



St. Perpetua

CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 18, 2024 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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CLERGY

Fr. David Cybulski, Moderator
Fr. Paul Graney, Priest in Sordium
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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

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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.

January Offertory Collection

Offertory	\$ 30,795.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,578.00
Total	\$ 33,373.00



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 19, NO Mass

Lenten Weekday

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM

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

Spec. Int. for William Rau, req. by Gen Block

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Lenten Weekday

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

7:00 PM

Spec. Int. for Hope Bryant, req. by Gen Block

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, NO Mass

Lenten Weekday

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM

† Fr. Tim Shepherd, req. by the Uicker Family

† Walter & Edith Thompson, req. by the Landino Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Second Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM

† Genevieve Styrna, req. by Family & Friends

† Helen Riegle, req. by Family & Friends

11:30 AM

† Al Duff, req. by Lois Duff

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



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 18

9:30 am - Mass

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

11:30 am - Mass

Monday, February 19

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

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Tuesday, February 20

9:00 am - Mass

6:00 pm - Rosary for Fr. Jack

Wednesday, February 21

7:00 pm - K of C General Meeting

Thursday, February 22

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

7:00 pm - Mass

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Friday, February 23

7:00 pm - Soup & Stations

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home



Saturday, February 24

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

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

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 19

Aubrey Davis
Jerry Gayap
Patricia Reinelt

Tuesday, February 20

Itzel Gomez
Barbara Pallante
Annette Smith
Allyson Stevens
Luke Whalen

Wednesday, February 21

Robert Gajda
Ryan Mandziuk
Natalie Onwuasoanya
Nicole Onwuasoanya
Justin Pawloski
Marissa Trefil

Thursday, February 22

Octavian Borowicz
Kimberly Chavez
Mark DeLeo

Friday, February 23

Patricia Flynn
Nancy Grappin
Mark Hassett
Bonnie Pawloske

Saturday, February 24

Jenna Bazzie
Michael Fras
Sarah Guerra
Virginia Makkonen
Maureen Walenski

Sunday, February 25

Jesus Felix
Stephanie Macias
Erick Mendoza
Megan Panin
Pauline Urbanski



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Upcoming Events for Council 13600

Grand Knight: Dennis Hogan

Deputy Grand Knight: Gino Simiele

Officers Meeting: March 13 @ 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 January: 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:

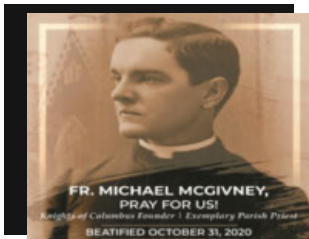
\$100 SK Scott Duch Seller: SK Scott Duch

\$ 60 Gianna Cantanzarite Seller: SK Edgar Tarchalski

\$ 40 Christi Simiele Seller: SK Gino Simiele

Tickets are now available for the 2024, 12 Month Raffle

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.

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

Pillowcase Committee Meeting

Next Meeting is March 13th at 10 a.m. in the carpeted meeting room.

Thank you to everyone that supported the **Daughters of Isabella Sanctity of Life Baby Drive!**

As a result of your generosity and support from the Knights, we collected **\$2,600.00** to purchase much needed diapers and wipes from the prolife company, **EveryLife**.

We were able to supply Another Way and Next Step Pregnancy Centers with over **2,310 diapers (96 bags)** and **4,800 wipes (80 packs)** this month, and continue our support for another shipment next month! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Do you know Barbara Keller?

She has been a **parish member for over 63 years** and would love to hear from you!

Please contact the Parish Office for her contact information.

**Permission given by her daughter.*

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT





Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

When I was flying back from Phoenix last month, I finally started on a book that Archbishop Vigneron gave us priests, *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission*. The premise is that the culture that once supported and in a way led people to Christian living is now to the point of being antagonist to Christianity. We cannot expect people to find their way to Christ without effort on our part. The news or social media is not going represent accurately the Catholic faith; therefore, instead of doing the things our parents did, we must do more and more like Jesus' disciples. My retort to someone saying we have always done things this way is that we are now needing a new way.

The staff at St. Patrick is reading this book, and as we were discussing how to more be apostolic in our mission the subject of the sacrament of Penance came up. I noted the hours that St. John Vianney and his long line. I said that our lines for the sacrament are short. That is when the idea came to talk about the sacrament of Penance this Lent. My strategy is to take us through the section on the catechism over the next few weeks.

"You have had yourselves washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6:11). I read St. Paul's words a couple of times. I have to admit, I do not fathom the magnitude of the gift of salvation that Jesus gave me. It is something that I have to take repeatedly to prayer. Heaven would have been closed to you and me. "If we say, we are without sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). I have been guilty many times of being blinded to my own sins. I am listening to another audiobook, Fr. Timothy Gallagher's *The Discernment of Spirits*. There are times that we cannot hear God because we have chosen to ignore something; therefore, he patiently waits until we attend to

what he asks. I remember at one point in my life completely ignoring God when he was showing me a behavior was sinful. Once I took that to confession, my eyes were opened to my other sins and frankly the way the world sees me. Sometimes I tell people if we think we do not sin, that means we are a saint, and we should begin the canonization process immediately!

Our Baptism and Confirmation have made us holy; we belong to God. Those sacraments, though, did not abolish the frailty and weakness of our human nature. We will always have an inclination to sin. This inclination to sin we call concupiscence. That is a way of saying there will always be a struggle. Can we identify with St. Paul when he says, "I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want" (Rom. 7:19)? It is the reason that we begin Lent with the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel. We must constantly be doing things to turn back to the Lord because of this inclination to walk away from him.

St. Mark succinctly tells us that Jesus went out into the desert and was tempted by Satan. He did this to give us grace so that we may overcome our own temptations and sins. We rightly pray often "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." That prayer is a reminder to seek reconciliation in the way that the Lord gives us reconciliation to us.

May God bless you,

Fr. David Cybulski

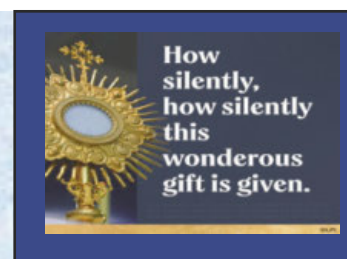
~Eucharistic Adoration Times and Places~

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.

~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.

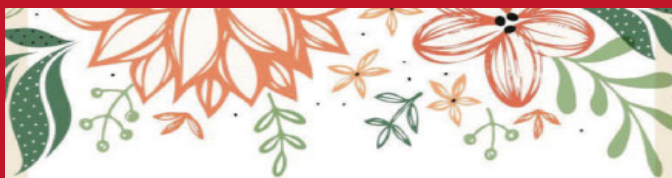
Future dates are:

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.**



Join us for this awesome spring time event!

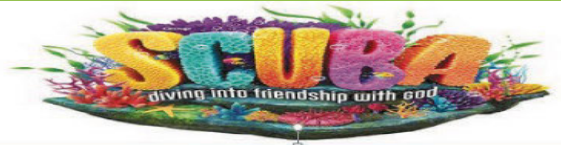
St. Benedict Annual SPRING CARD PARTY

April 17, 2024 | Noon - 3:30 p.m.

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Raffle, 50/50, Door Prizes!

Lunch of Salads & Breads



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June 17-21 from 9-12

Preschool – 5th grade Volunteers needed

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St Mary's of the Snows in Milford

St Patrick Parish in White Lake

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The Parish Festival Committee is looking for
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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

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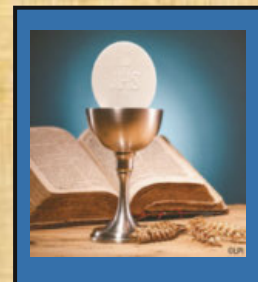
**7pm Fri, March 22nd
7pm Sat, March 23rd**

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Deacon Steven Caraher
Assisted by: George Jurincic

MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT: FEBRUARY 24 - 25, 2024

	Ushers	Sacristan/EMEs	Lectors/Commentators
5 PM	John Bannon Mike McBride Debbie O'Parka Keith Simpson	Deacon Bob Halina Duch Beth Ilich Dean Ilich Cathy Sanchez	Gary Sharpe - Lector Jackie Sharpe - Commentator
9:30 AM	Steve Block John Dotson Mark Meuwissen	Deacon Bob Jack French Linda French Lori Petrusha Dale Schramski Jane Scott Gino Simiele	Bob Kulczyzki - Lector Joe Herman - Commentator
11:30 AM	Wojciech Dlugoszewski Kent Dow Mario Guerra Rob Seeterlin	Deacon Bob Angela Lesner Donna Metz Maureen Przybylowicz Pauline Urbanski	Nina Hric - Lector Steve Weber - Commentator



CHRISTIAN SERVICE NEWS

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

Corporal Works of Mercy in Action

Give Drink to the Thirsty

And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward. Matthew 10:42

Water is the very essence of life. General consensus is that people can survive for around three days without water, with estimates typically ranging from two days to a week. So in essence to give a drink to someone who is thirsty is to offer them life itself. Sr. Martha Torbik of the Sisters of St. Francis said “ Giving drink to the thirsty can be so much more than offering a cup of water.” Indeed it can, We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth. In doing so we are unleashing the gospel and offering our neighbors an encounter with Christ. Here are some ways you can live out this work of mercy:

Donate to clean water projects in underdeveloped countries	Volunteer at a local soup kitchen
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