



# OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time      October 15, 2023

## *Mission Statement*

Under the protection of Our Lady of Refuge and guided by the Holy Spirit, our parish family is dedicated to the propagation and deepening of our faith, rooted in the Sacraments, Sacred Scripture and Tradition of the Catholic Church. As stewards of the Father's gifts, we strive to reflect the love of Christ through the support of our parish and in our outreach and service to others.



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.” - Mt 22:9

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MASS TIMES	READINGS	MASS/PRAYER INTENTIONS	Oct. 9–17, 2023
Day/Date/Time	Readings	Mass Intentions	Presider/Lector
Monday October 16 8:15am	Rom 1:1-7 Lk 11:29-32	We pray for <b>Robert Deneweth</b> (deceased) We pray for <b>Pat Fowler</b> (living) requested by the Fowler Family	Fr. Witek
Tuesday October 17 8:15am	Rom 1:16-25 Lk 11:37-41	We pray for <b>Richard C. Najor</b> (deceased)	Bp. Hurley
Wednesday October 18 8:15am	2 Tm 4:10-17b Lk 10:1-9	We pray for <b>Brian Fowler</b> (living) requested by the Fowler Family We pray for <b>Doris Golting</b> (deceased)	Fr. Witek
Thursday October 19 No Mass	Rom 3:21-30 Lk 11:47-54		
Friday October 20 8:15am	Rom 4:1-8 Lk 12:1-7	We pray for <b>Ruby, Robert Jr., &amp; Lisa Huhn</b> (deceased) requested by Robert Huhn	Bp. Hurley
<b>Saturday October 21 5:00pm</b>	See Sunday Readings	We pray for <b>Sam Hannawa</b> (deceased) We pray for <b>Fawzi Shaya</b> (deceased) requested by the Family	Fr. Witek S. Barcewicz E. Escobedo
<b>Sunday October 22 Today is The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am 9:30am 11:30am</b>	Is 45:1, 4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21	8:00am We pray for <b>Our Lady of Refuge Parish and School</b>  9:30am We pray for <b>Gorgis Shina &amp; his parents</b> (deceased) We pray for <b>Khiloud Yatooma</b> (deceased) requested by the Zerki Family  11:30am We pray for <b>Mary Barrood</b> (deceased) We pray for <b>Franco D'Emilio</b> (deceased) requested by the Family We pray for <b>Irene Iannuzzelli</b> (deceased)	8:00am C. Armitage J. Armitage  9:30 L. Zara C. Forester  11:30am J. Whalen P. Gantz
Monday October 23 8:15am	Rom 4:20-25 Lk 12:13-21	We pray for <b>John Dushane</b> (deceased) requested by Leigh & Theresa Dushane	Bp. Hurley
Tuesday October 24 8:15am	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Lk 12:35-38	We pray for <b>Terrence O'Flynn</b> (deceased)	Bp. Hurley



## Notes from Bishop Hurley

### Notes from Bishop Hurley

Thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to me. Everyone has been most gracious and I am appreciative of that. I am grateful for the assistance of Father Brooks and Father Witek for sacramental services and for their willingness to be with us. Each have other responsibilities so their assistance here is a special blessing. With the very real shortage of priests we are fortunate to be able to have them with us to assist along with other priests we are able to come to celebrate with us. I also invite your prayers and support for priestly and religious vocations. We presently have a seminarian from the parish please keep him in your prayers as he discerns a priestly vocation.

Next week we invite your prayers and financial support for the work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith which supports the missionary activities of the Church through out the world. "Go into the world and preach the good news, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit". Envelopes for this special collection will be in the pews for your use. The support of the Missions helps us all to help fulfill our personal responsibility to support the spread of the Gospel and the work of the missionaries who labor on our behalf and in our name.

Last weekend I made an announcement at all the masses regarding Father Richards resignation and leave. It was an important announcement and for this reason I am printing it in this week's bulletin since any number of people told me they were away for the weekend and did not hear it but were asking about it.

Sharing announcement from last weekend October 7/8:

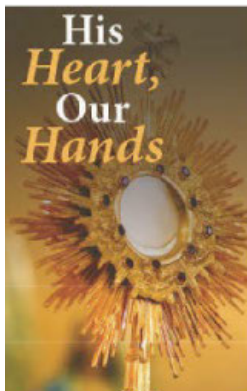
Last weekend Fr. Richards informed you that he was leaving the parish and wrote a letter to the parish to inform you. I understand some have raised questions seeking additional information and speculation. I want to provide some brief comment.

Fr. Ron Richards resigned as the priest assigned to Our Lady of Refuge Parish, Orchard Lake and was granted a leave of absence from the active ministry in order to address personal issues relating to some inappropriate non-criminal adult behavior. We ask that you respect his privacy as he and we move forward and I ask your prayers for him and the parish.

I am Bishop Walter Hurley and I will be serving here at OLOR until such time as a new priest is assigned. There is no timeline. Some of you may remember me as Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows in Farmington some years ago. Since my retirement 10 years ago as Bishop of Grand Rapids I have served in a number of transitions in several dioceses and parishes in the Archdiocese. I am happy to be able to be of assistance in this wonderful parish as long as I am asked to do so. My Episcopal motto is "Serve with Gladness" and I will do that here as I invite you to serve the Lord with gladness as well.

With good wishes and blessings to all,  
Bishop Walter A. Hurley

## HIS HEART, OUR HANDS PROGRAM



Thank you for your generous support of our "His Heart, Our Hands" Program! Several weeks ago, we began this important parish-wide program and we are starting to see signs that our offertory collections are growing through the generosity of **YOU**, our faithful parish community. In the next few weeks we will be publishing in the bulletin a report with important highlights from our program. Thank you so very much to all who participated. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of Our Lady of Refuge Church.



## World Mission Sunday

Get Ready to Set Your **"Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move"** for World Mission Sunday

October 21/22, 2023

Next weekend, we'll unite with fellow Catholics globally to mark Word Mission Sunday. As we reflect on Pope Francis' compelling theme, we're invited to enkindle the flames of Christ's love and spread its warmth to mission territories in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Prepare to support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith with prayers and generosity. Thank you for being a beacon of Christ's love!

**EVANGELIZATION****Dave Kennedy****248.418.7221****[dkennedy@olorcc.org](mailto:dkennedy@olorcc.org)**

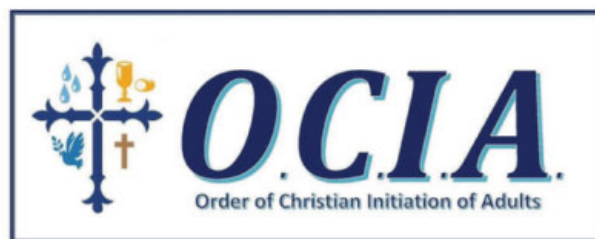
Hello everyone!

I know I keep saying it, but this is hands down my favorite time of year! I may get stuff thrown at me for saying this, but the Holiday's are pretty much right around the corner. Like I have mentioned before, I am a huge fan of people stepping outside their comfort zones and getting involved with ministries and events at the parish.

I also know many of you enjoy event organizing, meeting and talking with people, or love hosting and entertaining friends and family. If these skills apply to you, or you simply want to get more involved here at the parish, I would like to formally invite you to the first Community Engagement Team meeting on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm (location to be announced at a later date).

At its core, the C.E.T. will be about creating events and opportunities for people to gather, rest, have fun, worship, and experience who Jesus is on a new and deeper level. We are called to be joyful missionary disciples and the C.E.T. will be just that.....JOYFUL! We are going to put Christ first in all things and have a great time in the process. If you are interested in attending our first meeting on 11/13 at 6:00pm, please email me at [dkennedy@olorcc.org](mailto:dkennedy@olorcc.org) to let me know! See ya there and God Bless you all!

**COME AND SEE!**



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS? DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? JOIN THE OUR LADY OF REFUGE O.C.I.A. TEAM ON OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00PM TO FIND OUT MORE.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE**  
**Suzanne Barcewicz**  
**248-682-4099      cs@olorcc.org**

### *Crossroads Soup Kitchen Toy Drive*



*Spread the joy of giving and help reach our goal of collecting 250 games, puzzles and toys. Bring an unwrapped gift and help parents in need to “shop” free, selecting the perfect present to make this Christmas very special for their children. Your generosity can light up the young hearts of the Crossroads Families.*

*Please donate a game, toy or puzzle to our toy drive for kids ages 4-13.*

*We are still accepting items until November 30<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be dropped off in the Parish Narthex*

### *Cook Much??*

*Angel's Place Meals needs your culinary delights!!  
 Please consider signing up to take a meal on either a  
 Monday, Wednesday or Friday*

*Here is the link or QR code to sign-up genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D49A8AB2BAAF58-angels>. Details are on the site or for questions contact Suzanne @ [cs@olorcc.org](mailto:cs@olorcc.org)*

### **Blood Drive – October 30**

The need for blood is always ongoing. Have you thought about giving blood, but have been reluctant to do so? There is a lot of information for donors on the Red Cross website, [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), that can help alleviate any concerns you may have. Please consider giving at our Fall Blood Drive with the Red Cross on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, in the Social Hall from 1-7pm.

Appointments can be scheduled online by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and entering sponsor code “OLRC.” There is also a signup sheet at the Hospitality Center in the Narthex.



A Prayer Shawl is a hand crafted knitted or crochet shawl that is given to an individual in need of prayer, hope, comfort and love. The purpose of the shawl is to let the recipient know that they are being thought of and prayed for in difficult times.

Creating the shawl is a prayerful process.

Prayers for healing and hope are literally woven into the shawl. This ministry of making and giving shawls serves as a gesture of love in difficult times.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets once a month.

All are welcome.

Please contact

Christian Service @[cs@olorcc.org](mailto:cs@olorcc.org) or 248-682-4099 to join this ministry. Or if you know of an individual that would benefit from a prayer shawl.



### **TURKEY HARVEST WAGON**

The purpose of our “Turkey” Harvest Wagon is to collect money for Christian Service to purchase turkeys and items needed to fill our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets, for our neighbors in need.

Please donate a minimum of \$20. Checks made payable to OLR Christian Service.

Together we can provide a wonderful meal for others to share with their families.



LITURGICAL MUSIC

Tim Smith

248-821-8443

tim@timothyrsmith.com

Youth Choir 2023



**Attention all students grades 3-7:** We are looking for singers for our Christmas Concert and Christmas Eve.

**The Dates:**

Wednesday November 8 from 6:30-7:30 – Rehearsal

Wednesday December 13 from 7:00-8:00 – Rehearsal

Sunday December 17 at 4:00 PM concert with OLR Music Ministry (warmup 3:15 PM)

Sunday December 24 at 4:00 PM family Choir sings at Christmas Mass  
(warmup 3:15 PM)

**Check it out:**

Email me at [tim@timothyrsmith.com](mailto:tim@timothyrsmith.com) and I will send you the packet of sheet music and audio tracks. Hope to see you November 8!



**Sacred Heart Major Seminary  
Halloween Candy Help**

It's that time of the year again! Halloween is just around the corner, and Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their doors and their hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make this year a success: They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many kids. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry by donating bags of candy please bring them to the narthex of the church, there will be a box to place your donations. Thank you!

**WORSHIP**  
**Lisa Marie BlaneK**  
**248.418.7212 ext. 1114**  
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## Thank You Worship Ministers!!

Dear Friends,



Thank you all so much for answering the call to be involved with our worship ministries!!

We are inviting you all to a retreat where we can gather together and pray. We have two dates for you to choose from – October 16<sup>th</sup> or October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet in the church at 7 pm and promise to keep our program within an hour. We are hoping you will attend.

May God bless you and keep you always,

lisa marie



### **Celebrating All Souls' Day** **November 2nd**

We will be celebrating All Souls' Mass on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm in our church. Please join us for this holy night of pray for all Souls!

Those who celebrated the Mass of the Resurrection here will be invited to come forward as your loved one's name is called and light a candle. A calligraphed display board will be hung in the narthex with your loved one's name on it. We have also written their names in our Book of the Dead.

Many of us have lost loved ones and have attended funerals outside of our parish throughout this liturgical year. We will have our Book of the Dead for you to write your loved one's name within its pages. This book will be available in the narthex of our church on the podium below our Resurrected Jesus sculpture. It will be available to you for the entire month of November.



**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**Tony Kreucher**  
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The evening religious education classes have joined with the school for a canned goods/personal needs drive; evening students please bring donation items on Monday, October 16 and school students please bring items on Thursday, October 19. Requested items include laundry detergent, liquid dish soap, toilet bowl cleaner, soup, pasta, canned fruit, canned corn, canned tomatoes, canned green beans, and canned chicken. As an extra challenge, students who donate can wear U of M or MSU apparel and each item donated counts as 1 point for their chosen college. Show your support and may the best fans win!

In addition, although our thoughts have turned to fall holidays with the change in the weather, I have a wonderful opportunity to remind everyone that summertime and warmer weather will return!

Catholic Youth Summer Camp started operations last year in Brighton, Michigan after success in Ohio and in Minnesota. It is located at Our Lady of the Fields Camp and Retreat Center and offers 4 weeks for middle school students and 4 weeks for high school students, June 9th through August 2nd. Registration opens on November 1st and I am told that it fills up very quickly. The good news is that the camp allows parishes to reserve spots for campers. Please check out Catholic Youth Summer Camp - Great Lakes; if there is enough interest from parish families, then I can reserve spots specifically for Our Lady of Refuge families. This also means that 'buddy requests' between parish families will be easier to accommodate.

From their website: these are week-long residential camps for students entering grades 6-12. A week of CYSC will energize a person's faith and lead to a deep and personal encounter with Jesus. Each day at camp includes Mass and Prayer Lab, a time for learning how to pray with Scripture, and opportunities for Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration.

Visit <https://www.damascus.net/cysc-2/great-lakes> to learn more about the camp and its programs. If you are interested in reserving a spot for your children, email [RE@olorcc.org](mailto:RE@olorcc.org)





**HEALING SERVICE**

A Healing Service will be held at St. Joseph Chapel (400 South Blvd. West, Pontiac, MI 48341) on Friday, October 27 at 7pm. It will consist of a Holy Hour (songs, the Rosary, prayerful reflection), Healing Prayers Teams at 8pm. At 6:30pm doors open with Eucharistic Exposition and Confession (available throughout the evening). (There is no Mass) Fr. Alex Kratz, OFM, will be available for blessings, advice and questions upon request. For more information, Contact Fr. Alex (313) 727-9784 or abunaalex@yahoo.com

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS****Respond with Love**

Do you remember a time when you spent much time or money on a surprise or gift for someone else and they failed to appreciate it? We do open ourselves up to disappointment if our expectations do not match the response. Perhaps we reached down deep to share a part of ourselves only to encounter apathy and insensitivity. That can hurt even if the person ignoring our gesture meant no ill will toward us.

What must God feel like when we fail to respond to what He has done for us. We probably do not purposefully slight God, but perhaps we are so busy and mindless that it becomes impossible to be responsive and mindful. We can miss the gift of God which is right before our eyes.

It is very difficult to be a good steward if we do not intentionally choose to be mindful. We miss the important stuff in life, and we neglect those placed in our path as gifts to enrich our lives. If we are to live as Jesus asks, we must work on focusing our eyes of faith on the things that matter and the gifts we have been given. If we are made in the image of God, I suppose we can guess how God might feel when His gifts are not acknowledged, or His love not returned. If I reflect on the One who loves me more than anyone, how can I choose to not offer my love in return?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Greeting Fellow parishioners,

Sacred Heart Major Seminary is restarting discernment events with 2-programs. One tailored to High School men and one to men older than 18. If you or someone you know has interest, please contact Sacred Heart and register.

**Adults (18 yrs & older) Men's Discernment Weekend**

- Thursday, January 18—Sunday, January 21 2024
- Thursday, March 14—Sunday, March 17, 2024

**High School Men, Evening Prayer & Dinner with the Archbishop**

- Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Note: The high school event must be accompanied by the pastor

Phone: 313-237-5812

Email: [Vocations@AOD.ORG](mailto:Vocations@AOD.ORG)

Warm regards,  
Dan Whalen  
Knights of Columbus, #600

*Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time: thus, it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry.*  
Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1536



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### OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**October 7/8, 2023**

Offertory: \$10,250  
Online Giving: \$5,527  
Total: \$15,777

Weekly Budget: \$12,300  
YTD Budgeted: \$184,500  
YTD Actual: \$181,355  
Under the Budget: (\$3,145)

### Why Be Registered?

Are you registered at Our Lady of Refuge parish? Sometimes, people attend Mass at this parish for several years, but never officially register. Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of Our Lady of Refuge community.

Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for baptisms, Faith Formation registration, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or Confirmation sponsor, and even funerals.

If you would like to register in the parish, please call Carol Bishop at (248) 682-0920. We welcome you to our parish family!

### Pray for the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces

"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 service men and women still at war, bring them home safely and comfort their families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen."

Rev. Przemyslaw Nowak Army Chaplain

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Eugene Bizer	Coast Guard
Christopher Bowman	Coast Guard
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Please contact Cora Armitage at 248 736-6228 to add or remove a name.

- A. To add a person to the bulletin/board Military listing please provide:
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  2. Current rank—Branch of Service
- B. As the contact for the service member (not for publication) please provide:
  - 1 Your Name
  - 2 Your phone number or e-mail address
  - 3 A current address for the service member.

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#### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30am

#### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

8:15am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

**BAPTISMS** .....(By appointment)

**MARRIAGES** Six Months Notice By Appointment

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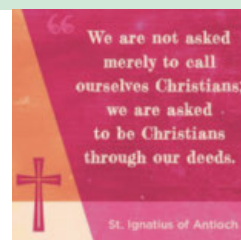
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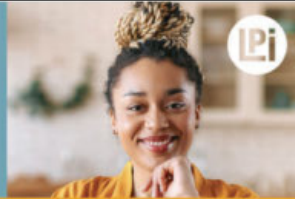
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