



OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the 4th Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021

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.



The Voice of Msgr. McEnhill

The Christmas season is upon us. What a joy as we celebrate our faith! We are truly blessed as God comes to us. May we always know his presence with us and be able to share the goodness of God that is within us. May we show this in all our relationships as we exercise patience, understanding, compassion forgiveness in a special way during this holy season.

I thank you for being a part of our faith community here at Our Lady of Refuge. I enjoy being your pastor and I appreciate the support you give in many ways so that our parish fulfills its mission. Given the on going pandemic situation we have had a challenging year, but we have our faith to guide us through. It is hard to measure growth in faith. However, this is our most important purpose. I pray that all we do at the parish is a source in inspiration for our faith life.

We thank God for the blessings we have received. As we celebrate Christmas may we be very aware of all the blessings He sends our way, and may the New Year bring us many more blessings and graces to our parish and to our families.

Merry Christmas!



Individual Reconciliation

Monday, December 20th 5:00pm

Tuesday 21st 9:00am & 5:00pm

Wednesday December 22nd 9:00am

Communal Penance Service

Wednesday, December 22nd.

7:30pm

Christmas Eve Masses

Friday, December 24th.

4:00, 6:00 & 10:00pm

Christmas Day Masses

Saturday, December 25th.

9:30 & 11:30am

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday, December 26th.

8:00, 9:30 & 11:30am

New Year's Eve Mass

Friday, December 31st.

5:00pm

New Year's Day Mass

Saturday, January 1st.

9:30am

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 2nd.

8:00, 9:30 & 11:30am

MASS TIMES		READINGS	MASS/PRAYER INTENTIONS	Dec 20—28, 2021
Day/Date/Time	Readings	Mass Intention	Presider/Lector	
Monday December 20 8:15am	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38		Msgr. McEnhill	
Tuesday December 21 8:15am	Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45	We pray for Mary Unitas (living) requested by her sisters	Msgr. McEnhill	
Wednesday December 22 8:15am	1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56		Msgr. McEnhill	
Thursday December 23 NO MASS	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66			
Friday December 24 Christmas Eve 4:00pm 6:00pm 10:00pm	Is 9:1-6 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14	4:00pm We pray for Lillian Agostinelli (deceased) requested by the Family ~ We pray for Fawzi Shaya (deceased) requested by the Shaya Family ~ We pray for Goris Shina & his Parents (deceased) 6:00pm We pray for Molly Rozycki (deceased) requested by the Speth Family ~ We pray for Jeanne R. Schafer (deceased) requested by the Family 10:00pm We pray for Harold, Jr, Harrold, III, & Thomas Swales (deceased) by the Swales/Barcewicz Families We pray for Gail Wilski (deceased) requested by Allen Wilski	4:00pm Msgr. McEnhill M. Harris G. Harris 6:00pm Msgr. McEnhill C. Armitage J. Armitage 10:00pm Msgr. McEnhill P. Smorra B. Harper	
Saturday December 25 Christmas 9:30am 11:30am	Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Lk 2:1-14	9:30am We pray for Anne Bossio (deceased) requested by Cheryl Beamgard ~ We pray for Jeannette Boyd (deceased) requested by Robert Boyd 11:30am We pray for Sabri Attisha & Parents (deceased) ~ We pray for Rebecca Hallahan-Hurin (deceased) requested by Julia Hallahan ~ We pray for Krys Anne Pesta (deceased) requested by her loving parents	9:30am Fr. Dango D. Scanlan E. Escobedo 11:30am Msgr. McEnhill P. Seif T. Alzate	
Sunday December 26 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 8:00am 9:30am 11:30am	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52	8:00am We pray for Steven Kutsick (deceased) requested by the Blanek Family ~ We pray for the Souls in Purgatory 9:30am We pray for Wayne Gwizdala (deceased) requested by the Hampton Family ~ We pray for Fawzi Shaya (deceased) requested by the Shaya Family 11:30am We pray for Nan L. Farhat (deceased) requested by the Blanek Family ~ We pray for Marilyn Speth (deceased) requested by Bill & Sarah Benoit ~ We pray for Zaki Zara (deceased) requested by the Family	8am Msgr. McEnhill P. Smorra G. Frank 9:30am Fr. Dango B. Harper R. Varela 11:30am Fr. McEnhill I. Bashi J. Whalen	
Monday December 27 8:15am	1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8		Msgr. McEnhill	
Tuesday December 28 8:15am	1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13-18	We pray for John R. Currell (deceased) requested by John Currell	Msgr. McEnhill	

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Christian service would like to express deep gratitude for our parish family for abundantly fulfilling the Christmas gift wishes of:

- 🌀 14 adopted family
- 🌀 11 dedicated agencies throughout Wayne and Oakland County
- 🌀 food baskets for 26 local families for Thanksgiving & Christmas
- 🌀 Military Christmas cards that included an Amazon gift card to 11 heroes on our Military prayer list!
- 🌀 22 poinsettia plants delivered to families who have lost a loved one over this past year. As well as cards to these families throughout the year.
- 🌀 Mailed out hundreds of handmade cards to parishioners and their loved ones
- 🌀 A new ministry we started a year ago with Food Rescue agencies that led us to rescue food from local restaurants. Over the last 2 months we have rescued hundreds of pounds of “soon to be expired fresh food” from Starbucks in Orchard Lake and delivered it to Angel’s Place, Grace Centers of Hope and Hope Warming Center.
- 🌀 We have also delivered warm homecooked meals 3 nights a week for an entire year to the aging men at Angel’s Place in West Bloomfield.
- 🌀 We’ve taken in numerous generous donations and distributed them to neighbors in need throughout our parish boundaries!

Our parish has allowed many great healing, prayerful moments to occur between members of our commission and those seeking comfort, guidance, advice or just someone who will listen.

Without the generosity and kindness of our parishioners we could not have made any of this possible! Not only are we blessed but we don’t sit back and say it’s not our job to do anything for those in need. We actually dig deep and give from our hearts and make the world a better place!

Thank you from the bottom of our Christian service hearts! Stay tuned for an exciting announcement about upcoming Christian Service events!!

WORSHIP

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A Note from Robert Boyd Jr's Family

With a heavy heart, I'm informing the parish of Our Lady of Refuge, that our brother, Robert James Boyd Jr was called home December 5, 2021. He was a true believer in our Lord Jesus Christ. He began each morning in prayer and ended each night in prayer. He gave honor and respect to God throughout each day he walked this earth. He was a devoted husband to my late mother, Jeannette Marie Boyd. After her passing in 2012, he and I became joined at the hip. Without complaint he forged ahead to carve out a new life with his children. In the past 9 years our dad has been at the center of each of his 10 great grandkids lives. He was a meaningful part of our daily lives. We have been truly blessed with our Papa Toe. Many of you have known our dad for a very long time and each have your own memories. I'd like to share that even when the end was near, God never left our side, miracles happened. Good people made it possible for my dad to be held and surrounded by his 3 children. I'll never forget the love that was shining down on our family.



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Our parish community is so blessed by the many volunteers and ministers that step up and provide amazing Sunday experiences!! Thank you to all of our Hosts, Greeters, Ushers, Readers, Altar Servers, Décor Team, Gardeners, technology Team providing livestreaming, Choir Members, Sacristans, Children's Leaders and the many behind the scenes helpers that only God knows!!

We appreciate your time and talent!! We depend on and need you too for this coming new year of 2022!! May God bless you and your families always!! Blessed **Advent, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.**



Unleash the Gospel – Living and Sharing the Good News
December 19, 2021 – 4th Sunday of Advent

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled. (Luke 1:42-45)

Luke is the only Gospel writer to include accounts (believed to be from conversations with the Blessed Mother) of the Annunciation of the birth of Jesus by the Angel Gabriel to Our Blessed Mother, and the visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth shortly after the visit from Angel Gabriel. The Angel Gabriel greets Mary with the first words of the “Hail Mary”: “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee”. Elizabeth upon Mary’s arrival to her home greets her with more phrases from the “Hail Mary”: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb”. After Mary’s profound “Yes” to following the will of God in becoming the Mother of the Savior, Mary sets out for the 5 day journey to Hebron, the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah, where according to tradition, rested the ashes of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In the Annunciation, Gabriel had informed Mary about the miracle that her cousin Elizabeth had conceived a son in her old age. Mary, the caring relative wanted to help Elizabeth through the last months of her pregnancy and be present for the birth of John the Baptist. Mary is present for the birth of the last prophet of the Old Testament, John the Baptist, who will announce the coming of the Messiah Jesus, present for the birth of the Savior in Bethlehem as the Mother of the Lord, and present at the foot of the cross, when Jesus gives Mary to be the Mother of John the Evangelist, and in turn the Mother of all of us, the Mother of the Church.

In response to Elizabeth, Mary recited the beautiful canticle: “The Magnificat”, (Luke 1:46-55), which is part of the Liturgy of the Hours (evening prayer). The words of the Magnificat are similar to words in the Psalms and Hannah’s prayer when bringing her infant son, Samuel, to the tabernacle in Shiloh to offer him to God. The Magnificat summarizes the whole message of the Gospel that Jesus will share with the people in His ministry: proclaim the greatness of the Lord, recognize His mercy to us, be humble and grateful, and lift up the lowly by your works of charity. In these last days of Advent, pray with and meditate on Mary’s Canticle: “The Magnificat”, and ask for the graces to be humble, obedient, grateful, and a servant of the Lord.

Pray. Encounter. Grow. Witness.



Benjamin Schroder
Theology I
St. Kieran
Shelby Township

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the Harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood from our archdiocese and our families.

Jesus, Eternal High Priest, give us men willing to sacrifice and serve. Make their hearts after your own Sacred Heart.

Holy Spirit, Everlasting Love between the Father and Son, strengthen, inspire, and set men on fire with divine charity. Grant them the courage to say yes to their vocation. Mold them into the men they were called to be.

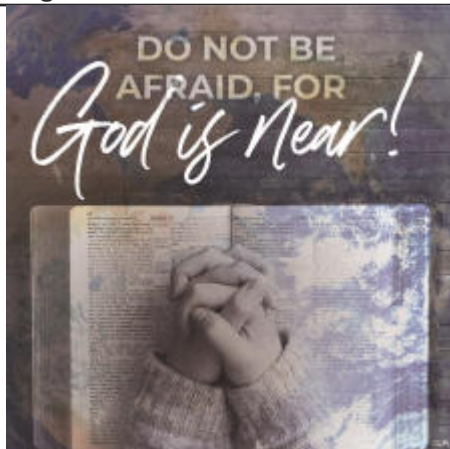
Holy Mary, Mother of God, Mother of Priests, be a comfort and protection to your sons discerning the priesthood. Walk with them as you walked next to your Son as he carried the burden of our redemption. Let them feel your tender love and companionship, knowing you will never abandon them on their journey.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us

St. Anne patroness of Detroit, pray for us.

Send us a new generation of Priests!



**Jerry Allsteadt
Andrew Hailo
Diana Winkler**



End of Year Charitable Giving

Now is the perfect time for requesting QCD from your IRA.

1. Tax benefits for you.
2. Tax benefits for Our Lady of Refuge, (the Christmas collection is free of the AOD assessment.)

Obtaining the tax benefits of a Qualified Charitable Donation from an IRA has specific requirements: (a) minimum age of 70 1/2, (b) maximum dollar amount, (c) contribute to an eligible charity and (d) the IRA distribution must be payable to the charitable entity not the IRA owner.

Our Lady of Refuge is an eligible charity. Your financial support is always appreciated and needed to continue our Christian mission.

****Always consult with your tax advisor.****

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 Msgr. McEnhill, at (248) 682-0920 or see him after any Mass. He will meet with you and give you a welcome packet to fill out, it only takes a few moments. We welcome you to our parish family!

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. Przemyslaw Nowak	Army Chaplain
Christopher Bowman	Coast Guard
Clare Brinkman	Coast Guard
Daniel Culbertson	Navy
Michelle Culliver	Army
Nora Dinverno	Army
Steven Dinverno	Army
Nicholas Harbaugh	Marines
Joshua Hartley	Air Force
Nova Howard	Army
Gunnar Ottman	Army

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

- A. To add a person to the bulletin/board Military listing please provide:
 1. First and Last Name
 2. Current rank
 3. Branch of Service
- B. As the contact for the service member (not for publication) please provide:
 - 1 Your Name
 - 2 Your phone number or e-mail address
 - 3 A current address for the service member.

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WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30am

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE
8:15am Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

BAPTISMS (By appointment)
2nd Sunday of the Month 1:00pm
(subject to change)

MARRIAGES Six Months Notice By Appointment

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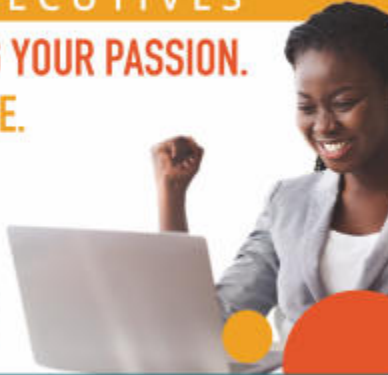
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