

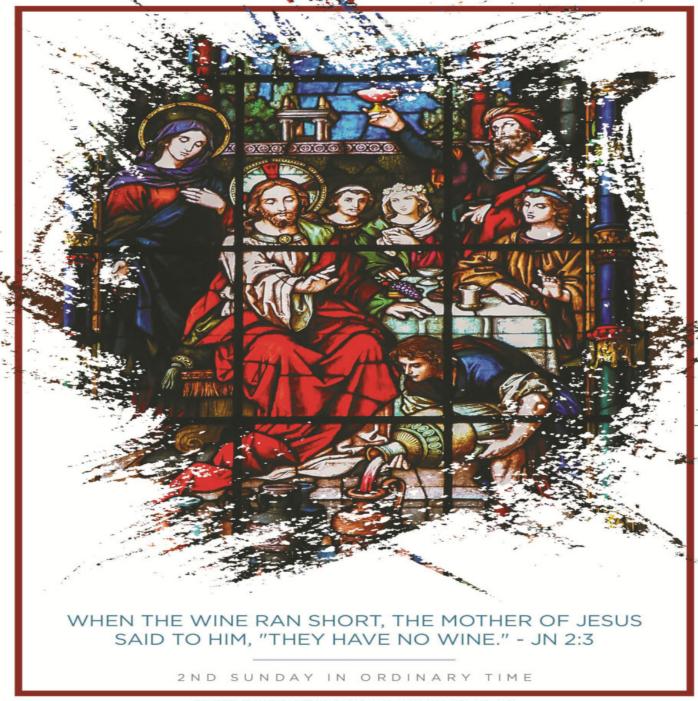
OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19, 2025

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 January 19, 2025

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/

Jn 2:1-11

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/

1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Observances for the week of January 19, 2025

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr;

Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Thursday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Friday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

PRIEST SCHEDULE

Mon 1/20: 8:15am (Fr. Witek)

Tue 1/21: 8:15am (Fr. Witek)

Wed 1/22: 8:15am (Fr. Wally)

Fri 1/24: 8:15am (Fr. Witek)

Sat 1/25: 5:00pm (Fr. Suresh)

Sun 1/26: 9:30am (Fr. Suresh)

11:30am (Fr. Suresh)

Mon 1/27: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tue 1/28: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 3:30pm

INTENTIONS

Monday 1/20 Pat Patterson (+) requested by Connie Bayma

Tuesday 1/21 Poor Souls in Purgatory requested by Lima Houbba

Intentions of the Houbba Siblings requested by Lima

Houbba

Wednesday 1/22 Steve & Evelyn Majercik (+) requested by the Majercik

Family

Blessings & healing for the Houbba family requested

by Lima Houbba

Friday 1/24 Mary Helen Suciu (+) requested by Nick Suciu Jr.

Saturday 1/25 Don & Amy Montgomery (+) requested by Celeste

Montgomery

Sunday 1/26 (9:30) Col. John Burt (+) requested by Blanck Family

(11:30) Mark Gozdzik (+) requested by his family & friends

Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners

Monday 1/27 Raymond Najor (+) requested by Juliet Najor

Tuesday 1/28 Judy LaFata (+) requested by Toni Laiber

LECTOR & SLIDE PROJECTION SCHEDULE

Saturday 1/25:

Corey McIsaac Maggie McIsaac Jon Neef*

Sunday 1/26:

(9:30am)

Laney Henson Pat Riney Steph Riney*

(11:30am)

Connie Ayar Elizabeth Ayar Amy Fountain*

*Slide Projection

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Central theme: This week we are at a wedding in Cana where Jesus reveals Divine power by transforming water into wine. The Bible begins with one wedding, that of Adam and Eve in the garden (Gn 2:23-24), and ends with another, the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rv 19:9, 21:9, 22:17). At Cana, Jesus also blesses human marriage, perhaps at that moment instituting the Sacrament of Matrimony. Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the Covenant relationship between God and His chosen people. God is the faithful Bridegroom and humanity is His beloved bride. Let us pray for God's daily miracles in our families.

Scripture lessons summarized: We see this theme beautifully presented in today's first reading, where Isaiah uses the metaphor of spousal love to describe God's love for Israel. God's fidelity to his people is compared to a husband's fidelity to his wife. Isaiah predicts God's salvation of Jerusalem after the return of the Babylonian exiles and visualizes it as a wedding between God and Jerusalem. Jesus' provision of abundant wine for the wedding feast in Cana signifies that the day foreseen by Isaiah has arrived. Anticipating the joy of this wedding, the Psalmist urges us in the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 96)," Sing to the Lord a new song." In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us that the new wine that Jesus pours out for us is the gift of the Holy Spirit, given to His Bride. In today's Gospel, John describes the first of the seven "signs' by which Jesus showed forth His Divinity. When the wine "ran short," Jesus' Mother told Jesus about it. At first Jesus seemed to refuse to do anything about it. But later he told the servants to fill six large stone jars with water and take some of the miraculous water-made-wine to the headwaiter. When they did so, the headwaiter expressed his surprise that such a great wine had been reserved for late use.

Life messages: 1) Let us, "invite Jesus and Mary to remain with us in our homes" when we feel shortages in our family lives. The spouses need Jesus and Mary when their dreams are gone, mutual love seems dried up, the relationship becomes boring, and raising the children becomes a burden draining all their energy. The awareness of the presence of Jesus and Mary in the family will encourage parents to create an atmosphere of prayer, Bible-reading, mutual love, and respect, with a spirit of forgiveness and sacrificial service at home. This change will refresh and renovate family life, removing its boredom.

- 2) Let us follow Mary's instruction, "Do whatever He tells you." This is the only recorded command given by Mary in the New Testament, and it is a prerequisite for miracles in our families. The Bible tells us how to do the will of God and effect salvific changes in our daily lives.
- 3) Just as Jesus filled the empty water jars with wine, let us fill the empty hearts around us with love. By the miracle of Cana, Jesus challenges us also to enrich the empty lives of those around us with the new wine of love, mercy, concern, and care.
- 4) Let us learn to appreciate the miracles of God's providence in our lives. God, often as an uninvited guest in our families, works daily miracles in our lives by protecting us from physical and moral dangers, providing for our needs, inspiring us, and strengthening us with His Holy Spirit. Let us also appreciate, where God transforms our offering of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. (Fr. Tony's Homilies)

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Due to the many changes in the tax code over the last several years, we will no longer be automatically mailing out contribution statements. However, they will be available upon

request.



If you would like to receive a statement of your contributions to the parish for tax purposes or personal records, please visit our website using the QR code, contact the parish office at 248-682-0920, or email Artha Horowitz at secretary@olorcc.org. Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity!



Statements for the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) will be generated separately by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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

January 11 & 12, 2025

Offertory: \$12,991 Online Giving: \$2,278 Total: \$15,269

Weekly Budget: \$13,530

YTD Budgeted: \$392,370 YTD Actual: \$333,640

Under Budget: (\$58,730)

Christmas Report

Christmas Budgeted: \$70,000 Christmas Actual: \$59,274

Under Budget: (\$10,726)

WORSHIP

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Help us Celebrate Your Marriage!!

On the weekend of World Marriage Day, February 15th, we will host a special dinner for married and engaged couples at the new Aurora on the Lake. The evening will include a program with a special blessing to enrich your experience, along with a beautifully designed arched trellis for a memorable photo opportunity.

To reserve your place, please send a check for \$100.00 per couple made payable to Our Lady of Refuge Parish. Be sure to note "Marriage Program" in the memo line. You can place your check in an envelope labeled "Marriage Program" and drop it in the donation basket during Mass. Alternatively, you may mail your check to Our Lady of Refuge Parish, Attn: Lisa Marie Blanek, 3725 Erie Drive, Orchard Lake, MI 48320. Space is limited, so we encourage early registration.

In the gathering space, we will have a register for you to share your name and the wedding anniversary you are celebrating in 2025. A basket will be available next to the register for you to submit a wedding or anniversary photo. These photos will be displayed in the gathering space throughout February. For those of you celebrating in warmer climates, we invite you to participate as well! Simply email your name, anniversary years, and a wedding or anniversary photo to lblanek@olorcc.org, and we will add your photo to our wedding banner. Thank you for being part of this special celebration!



LITURGICAL MUSIC

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Singing and blessing God's name is a powerful expression of worship that draws us closer to His divine presence. When we sing of God's salvation and tell of His glory, we aren't just reciting words, but expressing the deep joy and gratitude that fills our hearts. This joy comes from recognizing God's mighty works, His grace, and His enduring love.

In the congregation, singing hymns and participating in Mass are collective proclamations of our faith and devotion. By lifting our voices together, we unite in a shared expression of praise, making our worship a powerful testament to God's glory.

Wholeheartedly engaging in singing acknowledges that worship is an active offering of our hearts and voices. The melodies and lyrics of the hymns carry the truths of our faith, embedding them deeper into our hearts. It becomes a way to show our love for God and to remember His wondrous deeds.

Let us always sing with joy, allowing our praises to rise like incense before God's throne, reflecting the gratitude and love we hold for our Creator.

PSALM 96

R: PROCLAIM HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS TO ALL THE NATIONS.

01.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

02.

Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

03.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name!

04.

Worship the LORD in holy attire.

Tremble before him, all the earth;
Say among the nations: The LORD is king.

He governs the peoples with equity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Spiritual Growth Series

Metanoia: A Journey With Christ Into Conversion

Join us for a 10-week in-person series with weekly video presentations featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka

Metanoia - and believe in the Gospel. In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia to repent, to change, to be converted. This series beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land, highlighting sacred places such as the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the desert of Temptations and many of the holy sites in Jerusalem.



Each of the episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is often necessary. Metanoia will examine topics such as who is Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and other significant matters of faith. Presented by Fr. Dave Pivonka, President of Franciscan University of Steubenville, as well as personal testimonies whose stories will inspire you for seek to encounter with Jesus and the new life, he is inviting us to. During each session we will also have small group discussions after the 30-minute video.

The series will be held on Monday evenings from 6:15 to 7:30 PM, in the OLR Social Hall or church, starting January 27th and will run through Lent, finishing on April 14th. Sessions will not be held on weeks when OLR School is not in session (e.g. Feb 10, Feb 17). Missed videos can be viewed on Formed.org.

Babysitting and transportation assistance may be available, email Encounter@olorcc.org



Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled

The Gospel of Luke takes you on a journey that begins with the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth and culminates in Jesus' ascension into heaven. Along the way, you will witness key moments in salvation history, including the Annunciation; the Nativity; Jesus' baptism; his public ministry; the Last Supper; and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection. The Gospel's powerful prose and beautiful details will deepen your desire to draw closer to Jesus and be transformed by his teachings.

The Gospel of Luke continually reveals how Jesus is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies. With Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled, you will experience joy as you see how God has been faithful throughout the ages and how God's promise can guide you in your everyday lives.

Join us for Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled in the OLR Social Hall beginning February 11, from 9:15—11:15am, and continuing every Tuesday for 8 weeks. For more information or to register for the study, contact Anne D at 248-736-6486 or by email at annejane15@yahoo.com. The cost for the study workbook is \$27.95 plus S&H. Please order workbook from AscensionPress.com or at 1-800-376-0520 Flyers available in the OLR narthex.

EVANGELICAL CHARITY

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The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. A.X.M. Sharpe Council 600 was founded in 1901 in Pontiac, Michigan, making it one of the oldest councils in the state. Today, Council 600 primarily serves Our Lady of Refuge Parish. The Knights of Columbus are a group of proud Catholic men committed to doing God's work, emphasizing the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

This past year, with the support of the Our Lady of Refuge community, Council 600 has donated over \$10,000 to various charitable causes. Below is a list of some of the charities and parish events we have supported:

- \$1,300 donation to the OLR Pantry, along with the collection of over 4,000 lbs of food and volunteer hours
- Mary's Mantle Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Drive
- Support for Sacred Heart Seminarians
- Distribution of over 60 coats for children at St. Molokai in Pontiac
- Catholic Charities Hurricane Helene Relief in North Carolina
- Angel's Place Maxwell House
- St. Joseph Shrine Pontiac Garden Improvements
- Support for OLR School
- Council 600-sponsored Euchre Knight
- Pancake breakfasts to raise funds for charities
- Coffee & Donuts for Parish discipleship
- Parish Picnic
- Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest for K-8 students

The Knights of Columbus Council 600 meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the OLR Social Hall, with food served at 6:45 p.m. We welcome new members—first-year membership is free. Come join us in serving our parish and community. There is strength in numbers!

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact:

Oscar Mittelstaedt Grand Knight, Msgr A.X.M. Sharpe Council 600 Email: oem0604@gmail.com Cell:248-819-9564

Food Pantry

There is an urgent need for food in our community. With the increase in shoppers to our food pantry we are running out of many food items. We would appreciate you considering donating the following foods for our weekly shopping needs:

- ~ Pasta Sauce
- ~ Pasta (elbows, penne, rotini & spaghetti)
- ~ Diced Tomatoes
- ~ Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- ~ Body wash (Men's & Women's)
- ~ Shampoo

- ~ Cereal (not Cheerios)
- ~ Any type of canned Soup
- ~ Liquid dish soap big and small containers
- ~ Laundry pods
- ~ Deodorant (Men's & Women's)
- ~ Conditioner





Our Lady of Refuge Catholic Church Orchard Lake, MI

OUR LADY OF REFUGE NEWS AND EVENTS

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 "women's 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.

Angel's Place Meals

Angel's Place supports individuals with developmental disabilities, particularly those with intellectual disabilities, who may require assistance with daily life demands and completing tasks typically expected for their age group. Located at 2809 Saddlewood Rd, West Bloomfield Township, we would greatly appreciate your consideration in bringing a meal for the residents. Whether it's a homemade dish or something simple like a Costco rotisserie chicken, salad, and dessert (they love desserts!), your contribution would mean a lot. Thus far in the month of October only one meal has been provided from OLR. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

To sign up to bring a meal either use the QR Code, the link on our website or the following website www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d49a8ab2baaf58- angels#/



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.

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.

Livestreaming is back!

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





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 infor-

mation, visit: SevenSistersApostolate.org

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 Ind women still at war, bring them home safely and comfort their families. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen."

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Michelle Culliver-Army
Nora Dinverno-Army
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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.

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