



# OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 21, 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.



THEY WERE LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.  
- MK 6:34

16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# OUR LADY OF REFUGE MASS

## TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

#### Readings for the week of July 21, 2024

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34  
 Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
 Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50  
 Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9  
 Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28  
 Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23  
 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30  
 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

#### Observances for the week of July 21, 2024

Sunday: 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Mary Magdalene  
 Tuesday: St. Bridget, Religious  
 Wednesday: St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest  
 Thursday: St. James, Apostle  
 Friday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Saturday:  
 Sunday: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### PRIEST SCHEDULE

Mon 7/22: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)  
 Tues 7/23: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)  
 Wed 7/24: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)  
 Fri 7/26: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)  
 Sat 7/27: 5:00pm (Fr. Suresh)  
 Sun 7/28: 9:30am (Fr. Suresh)  
 11:30am (Fr. Suresh)  
 Mon 7/29: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)  
 Tues 7/30: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 3:30pm

### INTENTIONS

Monday 7/22 Poor Souls in Purgatory requested by Hana Shina  
 Tuesday 7/23 Judy LaFata (Deceased) requested by Chris Soyer Family  
 Wednesday 7/24 Kathy Beadin (Deceased) requested by Juliet Najor  
 Friday 7/26 Kyle Butler requested by Rick Mount  
 Saturday 7/27 Fawzi Shaya (Deceased) requested the Shaya Family  
 Sunday 7/28 (9:30) Michael & Pauline Majerick (Deceased) requested by Majerick Family  
 (11:30) Bill McMaster (Deceased) requested by Diane McMaster  
 Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners  
 Monday 7/29 Col. John Burt (Deceased) requested by Edward & Anne Dziuba  
 Tuesday 7/30 Lacie Santia (Deceased) requested by Divirgilio Family

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

#### Saturday 7/27:

L. Oras  
 P. Thibideau

#### Sunday 7/28:

(9:30am)  
 R. Varela  
 P. Riney

(11:30am)  
 S. Wardle  
 T. Klimmek



# FR. SURESH, SAC

## MODERATOR OF THE FAMILY

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Dear Our Lady of Refuge families,

As you have heard I recite the name of St. Vincent Pallotti, who is the founder of my congregation, known as the "Society of the Catholic Apostolate" (Pallottine fathers and brothers) This week I like to share the life of St. Vincent Pallotti

St. Vincent Pallotti, was born to Petro Paolo Pallotti and Maria Maddalena de Rossi, in Rome, on April 21, 1795. He was raised in a loving family. His mother was a very spiritual woman and his father, a pious merchant. Vincent's regard for his parents is very clear from words he uttered at his father's grave: God gave me pious parents.

As a teenager, Vincent Pallotti joined the seminary to become a diocesan priest and was ordained on May 16, 1818. Fittingly, it took place in the month of May because Pallotti was very devoted to Mary and as a priest carried with him a picture of the Madonna always.

The core of Pallotti's spirituality is the humility arising from a deep sense of his sinfulness and the joy springing from his overwhelming awareness of God's infinite love and mercy. Contemplation of his God of love made him a mystic, and his response to this love made him an apostle. This love urged him to respond to the material and spiritual needs of those in need whether young and old, men and women, sick and poor. The words of St. Paul "Christ's love urges us on" (2 Cor. 5: 14), became the motto of Pallotti.

Pallotti knew that without the cooperation of others he would not be able to help those in need. God saw Pallotti's deep desire to help others and inspired him to found the Union of the Catholic Apostolate, an organization that extended equal merit to every work undertaken by them. It was in keeping with Pallotti's vision of the church where everyone had an active role to play in proclaiming the kingdom.

The principal goal of the union is to promote in every way, the increase of spiritual and temporal means for the spreading of faith and life. This union, which had Mary, Queen of Apostles, as its patroness, received the approval of Pope Gregory XVI on July 14, 1835.

The Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottine Fathers and Brothers) was the core group of this Union. Vincent Pallotti also founded a Community of Sisters. For he knows that women were indispensable in every apostolic effort. He was also aware that women had to suffer more hardships and inequalities than men in his time. When the number of orphan girls in Rome increased due to the deadly cholera epidemic, Pallotti looked after them with the help of a few dedicated women. These women were the forerunners of the Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate. Though Vincent Pallotti worked many miracles during his lifetime he refused to equate holiness with extraordinary powers. He also dismissed the notion of a particular state of life being superior to others in attaining holiness. According to him, holiness consisted in doing God's will in whatever state of life one is in. Everyone is called to be an apostle of Jesus and in the same manner,

everyone is expected to be holy like Jesus.

Pallotti regarded the plurality in the church as a sign of unity as well as universality. To highlight this unity in diversity, he initiated the solemn celebration of the Epiphany Octave in which liturgical services were conducted in various rites and languages. He was only too well aware of how the church is enriched by her linguistic and liturgical diversity.

During Epiphany Octave of 1850, Vincent Pallotti gave his overcoat away to someone in need while hearing confessions. He never recovered from the bad cold he caught as a result and the pleurisy that developed. He died on January 22, 1850. A century later, Pallotti was beatified by Pius XII. He was canonized by Pope John XIII on January 20, 1963.

Vincent Pallotti is a modern saint who believed that God has given us the gift of freedom so that we might gain merits for our acts of goodness. He was aware, however, that this freedom leads to abuse of God's creation as gifts resulting in the destruction of our earth. He calls for the renewal of our faith and love so that we may communicate lovingly and responsibly with our brothers and sisters and all created things. The sons and daughters of Pallotti, popularly known as the Pallottines, work towards the realization of the vision and charism of Pallotti, namely the concretization and realization of the apostolic vocation of all the faithful. **In everything Pallotti's motto is CARITAS CHRISTI URGET NOS, which means, THE LOVE OF CHRIST URGES US ON.**

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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**

**July 13 & 14, 2024**

**Offertory: \$7,879**  
**Online Giving: \$2,362**  
**Total: \$10,241**

**Weekly Budget: \$13,530**

**YTD Budgeted: \$40,590**  
**YTD Actual: \$35,353**

**Under Budget: \$(5,237)**



# WORSHIP

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## Eucharistic Joy

The past two weeks I have shared some of my Eucharistic testimonies. Please share yours as well. There is a binder with notebook paper on the shelf in the gathering space. Feel free to take some paper and write out your testimonies at your leisure and place them back into the binder. You can also email your experiences to me and I will place them in the binder for you at [lblanek@olorcc.org](mailto:lblanek@olorcc.org).

Throughout this week and weekend many will be celebrating the Eucharist at home and away through the National Eucharistic Congress. The website for more information is <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>. Through the generous donation by the Dziuba family, our parish families can receive a copy of the book, Beautiful Eucharist, following all of our Masses this weekend. Thank you Dziuba family! Please take a copy of this wonderful book of Eucharist testimonies.



When you attend our daily Masses, you will hear the small bell (shown left) rung to let everyone attending the Mass know that it is time to rise and begin the Mass.

Beginning last weekend, we rang the Sanctus Bells (shown on the right). These special bells ring briefly at the moment the priest places his hands over the bread and wine on the altar marking the beginning of the Consecration. Then, as the priest is elevating the host the bells will ring three times indicating the miracle of transubstantiation where simple bread becomes the Body of Christ. Next, when the priest raises the chalice the bells ring again three times as the wine miraculously becomes the Precious Blood. Thank you, Dear Jesus, Our Lord and Our God!



# LITURGICAL MUSIC

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This weekend the readings and Psalm focus on the image of God as a shepherd, and we have Psalm 23 for our responsorial Psalm – probably the most famous of all the Psalms.

In the Gospel reading we see how Jesus changes his plans because he is moved by their need:

“When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd,  
his heart was moved with pity for them,  
for they were like sheep without a shepherd;  
and he began to teach them many things.”

The Good Shepherd is ready to change course and go gather the lost ones. Am I aware and prepared to change my plans for those in need?

**Psalm 23: 1-3, 3-4, 5, 6**

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me;  
he refreshes my soul.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

He guides me in right paths  
for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side  
with your rod and your staff  
that give me courage.

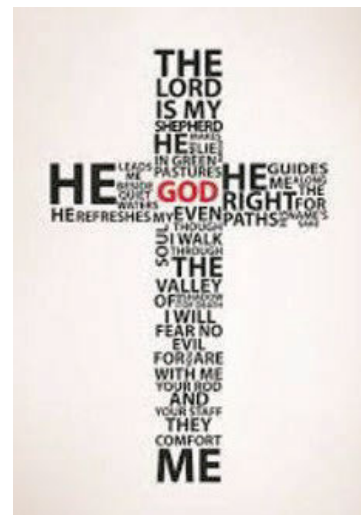
**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

You spread the table before me  
in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me  
all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

**You can view a  
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Psalm by scanning this  
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# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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MEMORIAL MASS  
AND REUNION

SEPT. 8, 2024

Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 @ St. Damien  
Parish/St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

The annual St. Frederick's Mass and All Class Reunion will take place on Sept. 8. The mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am at St. Damien Parish-St. Vincent de Paul CC. Luncheon will follow at Santia Hall on Cass Lake Rd. in Keego Harbor at 12:30 pm. Tickets are available at Kennedy's Irish Pub on W. Huron St. in Waterford, or contact Pat Scully-Strong @ pmstrong02@att.net or 248-396-2976 or Bridget Scully at bsscully1948@gmail.com or 859-421-3579. Anyone who ever attend St. Fred's is welcome!!

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*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 sixth commandment, but is seventh in this list.

*You shall not commit adultery.*

Similar to the previous commandment, this one is short and precise. There is an understanding of adultery in a legal sense, which is probably more specific than this commandment intends. I would suggest that this commandment intends, in a more general way, any sexual acts and relationships or even some romantic acts and relationships that are not marriage; in other words, Jesus is speaking of chastity.

Chastity is a massively misunderstood word in today's culture. It is not celibacy, as many people think, because they are unfamiliar with both words. There is also a widespread 'chastity movement' among Protestant and especially non-denominational churches that focuses on young, single people and, much like a child's understanding of the commandments, focuses on what these young, single people should not do. Sadly, it often leaves out the proper use of the sexual desire that God has created us and blessed us to have in marriage.

John Paul II's Theology of the Body is wonderful, but it is not an easy read; perhaps because it was originally written in Polish, given as public audiences - probably in Italian - collected and translated into an official Latin version and then translated into other languages for countries around the world. If you can read the full version, I wholeheartedly recommend it because there is nothing like JP II's vision of an authentic human person, but there are summaries, commentaries, and introductions that are more useful because they are more accessible.

Again, as Jesus expanded on the commandment against murder, he expanded on this commandment after the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount.

*"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart." and he continues two verses later, "I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery."*

Jesus is focused more on the internal - the mental or emotional - attitudes of people and not only their actions. To be sure, he is concerned about our actions, as the verses I left out attest, but his primary concern is the heart - the whole or the center of the person - out of which arise the attitudes and the desires which lead us to act.

# CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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. P. Nowak	Army (Chaplain)
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Christopher Bowman	Coast Guard
Daniel Culbertson	Navy
Nicholas Harbaugh	Marines
Joshua Hartley	Air Force
Nova Howard	Army
Liam Lynch	Army
Gunnar Ottman	National Guard



**American  
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**BLOOD** save a life

Our next blood drive with the Red Cross is on Monday, July 22, 2024 in the Social Hall from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Donating blood to someone in need is such a wonderful gift. Blood donations help accident and burn victims, heart surgery and transplant patients and those battling cancer.

Please schedule an appointment today by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and entering sponsor code "OLRC." The Red Cross website is very informative if you are donating blood for the first time.

## 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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Cans of Tuna  
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Jelly  
Pasta  
Tomato/Pasta Sauce  
Canned Fruit  
Cans of Chili, Stew, Spaghettios  
Ramen Noodles  
Mustard/Ketchup

### CARE ITEMS

Laundry Pods  
Liquid Dish Soap  
Toilet Bowl Cleaner  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Men's Deodorant  
Women's Deodorant  
Men's Body Wash

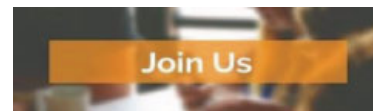
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Join us for a monthly gathering the first Tuesday of each month in the parish office @ 6:30 p.m.



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



# "HE WANTS US TO BE THERE"

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron / April 10, 2023

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament / Detroit, MI

## EVANGELIZATION

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In honor of last week's National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana, I wanted to share this beautiful reflection regarding the True Presence and the power of Eucharistic Adoration shared by our very own Archbishop, Allen Vigneron. God Bless!

I share my parents' faith about the real presence, so I was habituated from a young age to be reverent in church and to know that God is present and really important.

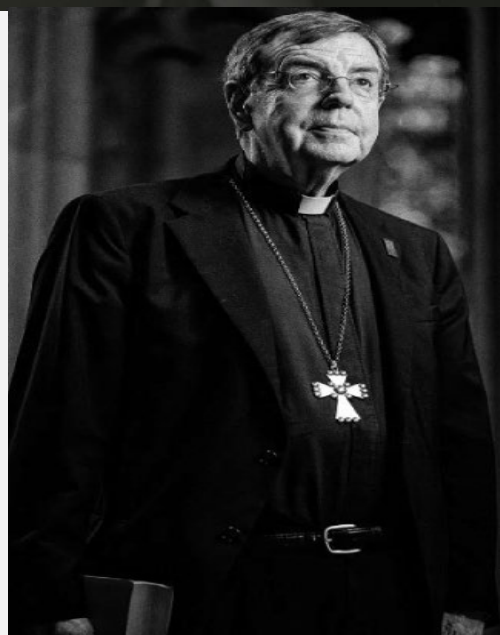
I went to a small Catholic school and we had, as our teachers, the Sisters of Saint Joseph from Nazareth, and they were very attentive to share with us their own Eucharistic faith, their own Eucharistic devotion. I think particularly of Sr. Magdalena, who was my teacher in first and second grade. She's the one who got me ready for First Holy Communion. And I think of Sr. Jane Frances Miller, who I never had as a teacher, but she was in charge of the altar servers. She very much impressed upon us what a privilege it is to serve at Mass and really shared her faith with us.

When I was six years old, in the lectionary for Holy Week, there was the reading of The Passion. I remember Sister telling us that if we didn't move during the whole reading, we would have special graces. (I'm sure she was concerned about how fidgety 25 six year olds might get!) I remember striving very hard to remain very still for the seemingly infinite amount of time that it took for Father to read the Passion in Latin. That was one way I was taught reverence for the sacred liturgy and made aware of God's presence in it.

I remember being in the chapel at the seminary, in front of the Blessed Sacrament, when I was 20 years old and a sophomore in the seminary college. I was coming very close to leaving the seminary. I was thinking that perhaps I wasn't called. I was also perhaps a bit afraid about what the future would hold. I remember being in that chapel and receiving an insight that I was being a coward by thinking of leaving — that it wasn't about being called somewhere else, but it was about escaping what I really understood would be the challenges that the Church would face.

I realized that that's not the kind of disciple, that's not the man I wanted to be. And so I made a commitment to stay. That's one of the most powerful prayer experiences I've had in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. It's something I often return to in prayer, to ask to be renewed in that commitment, to try and be generous, and to try and have fortitude as a disciple.

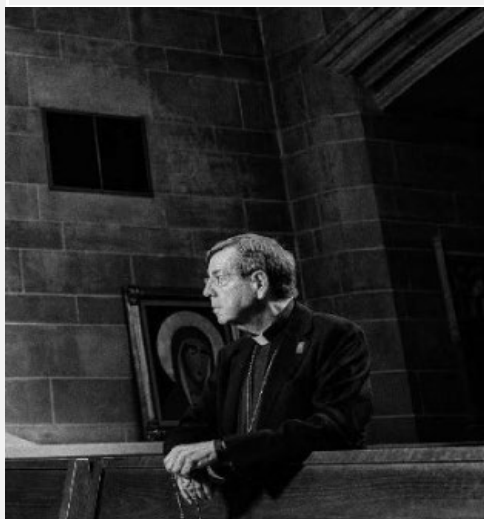
It is when I celebrate the Eucharist that I am very mindful that my ministry doesn't depend on me. The Eucharist is a reminder that I don't offer myself to the people that I serve, and that Christ is always there through my ministry. Christ is offering, through me, something so much more valuable and efficacious than what I could offer. I think the celebration of the Eucharist transforms my own perspective about who I am as a pastor and what it is I offer through my ministry.



In the last few years, one of the themes that very much strikes me when I celebrate the Eucharist is what I say at the beginning of the preface, that, "It is right and just, always and everywhere, to give God thanks." That reminds me then that in the Eucharist my thanksgiving is an echo, joined to the thanksgiving that Jesus is right now offering to the Father. There's no space, no time, no context in which it's not right to give God thanks. And so that means that every time, every place in the world can be sacred, can be taken away from the realm of the Devil, from the realm of sin and be transformed.

For me, one of the most important ways to be engaged in Eucharistic adoration is to sit down and be quiet. I don't have to say a lot. In fact, the less I say, the better. And to recognize that I am loved. The Blessed Sacrament is the sacrament of Christ's unconditional love for us. And I'm invited to love him in return.

As a pastor, my hope is that those who claim — and rightly claim — to be disciples of Christ would find a new appreciation for His presence and what He offers us in the Holy Eucharist, and would come every Sunday to share in the Eucharist. He wants to be loved. That's what every human being does, and God in Christ has become human. He wants us to be there, and He wants to give Himself to us. He is waiting.



# OUR LADY OF REFUGE NEWS AND EVENTS



## CSA 2024 UPDATE

A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who has already sent in their 2024 CSA pledges and payments. We are making great progress! As of today, we are two thirds away from reaching our CSA goal of \$82K and almost half way from reaching the Parish Target of \$120K.

You might wonder what's the difference between the two?

The **CSA Goal** is calculated for us annually by the Archdiocese of Detroit, based on our annual giving (excluding the Christmas collection.) **Parish CSA Target** is what we aim to raise to fund some much-needed projects.



This year we plan to use these funds for new campus signage and the beautification of the grounds. With everyone's participation, we hope to exceed this year's target, which will allow us to make our campus more inviting, easier to navigate (locating the Parish Office can be challenging), and more beautiful.

### Year to Date Numbers:

**2024 Parish Target: \$120,000.**

**CSA Goal: \$82,221.**

**YTD Pledges: \$ 53,754.**

**Goal Shortage: (\$28,467).**

**To reach Parish Goal: \$ 66,246.**

**Parish Registered Families: 767**

**Parish Participation: 136 (18%)**

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Eva Ashor, Business Manager





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