



St. Perpetua

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 10, 2024 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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CLERGY

Fr. David Cybulski, Moderator
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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.

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 11, NO Mass

Lenten Weekday



TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

9:00 AM

Spec. Int. for Waterford First Responders, req. by Christian Service

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Lenten Weekday

7:00 PM

† Bo Reese, req. by Bill & Connie Brown
Spec. Int. for Fr. Jack Baker, req. by the Prayer Warriors

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, NO Mass

Lenten Weekday

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM

† Gerard Couture, req. by the Knights of Columbus

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM

† Dennis Montone, req. by Elsie Montone
Spec. Int. for Fr. Jack Baker, req. by the Prayer Warriors

11:30 AM

† Paul & Tony Burke, req. by James & Anne Collins



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 10

9:30 am - Mass

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

11:30 am - Mass

Monday, March 11

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

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Tuesday, March 12

9:00 am - Mass

6:00 pm - Rosary for Fr. Jack

6:30 pm - Rescue Project Ep. 9



Wednesday, March 13

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

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

Thursday, March 14

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

7:00 pm - Mass

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Friday, March 15

7:00 pm - Soup & Stations

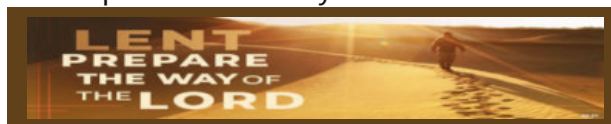
Rosary for Fr. Jack at home



Saturday, March 16

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 11

John Goestenkors

Christine Simiele

Tuesday, March 12

Luis Bautista

Stephanie Dorda

Victoria Gonzalez

Frank Herbert

Paul Knight

Claire Pryor

Kathy Smith

Wednesday, March 13

Paul Brandt

Bradley Hensen

Jennifer Schacker

Anthony Stevens

Kayla Syron

James Wiley

Thursday, March 14

Jose Aguilar

Aldona Manvydas

Nancy Maxwell

Curt McCall

Joseph Oberlee

John Scott

Annette Tyszk

Friday, March 15

Jacqueline Chalanda

Sean Daly

Mauricio Estrada

Matthew Jorgensen

Bill Ponkowski, Jr.

Brent Sitto

Cole Whiteman

Saturday, March 16

Miranda Alexiev

Marissa Barcelon

James Collins

Janet Connolly

Jesus De Leon

Mason Felice

Diana Fisher

Roman Kwarczynski

Johnna Struck

Brad Tacia

Sunday, March 17

Ashley Bragg

Stanley Kwilos

Patricia Laing

Linda Miller

Kelly O'Guin

Sharon Rice



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: 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.



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.



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

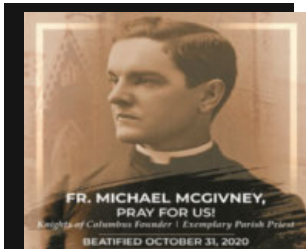
Regent: Janice Scroczynski

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Cell: (248) 770-2089

Our next meeting is on:

Monday, April 1st at 7:30 p.m.

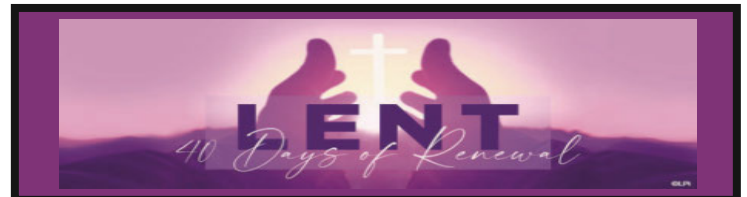


Did You Know?

Since 1981, councils have provided over \$80 million in support to over 115,000 seminarians and novices through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)

You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.

C.S. Lewis



~ATTENTION~

All Lectors, Ushers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, **schedules** for the next quarter are being created. Please let Linda Reising know if there are days that you **will not** be available.

Please contact: lareising@comcast.net

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT





I saw a picture of someone holding a sign which said "I'm here because of IVF." I started to wonder: How many people are not able to hold a sign saying "I am not here because of IVF"?

I am going to break for a week on discussing the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. The Alabama Supreme Court ruled in February that embryos are people. This put into question the practice of in vitro fertilization. A week later their state legislature voted to protect doctors from criminal or civil liability if embryos they helped to create were damaged or destroyed. This presents a teaching moment on something that is difficult to find the right context to discuss. The catechism discusses IVF and describes it as morally unacceptable.

In the catechism, paragraph 2377 is part of the discussion about the sixth commandment. The problem with IVF is that it disassociates the sexual act from the procreative act. A child is brought into being not by the loving embrace of his or her parents but through the power of doctors and biologists and technology. I used the words "helped to create" above due to the moment of conception being completely different. Because of the immense dignity we have as human beings, we are not to be created by anyone other than the Creator. "Such a relationship of domination is in itself contrary to the dignity and equality that must be common to parents and children."

I mentioned that this discussion was part of the section on the sixth commandment in the catechism; however, IVF is also problematic in that it violates the fifth commandment, you shall not kill. During IVF, multiple human beings are made. Not all of these human beings are ever born. Through some process, someone must make a determination which of these humans are most suitable for implantation. The rest are

discarded. An article I read from National Catholic Register reported this as almost half.

With IVF there is the possibility of multiple pregnancies. While this is becoming less common, something called multifetal pregnancy reduction has been paired with IVF. Multifetal pregnancy reduction are three words to describe abortion. For these reasons I stated there are people who are not here because of IVF.

A child is not something owed to one, but is a gift. The "supreme gift of marriage" is a human person. A child may not be considered a piece of property, an idea to which an alleged "right to a child" would lead. In this area, only the child possesses genuine rights: the right "to be the fruit of the specific act of the conjugal love of his parents," and "the right to be respected as a person from the moment of his conception." (CCC 2378).

The next line of the catechism reminds that infertility is a share in the Lord's Cross. I pray for you as one that gave up children (Mark 10: 29) to become a priest and as one who has no nieces or nephews. I realize this article is going to produce a range of emotions. Perhaps you did not know. Not knowing something is sinful reduces our culpability. As have been writing about the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation during Lent, this is something else to bring to this sacrament to receive the Lord's healing and grace. This is certainly something to bring to prayer to understand the good that the Church is upholding.

May God bless you,

Fr. David Cybulski

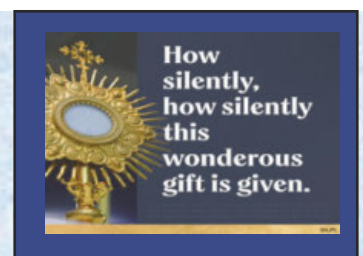
~Eucharistic Adoration Times and Places~

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.**

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!

**St. Benedict Annual
SPRING CARD PARTY**

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

St. Benedict Parish (use Lynn St. Entrance)
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Raffle, 50/50, Door Prizes!

Lunch of Salads & Breads



**Every Friday during
Lent after the Stations of
the Cross at 7 p.m.**

The Parish Festival Committee is looking for
new committee members.

NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!

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

Pancake Breakfast



**Sunday, March 24, 2024
After the 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Masses**

Survey Says

I have a clear understanding of what West Oakland Catholic Family stands for Agree 17.74% Disagree 35.09% Strongly Disagree 22.26%

This is the first in a series of articles about the West Oakland Family of Parishes

Part 1 Why is there a Family of Parishes?

The current health and economic crises have accelerated the process of renewing the way our parishes are organized and structured. With declining parishioners and priest shortage, we now have fewer material resources to keep our mission active. Archbishop Vigneron, in consultation with clergy and lay advisors (Synod16) gathered to discuss and discern the future of the Archdiocese and decide on the steps we need to take to turn us into a diocese of joyful missionary disciples.

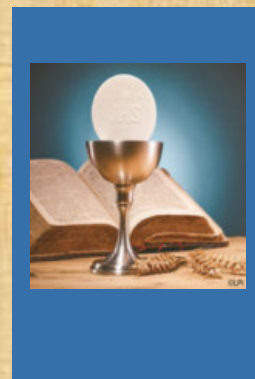
The goal of Synod 16 was to make us into missionaries and to change the DNA of the archdiocese of Detroit. To achieve these goals, the focus was on evangelization and moving from a maintenance-focused Church to a mission-focused Church. Synod 16 was a catalyst for Unleash the Gospel.

One of the responses was the creation of Families of Parishes. These are groups of parishes, sharing resources to advance the mission, including having multiple priests and deacons serving the Family of Parishes. This new model will allow the priests, deacons, religious and lay staff associated with each parish to better share their gifts and talents with the whole Family of Parishes.

To be continued...

MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT: MARCH 16-17, 2024

	Ushers	Sacristan/EMEs	Lectors/Commentators
5 PM	John Bannon Scott Duch Mike McBride Keith Simpson	Deacon Bob Halina Duch Beth Ilich Dean Ilich Jill McBride Linda Moehlman	Jackie Sharpe - Lector Gary Sharpe - Commentator
9:30 AM	John Dotson Ed Ford Mark Meuwissen <i>Needed</i>	Deacon Bob Jack French Linda French Joe Langhauser Lori Petrusha Leonard Poplaskie Dale Schramski Jane Scott	Terry Beach - Lector David Uicker - Commentator
11:30 AM	Wojciech Dlugoszewski Kent Dow Mario Guerra Rob Seeterlin	Deacon Bob Jeri Burger Rodger Mouthaan Mary Redding Pauline Urbanski	Steve Weber - Lector Angela Lesner - 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

Visit the Sick

Eucharisticrevival.org says "It is absolutely necessary to visit the sick around us: the physically ill, the mentally ill, and the spiritually ill. Sickness in any form can bring hopelessness—in those very places, we are called to be present and offer the hope and love of Christ. Through us, Jesus comes to those who are suffering." We can find many ways to help the sick through this work, consider doing some of the following:

Visit someone in the hospital or nursing home

Join a homebound ministry and take communion to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Take flowers or a meal to your sick friend or neighbor Offer support to someone going through an illness

Run an errand for an elderly or sick person

RIGHT to LIFE Spaghetti Dinner is

Saturday April 6th

Tickets are available online using the QR Code below or after all Masses in the vestibule on **March 9/10, 16/17 & 23/24**



Lenten Giving

Please take a tag or two from the tree in the vestibule to help our neighbors in need enjoy a holiday meal.

Please return your items **No later than March 17th** to allow distribution to the schools before their break.

Questions? Please contact Shannon at 248-698-3103 ext 215 or spryce@stpwl.org

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