

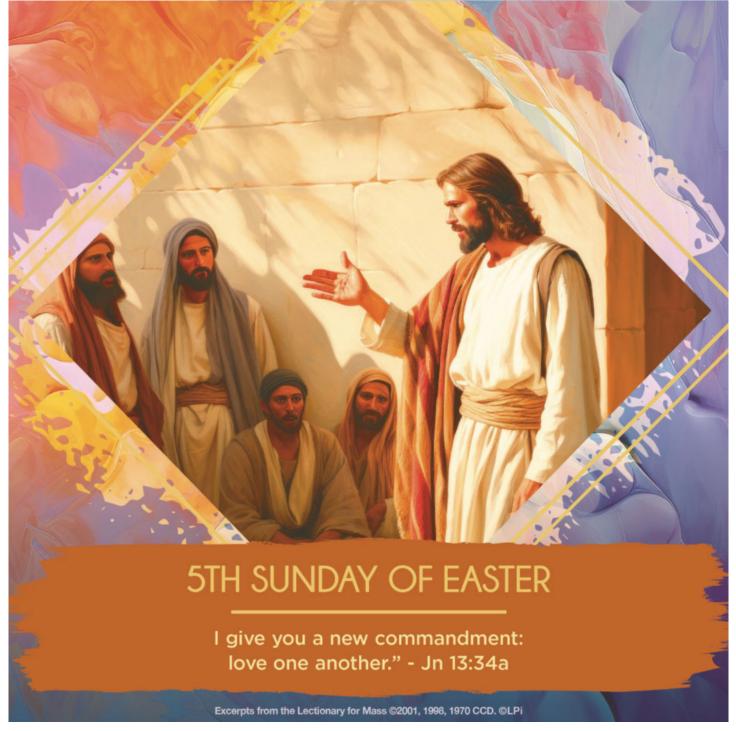
OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 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 May 18, 2025

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/

Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14,

22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Observances for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Wednesday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions,

Martyrs

Thursday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday of Easter

PRIEST SCHEDULE

Mon 5/19: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tue 5/20: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Wed 5/21: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Fri 5/23: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Sat 5/24: 5:00pm (Fr. Suresh)

Sun 5/25: 9:30am (Fr. Suresh)

11:30am (Fr. Suresh)

Mon 5/26: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tue 5/27: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 3:30pm

INTENTIONS

Monday 5/19 Linda Larek (+) requested by the McKune family

Hana Shina (Intentions) requested by Juliet Najor

Tuesday 5/20 Richard Herberholz (+) requested by the parish

family

Wednesday 5/21 Rebekah Birch (Intentions) requested by her family

Friday 5/23 Maureen Klein (+) requested by the parish family

Saturday 5/24 Fawzi Shaya (+) requested by the Shaya family

Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners

Sunday 5/25 (9:30) Aproniana Munar (+) requested by Ana

Armbruster

Jim Majercik (+) requested by Jean Majercik

(11:30) Shelly Stawicki (Intentions) requested by the

Majercik family

Judy LaFata (+) requested by the LaFata family

Monday 5/26 Thomas R. Wagener (+) requested by the Wagener

family

Tuesday 5/27 Jack & Richie Najor (Intentions) requested by

Juliet Najor

LECTOR & SLIDE PROJECTION SCHEDULE

Saturday 5/24

Kevin Duff Elias Escobedo Jeff Ziegenfelder*

Sunday 5/25

(9:30am)

John Zubalik Bob Harper Suzanne Barcewicz*

(11:30am)

Peggy Gantz Susan Wardle Al Zara*

*Slide Projection

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Today's readings are about renewal and new things: *The New Jerusalem*, a *new Heaven* with a *new earth*, and a *new commandment*.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, describes how the small Christian communities helped the work of renewal in their members by their $ag\acute{a}pe$ love, imitating the $ag\acute{a}pe$ love of Paul and Barnabas. The second reading, from the Book of Revelation, explains how God renews His Church, the New Jerusalem, by being present in her members, in their parish communities, and in their liturgical celebrations. "See, I am making all things new."

Today's Gospel passage gives us the secret of Christian renewal as the faithful practice of Jesus' new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:35). Jesus has added a new element to the Old Testament command of love by teaching us that the true test of discipleship is to love other people in the same way that he has loved us, with sacrificial, selfless, self-giving and unconditional, agápe love. Hence, the renewal of Christian life means a radical change of vision and a reordering of our priorities in life. Such a renewal brings us to embrace new attitudes, new values, and new standards of relating to God, to other people and, indeed, to our whole environment.

Life messages: 1) Let us learn to love ourselves so that we may learn to love each other. The old commandment says: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Lv 19:1-2, 9-18). We cannot learn to cherish others and care for them if we have never learned to do the same for ourselves. We live in a world that denies our basic human worth. How do we reclaim our basic worth? We can become whole, and holy, only when we learn to love ourselves properly, acknowledging the fact that we are children of God and that the Triune God resides in our souls, making our body the "temple of the Holy Spirit."

- 2) Let us love others in our daily lives: We are asked to love as Jesus loved, in the ordinary course of our lives. We love others by responding to their everyday needs with love and compassion. We love others by comforting and protecting those who have experienced loss. We love others by serving others in every possible way, no matter how small, seeing the face of Jesus in each of them. We love others by forgiving rather than condemning, and by challenging rather than condoning. Finally, we love others by sacrificially sharing our time, talents, and blessings with them.
- 3) Let us demonstrate our love for others in our gatherings and parish assemblies: When we are assembled as a religious or social community, we have an opportunity to demonstrate our love for one another. People must see Christians as people who interact with a love and concern for one another that reveals their strong love and appreciation for each other. They should see in us a quickness to appreciate and a readiness to forgive, even as Christ has forgiven us. (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 funer-

als.

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

May 10 & 11, 2025

Offertory: \$5,528

Online Giving: \$2,863

Total: \$8,391

YTD Budgeted: \$668,920

YTD Actual: \$587,004

Under Budget: (\$81,917)

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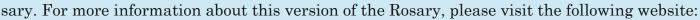
What is the Patriotic Rosary?

The Patriotic Rosary was written by a member of the Caritas Community in Alabama. It dedicates each Hail Mary of the traditional Catholic Rosary to one of the 50 states, asking for God's protection and guidance for the nation.

We begin the Rosary with the traditional prayers with intentions for the following:

> Come Holy Spirit For the Conversion of our Nation's Capital The Apostle's Creed For the Holy Father Our Father For Bishops, Priests, Religious Three Hail Mary's For the Conversion of our Country Glory Be

Please join us on the morning of Memorial Day for the 9:00 AM Mass, followed immediately by the Patriotic Ro-





EVANGELICAL CHARITY

JOELLEN SHORTLEY, OFS 248-682-4099 ECC@OLORCC.ORG

In this beautiful month of May, we honor the Blessed Mother, our own mothers, and one of our Christian Service Commission members who tirelessly promotes the gift of life.

We deeply appreciate the work of Julie Llewellyn in promoting pro-life activities within our parish. Julie organized the Mother's Day carnations distributed after Masses last weekend. These flowers were a small token of appreciation for our mothers who gave us life. All donations received will be given to Right to Life-Lifespan to support their important pro-life efforts.

Julie prepares for the Mother's Day carnation distribution throughout the year—cutting ribbons for the tags while watching TV or during long car rides on vacation. Her dedication is unwavering. In addition to this One of the deliveries to Wee Care Pregnancy Center



project, Julie also participates in monthly prayer outside an abortion center, helps nearly every week in our food pantry, and volunteers with Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac.

We are truly grateful for all that Julie does. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the team who assisted with the carnation distribution: Teresa Roose, Liz Oras, Jane Hart, Karen Semaan, Jan Mittelstaedt, Marilyn and Jim Schafer, Stephanie Riney, and Leeann and Dan Whalen.

Julie also worked tirelessly on our Lenten Giving Tree. Through this initiative, we collected hundreds of baby essentials for new mothers supported by Wee Care and Another Way Pregnancy Center. Below is the text of a thank-you note we received from Another Way:

Dear Friends at Our Lady of Refuge,

Thank you for your amazing donation of baby items. Your generosity is truly appreciated. It is dedicated supporters like you who help AWPC grow and serve more people every year. Thank you again and may God Bless you.

Your AWPC Friends

PANTRY NEEDS

The food pantry at Our Lady of Refuge is open every Wednesday to assist individuals and families facing hardship. We invite you to help by donating any of the essential items listed. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Every contribution, big or small, helps us continue this vital mission of compassion and care. Thank you for your continued support.

CARE ITEMS

Laundry Pods Boxes of Tissues All Purpose Cleaner Toilet Bowl Cleaner Shampoo Conditioner Women's Deodorant Men's Body Wash Men's & Women's Razors

URGENT FOOD ITEMS

Cereal (no Cheerios) Beans—Baked & Garbanzo Tuna Pasta Sauce Mixed Vegetables & Peas Jelly Canned Fruit & Canned Corn Large Cans of Hearty Soup Macaroni & Cheese Cans of Ravioli & Spaghetti Cans of Stew Ketchup

LITURGICAL MUSIC

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Psalm 145



RESPONSE:

I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

Verse 1

The LORD is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. How good is the LORD to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

Verse 2

All your works shall thank you, O LORD, and all your faithful ones bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your reign, and declare your mighty deeds.

Verse 3

To make known your might to the children of men, and the glorious splendor of your reign.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your rule endures for all generations.

Psalm 145 was written by King David. It is one of the many psalms attributed to him in the Book of Psalms.

This particular psalm is notable for being an acrostic poem in Hebrew—each verse begins with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet (with one letter, nun, traditionally missing in some manuscripts). It is also the only psalm with the title "A psalm of praise of David", highlighting its focus on pure worship and adoration of God.

During the beautiful month of May, a time traditionally dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is customary to sing Marian hymns as a heartfelt tribute to our spiritual Mother, expressing our love and devotion.

Latin

Regina caeli laetare, alleluia. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia, Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia: Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

English

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For he, whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

> Has risen as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

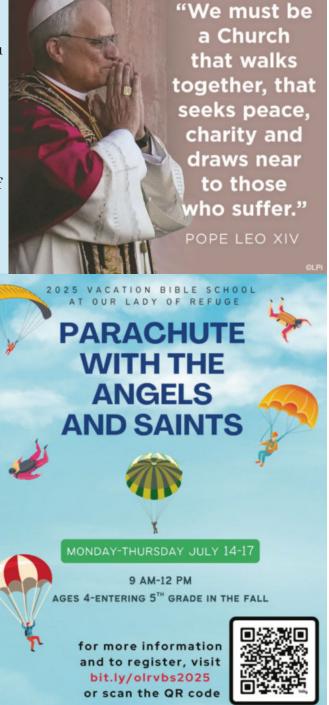
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I know I'm a little behind the times on this, but habemus papam! You may have noticed the celebratory white and yellow cloth at the entrance of the church. Pope Leo XIV was elected on May 8th, after only four votes in the conclave. I'm sure many of you have learned much about him already, including the fact that he was born in America. Maybe this will calm the Detroit-Chicago rivalry a little bit, we'll have to wait and see. Before he was elected pope. Leo XIV was the head of the Augustinian order and served as bishop of a diocese in Peru for many years before working in the Vatican since 2023 as leader of the office that oversees all the bishops of the world. There is reasonable speculation, in my opinion, that his role in this office gave him contact with a lot of his fellow Cardinal-electors in the conclave, which helped him be elected as pope.

Pope Leo XIII is an important historical figure in the Church, having written an encyclical - a letter to people all over the world - titled Rerum Novarum, or New Things in English; in the midst of the Industrial Revolution, Leo XIII wrote about the dignity of work and the rights of workers. These themes would be repeated by future popes and developed into what we now call Catholic Social Teaching. Seeing as we are in the midst of a technological or digital revolution, there is hope that Leo XIV will address the societal changes we are experiencing from the Church's perspective, focusing on the dignity of the human person.

Pope Leo the Great (the first Leo) is also important, having convinced Atilla the Hun to stop his invasion of Italy in 452 AD. Details are sparse, but historical records are united in reporting that Leo and Atilla did meet outside of Rome, after which Atilla retreated across the Danube.



OUR LADY OF REFUGE NEWS AND EVENTS

Attention

We are excited to enhance our liturgical environment with freshcut flowers each weekend and invite you to contribute \$50.00 or donate a bouquet of fresh flowers in memory of a loved one. Your generosity will be acknowledged in the bulletin with a note recognizing the person you are honoring.



To participate, please complete the form available on the shelf in the gathering space. Then, place the form in an envelope and either drop it in the collection basket or deliver it to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your consideration and support.





The Knights of Columbus are hosting a baby bottle drive to benefit Mary's Mantle!

Here's how it works:

- · Pick up a bottle in the gathering space the first weekend in May and fill it with coins, cash or a check made out to Mary's Mantle.
- · Pray for expecting parents that they choose life for their child. (Bonus: learn about pregnancy resources in our area.)
- · Return the bottle on the weekend of May 31/June 1.



Thank You for your generosity

Flowers for the week of May 18th have been graciously donated by Stephanie Le & family in loving memory of Khang Tran







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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."

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
Shane Kelly-Air Force
Harrison Lamar-Navy
Liam Lynch-Army
Gunnar Ottman-National Guard



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

Let There Be Light!

Dear Parishioners,

As many of you have noticed, the lighting in our worship space has been less than ideal—some lights are too bright, some are not working at all, and others flicker, causing discomfort. We are aware of these issues and have consulted with a lighting company to find a solution that won't break the bank.



The good news is we've received a proposal for new light fixtures that will fit into our existing fixtures, provide better fitted lights, and eliminate the harsh glare. We have 92 fixtures that need to be updated. The total cost for materials is \$1,259, with labor at \$5,520, bringing the entire project to \$6,779 – that's \$74 per light, including labor.

We're grateful to share that a generous parishioner has already donated \$1,200 toward this project (thank you, anonymous benefactor!). Now, we're reaching out to see if you'd be willing to help us improve our sanctuary by "buying a light." Donations can be mailed to the parish office or placed in the Offertory basket with a memo that reads: "Buy a Light."

We're so thankful for your ongoing support and generosity. May God bless you for your kindness!

With gratitude,

Eva Ashor, Business Manager

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Candidate must possess an understanding of and respect for the Catholic faith and the pro-life position; be outgoing, organized, reliable and proactive; and maintain a professional, prayerful, and positive attitude.

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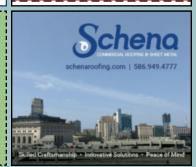
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