

OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 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 26, 2025

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/ Sunday:

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

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41 Next Sunday:

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40

or 2:22-32

Observances for the week of January 26, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Monday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. John Bosco, Priest

Next Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord,

World Day for Consecrated Life

PRIEST SCHEDULE

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

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

Wed 1/29: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Fri 1/31: (Fr. Suresh) 8:15am

Sat 2/1: 5:00pm (Fr. Suresh)

Sun 2/2: 9:30am (Fr. Suresh)

11:30am (Fr. Suresh)

Mon 2/3: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tue 2/4: (Fr. Suresh) 8:15am

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 3:30pm

INTENTIONS

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

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

Wednesday 1/29 Eric Devine (+) requested by the Devine family

Friday 1/31 Donna Blanek (+) requested by the Blanek family

Saturday 2/1 Fawzi Shaya (+) requested by the Shaya family

Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners

Sunday 2/2 Wilma Callahan (+) requested by John Currell (9:30)

Thomas Najor (+) requested by the Rosemary Najor

family

(11:30)Judy LaFata (+) requested by the Joseph LaFata family

Joe Panian (+) requested by Dar Panian

Monday 2/3 Patrick Martinez (+) requested by Leigh & Theresa

Dushane

Tuesday 2/4 Jack Avery (+) requested by the morning Mass crowd

LECTOR & SLIDE PROJECTION SCHEDULE

Saturday 2/1:

Corey McIsaac Elias Escobedo **Anthony Salem***

Sunday 2/2:

(9:30am)

Jim Whalen John Zubalik Steph Riney*

(11:30am)

Gabrielle Ansara Reese George Pete Llewellyn*

*Slide Projection

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Central theme: Today's Gospel, presenting Jesus' "inaugural address" in the synagogue of Nazareth in which he outlines a theology of total liberation, marks a great moment in Jesus' ministry. The Scripture readings for today focus our attention on the importance and liberating power of the Word of God as "sacramental," making God present in our midst. The readings challenge us to listen to the Word, accept it into our hearts, then put it into practice as we live out our lives, thus liberating ourselves and others from all types of bondages.

Scripture lessons summarized: Today's first reading, taken from Nehemiah, and Luke's Gospel each describe a public reading of Sacred Scripture which challenges the hearers to make a "fresh beginning" with a new outlook. In the first reading, after rebuilding the Temple and restoring the city, Ezra leads the people in a "Covenant renewal" ceremony by reading and interpreting the Law. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 19) sings the praises of the Law of the Lord and its effects on those who accept it. The Second Reading, taken from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, reminds us that "together we are Christ's Body, but each of us is a different part of it." This suggests that, as different parts of Christ's Body, each of us has a share, as instruments in God's hands, in bringing the freeing and saving mission of Christ to our world in our times.

Today's Gospel describes how, on a Sabbath, Jesus stood before the people in the synagogue of his hometown, Nazareth, reading and interpreting what Isaiah had prophesied about the Messiah and his mission. Jesus claims that he is One sent "to bring glad tidings to the poor, liberation to captives, recovery of sight to the blind and freedom for the oppressed"—language that reflects the Biblical year of Jubilee. To the great amazement and disbelief of his own townsmen, Jesus declares that Isaiah's prophecy is being fulfilled at that very moment "in your hearing," because the prophecy foretells and describes Jesus' own mission and ministry. Jesus' mission is still to give liberation to everyone who will listen to his "Good News," accept it and put it into practice. Luke reports that surprise and admiration were the initial reactions of the people who were astonished at the power and eloquence of this son of their soil.

Life messages: 1) We need to receive Christ's freedom, live it, and pass it on to others: As members of Christ's Mystical Body, we share in the freeing, saving mission of Jesus. But we are captives of sin. We need Christ to set us free. We are often blinded by our evil habits, addictions, and need for financial security. Once we receive true liberation from Christ, we have to share it with those we encounter in our daily lives, families, neighborhoods, parishes, schools, and workplaces.

2) We need to let the power of the Holy Spirit fill us, and then be ready to have miracles done through us. Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus performed miracles because he was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us be ready to become Spirit-filled instruments of Christ's saving freedom. (Fr. Tony's Homilies)

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request.



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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 18 & 19, 2025

Offertory: \$6,144 Online Giving: \$4,068 Total: \$10,212

Weekly Budget: \$13,530

YTD Budgeted: \$405,900 YTD Actual: \$343,852

Under Budget: (\$62,049)

Christmas Report

Christmas Budgeted: \$70,000 Christmas Actual: \$59,524

Under Budget: (\$10,476)

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Jubilee of Hope 2025

Christmas Eve marked the start of the Ordinary Jubilee of the Year 2025. The theme of the jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope." "Since 1300, jubilee celebrations have marked not only the passing of years and centuries but have also served as holy times in human history...Hope, by which we desire heaven and trust in God's promise of eternal life, makes us a pilgrim church journeying in confidence toward our true home" (Archbishop Vigneron).

Save the Date! Join us on February 10, 2025, for a special presentation by David J. Conrad, M.A. Theology, on this Jubilee Year of Hope. Dinner will be offered at 6, with the presentation from 6:30 - 8 in the Social Hall.



Topics will include:

- What is Jubilee?
- Obtaining Indulgences (with a brief primer on sin and its effects)
- Pilgrimage Sites in the Archdiocese
- The Virtue of Hope
- RSVP with St. Fabian at https://www.stfabian.org/jubilee-of-hope.html

The Jubilee of Hope 2025 Helpful Resources

The Archdiocese of Detroit is offing us many ways to celebrate this Jubilee of Hope! Please visit aod.org/jubilee to learn about the how, what, when, where and for how long Other helpful links for your use are:

Vatican Website: https://www.jubilaeum2025.va/en.html

USCCB Website: https://www.usccb.org/jubilee2025

Full text of the Papal Bull:

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/bulls/documents/20240509_spes-non-onfundit_bolla-giubileo2025.html

Hymn for the Jubilee Year – text and music:

https://www.jubilaeum2025.va/en/search.html?q=hymn

(Source: Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, December Newsletter)

LITURGICAL MUSIC

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Why chant a psalm? Chanting connects us to an ancient tradition that dates back thousands of years, from Jewish temple worship to early Christian liturgy. It's a practice that unites us with generations of believers, offering a timeless way to pray and reflect.

What makes chant so special is its simplicity. The melodies are straightforward and flow naturally, much like speaking. This keeps the focus on the words, helping us connect with the deeper meaning of the psalms. It's not about performance—it's about letting the beauty of the psalms shine through in a timeless, meaningful way.

Chanting also creates a sacred, peaceful atmosphere. Its melodies evoke reverence and invite a sense of prayerful calm. Whether sung responsively, in unison, or antiphonally, chant draws people together in worship. And while the music may be simple, it's deeply expressive, capturing the emotions of the psalms—joy, sorrow, or awe—in a way that feels authentic and prayerful.

PSALM 19

R: YOUR WORDS, LORD, ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE.

01.

The law of the LORD is perfect; it revives the soul.

The decrees of the LORD are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple.

02.

The precepts of the LORD are right; they gladden the heart.

The command of the LORD is clear; it gives light to the eyes.

03.

The fear of the LORD is pure, abiding forever.

The judgments of the LORD are true; they are, all of them just.

04.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favor in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer!

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Catholic Schools Week—School Spotlight

January is a time for us to celebrate Our Lady of Refuge as a Catholic school option for Raven hopefuls that are looking to grow in both faith and education with the guidance of the Lord. As a school, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week beginning Sunday, January 26 - Saturday, February 1st.

Our Lady of Refuge has been, and continues to be, a school of high academic standards. We interweave our Catholic Faith within all aspects of our daily lives. It is a school where we are able to begin together in prayer and lean on the guidance from our Lord as we navigate through our day. Think about a school for your children or grandchildren where they are instructed with the guidance of a staff and community that begin the day with prayer and keep the Lord's teaching at the forefront of all that they do. Our students take time in practicing to know the Lord and understand how to speak to God for guidance. We provide service to local and distant communities with several service projects throughout the year. OLR joins together in Mass as a faith community and experiences the presence of the Lord in the Eucharist. We have high academic standards and offer a great variety of ways for students to grow in their education within our rigorous curriculum. If you find in your heart that this is how you see your children or grandchildren growing in their education, schedule some time to tour OLR. It would be our pleasure to guide you through the opportunities that are available and tell you more about all that we have to offer at Our Lady of Refuge Catholic School! Contact us at 248-682-3422 or www.olr-school.net.



EVANGELICAL CHARITY

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At Our Lady of Refuge, we try to create a culture of life. There are many local pro-life organizations that need our help. Some of the organizations we support are pregnancy resource centers and homes for single pregnant moms. These organizations need both volunteers and monetary and physical item donations. As part of the Christmas giving tree, we provided funds to Abigayle Ministries and Mary's Children Family Center as well as baby formula.

During Lent, we will have a Lenten giving tree with items to be donated and given to the local pregnancy resource centers.

We currently pray to save baby's lives while in front of the abortion clinic in West Bloomfield on the first Saturday of the month starting at 10:00 a.m. If people are interested, more days and times to pray can be organized.

We also have fundraising activities to support Right to Life-LIFESPAN. In May, we have carnations for Mother's Day available after Masses and ask for donations. In June, we have candy bars for Father's Day after Masses and again ask for donations. During the month of November, we sell Christmas cards after Masses.



There are so many ways to help. Currently, we do not have a pro-life committee at OLR. If you are interested in being part of a committee, helping with the Lenten giving tree and/or finding more ways to help create a culture of life, please contact Julie Llewellyn at 248-842-6392 or julieQQQ@yahoo.com.

From April 24 - May 8, 2025 we will be displaying the Right to Life-LIFESPAN white crosses memorial, a traveling display of small white crosses to represent the deaths of unborn children killed by legal abortion every day in American and to bring awareness to this tragic loss of life. The Knights of Columbus will be installing the crosses. Please contact Oscar Mittelstaedt at oem0604@gmail.com if you would like to help.

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

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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



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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.

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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.

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