



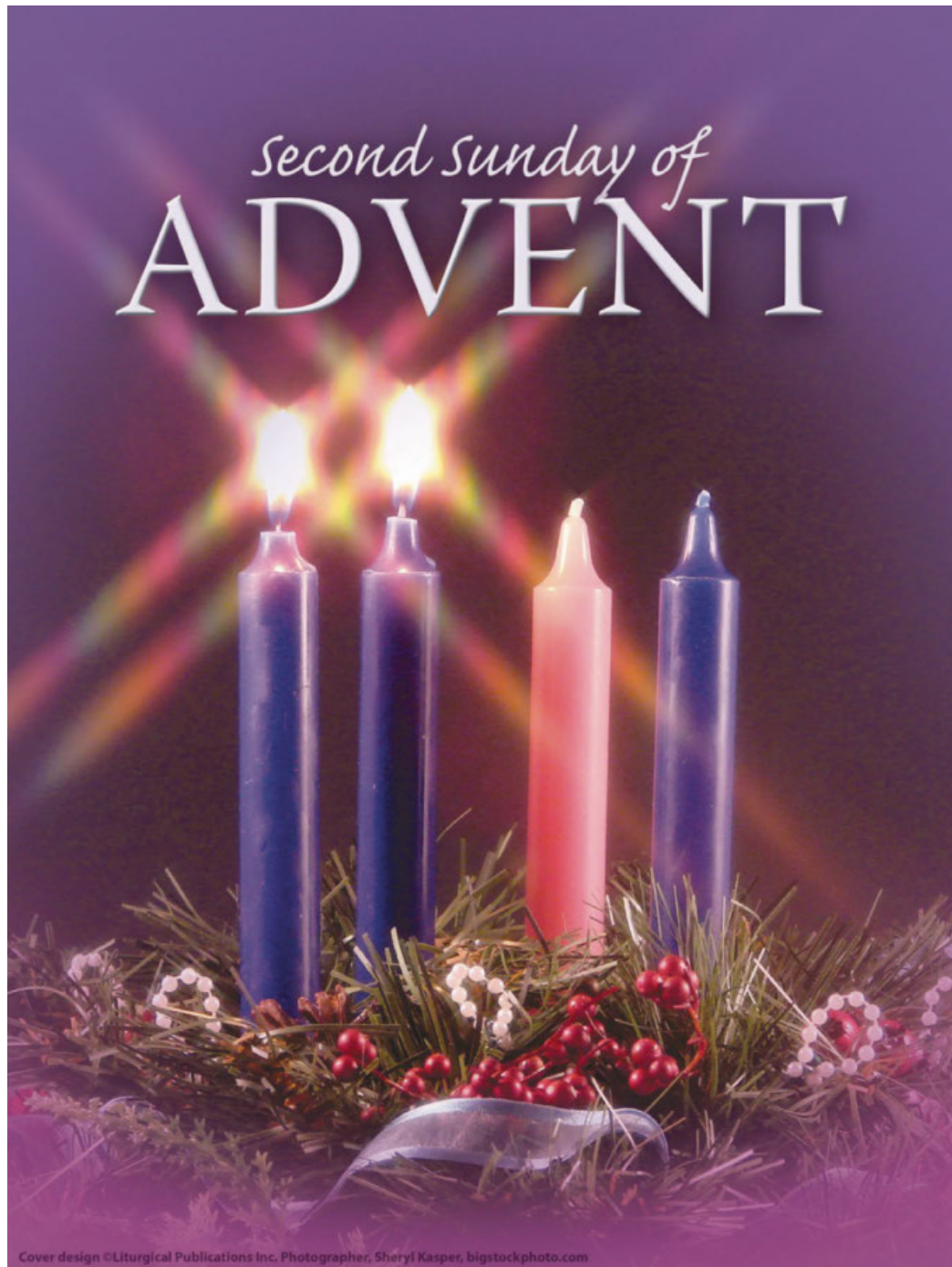
# OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is The 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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.



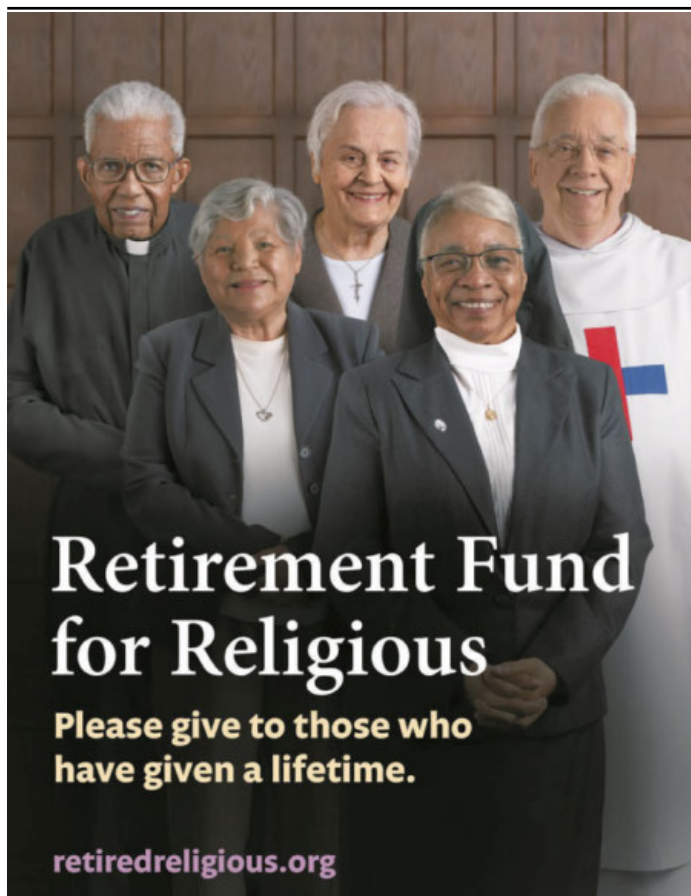
MASS TIMES	READINGS	MASS/PRAYER INTENTIONS	Dec. 11–19, 2023
Day/Date/Time	Readings	Mass Intentions	Presider/Lector
Monday December 11 8:15am	Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26	We pray for <b>Richard C. Najor</b> (deceased) We pray for <b>Pat Patterson</b> (deceased) requested by Connie Bayma	Fr. Witek
Tuesday December 12 8:15am	Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38	We pray for <b>Mary Margaret &amp; Lou Bosco</b> (living) requested by their children	Bp. Hurley
Wednesday December 13 8:15am	Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30	We pray for <b>Jeanette De Conick</b> (deceased) requested by Paul and Carol Blshop	Fr. Witek
Thursday December 14 No Mass	Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15		
Friday December 15 8:15am	Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19	We pray for <b>Kyle Caiati</b> (deceased) requested by Christian Service We pray for <b>William Hughes</b> (deceased) requested by Leigh & Theresa Dushane	Bp. Hurley
<b>Saturday December 16 5:00pm</b>	See Sunday Readings	We pray for <b>Our Lady of Refuge</b>	Fr. Jozwiak L. Young S. Barcewicz
<b>Sunday December 17 Today is the 3rd. Sunday of Advent 8:00am 9:30am 11:30am</b>	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28	8:00am  9:30am We pray for <b>Sally Blaneck</b> -(deceased) requested by the OLR Staff We pray for <b>Mary Unitas</b> (living) requested by her Sisters We pray for <b>Khiloud Yatooma</b> (deceased) requested by the Zerki Family  11:30am We pray for <b>Tony Dombrowski</b> (deceased) requested by Rick & Nancy Sitar We pray for <b>Lydia Hallahan</b> (deceased) requested by the Hallahan Family We pray for <b>Zaki Zara</b> (deceased) requested by the Family	8:00am Bp. Hurley J. Armitage C. Armitage  9:30 Fr. Boyine D. Dickerson P. Riney  11:30am Fr. Boyine V. Garmo J. Whalen
Monday December 18 8:15am	Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25		Bp. Hurley
Tuesday December 19 8:15am	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25	We pray for <b>Ruby, Robert Jr., Lisa Huhn</b> (deceased) requested by Robert Huhn	Fr. Witek



# ADVENT



## HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.



### Support a lifetime of service

Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

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### Advent/Christmas Schedule 2023

#### Reconciliation:

Tuesday 12/13 (Family of Parishes Service) 7:00 pm at Prince of Peace Parish

Saturday 12/16 from 3:30-4:30 pm

Tuesday 12/19 Communal Penance with individual Confessions 7pm

Saturday 12/23 and 12/30 No Reconciliation scheduled.

Christmas Choir Concert Sunday, December 17  
In the Church at 4:00 pm

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**  
December 8,  
Mass at 8:15 am and 7:00 pm

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Saturday 12/23 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday 12/24 (No 8:00 am Mass)  
9:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass

#### Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 pm Mass  
6:00 pm Mass  
10:00 pm Mass  
(Pre Mass Christmas Music at 9:30)

#### Christmas Day Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass

December 30 5:00 pm

December 31 (No 8:00 am Mass)  
9:30 Mass 11:30 Mass

**New Year's Day** Mass 10:00 am



## LITURGICAL MUSIC

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**Our Adult Choir will present a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 17th in the Church from 4-5pm with a reception immediately following in the Social Hall.** This is a great opportunity to bring our parish family together. The choir will do some nice Advent and Christmas tunes and we'll all sing a few together. Hope you can join us!

Today's First Reading has Isaiah's iconic passage that, to me, is synonymous with Advent:

*In the desert prepare the way for the LORD"*

*Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!*

*Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low...*

This passage is one of the foundational texts for Handel's Messiah. (We'll be singing *And the Glory of the Lord* at the December 17th concert.)

Today's Responsorial Psalm picks up on more prophetic imagery similar to Isaiah:

*Kindness and truth shall meet;*

*Justice and peace shall kiss.*

*Truth shall spring out of the earth,*

*And justice shall look down from heaven...(Ps. 85)*

You can listen to the setting of this Psalm at [www.timothyrsmith.com](http://www.timothyrsmith.com)

## WORSHIP

Lisa Marie Blaneck

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**Happy Advent Parish Family!!**

We are approaching our Christmas Season and need extra worship ministry helpers.

We will need extra Décor Ministers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, and Ushers to help welcome our parish families and visitors. Please consider signing up for these ministries in the sign-up book located just inside the worship sacristy located to the right of the narthex window.

May we all enjoy a profound and blessed Advent!!

Ave,  
Lisa Marie

## EVANGELIZATION

Dave Kennedy

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Hello Everyone!

During the past four months, we have been honored to have five seminarians from Sacred Heart Major Seminary join us on campus, Wednesday evenings, to complete their Field-Ed credit. Unfortunately, as the semester comes to an end, so does their time with the OLR community.

These five seminarians (Josh, Peter, Matt, Mark, and Karl) embraced this program, and their time on campus, with such positivity and willingness to serve that it was truly inspiring. We started the semester going door to door, offering prayer for those in our surrounding community and to extend a personal invitation to visit OLR.

In four weeks, we were able to visit 52 homes, engage with 27 families, and pray with 15 of them right on their front porch! The highlight for me each week was hearing the stories from each team as they returned at the end of the night; it was obvious God was present.

As it started to get dark earlier, we transitioned over to the food pantry to assist with the new pick up hours. Inspired by Suzanne Barcewicz and our Christian Service Team, the seminarians were a friendly and welcoming face for our clients. They would greet the clients, help them with any administrative tasks, and guide them through the shopping process.

Once they had completed their shopping, the seminarians would offer to pray with each family. I know at this point in my life I shouldn't be shocked by what God can do, but I was amazed at the end of the first night when every family received prayer! It was beautiful and a perfect marriage between service and evangelization! Through this ministry, we have welcomed new families into our community and their children are in the process to receive the Sacraments. Thanks be to God!

Please keep these men in your prayers as they continue their discernment and education at Sacred Heart and continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. God bless you all.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE  
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*Thank you to everyone who has taken a tag  
and returned the gift with the tag attached.*

*It is so helpful to organize since we have many agencies and families who are waiting to receive  
a special Christmas purchase from us.*

*If you have not returned your item yet please do so as soon as possible as our distribution will  
begin taking place as early as December 12<sup>th</sup>.*

*HOWEVER, the family gifts are for local individuals and we will be able to get them their gifts  
as late as December 15<sup>th</sup>. So PLEASE bring those items to the parish office*

### *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

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Father Jason Brooks

When: **TUESDAY**, December 12th.

7:00pm

Where: Our Lady of Refuge Church



We will be hosting the Capuchins "On The Rise Bakery" on Sunday, December 17th in our Social Hall. They will bring an assortment of baked goods to choose from. Stop by and pick-up a sweet treat for friends & family.



### School Spotlight

On Monday November 13th, Fr. David Brokke from the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity came to talk to us about life as a SOLT missionary. One thing that struck us about Fr. Dave was that he started and ended our time together with prayer. He asked us if we would like to go on an adventure, then told us all about the many adventures he has experienced as a missionary. Fr. Dave taught high school religion in Belize and has done mission work in Jamaica, New Mexico, Colorado, and Detroit. He swam with sharks and stingrays, roasted marshmallows over a lava flow, and explored ancient caves and mountains, but reminded us that even with all of that exciting stuff, following Jesus will be the greatest adventure of our lives! Fr. Dave taught us this prayer: "Lord, show me Your plan for my life, and give me the courage to do it." Amen!

~Dr. Heidi Bigsby, Campus Minister





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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!



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Total: \$16,422

Weekly Budget: \$12,300

YTD Budgeted: \$282,900

YTD Actual: \$298,447

Over the Budget: \$15,547





**Helen Purcell**



### 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
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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:
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- B. As the contact for the service member (not for publication) please provide:
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In Case of  
**BAD WEATHER**

### Attention: Our Lady of Refuge Parish and School weather related cancellations

Please be advised if the school is closed due to weather conditions, the **ENTIRE** campus is closed. (The only exception is the morning Mass). This includes **ALL** school activities, sporting events, practices, open gym, etc. As well as any parish programs, meetings, prayer groups, etc.

The safety of our school families and our parishioners is our utmost concern.

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# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:*

*“PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,*

*MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.*

*EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED*

*AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW.”*

—LUKE 3:4-5

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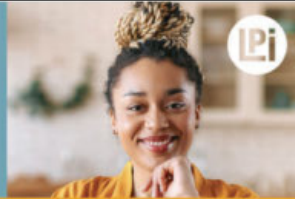
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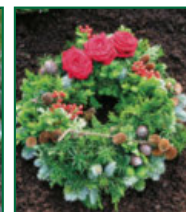
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