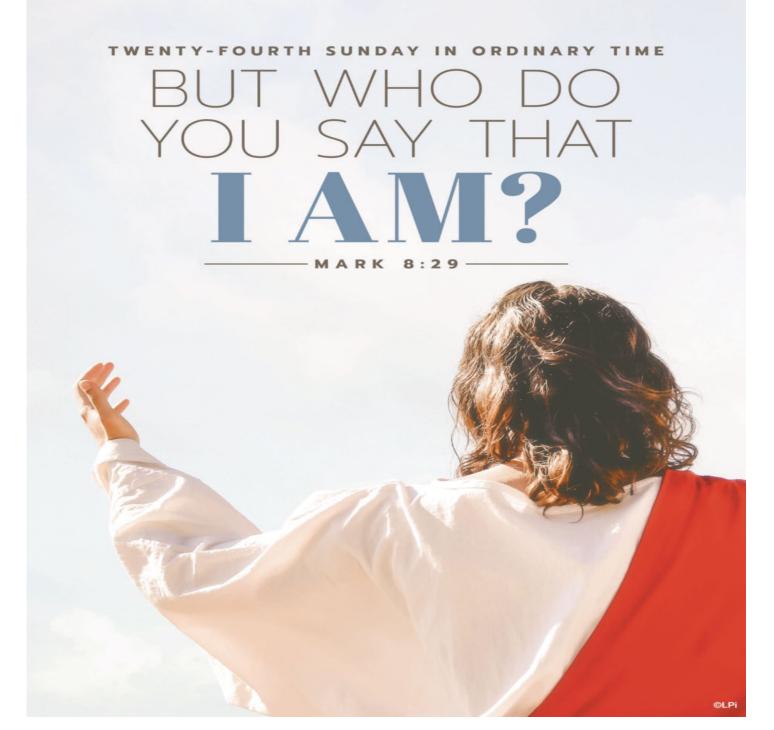


# OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI Today is the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 15, 2024

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 September 15, 2024

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/

Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/

Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50 Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/

Mk 9:30-37

#### Observances for the week of September 15, 2024

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Tuesday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;

Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the

Church

Saturday:

Thursday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng

Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### PRIEST SCHEDULE

Mon 9/16: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

**Tue 9/17:** 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Wed 9/18: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Fri 9/20: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

**Sat 9/21:** 5:00pm (Fr. Suresh)

Sun 9/22: 9:30am (Fr. Suresh)

11:30am (Fr. Suresh)

Mon 9/23: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tue 9/24: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

#### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday at 3:30pm

#### **INTENTIONS**

Monday 9/16 Willma Callahan (+) requested by John Currell

**Eric Golting (Intensions)** 

Tuesday 9/17 Jim (+) & Jean Majercik (Intentions) requested by their

daughters

Richard Najor (+) requested by Juliet Najor

Wednesday 9/18 Thomas Hannan (+) requested by Dan & Debbie Schneble

Solidad Singson (+) requested by The Javier Family

Friday 9/20 Judy LaFata (+) requested the LaFata Family

Jim Sarb (+) requested by Connie Bayma

Saturday 9/21 Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners

Joanne Nahas Ortolan (+) requested by the Crawford

**Family** 

Sunday 9/22 (9:30) Eileen & George McCarthy requested by Nick Suciu Jr.

Deborah Rawlings (+) requested by Marisa Hickson

(11:30) Samantha Olekszy (+) requested by Claudia Taffe

Monday 9/23 David Jacobs (+) requested by Janet Boyk

Tuesday 9/24 Fr. Ron Richards (Intentions) requested by John Currell

#### LECTOR SCHEDULE

#### Saturday 9/21:

Christine Devine Pat Seif

#### **Sunday 9/22:**

(9:30am)

Tadd Klimmek Laney Henson

(11:30am)

Connie Ayar Elizabeth Ayar

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

2024—Mission Cooperative Appeal in our Parish Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill Introducing their newest Mission Work in Pedro Carbo, Guayaquil, Ecuador

The Mission: In 2010 the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill Korean Province celebrated 50 years in Korea. In gratitude for the Lord's blessings in South Korea and their mission in Yanji, China (1996) they started a new mission in a poor area of Ecuador which consists of taking over a clinic, a school for children with disabilities and assisting with parish work.

The Missionaries: Of the thirty-seven sisters who volunteered for this work, four sisters were chosen to go to Ecuador. These four sisters attended an intensive course for new missionaries offered by the Columban Fathers in Seoul. In preparation for the



Golden Jubilee of the Korean Province, the sisters arrived in Guayaquil in March 2008 and studied Spanish at the Catholic University, Universidad Catolica De Santiago De Guayaquil, for a year. After the completion of their formal language studies they moved to Pedro Carbo. Many people comment on the joy and peace these sisters bring to this area. It is a mission of hope and sharing deeply the love of the Lord. One of the sisters said, "Even though I am living in a different culture and a different land I believe that the Lord's love is strong and will help us become one with the people."

The Project: Sending missionaries to the poor in the world has always been stressed in religious communities. The Korean Bishops' Conference urged religious communities of men and women in Korea to share the blessings they have received with poorer countries of the world. Even though there are many needs in the Korean Province, we wanted to respond to the call to go to the small town of Pedro Carbo in the Archdiocese of Guayaquil, Ecuador in order to minister to children who are physically and mentally challenged and to assume administration of a small clinic, Clinica de Nuestra Senora de Mercidad.

Father Herbert Levthner, an Austrian diocesan priest and Ms. Elizabeth Kim, a Korean member of the secular institute Auxilium founded these two facilities and worked here for ten years before the sisters assumed the responsibility.

Since Elizabeth and Father Leuthner knew they would be retiring in 2009, Elizabeth invited the Sisters to come to Pedro Carbo to assume responsibility for the two facilities and also to minister in the local parish which has 50 mission stations and only one pastor.

When the sisters first met the people in the area and experienced their warmth and welcome their hearts burned with the desire to "stay" with them. The area of Pedro Carbo is very poor. There are a large number of children who are physically and mentally challenged in need of education and training and the sisters were happy to take over this very special work. The clinic was originally started (Cont. on page 8)

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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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September 7 & 8, 2024

Offertory: \$8,704 Online Giving: \$4,816 Total: \$13,520

Weekly Budget: \$13,530

YTD Budgeted: \$148,830 YTD Actual: \$123,114

**Under Budget: (\$25,716)** 

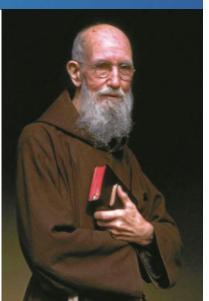
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#### Our Lady of Refuge Hosting Relic of Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey

We will be hosting the relic of Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey on October 4th. This is the first Friday of the month and the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. We will have more details for you in next week's bulletin and on our website.





#### OCIA is for adults who:

- Are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith
- Have never been baptized
- Have been baptized in another Christian faith and are interested in the Catholic Faith
- Are baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation
- Are married to a Catholic and attend Mass and would like to take the member of the Catholic Church
- Are Catholic but want to learn more about their Faith

Contact the Parish Office for more details – Phone 248-418-7242 or Email re@olorcc.org



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Registration Window: September 7th-22nd

#### What are people saying?

- "I feel more connected to the parish and the discussion helps me to remember the importance of these things with regard to my faith."
- "I had fallen away from the Catholic church for many years, returning about 4 years ago. The participation in this group opened my eyes and challenged me to how much more there is than just attending Mass."
- "Attending ESG provides the community and encouragement I need to prioritize my faith and prayer life on a daily basis. Friendship with the other members is very encouraging for my faith life."

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Adult Choir is back in session Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 PM in Church. The window is still open to join us for the fall session. We are already working on Christmas music. Mark your calendar: Christmas Concert Sunday December 15, at 4 PM in the Church.

Still looking for more slide techs. We need you!

This Sunday's Responsorial Psalm is paired with the First Reading, which also appears on Good Friday. Here's an excerpt:

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back.

I gave my back to those who beat me,

my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

Like the First Reading, this Psalm also bears witness to deep hardship and conversion. The verses show a progression from despair to faith and assurance. The psalmist looks back on days of hardship: "The cords of death encompassed me; the snares of the netherworld seized upon me; I fell into distress and sorrow…". Then we see the conversion and redemption on the other side: "For he has freed my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling…"

Another instance of this kind of cathartic movement is Psalm 122 from Palm Sunday. You will recall the refrain: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me." Next time you see that Psalm, look at the progression of the verses. The progression is so striking that the refrain doesn't even really fit with the final verse.

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

#### Psalm 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

#### R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the LORD because he has heard my voice in supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me the day I called.



#### R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

The cords of death encompassed me; the snares of the netherworld seized upon me; I fell into distress and sorrow, and I called upon the name of the LORD, "O LORD, save my life!"

#### R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gracious is the LORD and just; yes, our God is merciful. The LORD keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me.

#### R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

For he has freed my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I shall walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

#### Livestreaming is back!

We are again livestreaming 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. Here is the QR code for the livestream link:



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It's a busy time of the year! Schools have started, sports are having games and practices, football is on TV. There's so much to be excited about, especially here at Our Lady of Refuge!

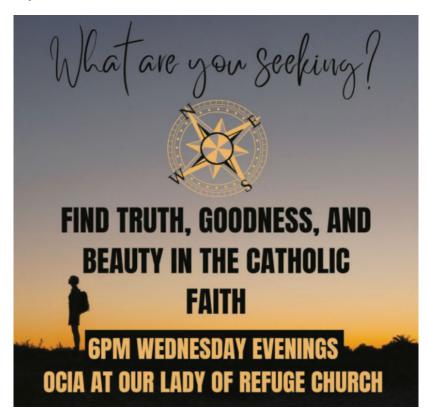
Children's Liturgy of the Word has begun for the school year. Families with children from 4-7 years old are invited to attend the 11:30 Mass, which will have a special time to call the children to hear the word proclaimed to them in a separate space and at their level of vocabulary and understanding. No sign-up is required.

The Archdiocese is hosting an Engaging the Young Church Conference at St. Anastasia in Troy on Friday September 20 and Saturday September 21, 2024. You may attend one or both days. More information and registration is at aod.org/eyc2024.

The Engaging Youth Church Conference is an opportunity for "anyone who knows an adolescent Christian" to:

- Get encouraged and inspired for the work of ministry
- Foster relationships and collaboration between fellow ministers
- Collectively pray for the needs of youth, young adults, and various ministries for them

OCIA meetings will begin on Wednesday, September 18 at 6pm in the gathering space. Anyone interested in starting the process to join the Catholic is welcome to attend.



# EVANGELICAL CHARITY

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.

#### 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
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Women's Body Wash
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Hand Soap

because many of the mothers were dying at childbirth. Now it has grown and there are more departments in the clinic to help individuals with other health problems. The clinic provides services to all in the area and the patients at Clinica de Nuestra Senora de Mercidad are treated with dignity and respect.

There is so much to do and so much help needed! These sisters can do the work only if you can help them with your prayers and donations! It is a joy and a blessing to be able to share what we have with others in need! The five sisters who are in Ecuador find many challenges: adjusting to hot weather, learning a new language and culture, experiencing different food, seeing poverty and learning the new work but with your prayers and concern they will be blessed with God's grace and continue to see the beauty in these differences. The Love of the Lord makes all things one!

Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill / https://sistersofcharityofsetonhillgeneralate.org/



Clinic in Pedro Carbo



Some of the Students with Sister Suk ja Lee

## 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



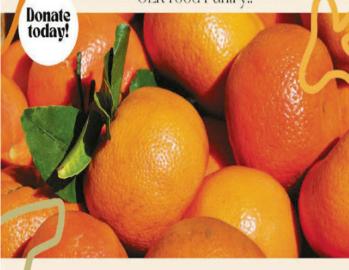
loved one. Your generosity will be acknowledged in the bulletin with a note recognizing the person you're honoring.

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.

### 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!

# Thank You for your generosity

Flowers for the week of September 15th have been graciously donated by Jean Majercik & his daughters In Loving Memory of Jim Majercik





ON DEMAND.

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)
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- 4. Check that email address for a link to start.

#### Log in for parishioner with previous access:

- Go to formed.org/signup
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- 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 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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Eugene Bizer-Coast Guard
Christopher Bowman-Coast Guard
Daniel Culbertson-Navy
Michelle Culliver-Army
Nora Dinverno-Army
Steven Dinverno-Army
Nicholas Harbaugh-Marines
Joshua Hartley-Air Force
Nova Howard -Army
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