

OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI Today is the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 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.



23rd Sunday

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

OUR LADY OF REFUGE MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10,

12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26 Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42 Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49 Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/

Jn 3:13-17

Observances for the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

Monday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Peter Claver, Priest

Friday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

Saturday: St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

PRIEST SCHEDULE

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

Tue 9/9: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Wed 9/10: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

Fri 9/12: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

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Sat 9/13: 5:00pm (Fr. Sialo) (Missionary)

Sun 9/14: 9:30am (Fr. Sialo)

(Missionary)

11:30am (Fr. Sialo) (Missionary)

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

Tue 9/16: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday at 3:30

INTENTIONS

Monday 9/8 John Dushane (+) requested Leigh & Theresa

Dushane

Tuesday 9/9 Tom Bayma (+) requested by Connie Bayma

Wednesday 9/10 Mary Currell (+) requested by John Currell

Friday 9/12 Kevin Armbruster (Intentions) requested by Ana

Armbruster

Saturday 9/13 Fawzi Shaya (+) requested by the Shaya family

John Driver (+) requested by his children

Sunday 9/14 (9:30) Mary Margaret Bosco requested by Sylvia &

Vince Cortina & Christine & Michael DiCarlo

Our Lady of Refuge Parishioners

(11:30) Jean Majercik (Intentions) requested by the

Majercik family

Zaki Zara (+) & Mark Menning (+) requested by

the Zara family

Monday 9/15 Eric Golting (Intentions) requested by the Devine

family

Tuesday 9/16 John R. Currell (+) requested by John Currell

LECTOR & SLIDE PROJECTION SCHEDULE

Saturday 9/13

Pat Seif Mary Bee Al Zara*

Sunday 9/14

(9:30am)

Chrissy Forester Laney Henson Jon Neef*

(11:30am)

Gabrielle Ansara Reese George Jeff Ziegenfelder*

*Slide Projection

FR. SURESH, SAC

MODERATOR OF THE FAMILY 248-682-0920 EXT. 1110

WHO WE ARE

We, the Franciscan Missionaries of Hope, are a Religious Institute founded in 1993 in the Archdiocese of Nairobi, Kenya. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we observe the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ following the Spirituality of St. Francis

of Assisi. We seek to bring Hope to God's people through the virtue of hospitality, human solidarity and presence.



Our Plight

As a young and growing congregation, the challenges which we face are numerous. However, the most immediate ones have to do with the formation and education of our student brothers. Like most religious congregations in Africa, we are blessed with vo-

cation. Many young men express their interest in wanting to discern their vocation to religious life with us. Whereas we would like to admit all those who knock on our

> doors, we are restricted on the number we can admit because of our limited resources.

Where we are

The members of the Franciscan Missionaries of Hope are currently present in Kenya, Tanzania, and the United States of America.

What We Do

By faithfully proclaiming
the Good News of our
Lord Jesus Christ, and
through our charism of
hospitality, counseling, and
availability, we strive to bring hope
to the people of God who have been
placed under our care in our places
of ministry. The members of the
Franciscan Missionaries of Hope are
currently engaged in parish, hospital,
and prison ministries.





Your help is needed now!

In order to grow and realize the goal of serving the people of God in the Church and in the world, we have to keep admitting young men into our congregation. Equally important, we also have to ensure that those who have been admitted are given proper and requisite formation so that they can effectively serve in the Lord's vineyard. Currently, we have around forty student-brothers undergoing their seminary education and formation in various institutions.

In order to meet the rising costs of education so that we can provide quality formation so important to our brothers and to build Christian leadership in our Church, we need your help.

It costs two thousand dollars to send one brother to school for a year. Your gift of any amount will go a long way in helping in the formation of our brothers.

Staff

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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 Con-

firmation 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

Parish Target: \$120,000 Parish Target CSA Goal: \$86,216 CSA Goal \$86,216 YTD Pledged: \$71,251 \$71,251 YTD Pledges Goal Shortfall \$(14,965) Target Shortfall: \$(48,749) Registered OLR families: 767 Please donate today! Number of Pledges: 148

Participation rate: 19%

OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

(Fiscal Year: July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)

August 30 & 31, 2025

Offertory: \$7,034 Online Giving: \$2,228 **Total: \$9,262**

Weekly Budget: \$11,731

YTD Budgeted: \$105,579 YTD Actual: \$94,407

Under Budget: (\$11,172)

WORSHIP

LISA MARIE BLANEK 248-682-0920 EXT. 1114 LBLANEK@OLORCC.ORG



Worship Ministries

 Altar Care - Tuesdays 12:45 – 2:30 pm
Altar Server - Saturday or Sunday Masses (4th grade and up)
 Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
 Greeter – begins 15 min. prior and stay 15 min. after Mass
 Pass out "Little People" sticker books and stickers after Mass
 Live Stream Operator for Masses
 Reader
 Slide Operator for Masses
Usher – Men and women to assist our community from opening doors, offertory collection, pass out bulletins and help with safety/emergency assistance.

You may take a picture of this form and email to lblanek@olorcc.org or cut

it out and return in the offertory basket. Thank you in advance.

EVANGELICAL CHARITY

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

Parish Picnic: All are welcome to attend the Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 7th, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, fellowship, and games. There will be face painting, games, and pumpkin painting for the children, making it a great event for families and friends of all ages.

All Are Welcome

OLR Parish Picnic Sunday September 7th 42:30 PM to 3:30 PM Join us for food, fun, fellowship, & games

Christian Service Commission: The next Christian Service Commission meeting will be held on Monday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. All are welcome to join us and share their ideas and enthusiasm.

School Supplies: Thank you to the generous parishioners who covered the cost of backpacks, lunch boxes, water bottles, and school supplies for several children whose parents rely on our Food Pantry. Your kindness and generosity have given these children the tools they need for a successful school year.





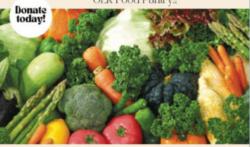
Food Pantry Update: Food Pantry Update: Thank you for the increase in donations over the past few weeks — your support is greatly appreciated. However, our food supplies are still running low, especially in items such as soup, rice, dried beans/lentils, and cereal.

The number of shoppers at our pantry has grown significantly. Last year, we averaged 42 shoppers per month. In August alone, we've already served 73 shoppers, including 27 just last week.

We also welcome donations of fresh vegetables and fruit. If you have produce to donate, please contact me directly.

Donate YourFresh Produce

If you had a great year in the garden and have extra, please consider donating some to the OLR Food Pantry!!



Contact Joellen Shortley or drop off your fruits and veggtes to the parish office during business hours!

CARE ITEMS

Shampoo & Conditioner
Women's & Men's Deodorant
Women's & Men's Body Wash
Toothbrushes
Pump Hand Soap
All Purpose Cleaner
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Paper Towel
Toilet Paper

URGENT FOOD ITEMS

Large & Regular Cans of Soup
Rice
Canned Fruit
Cereal (no Cheerios)
Canned Vegetables
Jelly
Breakfast/Granola Bars
Tuna
Pasta & Pasta Sauce
Beans-Baked, Black & Garbanzo
Dried Beans, Lentils & Peas
Ketchup/Mustard
Large Bags with Handles

LITURGICAL MUSIC

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

Help Us "Gather" Together in Song – One Hymnal at a Time

Music brings us together. It lifts our spirits, deepens our prayer, and echoes the heartbeat of our faith. That's why we are excited to introduce a new opportunity to enrich our worship for years to come.

We are inviting you to take part in the purchase of our new Gather 4 hymnals—beautiful, permanent hardcover editions that include readings for all three liturgical years. Rather than replacing softcover hymnals annually, this transition will save our parish money in the long term and provide a lasting spiritual resource for our community.

For a donation of \$25, you can "buy a hymnal" and have your name, or that of a loved one, inscribed on the inside cover of a book that will be used in worship for years to come. This is a touching way to leave a legacy or honor someone special with every song sung and every prayer proclaimed.

We are reaching out not only to individuals but to local businesses and organizations as well. If you or your company would like to support this effort, your generosity will directly bless our entire parish family. A total of 400 hymnals are needed.

Every gift, every hymnal, and every name carries a note in our shared song of faith. Let us unite with the choirs of angels to glorify His name.

In gratitude,

Joanne Gorney Liturgical Music Director

* How to Donate:

- Make checks payable to "Our Lady of Refuge"
- Please include "Hymnal" in the memo line
- If donating in honor of someone special, include their name in the memo line

For more information, email us at music@olorcc.org or contact the parish office.

Sample



This Hymnal is Donated to Our Lady of Refuge Parish in Loving Honor of

Michael Davis

Let us keep them in our prayers.

2025

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

STEPHANIE GORDON 248-682-0920 EXT. 1142 RE@OLORCC.ORG

Children's Liturgy of the Word

is gearing up for a great year, starting this weekend!

During the 11:30am Mass, children between the ages of 4 and 7 will be invited to join one of our Catechists in the Social Hall to hear the Word of God proclaimed in a way that is tailored to their age group.

This is a great way to introduce your young children to Bible stories and to get them participating at Mass!

Interested in joining the Children's Liturgy team??

Please contact the Religious Education Department.

Resources provided and flexible scheduling!

It's not too late to register for Religious Education classes!



Scan here with your phone camera to register



Sessions begin on September 29th but registering early will help us get everything in order to make it a great year!

Questions?? Contact the Religious Education Office.

Stephanie Gordon

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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.



OCIA is for adults who:

- Are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith
- Have never been baptized
- Have been baptized in another Christian faith and are interested in the Catholic Faith
- Are baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of Confirmation
- Are married to a Catholic and attend Mass and would like to take the member of the Catholic Church
- Are Catholic but want to learn more about their Faith

Contact the Parish Office for more details – Phone 248-418-7212 or Email lblanek@olorcc.org



the social hall

Time: 6:30

Fr. John Riccardo.

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.

Archbishop Weisenburger endorses Knights of Columbus

Catholic men are called to a life of generous and meaningful service. One exceptional way that this calling is answered is by membership in the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael McGivney, a young priest who saw a serious need among his parishioners. His solution to the problems facing American Catholics at that time has resulted in a Catholic fraternal organization of over two million members today who put their faith into action through charitable works, defending the faith, and caring for their families. The Knights of Columbus are now active in 16 countries and donated more than \$185 million dollars and 50 million manhours to charity in the last year alone!

As a Knight of Columbus myself, I have personally witnessed the tremendous work accomplished by these faithful men across our Nation and here in our Archdiocese. However, the work is never done and the organization needs to grow for the Knights to continue their good works for the Church. I strongly encourage every man in our Archdiocese who is a practicing Catholic and at least eighteen years of age to prayerfully consider joining the ranks of this exemplary Catholic men's organization.

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be available in parishes throughout our Archdiocese after Masses on a weekend in September with more information for you. Please take some time to visit with these men so that you can learn more about their mission to promote the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Membership will enhance your faith, your life, and your community in ways you cannot imagine.

— Archbishop Edward J. Weisenburger



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