



OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 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.



31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

MASS TIMES	READINGS	MASS/PRAYER INTENTIONS	Nov. 6–14, 2023
Day/Date/Time	Readings	Mass Intentions	Presider/Lector
Monday November 6 8:15am	Rom 11:29-36 Lk 14:12-14	We pray for Patrick Martinez (deceased)	Bp. Hurley
Tuesday November 7 8:15am	Rom 12:5-16b Lk 14:15-24	We pray for Edward Bayma (deceased) requested by Connie Bayma	Fr. Witek
Wednesday November 8 8:15am	Rom 13:8-10 Lk 14:25-33	We pray for Molly Rozycki (deceased)	Bp. Hurley
Thursday November 9 No Mass	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22		
Friday November 10 8:15am	Rom 15:14-21 Lk 16:1-8	We pray for Mary Currell (deceased) requested by John Currell We pray for Denise Dushane (deceased) requested by Leigh & Theresa Dushane We pray for Sophia Esser (deceased)	Fr. Witek
Saturday November 11 5:00pm	See Sunday Readings	We pray for Tom Callahan (deceased) requested by John Currell We pray for Sam Hannawa (deceased) We pray for James and Celeste Montgomery (deceased) requested by Celeste Montgomery	Fr. Witek L. Oras P. Seif
Sunday November 12 Today is The Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am 9:30am 11:30am	Wis 6:12-16 1 Thes 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13	8:00am We pray for Joe Panian (deceased) requested by Dar Panian 9:30am We pray for Mary Helen Suci (deceased) requested by Nick Suci, Jr. We pray for the Souls in purgatory We pray for Khiloud Yatooma (deceased) requested by the Zerki Family 11:30am We pray for Our Lady of Refuge Parish	8:00am Bp. Hurley C. Armitage J. Armitage 9:30 Fr. Buersmeyer J. Zubalik R. Goodman 11:30am Fr. Buersmeyer S. Wardle G. Ansara
Monday November 13 8:15am	Wis 1:1-7 Lk 17:1-6	We pray for Allen Richards (deceased) requested by the OLR Staff	Fr. Witek
Tuesday November 14 8:15am	Wis 2:23—3:9 Lk 17:7-10	We pray for Tom Bayma (deceased) requested by Connie Bayma	Bp. Hurley



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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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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
Our Seminarians**



*Patrick Bruen
Theology III
Divine Child
Dearborn*



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October 28/29, 2023

Offertory: \$7,689

Online Giving: \$1,984

Total: \$9,673

Weekly Budget: \$12,300

YTD Budgeted: \$221,400

YTD Actual: \$232,562

Over the Budget: \$11,162

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, **'Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven'?**" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

— *Father John Muir*

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thank you

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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.

The Harvest Wagon will be in the narthex through November 4/5. **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.

Funeral Thank You!

We continue to pray for the family of Ed Gignac.

A beautiful funeral luncheon was served after Ed's memorial service on Friday October 20th. Thank you to the team who created the lovely luncheon.

Karen Semaan, Dianne Kreucher, Jan Mittelstaedt, Judy Palazzolo, Cora Armitage, Teresa Dushane, Walt Kreucher, Sandra Flynn, Kathy Bartus, Julie Llewellyn, Jim Schafer, Teresa Roose.

Bakers: Marilyn Schafer, Valerie Whalen, Deanna Kay, Anne Leahy, Teresa Dushane, Kathleen Pelkey, Kathleen Driver.



Pro-Life Ministry –

Have you thought about being a life mentor for a young mother in need? Contact Julie Llewellyn for details on how you can support @julieqqq@yahoo.com

**RIGHT-TO-LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS
WILL BE ON SALE NOVEMBER 11/12**
Small package of 10 for \$8 and a Large package of 20 for \$16.

Consider joining us on Saturday, November 4th @ 10 a.m. as we pray in front of the Women's Center of Michigan at 6765 Orchard Lake Rd West Bloomfield. We will pray the rosary on the sidewalk in front of the building. Questions? please contact Julie Llewellyn at julieQQQ@yahoo.com

Announcing the first Michigan March for Life on Wednesday, November 8th in Lansing, Michigan.

The march will begin with an 11 AM rally in front of the Michigan state capitol building. Speakers include Chuck Gaidica, Bishop Earl Boyea, Genecia Davis, Barbara Listing, and Jeanne Mancini, President of the National March for Life. The rally will conclude with a march around the capitol, approximately 1.2 miles.

We will not be getting a bus this year but we hope to make this an annual thing going forward. Please contact Suzanne cs@olorcc.org if you would like to attend and carpool with others.

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*Born to Eternal Life
Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Ruth E. Fiscus*

Loving Mother of: Lynn, David, Jim, Terry, and Gary
Her Funeral Mass was held on Monday, October 30th

Mass Celebrated by:
Most Rev. Walter A. Hurley

Our Parish family extends its heartfelt sympathy and prayers to her Family and friends.

**EVANGELIZATION
Dave Kennedy**

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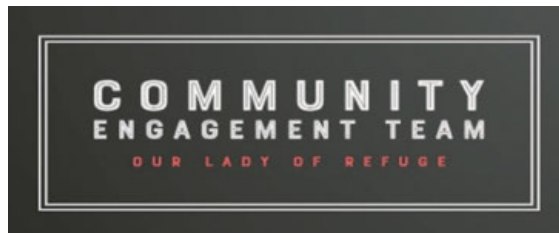
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Hello everyone,

I can't believe it's already November! Things have been busy around here as we prepare for the Advent season and all the fun and excitement that brings. This past Wednesday, 11/1, marks the start of our evening food pantry hours. This will be a unique combination between Christian Service and Evangelization as we work together to support our clients and welcome five Seminarians from Sacred Heart Major Seminary to participate in the ministry.

The Seminarians will assist by greeting our clients at the door, helping them with any administrative tasks, guiding them through the shopping process, and being available to minister or pray with them if they would like. This, combined with the already stellar work from our Christian Service team at the food pantry, will create a unique opportunity to support both their physical and spiritual needs.

We are very excited for this ministry to begin and promise to keep you informed as it grows and develops. There are many ways to get involved in ministries like this here at OLR. Keep a close eye on the bulletin each week, or feel free to reach out to any of the staff members for more information on how you can get involved. Say yes to God; He will always bless your yes!



Meeting will be held on Monday, November 13 @ 6pm in the Parish Office.

Please contact Dave Kennedy at dkennedy@olorcc.org to RSVP

Find out more about the C.E.T. What we'll be doing. And how you can get involved.

All are welcome, see you there!!!

School Spotlight

Our Eighth graders spent a day on retreat at Subiaco learning about their faith journey with Christ. The students worked with the Benedictine monks through different personal growth activities and celebrated Mass together. They also had the opportunity to walk the beautiful grounds of the retreat center and grow as an eighth grade community. We are grateful for our campus minister Dr. Heidi Bigsby, for coordinating this beautiful experience. Please keep her, our teachers and students in prayer as they “Walk the Path with Jesus”.



LITURGICAL MUSIC

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AV Tech Ministry Wanted: Tech operators for mass slides, sound, and livestream at weekend masses You may have noticed the vast array of new audio-visual equipment in church. We need you! This is an interesting and creative way you can serve the parish – and you can use these skills for other audio-visual activities. If you are at all interested, please give me call at 248-821-8443 and we can have a no-obligation conversation about what is involved with AV Tech Ministry. Tim Smith

Youth Choir 2023 Attention all students grades 3-8: We are looking for singers for our Christmas Concert and Christmas Eve. The Dates: Wednesday November 8 from 6:30-7:30 – Rehearsal in Church Wednesday December 13 from 7:00-8:00 – Rehearsal in Church 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 and I will send you the packet of sheet music and audio tracks. Hope to see you November 8! Tim Smith 248-821-8443

WORSHIP

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Consecration to Mary

At the completion of our Bible Study of Walking with Mary by Dr. Edward Sri we gathered in our beautiful church to consecrate ourselves to Mary. (Not all members of the class were photographed). This was an amazing way to celebrate the Eve of All Saints and the close of the month of the Rosary.

Please know that we prayed for all of you - May God bless

Advent Wreath – Candle Lighting

We have a tradition here at Our Lady of Refuge Parish of having parishioners come forward to light our Advent Candles. Those involved will join the procession behind our Altar Servers and go directly to our Advent Wreath where you will light the appropriate candle or candles for that Advent Mass.



There is a reservation sheet where you can sign up in advance for a Mass located on the podium in the narthex next to our processional cross. Thank you in advance for your participation! If you have any questions or concerns contact Lisa Marie at 248-418-7424 or lblank@olorcc.org.



Ray Bednark
Sue Bednark
Bev Chilton
Jeanette De Conick
Rudy Garcia
Helen Purcell
Jeannie Valente
Harvey Verbulen

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

Clare Bizer	Coast Guard
Eugene Bizer	Coast Guard
Christopher Bowman	Coast Guard
Daniel Culbertson	Navy
Michelle Culliver	Army
Nora Dinverno	Army
Steven Dinverno	Army
Nicholas Harbaugh	Marines
Joshua Hartley	Air Force
Nova Howard	Army
Capt. Liam Lynch	Army
Gunnar Ottman	National Guard

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:
1. First and Last Name
 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.

Born Into Eternal Life

Fredericka Mager
DEC-09-2022

Lawrence Faust
DEC-14-2022

Ed Gignac
DEC-14-2022

Warren Merkitich
DEC-17-2022

Elaine Carr
DEC-20-2022

Robert VanSlambrook
JAN-05-2023

Kathleen Gaffney
APR-24-2023

Anthony Dombrowsky
JUL-07-2023

Amelia Escobedo
AUG-06-2023

Robert Talbot
JUL-15-2023

Joan Birrell
AUG-10-2023

Kyle Caiati
AUG-17-2023

Judy Spicer
SEP-02-2023

Gloria Humphreys
SEP-14-2023

Ruth Fiscus
OCT-24-2023

ALL SOULS CELEBRATION

Thank you to all who attended our beautiful All Souls Mass this past Thursday, November 2nd. Throughout this Month of All Souls you will see this calligraphy board displayed by our Resurrected Jesus sculpture in the Narthex of the Church. Also, you will find on a podium in front of the sculpture the Book of the Dead for which you are welcome to place your deceased loved one's name that passed during this liturgical year. Join us as we hold a special place in our hearts with prayer intentions for all these souls during this month of All Souls.

Thank you

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

In our politically charged society, I imagine many have heard the quote, "It takes a village..." Whether or not one likes the politics of the author of that quote, in the words are truth. It takes many people to create and sustain a community.

For those of us who are Catholic, we believe in the power of vocations to help spread the Gospel message. And vocations are an important part of the community. The vocations to priesthood, or the diaconate, or religious life are at the center of our efforts to spread the good news. However, we need to also speak about the vocation of married life as service to the church; and furthermore, the vocation of single life. It is at our baptism that we are given the mandate to spread the Gospel through our vocation in the church.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me" (Rv 3:20).

We hear in Scripture that Jesus stands at the door of our heart and knocks. He only invites and never demands or breaks into our lives without our acceptance. He knocks, we open the door, and the invitation and welcome are complete.

Let us pray...

God of the invitation,

you knock upon the door of everyone's heart.

We seek the courage to open that door, for we know the responsibility of saying yes.

We humbly ask you for your wisdom to serve your church with compassion and acceptance.

We believe that when we say yes, you will provide the grace for the work ahead.

Give grace to those men and women who have dedicated their lives to constant service to your church.

Also give grace to those couples and single men and women who work for the church in their secular lives.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, who live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

"How long has Jesus been knocking at the door of your heart, waiting to enter?"

-St. John Baptist de la Salle



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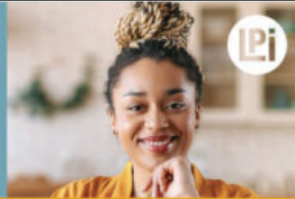
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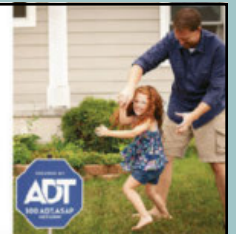
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
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