

## OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 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 29, 2024

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/

Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/

Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb 2:9-11/

Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

#### Observances for the week of September 29, 2024

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

Monday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the

Church

Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels Friday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Saturday: Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier

Seelos, Priest

Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

### PRIEST SCHEDULE

Mon 9/30: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

**Tue 10/1** 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Wed 10/2: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Fri 10/4: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Sat 10/5: 5:00pm (Fr. Suresh)

Sun 10/6: 9:30am (Fr. Suresh)

11:30am (Fr. Suresh)

Mon 10/7: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tue 10/8: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

### **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday at 3:30pm

#### **INTENTIONS**

Monday 9/30 Judy LaFata (+) requested by the LaFata family

Tuesday 10/1 Eileen Moore (+) requested by her family

Wednesday 10/2 Al Kretschman (+) requested by his nieces

Jim Majercik (+) requested by his family

Friday 10/4 Ron Huren (+) requested by Dan & Debbie

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Saturday 10/5 Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners

Sunday 10/6 (9:30) Christopher Suciu (+) requested by Nick Suciu Jr.

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

Monday 10/7 Judy LaFata (+) requested by the Chris Soyer

family

Tuesday 10/8 Joan Tomlinson (+) requested by Ellie Simchak

## LECTOR & SLIDE PROJECTION SCHEDULE

### Saturday 10/5:

Elias Escobedo Lucy Young Anthony Salem\*

## **Sunday 10/6:**

(9:30am)

Pat Riney Rudy Varela Suzanne Barcewicz\*

(11:30am)

Peggy Gantz BJ Kroppe Pete Llewellvn\*

\* Slide Projection

## **OLR Happenings**





Thanks to generous CSA donations we are able to remodel our very dated bathrooms!



CSA QR code



Hello, everyone!

I'm excited to share some updates on the projects currently underway at Our Lady of Refuge. You may have noticed some construction dust, tools, and ladders in the social hall—here's what's happening!

Each year, every parish in our archdiocese participates in the annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). These campaigns fund various archdiocesan initiatives, including educational and outreach programs. Each parish is assigned a financial goal, and any funds raised above that goal come back to the parish 100% tax-free. Many parishes, including ours, use this opportunity to support their own programs and needs.

Last year, we exceeded our CSA goal by over \$60,000, and we committed to using that surplus to update our social hall. Thanks to some "divine intervention," we will not only be remodeling our bathrooms but also installing new, attractive flooring.

While we were gathering quotes for the project, a heavy rainstorm damaged one of the roof drains, resulting in a significant flood. This unfortunate event damaged the ceiling and floor tiles but qualified us for a complete floor replacement. Talk about a lucky coincidence!

The funds from our 2023 CSA overage, combined with insurance money, will fully cover these improvements and enhance the space where we gather for parish events, including Bible studies, workshops, bereavements, and Lenten Soup Suppers, just to name a few. I kindly ask for your understanding and patience as we may need to move or reschedule some events. We're fully committed to completing this project on time.

Now, let's talk about the **2024 CSA campaign.** The Archbishop is asking us to raise \$82,000 for archdiocesan programs, and we've set a parish target of \$120,000 to cover new signage and grounds improvement projects. Historically, we've largely surpassed our goals and set aside funds for parish initiatives. However, progress this year seems slower than usual, and I encourage you to help us make a difference. Consider this annual support a renewal of your commitment to our parish and the broader Catholic community. If you haven't made your contribution yet, please consider doing so now.

You can donate in three easy ways: by scanning the QR code, visiting our website, or mailing a check. If you choose to write a check, please make it payable to the "Archdiocese of Detroit – CSA." Then, mail it or drop it off at the office, or place it in the collection basket in an envelope marked "CSA."

Thank you to the generous members of Our Lady of Refuge. God bless you all!

-Eva Ashor, Business Manager

#### Staff

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

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Artha Horowitz

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Tim Smith

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Tony Kreucher

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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.

mation 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)

September 21 & 22, 2024

Offertory: \$6,180 Online Giving: \$2,758 Total: \$8,938

Weekly Budget: \$13,530

YTD Budgeted: \$175,890 YTD Actual: \$141,815

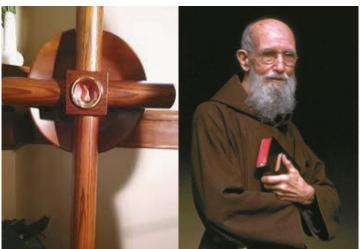
**Under Budget: (\$34,075)** 

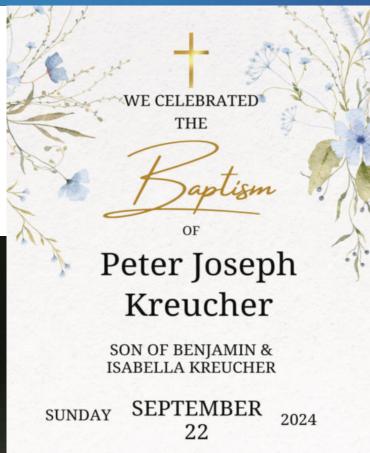
## WORSHIP

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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. It will be displayed for veneration in our sanctuary from 8:00am until 8:00pm. 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 upcoming bulletins and on our website.





#### Join Us

You are invited to join in praying the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet after daily Mass. On Fridays, the Holy Hour prayers are offered as well.



## We are Celebrating Our Lady of Fatima

Throughout the month of October, we will celebrate Our Lady of Fatima. The Javier family has generously loaned us their beautiful statue that will be placed in front of the ambo for the month. We will also pray the rosary on Monday evenings in our Marian Garden found near our bell tower. The rosary will begin at 6:30 pm. Please bring a lawn chair for your comfort. Ave!



## LITURGICAL MUSIC

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

Mark your calendars! We will be having an Advent-Christmas Concert on Sunday December 15 at 4 PM in the church. Reception in the Social Hall will follow.

The parish is selling a beautiful six-foot Boston baby grand piano for \$3,500. At a retail store this piano would sell for over \$11,000, and wholesale price is just above \$5,500. This piano has contributed to a rich history of thousands of liturgies and the prayers of our parish. Contact Tim Smith anytime if you are interested.





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

#### Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14

### R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.



The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

#### R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Though your servant is careful of them, very diligent in keeping them, yet who can detect failings?
Cleanse me from my unknown faults!

#### R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

From wanton sin especially, restrain your servant; let it not rule over me.

Then shall I be blameless and innocent of serious sin.



### Livestreaming is back!

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



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## TONY KREUCHER 248-682-0920 EXT. 1142 RE@OLORCC.ORG

Here at the parish, Religious Education classes have begun, but we are still welcoming students into the program. Classes are every Monday from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Registration is available on the parish website and can be brought to the first class the student attends.

OCIA has also begun. If you are interested in joining the Catholic Church or consider yourself Catholic but have not received Baptism, Confirmation, or First Communion, please come on Wednesday, October 2 at 6pm. We will meet in the gathering space under the large statue of the resurrected Jesus.

### **Around the Archdiocese:**

Reform Wellness is offering a free webinar titled: Reform Your Relationship with Technology. It will be live on Nov 4, 2024 01:00 PM. This webinar is open to the public, and all who register will receive the recording. In this webinar, you'll learn:

- How to identify technology addiction and its effects on your well-being
- Strategies to disconnect from digital distractions and reconnect with the world around you
- Techniques for setting healthy boundaries with technology and cultivating better habits

The St. John Paul II Foundation and the Archdiocese of Detroit present Together in Holiness: a comprehensive marriage enrichment initiative that inspires spouses to grow together in holiness and empowers and equips parents to form their children in the Catholic faith.

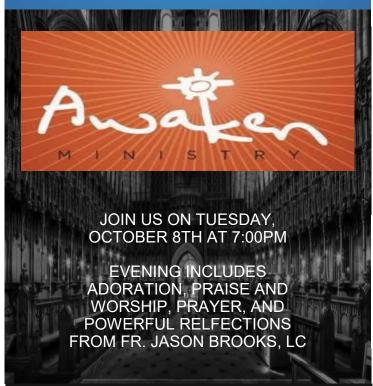
- Couple Ticket: \$54 | Individual Ticket: \$35 Includes lunch and a light afternoon snack
- Childcare: \$5/child (6m-12yrs) | \$20/family (4+children)

Full and partial scholarships are available, please inquire. If you have any questions, please email Conference Coordinator Cameron Kelly at cameron@forlifeandfamily.org or call (832) 779-1070.

The Archdiocese of Detroit has a regular podcast featuring Archbishop Vigneron called Eyes on Jesus. Episode 55 is titled Faithful Citizenship. With the Nov. 5 election fast approaching, Archbishop Vigneron gives advice to Catholics trying to navigate election season in an increasingly polarized society. He and our hosts draw from the wisdom of the Church and guidance from the U.S. bishops in their discussion about forming consciences, responding to divisiveness, and trusting that "whatever direction the history of the United States takes, ultimately, the Lord is in charge."

Fr. John Riccardo's Acts XXIX ministry has recently finished The Rescue Project Challenge, a 14-day journey that will bring you the true hope that comes from knowing The Story, and meeting the only One Who makes all the difference in life! You can pray with daily reflections that will renew your mind and strengthen your hope. It is available at rescueproject.us or on the Mobilizing for Mission podcast, found on Apple, Spotify, I Heart Radio, Youtube, and Amazon.

## EVANGELICAL CHARITY



## 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
Rice
Mustard/Ketchup

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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 next blood drive with the Red Cross is on Monday, October 14, 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 and entering sponsor code "OLRC." The Red Cross website is very informative if you are donating blood for the first time.



The Seven Sister Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop. For more information, visit:

SevenSistersApostolate.org

## Class on Catholic Social Teaching and Contemporary Issues

Catholic Social Teaching is a hidden treasure that can guide us in understanding contemporary issues and witnessing to



Jesus' wisdom and love communicated through the Church. Beginning Saturday, October 12 for 7 Saturdays Fr. Alex Kratz, OFM, will offer a class at St. Joseph Chapel (400 South Blvd. West, Pontiac, MI 48341) at 1:00 pm (after the Noon Mass) on the following topics: Abortion (Oct. 12), Immigration (Oct. 19), the Environment (Oct. 26), LGBT+ (Nov. 9), Healthcare (Nov. 16), Critical Race Theory (Nov. 30) and Gender Equality (Dec. 14). The textbook, Fr. Jeffrey Kirby's Sanctify Them in Truth: How the Church's Social Doctrine Addresses the Issues of Our Time is available for \$15.00. Grow closer to Our Lord as you learn more about the Catholic Faith. For more information, contact Fr. Alex: email at abunaalex@yahoo.com or call/text at (313) 727-9784.

## 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



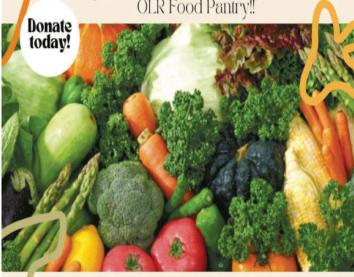
loved one. Your generosity will be acknowledged in the bulletin with a note recognizing the person you're honoring.

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 29th have been graciously donated by Jan & Oscar Mittelstaedt In Loving Memory of Aileen Schafer





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#### **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 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."

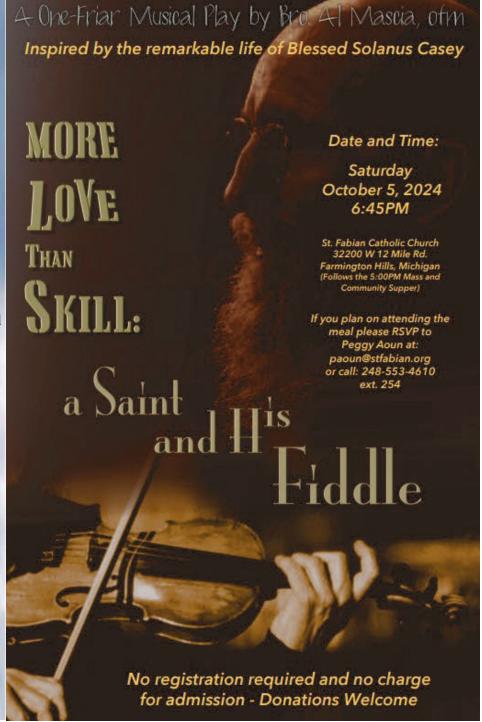
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