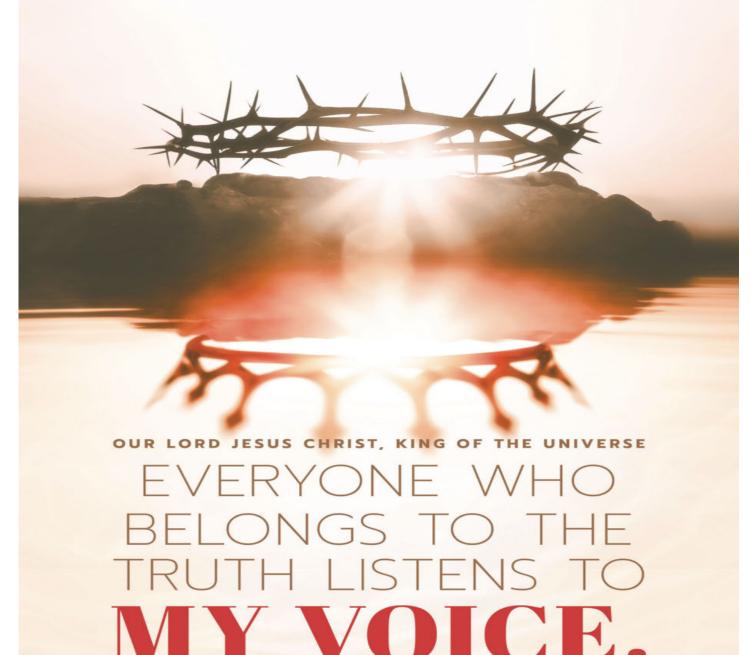


OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 24, 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.



JOHN 18:37

OUR LADY OF REFUGE MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of November 24, 2024

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37 Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/

Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Observances for the week of November 24, 2024

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Monday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Saturday St. Andrew, Apostle
Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

PRIEST SCHEDULE

| Mon 11/25: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tue 11/26: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Wed 11/27: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Thur 11/28: 9:00am (Fr. Suresh)

Sat 11/30: 5:00pm (Fr. Suresh)

Sun 12/1: 9:30am (Fr. Suresh)

11:30am (Fr. Suresh)

Mon 12/2: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tue 12/3: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 3:30pm

INTENTIONS

Monday 11/25 Deceased members of the Estanslao family requested by

the Javier Family

Jeanette DeConick (+) requested by her friends

Tuesday 11/26 Alice Faust (+) requested by Regina Wachtel

Deceased members of the Blanek family requested by the

Javier Family

Wednesday 11/27 Patricia Martinez (+) requested by Leigh & Theresa

Dushane

Deceased members of the Burt family requested by the

Javier Family

Thursday 11/28 Thomas R. Wagener (+) requested by the Wagener Family

William Schafer (+) requested by Jan & Oscar Mittelstaedt

Saturday 11/30 Lydia Hallahan (+) requested by Julia Hallahan

Deceased member of the Kihn family requested by the

Dziuba family

Sunday 12/1 (9:30) Saud Barbat (+) requested by the Barbat Family

Alice Faust (+) requested by Regina Wachtel

(11:30) Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners

Fawzi Shaya (+) requested by the Shaya Family

Monday 12/2 Darlene (Intentions) & Joe (+) Panion requested by Dar

Panion

Tuesday 12/3 Michael Hughes (+) requested by Leigh & Theresa

Dushane

LECTOR & SLIDE PROJECTION SCHEDULE

Saturday 11/30:

Liz Oras Pat Seif Jon Neef *

Sunday 12/1:

(9:30am)

Jeff Armitage Cora Armitage Steph Riney*

(11:30am)

Connie Ayar Elizabeth Ayar Amy Fountain*

* Slide Projection

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

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Introduction: The Church's liturgical year concludes with this feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea. Instituting this feast, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: "Pax Christi in regno Christi" ("The peace of Christ in the reign of Christ"). This feast was established and proclaimed by the Pope to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government and to remind Christians of the fidelity and loyalty they owed to Christ, who by his Incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross had made them both adopted children of God and future citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. Christ is our spiritual King and Ruler who rules by truth and love. We declare our loyalty to him by the quality of our Christian commitment, expressed in our serving of others with sacrificial and forgiving love, and by our solidarity with the poor.

This Sunday, at the end of Church's liturgical year, the readings describe the enthronement of the victorious Christ as King in heaven in all his glory.

The first reading, taken from the book of Daniel, tells of the mysterious Son of Man (with whom Jesus would later identify himself), coming on the clouds, glorified by God and given dominion that will last forever. In his vision, Daniel saw God seated on a Throne, with millions of people serving Him.

In the second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, the risen Christ comes amid the clouds as the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last of all things.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asserts before Pilate that he is a king and clarifies that that his kingdom "does not belong to this world." He rules as King by serving others rather than by dominating them; his authority is rooted in truth, not in physical force, and his Kingdom, the reign of God, is based on the beatitudes.

- 1) We need to accept Christ the King as our Lord, King and Savior and surrender our lives to him. We surrender our lives to Jesus every day when we give priority to his teaching in our daily choices, especially in moral decisions. We should not exclude Christ our King from any area of our personal or family lives. In other words, Christ must be in full charge of our lives, and we must give him sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our heart and our will.
- 2) We need to accept Jesus Christ as our serving King. Jesus claimed that he came not to be served but to serve and showed us the spirit of service by washing of the feet of his disciples. We become his followers when we recognize his presence in everyone, especially the poor, the sick, the outcast and the marginalized in the society and render humble and loving service to Jesus in each of them.
- 3) We need to accept Jesus Christ as the King of love. Jesus came to proclaim to all of us the Good News of God's love and salvation, gave us his new commandment of love: "Love one another as I have loved you," and demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus loved, unconditionally, sacrificially and with agape love. (Fr. Tony's Homilies)

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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 bap-

tismal or Confirmation sponsor, and even funerals.

If you would like to register in the parish, please call the Parish Secretary at (248) 682-0920.

2024 CSA update

Parish Target: \$120,000 Parish Target CSA Goal: \$82,221 YTD Pledged: \$ 91,714 YTD Pledges \$91,714 Goal Reached ~ THANK YOU! ~ Target Shortfall: \$(28,286) **CSA Goal** Yes! We have exceeded our CSA goal! Please Registered OLR families: 767 help us reach the Number of Pledges: 197 Parish Target. Participation rate: 25%

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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

November 16 & 17, 2024

Offertory: \$7,850 Online Giving: \$3,778 Total: \$11,628

Weekly Budget: \$13,530

YTD Budgeted: \$284,130 YTD Actual: \$238,610

Under Budget: (\$45,521)

WORSHIP

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Family of Parishes Advent Tea— Steeped in Jesus, the Christ December 7, 6:15 PM St. Fabian Social Hall Presented by LIFT

All women, ages 18 to 102, are invited to join us for an evening of Advent reflection focusing on your relationship with Jesus. Like tea, we need to be steeped, taking the time to allow the Lord to enter in, to wait for the Lord.

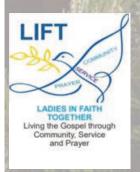
Our evening will include dinner, music, prayer, reflection, humor and desserts. Mary Wilkerson is our quest speaker. We will also be collecting items for St. Moses the Black, Fr. Marko Djonovic's parish. Please use the QR code or link below to sign up for this evening.

We are looking for some women to decorate one of the tables with your China, and Advent or Christmas decor. We would also like to have a tea pot on every table. If you do not have one, we will provide them. If interested, please follow the signup genius link for more information.

Those of you who love to bake, please sign up to prepare a dessert for 10-15 people. Please follow the link for sign up genius.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FAAAA23A0F94-advent

St, Moses the Black opens the doors of their Church that becomes a store for parents to come shopping to get items for their families. The cost for the families is \$5.00. They are looking for any of the following items: New coats—any size both kids and adults, toys for kids, pajamas and clothes,- any size. Please do not wrap them. You can bring them in a Christmas bag that could be used for the present. Thank you for joining us and for your help. For more information, please contact Peggy Aoun at paoun@stfabian.org or 248-553-4610 ext. 254 or Lisa Marie at lblanek@olorcc.org or 248-418-7212.







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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.

Still time to join Christmas Family Choir, which will sing Christmas Eve 4 PM mass.

Three simple steps to join:

- 1. Attend rehearsal on Wednesday 12/4/24 6-7 PM Rehearsal (or make arrangements with me)
- 2. Get your music:
 - a. Contact me for a CD and paper packet.
 - b. Contact me for a USB stick with audio tracks and pdf.

 (See me after mass or contact me at tim@timothyrsmith.com or text me at 248-821-8443)



- c. Download pdf and audio tracks with the QR code.
- 3. See you Christmas Eve for 4 PM mass.

The idea is you listen to the music at home. Singing together as a family is a great activity and you have all the elements you need right here.

You can download the tunes and see if its right for you. These are mainly Christmas Carols that you will know.

Christ the King is the final Sunday of the Liturgical year. Next Sunday we begin the new cycle with the first Sunday of Advent. There is a dovetail of themes between these two Sundays as a prophetic glance into the joyful coming of the Lord. It is a good time to re-collect our thoughts and ponderings of the year past with both hope and thanksgiving. God bless us everyone.

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

Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The LORD is king, in splendor robed; robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

And he has made the world firm,

not to be moved.

Your throne stands firm from of old; from everlasting you are, O LORD.

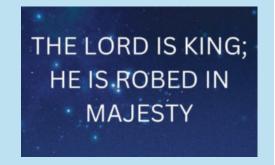
R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed;

holiness befits your house,

O LORD, for length of days.





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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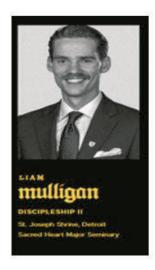
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Please pray that young people in today's culture will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and consecrated life!

The Archdiocese is hosting an Advent Day of Reflection on Tuesday, December 3, from 8:30am until 2:30 pm. This event is sponsored by the Department of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship, Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services, and the Institute for Lay Ministry at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

Join Heather Khym, co-host of the Abiding Together Podcast and author of Abide, for a day of prayer, discussion, and personal reflection as we enter intentionally into the Advent Season. All lay ministers, parish staff, and parish volunteers are welcome.

The cost is \$20 per person. You may pay via Eventbrite with a Credit Card/PayPal or with Cash/Check at the door. Checks should be payable to the Archdiocese of Detroit. Please register by Friday, November 29th.

The Institute for Lay Ministry of Sacred Heart Major Seminary invites all to explore a free, self-paced online course from Sunday, Nov. 17 - Saturday, Dec. 14, titled Faith: The Substance of Things Hoped For. Come enjoy Fr. Pieter Van Rooyen expounding on "Touching God Through The Supernatural Power of Faith" during this four week online course.

This course will explore the meaning and power of Christian faith according to the Scriptures and the teachings of Thomas Aquinas and other saints and doctors of the Church (especially Therese of Lisieux and Mother Teresa of Calcutta).

EVANGELICAL CHARITY

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GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be up this weekend with tags to select gifts for nine different charitable ministries. We have 50 tags for toys for Crossroads and 24 tags for each of the other organizations. Please return unwrapped gifts for Crossroads by December 1, as Crossroads parents will be selecting gifts for their children on December 4. All other gifts are due by December 8.

Gifts would be appreciated for the following ministries:

Abigayle Ministries (Cradle/Manger) is a Christian non-profit organization that assists adult pregnant women and their children to Jesus Christ and equips them to be self-sufficient through its residential housing program.

Capuchin Soup Kitchen (Stable) is a Franciscan ministry in Detroit that feeds the hungry by inspiring minds and nourishing spirits.

Christian Service Our Lady of Refuge (Gift Box) supports our charitable outreach programs including our food pantry, funeral luncheons, bereavement support, military outreach and collaboration with St. Vincent DePaul for financial assistance to individuals and families.

Crossroads of Michigan (Stocking) provides warm meals and clothing to homeless individuals. We are providing toys for Crossroads families to select as Christmas presents for their children. **Gifts due December 1.** Please place **unwrapped gifts** under the Giving Tree.

Grace Centers of Hope (Dove) is a Christian organization committed to positively changing the lives of the unwanted, addicted, and homeless through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, personal accountability, life skills education, and work-related programs.

Kids Empowered (Star) on the Move teaches children the skills and strategies to manage emotions, deal with unfriendly friends, problem solve, and be assertive. They also provide food, clothing, baby and home essentials to families in need.

Mary's Children Family Center (Angel) serves individuals with brain injuries and intellectual/ developmental issues and their families by providing academic, social and recreational activities in a Christian environment in the community.

Open Door Outreach Center (Ornament) provides emergency food, clothing and referral information to people in need. It was started by St. Patrick's Church in White Lake.

The Society of St Vincent DePaul Our Lady of Refuge Conference (Heart) puts faith into action through person-to-person outreach to the needy in and around our community.

Please remember that gifts for Crossroads are due on December 1. All other gifts are due by December 8. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Volunteers Needed at Crossroads - we would appreciate help with: setting up the toys on December 3 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Helping parents select gifts and wrapping them on December 4 from 11:00-1:00 p.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m. Please text or call Cindy Ciura if you are able to help either day. 248-515-7171.

OUR LADY OF REFUGE NEWS AND EVENTS

Attention

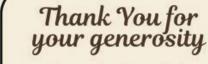
We are excited to enhance our liturgical environment with fresh cut flowers each weekend. We invite you to contribute \$50.00 or donate a bunch of fresh flowers in memory of a loved one. Your generosity will



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.



Flowers for the week of November 24th have been graciously donated by the Melody Zerki in Honor of The Zerki Family





Want to be healthy? Do you play pickleball? Join us at the new courts in the PAC. Call the Parish Office at 248.682.0920 for further information.

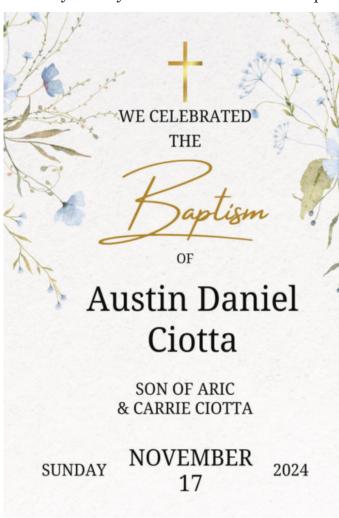
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Born to Eternal Life Wednesday, November 13, 2024 Julie Blitz

Loving wife of Michael Blitz Loving mother of Jennifer, David, & Alec.

Her Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, November 16th Mass Celebrated by: Rev. Suresh Rajaian, SAC

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



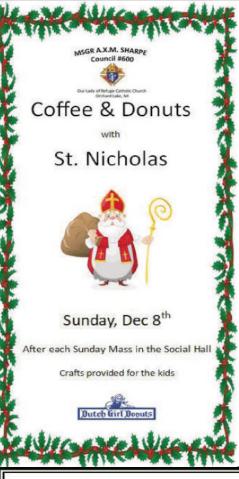
Pray for the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces

"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)
Clare Bizer-Coast Guard
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
Liam Lynch-Army



Please contact Cora Armitage at 248-736-6228 to add or remove a name.



Land of Peace

The weekend of December 7 & 8, our brothers and sisters representing the Land of Peace mission- a nonprofit organization will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some arti-

cles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. Website: www. landofpeace.org



Knights of Columbus

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

A fun and easy way to show your community and family what Christmas really means. Create an 11 x 17 poster using pencil, crayons, markers, cut-outs, sparkles, anything you can think of. The poster should emphasize a simple message:

Christmas is about Christ, What does this mean?

Students will submit their posters by Tuesday, November 26, 2024. Judging will be announced December 7th. Artwork will be judged in 3-age groups:

Kindergarten thru 2nd Grade 3rd Grade thru 5th Grade 6th Grade thru 8th Grade

The artwork will be judged in 3-areas:

How clearly the theme is presented, How well the visuals convey the message, Overall effectiveness of the artwork to reflect the topic.

Artwork should be dropped-off in the designated Narthex basket by Tuesday, November 26th.

Prizes awarded for top finishes

Finish	K-2	3-5	6-8
1 st	\$25	\$25	\$25
2 nd	\$15	\$15	\$15
3rd	\$5	\$5	\$5





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