



OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 4, 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.



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

MASS TIMES	READINGS	MASS/PRAYER INTENTIONS	Feb 5–13, 2024
Day/Date/Time	Readings	Mass Intentions	Presider/Lector
Monday February 5 8:15am	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56	We pray for Mary Hughes (deceased) requested by Leigh & Theresa Dushane	Fr. Peterman
Tuesday February 6 8:15am	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13	We pray for Pat Patterson (deceased) requested by Connie Bayma	Fr. Witek
Wednesday February 7 8:15am	1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23	We pray for Pat Lampe (deceased)	Fr. Peterman
Thursday February 8 No Mass	1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30		
Friday February 9 8:15am	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12-9 Mk 7:31-37	We pray for Rita Currell (deceased) requested by John Currell	Fr. Peterman
Saturday February 10 5:00pm	See Sunday Readings	We pray for Mary Currell (deceased) requested by John Currell We pray for Don and Amy Montgomery (deceased) requested by Celeste Montgomery We pray for Fawzi Shaya (deceased) requested by the Shaya Family	Fr. Peterman L. Oras E. Escobedo
Sunday February 11 Today is The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30am 11:30am	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10:31—11:1 Mk 1:40-45	9:30am We pray for Steve & Evelyn Majercik (deceased) requested by the Majercik Family We pray for Khiloud Yatooma (deceased) We pray for Colin Zerki (deceased) requested by the Zerki Family 11:30am We pray for Our Lady of Refuge	9:30 Fr. Peterman Y. Demo R. Varela 11:30 Fr. Peterman E. Ayar C. Ayar
Monday February 12 8:15am	Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13	We pray for Regina Barcewicz (deceased) requested by the Barcewicz Family	Fr. Peterman
Tuesday February 13 8:15am	Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21	We pray for Richard Najor (deceased) requested by Juliet Najor	Fr. Witek



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Fr. Derik Peterman

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 the Parish Secretary at (248) 682-0920. We welcome you to our parish family!



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January 27/28, 2024

Offertory: \$9,570

Online Giving: \$1,988

Total: \$11,558

Weekly Budget: \$13,530

YTD Budgeted: \$388,680

YTD Actual: \$415,773

Over the Budget: \$27,093

SVDP: \$150

Fr. Peterman's Ponderings



I have a podcast! Tori Polhill, the Director of Youth Discipleship at Our Lady of Sorrows parish, and I have teamed together for a monthly podcast. The title is "Seek What's Above" and is based on Colossians 3:1, where St. Paul writes, "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God." We dive into the weird, cool, obscure and abstract topics of our faith! Through this, we hope to share what we love about our faith and have meaningful and thoughtful conversations about the Church and Her mysteries. Join us as we take a break from the busyness of this world and "Seek What's Above". In our latest episode, we talk about priest assignments and the changes that have recently happened within our Family of

Parishes. Tori and I hope that our conversations will help the people of our Family of Parishes come together as a Catholic community. You can find it by searching for "Seek What's Above" anywhere else you listen to podcasts, or by scanning the QR code here with your phone.



This past week was Catholic Schools week. It was fun to join the students at our school for some of the activities. I am going to have to practice my basketball skills—which are very few—since the staff team lost against the undefeated 8th graders! On Wednesday, we celebrated Mass for the Memorial of St. John Bosco. He is an incredible saint and example for all priests. But he is also the patron saint of youth, students, and educators. May he continue to intercede for the school at Our Lady of Refuge!

As we continue to draw closer to the season of Lent, it is good to start thinking about what spiritual practices you want to take up in this holy season. I would like to share with you this quote from St. Augustine about the meaning of these seasons: "There are two times, one which is now, and is spent in the temptations and tribulations of this life; the other which shall be then, and shall be spent in eternal security and joy. In figure of these, we celebrate two periods: the time 'before Easter' and the time 'after Easter.' That which is 'before Easter,' signifies the sorrow of this present life; that which is 'after Easter,' the blessedness of our future state. Hence it is, that we spend the first in fasting and prayer; and in the second, we give up our fasting, and give ourselves to praise."

God bless you!
Fr. Derik Peterman

WORSHIP

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You May Return Your Blessed Palms

Each year we welcome blessed palms that provide our parish with the ashes to be used throughout Ash Wednesday. There will be a large basket in the narthex for you to place your palms in. May we all experience a profound Lent in preparation for an amazing Easter Season! Ave!!

Thank You All for Your Prayers!

Our parish is blessed by three women who are going through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Thank you for your continued prayers as they journey through this process of becoming full members of our Catholic Church. Those attending our 9:30 am Mass on February 11th will participate in the parish celebration for sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for recognition by the Bishop. Paige Leo is our Catechumen. Mary Barrett and Ashley Connor are our Candidates. Thank you, God, for continuing to grow our parish faithful. May their journey grow all of us in relationship with you!

CHRISTIAN SERVICE Suzanne Barcewicz

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Pantry Needs

We have a serious shortage in the food pantry of the following items:

Cereal
Canned Diced tomatoes
Canned Green beans
Canned Corn
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Catsup
Pasta (all varieties)
Canned Fruit

If you'd like to donate dairy or produce items you can do so by donating Kroger or Meijer gift cards.

This Lent we will have 4 Lenten activities that we are focusing on:

- 1). *Rice Bowls will be in the narthex to take home and fill with donations for CRS. To be returned March 22nd.*
- 2) *Grace Centers of Hope Easter Baskets – We are in need of Easter baskets and Easter themed stuffed animals.*
- 3). *Crossroads Soup Kitchen March 3rd 2 shifts – Please volunteer*
- 4). *Blood Drive Monday March 11th 1-7 p.m. Sign up now ☺*

BLOOD DRIVE MONDAY, March 11

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood! Our next blood drive with the Red Cross is on Monday, March 11 in the Social Hall from 1 to 7pm. Please schedule your appointment today by visiting www.redcrossblood.org and entering sponsor code "OLRC."



Thank you to the DREAM TEAM of Karen Semaan and Jan Mittelstaedt for planning the wonderful send off party for Carol Bishop's Retirement!

Also, thank you to the wonderful support of staff and Father Peterman for making the day extra special.

Finally thank you to Stephanie & Pat Riney, Meghan Harris and Janet Boyk for all of their hard work during the reception and parishioners who provided the treats and love on the special day.

Tim Smith wrote a wonderful song to the tune of "Thanks for the Memories" and it was a very special tribute.

Carol has been a well loved secretary for no less than 28 wonderful years and she was showered by friends and family! She wants us to remember that she is still a parishioner and will be around for years to come.

Crossroads Soup Kitchen Sunday, March 3rd

Our Lady of Refuge will be hosting our annual Soup Kitchen Volunteer Sunday, March 3rd. Volunteers are needed and service hours are available. Crossroads is one of the largest soup kitchens in the City of Detroit and one of the few that serve food on Sundays. The need is great. There are two shifts—the first from 8:30-11:30am (volunteers prepare the food) the second from 11:30-2:30 when the volunteers serve the food. Teens are invited, but no one under the age of 13 yrs. old. If you have any questions or are interested in signing, please call Cindy Ciura at 248-515-7171. You will find this a wonderful experience.

EVANGELIZATION

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Good morning everyone!

The Wild Goose series will be starting in a little over two weeks! I have participated in an event like this in the past and I am excited to see how the Holy Spirit will move in our parish. There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for those who would like to participate or help. Please prayerfully consider attending and remember, God will always bless your "Yes"!

Scan here to register.



Also, I know June seems like a long way off, but trust me, it will be here before we realize. That being said, I have included the link to register for the Steubenville Power and Purpose Conference being held June 14-16 at Franciscan University. My wife and I have attended this conference since 2016 and to express it's affect in one short sentence, it has changed the depth of our faith and our relationship with Jesus. Click the link below under group code **24MKennedy** to register. God Bless!

[Contact Information - 2024 Power & Purpose Conference \(cvent.com\)](https://www.cvent.com/event/24MKennedy) (Register)

[Steubenville Power and Purpose Conference | Promo Video 2024 - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EgsaPorFfRA) (Promo Video)

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Tim Smith

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Throughout my years of music ministry, I usually find myself running a little low on energy when February rolls around. In Michigan, we are in the depths of February gloom. The snow on the side of the road is laced with dirt. My car is frosted with road salt – and so are my clothes when I bump against the car, my feet soaking in a slushy puddle as I fill the car with gas. This has been going on for many weeks – shoveling, defrosting, scraping, blowing, and shielding our bodies against the snow and slush that surrounds us.

But these first weeks of February are a good Lenten preparation period. Gospel readings for these weeks foreshadows Lent with stories are about Jesus doing acts of healing. We're singing a great tune by my friend Pedro Rubalcava, *O Jesus, Healer of Wounded Souls*. This is a hauntingly beautiful melody that oscillates between major and minor key. You can hear this song at www.timothyrsmith.com.

*O Jesus, healer of wounded souls,
come heal us.*

*Touch us and make us whole;
heal our world.*

Raise your people to life.

We all are wounded in some way and in need of God's healing. Lent gives us a chance to flush out all the dirt and road salt in our lives. The Lenten metaphors of desert, abstinence, quenching water, healing and conversion of our hearts are a good answer to the February blues. Lent is coming with renewal, redemption and resurrection right around the corner.



AWAKEN

Father Jason Brooks

When: **TUESDAY**, February 6th. 7:00pm

Where: Our Lady of Refuge Church

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

This is part 2 of an ongoing series on the Eucharist, based on the guidelines from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. These guidelines can be found on USCCB.org under Prayer and Worship - The Mass.

Bread and wine are presented by the faithful and placed upon the altar by the Priest. These are simple gifts, but they were foreshadowed in the Old Testament and chosen by Christ himself for the Eucharistic sacrifice. When these gifts of bread and wine are offered by the Priest in the name of the Church to the Father in the great Eucharistic Prayer of thanksgiving, they are transformed by the Holy Spirit into the Body and Blood of the only-begotten Son of the Father. Finally, when the one bread is broken, the unity of the faithful is expressed and through Communion they "receive from the one bread the Lord's Body and from the one chalice the Lord's Blood in the same way that the Apostles received them from the hands of Christ himself."

The unchanging teaching of the Catholic Church about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist has caused much disagreement and has been both the reason for people to leave the Church as well as the final hurdle for many who have decided to join. Last week, Fr. Peterman mentioned hard sayings and difficult truths in his homily; in the Bible, the clearest reference to Jesus' body in the Eucharistic bread comes in John's gospel and is called a hard saying by his followers. We should strive to learn and understand the teachings of the Church so that we can humbly accept them. Of course, this takes time. As we grow, so too should our understanding of what the Church teaches. Just like all learning should be, our understanding of the Church's teachings is a life-long process.

It can be difficult to accept teachings that we do not understand. This acceptance can be temporary, until we are ready to learn more. No one should be afraid to ask questions about what the Church teaches. Asking questions does not make someone a bad Catholic - some people with the strongest faith have such faith because their questions have been answered. Many who even are recognized as Saints have shared the cry of the father whose son is possessed: "I believe, help my unbelief!"

Pray for Our Seminarians



*Dcn. Phuc (Tommy) Ngo
Theology IV
St. Anthony
Belleville*



**Jim Barber
Bev Chilton
Rudy Garcia
Betty McEndarffer
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

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
Liam Lynch	Army
Gunnar Ottman	National Guard

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WHEN YOU PRAY

A CLEAR PATH TO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

You know prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them.

If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace.

What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.



Dates: Tuesdays: February 13—March 26, 2024

Time: 9:15am (Breakfast) - 11am

Place: OLR Social Hall—3750 Commerce Rd, Orchard Lake

For more information go to:

Ascensionpress.com and to order workbook, paperback supplement and online access to videos

Cost: \$26.95 for Study Set plus shipping and handling

Contact: Anne at annejane15@yahoo.com to register and be added to the class list. Please order your workbook and paperback asap from Ascension Press.

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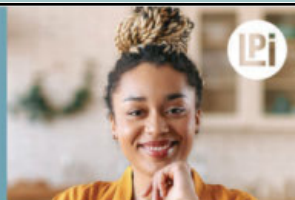
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