

## OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 25, 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 25, 2024

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21,

22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-1//Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### Observances for the week of August 18, 2024

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Monica

Wednesday: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### PRIEST SCHEDULE

Mon 8/26 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tues 8/27: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Wed 8/28: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Fri 8/30: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Sat 8/31: 5:00pm (Fr. Suresh)

**Sun 9/1:** 9:30am (Fr. Suresh)

11:30am (Fr. Suresh)

Mon 9/2: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

**Tues 9/3: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)** 

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday at 3:30pm

### **INTENTIONS**

Monday 8/26 Judy LaFata (+) requested by the LaFata Family

Lewis Petro (+) requested by Hana & Wadi Yono

Tuesday 8/27 Joan Tomlinson (+) requested by Christian Service

& the SVDP Conference

Wednesday 8/28 Thomas Wagener (+) requested by the Wagener

Family

Friday 8/30 Tom Bayma (+) requested by Connie Bayma

Peter Kreucher (Intentions) requested by

Walt & Dianne Kreucher

Saturday 8/31 Jack Callahan (+) requested by John Currell

Sunday 9/1 (9:30) Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners

(11:30) Saud Barbat (+) requested by the Barbat Family

Mary Helen Suciu (+) requested by Nick Suciu, Jr.

Monday 9/2 John R. Currell (+) requested by John Currell

Tuesday 9/3 Lidia & Rebecca Hallahan (+) requested by

Juliet Najor

### LECTOR SCHEDULE

### Saturday 8/31:

Elias Escobedo Liz Oras

### Sunday 9/1:

(9:30am)

Tadd Klimmek Alex Cintron

(11:30am)

Suzanne Barcewicz Peggy Gantz

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

### Our Catholic School

The roots of the word *Catholic* literally mean "universal" or "whole." Consequently, Catholic education seeks to form students in wholesome and well-rounded ways to help them maximally explore, understand, and manage the broad dimensions of their past, present, and future lives.

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Detroit integrate faith and values into every part of the educational experience. Whether in the classroom, on the athletic field or in the chapel, our students learn to think and act according to the mind and heart of Jesus Christ.

We provide a second home for students where morals and values are supported by educators who also serve as role models in faith.



Catholic School students are challenged to achieve their full potential. Data shows our students score higher on standardized tests than their public-school counterparts. Nearly all Catholic School students move on to attend college.

Our goal is to educate students wholly—in mind, body and spirit. We offer that through solid academics, after-school activities and opportunities to worship and practice the faith. A Catholic education provides students with a strong foundation as members of society and the Catholic community.

The Archbishop of Detroit emphasized the importance of our Catholic schools in his pastoral letter. He said, "Catholic schools are uniquely suited to advancing the evangelizing mission of the Church, offering a privileged opportunity for the formation of our children in Christian discipleship. We must all be committed to strengthening our schools, both in their Catholic identity and in the financial resources we commit to Catholic education. What a marvelous blessing it would be if we arrived at a time when all of the parents who wanted a Catholic school education for their children could provide it!"

We are so privileged and blessed to have a Catholic school in our community with the Mission Statement: At Our Lady of Refuge, we are a Catholic family on an academic journey that embraces Jesus' love, under the mantle of Mary.

We will continue with our leadership team, teachers and staff empowered by the support of church community and school parents to recognize, prioritize and successfully embody the school's mission and vision and assure our commitment to school mission/vision, academic excellence and operational vitality.

Our Lady of Refuge Vision Statement:

Provide a secure and safe environment for students to encounter God's love and develop an unbreakable spiritual foundation to build their futures on faith.

#### Staff

Family-Moderator Our Lady of Refuge Fr. Suresh Rajaian, SAC

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### Why Be Registered?

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



### Let's Boost Participation in Our Annual Campaign

It's wonderful to see our parish family unite in support of this year's Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). The numbers are rising, and our thermometer is climbing, but we have a chance to make an even greater impact! With nearly 780 families in our parish, we're currently seeing only 20% participation.

Let's come together to strengthen our community by making a pledge. Every contribution, regardless of size, makes a difference and helps share the load among our generous supporters. We're so close to reaching our goal, and with your help, we can achieve it even sooner. Don't wait—submit your pledge today!

### **OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

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

August 17 & 18, 2024

Offertory: \$8,002 Online Giving: \$4,378 Total: \$12,380

Weekly Budget: \$13,530

YTD Budgeted: \$108,240 YTD Actual: \$90,724

**Under Budget: \$(17,516)** 

# WORSHIP

# LISA MARIE BLANEK 248-682-0920 EXT. 1114 LBLANEK@OLORCC.ORG

OLR Fall Tuesday Morning Bible Study-2024 "Wisdom: God's Vision for Life"

Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith highlight the practical guidance we can gain from the books referred to as the Wisdom literature of the Bible.

Wisdom Books: Proverbs, Wisdom of Solomon, (commonly called the Book of Wisdom), Sirach, Ecclesiastes, Job, Wisdom Psalms.

Session Titles: Introduction
Wisdom in Decision-Making
Wisdom in Finances
Wisdom in Relationships
Wisdom for Peace of Mind
Wisdom in Speech
Wisdom in Age
Wisdom in Christ

Tuesday Mornings September 10, 17, 24 October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

Time: 9:15 (Breakfast), to 11:15am 30-Minute Video, Discussion Groups

Place: Our Lady of Refuge Social Hall 3700 Commerce Rd. Orchard Lake, MI 48324

Cost for Student Materials: \$28.90 + \$7.59 shipping (Includes online access and Wisdom Journal) Order from AscensionPress.com/BibleStudies or 1-800-376-0520 Monday-Friday 8am-6pm EST

For more information and Registration: Contact Anne Dziuba at annejane15@yahoo.com or 248-736-6486

# LITURGICAL MUSIC

## TIM SMITH 248-821-8443 TIM@TIMOTHYRSMITH.COM

From today's Gospel:

"...many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.

Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

We have come to believe

and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Sometimes I oscillate between being one of the disciples who wanders away back to his own life and being with Simon and the Twelve who stuck with Jesus. I like Simon's response which is essentially, "Where else are we going to go, Lord?" Simon blinked sometimes, but not this time – and that had to be an inspiration to the rest of the disciples.

Adult Choir resumes Wednesday September 4 at 7:30 PM. 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. Call me anytime you want to discuss.

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

Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

### R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

### R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry. The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

### R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

### R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the LORD delivers him; he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.





## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

TONY KREUCHER 248-418-7242 RE@OLORCC.ORG

# Registration Open!



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September

Forms available online or in

the gathering space. Questions or completed forms to RE@olorcc.org "Hello! I want to hang on to summer as long as I can - I still haven't been in the lake yet - but school is starting soon and the nights are feeling cooler. There are a lot of events coming up in the fall, both at our parish and around the Archdiocese of Detroit, and this column will become a space with details for many of them. You are called, we are all called, by God for specific purposes. One of these events might be your call in this season. As we read in the book of Esther: Perhaps you were born for such a time as this.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is starting on September 8, 2024 at the 11:30 mass. Children 4-7 years old are invited to join; there is no formal sign-up for the children. If they are at the 11:30 mass, they will be called forward to the altar and briefly leave the sanctuary for a special place in the building, where they will hear the same readings proclaimed in kid-friendly language. Adults interested in being a leader may contact me at re@olorcc.org or 248-418-7242.

OCIA meetings will start in September. If you're Catholic and want to deepen your understanding of the faith or complete your Sacraments of Initiation, you're invited! If you're not Catholic but are interested in exploring the Church, these meetings are for you, too! They will be held once a week in the evening. Please share this opportunity with anyone you know who may be seeking truth, beauty, or goodness.

I also have an exhortation, by way of a reminder from the National Eucharistic Congress, that I think will bear great fruit. While the Congress took place in July, the Year of Mission began when the Congress closed.

### Everyone Can Evangelize

We are all called to evangelize, and thanks to the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are well-equipped for this mission. It may not mean spreading the Gospel in a foreign land or going door-to-door with the Good News—and it may require overcoming some fears—but the Lord is asking each of us to step out of our comfort zone and evangelize one-on-one.

#### Your Mission as an Individual

These invitations are for everyone. We ask that you prayerfully discern how you will respond to the call to mission in your own life and lead by example when you hear the voice of the Lord! Help spread the word about the Year of Mission in your community and invite your parishioners to respond alongside you using the resources below.

### Walk with One

There is someone in your life right now whom Jesus longs to call to himself. He wants to spark a relationship with them and bless them with his sacraments. In this Year of Mission, Catholics across the U.S. are saying "yes" to a special form of heart-to-heart accompaniment called the Walk With One initiative. This is your opportunity to be God's instrument in the life of another person. Imagine how our families, neighborhoods, and country will be transformed if every active Catholic answers this call!

Go to https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one to learn more.

# EVANGELICAL CHARITY

OUR LADY OF REFUGE

# Annual Parish Picnic!

SUN

8

SEPT

12:30-4:00PM

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 Annual Parish Picnic is right around the corner!! Join us for a fun and relaxing time as a church community! We will have bounce houses, face painting, burgers, hot dogs, and games! The West Bloomfield Fire Dept. and Orchard Lake Police will stop by to say hello and let the kids check out their vehicles and equipment! See sign up sheets in the Narthex for ways to help make this another amazing OLR

## Donate YourFresh Produce

If you had a great year in the garden and have extra, please consider donating some to the OLR food Pantry!!



Contact Artha Horowitz or drop off your fruits and veggies to the parish office during business hours!

### 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 Soup
Canned Tuna
Baked Beans
Boxes of cereal
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Pasta
Tomato/Pasta Sauce
Canned Fruit
Cans of Chili, Stew,
Spaghettios
Ramen Noodles
Mustard/Ketchup

### **CARE ITEMS**

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Liquid Dish Soap
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Shampoo
Conditioner
Men's Deodorant
Women's Deodorant
Men's Body Wash
Women's Body Wash
Toothpaste
Hand Soap

# OUR LADY OF REFUGE NEWS AND EVENTS

### Attention

We are excited to enhance our liturgical environment with fresh cut flowers each weekend. 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 complete the form found on the shelf in the gathering space. Place it in an envelope and either drop it in the collection basket or deliver it to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your consideration and help.

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

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



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 on the first Saturday of every month.

# Thank You for your generosity

Flowers for the week of August 25th have been graciously donated by the Javier Family in thanksgiving for answered prayers, in honor of Our Lady of Refuge.





We wanted to remind you that, as a parishioner, you have free access to the FORMED website. This website is loaded with amazing content to both entertain and educate you and your family using Catholic content. In the last year our parishioners enjoyed 24,933 minutes and 891 unique videos using their free FORMED log-in. To access this free content, use the following to create and/or login to the FORMED website!

### **New Account Registration:**

- 1. Go to formed.org/signup
- 2. Select your parish (using zip code is easiest)
- 3. Register your name and email address
- 4. Check that email address for a link to start.

### Log in for parishioner with previous access:

- 1. Go to formed.org/signup
- 2. In the upper right corner, select "Sign In"
- 3. A new "Sign In" screen appears. Enter your email address and select "Next"
- 4. Check your email and click the link to begin using FORMED.



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 vour 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
Michelle Culliver-Army
Nora Diverno-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.



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT OLR!

Are you passionate about service and living out the call to compassion? Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church is seeking a dedicated Evangelical Charity Coordinator to lead our active Christian Service ministry.

In this role you will manage a food pantry, coordinate volunteers as well as various outreach programs. You will evaluate and implement initiatives to make a meaningful impact in our community.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

- Oversee Food Pantry and Christian service programs.
- Coordinate and train volunteers.
- Collaborate with parish leadership to recognize community needs.
- Manage annual budget.
- Provide spiritual support and organize events.

### **Qualifications:**

- Practicing Catholic
- Experience in church ministry or social work a plus
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Flexible schedule, including evenings and weekends

Put your faith to work!
Share your passion and make a true difference!

\*For full job description please email Eva Ashor @ businessmanager@olorcc.org



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