



St. Perpetua

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2023 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MAY IT BE
DONE TO ME
ACCORDING TO
YOUR WORD.

LUKE 1:35

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CLERGY

Fr. David Cybulski, Moderator
Fr. Paul Graney
Deacon Robert Gajda

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri.....9:00am-3:00pm

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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

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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.

November Offertory Collection

Offertory	\$ 25,169.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,605.00
Total	\$ 27,774.00

Thank you for your contribution!



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-CSA with St. Perpetua on the memo line.

You may put the checks in the weekly offertory.

† MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, NO Mass

The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 AM

Spec. Int. for the St. Perpetua Parish Family



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Late Advent Weekday

9:00 AM

Spec. Int. for Deborah Block &

Spec. Int. for Nicholas Block, req. by Gen Block

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, NO Mass

St. John

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents

7:00 PM

Spec. Int. for Tina Hall &

Spec. Int. for Fr. Jack Baker, req. by Gen Block

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, NO Mass

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM

† Fr. Richard Rakoczy, req. by Gen Block

Spec. Int. for Fr. Jack, req. by the Prayer Warriors

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:30 AM

Spec. Int. for the St. Perpetua Parish Family

11:30 AM

Spec. Int. for the St. Perpetua Parish Family



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 24

9:30 am - Mass

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

11:30 am - Mass

Monday, December 25



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

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Tuesday, December 26

9:00 am - Mass

6:00 pm - Rosary for Fr. Jack

Wednesday, December 27

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 28

7:00 pm - Mass

7:30 pm - K of C 4th Degree Meeting

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

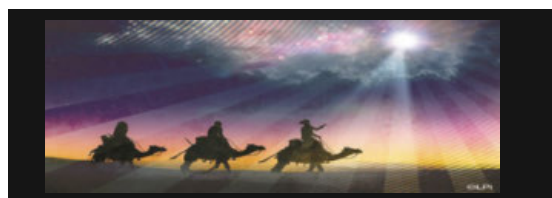
Friday, December 29

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Saturday, December 30

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 25

Roma Honor

Ella O'Neill

Virginia Quintero

Bryan Zarate

Tuesday, December 26

Craig Goins

Kelechi Onwuasoanya

Egan Steiber

Wednesday, December 27

Francisco Cardenas

David Connolly

Paola Gomez

Marcella Grace

Karen Hall

Mary Martin

Cheryl Pearce

Wilbert Williamson

Thursday, December 28

Daniel Blome

Sharon Gorman

Fatima Silva

Gwen Trimark

Julie Turnes

Friday, December 29

Jodi Bohn

Sharon Gwin

Ann Spina

Nora Walton

Saturday, December 30

Julie Gayap

Diane McDonald

Claire Weber

Sunday, December 31

Veronica Cisneros

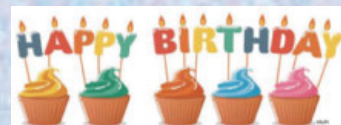
Lisa LaLone

Terrie Lange

Lisa Romero

Sharon Stopke

Judy Weber



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
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: January 17 @ 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

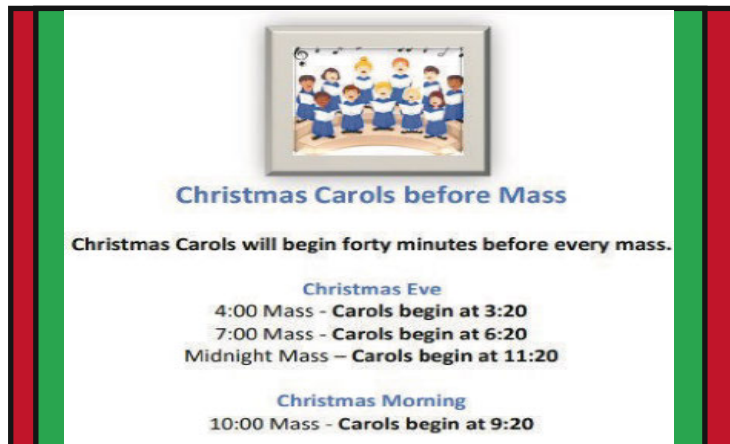
\$ 60 Pat Guellec Seller: SK John Scott

\$ 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

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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.



The new schedules for Lectors, Ushers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available. Please pick them up in the vestibule.



Altar Linen Care Ministry

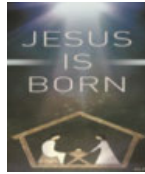
St. Perpetua is looking for several parishioners to launder the altar linens. With deep love and reverence for the Holy Eucharist, **The Altar Linen Care Ministry** cares for the sacred linens on a rotating schedule. Training is provided on how to care for these special linens that contain the Body and 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.



A Message from Fr. David...

Christmas Joy



I was thinking of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, which I saw so many times as a child. Recall the plot. Charlie Brown is depressed because of the commercialization of Christmas. In the climactic scene, Charlie Brown asks if anyone knows what Christmas is all about. Linus responds by recalling the announcement of Jesus' birth to the shepherds.

When Archbishop Vigneron wrote his letter *Unleash the Gospel*, he asked us to be able to describe the basic message of the Gospel, a message that is simple, radical, countercultural, and joyful. If someone asked you today what does it mean to be Christian or what is at the core of Christianity, what would you say? It could be asked in a different way on this day. Why is Christmas worthy of such celebration?

Here is the message of the Gospel broken down into four steps. **(1)** God is a loving God and out of a sheer act of generosity created all for us so that we would share in his goodness and eternal love. **(2)** Instead of loving God in return, we chose sin. Basically we chose to serve ourselves first rather than love God completely. This led to a rupture in our relationship that we could not repair. **(3)** The answer to our predicament is the Son of God takes on human flesh. He becomes one of us and by Jesus' cross and resurrection, he bridges the gap between us and God that had been due to sin. **(4)** This supreme gift has to be received personally by us. Jesus calls us to repent and gives us the sacraments and the Church as the means of becoming one with him. Let me plug The Rescue Project, which will be offered at St. Perpetua and Holy Spirit, as a way to further understand the basic Gospel message.

Why are we celebrating Christmas? Today we remember the first installment of the gift. As we see an image of Jesus in the arms of Mary we can think of the eloquent words of Pope Francis: "Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at

your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you."

The Christ Child invites us to love him, believe him, and follow him just as a little baby invokes our response of love. We will find Jesus Christ in the times of darkness even when we are tempted to think he is not there. We will find him whenever we receive good news. We will find him when we see a new life. Archbishop Vigneron one time made an analogy. "Jesus is like meeting the person you are going to marry." If we open our heart to him we go forward not being able to imagine our life without him.

There is an image in scripture, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock" (Rev. 3:20). My hope today is that during the Christmas celebration, a word, a hymn, the decorated church, something will stand out and will be that invitation to let Jesus step in and completely transform your life going forward. Give him that chance. Open the door. Allow him to be your Savior and your God.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. David Cybulski



Keep "Christ" in Christmas!



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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

~Retrouvaille~

Are you a couple that is struggling in your marriage? Are you considering divorce or separation? There is hope through the Retrouvaille program! Retrouvaille is a spiritual weekend designed specifically for couples who feel their marriage is in trouble. Please visit helpourmarriage.org for more information about the program.

The next weekend is scheduled for January 12-14, 2024.

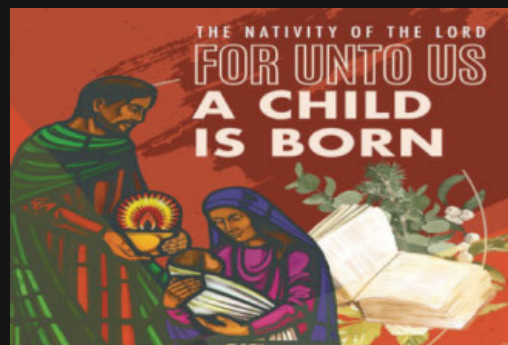
Future dates are:

May 3-5, 2024

August 16-18, 2024

October 11-13, 2024

If you would like to speak directly to a couple that has benefited from the Retrouvaille program, **please call Gino or Christi Simiele at 248-790-0726.**



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.



The Rescue Project
Rescued People Rescue People
JOIN US!

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**



Scan to Register

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 30-31, 2023

	Ushers	Sacristan/EMEs	Lectors/Commentators
5 PM	Mark Meuwissen Debbie O'Parka Keith Simpson	Deacon Bob Beth Ilich Dean Ilich Linda Jolicoeur Linda Moehlman Maureen Przybylowicz Carol Tomczak	Richard Anderson - Lector Robert Rochow - Commentator
9:30 AM	Steve Block David Brown Ed Ford Dennis Hogan	Deacon Bob Kathy Boyea Vicki Getner Lori Petrusha Leonard Poplaskie Linda Reising Jane Scott Kathleen Stillmen	John Scott - Lector Bob Kulczykki - Commentator
11:30 AM	Bill Brown Kent Dow Mario Guerra Fred Reising	Lindsay Bochenek Jeri Burger Donna Metz Pauline Urbanski	Mary Redding - Lector Angela Lesner - Commentator



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!

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

For there is
born to you this day
in the city of David a
savior, who is Christ the Lord.
And this will be the sign to you:
You will find a Babe wrapped in
swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.

Luke 2: 1-12



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

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