



# St. Perpetua

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 31, 2023 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



## THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.  
- Lk 2:40

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## 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

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 25,169.00</b>
<b>Online Giving</b>	<b>\$ 2,605.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 27,774.00</b>

*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, JANUARY 1, NO Mass

**The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
**10:00 AM**

Spec. Int. for the St. Perpetua Parish Family



### TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

**Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

**9:00 AM**

Spec. Int. for Fr. Jack, req. by the Prayer Warriors  
† Patricia Weisenberger, req. by Gen Block

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, NO Mass

**Christmas Weekday**

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**7:00 PM**

† Manuel "Manolo" Garcia-Melendez, req. by Kathleen Kimball

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, NO Mass

**St. John Neumann**

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**5:00 PM**

† Gladys J. Murphy, req. by Richard Murphy & Family

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

**9:30 AM**

† Brian Koscielniak, req. by Kathy Jones  
Spec. Int. for Katiera & Michael Uicker, req. by Uicker Family

**11:30 AM**

† Frank Castronova, the request is Anonymous



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 Vernetto, 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 31

9:30 am - Mass

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

11:30 am - Mass

## Monday, January 1

10:00 a.m. - Mass **Happy New Year!**

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

## Tuesday, January 2

9:00 am - Mass

6:00 pm - Rosary for Fr. Jack

## Wednesday, January 3

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 4

5:00-7:00 p.m. Adoration

7:00 pm - Mass

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

## Friday, January 5

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

## Saturday, January 6

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, January 1

Patrick Felice

Karen Lack

Patrick Smith

Gilbert Wilson

### Tuesday, January 2

Jacqueline Bonderhorn

Patricia Collins

Ava Cruz

Karen Henderson

Kathryn Jones

James Pawloski

Ashley Vargas

Marvin Weber

Pamalee Wolf

### Wednesday, January 3

Andrew Alessi

Jose Ayala

Emily DeLaHoz-Camacho

Joseph Flynn

Collin Parker

Nancy Scott

### Thursday, January 4

Edward Fath

Kenneth Zawicki

### Friday, January 5

Noe Pelayo

### Saturday, January 6

Benjamin Adams

Jose Gonzalez

Kevin Goodman

Melanie Henwood

Rosemary McLaughlin

Matthew Mendoza

Andrew Petrusa

Brett Underwood

### Sunday, January 7

Reyes Balleza

John Bannon

Maria Luz Barrios

Gloria Finn

William Finn, Jr.



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  
Joe Junglas



## 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

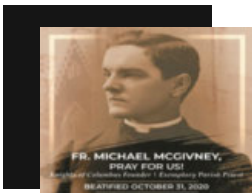
\$ 60 Pat Guellec Seller: SK John Scott

\$ 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.



### Did You Know?

Knights Councils provided nearly 124,000 children with warm winter coats through our Coats for Kids Program last year.



## 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.

### THE HOLY FAMILY





## A Message from Fr. David...

### Happy New Year



I have said several times how much I like listening to Fr. Mike Schmitz's *The Bible in a Year* podcast and *The Catechism in a Year* podcast. I have never read the catechism as one reads a book. Certainly, I am familiar with it, but I got a lot out of this little refresher every day. I have been listening to Fr. Mike for three years, and I am considering listening to the Bible again. There is seemingly something new every time you read or listen to Scripture.

This has me thinking. As we begin the new year, what other good habits can we pursue as Catholics? I was edified to see all the support that we give to others at this time of year. Feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, giving shelter to the homeless, these are all corporal works of mercy. "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me," Jesus says. God will not be outdone in generosity. It is now a good time to think about and set goals for how to serve Jesus in others throughout the upcoming year. This reminds me of the fifth precept of the Church, taking care of the material needs of the Church, and in serving the poor, we are definitely taking care of her needs.

The first precept of the Church is our attendance at Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation. How is that going? If we have that very good habit down, I invite you to one of the daily Masses during the week. That is an excellent source of extra grace. How much of the Mass do I need to be at? I get asked that from time to time. The answer is we are supposed to be present from the sign of the cross until the blessing at the end. Perhaps if we are chronically late, a good goal would be to get to church in plenty of time to prepare ahead of time prayerfully.

Back to the catechism. The last part of the catechism is on prayer. How did we do with prayer in 2023? What is a good goal for 2024? Is there enough quiet time with the Lord each day? We have an adoration chapel in our

Family at Holy Spirit, and we are in need of adorers. Can you spare one hour each week to pray in silence to Jesus? Perhaps if not that, it could be the Rosary. So many times I speak to people and I find out they are wanting to pick up this good practice again. Now is a great time.

Right before prayer in the catechism are listed the Ten Commandments. Are there any vices or addictions that you want out of your life? Pray for God's grace. Ask the intercession of the Blessed Mother. One good practice is to make a regular confession. When was the last time you were to confession? Also, an examination of conscience is a great way to end the day. We ask for God's mercy, and the grace to be a better Christian the next day. You can join me on the St. Patrick Facebook page as I pray Night Prayer at 9:00 each Tuesday and Thursday.

These were a couple of thoughts that I had. I hope that 2024 is a blessed year for you in that it is a year of growing in grace and coming closer to God.

As I mentioned at the beginning of December, the Christmas season lasts for one more week until the Baptism of the Lord, January 8, 2024. The world has already moved on from Christmas, but we continue to celebrate.

May God bless you,

Fr. David Cybulski

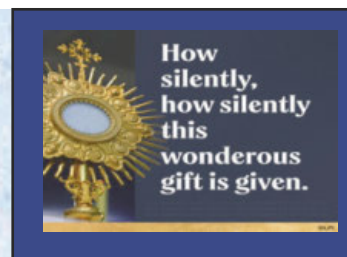


### ~Eucharistic Adoration Times and Places~

**St. Perpetua, Waterford:** Thursdays, 5-7 p.m.

**St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, Milford:** Fridays, 1-5 p.m.

**Holy Spirit, Highland, MI:** Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday Saturday, hours needed 1 a.m.-5 p.m.





### 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](http://helpourmarriage.org) for more information about the program.

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

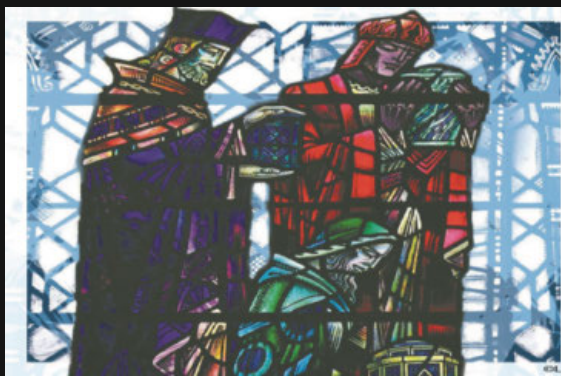
#### **Future dates are:**

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](mailto: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)

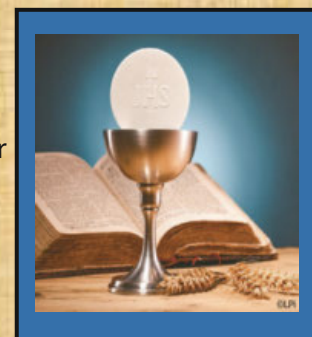
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\* No meal at 11 am session



## MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT: JANUARY 6-7, 2024

	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Sacristan/EMEs</b>	<b>Lectors/Commentators</b>
<b>5 PM</b>	Scott Duch Mike McBride Debbie O'Parka Keith Simpson	Deacon Bob Halina Duch Beth Ilich Dean Ilich Linda Moehlman	Richard Anderson - Lector Peter Schappach - Commentator
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Steve Block John Dotson Dennis Hogan Needed	Deacon Bob Joe Langhauser Leonard Poplaskie Linda Reising Leonardf Schramski Jane Scott Kathleen Stillmen	Terry Beach - Lector Bob Kulczykki - Commentator
<b>11:30 AM</b>	Kent Dow Mario Guerra Rob Seeterlin	Lindsay Bochenek Jeri Burger Roger Mouthaan Maureen Przybylowicz Pauline Urbanski	Nin Hric - Lector Mary Redding - Commentator



## CHRISTIAN SERVICE NEWS

~Christian Service Coordinator, Shannon Pryce, ph: 1-248-698-3103 ext. 215, E-m: [spryce@stpwl.org](mailto: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: 8-12



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



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