

## OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is Pentecost Sunday May 19, 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 19, 2024

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or JI 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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37 Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12 Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-

17/Mt 28:16-20

#### Observances for the week of May 19, 2024

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;

St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi,

Virgin

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

### PRIEST SCHEDULE

Mon 5/20: 8:15am (Fr. Witek)

Tues 5/21: 8:15am (Fr. Peterman)

Wed 5/22: 8:15am (Fr. Peterman)

Fri 5/24: 8:15am (Fr.VanAssche)

Sat 5/25: 5:00pm (Fr. Arwady)

Sun 5/26: 9:30am (Fr. Tabai)

11:30am (Fr. Sabedell)

Mon 5/27: 8:15am (Fr. Peterman)

Tues 5/28: 8:15am (Fr. Peterman)

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday at 3:30pm

### **INTENTIONS**

Monday 5/20 Jessica Hanna (Deceased) requested by the Shina family

Tuesday 5/21 Eileen Moore (Deceased) requested by her family

Wednesday 5/22 Judy LaFata (Deceased) requested by Part Allsteadt

Friday 5/24 All souls in purgatory

Saturday 5/25 Fawzi Shaya (Deceased) requested the Shaya Family

Don & Amy Montgomery (Deceased) requested by Celeste

Montgomery

Sunday 5/26 (9:30) Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners

(11:30) Samantha Olakszy (Deceased) requested by Claudia Taffe

Monday 5/27 Thomas R. Wagener (Deceased) requested by his family

Tuesday 5/28 Jesus Sarmiento (Deceased) requested by his daughter

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

### Saturday 5/25:

L. Oras P. Thibedeau

#### **Sunday 5/26:**

(9:30am) R. Varela J. Zubalik

(11:30am) B. Kroope P. Gantz

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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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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 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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Heads up! A letter from Fr. Peterman regarding the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) campaign was mailed to all the parishioners this past week. Included with the letter is a pledge card for your donation. The Archdiocese of Detroit Goal for 2024 is \$82,221. The Parish Target is \$140,000. Funds received over the Archdiocese Goal are returned to the parish and will be used to update the signage throughout the parish. If you wish to give now you

may use the QR code below. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Archdiocese of Detroit and Our Lady of Refuge!



### **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

March 16 & 17, 2024

**Offertory: \$9.213** Online Giving: \$2,577 Total: \$11,889 Weekly Budget: \$13,530

YTD Budgeted: \$591,630 YTD Actual: \$612,898 **Over Budget: \$21,268** 

**SVDP: \$300** 

## FR. PETERMAN'S PONDERINGS

Father Derik Peterman priest@olorcc.org 248.682.0920

As I mentioned in my article a few weeks ago, my last weekend at the parish will be June  $22^{nd}$  and  $23^{rd}$ . A light reception will be held in the social hall after each of the Masses. I have loved being here at Refuge for these past few months. I have come to appreciate, in a new way, the fatherhood of being a priest. I have also learned so much about leadership and the inner workings of a parish and school. Yes, I will greatly miss being here with all of you. But I know that the Lord is calling me to other adventures. Please keep me in your prayer as I pack and move my things, and adjust to my new assignment. Know that through this change, I will keep you in my prayers as well.

I recently spoke with Fr. Suresh, who will begin here on July 1<sup>st</sup>. He met the staff and I gave him a tour of the parish. He will be a great leader for this community, and provide stability in the years he serves at Refuge. Fr. Suresh has a joyful, missionary heart that I think you will all love. Please also pray for him as he says goodbye to his parish community and moves to a new area of the Archdiocese.

From May 23 to June 6, our parish will be displaying an array of white crosses, posted into the ground. These crosses represent the thousands of children that suffer death by abortion each day in the United States. The exact number of abortions are difficult to determine. Although the number of surgical abortions has gone down in recent years, the number of chemical abortions has skyrocketed. Now, even one life lost to this evil is too many. But by displaying these crosses, Our Lady of Refuge parish will be seeking to stand against the sin of abortion and promote a culture of life. We hope the crosses will do this in a few ways:

First, the crosses symbolize that we as Catholics value the dignity of every human life, beginning with conception in the womb: "Thus saith the Lord thy redeemer, and thy maker, from the womb: I am the Lord, that make all things..." (Isaiah 44:24) Second, we invite all those who see these crosses to mourn the loss of the children they represent: "Thus saith the Lord: A voice was heard on high of lamentation, of mourning, and weeping, of Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted for them, because they are not." (Jeremiah 31:15) Third, the crosses are a sign of our commitment to the pro-life cause; and that we advocate for the rights of unborn children and work to assist their mothers and fathers: "And the king answering shall say to them: Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

Lastly, let's praise the Lord for the five new priests that were ordained on Saturday! Thank you, Jesus, for Fathers Ryan Asher, Nicholas Brown, Matthew Kurt, Stephen Moening, and Tommy Ngo!

### CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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Come join parishioners to pray in front of the "womens clinic" in West Bloomfield at 10:00am.

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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Meet Our Lady of Refuge Seminarian Daniel Whalen, Theology II for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

How did you experience God's call to be a priest? I experienced God's call to be a priest through the lived faith of my family, the school I went to, and the Church. It was through this community of believers that I began asking God, "What should I with my gifts?" Then, through prayer and the advice of priests and friends, I was able to find constant joy with the call to be a priest.

How has your relationship with Jesus grown since you entered seminary? My relationship with Jesus has grown tremendously! Not only am I able to call Jesus as my Lord, my King, and my God, but also my Friend. I place all my weaknesses and strengths into His Sacred Heart so that His love guides me. Sacred Heart Major Seminary, through their priests, staff, and faculty have guided me to listen to the loving and encouraging voice of Jesus.

Did you have any fears about pursuing the call to the priesthood? If so, how did you overcome them? I did have fears about the call. I was not sure if I was capable enough, smart enough, or good enough to be a priest; however, I overcame them by Christ. At one point in Eucharistic Adoration, I surrendered to Jesus and accepted His love to penetrate my very being.

What attracts you about the priesthood? I am attracted to the relationship the priest has with the Church. I am always inspired by seeing priests with a close relationship with the sacraments and with Christ because this relationship calls the priest to express Christ love with others.

"I WAS ABLE TO FIND CONSTANT JOY WITH THE CALL TO BE A PRIEST."





Who has helped you the most on your journey to pursue this vocation? My parents, Msgr. McEnhill, the priests at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, and my friends have all helped me pursue my vocation to the priesthood.

Do you have any advice for young men considering a vocation to the priesthood? My first advice is that all young men should pray about being a priest, a religious brother, married or the single life. Secondly, my advice to the young men considering a vocation to the priesthood is to stop wrestling the idea of being a priest in your head. But, Instead, move on the idea by asking a priest and then come to the seminary. This helped me because all the "what ifs" and "buts" would freeze me up; but by talking about the priesthood with priests and by going to the seminary, I was able to confirm my vocation.



### Pictured left:

The Knights of Columbus from Msgr. A.X.M. Sharpe Council #600, along with Fr. Peterman, present a check of support to Our Lady of Refuge Seminarian Dan Whalen.

## LITURGICAL MUSIC

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I love the image in the very beginning of Genesis, "the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." In the darkness, hovering above the primordial soup, was potential of the life-giving Spirit of God. Later in Genesis 2:7, it says that God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." The response in today's Responsorial Psalm hearkens back to creation. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

The Holy Spirit as the breath of life is a powerful creation image. In the third verse of today's Psalm we see that connection again:

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.
When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

I used to view the idea of Creation as an event that happened – and then on the seventh day he rested. The Holy Spirit reframes creation as an ongoing dynamic that is ever continuing with each breath we take. If you look at Psalm 104 in its entirety, it is a hymn about ongoing creation and the Holy Spirit.

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



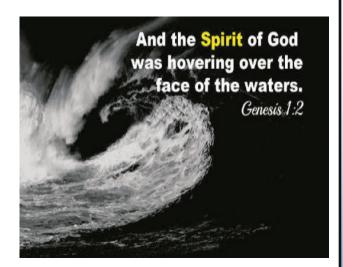
Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.
Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!
How manifold are your works, O LORD!
the earth is full of your creatures;

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD be glad in his works!

Pleasing to him be my theme;
I will be glad in the LORD.

R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. If you take away their breath, they perish and return to their dust.



## WORSHIP

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Congratulations, Graduates!
The Our Lady of Refuge 2024 8th
grade class!!



Fr. Derik Peterman and Principal Lauri Hoffman proudly pose with the 2024 8th grad graduating class! God Bless each student as they go on to high school. Know we are, as a community, are proud of everyone of you and will hold you in our prayers. God has a beautiful and perfect plan for each of you and we are thanking Him ahead of time for how he works in your lives!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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."



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The Easter season, our great season of celebration, ends at the Vigil of Pentecost. We return to Ordinary time, the lengthiest part of the Church's calendar. Ordinary here does not mean, "regular" or "typical", in contrast to the Easter season which may joyously be called extraordinary. Ordinary time in the Church is from "ordinal" or "ordo", which has the sense of "counted" or "regulated". It's not that other times are not counted; for example, we pay attention to the four weeks of Advent, the weeks of Lent, the seven Sundays following Easter, etc. The weeks of Ordinary time are counted to measure the rest of the liturgical year, although the numbering is often interrupted for solemnities like Trinity Sunday or Corpus Christi, and the final Sunday of Ordinary time is always the feast of Christ the King, the Sunday before Advent.

Pentecost is the realization of Jesus' mission. It is the Apostles' final step in preparation for how they will spend the rest of their lives. It is a model for St. Paul's preaching to the Gentiles.

I recently started to read a book about a currently serving bishop in the United States. It's not a biography; it's about his theology, but it understandably mentions his education and other background elements that influenced him. While I'm still in the part that talks about his formation and his teachers, I'm finding clear guidance on how to strengthen a church - or the Church - to stand against a culture that seems increasingly hostile to Christianity. Such hostility is not new, but Christianity in general seems less equipped to resist it. Priests and lay theologians in the 70s and 80s saw this trend, as is mentioned in the book. Venerable Fulton Sheen spoke about the hostility of the culture even earlier. Catholics have been persecuted since biblical times, with St. Paul before his conversion traveling to arrest Christians as early as 55 AD.

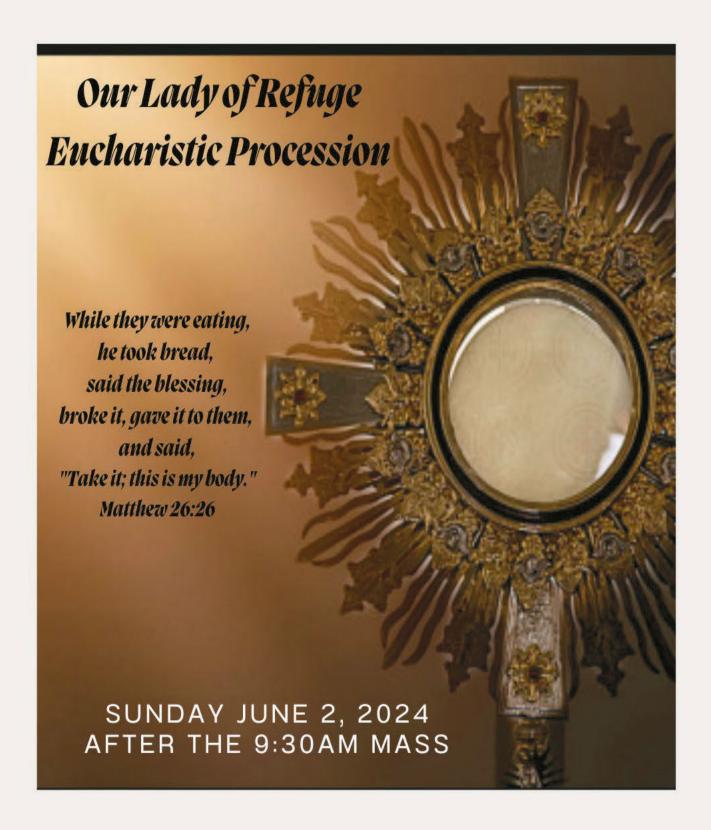
What is this bishop's plan to build up the Church? In my words, bending both ends toward the middle: intensifying the areas of Catholic life that are the focus of different groups in order to bring them together and live in the both/and tension so that the result is a living, strengthened Church. It does no good to ignore the reality that there is tension between what can be called 'left' and 'right' in the Church, lining up more or less closely with American political affiliations. The solution is not a watered-down center, according to this bishop, but pushing to the extremes while still remaining united as Catholics so that the Church as a whole embraces and encompasses all virtuous paths to holiness.

Religious experience and the revelatory immanence of God should be valued because they unite us to Christ. Dogma and liturgy should be valued because they unite us to Christ. "With Christ at the center, both sides will be prompted to reassess, to learn from each other, and to give up the boring cultural Christianity".

For the persons who enjoy deep, personal experiences of faith and seek where God breaks into the world, where else can they find the ultimate expression of this except when God is literally present in front of them on the altar?

## OLR EVENTS PAGE

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



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