



St. Perpetua

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 17, 2023 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A man named John was
sent from God. He came
for testimony, to testify to
the light, so that all might
believe through him.
- Jn 1:6-7

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Fr. Paul Graney
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....5:00pm
Sunday.....9:30am & 11:30am
Tuesday.....9:00am
Thursday.....7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday.....4:00pm-4:30pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

3rd Sunday of the Month following
the 11:30am Mass

OUR MISSION

We, the people of St. Perpetua Parish of Waterford, serve the needs of one another by forming an active community to continue God's work. Our parish family believes in the Christian principles of family life, social justice, ecumenical activity, spiritual growth, and Catholic education. Reaching out to young and old alike, we strive to keep alive our rich tradition of active faith, revealing to others the love which God has shown us.

† MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, NO Mass
Late Advent Weekday



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM

Spec. Int. for Eugene Elliot &
Spec. Int. for Asher Elliot, req. by Gen Block

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, NO Mass
Late Advent Weekday

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
Late Advent Weekday

7:00 PM

† Nelli Kemennu, req. by Joe & Lucia Langhauser
† Doris Campaign, req. by Phil Campain

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, NO Mass
Late Advent Weekday

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM

† Dianne Caspers, req. by the Family
† Garnell Ralbusky, req. by Dave & Pat Strong

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM

Spec. Int. for the St. Perpetua Parish Family

7:00 PM

Spec. Int. for the St. Perpetua Parish Family

Midnight

Spec. Int. for the St. Perpetua Parish Family



2023 Pledge Drive is Underway!

Our Parish Target: \$49,416.00

Amount Paid: \$39,795.84

(as of November 30, 2023)

Amount Owed: \$9,620.16

(does not include recent payments)

Thank you for your generosity!

Checks should be made out to:

Archdiocese of Detroit-
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the memo line.

You may put the checks in
the weekly offertory.



Dear Lord Jesus and Mary, Mother of God, hold all these brave souls in the palm of your hand; comfort them and their families. Send angels of protection, love, and comfort to all the services men and women still at war; bring them home safely and comfort their families. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Luke Anderson, Army
Ally A. Bergeron, Coast Guard
Jeff Bersch, Coast Guard
Brian Biggs, Army
Aron Blandf, Army
Cody Border, Army
Yelosis Dixon, Army
Devon Drake, Marines
Melody Howley, Air Force

Sean Howley, Air Force
Samuel Kelly, Army
Michael Lemanski, Army
Brenden Lemming, Army
Melissa Lesner, Army
Daniel Maksuta, Army
Joseph Mastrangelo, Navy
Christopher Murray, Army
Dana Smith, Army

Andrew Hawk, Marines
Max Rollison, Navy
Joshua Sharrard, Air Force
Michael Territo, Navy
Kamron Tucker, Marines
Joshua Turcotte, Marines
Michael Ver Lee, Marines
Ryan Vernet, Navy

If you have a loved one called to active military service, whom you would like included on our military prayer list, please call the Parish Office: inform us of his/her name and branch of military service. Likewise, when any of our listed military personnel returns home, please share that good news with us as well.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 17

9:30 am - Mass

Rosary for Fr. Jack to follow 9:30 a.m. Mass

11:30 am - Mass

Pancake Breakfast with Santa following
each Mass



Monday, December 18

6:00 p.m. - Rosary for Life and Divine Mercy
Chaplet

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Tuesday, December 19

9:00 am - Mass

6:00 pm - Rosary for Fr. Jack

Wednesday, December 20

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm - K of C General Meeting

Thursday, December 21

7:00 pm - Mass

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Friday, December 22

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Saturday, December 23

4:00 pm - Confessions in the Chapel

5:00 pm - Mass Rosary for Fr. Jack at home



Bulletin information should be submitted two weeks in advance of publication date and is subject to availability.



John Bannon
Jean Baron
Ray Cudnik
Daisy Dimmer
Lois Duff
Carol Foster
Mary Lu Guibord
Deputy Dave Hack
Dean Ilich
Michael McNulty
Cheryl Pearce
Karen Phelps

We need to pray daily to be in union PRAYER FOR FR. JACK with Fr. Jack as it gives him great consolation.

Oh My God, you have created me to do some definite service.
You have committed some work to me that You have not
committed to another.

I have my mission, I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection
between persons.

I will trust You, whatever, wherever I am.

If I am in sickness, my sickness will serve You.

If I am in perplexity, my perplexity may serve You.

If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve You.

You do nothing in vain. You know what you are about. Though friends
be taken away, though I feel desolate, though my spirits sink, though
my future is hidden from me, yet I will trust You, for You know
what You are about.

I ask not so much to see as to be used: through Christ our Lord, Amen

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Monday, December 18

Gregory Coleman
Robert McCleary
Robert Pierce

Tuesday, December 19

Raymond Huey
Julie Peet

Wednesday, December 20

Gale Wilinski

Thursday, December 21

Margaret Darcy
Michael Markel
David Snowaert

Friday, December 22

Rosemarie Kaier
Lucille Wall
James Wolf

Saturday, December 23

Joseph Bunting
Maricela Chavez
Blake Frank
David Khanuja

Sunday, December 24

Emmanuel Adinuso
Patrick Coleman
Frances Fath
Cynthia Lada
Edward McNulty
Paul Reed
Edgar Tarchalski



Megan Poplaskie
Laurie Robertson
David Russell
Andy Snook
Fr. Jim Strasz
Chuck & Mary
Spadafore
Brittney Kelley
Al Fiori
Michael McNally
David Biggs
Emily Velandia

Norma Kirk
Amanda Trimark
Marge Tenbusch
Dana Houle
Sandy Trebonik
Connie Brown
Al Thomas
Ann Spina
Gil Wilson
Susan Pritts
Michael Syron

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Upcoming Events for Council 13600

Grand Knight: Dennis Hogan

Deputy Grand Knight: Gino Simiele

Officers Meeting: January 10 @ 7:00 pm

General Meeting: December 20 @ 7:30 pm

4th Degree Meeting: December 28 @ 7:30 pm

Contact Information:

Ph: 248.330.9959 or email: dennishogan@comcast.net

Knight of the Month for October: SK Mike Darcy

Family of the Month for October: Linda & Fred Reising



Fr. Vincent Capodanno Assembly 3392

Faithful Navigator: Michael McBride

Faithful Captain: Leonard Poplaskie

12 Month Raffle Winners for November:

\$100 Vic Neely Seller: SK Vic Neely

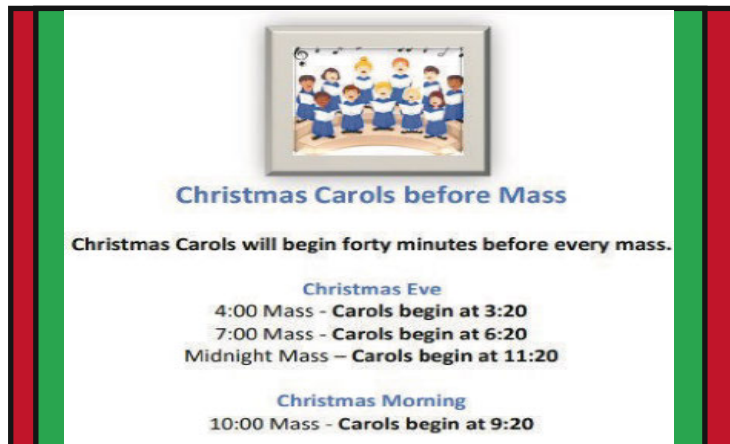
\$ 60 Pat Guellec Seller: SK John Scott

\$ 40 Gianna Catanzarite Seller: SK Edgar Tarchalski

Tickets are now available for the 2024, 12 Month Raffle

First drawing: January 25, 2024

Contact Information: Sir Knight Sean Kecskes at e-mail: sean.kecskes@gmail.com. Proceeds go to help Veterans.



Christmas Carols before Mass

Christmas Carols will begin forty minutes before every mass.

Christmas Eve
4:00 Mass - Carols begin at 3:20
7:00 Mass - Carols begin at 6:20
Midnight Mass - Carols begin at 11:20

Christmas Morning
10:00 Mass - Carols begin at 9:20

ORDER OF ALHAMBRA

Grand Commander: Denia Caravan

Joe Langhauser Ph: 947-999-2286

ALHAMBRA is the only charitable Catholic organization at St. Perpetua that is co-ed. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month right after the 7:00 pm Mass.



DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Regent: Janice Scroczyński

E-mail: jssmile89@aol.com

Cell: (248) 770-2089

Our next meeting is on:

Monday, January 8th at 7:30 p.m.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey!

The Committee is analyzing the data and we will give you periodic updates as they become available



Altar Linen Care Ministry

St. Perpetua is looking for several parishioners to launder the altar linens. With deep love and reverence for the Holy Eucharist, **The Altar Linen Care Ministry** cares for the sacred linens on a rotating schedule. Training is provided on how to care for these special linens that contain the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. This ministry is made up of team members who, behind the scenes in their own homes, reverently launder and care for the linens on the altar at Mass.

Please contact: Linda Reising at 248.797.6737 or lareising@comcast.net to volunteer for this very important ministry.

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT





The Color Rose O Antiphons

The vestment that I wore today was a gift. Eighth graders at St. Joseph knew that I did not have a rose vestment. They had a fundraiser and bought it for me.

Why is the color rose associated with *Gaudete* Sunday? First, the word *Gaudete*, which means rejoice, comes from the antiphon in the Missal: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" (Phil. 4:4-5). There are four options for an Entrance Chant at the beginning of Mass. Sometimes they correspond to the antiphon exactly. Sometimes, they do not correspond.

I found in the **General Instruction of the Roman Missal**: "Diversity of color in the sacred vestments has as its purpose to give more effective expression even outwardly whether to the specific character of the mysteries of faith to be celebrated or to a sense of Christian life's passage through the course of the liturgical year." It lists colors and indicates traditional usage should be observed, but it does not explain.

I turned to the Internet. Of course, online you can find many theories. What I liked most was an article from Aletheia, "The profound symbolism of violet and rose in Advent." The author quotes a document from 1902. Blue is the color of heaven. Red is the color of martyrdom. The combination of the two colors, violet, symbolizes "sacrifice with a view to heaven, unselfish devotion." The implication is that Advent should be similar to Lent in that it is a penitential season and of course a season in spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ. That document continues that rose is meant to be a lighter version of purple symbolizing an interruption in penances. Note that Fourth Sunday of Lent is also a Sunday that priests and deacons may wear rose vestments. It is meant to be a day of hopeful joy.

It happens that the Third Sunday of Advent coincides with December 17 this year. December 17 always represents a shift; we begin a more immediate preparation. Each day in Evening Prayer, priests meditate on a different mystery. There is song of which we are familiar that is dedicated to

this idea, "O Come O Come Emmanuel."

- *O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.
- *O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.
- *O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.
- *O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.
- *O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.
- *O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.
- *O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.

May God bless you,

Fr. David Cybulski

Upcoming Holiday

Save the Dates

Thursday, December 7th, at 7:00 p.m. is the Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

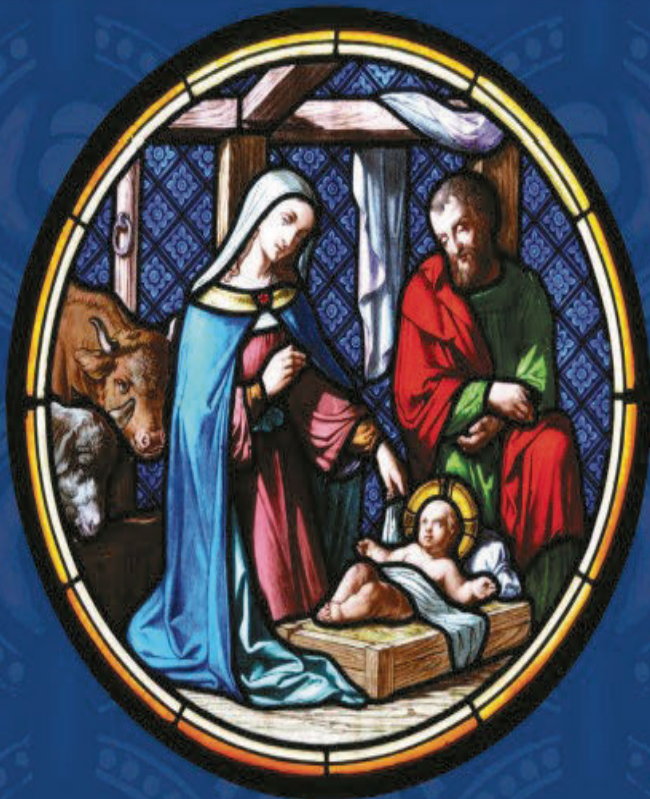
Friday, December 8th, **Holy Day of Obligation**

The Sacrament of Penance will be offered on Monday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Perpetua

The Sacrament of Penance will be offered on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick

Monday, December 25th **Holy Day of Obligation**

Sunday, December 31st, Masses will be at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.



Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas

Posters are due Monday, December 18th.

Judging will occur during the regular KofC Meeting December 20th

~Winners will be announced in January~

Select Winners in each group will move forward to the **regional level** and compete for additional prizes.

CSA Article for St. Patrick and St. Perpetua Bulletins

Contributing to CSA is better for St. Patrick and St. Perpetua than making a Christmas contribution.

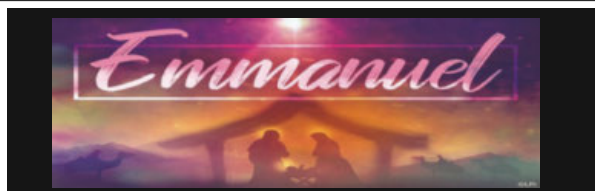
But, let me explain why. CSA contribution is similar to a Christmas contribution in that both contributions are free of the usual 7% Diocesan Tax assessment. However, while an increasing Christmas contribution will result in a higher CSA target for the following year, an increasing CSA contribution has no impact on next year's CSA target.

Also, any money collected above the CSA target stays with the parish. Any shortfall in meeting the target must be made up by the parish, paying back the Archdiocese of Detroit with funds which have already been assessed the 7% Diocesan tax.

So, if you were planning to give something more for Christmas this year, think of giving that same money to the CSA. Your parish will be better off for it.

I once again thank you for your generosity to your parish.

Fr. David Cybulski



We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers at all the Masses. This ministry puts you at the center of the Church's life. The celebration of the Eucharist on the Lord's Day is our most important activity. Training will take place on Monday, December 4th at 6:00 pm in the church. Please contact Linda Reising at lareising@comcast.net if you are interested in serving your parish in this very important way.

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at St. Perpetua (Tuesdays)
January 23 - March 12 6:30pm - 9pm
or Holy Spirit Highland (Wednesdays)
January 24 - March 13 11:00am - 1:00pm*
6:30pm - 9:00pm



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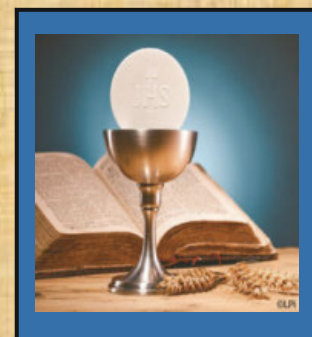
Questions?
call Jillian Peck 248-887-1634 (Holy Spirit, Highland)
or Gino Simiele: 248-802-2627 (St. Perpetua, Waterford)

RescueProject.us

* No meal at 11 am session

MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT: DECEMBER 23-24, 2023

	Ushers	Sacristan/EMEs	Lectors/Commentators
5 PM	Scott Duch John Bannon Mark Meuwissen Keith Simpson	Deacon Bob Beth Ilich Dean Ilich Linda Jolicoeur Linda Moehlman Maureen Przybylowicz Cathy Sanchez Carol Tomczak	Tom Pfauth- Lector Mary Robertoy - Commentator
9:30 AM	Please See Sign-up Sheet	Deacon Bob Please See Sign-up Sheet	Please See Sign-up Sheet
11:30 AM	Please See Sign-up Sheet	Deacon Bob Please See Sign-up Sheet	Please See Sign-up Sheet



CHRISTIAN SERVICE NEWS

~Christian Service Coordinator, Shannon Pryce, ph: 1-248-698-3103 ext. 215, E-m: spryce@stpwl.org~

**Looking for a way to get involved?
We need you!!**

Join us for a Christian Service Meeting on
January 10th at 2:00pm
in the Carpeted Meeting Room
Bring your ideas and enthusiasm!



Thank You Very Much!

We collected **864.5 pounds** of food for
Open Door Food Pantry!
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Advent Giving Tree

Gifts are due this weekend!
December 9th & 10th



All members of the parish are welcomed and encourage to join any of the upcoming events!

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