



St. Perpetua

CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 14, 2024 | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.
- Jn 1:35-36

Keeping Christ in Christmas Winners

*Kindergarten - Anna B.

1st Grade - Langston F.

*2nd Grade - Kaylee G.

*3rd Grade - Gianna G.

4th Grade - Tied - Alan J.

4th Grade - Tied - Ava K.

*5th Grade - Elizabeth H.

6th Grade - Mary B.

*7th Grade - Juan M.

8th Grade - Emily C.

~The starred names were also selected to move forward to the District Level Competition.

~The K of C Council 13600 Keeping Christ in Christmas Poster Contest had 31 participants total.

CLERGY

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

OFFICE HOURS

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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.



2023 Pledge Drive is Underway!

Our Parish Target: \$49,416.00

Amount Paid: \$51,970.34

~~Target Reached!~~

Pledge Amount Over Target: \$3,496.00

(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 15, NO Mass
Weekday

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16
Weekday
9:00 AM

Spec. Int. for St. Perpetua Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, NO Mass
Weekday

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
Weekday
7:00 PM

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, NO Mass
Weekday

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 PM

Spec. Int. for the West Oakland Catholic Family of Parishes

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:30 AM

† Karen Phelps &
† Jim Lefferman, req. by St. Perpetua Choir

11:30 AM

† Dennis Dopke, req. by the Uicker 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, January 14

9:30 am - Mass

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

11:30 am - Mass

Monday, January 15



6:00 pm - Rosary for Life and Devine Mercy
Chaplet

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Tuesday, January 16

9:00 am - Mass

6:00 pm - Rosary for Fr. Jack

Wednesday, January 17

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm - K of C General Meeting

Thursday, January 18

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

7:00 pm - Mass

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Friday, January 19

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Saturday, January 20

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

We need to pray daily to be in union 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 15

Ana Brown
Emly Bryant
Matthew Johnson
Kathleen McNulty
Kyle Parker
Lila Riley
Vera Snowaert

Tuesday, January 16

Patrick Bonnell
Angelica Garcia
Elizabeth Nagy
Luis Silva

Wednesday, January 17

Cari Jacob

Thursday, January 18

Emily Henry
Caleb Ryan

Friday, January 19

Anna Maria Buresh
Suzanne Copland
Leah Parker
Aiden Villarreal

Saturday, January 20

Lisa Chiasson
Mario Guerra
Stephanie Lesner
Lorraine Newkirk

Sunday, January 21

Adrian Balleza-Jasso
Debra Burns
Lorraine Kosiur
Vickilynn Mouthaan
Christopher Stevens



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: February 14 @ 7:00 pm

General Meeting: January 17 @ 7:30 pm

4th Degree Meeting: January 25 @ 7:30 pm

Contact Information:

Ph: 248.330.9959 or email: dennishogan@comcast.net

Knight of the Month for November: Sr. Leonard Poplaskie

Family of the Month for November: Sir Richard & Debbie Anderson

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.



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 Scroczynski

E-mail: jssmile89@aol.com

Cell: (248) 770-2089

Our next meeting is on:

Monday, February 5th at 7:30 p.m.



The Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on March 29, 1897 with the principle motto of: Unity, Friendship and Charity.

All women over the age 18 are welcome to join.

We will see you at our next meeting!

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Survey! The committee is analyzing the data and we will give 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.

Did You Know?

Knights committed more than \$25 million to help Christians in the Middle East who have been targeted for genocide by ISIS and who still suffer from religiously motivated persecution.

"The time is always right to do what is right."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and New Year's! I am very much enjoying my time at St. Perpetua's with all of you. You are very faithful and supportive parishioners dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel. There is a lot to be proud of at St. Perpetua's!

As we end the Christmas season, we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Have you ever thought about, "Why does Jesus even need to be baptized?" After all, the Gospels tell us that the people who went out to the desert to be baptized by John were undergoing a "baptism of repentance." They had chosen to turn away from the sin in their lives and mark a new beginning by symbolically being washed clean.

Jesus makes His way out to the desert to see John the Baptist who is quite hesitant to baptize Jesus. John has a pretty good hunch that Jesus is the Messiah so He's probably thinking that there is no way Jesus needs to be baptized.

The reason why Jesus was baptized is because He was born on Christmas in order to come for sinners, you and I. He has united Himself to all of humanity. By being baptized, Jesus telling us, "I am on your side, I am one of you." Or further, "You are sinners but now you have God on your team and the game is about to dramatically change." The Baptism of the Lord is God coming to us not only as a human being but also identifying with us even in all of the muck and ugliness that we carry around inside. He has come here as one of us and then ante's it up one more level by standing shoulder to shoulder alongside of us. He truly is Emmanuel – God is with us.

In regards to our own baptisms, all the sin within us is wash away and completely destroyed – both the stain of Original Sin which was inherited from Adam and Eve, and then any actual sins committed in the case of a person baptized later in life.

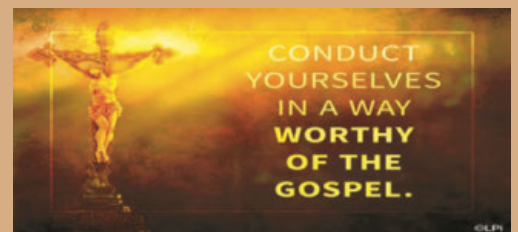
However, that washing away of that sinful gunk

is only a preparation. God removes the bad so He can place within us what is good. The washing is a means to an end. He takes the sin out and then comes within us to live and make us, literally, a new creation. We are no longer what we were before baptism. God permanently changes us for eternity by writing His name on our hearts.

But it does not guarantee Heaven for us. Baptism is not an automatic ticket to Heaven. Salvation depends on us putting into action the grace God gives to us throughout our lives. When we fail, God is always there to pick us up, clean us back off, and get us going back in the right direction. May we stand shoulder to shoulder with each other to support one another and may God bless us with a great 2024 at St. Perpetua!

May God bless you,

Fr. Paul Graney



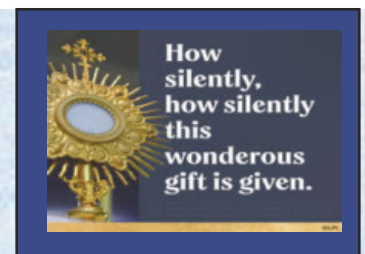
~Eucharistic Adoration Times and Places~

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

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

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

***Holy Spirit** has a 24 hour Adoration Chapel



Where is God at Mass?

How do I know God is there during our church Mass? I cannot see Him. The Mass service during church can be an interesting event. There are audible stimuli such as songs to hear, and stories told, and prayers said. There are visual stimuli such as candles, lights, shiny containers, statues, banners, and people. There are physical stimuli with movement such as standing, kneeling, walking. There is a lot going on in our liturgy service, but do you notice the spiritual stimuli? In other words, do you see God during the Mass? He is there in other ways, trying to encounter us.

We may have to change our way of thinking just a little bit to recognize his presence. He is there at each mass four different and unique ways. **Let's look:**

We are made in the image and likeness of God. Yes, we all have different shapes, sizes, and looks, but at our core, deep inside, we are exact replicas of the dignity of God. He is imprinted upon our soul. So, as we are gathered in church, God is present in the members of the congregation. We are his body.

God is also present in the form of the Priest who is celebrating mass. You and I are not able to perform a Mass because we have not gone through the formation, training, ordination that a priest has. The Priest has the ability and authority to invoke the grace of God

One part of the mass is called Liturgy of the Word. When the first reading, second reading, and Gospel are read aloud. God is present and is speaking to us. It may sound like the lector, Priest or Deacon talking, but it is God speaking to us through them.

And last, but certainly not least, the pinnacle, the summit, the highest peak of the mass celebration is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Priest is able to invoke an "epiclesis". That is a fancy word that means ask the Holy Spirit (God) to come upon that bread wafer and wine and change its substance (transubstantiate) into the actual Body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus. In other words, God is completely present in the Eucharist. It's not a symbol, or representation of God. IT IS GOD. Do you believe this?

So, next time you are at mass, look at the face of God in each person you encounter. See God present in the words of the readings and Gospel. See God present in the gift of the Eucharist, and see God present in the Priest celebrating the mass with you. God is all around, and he wants to be with you.

Peace,

Gino Simiele,
St. Perpetua church.

P.S. If you are happy about receiving Jesus at Eucharist, let your face know it and smile when you go up to receive.

~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.

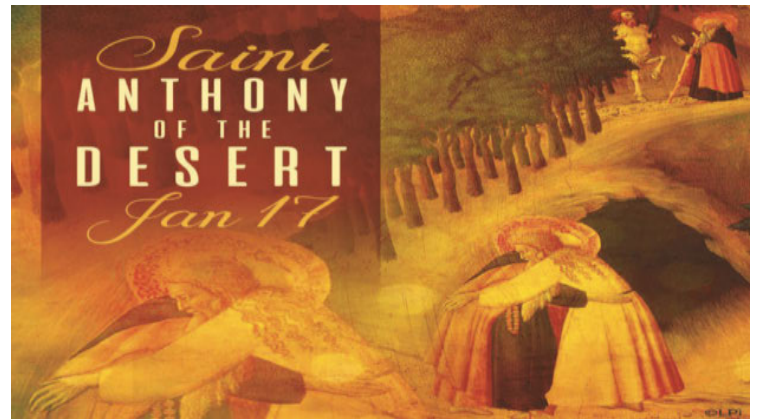
Future dates are:

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.**



Join **Widowed Friends** a peer support group hosting Monday, January 8 & February 12, 10:30 a.m. - Breakfast, Big Boy (2nd Monday of the month) 16880 Hall Road at Garfield, Clinton Township.

Event Coordinator: Gerry 586.556.9471



MEAL | VIDEO | DISCUSSION

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**



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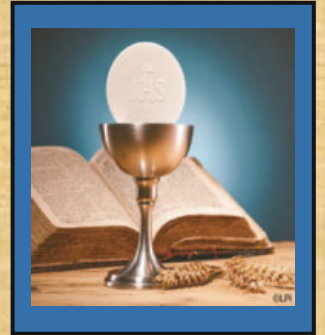
Questions?
call Jillian Peck 248-887-1634 (Holy Spirit, Highland)
or Gino Simiele: 248-802-2627 (St. Perpetua, Waterford)

RescueProject.us

* No meal at 11 am session

MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT: JANUARY 20-21, 2024

	Ushers	Sacristan/EMEs	Lectors/Commentators
5 PM	John Bannon Scott Duch Debbie O'Parka Keith Simpson	Deacon Bob Beth Ilich Dean Ilich Linda Moehlman	Tom Pfauth - Lector Mary Robertoy - Commentator
9:30 AM	Steve Block Ed Ford Dennis Hogan Mark Meuwissen	Deacon Bob Terry Beach Jack French Linda French Joe Langhauser Dale Schramski Jane Scott Kathleen Stillman	Leonard Poplaskie - Lector Deb Tenbusch- Commentator
11:30 AM	Kent Dow Mario Guerra Rob Seeterlin	Deacon Bob Jeri Burger Angela Lesner Rodger Mouthaan Mary Redding	Steve Weber - Lector Nina Hric - 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!

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35


An "act of Christian service" is defined as any time served modeling the attitude of Jesus in service to God's creation without receiving reward or payment. The goal of the act should be to help build up another and/or make our world a more loving, happier, safer, cleaner, holier place.

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

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