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1530 JACKSON AVE., RIVER FOREST, IL 60305



FEBRUARY
02
2025

WELCOME!

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturdays

8:00AM and 5:30PM

IN CHURCH

SUNDAYS:

7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM
AND 5:30PM IN CHURCH

WEEKLY MASS

MONDAY – FRIDAY

7:00AM, 12:00PM

(EXCEPT WEDNESDAY)

CIVIL HOLIDAYS - GO TO
www.SVFPARISH.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MONDAY – FRIDAY

12:30PM - 1:00PM

SATURDAY

4:45PM - 5:15PM

AND BY APPOINTMENT

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

A LIGHT FOR REVELATION.

LUKE 2:32



PARISH AND SCHOOL STAFF

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Kelly Fierro, Operations Director	x114
Bistra McCullough, Religious Education	x144
Sylvia Ochoa, Secretary	x100
Judy Bolton, Director of Development	x135
Jesus Velazquez, Maintenance Supervisor	x117

(Email addresses can be found at www.svfp Parish.org)

CHURCH:

7525 W. North Ave., River Forest, IL 60305

SCHOOL OFFICE:

1515 Lathrop Ave., River Forest, IL 60305
 Tel (708) 771-5905
<http://www.svfschool.org/>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

1527 Lathrop Ave., River Forest, IL 60305
 Tel (708) 366-7090 X144

PARISH OFFICES/PRIORY:

1530 Jackson Ave., River Forest, IL 60305
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Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00am - 4:00pm
 Tuesday and Thursday 8:00am - 7:00pm

MASSES:

Saturdays: 8:00am and 5:30pm in Church
 Sundays: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am and 5:30pm in Church.
 Monday through Friday: 7:00am, 12:00pm (except Wednesday)
 Civil Holidays: Go to www.svfp Parish.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Monday— Friday 12:30pm—1:00pm
 Saturday: 4:45pm—5:15pm and by appointment

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Fr. Richard Peddicord, OP	
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STEWARDSHIP**SUNDAY OFFERTORY OPTIONS**

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for sharing with us what God has blessed you with. Our community has given their time, talent and treasure generously to support our ministries and grow our faith for many years. That generosity allows us to put our faith into action by supporting our ministries in providing excellence in education, faith formation, sacramental celebration, liturgical services and outreach to our community. We have many reasons to celebrate and give thanks for the resources you share with St. Vincent Ferrer and the greater community.

Visit <https://www.givecentral.org/sunday> to donate or set up a recurring electronic donation.

- ◆ Text the key word SUNDAY to 847-243-6183. You will be directed to our Online Giving Page.
- ◆ Call 708-366-7090 x 114 to set up electronic giving over the phone.
- ◆ Drop off or mail your envelope to the parish office at 1530 Jackson Ave., River Forest, IL 60305.

**Legacy GIFTS FOR OUR PARISH**

Please Consider a Gift to the Church that Pays You Back

As stewards of our faith, you can express your gratitude for God's gifts and help ensure that God's good work on earth continues by considering a gift to the Church that pays you back – a charitable gift annuity. When you establish a charitable gift annuity with the archdiocese, not only will you receive fixed payments for life, but you can designate our parish, school or ministry – such as the Annual Catholic Appeal – as the remainder beneficiary. You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you. For more information, please contact Kelly Fierro, 708-366-7090 x114, or kfierro@svfp Parish.org.

JANUARY 26, 2024

Sunday Offertory Weekly Collection	\$ 8,577
Sunday Offertory Weekly Online Collection	\$ 1,808
Total Sunday Offertory Weekly Collection	\$ 10,385
Weekly Sunday Offertory Budgeted Collection	\$ 12,327
Weekly Difference from Budget - Over/(Under)	\$ (1,942)

Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Collection	\$ 280,314
Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Online Collection	\$ 75,835
Total Year-To-Date Sunday Offertory Collection	\$ 356,148
Year-To-Date Budgeted Sunday Offertory Collection	\$ 369,808
Year-To-Date Difference from Budget - Over/(Under)	\$ (13,659)

SUNDAY READINGS



I READING

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord GOD: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek, And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, Refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD. Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the LORD, as in the days of old, as in years gone by.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!



II READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life. Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of

the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted -and you yourself a sword will pierce-so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Wednesday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM



St. Josephine Bakhita: A Story of God's Rescue

Join Sister Imelda as she shares the amazing story of St. Josephine Bakhita, who, after being taken captive and made a slave, finds freedom by giving her life to God.

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January 26 (Sunday): Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, and 5:30pm; 9:00am Bookstore Open in Kyte Hall; 6:30pm Men's Basketball in Gym.

January 27 (Monday): Masses at 7:00am and 12:00pm in Church; 12:30 Confessions in Church.

January 28 (Tuesday): Mass at 7:00am and 12:00pm; 12:30pm Confessions in Church; 7:00pm OCIA in Parish Office.

January 29 (Wednesday): 7:00am Mass in Church; Adoration in Adoration Chapel; 7:30am Coffee and Donuts in Kyte Hall; 12:30pm Confessions in Church.

January 30 (Thursday): Masses at 7:00am and 12:00pm in Church; 9:30am Bible Study in Kyte Hall; 12:30 Confessions in Church.

January 31 (Friday): Masses at 7:00am and 12:00pm in Church; 12:30 Confessions in Church.

February 1 (Saturday): 8:00am Mass in Church; 4:45pm Confessions in Church; 5:30pm Vigil Mass in Church.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR A WEEK:

Monday, February 3rd

7:00AM +Marino Figueras and Family
12:00PM +Estelle Anandappa

Tuesday, February 4th

7:00AM +Jeanette Crowe
12:00PM +Daniel R DePaldo 25th Anniversary

Wednesday, February 5th

7:00AM +David Cruz and Vincente Ambayec

Thursday, February 6th

7:00AM +Patricia Harty
12:00PM +Carl Grabowski 2nd Anniversary

Friday, February 7th

7:00AM The Bergren Family
12:00PM +Josephine Townsend

Saturday, February 8th

8:00AM +Jimmy Pinna

5:30PM

Sunday, February 9th

7:30AM +Dawn Pfeifer
9:00AM +Michael Hickey
11:00AM People of the Parish
5:30PM



REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Douglas Sansona

Dawn E Pfeifer

Dorothy Lebetski

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Karen Bartos, Eugene Baltes, Vincent Biondi, Dorothy Bor, Gina Brattman, Olivia Budzisz, Ron Catanzaro, Heather Carsello, John Corcoran, Sam Cozzo, Maria D'Agnolo, John Felix, Letitia Furlin, Celia Guevara, Audrey Hare, Herb Hoffman, Al Kielma, Patti Iovinelli, Dale Mensik, Danny Mentone, Donna Morales, Michael DePaldo, Larry Prester, Marie Prester, Carmen Rodriguez, Joan Roberts, Richie Ruscitti, Dolores Sabatello, John Summaria, James Siragusa, Judith Schweickert, Jan Sylvano, Mary Ann Trakszelis
May our prayers bring them strength, healing and peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY AND FIRST RESPONDERS:

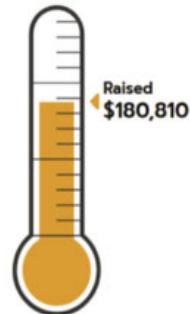
Senior Airman Armando Chavez (Air Force);
Captain Daniel Armstrong (USMC);
Officer Robert Reeves and Staff;
Sergeant Stephen Sandoval; Captain Kevin Zander;
Joseph Dominic Vecchio; Heather Chauca Bucur, SPC,
Clinton Chauca, Gunnery Sergeant, Edward
Romano, Jr., USMC

SVF HEATING FUND DRIVE

**Help Us Replace the
Church Heating at
St. Vincent Ferrer**

SVF Heat Fund

\$290,785



Our fiscal year has begun with a blessing and a challenge. Our blessing is that we continue to serve God in our community supporting our parish community with formation opportunities, sacramental celebrations, liturgy worship, and community outreach. Our challenge is replacing our original, past-its-useful life, failing heating system that has sprung another leak! We are reaching out to parish family, friends and supporters to help us raise funds needed to install a new heating system for next fall and winter. Donations can be made to the parish office or online at <https://www.givecentral.org/svfheat>

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Space



A Warm
Welcome

A Warm
Heart ♥

St. Vincent Ferrer Seniors' Meeting



Monday, February 10th at Noon
Kyte Hall

All seniors are welcomed. Please call Rita Andrews at (708)583-1265 for information and to reserve your spot by Monday, January 27th. Yearly membership dues of \$10 must be paid at the meeting. An optional lunch will be provided at the nominal fee of \$7 if you reserve your spot by the above deadline.

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What does registration as an “official” member of St. Vincent Ferrer Church mean?

It means that you take your faith seriously or want to.

It means that you take seriously your obligations (and rights) to the parish.

It means that you want to identify with the Church in a particular way.

It means that the parish has a “more than usual” obligation to serve you, whether it be when you’re sick, in financial distress, if a loved one dies, if you’re seeking baptism for a newly-born infant, if you want to get married in the parish.

It means that one Mass is celebrated for you and all parishioners at St Vincent Ferrer Church every week.

It means you are entitled to parishioner rates when it comes to school tuition, etc.

It means that you are a “practicing Catholic” known to your parish and as such, assuming you are married in the Church, may request a letter from the Pastor attesting to your suitability to be a godparent for Baptism or a sponsor for Confirmation.

It means that the clergy and parishioners should strive to support you spiritually and otherwise and that you, too, must support the parish through your participation and offerings.

It means that if your children attend public school or are home-schooled, you may enroll them in our religious education program for preparation for 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation.

You are not a registered parishioner if you are an adult who once went to grade school here or used to attend Mass here years ago.

You are not a registered parishioner if your family are long-time parishioners but you, as an adult, have never registered.

Parish registration costs nothing.

Interested parties can register as members of St. Vincent Ferrer in our parish office at 1530 Jackson, River Forest, during the office open hours. Remember: Registration prevents anyone in the parish office from ever saying, “We don’t know you.”



Feast day of St. Blaise Throat Blessing

on
Monday, February 3rd at the 7:00am and 12:00pm Masses.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
MONTHLY FAMILY

ROSARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

AFTER THE 9AM MASS
 IN KYTE HALL

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January 17, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Christmas Eve, our Holy Father opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica inaugurating the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. Indeed, Christ is our Hope and in Him we place our personal hopes for the year ahead. Yet amid this call to hope, many of our brothers and sisters on the margins are experiencing great fear and anxiety. I am thinking in particular of our immigrant communities.

Much has been said of what might happen to some of our neighbors beginning in the coming weeks and months. As people of hope, it is important that we do what is right and necessary to instill confidence in those who are afraid, letting them know that the Church is with them.

As the Body of Christ, we serve those in need, respecting and promoting the inherent dignity of every person who arrives on our doorstep. At the same time, parishes, schools and entities of the Archdiocese of Chicago must adhere to federal, state and local laws and regulations.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is working with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Charities, state and local governments and other groups to coordinate our activities of support in Cook and Lake Counties. Please find a collection of resources on our website at <https://www.archchicago.org/news-and-events/immigrant-assistance-resources>.

As we are called to do, we will prioritize bringing Christ into this time of fear and uncertainty. By asking, "What is God telling us in this moment?" we help families see that God is with them, even in their fears. This approach—rooted in prayer, solidarity, and tangible action—demonstrates that the Catholic Church, through its unique resources and faith, offers a beacon of hope. Together, we bring love, accompaniment, and the reassurance that no one is alone.

Speaking this year to the ambassadors accredited to the Holy See, the Holy Father observed that migration governance needs to balance regulation with human rights and dignity. "We are quick to forget that we are dealing with people with faces and names." Pope Francis has also been clear that "the principle of safe and voluntary repatriation of those who are forced to flee must be strictly adhered to. No one should be repatriated to a country where they could face severe human rights violations or even death."

Let us continue to work together in this spirit, and be faith-filled instruments of mercy honoring the human dignity of all persons.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blase Cupich".
Archbishop of Chicago

INFORMATION: SACRAMENTAL, etc...



BAPTISMS:

Infant baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays at 12:00 noon. Attendance at a baptismal preparation class is required. For more information go to: www.svfparish.org—Sacraments—Baptism.

FUNERALS:

Call the parish office at (708) 366-7090 x 0. Also, look at www.svfparish.org→Sacraments→Funeral Resources. (If applicable, read Cremation Guidelines).

WEDDINGS:

Marriage preparation with a priest should be started at least one year in advance of the proposed wedding date. For more information go to www.svfparish.org→Sacraments→Matrimony.

ANointing of the Sick:

Contact the parish office before major surgery or in case of serious illness. Tel: (708) 366-7090 x 0.

R.C.I.A.

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Contact the parish office at (708) 366-7090 x 0.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Contact Bistra McCullough Director of Religious Education, at (708) 366-7090 x144

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Usually done in the 2nd grade. Contact Bistra McCullough , Director of Religious Education, at (708)366-7090 x144 or [bmccullough @svfparish.org](mailto:bmccullough@svfparish.org)

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Usually conferred on our youth in the 8th grade after 2 years in the parish's Religious Education program. For more information, contact Bistra McCullough , Director of Religious Education, at (708) 366-7090 x144 or [bmccullough @svfparish.org](mailto:bmccullough@svfparish.org)

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS:

Any homebound parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion should contact Robin Huntington, at

ROSARY:

Daily before the 12:00 noon Mass.

BLESSING OF THE UNBORN AND THEIR PARENTS:

After any Mass by prior arrangement through the parish office (708) 366-7090 x 0.

ABORTION?

If you're considering it, please call this emergency helpline for counseling: 800-712-HELP (4357).

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Go to www.svfparish.org→Welcome→Join the Parish or come by the parish office to meet the staff and priests. (See office hours on page 2)

BULLETIN SUBMISSION:

Articles and notices should be submitted at least one week in advance to office@svfparish.org or by going to the parish office.

CALENDAR SUBMISSION:

For parish activities to appear on our parish calendar online and in the bulletin: calendar@svfparish.org or by going to the parish office.

ADORATION CHAPEL:

- * The chapel is open and may be used from 7:30 AM until 3:30 PM Monday through Friday. The chapel must be closed during the weekday noon Masses. After Mass the chapel may be used again until closing.
- * The chapel is accessed by coming through the main church and through the doors at the St. Joseph side altar.
- * There must be one person in the chapel for the doors of the tabernacle to be open.
- * The chapel is for silent prayer. Communal prayer may take place in the church.
- * If you are the first person in the chapel you may open the round door on the front of the tabernacle to expose the Blessed Sacrament.
- * If you are the last person leaving the chapel, please close the round door on the front of the tabernacle.



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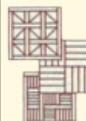


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