



OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12th, 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.



OLR MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of May 12, 2024

Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23
or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/
Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or
Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or
Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Observances for the week of May 12, 2024

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter;
World Communications Day; Mother's Day
Monday: Our Lady of Fatima
Tuesday: St. Matthias, Apostle
Wednesday: St. Isidore
Saturday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr; Armed Forces Day
Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

PRIEST SCHEDULE

Mon 5/13 8:15am (Fr. Witek)
Tues 5/14: 8:15am (Msgr. Hogan)
Wed 5/15: 8:15am (Fr. Peterman)
Fri 5/17: 8:15am (Fr. Peterman)
Sat 5/18: 5:00pm (Fr. Peterman)
Sun 5/19: 9:30am (Fr. Peterman)
11:30am (Fr. Peterman)
Mon 5/20: 8:15am (Fr. Peterman)
Tues 5/21: 8:15am (Fr. Peterman)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 3:30pm

INTENTIONS

Monday 5/13 Donald Hall (Intentions) requested by Joan Hall
Tuesday 5/14 Michelle Stawicki (Intentions) requested by her Sisters
Mary Margaret Bosco (Intentions) requested by the Bosco Family
Wednesday 5/15 Christopher John Suci (Deceased) requested by Nick Suci, Jr.
Friday 5/17 Richard Najor (Deceased) requested by Juliet Najor
Saturday 5/18 Fawzi Shaya (Deceased) requested by the Shaya Family
Hana Shina (Intentions) requested by Myrtle Schmidt
Sunday 5/19 (9:30) Sr. Florine & Sr. Eileen, O.P. requested by the Majercik Family
John McCarthy (Deceased) requested by Nick Suci, Jr.
(11:30) Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners
Monday 5/20 Jessica Hanna (Deceased) requested by the Shina Family
Tuesday 5/21 Eileen Moore (Deceased) requested by her Family

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday 5/18:

P. Seif
L. Young

Sunday 5/19:

(9:30am)
C Forester
P. Riney

(11:30am)
C. Ayar
E. Ayar

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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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OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

May 5 & 6, 2024

Offertory:	\$11,757
Online Giving:	\$5,686
Total:	\$17,443
Weekly Budget:	\$13,530

YTD Budgeted:	\$578,100
YTD Actual:	\$600,998
Over Budget:	\$22,898

SVDP:	\$50
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FR. PETERMAN'S PONDERINGS

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I've been pondering the dismissal at Mass for a while now. I'd like to share my thoughts and discoveries with you here. You'll have to bear with me... it's going to get nerdy!

Currently, the dismissal at Mass serves as its name suggests: a dismissal or sending forth. The dismissal invites us to make the world our mission field. We are sent off from Mass to be the light of the world and share our Catholic faith with all those we encounter. In fact, the Mass gets its name from this line, since in the original Latin it includes the word *missa*, which is a version of the word *mittere*, meaning "to be sent." Pope Benedict XVI added a few other options for the dismissal to emphasize this truth. Because they all involve a sending forth, or dismissal, the options all begin with the word, "go." The four options are, in English and Latin:

1. Go forth, the Mass is ended. (*Ite, missa est.*)
2. Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. (*Ite ad Evangelium Domini annuntiaudum.*)
3. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. (*Ite in pace, glorificando vita vestra Dominum.*)
4. Go in peace. (*Ite in pace.*)

The first option listed above, *Ite, missa est*, was the only dismissal at the end of Mass for well over a thousand years of our Catholic history. Some have found that this phrase was used by the Romans to dismiss public assemblies. The first word, *ite*, means "go you all," but is simply translated as "go." You will see this in all four of the options above. The middle word, *missa*, I have already mentioned. It means "sent." The last word, *est*, means "it is." Putting these three words together, the original dismissal is literally translated as, "Go, it is sent." This is quite different from the current translation, "Go forth, the Mass is ended"! Why?

St. Thomas Aquinas gives us a clue. He says this about the dismissal: "*And from this the Mass derives its name (missa); because the priest sends (mittit) his prayers up to God through the angel, as the people do through the priest. Or else because Christ is the victim sent (missa) to us: accordingly the deacon on festival days dismisses the people at the end of the Mass, by saying: Ite, missa est, that is, the victim has been sent (missa est) to God through the angel, so that it may be accepted by God.*" (Summa, III, q83, a4, ad9)

So, one way to understand the dismissal is not that we are sent (although, that is still true); but that the sacrifice offered on the altar during Mass has been sent up to God. This means that your prayers offered during Mass, the priest's prayers, and the prayer of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross are no longer here on earth. They are in heaven, ringing in the ears of our eternal Father; who receives them and the sacrifice of his divine Son with pure, infinite, love. Our salvation has been accomplished. The sacrifice of the Mass has been sent. *Ite, missa est.*

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Pantry Needs

Many people who receive food stamps run out of them by the end of the month. We are a great supplemental resource for them. Food stamps will only allow you to buy food. Not other essentials like the list below. We pass out these items every 8 weeks. Please consider donating some of these greatly needed and appreciated items

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- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Liquid Pump Hand Soap
- All purpose Cleaner
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Deodorant for men and women
- Body Wash for men & women
- Toothpaste
- Pasta Sauce,
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Canned Fruit,
- Canned Spinach,
- Boxed Potatoes
- Oatmeal Packets,
- Baked Beans,
- Meal in a Can ie: (Spagettios,
- Dinty Moore Stew)

***If you'd like to donate dairy or produce items you can do so by donating Aldi gift cards which you can deposit in the blue Christian Service Collection box located in the gathering space. ***

A huge thank you to the generous donor of the Target \$50 gift card, your generosity is much appreciated!

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/70a0d49a8ab2baaf58-angels#/-](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d49a8ab2baaf58-angels#/)

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Thanks Mom for Life

This weekend we will be offering our mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, or Godmothers a lovely carnation.

Donations will be accepted and given to Right to Life Lifespan to continue the great work that they do to protect the unborn.

We are Pro-Life, Pro- Woman, Pro- Family

Do you have a passion for protecting the Unborn, the women who bore them & their families?

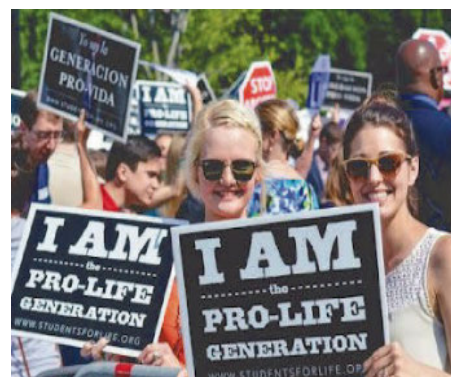
Join us for a monthly gathering the first Tuesday of each month in the parish office @ 6:30 p.m.



Come join parishioners to pray in front of the "womens clinic" in West Bloomfield.

The address is 6765 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield. Park in the Stage Deli parking lot.

We will be praying the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet on the first Saturday of every month.



EVANGELIZATION

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Our Lady of Refuge Eucharistic Procession

*While they were eating,
he took bread,
said the blessing,
broke it, gave it to them,
and said,
"Take it; this is my body."
Matthew 26:26*

SUNDAY JUNE 2, 2024
AFTER THE 9:30AM MASS





Ascension of the Lord is a bittersweet time. He is risen and has ascended to His throne in heaven. Our salvation is there to proclaim to the world, but are we really the ones who are driving the ship now? In this great moment there is also the sadness of Jesus departing from this earthly presence. After He ascends, the disciples are suddenly jolted by a couple of angels:

*“Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there looking at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”*

The second verses of our closing hymn, *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*, addresses this sentiment well;

*Alleluia! not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
Faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him,
When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise?
“I am with you evermore!”*

This weekend’s responsorial Psalm is an enthronement Psalm that proclaims the majesty of Christ on His throne.

You can view a performance of this Psalm by scanning this QR Code.



Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great king over all the earth.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations
God sits upon his holy throne.

WORSHIP

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WE CELEBRATED
 THE
Baptism
 OF
Peter Gregory Harris
 SON OF NICHOLAS &
 SAMANTHA HARRIS
 SUNDAY MAY 5 2024

Awaken
 MINISTRY

Join us on Tuesday, May
 14th for Awaken Ministries
 with Fr. Jason Brooks at
 7:00pm in the church.

OUR LADY OF REFUGE
**PRAYING
 THE
 ROSARY IN
 THE
 GARDEN**
 Monday's in May at 6:30pm

How Big is Your God?

This question has come up many times in my journey. Earlier days I could say that my God was not very big. I can think of two very defining moments in my lifetime when this was very clear.

A huge stumbling block in my relationship with God was my inability to forgive myself. I was actually meeting with Fr. Gerald Simon, at the time my spiritual advisor, and he asked me what was causing me to hold back. I shared with him that I understood that God forgives me but that I was struggling to forgive myself. He said, “Who do you think you are? God can forgive you but you can’t forgive you!” ... There was silence for what felt like eternity until Father saw in me that I understood what he was actually asking me. Clearly, I was my own higher power. Thank you, Father!

Another time I was experiencing an identity crisis. I thought I knew who I was and why I was here but found myself questioning everyday for months. Then I again had a meeting with my spiritual advisor, Father Nowak. He brought me back to what I truly believe is my identity and the only one that really matters. That identity is “a child of God.”

I try everyday to grow my God. I attend daily Mass. I pray. I read good books. The bigger my God, the greater my joy and peace. We have experienced so much change here at Our Lady of Refuge. What hasn’t changed and never will is God. He is the same yesterday, today and will be tomorrow. Join me in growing our relationship with God so that nothing can rob us of our joy!

“Have no fear for what tomorrow may bring. The same loving God Who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. God will either shield you from all suffering or give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.” – Francis de Sales

A special note to all the mothers out there – Happy Mother’s Day!! My favorite vocation is Mom!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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

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:
- 1 Your Name
 - 2 Your phone number or e-mail address
 - 3 A current address for the service member.

Happy Easter! Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Although Easter Sunday was March 31st, we are still celebrating the Easter season until May 19th, the Feast of Pentecost. Keep greeting each other with Easter joy.

This is also a gentle reminder that Catholics are required to receive communion once a year during the Easter season. Please go to confession before you receive communion. Receiving communion is a different experience when you've recently been to confession.

In recognition of Mother's Day, and out of love for my own mother and my wife, please allow me to share from the USCCB Pro Life Committee's *Word of Life* newsletter:

The month of May has traditionally been dedicated to Mary, Mother of Jesus. Mother's Day provides an opportunity to pray for mothers while honoring and seeking the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. It is a fitting day to ask God's special blessing on all mothers.

Mother's Day is a wonderful opportunity to highlight the beautiful vocation of motherhood and the gift of life. It calls us to cherish the gift of life that we receive from our mothers and to pray for all women to whom God has entrusted life in a very special way. As we pray in thanksgiving for the gift of mothers, we remember mothers experiencing difficult pregnancies and pray they may find support and encouragement in choosing life for their children.

In our efforts to celebrate the vocation of motherhood, it is also important to remember that Mother's Day can be a difficult holiday for many people: married couples struggling with infertility; parents who have lost a child; those who have lost their own mothers; couples longing to welcome a child through adoption; and women and men who are suffering because of their participation in abortion.

On March 26, 2024 the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a case that has the potential to make a major impact in the widespread accessibility of chemical abortion (abortion pills). Chemical abortions are now the most common form of abortion in the United States.

The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to offer a daily Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life for the end of abortion and for the protection of women and pre-born children. The prayer and more information can be found at www.usccb.org/prolife/nationwide-invitationprayer.

"Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their pre-born children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own."

~ USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Radical Solidarity"

OLR EVENTS PAGE

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost arrived,
they were all together in one place.

OUR LADY OF REFUGE KICKBALL



IS BACK!!!!

THE FUN BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY 5/15
AT 6:00PM!

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SHARE!



Knights of Columbus



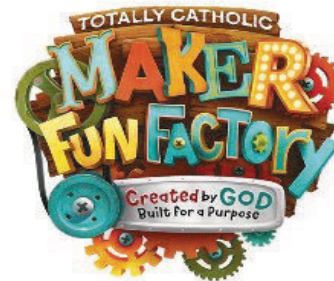
The Knights of
Columbus are
hosting a baby
bottle drive to
benefit Mary's
Mantle!

Here's how it works:

1. Pick up a bottle in the gathering
space the first weekend in May
and fill it with coins, cash or a
check
(Made out to Mary's Mantle).

2. Pray for expecting parents that
they choose life for their child.
2a. Bonus: learn about pregnancy
resources in our area.

3. Return the bottle on the
weekend of May 18/19 th.



Register for 2024 Vacation Bible School!

Created by God: Built for a Purpose is this year's
theme.

Vacation Bible school will run from 9am until noon on
June 25, 26, and 27. Children from 4 years old
through 5th grade in the fall are invited to attend. 6th
grade in the fall and older children can volunteer and
earn service hours. Registration will be done online at
bit.ly/olrvbs and the QR above.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS:

Are you caring for a loved one
with Alzheimer's, Dementia,
Parkinson's, or Cancer?



Caregiver support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe space for caregivers, family and friends of seniors with life changing illnesses to build a support system with people who understand. It allows participants to exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and possible solutions, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns as well as learn about community resources.

Support groups meet regularly and encourage caregivers to maintain their own personal, physical and emotional health, as well as optimally care for the person affected by illness.

MEETING LOCATION:

Our Lady of Refuge Parish
Social Hall
3700 Commerce Road
West Bloomfield Township
MI, 48324

MEETING DATE AND TIME:

Monday, May 13th at 9:15 a.m.
Monday, June 10th at 9:15 a.m.

FACILITATOR CONTACT:

Suzanne Barcewicz
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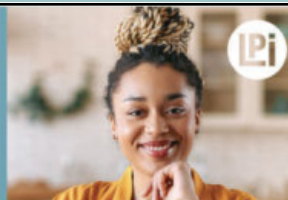
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