

OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:22-23

Parish Office summer hours will begin on Monday, June 6, 2025: Monday – Thursday 9:00-3:00 and Friday 9:00-1:00.

OUR LADY OF REFUGE MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of June 8, 2025

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or

JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day*: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or

Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/

Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/

Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/

Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Mt 5:27-32 Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 5:33-37 Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Observances for the week of June 8, 2025

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Wednesday: St. Barnabas, Apostle

Friday: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day

PRIEST SCHEDULE

Mon 6/9: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tue 6/10: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Wed 6/11: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Fri 6/13: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Sat 6/14: 5:00pm (Fr. Suresh)

Sun 6/15: 9:30am (Fr. Suresh)

11:30am (Fr. Suresh)

Mon 6/16: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Tue 6/17: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 3:30pm

INTENTIONS

Monday 6/9 Gary Devine (Intentions) requested by the Devine

family

Tuesday 6/10 Mary Currell (+) requested by John Currell

Fr. Len Obloy (Ordination Anniversary) requested by

the Fowler family

Wednesday 6/11 Alfred & Agnes Kretschman (+) requested by the

Majercik family

Richard Najor (+) requested by Juliet Najor

Friday 6/13 Kathy Beadoin (+) requested by Juliet Najor

Mary Ann Scott (Intentions) Happy Birthday

Saturday 6/14 Joe Panian (+) requested by Dar Panian

Joseph Hughes (+) requested by Leigh & Theresa

Dushane

Sunday 6/15 (9:30) Bob Pelkey (+) requested by his family

Patricia McKay (+) requested by Marylou Janiga

(11:30) Thomas R. Wagener (+) requested by the Wagener

family

Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners

Monday 6/16 Don Bosco (+) requested by the Bosco family

Tuesday 6/17 Israel Jaramillo (Intentions) requested by Tony &

Lize Kreucher

LECTOR & SLIDE PROJECTION SCHEDULE

Saturday 6/14

Lucy Young Paula Thibedau Amy Fountain*

Sunday 6/15

(9:30am)

Grace Klimmek Shannon Klimmek Steph Riney*

(11:30am)

Connie Ayar Elizabeth Ayar Jon Neef*

*Slide Projection

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

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost literally means 50th. It is a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the Passover feast by the Jews and a feast celebrated on the 50th day after the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus by Christians. The Jewish Pentecost was originally a post-harvest thanksgiving feast. Later, the Jews included in it the remembrance of God's Covenants with Noah after the Deluge and with Moses at Mt. Sinai.

The event: On the day of Pentecost: 1) The Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary as tongues of fire. 2) The frightened apostles were transformed into fiery preachers and evangelizers and were given the gift of tongues by a special anointing of the Holy Spirit. 3) The listeners experienced a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit through the apostles' gift of tongues: they heard Peter speaking in their native languages. 4) The early Christians became powerful witnesses and brave martyrs for their Faith in Jesus.

The role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life: 1) As an indwelling God, the Holy Spirit makes us His Living Temples (I Cor 3:16). 2) As a



strengthening God, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ by our transparent Christian lives. 3) As a sanctifying God, He makes us holy through the Sacraments: a) Through Baptism He makes us children of God and heirs of Heaven. b) Through Confirmation, He makes us temples of God, warriors, and defenders of the Faith. c) Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, He enables us to be reconciled with God by pardoning our sins. d) Through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, He gives us spiritual nourishment by changing bread and wine into Jesus' Body, Blood Soul, and Divinity, through Epiclesis. e) Through the Sacraments of the priesthood (Ordination) and matrimony (Marriage), He makes the Church community holy. 4) As a teaching and guiding God, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings and guides the Magisterium of the Church in presenting Christ's teachings correctly. 5) As a listening and speaking God, He listens to our prayers, enables us to pray, and speaks to us, mainly through the Bible. 6) As a Giver of gifts, He gives us His gifts, fruits, and charisms, thus enriching the Church.

Life messages: We need to permit the Holy Spirit to take control of our lives: 1) by constantly remembering His holy presence and behaving well; 2) by praying for His daily anointing so that we may fight against our temptations and control our evil tendencies, evil habits and addictions; 3) by asking His daily assistance to pray, listening to God through meditative Bible reading, and talking to Him by personal, family and liturgical prayers; and 4) by asking the help of the Holy Spirit to do good for others and to be reconciled with God and others every day. (Fr. Tony's Homilies)

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Family-Moderator Our Lady of Refuge Fr. Suresh Rajaian, SAC

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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!

2025 CSA Update



OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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

May 31 & June 1, 2025

Offertory: \$6,794

Online Giving: \$2,478

Total: \$9,272

YTD Budgeted: \$707,980

YTD Actual: \$616,292

Under Budget: (\$91,688)

WORSHIP

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June - the Month of the Sacred Heart

Our Pope, Leo XVI, June prayer intention is "That the world might grow in compassion."

Pope Leo XIV releases his first monthly prayer intention for the month of June, inviting the faithful to pray "that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from His Heart, learn to have compassion on the world."

The Vatican News reported, "The relevance of the Sacred Heart to the life of the Church is demonstrated both in popular devotion and in the fact that four Popes have dedicated an encyclical to the topic.

Pope Leo XIII, whose name the current Pope took, wrote Annum Sacrum in 1899,in which he consecrated all of humanity to the Heart of Jesus. In 1928, Pope Pius XI, in Miserentissimum Redemptor, invited us to make reparation through acts of love for the wounds our sins inflict on the Heart of Christ. For his part, Pope Pius XII published Haurietis aquas in 1956, in which he explores the theological basis for devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Most recently, Pope Francis wrote Dilexit nos in 2024, and proposed devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as a response to the throwaway culture and the culture of indifference."

Here you see our Sacred Heart just recently installed on a newly crafted base in our church. Throughout this month may this installation enhance your meditation on the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Loving husband of Nancy Kowalczyk
Loving father of Matthew, Mark & Jennifer
His Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, June 3rd
Mass Celebrated by: Rev. Suresh Rajaian, SAC
Our parish family extends its heartfelt sympathy
and prayers to his family and friends.



EVANGELICAL CHARITY

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

Annual Parish Picnic

SAVE THE DATE

September

07

We are pleased to announce that the Parish picnic will be held on September 7, 2025. Liz Oras has graciously volunteered to be the Chairperson for the picnic. Please consider volunteering to help make this a great day for our parish. Liz can be reached at lizoras@gmail.com Please let her know if you are able to help.



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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. Thank you for your continued support.

URGENT FOOD ITEMS

Pasta Sauce
Tuna
Mixed Vegetables
Corn & Peas
Baked Beans
Cereal (no Cheerios)
Jelly
Canned Fruit
Large & Regular Cans of Soup
Ramen Noodles
Cans of Ravioli & Spaghetti
Cans of Stew & Chili
Ketchup
Empty cardboard egg cartons

CARE ITEMS

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

LITURGICAL MUSIC

JOANNE GORNEY 248-418-7240 MUSIC@OLORCC.ORG

Thank You

As we come to the close of another choir season, we pause to express our deepest gratitude to the dedicated members of the Our Lady of Parish Adult Choir. Week after week, through early mornings and long rehearsals, you have given of yourselves—your voices, your time, and your unwavering commitment to enrich our beautiful liturgical music.

Your devotion goes beyond just singing—it is a true act of worship that brings depth and meaning to our liturgy. Through your dedication, you help lift hearts, inspire prayer, and draw our parish community closer to God. Music has the power to uplift, to unite, and to deepen our connection to the sacred, and you have been the hands and voices through which this grace has been shared. Through your efforts, our worship has been made more profound, and our hearts have been drawn ever closer to God.

We invite all parishioners to take a moment to personally thank a choir member for their generosity and dedication. Whether it's a kind word, a smile, or a simple note of appreciation, let us acknowledge the tireless service they have given to our parish community.

As we enter the summer break, we also extend an open invitation for others to prayerfully consider joining our choir when we resume in the fall. If you have a love for singing and a desire to serve through music, we welcome you to be part of this beautiful ministry.

May the Lord bless and reward each of you abundantly for the gift you have given to all of us. We look forward to another season of music, prayer, and fellowship when we come together once more.

Organ Update

Dear Parishioners,

We understand that many of you have noticed the organ has not been used in recent months, and we want to address your concerns. When I first arrived in January, it became clear that the organ was experiencing significant issues that prevented its proper use. In addition to sound leaks in its wind system and instances where it wouldn't produce sound at all, there were moments when random notes would suddenly play on their own, creating unexpected disruptions during Mass. The keys have also begun to crack, which is highly unusual for an organ of its age.

After consulting an organ technician, we discovered that warped wood—caused by low humidity levels in the church—is distorting the instrument's function. Unfortunately, repairing the organ now would be ineffective, as the same issues would recur unless the building's humidity and temperature are stabilized. Installing a whole-building humidifier is not financially feasible, so Father has assembled a committee to explore cost-effective solutions that will provide the necessary conditions for the organ's preservation.

Once these environmental concerns are addressed, the technician will return to make the necessary repairs, and we will once again be able to experience the full richness of sacred music in our liturgical celebrations. We appreciate your patience and support as we work toward restoring this vital part of our worship.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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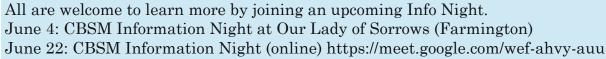
As a way of celebrating the Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples there are a number of opportunities available for each of us to improve our knowledge and increase our awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence in our own lives, just as it was present in the lives of the Apostles.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL OF MICHIGAN COURSES

Form Disciples with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan (CBSM)

This local adult faith formation ministry features live expert teachers who break open the Scriptures in weekly September to May courses. Participants get answers to their tough questions, engage in rich discussion, and develop a stronger practice of prayerfully reading God's Word- all without the pressure of grades or tests. Who could you encourage to dive into Scripture with the Biblical School?

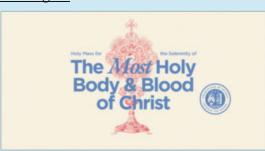
This fall new in-person classes are launching in Farmington and Waterford as well as fully online. Continuing classes are in Canton, Plymouth, and quite a few other parish locations across the Archdiocese.



July 28: CBSM Information Night at Our Lady of the Lakes (Waterford)

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession with Archbishop Weisenburger

On Sunday June 22, All First Communicants throughout the Archdiocese are invited to celebrate Corpus Christi at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, June 22. Mass is at 11 a.m. and will be followed by a Eucharistic procession of several blocks. All are welcome, but a special invitation is extended to all who received First Holy Communion this Easter Season. If possible, students should wear their First Communion attire that day.



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Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certification Webinar

There will be a webinar on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 1:30 pm to learn about the updated Lay Ecclesial Ministry Certification process. John Lajiness from Sacred Heart Major Seminary will share the benefits of seeking certification in the Archdiocese of Detroit and provide an overview of the new process. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. Registration is needed for the June 25 session. Email re@olorcc.org and I will send the RSVP link to you.

OUR LADY OF REFUGE NEWS AND EVENTS

Attention

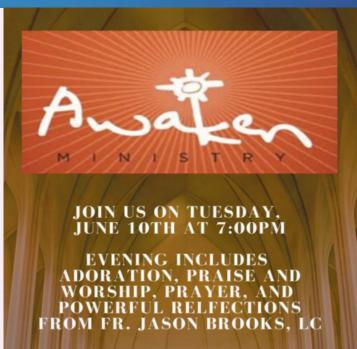
We are excited to enhance our liturgical environment with freshcut flowers each weekend and invite you to contribute \$50.00 or donate a bouquet of fresh flowers in memory of a loved one. Your generosity will be acknowledged in the bulletin with a note recognizing the person you are honoring.



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.







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
Nicholas Harbaugh-Marines
Shane Kelly-Air Force
Harrison Lamar-Navy
Gunnar Ottman-National Guard
Michael Pinto-Air Force
Jake Ramirez-Marines



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,

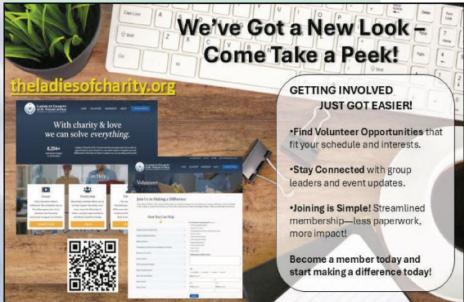
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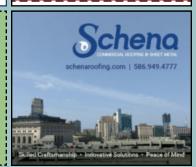
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