



St. Perpetua

CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and
kneeling down begged him
and said, "If you wish,
you can make me clean."
- Mk 1:40

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

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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: \$53,490.34

~~Target Reached!~~

Pledge Amount Over Target: \$4,074.34

(does not include recent payments)

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.

Thank you for your generosity!



† MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, NO Mass
Weekday



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Weekday

9:00 AM

† Debbie Gajda, req. by Deacon Bob Gajda

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM

Spec. Int. for St. Perpetua Parish Family

7:00 PM

Spec. Int. for St. Perpetua Parish Family

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Weekday

7:00 PM

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, NO Mass

Weekday

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

First Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM

† Charles & Elizabeth Scott, req. by Cynthia Scott
Spec. Int. for Fr. Jack, req. by the Prayer Warriors

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

First Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM

† Gerard Couture, req. by the 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, February 11

9:30 am - Mass

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

11:30 am - Mass

Monday, February 12

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

7:30 pm - D of I Meeting

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Tuesday, February 13

9:00 am - Mass

6:00 pm - Rosary for Fr. Jack

6:30 pm - Rescue Project, Ep 4



Wednesday, February 14

9:00 am - Ash Wednesday

10:00 am - Christian Service Mtg

7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday



Thursday, February 15

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

7:00 pm - Mass

7:00 pm - K of C Officer's Meeting

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Friday, February 16

7:00 pm - Soup & Stations

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home



Saturday, February 17

4:00 pm - Confessions in the Chapel

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



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, February 12

Emily Bautista

Rachel Downing

Noah Khanuja

Laura Petrusha

Tuesday, February 13

Erick Aguilar

Gabriella Anastasio

Alice Beckwith

Diana Green

Richard Przybylowicz, Jr.

Fe Red

Christopher Scally

Suzanne Schultz-Boutorwick

William Snyder

Linda Squires

Suzanne Styrna

Marlena Theobald

Margaret Tomezak

Wednesday, February 14

Kaidan McDowell

Bonnie Peterson

Waled Sweidan

Thursday, February 15

David Cervantes

Guillermo Estrada

Connie Lada

Juan Martinez-Montes

Mary Stire

Friday, February 16

Margaret Herbert

Patricia Lewis

Dorothy Martin

Saturday, February 17

Jacob Hansen

Adam Plluszyk

Cara Simiele

Brooke Watson

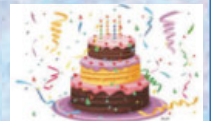
Sunday, February 18

Dennis Barberi

Genesis Elizondo

Mya Lamphere

Kristin Pohl



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
Vic Morrow

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Upcoming Events for Council 13600

Grand Knight: Dennis Hogan

Deputy Grand Knight: Gino Simiele

Officers Meeting: February 24 @ 7:00 pm

General Meeting: February 21 @ 7:30 pm

4th Degree Meeting: February 29 @ 7:30 pm

Contact Information:

Ph: 248.330.9959 or email: dennishogan@comcast.net

Knight of the Month for January: Sir Vic Neely

Family of the Month for December: Sir David & Lady Tyra Uicker and Family

Fr. Vincent Capodanno Assembly 3392

Faithful Navigator: Michael McBride

Faithful Captain: Leonard Poplaskie

12 Month Raffle Winners for December:

\$100 SK Scott Duch Seller: SK Scott Duch

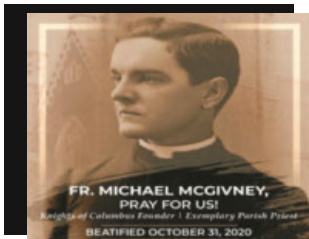
\$ 60 Gianna Cantanzarite Seller: SK Edgar Tarchalski

\$ 40 Christi Simiele Seller: SK Gino Simiele

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?

Knight of Columbus Councils provided nearly 124,000 children with warm winter coats through our Coats for Kids program last year

Dr. Seuss...

To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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, March 4th at 7:30 p.m.



We would like to thank everyone who participated in our **Parish Survey**. We are actively working to interpret the results and turn them into actions. We would like to start off by communicating our Parish Demographics and the Demographics results from the survey.

Demographics

*We have 870 registered Parishioners.

*We average @ 500 people at mass on a weekend

*We had 345 surveys completed. This is 70% of the people attending Mass each weekend.

Demographics Based on the Survey Responses

~80% of responses live within 15 mins of the church.

~70% of responses have been parishioners more than 10 years (50% have been parishioners for more than 20 years)

~70% of responses attend Mass every week with another 15% attend Mass 2-3 times a month.

~86% of responses were raised as Roman Catholic.

~58% of responses are female and 39% are Male. (3% chose not to answer this question)

~16% of responses were adults with children

~Based on the survey responses we only have 62 kids under the age of 18.

~60% of responses are retired and 26% are full time employees.

~75% of responses live without children (53% are couples with no children and 22% are adults living alone)

~90% of responses are over 50 years old. (45% of these are over 70 years old)





What to Take Up During Lent

At this time of year, I often refer to a book, *The Spirituality of Fasting* by Msgr. Charles Murphy. He relates a story. A woman married a laboring man at a young age, and because of the rigorous nature of his work, the family was exempt from fasting. Her husband died when she was over the age of sixty; we are no longer obliged to fast. She bragged that in her entire lifetime, she never fasted. Monsignor draws us to the conclusion that her legalism prevented her from seeing the spiritual value in fasting.

Strictly speaking, there are only two days on the calendar on which those over 18 until the beginning of their sixtieth year are obliged to fast, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. While fasting we are permitted one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

I am reminded of what Matthew Kelly said in his book *Rediscover Catholicism*. He identified three major practical philosophies or out time, one of them being minimalism. "What is the least I can do?" Contrast that with something else in Monsignor's book, a letter from Elizabeth Ann Seton before she became Catholic. She noted that the Catholic family she stayed with never ate during the season of Lent until after the clock struck three. Another story I often think about.

Here is my conclusion. If on Fridays during Lent we give up meat, but indulge in so many different ways, we are missing something. "Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning" (Joel 2:12). One of the reminders for the season of Lent that we hear on Ash Wednesday is "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Repentance is a recognition that there is some area of my life that is not given wholeheartedly to God. It is a doing something

concrete to give that area back to God. It really can only be done if we give something over to God that we need. That is different than giving over to God the niceties that we can easily do without. We are meant to be hungry during Lent for Lent to be fruitful. When we give up something we need, we create a hole in ourselves. We are saying what I most need is God. Although I do not fully endorse Exodus 90, I have found some of the ascetical practices to be quite appropriate for Lent.

Another thing I have been reflecting on is an old article about Pope Francis. "Don't use God as a cover for injustice." Fasting is important. It must be accompanied by almsgiving. Pope Francis urges us to practice charity. How during this Lent are we going to reach out to those in need?

I should say something about prayer. We should increase our prayer during Lent. I looked up what our bishops say about Lent. They urge self-imposed fasting. They also urged us to participate in daily Mass. I know that is not possible for those work. If you are retired, I invite you to begin the day with Mass. Perhaps it is stopping at church each day. Do remember that the Family has an adoration chapel at Holy Spirit? It could be the Rosary. Please do not forget Stations of the Cross on Friday.

I pray that you have a great Lent, and I pray that you will be inspired to take on some new practices this year that will bring you closer to God during this wonderful season.

May God bless you,

Fr. David Cybulski

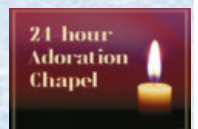
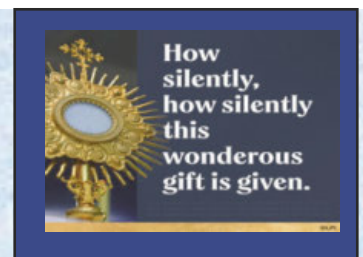
~Eucharistic Adoration Times and Places~

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

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

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

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



Church of the Holy Spirit, Highland

has a full service food pantry.

It is open on **Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.**

If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance, please visit the Holy Spirit Christian Service pantry *during their open hours.*

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to volunteer please email the Christian Services Coordinator at: **Chscsvc@aol.com.**

Training and scheduling is necessary.

JOHN BOSCO PRAYER INITIATIVE

The Arch Diocese of Detroit has a goal of engaging hundreds of intercessors to pray for the youth and those who minister to them throughout our diocese. We invite you to learn more and sign up to pray at **boscoprayer.org** The website is user friendly and easy to navigate. Click on the time square you would like to sign up for and then fill in the details. If you have questions email Jojo Kind at **TAG@holyspirithighland.com.**



The Parish Festival Committee is looking for new committee members.

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Come have some fun with your fellow parishioners. Please contact Parish Office to volunteer.

MEAL | VIDEO | DISCUSSION

The Rescue Project
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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

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

~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.

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.**

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Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):

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Visit: www.ReflectRetreat.com

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT: FEBRUARY 17 - 18, 2024

	Ushers	Sacristan/EMEs	Lectors/Commentators
5 PM	John Bannon Scott Duch Mike McBride Debbie O'Parka	Deacon Bob Halina Duch Beth Ilich Dean Ilich Cathy Sanchez	Richard Anderson - Lector Peter Schappach - Commentator
9:30 AM	Steve Block John Dotson Dennis Hogan	Deacon Bob Terry Beach Kathy Boyea Vikki Getner Joe Langhauser Linda Reising David Uicker	Deb Tenbusch - Lector Leonard Poplaskie - Commentator
11:30 AM	Wojciech Dlugoszewski Kent Dow Mario Guerra Rob Seeterlin	Deacon Bob Lindsay Bochenek Jeri Burger Rodger Mouthaan Maureen Przybylowicz	Angela Lesner - Lector Nina Hric - Commentator



CHRISTIAN SERVICE NEWS

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

VALENTINE'S FOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

February 3rd -11th

*Christian Service will be
collecting individually
packaged candies, snacks and
small size beverages to thank our
Waterford First Responders.*

*Please place your donations in
the marked bins in the
Vestibule*

Corporal Works of Mercy in Action

Feed the Hungry

The full man has no use for honey, but to the man in need of food every bitter thing is sweet. Proverbs 27:7

Food is a fundamental and basic human need. Food is what nourishes us in order to be able to simply live. Feeding the hungry means providing nourishment through charity and hospitality. Feeding the Hungry doesn't just consist of giving someone food, it can be the labor of helping to prepare the place for others to have a meal, or stocking shelves. There are many ways we can help feed the hungry outside of providing basic nourishment. **Below are examples of how we can live out this work of mercy:**

Donate to food collections
food pantry

Volunteer at a local

Volunteer at a local soup kitchen
in need

Buy a hot meal for someone

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Volunteer for Meals on Wheels

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with cooking, doing dishes and waiting on company

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