

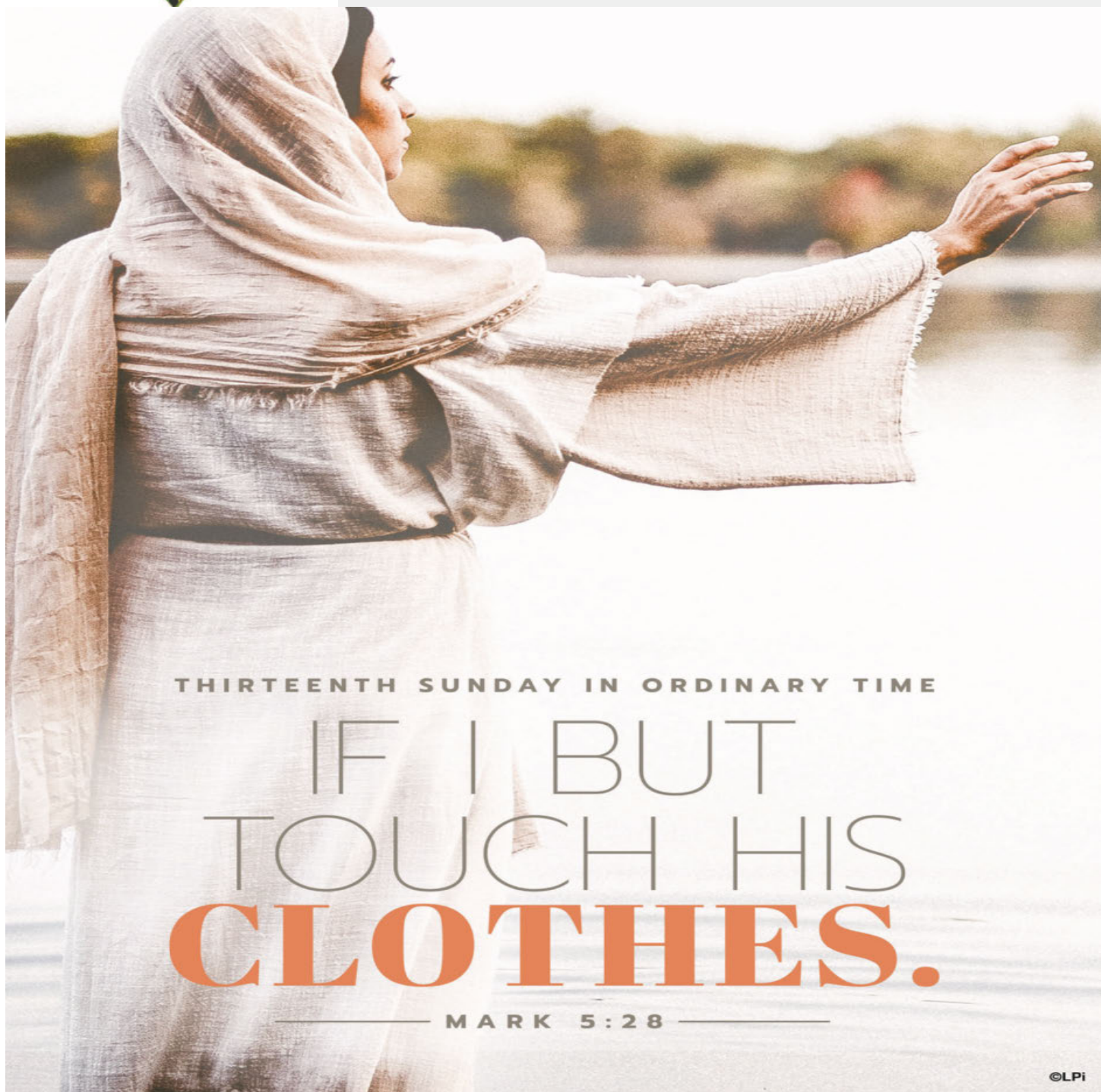


OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 30 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.



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IF I BUT
TOUCH HIS
CLOTHES.

— MARK 5:28 —

OLR MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of June 30, 2024

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2
Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/
Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Ps 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/
Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Observances for the week of June 30, 2024

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Junipero Serra, Priest

Wednesday: St. Thomas, Apostle

Thursday: Independence Day

Friday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

Saturday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PRIEST SCHEDULE

Mon 7/1: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tues 7/2: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Wed 7/3: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Fri 7/5: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Sat 7/6: 5:00pm (Fr. Suresh)

Sun 7/7: 9:30am (Fr. Suresh)
11:30am (Fr. Suresh)

Mon 7/8: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tues 7/9: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 3:30pm

INTENTIONS

Monday 7/1: Nazar Monsour (Deceased) requested by Hana Shina

Tuesday 7/2: Edward Bayma (Deceased) requested by Connie Bayma

Wednesday 7/3: Christopher John Suci (Deceased) requested by Nick Suci Jr.

Friday 7/5: Sammy Kouza (Deceased) requested by Hana Shina

Saturday 7/6: Fawzi Shaya (Deceased) requested the Shaya Family
Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners

Sunday 7/7 (9:30): Saud Barbat (Deceased) requested by Barbat Family
Celestina Umeana requested by Umeana Family
(11:30): Lillian Agostina (Deceased) requested by the Family
Jane Najorah Moloney requested by the Kuza Family

Monday 7/8: Sabri Abbisha (Deceased) requested by Hana Shina

Tuesday 7/9: Judy Lafata (Deceased) requested by Cheryl Burt

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday 7/6:

K. Duff
E. Escobedo

Sunday 7/7:

(9:30am)
J. Armitage
C. Armitage

(11:30am)
G. Klimmek
J. Whelan

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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 or Confirmation sponsor, and even funerals.

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June 22 & 23, 2024

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Online Giving: \$2,607
Total: \$10,384

Weekly Budget: \$13,530

YTD Budgeted: \$672,810
YTD Actual: \$684,952

Under Budget: \$(12,142)



CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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Ponderings from a humbled servant.

After 25 years of various positions held at Our Lady of Refuge,
I have decided to retire for the very last time.

My tenure as a staff member at Our Lady of Refuge has truly been a gift from God. I whole-heartedly believe that He led me here and guided me through every single day, week, month and year that I was blessed to work in His parish.

The people of Our Lady of Refuge are generous. Generous with love, faith, compassion, wisdom, caring, kindness, time, talent and treasure.

The volunteers are outstanding. A ministry cannot be successful without God centered souls who give of themselves for the purpose of the mission.

I have encountered so many of these wonderful saints!

Every time I thought I had received all of the blessings God could give me, BOOM He would send another. Whether it was a student, teen, parent, catechist, teacher/principal, seminarian, fellow staff member, outstanding Priest or chairperson of one of the many activities we did through Religious Education, Youth ministry, Evangelization, St. Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, American Heritage Girls or Christian Service. You all know who you are and I have such great love and admiration for each one of you.

The greatest gifts that God gave me are my husband Steve, our children Shauna (James), Stephanie (Mike), Spencer (Brooklyn) and our 9 grandchildren: Matthias, Becket, Nolan, Vivian, Fisher, Georgia, Gavin, Paxton and Siena. Along with my mother Carol and sisters, Tamara & Sally.

I cannot say enough about the strength I gain daily from each of these beautiful creations of God's love.

Know that as a long time member of this parish, I will continue to pray for Our Lady of Refuge Clergy, Staff, and parishioners.

With a joyful heart~
In Christ
Suzanne Barcewicz

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Touching the Cloak of Christ

Look to today's Gospel and you'll find one of the most arresting images in all of Scripture. Christ in a crowd, everyone clamoring for his attention, pressing against him. Several feet away, is a chronically ill woman, weak and desperate for help. She knows she doesn't have a chance of getting his attention. She has no connections. She has no strength. All she can do is lift up her hand.

So that's what she does. She reaches out.

There comes a time, or maybe several times, in each of our lives when we become this woman. We're tired and we're sick. Is it with sin? With fear? With anger? It doesn't matter. Whatever it is, it's made us weak, and we feel like we've run out of options. We've looked for help and come up empty. We've consulted friends and gotten nowhere. We're lost in the crowd of life, unable to stick our heads above the pressing throng to wave for help.

And there is Christ, always passing by us. The hem of his cloak is never far from our grasp. We have no hope of a big miracle like the synagogue leader. We don't even bother asking for that. But that cloak ... we can touch that cloak. That's something we can do.

Do we do it, though? Do we have the confidence of that sick, beaten-down woman who knew so totally that healing was there for the taking? Or do we retreat back into the crowd, stumbling back home with our pain and our sinfulness? Reach out, friends. However, whatever, whenever — reach out. Christ will not fail you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Independence Day Prayer

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We all know these words by heart. They are from the United States Declaration of Independence. However, are these words held with the same reverence around the world as they are held here at home? Sadly, no. There are many places in the world where it is a life-threatening endeavor to practice one's faith, that faith that was given to each human by that Creator who endowed us with inalienable rights.

Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness.

Let us pray...

O God,

you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors.

You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you.

Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross.
Amen.

LITURGICAL MUSIC

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"I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me."

The refrain of this weekend's Responsorial Psalm resonates with both the First Reading and the Gospel story of Jesus bringing the little girl back to life. Even though we don't personally experience that miracle, the Gospel acclamation bridges the gap of earthly death and eternal life:

**"Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death
and brought life to light through the Gospel."**

Favorite verse:

For his anger lasts but a moment;
a lifetime, his good will.
At nightfall, weeping enters in,
but with the dawn, rejoicing.

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



Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

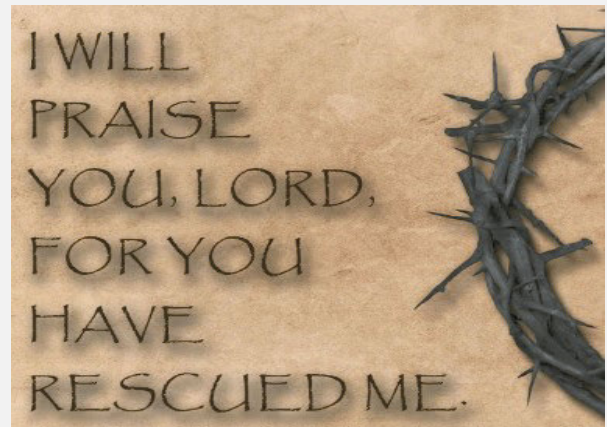
I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear
and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld;
you preserved me from among those going down into
the pit.

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger lasts but a moment;
a lifetime, his good will.
At nightfall, weeping enters in,
but with the dawn, rejoicing.

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me;



WORSHIP

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Thank you Suzanne Barcewicz!!



In celebrating Suzanne's retirement so many memories of ministries, youth, family came flooding through my mind. However, we are not saying goodbye as a parishioner for which we are very grateful. She will continue in her ministries of Reading, serving as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and Tech support for our parish. We need to thank her entire family for their support and dedication too as they were her intimate 911 support 🚓 Thank you in a special way to her husband, Steve, with gratitude for all he has done behind the scenes and his continued support in the Tech Ministry too!

Ave, dear Suzanne, I love you, Lisa Marie



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
Nicholas Harbaugh	Marines
Joshua Hartley	Air Force
Nova Howard	Army
Liam Lynch	Army
Gunnar Ottman	National Guard

Experience is often the best teacher. The more we can experience God's love for us, the more we can return his love by acting in obedience to his will and his plan for our lives which is both better than our own plans and more powerful than we have the ability to alter.

This is a good thing, that we are not strong enough to ruin God's plan for our life.

The numbering and division of the commandments can differ. This is widely known as the fourth commandment, but is fifth in this list.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

So far, all the commandments have been about our relationship with God. This is the first commandment about our relationship with other people and it is followed by a promise: that your days may be long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. The first commandment also contained a promise: that the LORD will show steadfast love to those who love him and keep his commandments. No other commandments contain a promise of a reward.

While the commandments are straightforward and clear in their meaning, they are not ironclad nor legalistically specific. There is no description of how to honor your parents, no list of which words or actions would fulfill this obligation and which would break it. Of course, honoring a parent looks different when the child is 5 and when the child is 15, or 50.

Additionally, this commandment can be difficult to put into practice because it is stated only in one direction. There is no commandment for parents and how they should act toward their children. What can a person do to honor their parents if their parents are distant, demanding, absent, or worse? Should parents who act in such ways even be honored or does the commandment no longer apply to them?

Many times, it is the case that parents begin to return to their faith as young adults after the baptism of their first child. Whatever the reason, children can in this sense lead their family. While it is less common as the children get older, it should still be possible. The good example of a child continuing to honor his or her parents even through their imperfections is a powerful witness. Just as any Christian may draw others to faith by causing them to ask, "Why do you do that?" a child's actions may cause the parents to stop and ask, "Why is my child acting this way?" It is a sort of inversion of the dynamic between St. Monica and St. Augustine. St. Monica prayed for years and years, that her son would have a conversion and become Catholic; eventually, he did and he was later made a bishop. So, children, through years of prayer and action honoring their parents, can bring their parents to conversion.

Our modern culture doesn't talk much about honor at all, and certainly not about 'bringing honor to the family' or 'to our name', but in other times and places, the honor of one's family was very important. The attitudes and actions of children were a reflection on the parents, who would be judged because they are the ones who raised and taught the children. To honor one's parents might be explained as: to improve someone else's opinion of them by having met you.

OLR EVENTS PAGE

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



May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

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Kent Forrest Oswald

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