



OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024

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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

MASS TIMES	READINGS	MASS/PRAYER INTENTIONS	Jan 8 – 16, 2024
Day/Date/Time	Readings	Mass Intentions	Presider/Lector
Monday January 8 8:15am	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Mk 1:7-11	We pray for Ed Moffitt (deceased)	Fr. Peterman
Tuesday January 9 8:15am	1 Sm 1:9-20 Mk 1:21-28	We pray for Jeanette De Conick (deceased) requested by Ellie Simchak	Fr. Peterman
Wednesday January 10 8:15am	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Mk 1:29-39	We pray for Mary Currell (deceased) requested by John Currell	Fr. Peterman
Thursday January 11 No Mass	1 Sm 4:1-11 Mk 1:40-45		
Friday January 12 8:15am	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Mk 2:1-12		Fr. Witek
Saturday January 13 5:00pm	See Sunday Readings	We pray for Joe Panian (deceased) requested by Dar Panian We pray for Matthew Walsh (deceased)	Fr. Peterman E. Escobedo P. Seif
Sunday January 14 Today is The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30am 11:30am	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42	9:30am We pray for Jeanette De Conick (deceased) requested by Ellie Simchak We pray for Khiloud Yatooma (deceased) requested by the Zerki Family We pray for Colin Zerki (deceased) requested by the Zerki Family 11:30am We pray for Our Lady of Refuge	9:30am Fr. Peterman J. Zubalik D. Dickerson 11:30am Fr. Peterman C. Ayar E. Ayar
Monday January 15 8:15am	1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22		Fr. Peterman
Tuesday January 16 8:15am	1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28		Fr. Witek



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Bishop Walter Hurley

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 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 23/24, 2023

Offertory: \$0,00
Christmas: \$41,002
Christmas Flowers: \$10
Religious Retirement: \$400
SVDP: \$175
Online Giving: \$2,678
Total: \$44,265

Weekly Budget: \$13,530

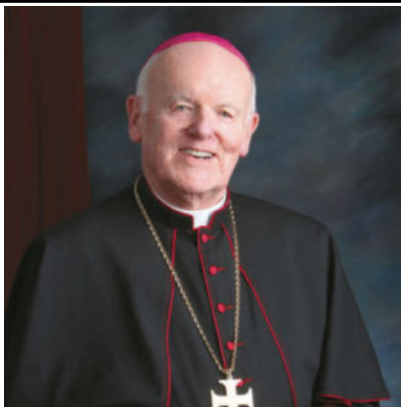
YTD Budgeted: \$321,030
YTD Actual: \$349,374
Over the Budget: \$28,344

December 30/31, 2023

Offertory: \$8,646
Christmas: 8,930
SVDP: \$236
Online Giving: \$4,002
Total: \$21,814

Weekly Budget: \$13,530

YTD Budgeted: \$334,560
YTD Actual: \$362,022
Over the Budget: \$27,462



Notes from Bishop Hurley

As my time of service at Our Lady of Refuge comes to a close this weekend, I want to thank you for the gracious welcome and the kind assistance in ministering to this faith filled community. It has been a privilege to be with you and I ask God's blessings on all.

Over the years I have known (some better than others) all those who served here as pastors, from Father Bartol, the first pastor, through Father Schroeder, Father Dietz, Father Murphy, Msgr. McEnhill and Father Richards. Each brought their own gifts and talents and abilities in the service of God's people. The future will be as the past. It is a great privilege to be called to shepherd God's holy Church.

Tomorrow (January 8) it is the time to welcome Father Derik Peterman, as the priest to whom the parish has been committed "in solidum" with Msgr. Tim Hogan of St. Fabian Parish in Farmington Hills as the Moderator of the Family of Parishes of which Our Lady of Refuge is a part along with Prince of Peace, St. Fabian, Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Andrew Kim, Northville. While primarily assigned to one parish, (e.g. Our Lady of Refuge) the priests all have an overall responsibility for the "Family" to work together in a shared ministerial situation involving personnel, facilities, etc. Father Peterman has been serving in this "Family" at Our Lady of Sorrows and now will serve principally at Our Lady of Refuge. Welcome him and God's blessings in this special ministry entrusted to him.

Be assured of my gratitude to you and my prayers for all of you.

Bishop Walter Hurley

School Spotlight

As we look ahead in preparation, it would be a wonderful opportunity to take note of our school Open House scheduled for Sunday, January 28th from 10:00 AM -1:00 PM. We've been working on some new and exciting ideas to strengthen our opportunities to provide a Catholic education to our children. We'd love for you to consider attending to tour the school and invite prospective students to visit as well and see all that we have to offer! Thank you always for your continued support.

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WORSHIP**Lisa Marie BlaneK****248.418.7212 ext. 1114****lblank@olorcc.org****Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Many of you have shared your thanks and praise regarding this year's Christmas décor in and around our church. This was the vision of Bishop Hurley. It was created through his direction and the following amazing Décor Team Members. Thank you to Emily Shewell, our Décor Leader, Christina BlaneK, Aaron Howard, Christian and Jeanine Karam, Corey and Maggie Mc Isaac, Stephanie and Grace Riney, Laney Henson, Jan Mittelstaedt. We also had support from our Knights of Columbus—Oscar Mittelstaedt, Jon Neff, Greg Zawalski, Tim McCabe, Dan Schneble, Michael BlaneK. Thank you to all of you!!

The last day of Christmas is the Baptism of the Lord which will be celebrated this year on Monday, January 8th. It is at this time that all the beautiful red poinsettia plants are removed from the sanctuary and placed in the narthex of our church. Please provide a warm home for these nice plants. The church will be open for plant pick up following our 8:15am Mass until 11am and again from 6-8pm. Thank you for your help in finding a new home for them!



Presents under the tree are wonderful gifts, but can they heal a hurting marriage? Transforming your marriage into a mutually satisfying relationship is a "gift that will keep on giving." With the help of Retrouvaille, it can be done!

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**The next Retrouvaille program will begin on Friday, January 12,
Farmington Hills, Michigan.**

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EVANGELIZATION

Dave Kennedy

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Hello everyone! And.....we're off! 2024 is officially under way and I am beyond excited for what God has in store for all of us here at OLR. I am anticipating a busy, but fun, year filled with opportunities to both grow in our faith and come together as a community. Here are some of the events you *may* see in the year to come! God Bless!

33 Days to Eucharistic Glory – 33 day reflection focused on the beauty of Christ's true presence in the Eucharist.

Community Nights – This will include events such as trivia nights, euchre tournaments, cornhole/ chili cookoffs (as the weather gets nicer) and an opportunity to come together as a community and invite our friends, families, and neighbors.

Weekly Kickball – This was a lot of fun last summer and we will be bringing it back starting sometime in May. Stay tuned!!

Discipleship/Evangelization programs – These programs will meet weekly for a set amount of time. These events will be a great chance to strengthen your faith and invite those around you to join.

Picnic Event – We will be hosting a picnic again this year. Last year's picnic was well attended and the parish really came together to help with food, set-up, events, and clean up. We are looking forward to doing this again in 2024 and maybe taking it up a notch! Again, stay tuned!!

Adoration – Staff will work with new parish leadership to present more opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration at OLR.

Guest Speaker Events – I have contacted some nationally recognized speakers and am working on the logistics to have OLR host them for an event.

OLR Coffee Shop Evenings – Just watch for this in the announcements. Trust me, it's gonna be super fun!!

Power and Purpose Conference - Hosted at Franciscan University of Steubenville June 14-16. Registration begins at the end of January. My wife Michele is an Ambassador for this conference so I will provide a link for us all to register under.

Dates, times, and further details will be provided as each event is finalized and scheduled



AWAKEN

Father Jason Brooks

When: **TUESDAY**, January 9th. 7:00pm

Where: Our Lady of Refuge Church

LITURGICAL MUSIC

Tim Smith

248-821-8443

tim@timothyrsmith.com

Are you looking for some new memories in 2024? Strap in! We are having a **Choir Open House Wednesday January 17 at 7:00 PM**. Join us for a meet and greet and a sample rehearsal. We'll have snacks and conversation and then we'll sing. Come and see if this might be the very thing you've been looking for in the new year – no obligation. Strike a blow for the Kingdom and stop by the church on Wednesday January 17 at 7 PM!

Today's Responsorial Psalm is Psalm 72: *Lord every nation on earth will adore you*. This is an enthronement Psalm of the King of Judah. It has Advent overtones referring to the coming of the Messiah. My favorite verse describes a king that watches over and provides for the lowly and the poor.

*For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.*

You can review this setting of this Psalm at www.timothyrsmith.com

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Happy New Year!

I know it's already been nearly a whole week of 2024, but it's the first Sunday of the year so this is my first chance to put it in an article and I don't mind if it feels late. I'm still celebrating Christmas at least until January 8th, but down my street, I saw trees on the curb before New Year's Day. All that work for just a few days of lights and joy?

As we continue the Christmas season in the Church, we look forward to the Feast of Epiphany. Epiphany is a word meaning 'revelation' or 'uncovering' but in theology it is often used to mean 'manifest', 'to make known', or 'to make something happen'. It is celebrated in many different ways in the different cultures that make up the universal Church, but it always reminds us of the Three Kings, or Wise Men, or Magi, who come to the Child Jesus bringing their gifts.

This brings up two thoughts: what gifts do we bring to Jesus and how do we make him known? We can make a gift of our entire lives for Jesus, but this is not easy. We can, like so many athletes, give thanks to God for our abilities and make the things we are best at a gift for him. To steal an idea from a movie, winning is in our nature; we win for ourselves and use it as a sign of our love for God. We want to win anyway, whether we love God or not. It would be a very different sign of our love for God if we lose and make that our gift to God because we are doing something for him that we do not want to do. This is not a suggestion for anyone to lose on purpose, but simply to reconsider what we have and how we offer it. Players on the losing team rarely get interviewed, especially on the field right after the game, but would they still thank God for their talents and abilities if they were? None of us may be interviewed live on national TV anytime soon, but there are other, more simple, ways for us to make God known to those around us.

Finally, if you can, get some blessed chalk and mark the main door of your home. There is a text to use for the blessing on the USCCB.org website; search for "epiphany blessing". The letters and the year above the door help are a visible reminder that Jesus came to earth and lived among us. If we invite him into our lives by the way we live, we can symbolize this by inviting him into our houses.

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

A Special Angel's Place thank-you to our parish read at the funeral Mass of Robert Grant on December 18, 2023.

Thank you to Our Lady of Refuge Parish

We would like to thank His Excellency the Most Reverend Bishop Walter Hurley for offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of the soul of our friend Robert Grant. Thank you Bishop for celebrating this moment with the Angels' Place community while we grieve the loss of our dear friend. Although today we say goodbye to Robert, our faith and sure hope is that we will see him again in glory and will share in the resurrection of the dead in the age to come.

Your Excellency, before you pray the final commendation for our brother and we lay his remains to rest, on behalf of the Angels' Place community, I would like to express our deepest appreciation to the parish of Our Lady of Refuge. The name given to your parish is a name that you exemplify in your deeds and actions. We venerate the Blessed Mother because she was and is the perfect model of Christian discipleship. From her "yes" to the Holy Spirit at the Annunciation to carrying the incarnate word of God in her womb to standing with John the beloved disciple at the cross, she is the perfect model for us to live as Christian apostles.

Thank you for allowing Angels' Place, and especially the Maxwell home, to be the vineyard in which you all practice your Christian faith, with the countless meals provided for us, the joyous game nights, and the exceptional spiritual formation. We are also extremely grateful for the work of the Knights of Columbus, who just this past summer came to Maxwell and provided dinner and fellowship to our men, and also in that same event provided a generous monetary gift for the needs of the house. Please know that you have reaped a great harvest among the residents and staff of Angels' Place. On behalf of the Angels' Place board, staff and residents, thank you all, and we hope and pray that our partnership and friendship will continue for at least another 30 years to come! God bless you all, and I encourage us all to keep praying for one another.

Our Lady of Refuge, Pray for Us!!!

Anthony E. Dickerson

Program Director, Maxwell Home

Additionally, a beautiful luncheon was offered thanks to many fellow parishioners:**Funeral Chair:** Karen Semaan, **Luncheon Lead:** Dianne Kreucher, **Caller:** Jan Mittelsteadt,**Set up, serving, and clean-up Support:** Cora Armitage, Bob & Johanna Harper, Judy Palazzolo, Carol Lesnau, Shirley Schlicht, Ruth Speth, Kathy and Rich Bartus.**Food donated by:** Donna Camardese, Anne Dzuiba, Jennifer Najor, Ruth Speth, Kathy Bartus, Judy Palazzolo, Barbara Pelton, Ellie Simchak, Christina Struwe, Nancy Kowalczyk and Shirley Schlicht.



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
Nova Howard	Army
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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Pray for Our Seminarians



*Deacon Stephen Moening
Theology IV*

*Our Lady of Good Counsel
Plymouth MI*

MASS INTENTIONS

If you have a desire to remember someone who has passed away or is living and just in need of some extra prayers, Mass Intentions are available every day for our morning weekday Masses and on the weekends, three names will be said at each Mass. You are welcome to stop by the Parish Office or call the Parish Office and schedule a Mass intention during normal business hours 9am until 3pm, Monday through Thursday. Mass cards are available to let the families know they are being thought of and prayed for at Mass.



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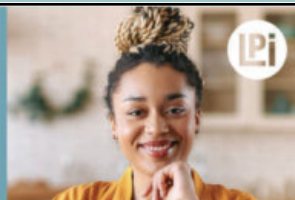
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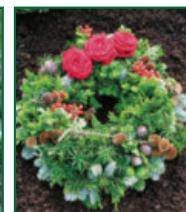
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