



# OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

**Today is Palm Sunday** **April 13, 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.



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"Blessed is the king who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven  
and glory in the highest."  
- Lk 19:38

**Parish Office will be closed Good Friday & Easter Monday 4/18 & 4/21/2025**

# OUR LADY OF REFUGE

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

#### **Readings for the week of April 13, 2025**

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a) / Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/ Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/ Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11(1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/ Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ Is 55:1-11/ Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 2—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

#### **Observances for the week of April 13, 2025**

Sunday : Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Thursday: Holy Thursday Friday: Good Friday

Saturday: Holy Saturday Next Sunday: Easter Sunday

### INTENTIONS

Monday 4/14 Sophie Barcewicz (+) requested by the parish family  
In thanksgiving for blessings received requested by Lalo & Lily Javier

Tuesday 4/15 Dorothy & Jack Najor (+) requested by Juliet Najor  
Emilio & Theresa Cabanilla (Intentions) requested by the Javier family

Wednesday 4/16 Joe & Louise Majercik (+) requested by the Majercik family  
Denise Dushane (+) requested by Leigh & Theresa Dushane

Thursday 4/17 Mary Hughes (+) requested by Leigh & Theresa Dushane

Saturday 4/19 Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners

Sunday 4/20 (9:30) Mary Helen Suci (+) requested by Nick Suci Jr.  
Dorothy Dushane (+) requested by Leigh & Theresa Dushane

(11:30) Patti McGrath (Intentions) requested by the Majercik family  
Thomas R. Wagener (+) requested by the Wagener family

Tuesday 4/22 J. Roy Fowler (+) requested by the Fowler family

### PRIEST SCHEDULE

Mon 4/14 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

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

Wed 4/16: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Thurs 4/17: 7:30pm (Fr. Suresh)  
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri 4/18: 1:00pm (Fr. Suresh)  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
Followed by Stations

Sat 4/19: 8:00pm (Fr. Suresh)

Sun 4/20: 9:30am (Fr. Suresh)  
11:30am (Fr. Suresh)

Mon 4/21: NO MASS

Tue 4/22: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 3:30pm

### LECTOR & SLIDE PROJECTION SCHEDULE

#### Holy Thursday 4/17

Corey McIsaac  
Maggie McIsaac  
Jeff Ziegenfelder\*

#### Good Friday 4/13

Jim Whalen  
Suzanne Barcewicz  
Dan Schneble\*

#### Easter Vigil 4/19

Tadd Klimmek  
Shannon Klimmek  
Suzanne Barcewicz  
Alex Cintron  
Pat Riney  
Steph Riney\*

#### Easter Sunday 4/20

(9:30am)  
Chrissy Forester  
John Zubalik  
Jeff Ziegenfelder\*

(11:30am)  
Lisa Marie Blanek  
Alex Cintron  
Pete Llewellyn\*

\*Slide Projection

# FR. SURESH, SAC

## MODERATOR OF THE FAMILY

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#### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

The Church celebrates this sixth Sunday of Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. This is the time of year when we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem, and the drama of the trial, culminating in the crucifixion, death, and burial of Christ.

Today's first reading, the third of Isaiah's four Servant Songs, like the other three, foreshadows Jesus' own life and mission. The Refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22), "My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?" plunges us into the heart of Christ's Passion. The Second Reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Philippians, is an ancient Christian hymn representing a very early Christian understanding of who Jesus is, and of how his mission saves us from sin and death. The first part of today's Gospel describes the royal reception Jesus received from his admirers, who paraded with him for a distance of the two miles between the Mount of Olives and the city of Jerusalem. In the second part of today's Gospel, we listen to/participate in a reading of the Passion of Christ according to Luke. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the Passion story – like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Herod who ridiculed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience as he condemned Jesus to death on the cross, and the leaders of the people who preserved their position by getting rid of Jesus.

Life messages: We need to answer 6 questions today: 1) Does Jesus weep over my sinful soul as he wept over Jerusalem at the beginning of his Palm Sunday procession? 2) Am I a barren fig tree? God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Do I? Or worse, do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy, and selfishness? 3) Will Jesus need to cleanse my heart with his whip? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of the Holy Spirit (which I have become), by my addiction to uncharitable, unjust, impure thoughts, words, and deeds; nor does Jesus praise my business mentality or calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with God, my Heavenly Father. 4) Do I welcome Jesus into my heart? Am I ready to surrender my life to him during this Holy Week and welcome him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Savior? Let us remember that we are all sinners who have crucified Jesus by our sins, but we are still able to turn to Jesus again to ask for pardon and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is through the Passion of Jesus that we receive forgiveness: "with His stripes we are healed." (Is 53:5). 5) Are we like the humble donkey that carried Jesus, bringing Jesus' universal love, unconditional forgiveness, and sacrificial service to our families, schools, places of work, and communities by the way we live our lives? 6) Do we reread our own story in the characters in Jesus' passion story as well? What about Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, the Apostles who fled for their lives, Pilate who betrayed his conscience, the High Priests who abused his position, the guards and soldiers who inflicted unbearable pain on Jesus, and/or the people who welcomed Jesus on Palm Sunday and then betrayed him during his trial? (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 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!

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Please ensure that all payments toward the 2024 CSA are completed by **April 30, 2025**. Thank you again for your generous contributions!

**OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

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

**April 5 & 6, 2025**

**Offertory: \$8,298**

**Online Giving: \$5,132**

**Total: \$13,430**

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

**YTD Budgeted: \$554,730**

**YTD Actual: \$460,338**


**Under Budget: (\$94,392)**

# WORSHIP

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


**Born to Eternal Life**  
**March 22, 2025**  
**Sophie Barcewicz**

Loving aunt of Cheryl Barcewicz,  
Steve Barcewicz, Janet Stum, & Carolyn Hjelle

**Her Funeral Mass was held on Friday, April 11th**

**Mass Celebrated by: Rev. Suresh Rajaian, SAC**

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



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

**Born to Eternal Life**  
**April 6, 2025**  
**Elizabeth “Betty” Jean Law**

Loving mother of Karen Wiltsie, Kenneth Law Jr.,  
Mary Baumgarten, Deanna Williams, Gregory Law,  
Suzanne Law & Cheryl Sawicki

**Her Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, April 10th**

**Mass Celebrated by: Rev. Fred Kalaj**

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

## Lenten Resources

### Reconciliation

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. @ St. Fabian


### Holy Week at Our Lady of Refuge

**Holy Thursday**— April 17th: Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:30 p.m. followed immediately by Adoration in the Social Hall until midnight

**Good Friday**—April 18th: Silent prayer @ noon, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion @ 1:00 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday**—April 19th: Blessing of the Food Baskets in the Church @11:00 a.m.  
Easter Vigil @ 8:00 p.m. (No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

**Easter Sunday**—April 21st: Masses at 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.



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

**Born to Eternal Life**  
**April 5, 2025**  
**Maureen Golab**

Loving husband of Michael Golab  
Loving mother of Douglas & Maggie

**Her Funeral was held on Thursday, April 10th  
at Lynch & Sons**

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



# LITURGICAL MUSIC

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## Psalm 22

*R: My God, My God, Why Have You Abandoned Me*

Psalm 22 is a profound expression of human suffering and unshakable faith in God. It opens with a cry of desolation: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" This raw plea captures the psalmist's deep anguish, reflecting a feeling of distance from God during a time of overwhelming hardship.

The imagery throughout is vivid and haunting, painting a picture of profound physical and emotional pain. The psalmist describes being mocked and surrounded by enemies, with hands and feet pierced, bones exposed, and garments divided. For Christians, these words resonate as a foretelling of Jesus' crucifixion, weaving the psalm into the fabric of redemption.

Despite the depth of suffering, the psalm does not linger in despair. The psalmist calls out to God for help, displaying a deep trust in His presence and aid: "But you, O LORD, be not far from me." This plea reveals the psalmist's faith, even in the face of seeming abandonment.

A turning point occurs as the psalmist resolves to praise God and proclaim His name to others. The call for the descendants of Israel to revere the Lord reflects a belief in God's enduring faithfulness. The psalm ends on a note of hope, affirming that God listens to those who seek Him and delivers them. Psalm 22 reminds us that it is okay to bring our pain and questions to God, trusting that He hears us even in our darkest moments. It is a psalm of lament, yes, but also one of unwavering faith—a testament to the assurance that God's love and salvation prevail over all suffering.

### 01.

All who see me scoff at me;  
they mock me with parted lips,  
they wag their heads: "He relied on the  
LORD; let him deliver him,  
let him rescue him, if he loves him!"

### 02.

Indeed, many dogs surround me,  
a pack of evildoers closes in upon me;  
they have pierced my hands and my  
feet;  
I can count all my bones.

### 03.

They divide my garments among them,  
and for my vesture they cast lots.  
But you, O LORD, be not far from me;  
O my help, hasten to aid me.

### 04.

I will proclaim your name to my  
brethren;  
in the midst of the assembly I will  
praise you;  
"You who fear the LORD, praise him;  
all you descendants of Jacob,  
give glory to him!  
revere him, all you descendants of  
Israel!"

# EVANGELICAL CHARITY

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## LENTEN GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to Another Way Pregnancy Center and the Wee Care Outreach Program. These programs are dedicated to saving the lives of unborn babies at risk of abortion by supporting women and men facing unplanned or difficult pregnancies. They also provide material assistance to women and their babies when other organizations or public agencies cannot meet their needs.



Thanks to your generosity, we were able to collect over 250 items, including baby blankets, towels, clothing, diapers, wipes, lotion, formula, baby food, high chairs, tubs, swings, and pack 'n plays.

Special thanks to Julie Llewellyn for organizing the collection and delivering items each week to the pregnancy centers. Thank you Matthew Barrett, Val Whalen, and Lisa Marie Blaneck for taking a large delivery of gifts to the centers. Thank you to Jan Mittelstaedt, Marilyn Schafer and Karen Seeman for the beautiful Lenten Giving Tree. The donations were greatly appreciated. Below is a picture of the room within Another Way Pregnancy Center where our donations will be located for mothers to select what they need for their babies.

## RICE BOWLS

Please return your Rice Bowls by April 20. Baskets will be available in the Narthex during the Easter Masses to collect them. Thank you for your continued support of those in need—both in our neighborhood and beyond. We hope that participating in the Rice Bowl program has been a meaningful part of your Lenten journey.



## RIGHT-TO-LIFE LIFE SPAN WHITE CROSSES

From April 24-May 8, Our Lady of Refuge will be displaying white crosses in front of the church, to represent the lives of babies lost through abortion. We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus for taking on this project. Please consider helping with the work of installing and removing the crosses, which first have to be assembled and staked into the ground. Please contact Oscar Mittelstaedt at oem0604@gmail.com or contact Joellen Shortley at 248-682-4099 for more information.





# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## NIGHT OF JOY

Franciscan University of Steubenville Conferences

The Resurrection changes everything. Christ has conquered death, and because of him, we are filled with an unshakable joy—a joy that cannot be taken away.

Join FUS for Night of Joy, a free live-streamed event where we will celebrate the power of the Resurrection together. Through uplifting talks, powerful worship, and moments of prayer, you'll be reminded the victory of Easter is not just a moment—it's a way of life.



### Featuring Inspiring Speakers:

Father Dave Pivonka, TOR—President of Franciscan University, who will guide us into deeper joy in Christ.

Deacon Bob Rice—Speaker, musician, and professor, who will share how the Resurrection transforms our daily lives.

### Event Details:

When: Thursday, April 24, 2025 | 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. Eastern

Where: Online (Join from anywhere!)

Cost: Free!

### **Experience the Joy of the Resurrection**

No matter where you are in your faith journey, joy is meant for you. This night is a chance to re-focus, rejoice, and be reminded of the good news—Christ is alive, and he is with us!

## **Archdiocese Parent Survey**

On behalf of researchers at Madonna University and Wayne State University, and in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Detroit Department of Catholic Schools, I encourage you to participate in the survey study described below:

Dear Parents,

In collaboration with the Archdiocese of Detroit Department of Catholic Schools, researchers at Madonna University and Wayne State University are conducting a study of families' education preferences and school choice options. Please complete a short survey (~10 min) regarding your preferences for school characteristics and influences on school choice decisions. No personally identifiable data will be collected, and all data will be stored securely on an encrypted server. Only aggregated data will be shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit and in public reporting.





# OUR LADY OF REFUGE

## NEWS AND EVENTS



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**APRIL 18 - 26 / 3:00 PM**  
**NINE DAYS OF PRAYER**  
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The novena will conclude with a  
*Holy Hour of Adoration*  
on Divine Mercy Sunday  
**APRIL 27 - 3:00 PM**

CELEBRATE WITH US  
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**APRIL 30 - 7:00 PM**

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### St. Benedict's Spring Luncheon and Card Party

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Please join the  
Our Lady of Refuge family  
in celebrating the Ordination of  
Daniel Whalen  
to Transitional Deacon

Saturday April 12  
5pm Mass  
Dinner reception will follow

Daniel is a graduate of Our Lady of  
Refuge School and St. Mary Prep

### Join Us



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



Pray for the  
men and wom-  
en who serve in  
our Armed  
Forces

“Dear Lord Je-  
sus and Mary,  
Mother of God,  
hold all these  
brave souls in  
the palm of your  
hand; comfort  
them and their  
families. Send  
angels of protec-  
tion, love and  
comfort to all  
the service men  
and women still  
at war, bring  
them home safe-  
ly and comfort  
their families.  
We ask this  
through Christ  
Our Lord,  
Amen.”



### The First Millenium Saint

Carlo Acutis was born on May 3, 1991, in London, to Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano. From a young age, Carlo displayed a profound love for God and the Church that inspired his parents. One of Carlo's most significant contributions to the Church was the creation of both a portable exhibition and a related website cataloging Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He was able to catalog 187 Eucharistic miracles during a period of two-and-a-half years.

Carlo died of leukemia on October 12, 2006, at the age of 15 in Monza, Italy. On Sunday, April 27, 2025 Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

Join us the weekend of April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall for a display of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World which Carlo was so instrumental in putting together.

Rev. P. Nowak-Army (Chaplain)  
Clare Bizer-Coast Guard  
Eugene Bizer-Coast Guard  
Christopher Bowman-Coast Guard  
Daniel Culbertson-Navy  
Michelle Culliver-Army  
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