

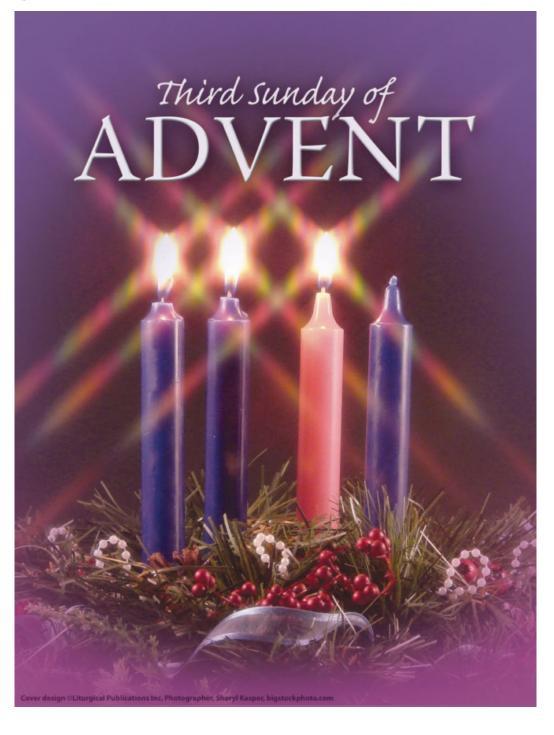
OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is The 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 17, 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. 18–26 | 5, 2023 |
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| Day/Date/Time | Readings | Mass Intentions | Presider/Lector |
| Monday December 18 8:15am | Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25 | We pray for Don Murphy (deceased) | Bp. Hurley |
| Tuesday December 19 8:15am | Jgs 13:2-7, 24- 25a Lk 1:5-25 | We pray for Ruby , Robert Jr. , Lisa Huhn (deceased) requested by Robert Huhn | Fr. Witek |
| Wednesday December 20 8:15am | ls 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38 | We pray for Joe Sokolowski (deceased) | Bp. Hurley |
| Thursday December 21 No Mass | Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45 | | |
| Friday December 22 8:15am | 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56 | | Fr. Witek |
| Saturday December 23 5:00pm | See Sunday Readings | We pray for Sam Hannawa (deceased) We pray for Fawzi Shaya (deceased) requested by the Shaya Family | Fr. Witek E. Escobedo P. Seif |
| Sunday December 24 Today is the 4rd. Sunday of Advent 9:30am 11:30am Christmas Eve 4 pm 6 pm 10 pm | 4th Sunday of Adven 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b- 12, 14a, 16 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38 Is 9:1-6 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 | 9:30am We pray for Our Lady of Refuge 11:30am 4pm We pray for Lillian Agostinelli (deceased) requested by the Family We pray for Mary Helen Suciu (deceased) requested by Nick Suciu, Jr. We pray for the Souls in purgatory 6pm We pray for Tony Dombrowski (deceased) requested by Allison Dombrowski We pray for Thomas R. Wagener (deceased) requested by the Family 10pm We pray for Gorgis Shina & parents (deceased) | 4 Fr. Buersmeyer M. Harris G. Harris 6 Bp. Hurley C. Armitage |
| Monday December 25 10:00am | Is 9:1-6 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 | We pray for Sabri Attisha & parents (deceased) We pray for Jim Majercik (deceased) requested by the Family We pray for Mary Helen Suciu (deceased) requested by Nick Suciu, Jr. | Fr. Jozwiak S. Barcewicz D. O'Brien |
| Tuesday December 26 NO Mass | Acts 6:8-10; 7:54- 59 Mt 10:17-22 | | |



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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!



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OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 9/10, 2023

Offertory: \$10,954 Online Giving: \$4,662 Total: \$15,616

Weekly Budget: \$12,300 YTD Budgeted: \$295,200 YTD Actual: \$332,532 Over the Budget: \$37,332

SVDP: \$25

Christmas Memorial Flowers: \$90

Christmas: \$5,450

Retirement Fund for Religious As of 12/11/23: \$1,759

Catholic Charities of S.E. MI \$939

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **Tony Kreucher** (248) 418-7242 re@olorcc.org

Hello,

This is a guick note of thanks to everyone who helped with the First Reconciliation on December 4th. We had over 60 young people make their first confession with the help of the second grade teachers, Lydia Maroki and Marna Yelda, and the after-school catechist, Janet Boyk. Priests from St. Mary's, Prince of Peace, St. Benedict, and St. Thomas were present to confer the sacrament.

Thanks are also due to those who assisted with the Religious Education Advent Service Project on The children in grades 1-8 December 11th. helped to create Christmas cards and fleece blankets. Many parents assisted with the projects, as did the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Finally, a reminder that December 18th is the last $_{
m Tuesday~12/19~Communal~Penance}$ with indi-Monday evening for the after-school religious education classes until January 8th. Thursday Confirmation classes will not meet again until January 11th. Sunday Confirmation classes will not meet until January 14th. OCIA will meet tomorrow, December 18th and after that, together with their sponsors for the Rite of Welcome on Sunday, January 7th, the Feast of the Epiphany, at the 9:30 am Mass.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Our women and men religious offer gratitude. A sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give. I don't thing we would make it without them." Thank you for giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visit retiredreligious.org.



Advent/Christmas Schedule 2023

Reconciliation:

vidual Confessions 7pm

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

Christmas Choir Concert Sunday, December 17 In the Church at 4:00 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 Monday, January 1 Mass 10:00 am

Tim Smith 248-821-8443 tim@timothyrsmith.com



Join us today! The Adult Choir will present a Christmas concert Sunday December 17 in the Church from 4-5 PM with a reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity to bring our parish family together. The choir will do some Advent and Christmas songs and we'll also sing a few together. Hope you can join us!

The Responsorial Psalm today is not a Psalm, but rather a passage in Luke called the Magnificat. This is Mary's canticle of praise when she learns from the angel Gabriel that she is going to bear a son. Here's verse one:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked upon his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed:

Mary's unquestioning answer of faith in God is an inspiration and the gold standard for the rest of us when we face challenges that seem almost impossible. You can hear this Psalm setting at www.timothyrsmith.com.







CHRISTIAN SERVICE Suzanne Barcewicz

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This Monday December 18th Our Lady of Refuge Christian Service will be handing out food baskets and cleaning supplies to 40 families in need.

We would not be able to do this without the generous donations of hams from the Hesano Family, pies from the Christ family, a generous monetary donation from the Urban family (as well as years of bow making for the baskets as well) generous donations from all of you and the time talent and treasure from the Christian Service Commission.

We are a blessed parish indeed and we are a parish who cares about God's people. We will be writing in next weeks bulletin about all of the ways we helped our Neighbors in Need this holiday season!

DON'T FORGET ON THE RISE BAKERY THIS WEEKEND. What a gift that we were able to get them this close to Christmas where we can by gifts or just Christmas gathering treats from the Capuchin's and their support team.

EVANGELIZATION Dave Kennedy

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The third week of Advent, also know as Gaudete Sunday, is a time of joy and anticipation as we celebrate the halfway point in our spiritual journey towards Christmas. The liturgical color for this week is rose, which symbolizes our joyful expectation of Christ's arrival.

The word "Gaudete" is derived from the Latin word for "rejoice", and the readings and prayers for this week will emphasize the theme of joy. The pink candle on our Advent wreath will be lit to represent our joy and will serve as a reminder of the hope and light that the birth of Jesus brings into the world.

During this third week of Advent, our Scripture readings focus on figures such as John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus, and Mary, the Mother of God. This week, we are called to emulate their beautiful examples of faith, humility, and obedience as we continue to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth.

As our schedules become busy and hectic during the Christmas season, the third week of Advent serves as a poignant reminder for us to pause a moment, rejoice in the imminent arrival of our Savior, and refocus ourselves on the spiritual joy that Christmas brings to our lives. God bless!



School Spotlight

It is a great honor for our school to participate and support our local charity through donations to Cross Roads. We are reminded with Proverbs 11:25 that "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed" and that is a message that we would like to share with our youth. This is an opportunity that we share in building a practice of giving hearts and working to provide for those who are in need, both with material and spiritual gifts. May the blessings of this season of generosity surround you all!

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Happy Gaudete Sunday

As many of you know I enjoy having fun with my clothes and dressing liturgically regarding color and symbols. This weekend you will see me wear pink as this is "Gaudete Sunday" meaning rejoice and we light the pink, third candle, in our advent wreath.

There are a few other symbols that I wanted to share with you too. Many of you know that the dove is a symbol for the Holy Spirit. It was the dove that signaled to Noah that the flood was over and land was now visible. We also hear about the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus during his baptism in the form of a dove.

Another symbol that I was wearing on the First Sunday of Advent is the peacock. We actually have two peacocks on the door of our tabernacle. It was believed that the flesh of the peacock was incorruptible, even after it has died. This is of course true of our Lord Jesus Christ. His Bread from Heaven is incorruptible and His victory over death has brought all who believe eternal life. The feathers of the peacock are covered with what looks like eyes. These can represent for us the "Eyes of God" that are all knowing and can see all.

Another symbol that is in many of our churches is the Pelican. The pelican has been known to feed it's young from her own breast. In the artwork work you will see the mother's beak plucking it's own flesh to feed her babies. Jesus provides us with His Body and Blood at every Mass.

God provides us so many ways for us to see Him in creation. May we "watch" and see the beauty and joy throughout this Advent and Christmas Seasons!

Ave!!





In memory of Deceased Family Members In memory of George Blanck requested by Jo requested by Jeff & Cora Armitage

In memory of Deceased Members of the In memory of Sabah Dallo, Michael & Mag-**Bayma Family** requested by Connie Bayma

In memory of Arietta Biallas requested by Eric Biallas

In memory of **Sally Blanck** requested by the Blanek Family

In memory of Deceased Members of the Madlo & Kliczinski Families requested by Janet Boyk

In memory of Eva Kozak requested by the Capicchioni Family

In memory of Francis & Regina Broghy requested by Judy Carlson

In memory of Pat Civitello requested by Betty Civitello

by Joseph C. Colangelo

In memory of Anthony Dombrowski requested by Allison Dombrowski

In memory of **Thomas Durkee** requested by Patricia Durkee

In memory of William & Mary Hughes, John & Dorothy Dushane & Patrick requested by Leigh & Theresa Dushane

In memory of Deceased Members of the Godell & Spanski Families requested by Carl In memory of Deceased Family members and & Linda Godell

Anne Grismer

gie Hesano requested by Bobby & May Hesano

In memory of Deceased Members of the **Berthet & Howes Families** requested by the Howes Family

In memory of Jaul & Marlene Johnson requested by Mike & Karen Johnson

In memory of Chuck, Connie, Carla, and Adam Koci requested by Lud & Trudy Koci

In memory of Al Kretschman & Jim Majercik requested by Jean Majercik & Fam-

In memory of Carmen Mansour requested by Phillip Mansour

In memory of Louis & Eleanor Garavaglia, In memory of Judy A. Colangelo requested Lois Mary Hassan requested by Markesino Family

> In memory of Louis, Irene, John Mellerowicz, Victor & Dolores Sarpolis, Ed Schnaubelt requested by William & Mary Mellerowicz

In memory of Deceased Gould and Mienaltowski Families requested by Chester and Susan Mienaltowski

In memory of Deceased Family members requested by Kirk & Debi Miller

friends requested by Maria & Marian Mírowskí

Flower Memorial cont....

In memory of the **Hicks Family** requested by the Newman Family

In memory of **Robert Pallisco** requested by the Pallisco Family

In memory of **Krys Anne Pesta** requested by her Parents

In memory of **Mark Purcell** requested by Helen Purcell

In memory of **Ward & Irene West, Al & Hattie Schlicht** requested by the Schlicht
Family

In memory of **Robbie & Bob Schmidt** requested by Myrtle Schmidt

In memory of **Scott Seelig** requested by Erín Seelig

In memory of **Emil & Melanie Semaan, David & Mary Barrood, Melina Madi** requested by Claude & Karen Semaan & Family

In memory of **Robert Trahey** requested by Karen Trahey & Family

In memory of **Deceased Family Members** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Basim Shina

In memory of **Deceased Struwe & Ander**mann Family members requested by Chris Struwe

In memory of Mary Helen Suciu, Elizabeth & Nick Suciu, Sr. requested by Nick Suciu, Jr.

In memory of **Robert Talbot** requested by Gail Talbot

In memory of **Thomas R. Wagener** requested by Mary Jo Wagener

In memory of **Joanne Wagner** requested by Donald Wagner

In memory of **Jadwiga Zemajtis**, **Tadeusz Pyc** requested by Mr. & Mrs. Jerzy Zemajtis

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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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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.

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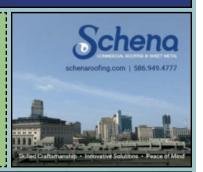


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