



OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 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.

FAITHFUL



“Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

MATTHEW 25:21

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*Happy Thanksgiving
Many blessings to you and your family*

*Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23rd
Morning Mass will be at 9:00am*

There will be no Friday Morning Mass

MASS TIMES	READINGS	MASS/PRAYER INTENTIONS	Nov. 20–28, 2023
Day/Date/Time	Readings	Mass Intentions	Presider/Lector
Monday November 20 8:15am	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Lk 18:35-43	We pray for Irene Bayma (deceased) requested by Connie Bayma We pray for Ruby, Robert, Jr., & Lisa Huhn (deceased) requested by Robert Huhn We pray for Eric Willyard (living) requested by the Devine Family	Bp. Hurley
Tuesday November 21 8:15am	2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10		Fr. Witek
Wednesday November 22 8:15am	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:11-28	We pray for Tom Empric (living) requested by Dan & Debbie Schneble	Bp. Hurley
Thanksgiving Thursday November 23 9:00am	1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44	We pray for Thomas R. Wagener (deceased) requested by the Family We pray for Emily Choiki (deceased) requested by Connie Bayma	Bp. Hurley
Friday November 24 NO Mass	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 Lk 19:45-48		
Saturday November 25 5:00pm	See Sunday Readings	We pray for Sam Hannawa (deceased) We pray for Fawzi Shaya (deceased) requested by the Shaya Family	Bp. Hurley E. Escobedo P. Seif
Sunday November 26 Today is Our Lord Jesus Christ the King 8:00am 9:30am 11:30am	Ez 34:11-12 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46	8:00am We pray for Eleanor Rader (deceased) requested by Phil Rader We pray for Gorgis Shina & his parents (deceased) 9:30am We pray for Our Lady of Refuge 11:30am We pray for Tony Dombrowski (deceased) requested by Joe & Judy Lafata We pray for Frances Quinn (deceased) requested by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Ziemkowski We pray for Khiloud Yatooma (deceased) requested by the Zerki Family	8:00am Fr. Celichowski P. Smorra G. Frank 9:30 Fr. Celichowski R. Varela L. Zara 11:30am Fr. Kaul P. Gantz V. Denha-Garmo
Monday November 27 8:15am	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4	We pray for Patricia Martinez (deceased) requested by Leigh & Theresa Dushane	Fr. Witek
Tuesday November 28 8:15am	Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11		Bp. Hurley

WHAT ARE YOU MOST
THANKFUL FOR?

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Bishop Walter Hurley

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



*Karl Finkbeiner
Theology II
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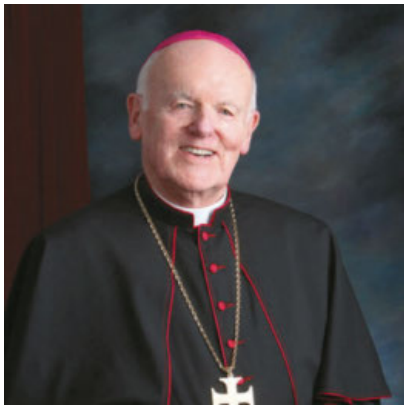
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Notes from Bishop Hurley

Thanksgiving Day Mass. On Thursday of this week we celebrate Thanksgiving Day and I invite your participation at the celebration of the 9:00 am Mass when as a parish we give thanks. Amidst the many rituals we have in our society for thanksgiving day we need to take time to thank God for the many blessings we have received.

Annual Parish Report. In this week's bulletin you will find a summary report of the finances and general statistical information for the parish. The report covers the fiscal year from July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023. While I am not familiar with some of the detail of the report, it stands as an expression of the generosity of the people of the Parish and an expression of the faith life of the parish. Thank you so all who are so generous and give of their time, talent and treasure.

Thank you. I want to thank Michael Blaneck and Phil Mansour for helping to get the railings into the sanctuary installed. We had previously planned on getting new railings but with the long delays in obtaining materials and fabrication we moved to "Plan B" which was to reinstall the railings that had been in the church some years ago and were taken out when the new sanctuary floor was installed. A number of our parishioners have had to withdraw from liturgical ministries because of their inability to handle the steps. Churches built today would be required to have ramps and railings. Their presence is really a matter of safety for some. Thank you.

Good wishes and blessings to all,
Bishop Walter A Hurley

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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 lblaneck@olorcc.org.





Annual Parish Report

FY 2022-23

ANNUAL PARISH STATS

782

Registered Households

2037

Individual Parishioners

62

Preschool Students

412

School Students

75

Religious Formation Students

10

Baptisms

52

First Communions

10

Confirmations

5

Marriages

4

Adults Received into the Faith RCIA

12

Funerals

INCOME

for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Sunday, Holyday & Christmas Collection	\$ 751,888
Mass Intentions, Baptisms, Weddings	6,360
Parish Fundraising	162,411
Bequest & Donations	17,174
Grant Income	854,811*
Other Church Related Income	23,101
Christian Education Tuition & Fees	15,335
School Tuition & Fees	2,344,708
School Grant Income	136,625*
Program & Event Fees - Athletics	91,764
Program & Event Fees - Other	97,779
Other School Related Income	4,534
Total Parish Income	\$4,506,490

EXPENSES

for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Salaries & Benefits - Church	\$ 497,883
Salaries & Benefits - School	1,696,925
Operating Expenses - Hospitality	27,144
Operating Expenses - Contracted Outside Svcs	268,880
Operating Expenses- Religious & Office Supplies	61,509
Operating Expenses - Facility Maintenance	117,658
Operating Expenses - Utilities	144,434
Operating Expenses - Information Technology	17,066
Program & Event Expenses - Athletics, Other	221,376
Archdiocese Assessment	45,598
Operating Expenses - Other	84,324
Capital Expenditure	340,043
Net Transfers to LDP Savings	500,000
Total Parish Expenses	\$3,522,840

Our Offertory Report

Number of Parish Households	782
Number of Parish Households supporting parish	419
% of Parish Households supporting parish	54%

* Grants listed in the Income section come from the government established Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act.) specifically the Employee Retention Credit (ERC.) These funds are one-time aid, not a new revenue source.

Questions? Call Bishop Hurley or Eva Ashor in the Parish Office

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Giving Tree and Adopt a Family Combined

This year on our beautiful Giving Tree there will be a combination of Agencies and wishes from our Neighbors in Need.

The Agency tags will be on pink and purple tags and the Neighbors in Need will be on white tags.

Please consider choosing a white tag along with a pink or purple tag so that all of our local Neighbors are selected to receive a lovely gift from the tree.

*White tags may be wrapped
Pink and Purple tags are not!*



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

Angel's Place Meals Needs you!



Angel's Place Meals are still happening. After 3 years of supporting Angel's Place every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are asking for more sign-ups 😊

Here are the details:

There are 6 men and 2 staff members. They are very thankful for each and every meal that they receive. They have no dietary restrictions and they count on the meal for which has been signed up. Meals need to be delivered between 3-5 p.m.

More details are on the sign-up genius page.

Questions can

be sent to Suzanne @ cs@olorcc.org

Sign up to bring a meal:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D49A8AB2BAAF58-angels> or scan below

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School Spotlight

On Tuesday Nov. 7th, Our Lady of Refuge students and staff celebrated vocations week with a “vocations day” of our own. Brother Brenton and Brother Igor came from St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit to share their vocation stories and tell us about life as Capuchin (Cap-Uh-Shin) Franciscan Brothers. Students learned that as Franciscans, everyone is known as “Brother”, even if you are a priest like Brother Brenton. Our Capuchin Brothers taught us about discerning our own vocation in life and answered many questions posed by students and teachers. We discovered that the name of their religious order, Friars Minor, means “little brothers” in Italian and that humility and being among the people they serve is very important to them; they even look at animals and the world around us as their brothers and sisters - just like their founder St. Francis of Assisi did! Students were particularly interested to learn that in addition to praying and serving the poor, the Brothers love sports (baseball & football), have pet dogs named after St. Francis and St. Clare, and live in a house with twenty-four other brothers who range in age from their twenties to their eighties. Brother Brenton and Brother Igor promised to pray for the Our Lady of Refuge family; many Refuge family members will be praying for them, too.





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Hello everyone!

I wanted use this week's article to remind and invite you to some events happening next summer, so you can pray about attending, plan, and prepare. The National Eucharistic Congress will be held from July 17-21 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Lucas Oil Stadium. This event is the first Eucharistic Congress to be held in 83 years.

"The whole Congress will be an experience of prayer: a liturgical act offering the Catholic Church—those in attendance in Indianapolis as well as across the country—to the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. This reconsecration will result in a massive outpouring of grace and renewed missionary sending as participants are moved to share the Eucharistic love of the Lord "for the life of the world" (John 6:51). (Excerpt from the NEC website)

This event will include approximately 80,000 Catholic faithful, nationally and globally renowned speakers such as Fr. Mike Schmitz, Chris Stefanick, and Sr. Miriam James Heidland. During the course of this event we will worship, celebrate mass, attend break-out sessions, and experience the beauty of Adoration on a level not seen since 1940. (<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org>)

Another conference available next summer is the Power and Purpose Conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Being held the weekend of June 14-16, this conference includes praise and worship sessions and nationally respected speakers all while enjoying the beauty of the Ohio Valley near the West Virginia border (<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/>)

Also, in June, Encounter Ministries will be hosting the Encounter Conference at the Glass City Center in Toledo, Oh. from June 26-28. This powerful conference also provides an amazing opportunity to enjoy praise and worship and incredible speakers only an hour or so from your driveway. (<https://encounterministries.us/conference/>)

Saying yes to God and attending events like these (my wife and I have attended both the Power and Purpose Conference and the Encounter Conference multiple times) have had such a profound impact on my relationship with Jesus and have been some of the most enjoyable and fun times Michele and I have had together. Please prayerfully consider these events and God Bless!



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
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.

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 - 1 Your Name
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LITURGICAL MUSIC

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Mark your calendar!

Christmas Concert Sunday December 17 from 4-5 PM in the church, featuring Our Lady of Refuge Music Ministry Reception immediately after in the Fellowship Hall.

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.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What Remains

When my grandfather died, my parents, siblings, and I were left with the question: what's to become of the house?

Anyone who has inherited property knows that it's not simply a matter of assuming ownership of a plot of land upon which sits four walls and a roof. Those four walls and a roof usually contain memories and objects — an enormous volume of both, in the case of my grandfather. When they're left to you, you have to sift through them, the memories and the objects, and with each one you have to think: *Is it worth it? Do I keep it? Will I need it?*

And slowly, painfully, you disassemble the physical existence of the person who lived here. You accept, with a pang, that most of it must be given away or discarded. You cry when you bag up the clothes to take to Goodwill. You can't even bear to look when they break the piano into a hundred pieces and throw it in a dumpster, realizing that no one wants or has a use for something that was once so precious.

But when you come upon a rosary that was used so many times it has begun to fall apart, you don't even think twice before keeping it, and not because you need the rosary. You need what it means. You need what it reminds you of.

When all is said and done, each of us will be called before our master to settle accounts, just as my grandfather was.

"Where are the gifts I gave you? What remains of the fortune to which I entrusted you?" he will ask us. "What have you done with the peace? What have you done with the love? What have you done with the mercy?"

"You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night."
1 Thessalonians 5:2



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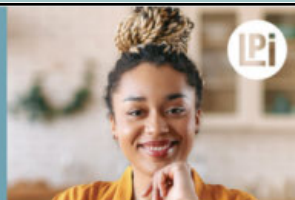
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