

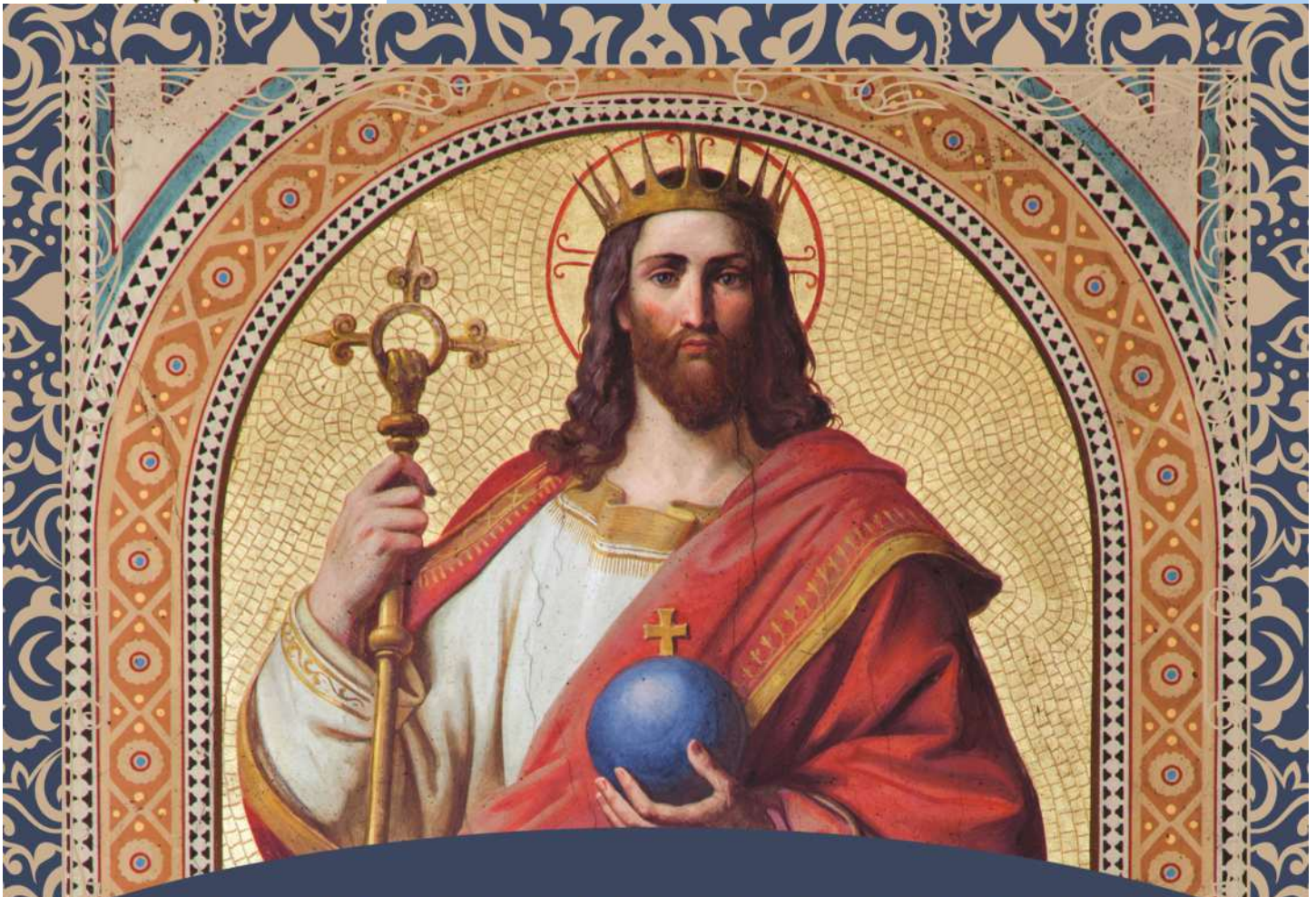


## OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe      November 23, 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 LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE •

# THY KINGDOM COME!

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In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday,  
the parish office will be closed this Thursday and Friday.

# OUR LADY OF REFUGE

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

**Readings for the week of November 23, 2025**

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/  
Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/  
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/  
Mt 24:37-44

**Observances for the week of November 23, 2025**

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent

### PRIEST SCHEDULE

**Mon 11/24: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)**

**Tue 11/25: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)**

**Wed 11/26: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)**

**Thu 11/27: 9:00am (Fr. Suresh)**

**Sat 11/29: 5:00pm (Fr. Suresh)**

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

**Mon 12/1: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)**

**Tue 12/2: 8:15am (Fr. Suresh)**

### CONFESSIONS:

**Saturday at 3:30**

### INTENTIONS

Monday 11/24 Hayat & Faraj Yono (+) requested by Hana Yono

Tuesday 11/25 Neil Meredith Sr. (+) requested by Gus & Sherry Pantelides  
The Intentions of the Caballero family requested by their friends

Wednesday 11/26 Kevin Armbruster (Intentions) requested by Ana Armbruster  
For the healing & intentions of the Yono family requested by Hana Yono

Thursday 11/27 Patricia Martinez (+) requested by Leigh & Theresa Dushane  
Thomas R. Wagener (+) requested by the Wagener family

Saturday 11/29 Don & Amy Montgomery (+) requested by Celeste Montgomery  
Lauren Palazzolo (+) requested by Dennis & Judy Palazzolo

Sunday 11/30 (9:30) Eleanor Rader (+) requested by Philip Rader  
Hayat & Faraj Yono (+) requested by Hana Yono  
(11:30) William Schafer (+) requested by the Mittelstaedt family  
Our Lady of Refuge Parishioner

Monday 12/1 Cecily Willyard (Intentions) requested by the Devine family

Tuesday 12/2 Myrtle Schmidt (+) requested by Hana Shina

### LECTOR & SLIDE PROJECTOR SCHEDULE

#### Saturday 11/29

**Corey McIsaac**  
**Liz Oras**  
**Suzanne Barcewicz\***

#### Sunday 11/30

**(9:30am)**

**Rob Goodman**  
**Amy Bachulis**  
**Steph Riney\***

**(11:30am)**

**Susan Wardle**  
**Theresa Alzate**

\*Slide Projection

# FR. SURESH, SAC

## MODERATOR OF THE FAMILY

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### Christ the King Sunday

The thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ends the Church's liturgical year, so the readings describe the enthronement of the victorious Christ as King in Heaven in Glory. This year marks the one-hundredth anniversary of Pope Pius XI's 1925 institution of today's Feast of Christ the King with the proclamation, "Pax Christi in regno Christi" (the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ). This means that we live in the peace of Christ when we surrender our lives to him every day, accept him as our God, Savior and King and allow him to rule our lives.

The Biblical basis of the feast: A) Old Testament texts: The title "Christ the King" has its roots both in Scripture and in the whole theology of the Kingdom of God. In most of the Messianic prophecies given in the Old Testament books of Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Daniel, Christ the Messiah is represented as a King. B) New Testament texts: 1) In the Annunciation, recorded in Lk 13:2-33, we read: "The Lord God will make him a King, as his ancestor David was, and He will be the King of the descendants of Jacob forever and His Kingdom will never end." In fact, the Kingdom of God is the center of Jesus' teaching and the phrase "Kingdom of God" occurs in the Gospels 122 times, of which 90 instances are used by Jesus. 2) The Magi from the Far East came to Jerusalem and asked the question: (Mt. 2:2) "Where is the baby born to be the King of the Jews? We saw his star... and we have come to worship him." 3) During the royal reception given to Jesus on Palm Sunday, the Jews shouted: (Lk 19:38) "God bless the King, who comes in the name of the Lord." 4) During the trial of Jesus described in today's Gospel, Pilate asked the question: "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied: "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into this world for this one purpose, to bear witness to the Truth." (Jn 18:37): 5) Today's Gospel tells us that the board hung over Jesus' head on the cross read: "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews," (Lk 23:38; see also, Mt 27:37; Mk 15:26; Jn 19:19-20), and that, to the repentant thief on the cross who made the request: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom," Jesus promised Paradise with him that very day. (Lk 23:39-43). 6) Before his Ascension into Heaven, Jesus declared, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth" (Mt 28:18). 7) Finally, in Mt 25:31-46, we read that The Son of man will come in glory to judge us on the Day of the Last Judgment.



Life Messages: 1) We need to accept Christ the King as our Lord, King and Savior and surrender our lives to him. We surrender our lives to Jesus every day when we give priority to his teaching in our daily choices, especially in moral decisions. We should not exclude Christ our King from any area of our personal or family lives. In other words, Christ must be in full charge of our lives, and we must give him sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our heart, and our free will. 2) We need to be serving disciples of a Servant King. Jesus declared that he came not to be served but to serve and showed us the spirit of service by washing off the feet of his disciples. We become Jesus' followers when we recognize his presence in everyone, especially the poor, the sick, the outcast, and the marginalized in the society and render humble and loving service to Jesus in each of them. 3) We need to accept Jesus Christ as the King of love. Jesus came to proclaim to all of us the Good News of God's love and salvation, gave us his new commandment of love: "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 15:12), and demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus loved. (Fr. Tony's Homilies)

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# 2025 CSA update

Parish Target: \$112,000  
 CSA Goal: \$ 86,216  
 YTD Pledged: \$ 86,356  
 Goal Overage: \$ 140  
 Target Shortfall: **\$(25,644)**  
 Registered OLR families: 767  
 Number of Pledges: 191  
 Participation rate: 25%



If you haven't yet contributed to the 2025 CSA, there's still time! We have reached our Archdiocesan goal, for which I am very grateful, but we would love to go beyond it and reach our Parish Target.

We have lowered the target to \$112,000 to help raise additional funds to recover the expenses for the parking lot approach. As mentioned in the last bulletin, we had to use \$25,000 from parish funds to repair the terribly deteriorated parking and completely redo the parking lot approach.

The CSA is still open, and the refunds come to the parish tax-free. Your gift, given joyfully, will help us cover this cost and continue supporting our parish.

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." – 2 Corinthians 9:7*

~ Fr. Suresh

## OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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

### November 15 & 16, 2025

**Offertory: \$12,612**

**Online Giving: \$3,633**

**Total: \$16,245**

**Weekly Budget: \$11,731**

**YTD Budgeted: \$234,620**

**YTD Actual: \$218,673**

**Under Budget: (\$15,947)**

# WORSHIP

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### Grief Support Group

Angela Hospice Care Center in Waterford offers a monthly grief support group for individuals who have experienced loss. The group meets on the campus of Lourdes Senior Community, located at 2300 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford Township, MI 48328. Meetings are held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The invitation from Angela Hospice reads, "Join us in a compassionate space where your story is honored, your feelings are welcomed, and your journey is supported. Whether you're seeking connection, comfort, or simply a place to rest, we're here to walk with you in our peer-to-peer support group." This program is a Felician-sponsored ministry. For more information about Angela Grief Care, visit AskforAngela.com or call 734-464-3277



### Advent Tea

St. Fabian will host an Advent Tea on December 6 following the 5 p.m. Mass. To make a reservation or for more information, please contact Cheryl Wernette at c.a.w.0261@gmail.com or 248-320-5801.

**Born to Eternal Life**  
**Monday, November 3, 2025**  
**Thomas Henry Caiati**

**Loving husband of Debbie.**  
**Loving father of Jordan.**

**His Funeral Mass was held on**  
**Saturday, November 15, 2025**

**Mass Celebrated by: Rev. Suresh Rajaian, SAC**  
**Our parish family extends its heartfelt sympathy and prayers to his family and friends.**

WE CELEBRATED  
 THE  
*Baptism*  
 OF  
**Aaron Luca  
 Palomino Neyra**  
 SON OF HARRY &  
 STEFFANY PALOMINO  
 SATURDAY  
 NOVEMBER 19, 2025

WE CELEBRATED  
 THE  
*Baptism*  
 OF  
**Frances Maia  
 Palomino Neyra**  
 DAUGHTER OF HARRY &  
 STEFFANY PALOMINO  
 SATURDAY  
 NOVEMBER 19, 2025

WE CELEBRATED  
 THE  
*Baptism*  
 OF  
**Janis Clarie  
 Palomino Neyra**  
 DAUGHTER OF HARRY &  
 STEFFANY PALOMINO  
 SATURDAY  
 NOVEMBER 19, 2025

# EVANGELICAL CHARITY

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## GIVING TREE

We invite you to participate in our Giving Tree outreach collection. The tree is now displayed with tags representing gift requests from ten charitable ministries. Please return your gift with the tag attached. Please note that gifts for **Crossroads** should be returned unwrapped by **November 30**, as parents will be selecting items for their children on December 1. All other gifts are due by **December 8**.

### Gifts would be appreciated for the following ministries:

Pink: **Abigayle Ministries** is a Christian non-profit organization that assists adult pregnant women and their children to Jesus Christ and equips them to be self-sufficient through its residential housing program.

Gold: **Capuchin Soup Kitchen** is a Franciscan ministry in Detroit that feeds the hungry by inspiring minds and nourishing spirits.

Turquoise: **Christian Service Our Lady of Refuge** supports our charitable outreach programs including our food pantry, funeral luncheons, bereavement support, military outreach and collaboration with St. Vincent DePaul for financial assistance to individuals and families.

Red- **Crossroads of Michigan** provides warm meals and clothing to homeless individuals. We are providing toys for Crossroads families to select as Christmas presents for their children. **Gifts due November 30**. Please place **unwrapped gifts** under the Giving Tree.

Ivory: **Grace Centers of Hope** is a Christian organization committed to positively changing the lives of the unwanted, addicted, and homeless through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, personal accountability, life skills education, and work-related programs.

Light Green: **Kids Empowered on the Move** teaches children the skills and strategies to manage emotions, deal with unfriendly friends, problem solve, and be assertive. They also provide food, clothing, baby and home essentials to families in need.

Light Teal: **Matchan Nutrition Center** is a catholic organization and a USDA-approved nutrition center affiliated with St. Vincent de Paul and located in downtown Pontiac. They provide hot meals, food staples and connections to resources to assist those in need.

Dark Blue: **Mary's Children Family Center** serves individuals with brain injuries and intellectual/developmental issues and their families by providing academic, social and recreational activities in a Christian environment in the community. non-profit

Lavender: **Open Door Outreach Center** provides emergency food, clothing and referral information to people in need. It was started by St. Patrick's Church in White Lake.

Grey- **The Society of St Vincent DePaul Our Lady of Refuge Conference** puts faith into action through person-to-person outreach to the needy in and around our community.

**Please remember that gifts for Crossroads are due on November 30. All other gifts are due by December 8. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.**

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## HYMNAL CAMPAIGN

✨ Thank you so much for your incredible generosity and support of our hymnal campaign! Your donations are deeply appreciated. We are excited to announce that your personalized hymnal is now ready!

If you did not pick up your hymnal 30 minutes before mass today, please feel free to locate them in the gathering space and place them in your selected pew in the church.

64%

## *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the final Sunday of the Church's liturgical year (Year C). The feast calls us to recognize the ultimate truth of our faith: Jesus Christ is Lord of all creation, the eternal King who reigns with justice, mercy, and love. As the year draws to a close, we are reminded that our lives find their deepest meaning not in worldly power or success, but in allegiance to the King who laid down His life for us and calls us to follow Him.

Our hymns for this celebration beautifully express these themes. "To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King" proclaims His rule over all the earth, while "In Christ Alone" reminds us that our hope, strength, and salvation are found entirely in Him. "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" draws us to the tender guidance of our Shepherd, even as He reigns in majesty. "Worthy Is the Lamb" lifts our hearts in worship of the victorious Savior, and "Crown Him with Many Crowns" joyfully acknowledges His eternal glory and triumph.

As this liturgical year ends, we look forward to the beginning of Year A next week, marking the start of Advent. With that, our Mass parts will change to reflect the season of preparation, hope, and anticipation as we await the coming of Christ at Christmas. Today's celebration invites us to live as faithful citizens of Christ's kingdom, strengthened by the Eucharist and inspired to serve, sing, and rejoice in the Lord who is King of all.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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*“Give Thanks to the Lord, for He Is Good”* (Ps 118:1)

As we prepare to gather with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table, we, the staff of Our Lady of Refuge, want to pause and offer a word of gratitude to God and to you, our parish community.

Thanksgiving is more than a civic holiday—it is a profoundly Christian act. Scripture continually calls us to remember the blessings we have received and to give thanks to the Lord, *“for he is good, his mercy endures forever”* (Psalm 118:1).” In this season, we are reminded that every gift—our lives, our families, our faith, and even our daily trials—is an invitation to trust more deeply in God’s providence.

St. Paul encourages us to cultivate this spirit of gratitude in every circumstance of life:

*“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

We would like to express our gratitude to you, our parish family, for:

- Your *faith and participation*, whether in the pews at Sunday Mass, in parish ministries, or in quiet acts of charity that often go unseen.
- Your *generosity*, which sustains our parish and enables us to reach those in need through our outreach programs, food collections, and seasonal giving.
- Your *prayers*, which strengthen the spiritual life of our entire community.
- Your *witness*, which brings Christ’s presence into our neighborhoods, workplaces, and homes.

We recognize that for some, this holiday is filled with joy; for others, it may be a time of loneliness, grief, or uncertainty. We hold each of you in prayer and invite anyone carrying burdens to allow the parish to accompany you. Scripture reminds us:

*“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 4:6-7)

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, may we each cultivate a grateful heart—one that recognizes God’s blessings even in the ordinary moments of life. And may we respond by sharing those blessings with others, especially the poor, the forgotten, and the marginalized.

On behalf of Fr. Suresh, the staff, and ministry leaders, we wish you and your loved ones a peaceful, joyful, and grace-filled Thanksgiving. May God bless you abundantly, today and always.

With gratitude in Christ,

*The Staff of Our Lady of Refuge*

# OUR LADY OF REFUGE NEWS AND EVENTS

## Christmas Flowers

A thoughtful way to remember or honor someone this Christmas, while helping to beautify our church in celebration of Jesus' birth, is by making a donation to the Christmas altar flowers.



Flower memorial envelopes are available in your envelope packets and can be returned either to the collection basket or the parish office. Alternatively, you may contact the parish office to make a donation.

Please be sure to clearly print the names of those being memorialized. If you include a phone number, we will be able to contact you if we have any questions. For memorials honoring a living person, please add the word "living" after their name.

All memorials must be submitted by Wednesday, December 17th to be included in the Christmas bulletin.

*Thank You for  
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*Flowers for the week of  
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Come, Holy Spirit.

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as we restructure the parishes and ministries  
of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.

Help us hear your voice  
in the quiet of our own hearts,  
in the wisdom of others,  
and in the world around us.

We know you are with us  
in every step of the process.

Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.  
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us.

Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.



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
- Michael Pinto-Air Force
- Jake Ramirez-Marines
- Beanica Raymond - Army



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



# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Please Join Us On Saturday, December 13, 2025 following the 5:00 PM Mass in the Social Hall

RSVP by November 26th at the Parish Office 248-682-0920 secretary@olorcc.org



## PREPARE FOR JESUS with

# Waiting WELL

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Advent can often feel like a countdown to Christmas, a time of frantically getting ready for the holidays. In fact, this liturgical season is all about waiting—not for a short-lived celebration, but for a person.

Waiting doesn't need to be passive. It can be active preparation, a beautiful opportunity to open the door of your heart to welcome Jesus into every part of your life.

This Advent, join Fr. Mike Schmitz as he shows you how to invite Christ in and share in his lasting peace.

Waiting Well is a prayer journal designed to help you slow down for 10 to 15 minutes a day during the Advent season. Through Fr. Mike's daily reflections, you'll learn how to joyfully anticipate Christmas, so that when Christ comes, you're ready to meet him in the manger.

In addition to the Waiting Well journal, there is also a Waiting Well Advent program in the Ascension app. When you subscribe, you'll get exclusive daily videos in which Fr. Mike brings each journal reflection to life, deepening your experience.

Sign-ups will take place on the weekends of November 15–16 and November 22–23. Participants will complete a self-study, with the option to join one of the Small Group Meetings to enrich the experience.

The Small Groups will meet in the Social Hall on:

- Tuesday mornings: December 2, 9, and 16, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
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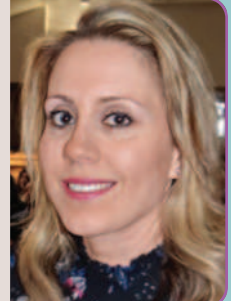
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