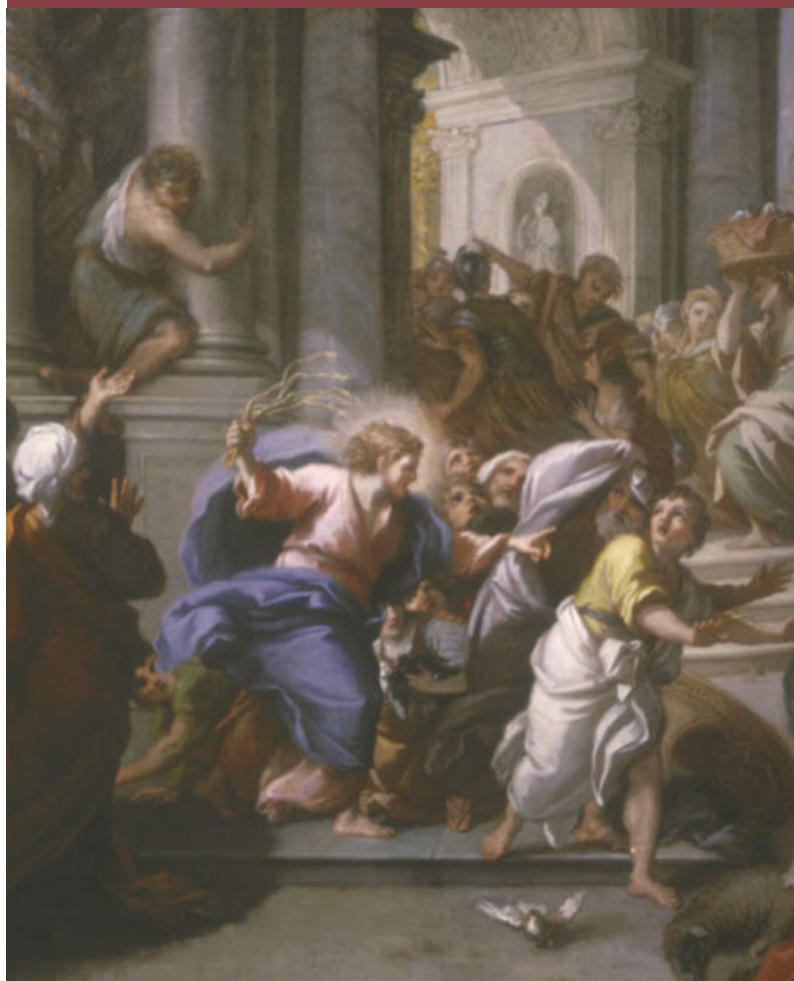




St. Perpetua

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 3, 2024 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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CLERGY

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

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, MARCH 4, NO Mass

Lenten Weekday

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Lenten Weekday

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

Lenten Weekday

7:00 PM

Spec. Int. for the St. Perpetua Parish Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, NO Mass

Lenten Weekday

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM

† Craig Scott, req. by Cynthia Scott

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM

† Debbie Gajda, req. by Deacon Bob

11:30 AM

† Charles Lund req. by the 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, March 3

9:30 am - Mass

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

11:30 am - Mass

Monday, March 4

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

7:30 - Daughter of Isabella Meeting
Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Tuesday, March 5

9:00 am - Mass

6:00 pm - Rosary for Fr. Jack

6:30 pm - Rescue Project Ep. 6



Wednesday, March 6

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 7

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

7:00 pm - Mass

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Friday, March 8

7:00 pm - Soup & Stations

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home



Saturday, March 9

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, March 4

Luis Alvarez
Ron Bogner
Lisa Bonnell
Mary Shaw
Brenda Winowiecki
Stephen Wolfe

Tuesday, March 5

Sara Andrieux
Adriana Camacho-Tornero
Jessica Klausing
Robert Kulczycki
Monica Lee
Sandra Obert
Luca Palazzolo
George Taylor, III
Fred Tyska

Wednesday, March 6

Dolores Farrell
Abril Gonzalez
Stacey McCleary
Francis Nkwantabisah
Parker Riley
Maria Rodriguez
Elizabeth Vradenburg

Elijah Zuniga

Thursday, March 7

Jayden Eparaza
Joshua Esparza
Sydney Janulis
Brooke Petrusha

Friday, March 8

Rita Balleza
Bette Beaucar
Lindsey Campaign
Luis Cortes
Cindy McClarren
John Stillman

Saturday, March 9

Gracia Guerra-Gonzales
Yoanna Pawelek
Kathleen Pickering
Son Minh Vu

Sunday, March 10

Aiden Bolanos
William Else
Brian Henry
Jack McMahon
Matthew Stevens



Megan Poplaskie
Laurie Robertson
David Russell
Andy Snook
Fr. Jim Strasz
Chuck & Mary
Spadafore
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Vic Morrow

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: March 20 @ 7:30 pm

4th Degree Meeting: March 21 @ 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 February:

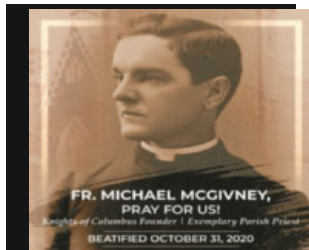
\$100 Alexandria Bousson Seller: SK Rob Seeterlin

\$ 60 Jonathon Brown Seller: SK Bill Brown

\$ 40 SK Dominic 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.



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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.

The **Order of Alhambra** Michigan Caravans owns and operates *St. Francis Camp on the Lake*. This camp serves children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. *St. Francis Camp* provides residential and day or weeklong camp experiences with opportunities to participate in fun and challenging activities designed to promote social, emotional, and physical development. This year, the Michigan Caravans have a special scholarship program for first time campers. During this season of Lent consider donating to this worthwhile endeavor. Check out the website to find out about the camp, *St. Francis Camp on the Lake* (saintfranciscamp.org)

Contact: Don Kaiser, ph: 586.899.5366, Pat Plotkowski, ph: 586.791.3057, or Joe Langhauser, ph: 947.999.2286

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.



Pillowcase Committee Meeting

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

Survey Says...I can't hear you!!

Steps are being taken to identify and correct the "dead spots" in the church and chapel. Lectors, Priests, and Deacons have been asked to speak louder and enunciate better. See one of the ushers for one of the hearing enhancement devices we have available. They work great!

Your worth to God is not diminished by someone else's low opinion of you.

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT





Interior Penance

“Why do we fast, and you do not see it? afflict ourselves, and you take no note of it?” Lo, on your fast day you carry out your own pursuits, and drive all your laborers. Yes, your fast ends in quarreling and fighting, striking with wicked claw. Would that today you might fast so as to make your voice heard on high!” (Isa. 58:3-4).

Lent is difficult. The reason we have this season every year is that we allow Jesus to convert our hearts. The quote from Isaiah is from Mass on the Friday after Ash Wednesday. It can be convicting. It is convicting for me. Are the practices that we have begun bringing us closer to God? Has there been no change or worse are they having an unintended effect?

I am continuing to walk through the catechism on the section on the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Jesus calls us to conversion and penance. Jesus did not intend our fasting and mortification be the primary aim. He wants interior conversion. Without that interior conversion the catechism has us know that our penances are sterile; however, interior conversion does require visible signs, gestures, and works of penances. They are important.

“Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed” (CCC 1431). Can we call our Lent a radical reorientation, a conversion with whole heart, and a repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed? Wow! That line convicts me.

“The human heart is heavy and hardened. God must give man a new heart” (CCC 1432). That is beautiful. This

conversion is beyond what we can do. It is very comforting to realize conversion is first the work of God. He wants this more than we do. He gives us his strength. “It is in discovering the greatness of God’s love that our heart is shaken by the horror and weight of sin and begins to fear offending God by sin and being separated from him.” Those are the tears of repentance which I discussed last week. In the warmth of God’s love, we see who we are. We weep, but we are being changed. We are being changed to be like Him. “Let us fix our eyes on Christ’s blood and understand how precious it is to his Father, for, poured out for our salvation it has brought to the whole world the grace of repentance.”

There have been times in my life that I cannot see my own sins. When the Holy Spirit comes He will convict the world in regard to sin and righteousness and condemnation (John 16:8). In praying to the Holy Spirit we can break through that plateau in the spiritual life in which we falsely believe there is no more repentance needed. Admit it. If there is nothing more that we need right now, we have reached perfection. In reality, there is always more because of the beauty of what God is doing in us constantly. “Since Easter, the Holy Spirit has proved the world wrong about sin... But this same Spirit who brings sin to light is also the Consoler who gives the human heart grace for repentance and conversion” (CCC 1433).

That was a walk-through numbers 1430-1433. I hope this is helpful. Next week I will discuss the many forms of penance in the Christian life.

May God bless you,

Fr. David Cybulski

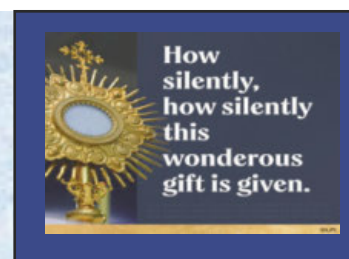
~Eucharistic Adoration Times and Places~

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



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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.**

The Daughters of Isabella is hosting the ...

St. Perpetua's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

In addition to the Egg Hunt, there will be Palm Sunday crafts and possibly a special guest

appearance by the Easter Bunny

Date: **Sunday, March 24, 2024**

Time: **1:00 p.m.**



Join us for this awesome spring time event!

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Questions?
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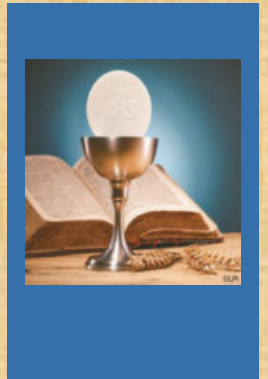
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	Ushers	Sacristan/EMEs	Lectors/Commentators
5 PM	John Bannon Mike McBride Debbie O'Parka Keith Simpson	Deacon Bob Jill McBride Maureen Przybylowicz Cathy Sanchez Carol Tomczak	Peter Schappach - Lector Mary Robertoy - Commentator
9:30 AM	Steve Block John Dotson Dennis Hogan Mark Meuwissen	Deacon Bob Kathy Boyea Linda French Lori Petrusha Laura Raupp Dale Schramski Gino Simiele	Joe Kohls - Lector Deb Tenbusch - Commentator
11:30 AM	Wojciech Dlugoszewski Kent Dow Mario Guerra Rob Seeterlin	Deacon Bob Lindsay Bochenek Jeri Burger Donna Metz Rodger Mouthaan Pauline Urbanski	*Needed - Lector Nina Hric - 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

Shelter the Homeless

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Colossians 3:11

Having a roof over our heads is a basic human need. Unfortunately, not everyone in the world has a home. Also, not everyone of us has the capacity to bring someone into our home but we all have the capacity to show love, gifting a stranger a glimpse of dignity.

During Lent of 2023 I took a group of middle school students to serve on the streets of downtown Detroit. One of the students was engaged in a conversation with someone whom had come to get food. Later he came to me and said "I learned that homeless people have feelings, just like me." I believe this moment forever changed the both of them, as the student had a brush with an angel and the homeless man had a glimpse of God.

You don't need to go to the streets of Detroit to live out this work of mercy. St. Teresa once said "Find your own Calcutta". We can find our own Calcutta and perhaps have a brush with an angel by doing some of these:

Give your time or money to a homeless shelter

Volunteer for local programs like Habitat for Humanity

Support ministries that work with the displaced or refugees

Donate to the Parish's Christian Service Fund

The Annual **RIGHT to Life** Spaghetti Dinner is Saturday, April 6th

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March 16 & 17

March 23 & 24

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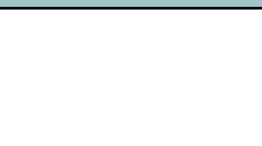
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