

OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is The sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 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.



MASS TIMES REA	DINGS	MASS/PRAYER INTENTIONS Feb 12-20 20)24
Day/Date/Time Rea	dings	Mass Intentions	Presider/Lector
Monday February 12 8:15am	James 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13	We pray for: Regina Barcewicz (deceased) requested by Barcewicz Family	Fr. Peterman
Tuesday February 13 8:15am	James 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21	We pray for : Richard Najor (deceased)	Fr. Witek
Wednesday February 14 (Ash Wednesday) 8:15am Holy Mass 12:30 Liturgy of the Wor 7:00pm Holy Mass	I John 2:12-18 2 Chron. 5:20-6:2 Mt. 6:1-6, 16-18	We pray for: Thomas R. Wagener (deceased) requested by family. Patrick Riney Sr. (deceased) requested by family. Raymondo Gomes (deceased) requested by family.	Fr. Peterman
Thursday February 15 No Mass	Dt. 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25		
Friday February 16 8:15am	Is. 58:1-9a Mt. 9:14-15	We pray for: Alberto Rosal Jr. (deceased)	Fr. Peterman
Saturday February 17 5:00pm	See Sunday Readings	We pray for: Fawzi Shaya (deceased) requested by family. Our Lady of Refuge	Fr. Peterman E. Escobedo P. Thibideau
Sunday February 18 Today is The First Sun day of Lent 9:30am 11:30am	Gn 9:8-15 1 Pt.3:18-22 - Mk. 1:12-15	9:30am We pray for: Steve and Evelyn Majercik (deceased) requested by family. Khiloud Vatooma (deceased) requested by Zerki family. Colin Zerki (deceased) requested by Zerki. 11:30am We pray for: Becky Andrews (deceased) requested by Dar Panian	9:30 Fr. Peterman C. Forester A. Cintron 11:30 Fr. Peterman T. Alzate J. Whelan
Monday February 19 8:15am	Lv. 19:1-2 Mt. 25:31-46	We pray for: Mary Walczyk (deceased)	Fr. Peterman
Tuesday February 20 8:15am	Is. 55:10-11 Mt. 6:7-15	We pray for: Sally Blanek (deceased) requested by Tuesday A.M. Bible Study	Fr. Witek



Father Jason Brooks
When: **TUESDAY**, February 13th. 7:00pm
Where: Our Lady of Refuge Church

DIRECTORY OUR LADY OF REFUGE

3725 Erie Drive, Orchard Lake MI 48324Parish Office hours M-Th 9:00am- 5:00pm

Fr. Derik Petterman

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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February 10/11, 2024

Offertory: \$7,871 Online Giving: \$5,482 Total: \$13.353

Weekly Budget: \$13,530

YTD Budgeted: \$402,210 YTD Actual: \$429,126 Over the Budget: \$26,916



For we preach not ourselves, but Jesus Christ our Lord; and ourselves your servants for the sake of Jesus. Il Corinthians 4:5



Believe it or not, we are already approaching the holy season of Lent: Ash Wednesday is this week! The famous about Dom Prosper Guéranger wrote this about Lent:

"The Forty Days' Fast, which we call Lent, is the Church's preparation for Easter, and was instituted at the very commencement of Christianity. Our Blessed Lord himself sanctioned it by his fasting forty days and forty nights in the desert; and though he would not impose it on the world by an express commandment, (which, then, could not have been open to the power of dispensation,) yet he showed plainly enough by his own example, that fasting, which God had so frequently ordered in the Old Law, was to be also practiced by the Children of the New." Following in our Master's footsteps, we too practice penance in this season so that we can be more spiritually prepared for Easter.

A note about fasting and abstinence. The Church asks that all Catholics, excluding those who are children, elderly, or pregnant, to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means that you are allowed one normal meal and two snacks. I would encourage you, however, to challenge yourself by eating less than that on these two days. On the Fridays of Lent, and indeed on all Fridays of the year, we are called to practice abstinence. This means that you are to avoid eating meat. It is also customary to give up something else during Lent. Fasting and abstinence are great practices to help us overcome our sins and refocus our lives on Christ.

A note about the liturgies in our Family of Parishes this Ash Wednesday. On Ash Wednesday, here at Refuge we will have Mass at 8:15am (with the school) and 7:00pm. Also, at 12:30pm we will have a Liturgy of the Word service. Ashes will be distributed at all three of these liturgies, and **ONLY** at these liturgies. The use of blessed ashes is a liturgical act and therefore the Church requires that people receive ashes as a sign of their inner conversion during a Mass or a celebration of the Word of God.

The nearby parishes will also have opportunities to receive blessed ashes and prayerfully begin this beautiful season. Below is a schedule for Ash Wednesday for our Family of Parishes:

Our Lady of Refuge: 8:15am Mass (school Mass), 12:30 Word Service, 7:00pm Mass

Our Lady of Sorrows: 7:30am Mass, 12noon Word Service, 5:30pm Word Service, 7:00pm Mass

Prince of Peace: 8:30am Mass, 7:00pm Mass

St. Fabian: 8:30am Mass, 12:15pm Mass, 7:00pm Mass

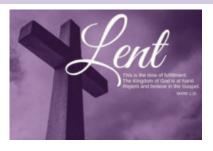
St. Andrew Kim: 7:30pm Mass (Korean)

We also have other upcoming Lenten opportunities such as the Wild Goose series on the Holy Spirit, and Stations of the Cross on Fridays after the 8:15am Mass and at 6:00pm. Please see the parish calendar and upcoming bulletins for more details.

God bless! Fr. Peterman

CHRISTIAN SERVICE Suzanne Barcewicz

248-682-4099



This Lent we will have 4 Lenten activities that we are focusing on 2 collection based and 2 volunteer based.

- 1). Rice Bowls will be in the narthex to take home and fill with donations for CRS to be returned by March 22nd.
- 2) Grace Centers of Hope Easter Baskets - Religious Education will be filling 65 Easter baskets for the children at GCH.

We are in need of Easter baskets (recycled preferred). The following items should be brand new:

white ankle socks, crayons, markers, Easter themed stickers, individual packaged healthy and fun snacks.

- 3). Crossroads Soup Kitchen March 3rd 2 shifts available – Please volunteer
- 4). American Red Cross Blood Drive Monday March 11th 1-7 p.m. Sign up now!

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. Which you can deposit in the Christian Service Collection box located next to the Hospitality desk.

Angel's Place Meals

Be an Angel and make a meal for the men at Maxwell home.

Details and Sign up at https:// www.signupgenius.com/ go/70a0d49a8ab2baaf58angels#/ -

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Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and right now there is a critical shortage. Our next blood drive with the Red Cross is on Monday, March 11, 2024 in the Social Hall from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Donating blood to someone in need is such a wonderful gift. Please schedule an appointment today by visiting www.redcrossblood.org and entering sponsor code "OLRC." The Red Cross website is very informative if you are donating blood for the first time.



Our Lady of Refuge will be hosting our annual Soup Kitchen Volunteer Sunday on March 3. 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 to 11:30 (when the volunteers prepare the food) and the second from 11:30 to 2:30 when the volunteers serve the food. Teens are invited, but no one under the age of 13 years old. If you have any questions or are interested in signing up, please call Cindy Ciura at 248 515 7171.

EVANGELIZATION Dave Kennedy

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Hello everyone! I have a lot I want to share and my page is a little crowded, so bear with me!

The Chosen Season 4 is out so I wanted to share the release dates: Episodes 1-3 Feb. 1st, Episodes 4-6 Feb. 15th, and Episodes 7-8 Feb. 29th. This is being released in local theatres so find your favorite place and enjoy!

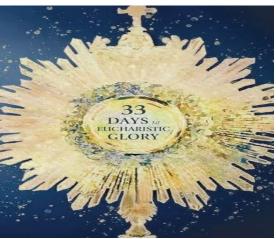
Dynamic Catholic has "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" available. This book can be found on the Dynamic Catholic website if you are interested. Great 33 day reflection on the Eucharist!

The Power and Purpose Conference is being held June 14-16 at Franciscan University. This is such a fun weekend so I wanted to present this again this week so you can pray about coming along with us!

The Wild Goose Series will begin on Thursday, Feb. 22nd at 7:00pm in the Social Hall. Fr. Dave Pivonka will take us through an amazing journey toward a deeper love and engagement with the Holy Spirit! Don't miss out, register now using either the QR code in the Narthex, or the sign-up sheets! God Bless!

Feel free to contact me with any questions! God Bless!







YOU ARE INVITED!!

Our Lady of Refuge will be hosting our Lenten Soup and Bread Suppers starting Friday, February 16th at 6:00pm! We will celebrate Stations of the Cross then move over to the Social Hall to enjoy a great meal and time together as a community. You are welcomed to bring either a crock pot of your favorite meatless soup, a salad, rolls, or any creative Lenten dish you would like to share! See you there!

LITURGICAL MUSIC Tim Smith

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Music and life are both dynamic. There are loud (forte) and soft (piano) passages. Sometimes music is busy with a lot of counterpoint and sometimes it is sparse with a lot of space. As we finish this brief stint of Ordinary Time we stand on the cusp of Lent, which begins this week with Ash Wednesday.

The liturgical music of Lent has more space and quiet - more moments of silence. After the final song, the organ will not be opening up a blast of jubilation. The Gloria is omitted. This parallels our Lenten journey. Lent is a reflective, penitential, period of looking inward and asking for God's mercy and healing. It also sets up a contrast for the glad shouts of Easter alleluias. Easter and Lent balance each other and set a point of contrast in our spiritual lives.

This week's Psalm is a foreshadow to Lent: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. (Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11). Verse two could almost summarize a Lenten journey.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, my guilt I covered not. I said, "I confess my faults to the LORD," and you took away the guilt of my sin.

How can we enter into the silence, meditation, contemplation and spiritual renewal of Lent?

WORSHIP

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Order of Christian Initiation for Adults - Rite of Election

Thank you for your prayers and please continue as our Catechumen and Candidates journey forward toward their reception into the Catholic faith. The Rite of Election is a solemn rite where our entire diocese sends their Catechumens, the unbaptized and Candidates, those who are being presented to the Bishop to receive the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation, to the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit.

Here they will gather before a Bishop and then begin the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. The Catechumen's names will be announced by their parish representative, for us Tony Kreucher, before all those assembled. They will then step forward to write their names on the pages of the Book of the Elect. This book is then placed by the Tabernacle throughout the Lenten Season to remind us all to pray for them.

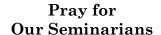
The Bishop will then bestow a blessing on them. The Candidates will also be announced by their parish representative. At this time, they stand where they are seated in the pews and receive their blessing.

May we all experience a period of purification and enlightenment! Ave!

Blessed Palms from Previous Years

You are welcome to bring your previous years blessed palms and place them in the basket located in the narthex. We will burn them for you.

May you all have a blessed and life changing experience this Lent!



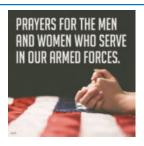


Eric Pawlaczyk Philosophy I Immaculate Conception





Judy LaFata Jim Barber Bev Chilton Rudy Garcia Betty McEndarffer Helen Purcell



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"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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- A. To add a person to the bulletin/board Military listing please provide:
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 - 3 A current address for the service member.

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This is part 3 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.

- 8. Christ is "truly, really, and substantially contained" in Holy Communion. His presence is not momentary nor simply signified, but wholly and permanently real under each of the consecrated species of bread and wine.
- 9. The Council of Trent teaches that "the true body and blood of our Lord, together with his soul and divinity, exist under the species of bread and wine. His body exists under the species of bread and his blood under the species of wine, according to the import of his words."
- 10. The Church also teaches and believes that "immediately after the consecration the true body of our Lord and his true blood exist along with his soul and divinity under the form of bread and wine. The body is present under the form of bread and the blood under the form of wine, by virtue of the words [of Christ]. The same body, however, is under the form of wine and the blood under the form of bread, and the soul under either form..."

This is perhaps the most difficult part of the Church's teaching on the Eucharist to understand and accept, which is likely why it is the part with the fullest explanation, detail, and repetition. Once the priest at the altar speaks the words of Christ at the Last Supper, the bread and wine no longer exist - they are completely transformed into the most holy body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ in every real way besides appearance. Even though the elements of Communion still look and taste like bread and wine, they are not bread and wine any longer. You may have heard the word *transubstantiation*, which means "the substance is changed"; this is the Church's official term for what happens on the altar. In a certain way, we witness a miracle every time we attend Mass: the miracle of transubstantiation. You may also be aware of some of the many Eucharistic miracles which have changed both the substance and the appearance of bread and wine into flesh and blood.

Since it is truly Jesus on the altar and in the tabernacle, we ought to act in a proper way in response. We genuflect toward the tabernacle, we bow before receiving Communion and at the elevations, we say "Amen" - which means "I believe" - in response to the minister saying, "the body of Christ", etc. It is why ministers are trained on what to do if a host falls on the floor or if a person does not promptly consume the host. It is also why Communion was received on the tongue in the past: not because our hands are dirty, but out of reverence for what the host has become. Similarly, because Jesus is fully present in every part or crumb, it is prudent to inspect our hands after receiving Communion, just as the priest carefully cleans the sacred containers which have held what used to be bread and wine.

Our Lady of Refuge School Presents "A Starry Night"

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Kindly R.S.V.P by February 16, 2024

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