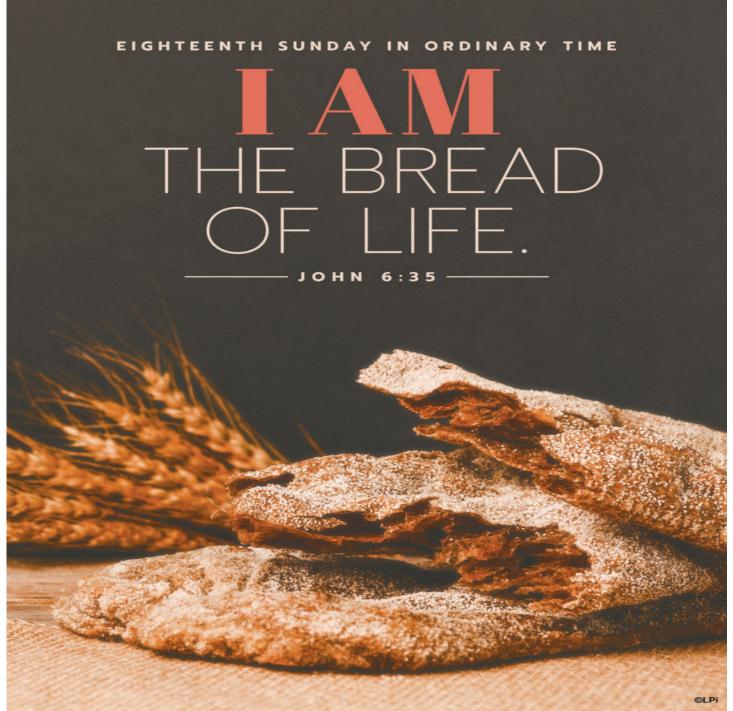


#### OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 4, 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.



## OUR LADY OF REFUGE MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

#### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

#### Readings for the week of August 4, 2024

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17,

20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21 Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24

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Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn

6:41-51

#### Observances for the week of August 4, 2024

Sunday: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Tuesday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Wednesday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan,

Priest

Thursday: St. Dominic, Priest

Friday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### PRIEST SCHEDULE

Mon 7/29: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tues 7/30: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Wed 7/31: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Fri 8/1: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

**Sat 8/2:** 5:00pm (Fr. Suresh)

**Sun 8/3:** 9:30am (Fr. Suresh)

11:30am (Fr. Suresh)

Mon 8/4: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

**Tues 8/5: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)** 

#### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday at 3:30pm

#### **INTENTIONS**

Monday 8/5 Joan Tomlinson (+) requested by Ellie Simchak

Tuesday 8/6 Judy LaFata (+) requested by Cheryl Burt

Wednesday 8/7 Jeffrey George Najor (+) req. by Jennifer Yono

Evelyn Sands (+) requested by Mirabito Family

Friday 8/9 Vito Catanese (+) requested by Mirabito Family

Saturday 8/10 Fawzi Shaya (+) requested the Shaya Family

Mary C. Currell (+) requested by John Currell

Sunday 8/11 (9:30) Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners

Lilia Corpuz (+) requested by Fred Corpuz

(11:30) Michael & Theresa Majerick (+) requested by

**Majerick Family** 

Leonard Stempien (+) Requested by Dan & Sonja Komendera

Monday 8/12 Laurence Teal (+) requested by Mirabito Family

Tuesday 8/6 Warina & Aziz Najor (+) requested by Juliet Najor

#### LECTOR SCHEDULE

#### Saturday 8/10:

T. Klimmek K. Duff

#### **Sunday 8/11:**

(9:30am)
P. Thibideau
L. Hanson

(11:30am) J. Whelan B. Kroppe

# FR. SURESH, SAC MODERATOR OF THE FAMILY 248-682-0920 EXT. 1110

#### Update on Dave Kennedy's New Role!

Dear Our Lady of Refuge Families,

We have some wonderful news to share with you! As of August 1, Dave Kennedy (current Director of Evangelization) will be stepping into a new role with a fresh title—Evangelical Charities Coordinator! This change will combine the responsibilities of Director of Evangelization and Christian Service



Coordinator roles into one unified position, helping us streamline our efforts and enhance our outreach programs.

Here's what you should know:

By merging the Director of Evangelization and Evangelical Charities positions, we are aiming for a more cohesive approach to our outreach efforts. Dave will now manage both areas, ensuring that we continue to support those in need with even greater efficiency.

In his new role, Dave will oversee our support services for individuals in need, including assistance with food, housing, and clothing, as well as support for those affected by illness, bereavement, divorce, disability, or incarceration. He will manage our food pantry and coordinate funeral luncheons, plan our blood drives, and organize other outreach and evangelization events.

We are thrilled about this change and believe it will enhance our charitable programs and outreach. Please join us in congratulating Dave and supporting him as he transitions into this exciting new role. If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to reach out.

Thank you for your continued dedication and support!

Bell towers, a common feature of Christian churches, are designed to house bells and their ringing mechanisms. Typically situated atop a church roof, these towers are often tall enough for their sounds to be heard from afar.

As many of you know, Catholic churches traditionally ring their bells three times daily, at 6 AM, noon, and 6 PM, to signal the Angelus prayer. Bells can also mark the hour or quarter-hour to denote time for work, prayer, and community events. Additionally, they are used to celebrate special occasions, liturgical feast days, civic events and more.

We are fortunate to have one of these beautiful bell towers on our church campus. However, as some of you may have noticed, the bells have been silent for about the past two years.



We want to update you that efforts are underway to restore the bells and resume the practice of ringing them.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous songs and sing praises!

#### Staff

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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!



## 2024 CSA update



#### **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025)

July 20 & 21, 2024

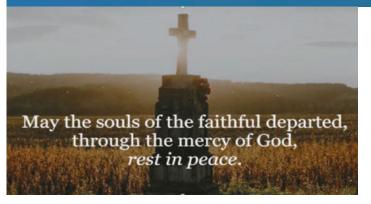
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Weekly Budget: \$13,530

YTD Budgeted: \$67,650 YTD Actual: \$56,095

**Under Budget: \$(11,555)** 

# WORSHIP LISA BLANEK 248-418-7212 EXT. 1114 LBLANEK@OLORCC.ORG



Born to Eternal Life Tuesday, July 23, 2024 Sylvia Odellia Cervantes-Weedon

Loving mother of Antionette, Ann, Richard & Charlene Her Rosary Service was held on Wednesday, July 31st

> Rosary led by: Lisa Marie Blanek

Our Parish family extends its heartfelt sympathy and prayers to her family and friends.

#### **Sanctuary Flowers**

We are excited to enhance our liturgical environment with fresh cut flowers each weekend, which will be displayed for the entire week. We invite you to contribute \$50.00 or donate a bunch of fresh flowers in memory of a loved one. Your generosity will be acknowledged in the bulletin with a note recognizing the person you're honoring.

To participate, please fill out a form available next to the photo on the shelf in the gathering space. Send your completed form and donation



marked "Sanctuary Flowers" to the Parish Office, or drop it in the collection basket.

For example: "In Memory of Mary Smith, donated by John Smith for the week of April 21st."

Thank you for helping us enrich our liturgical environment. For more information, please contact Lisa Marie Blanck at the Church office.

Please note that we do not use flowers during Advent and Lent and will continue with our annual flower donations for Christmas and Easter. Thank you.

# LITURGICAL MUSIC TIM SMITH 248-821-8443 TIM@TIMOTHYSMITH.COM

As August arrives, it is time to start thinking about Adult Choir, which resumes Wednesday, September 4 at 7:30 PM. If you can sing Happy Birthday, you will be fine singing in Choir. We use tracks to help you learn your part, so you don't have to be a great music reader to succeed. Give it some thought and prayer. We are a welcoming group that prays, sings and helps the community of Our Lady of Refuge worship every Sunday 9:30 AM Mass from September to June.

The choir is not an end in itself, but rather a means of facilitating full, active and conscious participation by the worshipping assembly. We are like the UPS delivery person; it's not about the driver but the goods the driver delivers. As music ministers, we strive to deliver a hospitable musical environment that fosters congregational singing. Give me a call any time if you want to discuss choir – or just show up September 4.

Here is the QR code to a performance of this Sunday's responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

What we have heard and know, and what our fathers have declared to us, We will declare to the generation to come the glorious deeds of the LORD and his strength and the wonders that he wrought.

#### R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

He commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven; he rained manna upon them for food and gave them heavenly bread.

#### R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Man ate the bread of angels, food he sent them in abundance. And he brought them to his holy land, to the mountains his right hand had won.



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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 eighth commandment, but is ninth in this list.

#### You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

As children, we learn this commandment as "Do not lie", but as adults, there are interesting and sometimes difficult considerations to understand and interpret "false witness" in particular situations. The phrase "bear false witness" brings to mind courtrooms and trials, which may also remind us of another phrase: "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth". Leaving out important or necessary factual information can cause more harm than purposefully speaking false information. However, there can be times when, morally speaking, it may be necessary to tell a lie. Philosophically, there are a few circumstances in which this can occur. Primarily, there are cases when the person asking the question does not have the right to know. In these cases, a person may use something called mental reservation - which means completing a sentence in your mind while only saying part of it out loud.

A common thought experiment, one I heard while at the seminary, to explain this idea involves World War II Germany. If a German Army soldier knocks on your door and asks if there are any Jews living in your house, he does not have a right to know that information because of what he will do with that information. So, if there are Jews in your house, you can still answer aloud, "There are no Jews here." and mentally finish with, "for you to take away and murder." Is this a lie? No, because of mental reservation. If you say both parts out loud, you would be in trouble along with any Jews you were protecting, but both you and the soldier know that is what the soldier would do; your statement is true. You are not bearing false witness in this case because the "trial" itself is false. Simply being Jewish is not a crime, let alone one worthy of capital punishment.

This is not a case of the ends justifying the means; that is never allowed in Catholic moral theology. It is not choosing the lesser of two evils. It does involve understanding the intended consequences of your actions and the expected actions of the soldier at the door. Turning over your Jewish neighbors to the German authorities would be cooperating with something that is morally wrong.

There is much more to the idea of bearing false witness or not than simply lying or telling the truth. Like many of the commandments, as adults, we need to take a closer look and, using our conscience, determine how to act in a specific situation.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE



Pray for the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces

"Dear Lord Jesus and Mary, Moth-er 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)
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





It is wonderful to be able to sponsor the Diocesan Mission Cooperation Appeal in our parish again this year. On <u>Sept. 21-22, 2024</u>, we will be honored to have Sr. Judith Laffey, SC. with us to share the good news of the mission works of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill in China, Korea and Ecuador.

The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill first missioned four sisters from Pennsylvania to Korea in 1960. At that time it took a month for the sisters to travel by freighter ship to Korea, now it takes

took a month for the sisters to travel by freighter ship to Korea, now it takes only hours by airplane! As our world grows smaller, our hearts grow larger and we reach out to others.

We are pleased to have this opportunity to learn about the missions and to help with our prayers and donations. As the sisters continue to bring the love of the Lord to the people they serve, they need our help—they cannot do it alone! Wherever we may live we are all missionaries and can help in different ways!

Please give from the heart on <u>September 21-22, 2024</u> to help spread the Gospel throughout the world and assist the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill to share God's love with those in need. Your prayers and donations will bring blessings of hope and healing! God Bless You for Your Generosity!

#### PANTRY NEEDS

The food pantry at Our Lady of Refuge is available every Wednesday to support those in need. Kindly consider contributing some of the essential items listed below.

Your donations are truly appreciated.

#### FOOD ITEMS

Canned Tuna
Boxes of cereal
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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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## Events coming this fall!

September thru December 2024



OUR LADY OF REFUGE

## Annual Parish Picnic!

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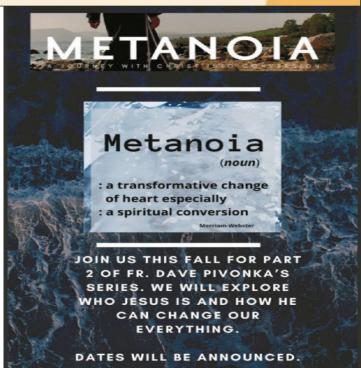
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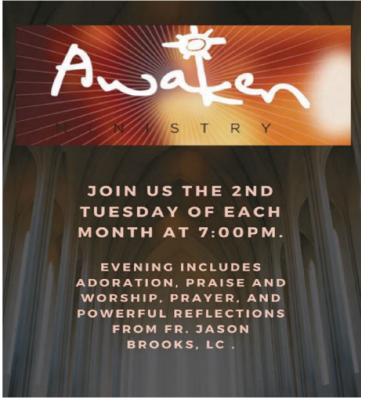
Enjoy delicious food, fun activities and quality time as a parish community!

There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex for ways to help out!!









## OUR LADY OF REFUGE NEWS AND EVENTS

TICKET DEADLINE IS SEPT. 1ST!

ST. FREDERICK'S SCHOOL 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 @ pmstrongO2@att.net or 248–396–2976 or Bridget Scully at bsscully1948@gmial.com or 859–421–3579. Anyone who ever attend St. Fred's is welcome!!



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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, July 08th at 9:15 a.m. Monday, August 05th at 9:15 a.m. Monday, September 09th at 9:15 a.m. Monday, October 07th at 9:15 a.m.

#### FACILITATOR CONTACT:

Suzanne Barcewicz Christian Service Coordinator 248.682.4099

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