



St. Perpetua

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 24, 2024 | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



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So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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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

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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.

February Offertory Collection

Offertory	\$ 25,351.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,501.00
Total	\$ 27,852.00



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 25, NO Mass

Holy Week

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Holy Week

9:00 AM

† Dennis Dopke, req. by Joe & Lucia Langhauser
Spec. Int. for Fr. Jack, req. by the Prayer Warriors



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Holy Week

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Holy Thursday

7:30 PM

For all living and deceased priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, NO Mass

Good Friday

12 Noon

Stations of the Cross

3:00 PM

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 PM

St. Perpetua Parish Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 AM

St. Perpetua Parish Family

11:30 AM

St. Perpetua Parish 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 24



9:30 am - Mass

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

11:30 am - Mass



Monday, March 25

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

Rosary for Fr. Jack at home

Tuesday, March 26

9:00 am - Mass

6:00 pm - Rosary for Fr. Jack

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 28, Holy Thursday

6:00 pm - Holy Thursday Dinner

7:30 pm - Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Friday, March 29, Good Friday

12:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death

Saturday, March 30, Holy Saturday

9:00 pm - Easter Vigil

***NO Confessions on Holy Saturday**

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
Barb Thomas

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 25

Suzan Cislo
Carl Gill
Walter Henderson
James Hric
Andy Jimenez
John Turnes
Connie Drake
Cindy Siemen
Tyler Trudell
Michael Turkington

Tuesday, March 26

Elizabeth Bunting
Laura Fenlon
Mary Lee Giordano
Correen Hansen
Grayson Zuniga

Wednesday, March 27

Susan Allen
Charles Chill
Patricia Conroy
Romeo Gonzalez
Joan Hougaboom
Donald Kijek
Shari Lombardo

Thursday, March 28

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Shari Lombardo

Lucas Scally

Laura Smith

Friday, March 29

Natalia Bihar
Arabella Bout
Frankie Cruz
Andrew Fraser
Kathleen Hard
Stephanie Pyrros-Hensen
James Wagner

Saturday, March 30

Anthony Campaign
Karen DeGrazia
Daniel Dunny
Alondra Mendoza-Madriz

Sunday, March 31

Raymond Bolchi
Kristin Copland
Bella Henderson
Frank Keglovitz
Mary Jo Keiser
Judith Wuerth



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: April 10 @ 7:00 pm

General Meeting: April 17th @ 7:30 pm

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

Contact Information:

Ph: 248.330.9959 or email: dennishogan@comcast.net

Knight of the Month for February: Sir Mark Sroczynski

Family of the Month for February: Roberto and Sonia Bihar

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

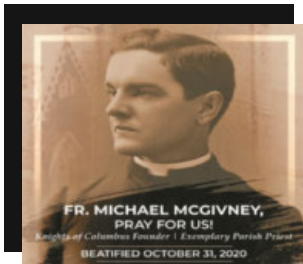
Regent: Janice Scroczynski

E-mail: jssmile89@aol.com

Cell: (248) 770-2089

Our next meeting is on:

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



Did You Know?

Through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound program, we have funded more than 1,000 ultrasound machines for pregnancy care centers.



**Gravity explains the motion of the planets, but it cannot explain who set the planets in motion.*
-Issac Newton



PALM SUNDAY





My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

These words of Jesus spoken while hanging on the cross are among the most disturbing words in the Gospels. Did Jesus give up trust in his most dear Father during the crucifixion? Did Jesus actually yield to despair on the cross? These are startling words. How can we understand this desperate cry? Vatican II's document, "Church in the Modern World," recalls our Christian conviction that Jesus' divinity did not eclipse the full experience of His humanity. The document states, "For by his Incarnation the Son of God united himself in some fashion with every man. He worked with human hands, He thought with a human mind, He acted by human choice, and loved with a human heart. Born of the Virgin Mary, He has truly been made one of us, like us in all things except sin." As fully human, Jesus tasted the full depth of human suffering on the cross – physical, psychological, and spiritual.

On the cross Jesus was alone. He was rejected by everyone: the Jewish religious authorities, His fellow citizens, His own disciples, and some of his closest friends. It is powerful to remember that of His chosen twelve apostles – His inner circle – one betrayed Him, another denied Him, and all but one abandoned Him. Only His mother, the two Mary's, and John were at the cross. That is why Jesus felt so abandoned upon the cross – He even felt abandoned by his Father: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

At one point or another, we have all felt abandoned, alone, or betrayed. It is part of the human experience – fallen human nature – that we all go through. It is truly one of the most gripping

and painful experiences because we were made for love and communion with others since we were made in the image of love and communion itself, that is, God. God who is three persons and yet one is the origin of love and communion. These are what we want most! That is why, out of love, God took our suffering upon Himself in order to redeem the human race.

However, there are also times and seasons when even God doesn't feel so close to us. It can feel that God is ignoring us or that he is a billion miles away. That is when we echo those words of our Lord, "Why have you abandoned me?" In other words, "Where are you, God?" Fear not! The saints talk about walking through the same struggle. Yes, the holy men and women we revere as great spiritual masters struggled with feeling distant from God at one point or another. It is a natural part of growing as a disciple of Jesus. God wants to transform us and expand our hearts and our capacity to love. He wants our love to mature to a place where we can love God and other people without the expectation of getting anything back in return for what we give. To do so, our Lord will make His presence less palpable so that we learn to love him simply for the fact that he deserves our love. The saints tell us that the goal is to learn to love God for God's sake instead of loving God for our own sake. Feeling distant from God can, therefore, be a sign that we are actually growing and maturing as a disciple of Jesus. What we must do is stick to our spiritual resolutions and be consistent. Have a blessed Holy Week!

+ Fr. Paul

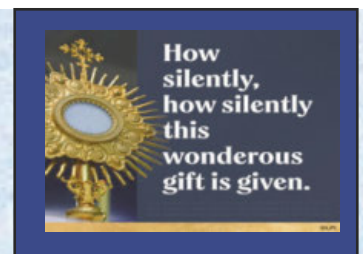
~Eucharistic Adoration Times and Places~

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.



Easter Schedule at St. Perpetua

March 28, Holy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Dinner
7:30 p.m. Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

March 29, Good Friday

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Good Friday Services

March 30, Holy Saturday

11:00 a.m. Blessing of the Food Baskets
**NO confessions on Holy Saturday*
9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

March 31, Easter Sunday

Mass Times:
9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.



Today!

After the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses

~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: ***Today!***
Time: ***1:00 p.m.***



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%

Part Two:

What is a Family of Parishes?

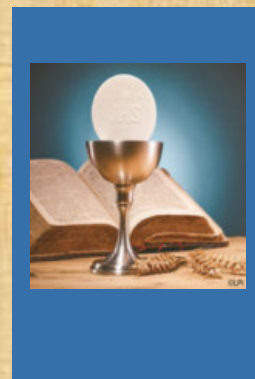
A Family of Parishes is a grouping of three or more parishes that collaborate in deeper and more intentional ways than parishes have ever done before. Each parish in a Family will retain its own unique identity, similar to how each sibling has his or her own unique role in the family. This is not a parish cluster or merger as we have done in the past. It is important to note that each parish within a Family will remain solely responsible for its own financial viability. This includes establishing appropriate parish budgets, coordinating parish fundraising, and controlling parish costs. These new Families of Parishes will collaborate by sharing resources, including priests, deacons, and staffs across parish lines to further advance the mission Christ has entrusted to his Church.

While Families of Parishes is fairly new to us, the required commitment to collaboration and cooperation is not. In the past four decades, we have seen parishes coordinating Advent Reconciliation Services, Lenten Missions and Mass schedules. Some of our parishes have shared staff positions, faith formation programs or pastors. In the months and years ahead, new and innovative ways to work together will strengthen the bonds that already exist and will build new bonds everywhere else. For many of our parishes this will be an entirely new process which will require everyone to let go of a status quo mentality and to choose trust over fear. For all of us, this new reality will require a renewal of our confidence in Jesus' power and his presence among us.

Stay tuned for part three.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT: MARCH 30-31, 2024

	Ushers	Sacristan/EMEs	Lectors/Commentators
5 PM	Please See Sign-Up Sheet	Please See Sign-Up Sheet	Please See Sign-Up Sheet
9:30 AM	Please See Sign-Up Sheet	Please See Sign-Up Sheet	Please See Sign-Up Sheet
11:30 AM	Please See Sign-Up Sheet	Please See Sign-Up Sheet	Please See Sign-Up Sheet



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

Bury the Dead

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 1 Thessalonians 4:13

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says in article 2300 "The bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy; it honors the children of God, who are temples of the Holy Spirit." During funerals, we mourn the loss of life. As Christians, we live in the hope of the Resurrection. What better way to honor the children of God than actively doing some of these works:

- Become a funeral Sacristan or Lector
- Attend funerals and wakes of friends and family
- Volunteer to work a funeral luncheon
- Visit family and friends in the weeks following a funeral
- Join a confraternity of souls prayer group
- Visit cemeteries and pray for the dead
- Send a sympathy card to the family of recently deceased members of the parish

Thank You!

You have made Easter so much easier on many families in our community and have given them an encounter with Jesus Christ through your generous Lenten Giving donations.

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