



# OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

**26 JUNE 2024**

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekday Mass

Tuesday - 9:00 am - Ferndale  
Thursday - 9:00 am - Oak Park  
(1st Thursday of Month 7pm  
Mass replaces 9am Mass)

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:30pm - Oak Park  
Sunday: 9:00am - Oak Park  
11:00am - Ferndale

### SACRAMENTS

Baptism, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, Funerals and Reconciliation/Confession call the parish office at 248.545.2310

First Communion and Confirmation  
Contact Natalie LaCroix,  
DRE at 248.533.5424



### OUR LOCATIONS

#### Oak Park-Parish Office, Rectory, Worship Location

13500 Oak Park Blvd. Oak Park, Michigan 48237  
248-545-2310 (office) 248-545-2312 (fax)  
omophoffice@gmail.com www.omoph.org  
Bulletin/Calendar email: omoph2@gmail.com  
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

#### Ferndale-Worship Location

241 Pearson, Ferndale, Michigan 48220

### FR. PAUL F. CHATEAU

#### Our Mission Statement

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish is a welcoming and nurturing Catholic community building up the Body of Christ through prayer and service.

*United in Faith, Love, and Service to Others*

**SEE PAGE 5 FOR AN UPDATE  
FROM FR. CHATEAU**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, June 22, 2024**

**Vigil of The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:30 pm – Oak Park**

Rev. Leo L. Kulinski (1987)

**Sunday, June 23, 2024**

**The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9 am – Oak Park**

Becky Wilson Holloway-24th anniversary of death-offered by Mary Jo & Tom Wilson

**11:00 am – Ferndale**

Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis  
Alex Hunt Criticos by the Hunt Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Albert J. Seiler by Maureen & Robert  
The Smyth Family by Juliet & Kenneth Deneau  
The Deneau Family by Juliet & Kenneth Deneau  
62nd wedding anniversary of John & Alex Leidlein

**Monday, June 24, 2024**

Rev. Donald E. Dacey (2015)

**Tuesday, June 25, 2024**

**9 am – Ferndale**

Jean Hunt by the Hunt Family  
David Rickfelder - memorial of 13th anniversary—by his family

**Wednesday, June 26, 2024**

Rev. Rene L. Desmarais (2005)

**Thursday, June 27, 2024**

**9 am – Oak Park**

Becky Wilson Holloway-24th anniversary of death-offered by Mary Jo & Tom Wilson  
Joesph & Kathryn Lanter by Pat Armstrong

**Friday, June 28, 2024**

Rev. Francis P. Kolb (1968)

**Saturday, June 29, 2024**

**Vigil of The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:30 pm – Oak Park**

Fran Foote

**Sunday, June 30, 2024**

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9 am – Oak Park**

Alex F. Agustin by Marie Agustin  
John "Jack" Armstrong by Pat Armstrong

**11:00 am – Ferndale**

Don & Iris Hunt by the Hunt Family  
The Smyth Family by Juliet & Kenneth Deneau  
Michael and Sara Rayis Family by Muneer Rayis  
The Deneau Family by Juliet & Kenneth Deneau  
The Holy Spirit for Healing by Ana Haddock

## FY 23 – 24 DONATION SUMMARY

	VERSUS BUDGET	VERSUS LAST YEAR
Offertory	(\$25,969)	(\$22,502)
Christmas	(\$4,370)	(\$4,746)
CSA Refunds	<u>\$34,932</u>	<u>(\$8,859)</u>
Total	\$4,593	(\$36,107)

	JUNE TD	YTD
Offertory Amount	\$9,315	\$209,031
Over/(Under) Prior Year	(\$591)	(\$22,502)
Over/(Under) Budget	(\$98)	(\$25,969)
Week of 06-09-2024 Offertory total: \$5,200.73		

Christmas: BUDGET \$16,000 / RECEIVED \$11,630.00

**CSA 2024: Goal \$24,424**

Total Paid \$24,245

Actual Refunds: \$0.00 / Budget Refunds: TBD

CSA BETTER THAN BUDGET: TBD

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AOD – CSA**

**As Fr. Paul recently reminded us:**

Going forward please remember that the best way to support our parish, after the goal is met, is through donating to CSA. Once we exceed the CSA goal, the parish will begin to receive full refunds which are not "taxed" by the archdiocese. Please note that normal offertory giving is taxed with 7.5% going to the Archdiocese of Detroit. We then use the refunds to support the various day-to-day needs of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish as a whole. As you know our parish needs are many. As such you may wish to focus your giving on donating to CSA. Make checks payable to AOD-CSA. If you have questions about donating to CSA, please contact Chuck White at 734.635.2598 or Vicki Mazurek at 248.545.2310.

## IMPORTANT PARISH POLICY REMINDER

All flyers of any kind/size need to be approved by Fr. Chateau. Any and all announcements also need to be approved by Fr. Chateau. Fr. Chateau or our Music Director are the only people who may make announcements. Heads of recognized parish organizations may at times be allowed to make an announcement. This has always been the parish policy and sadly has lately been totally disregarded, by some, resulting in misleading and inaccurate information being spread. If there is something you would like posted on the bulletin boards, inserted into the bulletin, placed at the welcome desk or anywhere else on parish grounds you need to receive approval before it will be posted or distributed. **Flyers and announcements need to be sent, at least 2 weeks in advance, via email to omoph2@gmail.com. Showing it to or asking Fr. Chateau is NOT the process to be followed.** If there is a problem with your submission you will be notified. **Any non-approved items posted or left for distribution which have not been stamped approved will be removed. We thank you for your cooperation.**

## FAMILY SENT ON MISSION JUNE 2024 PRAYER INTENTION CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

The Franciscan Parish of Church of the Transfiguration, inspired by St. Francis and his love for creation, invites member of our Family of Parishes to pray during the month of June, as we enjoy the beginning of summer, for greater respect and care for God's creation.

*Gracious Creator,  
as we enjoy these summer months,  
may we grow in our appreciation  
of the splendor of Your creation!  
Thank you for the beauty that surrounds us.  
May we care for our Common Home.*

### Possible Action Steps

- Read Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'
- Watch: CST 101: Care for Creation | USCCB
- Make sure you recycle what you can.
- Take a walk in the woods.
- Look at the stars some evening and see if they remind you of God in anyway.
- Look carefully at a flower and admire its beauty.
- Donate to a cause that cares for creation.

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

#### First Reading:

God challenges Job not to question His power over creation. Have you ever challenged or questioned God in prayer?

#### Second Reading:

Paul speaks of believers in Christ as a "new creation." In what ways do you sense something new in your life as a Christian?

#### Gospel:

The disciples feared for their lives while caught in a violent storm until Jesus calmed the wind and the sea. When has your faith in Jesus helped calm your fears?

### READINGS AND OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

*12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Monday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

*The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

*St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

**Friday:** 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

*Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr*

**Saturday:** Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

*Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles*

**Next Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

*13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### LIVE THE LITURGY—INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

So often when we are weathering the storm, it feels like God is asleep — but we never even tried to wake Him up! Bring God your fears, your doubts, your uncertainties. He will show you that He steers the ship, and even the wind and the seas obey.

### PRAYER FOR INNER PEACE

Jesus,

Speak your command of "Quiet! Be still!" into the dark recesses of my mind — my fears, concerns, and anxieties. Be with me, at every moment, no matter the storm. Fix my eyes upon you. Amen. ©LPI

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA

**Question:** What are the three occasions where ashes are used liturgically?

**Answer:** Ash Wednesday, the dedication of a church building, and the consecration of an altar.

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK, THEIR FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS, THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE MILITARY AND THE SPECIAL INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS

We pray for John LaCroix, Susan Reno, David Doig, Leonard Piasta, SFC Noah Reiter (Army), Maddie Rigotti, Mary Kay McCracken, Beth McCracken

## IMPORTANT INFO REGARDING OUR PRAYER LIST

The Church calls us to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer when they are sick or struggling. The Parish continues to receive word about our parishioners who are ill, and we also receive requests about their well-being by others and ask why their names are not published. Since some of the members of our parish request that their names not be published when they are ill it becomes difficult. We strive to respect everyone's privacy along with trying to provide prayer support to all. We hope to list the members of our parish who are currently in need of our prayers, a visit, a note, or a phone call. **To add a name to the pray list, please contact the person first to make certain they want such information published** and then contact the parish office. **If you add someone to the prayer list let the office know if they should be removed from it.** Names will be removed after 4 weeks. If you wish prayer during a time of illness or difficulty for yourself or for a family member, please contact the parish office.

## IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS...

*"If we allow ourselves to be conditioned by the pursuit of pleasure, power, money, or approval we become slaves to these things. But if, on the other hand, we allow God's gratuitous love to fill and expand our hearts, and if we let it overflow spontaneously we grow in freedom and spread its good fragrance around us, in our homes, in our families, and in our communities. So we can ask ourselves: Am I a free person? Or do I let myself be imprisoned by the myths of money, power, and success, sacrificing my own serenity and peace and that of others? Do I spread, in the environments in which I live and work, fresh air of freedom, sincerity, and spontaneity?"*

Angelus June 9, 2024

## THIS WEEK AT OMOPH

**Tuesday, June 25**

9am Mass—F

**Thursday, June 27**

9am Mass—OP

**Saturday, June 29**

WEEK 5 Ministers

4:30 Vigil Mass—OP

**Sunday, June 30**

WEEK 5 Ministers

9am Mass—OP 11am Mass—F

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**JULY 4 MASS WILL BE AT 9AM IN OAK PARK**

## UPCOMING MEN'S ORGANIZATION EVENT

**ALL ARE WELCOME SAVE THE DATE**



**Saturday, July 27th**

**5:30pm -7:00 pm**

**Oak Park Gathering Area /outside**

Cost: \$7.00, choice of 1 meat (additional meat can be purchased) Menu includes a brat, a burger or a ¼ pound hot dog with a bun and condiments, watermelon, coleslaw, potato salad and other sides, dessert, and beverages.

**Bring a chair and enjoy the company outside!**

## PRAYER INTENTION

**For our parish as we await decisions about our future, that we may have courage and faith to accept God's will. In your mercy, we pray...**

## YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

**Family Sent on Mission**

**Special Saturday Mass 4:30 PM**

**June 29, 2024**

at Church of the Transfiguration, Code Rd and 10 Mile (West of Lahser and North of 10 Mile) Southfield  
Come to Mass and then spend some time getting to know members of our Family of Parishes.

**FROM FR. PAUL—AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE PARISH**

Over a year ago, in May 2023, our Director of Finance and our Finance Council began the annual process to create a budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. This effort exposed some real financial problems. It quickly became apparent that we could not continue without a hard look at major expenses like roof repairs, maintenance issues, and everyday expenses.

Many churches in our area and throughout the country are experiencing declining attendance and lower offertory giving. It should be and has been noted that any one of the churches in our family of parishes can easily accommodate the number of people who attend mass on the weekends in our family of parishes.

A task force was established made up of twelve parishioners, me, and representatives from the Archdiocese of Detroit Parish Care Department who offered guidance for this process. This team spent much time and energy to study feasible alternatives to the challenges we are facing. The questions that faced us were: what to do? and how to proceed with the best interests of the parish as a whole?

After months and months of prayerful discernment, heart wrenching meetings, review of data and facts, input from parishioners, as well as a town hall the team met to try to reach consensus. Nine of the members of this team discerned that the campus in Ferndale should be closed, three members wanted Ferndale to remain open, and one wanted both locations to remain open but to sell the school building in Oak Park. The priests of our family of parishes then met. After a full review of all the information all four priests in our family of parishes unanimously reached consensus that the Ferndale location should close. This recommendation along with all the data from all the meetings, parishioner input and town hall input were sent to the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The four members of the task force who wanted the Ferndale location to remain open requested a meeting with the Archdiocese of Detroit. They were granted a meeting with the bishop in charge of our region. The bishop was sympathetic to their plea and indicated that the Archdiocese would review the data and set benchmarks for the Ferndale campus to meet for its survival.

This decision by the Archdiocese took me out of this process. I personally am not involved in this process nor is the parish. The Archdiocese asserted this direction. At a recent meeting I was informed of the benchmarks set by the Archdiocese which the Ferndale location, not the parish, must meet. Besides a fundraising goal of over \$262,000 the Ferndale location needs to achieve and maintain a consistent 15% increase in their offertory giving as well as in attendance/participation each week.

Over the years the Ferndale church population has greatly diminished. In the 1970's there were over 2500 families. Today, typically about 110 people attend the 11:00 am Mass. In 2012 when I became pastor there, tough decisions and cutbacks needed to be made due to loss of income. Even with these cutbacks the financial struggles continued.

No one wants to be going through this process. But financial difficulties cannot responsibly be ignored. The bottom line is we must continue to be good stewards, financially responsible and live within our means.

Additionally, it saddens me to inform you that there is misleading, inappropriate, and false information being posted on social media. This does nothing to help the situation and only makes this situation more difficult.

I have happily served in Oak Park since 1972 and in Ferndale since 2012. My prayer is that when all is said and done our faith and sense of the praying community will keep us together. This is the reality which should supersede any building.



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