of the Church. The CDs are available for a suggested donation of \$3 each. The titles will be updated on a regular basis. These CDs provide a great opportunity to better understand your faith.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2011 IS NOW OPEN

The 2011 Mass Intention Book is now open in the Parish Office. Each person is allowed 5 Mass intentions, only 2 of which may be on a weekend.

No Mass Intentions for 2011 will be taken over the phone.



SVF PARISH SCHOOL

*From the desk of
Francesca Mazzulla...*

National Geographic Bee

Benny Paris, a SVF fifth grader, participated in the state level of the National Geographic Bee. It was a grueling competition with 103 contestants, a majority of whom were eighth graders. We are proud to announce that Benny finished fifth in the state. He even beat last year's state champion. We are very proud of this amazing young man!

Music Award

Congratulations to Veronica Kalwajtys, a SVF sixth grader, for successfully passing the 2010 Illinois State Achievement in Music Examination for piano. Veronica has certainly proved herself to be quite an accomplished musician. We are very proud of her!

Essay Contest

Congratulations to the SVF students who participated in the 2010 Illinois Fatherhood Essay Contest. The children wrote essays on the topic, "What My Father Means to Me." We congratulate Sofia Miceli. Sofia has been chosen as a semi-finalist in the essay contest. We wish her luck and are very proud of her.

The Arts at SVF

Ms. Foster's third grades classes performed "St. George and the Dragon" in two media: puppetry and drama (comedy). The script was written in medieval sounding verse, sparked their heroic imagination and they added story parts and changed lines with delight.

SVF Kindergarteners Read for a Cause

Our Kindergarten classes have participated in a program sponsored by Scholastic called "United We Read." The children pledged to read 50 books as a class. As a result of their efforts, a donation of books was made to the children of families who live on military bases. We are very proud of our Kindergarteners for helping these children!

Bereavement Support Group

The 3rd Monday of the Month—Mrs. Sugg will lead a support group at the Oak Park hospital for people who are grieving. No pre-registration is required. Free parking at the front of the hospital is available.

Enter through the front lobby.

Date: Monday—May 17th 2010 Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm


**Location: Rush Oak Park Hospital (Room B)
520 S. Maple Avenue, Oak Park, IL 60304**

Leader: Mrs. Charlotte Sugg RN, LCSW (retired)



Liturgical Schedule for the Weekend of May 22nd & 23rd



Mass Time and Date	Altar Servers	EMC's	Lector	Sacristan
Sat., 22nd: 5:30 pm	Paul & Emma Samatas	Casimir Czaja, Mary Jo Petrone, Marie Macaluso, Elizabeth Jurjevich, Valsa Kappil, Triss & Timothy Meyer	Maria Samatas	
Sun., 23rd: 7:30AM	Anthony Maite Stephanie Girjikian	Ronald Catanzaro, Ruth Skinner, Annette Rociola, Judi & Arthur Kowalkowski, Mary Ellen Kenny, Keith Patten	Gerri Bohm	Bill Walsh
Sun., 23rd: 9:00 AM	Paul Ciolek Andrew Kopot	Katie Ortiz, Tim Trendel, Mary & Lud Streck, Mary & Ken Trendel, Janet Homer	Chona Domondon	Dolores Boveri
Sun., 23rd: 11:00 AM	Wally LaBarbera Jack Elliott	Anna Marie Massey, James & Cathy Platt, Veronica Zengulys, Pat Wallenberg, Joseph & Rosemary Tye	Jackie Liuzzo- Malles	
Sun., 23rd: 5:30 PM	Lucia Montesinos Christian Giacotto	Clara Wiklanski, Joan Carlson, Mariclare Barrett, Linda & Paul Calabrese, John Greczek, Mary Houlihan	Rose Felipe	Juan & Jill Montesinos

This week at St. Vincent Ferrer

Mass Intentions for the week



Sunday, May 16th

Monday, May 17th

7:30am-8:30pm Eucharistic Ador.—Adoration Chapel

Tuesday, May 18th

7:30am-8:30 pm Eucharistic Ador.—Adoration Chapel

7:00pm-IA Meeting –Parish Center

7:00pm-Italian Catholic Federation - Parish Center

Wednesday, May 19th

7:30am-8:30 pm Eucharistic Ador.—Adoration Chapel

1:15pm-School Mass-Church

3:30pm-Childrens Choir-School

6:00pm-Finance Comm. - Parish Center

7:00pm-Adult Choir-Choir Loft

7:30pm-Prayer Group-Priory Chapel

8:30pm-Benediction-Adoration Chapel

Thursday, May 20th

10:00am Bible Study—Parish Center Lib.

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

7:00pm-BSJ - Parish Center

Friday, May 21st

Saturday, May 22nd

11:00am Al-Anon — Youth Room

4:30pm - Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, May 16th

7:30AM– Sam Trapani

9:00AM– Sally Avila

11:00AM- Dr. Robert Peters

5:30PM– Mothers Day Novena

Monday, May 17th

7:00AM– Mothers Day Novena

12:00PM– Eugene Miceli

Tuesday, May 18th

7:00AM—Sam & Frances Catanzaro

12:00PM– Raymond Casey

12:00PM– Joseph A. Bucolo

Wednesday, May 19th

7:00AM-Lattner & McAllister Families

12:00PM-Stephen J. Grace

Thursday, May 20th

7:00AM-Margaret Malee

12:00PM-Roslie Kunde

12:00PM-Jim Casaccio

Friday, May 21st

7:00AM– Ruth Ashton

12:00PM– Maurizio Rick Bernardi

Saturday, May 22nd

8:00AM-People of the Parish

5:30PM– Ceil & Tom Jordan

From the Desk of Sylvia Zamora....

The SPRED mission is to form small communities of faith, to welcome persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to foster inclusion in assemblies of worship.

SPRED is for those who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. The range can be mild to severe, needing limited assistance or pervasive assistance. SPRED is available for children, adolescents, young adults and adults. There is an adult sponsor for each person with a disability.

The goal of catechesis with those who have disabilities is to develop a sense of the sacred, a sense of church, a sense of the Christ, and a sense of God. The process is to help each person enter into communion with Jesus Christ within the Christian community of faith.

Each month we have held informational meetings to identify our parish friends with special needs, including those who are interested in becoming a catechist to a friend. As of this writing, we now have Mary, Paul, Michael, and Elizabeth on a waiting list, with availability for two more friends. These friends are waiting for you. Listen to the Holy Spirit and allow your heart to be guided by this voice.

Our next informational SPRED meeting is Monday, May 24, 2010 at 7:00PM in the Cabrini Parish Center. For further information contact Sylvia Zamora at 708-366-7090 ext. 144 or cre@svfparish.org.

ST. VINCENT FERRER SCHOOL AND PARISH NOW OFFERING

FRIAR CLUB SUMMER CAMP AND SUMMER SCHOOL

***REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!
ALL ARE WELCOME!***

***Register in our school office:
1515 N. Lathrop Avenue
Monday-Friday 8:00am-3:30pm***

Contact Tammy Sabella

500 CLUB

***Congratulations to our Dividend
Winner
for May 9th
The Holterman Family***

THE POINT

**Love is an outstretched finger
pointing to God.**

Collection for May 2, 2010

\$1161.64	Sunday Loose
\$9499.81	Sunday Envelopes
\$ 5.00	St. Pius Twinning
\$ 70.00	School Support
\$ 100.00	Mother's Day Novenas
\$ 5.00	Easter
\$ 25.00	Catholic Charities
<u>\$1140.25</u>	Buildings & Grounds
\$12006.70	Total Collections for May 2, 2010



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25
 Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord
 Tuesday: St. John I
 Wednesday: Shavuot (Jewish celebration)
 Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena
 Friday: St. Christopher Magallanes and His Companions
 Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia

Wedding Banns

- III. Cesar Marin & Jacqueline Hiras
- II. Juan Robles & Anna Hernandez
- II. Jaime Torres & Ynette Gonzalez
- II. Derek Skuble & Heather Barker
- I. Kevin Gonzalez & Lorena Garcia



BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Ian Christopher Carlson

Please Pray for Our Sick Relatives and Friends

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| Roberta Bednowicz | Jeanine Malecki |
| Sandra Belmont | Debbie Mele |
| Charles Berndt | Jeanine Navigato |
| Jim Budzban | Elaine Orlando |
| Teresa Cairo | Sam Orlando |
| Lillian Cataldo | John Paterno |
| Gerald Dal Cerro | Rosalia Rizzo |
| John Dalicandro | Bonnie Staniec |
| Linda & Paul Fosco | Donata Serritella |
| Max DiFrisco | Angelo Serritella |
| Silvio Dato | Mary Storino |
| Juan Garcia | John Summaria |
| Joan Galen | Virginia Summaria |
| Lena Gatto | Barbara Thome |
| Mary Ann Juliano | James Weging, Jr. |

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.*

A GARDENER'S CREED

One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.

-Anonymous

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.

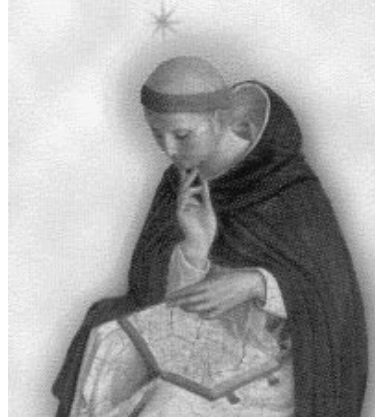
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 Lathrop & North Avenues
 River Forest, IL 60305

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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 Sylvia Zamora, Cor. of Rel. Ed/Spred x144
 Camela Daley, Music Director x147
 John Gaughan, Deacon
 Fr. Herbert C. Hayek, O.P. Pastor x151
 Fr. Michael Kyte, O.P., Associate Pastor x104
 Francesca Mazzulla, School Principal x140
 Robert Sassetti, Deacon Emeritus
 Jerome J. Trakszelis, Deacon
 Fr. Dennis Woerter, O.P., Associate Pastor x112

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 Loretta Eichenold, Admin. Assistant x145
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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 8:30 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.