



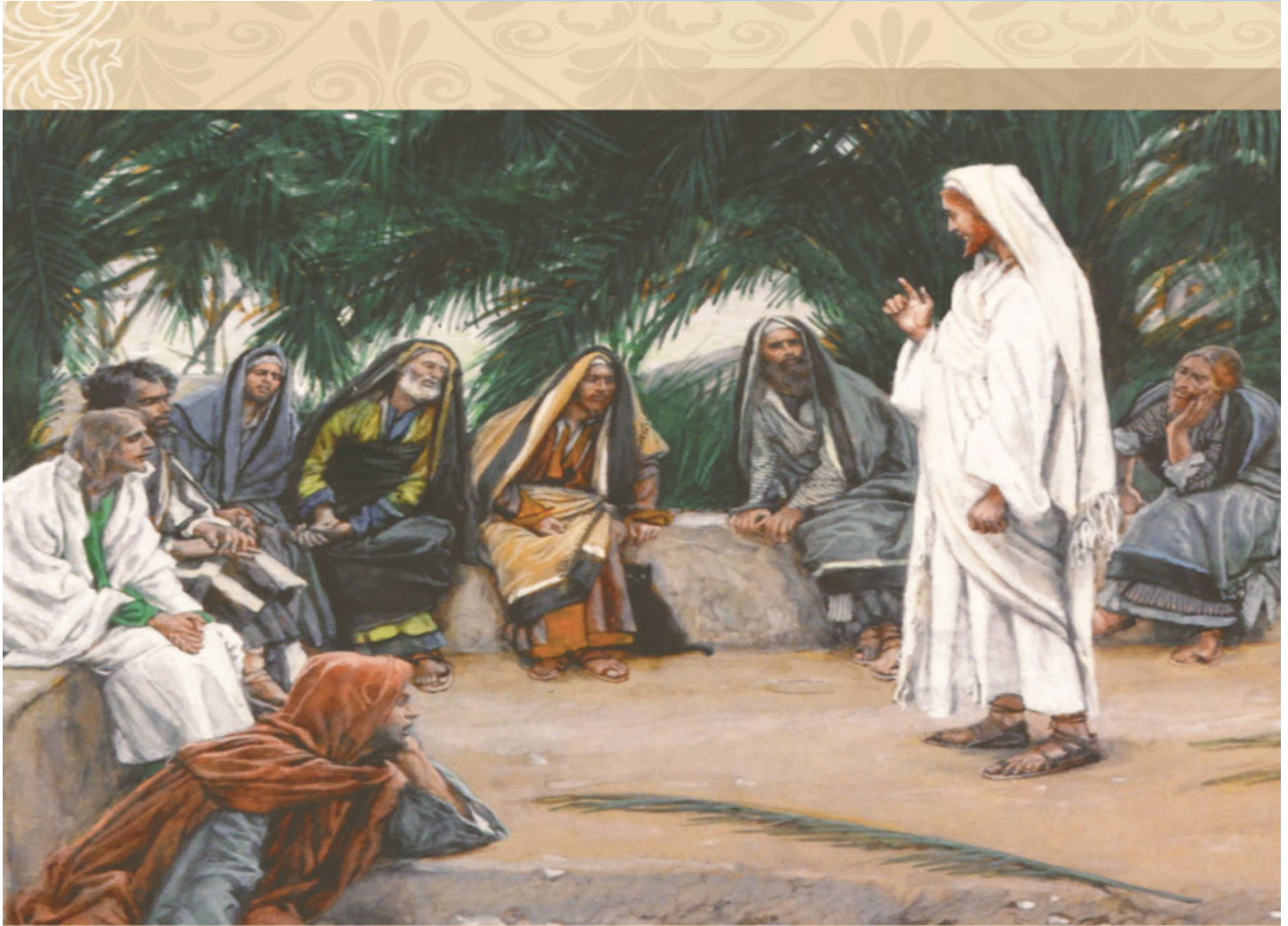
# OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 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.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude and insult you,  
and denounce your name as evil  
on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

# OUR LADY OF REFUGE

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

#### **Readings for the week of February 16, 2025**

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/  
Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/  
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

#### **Observances for the week of February 16, 2025**

Sunday : 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, **World Marriage Day in Our Parish**

Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order;  
Presidents' Day

Friday: St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### PRIEST SCHEDULE

**Mon 2/17: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)**

**Tue 2/18: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)**

**Wed 2/19: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)**

**Fri 2/21: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)**

**Sat 2/22: 5:00pm (Fr. Suresh)**

**Sun 2/23: 9:30am (Fr. Suresh)**  
**11:30am (Fr. Suresh)**

**Mon 2/24: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)**

**Tue 2/25: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)**

### CONFESSIONS:

**Saturday at 3:30pm**

### INTENTIONS

Monday 2/17 Judy LaFata (+) requested by Toni Laiber  
Kristen Fowler (Intentions) requested by the Fowler family

Tuesday 2/18 The Casab & Rueda brothers (+) requested by Juliet Najor

Wednesday 2/19 Thomas McGonagle requested by Monique Kopriva

Friday 2/21 Dr. Raul Meza (+) requested by Juliet Najor  
Martha Fowler (+) requested by the Fowler family

Saturday 2/22 Don & Amy Montgomery (+) requested by Celeste Montgomery  
Dorothy Dushane (+) requested by Leigh & Theresa Dushane

Sunday 2/23 (9:30) Helen & Nick Adams, Sr. (+) requested by Nick Suci, Jr.  
Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners

(11:30) Judy LaFata (+) requested by the Joseph LaFata family  
Katrina & Elias Kashat (+) requested by Hana Yono

Monday 2/24 Rose Jane Fowler (Intentions) requested by the Fowler family

Tuesday 2/25 Jim Sarb (+) requested by Connie Bayma

### LECTOR & SLIDE PROJECTION SCHEDULE

#### Saturday 2/22:

**Maggie McIsaac**  
**Corey McIsaac**  
**Jeff Ziegenfelder\***

#### Sunday 2/23:

**(9:30am)**

**Rudy Varela**  
**Lisa Blanck**  
**Amy Fountain\***

**(11:30am)**

**Pat Riney**  
**BJ Kroppe**  
**Pete Llewellyn\***

\*Slide Projection



# FR. SURESH, SAC

## MODERATOR OF THE FAMILY

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### World Marriage Day

Every Christian should live with a longing to meet Christ. This is why we were created. We are born with a desire to see the face of God. We know not the day nor the hour but we do know he will come. All our desires and all our hopes turn our eyes to the flame of all desires and the harbor of all hope, the Lord Jesus. The true nature of Christian faith is apocalyptic. We live our faith in the Messianic age that began when the Lord Jesus reigned over his kingdom hanging from the wood of the cross and will end when he comes again in glory to judge the living and the dead. This apocalyptic longing is weaved into our Eucharistic prayers. At the memorial acclamation we sing in these or similar words, "When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory." After praying the Our Father, the priest expresses the deep hope and desire of the Church when he prays, "In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."



This desire to meet the Lord transforms the nature of human love. Our faith in Jesus and our hope in meeting the Lord face to face lifts all human love to its true calling. It reveals the true beauty of love. That is why Pope Benedict tells us in his first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*, "Love looks to the eternal." (Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, n.6)

This week in the Church, we recognize the married love of the couple vowed together in the sacrament of matrimony. Marriage, as an authentic Christian calling, anticipates the love we hope to find in Christ. The man and woman vowed together in married love points us to the kingdom that is to come. It is a foretaste of the banquet, the eternal wedding feast, that will begin when the bridegroom comes at an hour we do not know. In this light, married love and celibate love are not opposites. They are complementary expressions of the love that looks to the eternal.

That is why world marriage day celebration makes the Church brim with joy as we celebrate the abundant faithful witness of so many Christian marriages. Your married love burns as a vigil lamp of faithful love until the faithful shepherd returns to give us the fullness of joy.

The gospel this evening, speaks about beatitudes or blessedness or happiness according to St. Luke. Married people know these demands. They have discovered the grace that responds with the heart of Christ.

The command to "be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" is not a call to technological perfection. Even most computer programs always have their bugs. We all have our flaws. The call of Christ is for that perfect love, the love that always looks to the eternal.

Those of you who have offered your marriage vows to the Church, your testimony gives us a glimmer of the glory to come. Be assured of our prayers. As Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians, "At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known." So today is not just for worrying about what is to come but dedicating ourselves to the common task Christ has given us, "Love one another as I have loved you." (Jn. 13.34)

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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!

**Contribution Statements**

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](mailto: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)**

**February 8 & 9, 2025**

**Offertory: \$5,744**

**Online Giving: \$4,932**

**Total: \$10,676**

**Weekly Budget: \$13,530**

**YTD Budgeted: \$446,490**

**YTD Actual: \$376,861**

**Under Budget: (\$69,629)**

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## CHOIR OPEN HOUSE

When: Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Time: 7:30 - 9:00PM

Where: Church

Who can attend: EVERYONE

Have you ever felt led by the Holy Spirit to join the choir?

Do you have a passion for singing?

Do you want to give back to the Lord with your gift of voice?

Are you called to deepen your worship?

IF YOUR ANSWER IS 'YES' TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS ABOVE, PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR CHOIR OPEN HOUSE THIS TUESDAY.







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*Jean and Jim Majercik - 75 years (+)*

*Betty and Ed Gignac - 73 years (+)*

*Myrtle and Bob Schmidt - 72 years (+)*

*Toni (Mary) and Bob Pesta - 69 years*

*Patricia and Gary Pfeffer - 69 years (+)*

*Trudy and Lud Koci - 68 years*

*Ruby and Robert Huhn - 66 years (+)*

*Vickie and Clayton Stumpf - 66 years*

*Kathy and Robert Pallisco - 66 years (+)*

*Sharron and Eloy Gonzalez - 65 years*

*Kathleen and Robert Pelkey - 65 years (+)*

*Judy and Bill Spicer - 65 years (+)*

*Mary and Nick Suci, Jr - 65 years (+)*

*Mary Ellen and Pat Doman - 64 years*

*Judy and Joe LaFata - 64 years (+)*

*Mary Margaret and Lou Bosco - 63 years*

*Betty and Richard McEndarffer - 63 years (+)*

*Jean and Dan Scanlan - 62 years*

*Sally and Ron Biskner - 61 years*

*Sue and Ray Bednark - 60 years*

*Josephine and Ed Cassar - 59 years (+)*

*Patricia and Thomas Durkee - 59 years*

*Amelia and Elias Escobedo - 59 years (+)*

*Anne and Tim Leahy - 59 years*

*Sally and Daniel Lossia - 58 years*

*Carol and Douglas McKune - 58 years*

*Mary Jo and Tom Wagener - 58 years (+)*

*Leanna and Bill Linski - 57 years*

*Virginia and Arnold Pacis - 57 years*

*Rose Ann and Marvin Pavlick - 57 years*

*Carmen and Richard Scofield - 57 years*

*Kathy and Rich Bartus - 56 years*

*Dianne and Bob Ziembowicz - 56 years*

*Linda and Steve Hayden - 55 years*

*Lily and Lalo Javier - 55 years*

*Latifa and Sami Poota - 54 years*

*Barbara and Charles Pelton - 53 years*

*Maria and Marian Mirowski - 51 years*

*Judy and Dennis Palazzolo - 51 years*

*Debbie and Dan Schneble - 51 years*

*Shirley and Bill Barksdale - 50 years*

*Linda and Gerald Simon - 50 years*

*Kathy and Ray Dodge - 49 years*

*Janet and Stan Urban - 49 years (+)*

*Eileen and Ron Eckstein - 47 years*

*Theresa and Leigh Dushane - 46 years*

*Katie and Dan O'Brien - 46 years*

*Valerie and Jim Whalen - 46 years*

*Cathy and Steve White - 46 years (+)*

*Dianne and Walt Kreucher - 45 years*

*Leslie and Tom Maier - 45 years*

*Christine and Pat Devine - 44 years*

*Shannon and Darrell Dickerson - 44 years*

*Gale and Ed Jolly - 44 years*

*Jan and Oscar Mittelstaedt - 44 years*

*Linda and Carl Godell - 43 years*

*Colleen and Greg Wymore - 43 years (+)*

*Mona and Riadh Atto - 42 years*

*Carolyn and Dave DiCiuccio - 42 years*

*Lisa Marie and Michael Blaneck - 40 years*

*Cathy and Tom Jusino - 40 years*

*Rich and Peggy Rettoff - 40 years*



## Celebrating Marriage



*Arby and Rick Ahern - 39 years*  
*Natalie and Berardo Capicchioni - 39 years*  
*Bronia and Joe Maiorano - 39 years (+)*  
*Susan and Mark Yaldo - 39 years*  
*Susan and Richard Acho - 38 years*  
*Lisa and Marty Brinkman - 38 years*  
*Madeline and Sukiwi Gunawan - 38 years*  
*Carol and Dennis Lesnau - 38 years*  
*Meghan and Greg Harris - 37 years*  
*Nancy and Mike Thibideau - 37 years*  
*Suzanne and Steve Barcewicz - 36 years*  
*Marilyn and Jim Schafer - 36 years*  
*Cheryl and Eric Biallas - 35 years*  
*Lenore and Joel Vansant - 35 years*  
*Leeann and Dan Whalen - 35 years*  
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*Karen and Claude Semaan - 34 years*  
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*Donna and Tony Meyer - 31 years*

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*Iklas and Maher Bashi - 29 years*  
*Adora and Kenny Ibrahim - 28 years*  
*Kathy and Tony Trask - 28 years*  
*Carol and Paul Bishop - 27 years*  
*Agnieszka and Andrzej Mendela - 27 years*  
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*Corey and Brian McIsaac - 24 years*  
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*Stephanie and Pat Riney - 22 years*  
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*Jeanine and George Karam - 19 years*  
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*Gina and James Theisen - 18 years*  
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*Linda and Al Zara - 15 years*  
*Samantha and Richard Dalimonte - 15 years*  
*Shauna and James Hitchcock - 13 years*  
*Danielle and Matthew Sheils - 13 years*  
*Julie and Greg Zawalski - 13 years*  
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*Stephanie and Mike Gordon - 11 years*  
*Grace and Joe Samaan - 9 years*  
*Dana and Tim Williams - 8 years*  
*Mary and Vincent Barrett - 7 year*

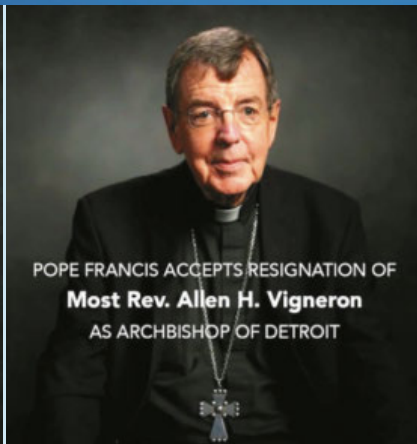
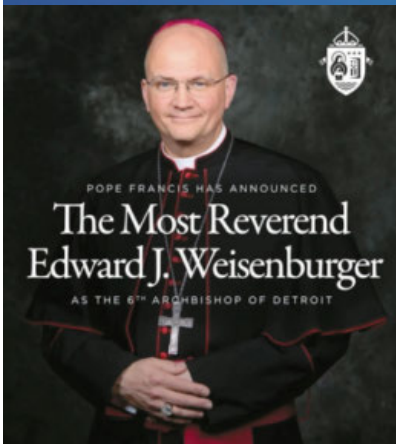


# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Tuesday morning, we received some exciting news! It was announced that Pope Francis appointed Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, currently Bishop of the Diocese of Tucson, as the sixth Archbishop of Detroit. The archbishop-elect succeeds Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, who has served the archdiocese since 2009. There was a press conference at 10:00 a.m., which was recorded and is available on the aod.org website.

"The Archdiocese of Detroit is a Church steeped in rich history, vibrant ministries, and known for a committed clergy with a great passion for evangelization. I am humbled to be called to serve such a noble Church. Despite the challenge of leaving my happy home in the Diocese of Tucson, I promise the good people of the Archdiocese of Detroit my all," Archbishop-elect Weisenburger said.

Archbishop-elect Weisenburger will succeed current Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, 76, whose resignation was accepted by the pope. Diocesan bishops are required by canon law to offer their resignation upon the age of 75, which Archbishop Vigneron did on Oct. 21, 2023. Archbishop Vigneron was born in Mount Clemens, Michigan and, most notably, led the Archdiocese of Detroit through Synod 16, which resulted in his letter, *Unleash the Gospel*.

The new archbishop will be installed during a 2 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament on March 18. In addition, at 5:30 p.m. on March 17, he will lead Vespers (evening prayer) at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

Along with this news, I want to highlight an opportunity for the married couples in our parish.

Transform your ordinary marriage and family into the extraordinary.

At the wedding feast at Cana, Jesus commanded that the stone jars be filled with water. When the servants drew out the water at His command, they found that it had become wine.

Just as at the beginning of His public ministry, Jesus commands us to fill our own jars with water, to fill our hearts and homes with meager offerings this Lenten season. And in turn, He will turn those things into the richest of wines.

This Lent and Easter, why not walk on the path of holiness that God has laid out for us? Join Cana90 today for free emails delivered daily or weekly, including a startup worksheet to do with your spouse to decide on your goals, meditations, and fun family activities for the weekend to get your kids involved. <https://messyfamilyproject.org/programs/cana90/>



# OUR LADY OF REFUGE

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Attention

We are excited to enhance our liturgical environment with fresh cut flowers each week-end. 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.

### 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#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d49a8ab2baaf58-angels#/)



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1. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
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4. Check that email address for a link to start.

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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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 Michelle Culliver-Army  
 Nora Dinverno-Army  
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 Nicholas Harbaugh-Marines  
 Joshua Hartley-Air Force  
 Shane Kelly—Air Force  
 Liam Lynch-Army  
 Gunnar Ottman-National Guard



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



## Please Help!

Many in our care need extra warmth this winter!

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- Food Pantry Manager:
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  - Schedule Food Packers
  - Oversee Execution of Holiday Meal Events
- Food packers (2-3 hours per week)
- Clothes Closet (2-3 hour per week)

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About the Instructor: Fr. Brian Meldrum, STL, STD, teaches scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, where he also serves as the director of graduate pastoral formation and director of liturgy.

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