



## OUR LADY OF REFUGE, Orchard Lake MI

Today is the First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

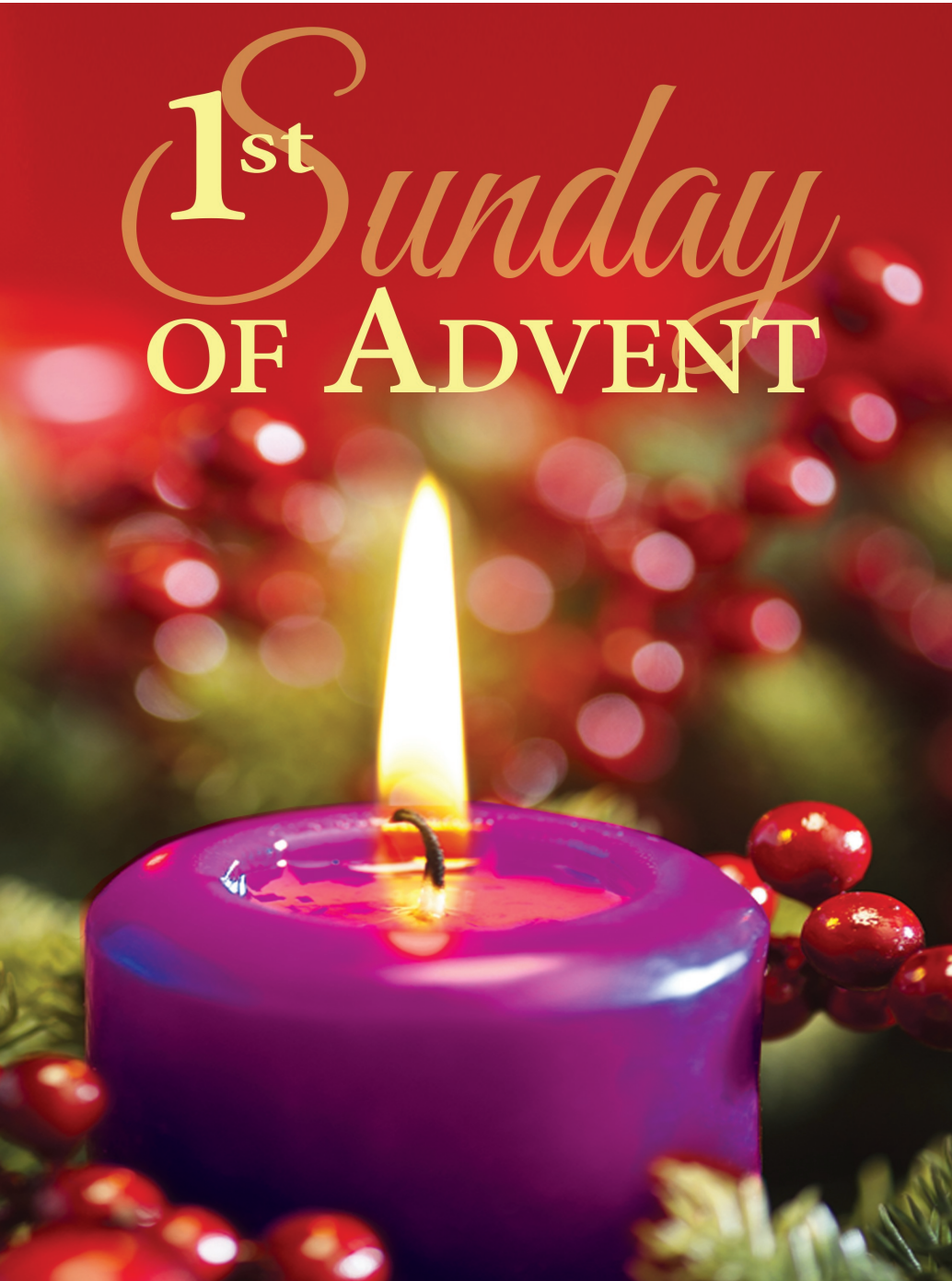
### *Mission Statement*

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.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

*Retirement Fund for  
Religious  
December 7/8  
Give in Thanksgiv-  
ing.*

“The nuns left lasting impressions on me,” writes a donor. “I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education.” Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next weekend take up a collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Inside today's bulletin you will find more information and a donation envelope, please return your generous donation the weekend of December 7/8.



READINGS/MASS INTENTIONS AND MASS SCHEDULE			Dec 2 - 10, 2019	
Day/Date/Time	Readings	Mass Intention	Altar Servers	Presider/Lectors
Mon. Dec. 2 8:00am	Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11	We pray for <b>Cecily Willyard</b> (living) requested by the Family	Adult Server	Msgr. McEnhill
Tues. Dec. 3 <b>8:15am</b>	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24		School Children	Msgr. McEnhill
Wed. Dec. 4 8:15am	Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37		Adult Server	Msgr. McEnhill
Thurs. Dec. 5 8:00am	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27	We pray for <b>Ronald Minor</b> (deceased) requested by Richard & Carmen Scofield	Adult Server	Fr. Nowak
Fri. Dec. 6 8:00am	Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:37-31		Adult Server	Msgr. McEnhill
Sat. Dec. 7 5:00pm	See Sunday Readings	We pray for <b>Richard C. Najor</b> (deceased) requested by Juliet Najor	To be assigned	Msgr. McEnhill L. Young E. Escobedo
Sun. Dec. 8 8:00am	Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12	We pray for <b>Edward Cassar</b> (deceased) requested by Roseanne Attard	To be assigned	Fr. Brooks A. Cintron D. O'Brien
9:30am		We pray for <b>Ed Wray</b> (deceased) requested by Paul & Carol Bishop	To be assigned	Msgr. McEnhill P. Gantz R. Varela
11:30am		We pray for <b>George Najjar</b> (deceased) requested by the Family	To be assigned	Fr. Nowak J. Whalen L. Blaneck
Mon. Dec. 9 8:00am	Gn 3:9-15,20 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38	We pray for <b>Boleslaw Wiess</b> (deceased) requested by the Borowicz Family	Adult Server	Msgr. McEnhill
Tues. Dec. 10 8:00am	Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14	We pray for <b>Paul Bishop</b> (living) requested by his wife	Adult Server	Msgr. McEnhill
ALTAR CARE TEAM 4: Debi Miller, Alicja Frank, Afrah Saffo, Annette Weiland, George Weiland, Mary Brachel				

Inspiration from Henrij M. Nouwen

*We often find ourselves overwhelmed during the busy Christmas season. We spend endless hours shopping and baking and decorating. There are choir concerts and special worship services to attend. We invite guests into our homes and host parties. Do we have to say "yes" to everything and everyone? Well, yes, we must say "yes" to at least one invitation, and that is the invitation of our Lord, the Child of Bethlehem. He quietly asks us to say "yes" to him, to trust his Word and his promises so that through faith in his name, we will bear the fruit of love and service that brings glory to the Heavenly Father. So, even in this very busy and exiting season, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to say "yes" to our Lord Jesus Christ because, in him, "every one of God's promises is a 'Yes'" (2 Corinthians 1:20).*

# Jesus Birthday

## LET'S CELEBRATE

You must have reservations to attend—  
DEADLINE for reservations is December 6th



**Brunch with St. Nick**  
**Saturday, December 14, 2019**

**11:30am—1pm**  
**Our Lady of Refuge Social Hall**

**\$5 per child 3-12**  
**\$10 per adult**  
**2 years and under are free**

**New this year only Pre-paid reservations will be allowed**

E-mail Christine at [Mcdevine@aol.com](mailto:Mcdevine@aol.com)

### PRAY FOR SEMINARIANS

These men have answered Jesus' invitation to "Come Follow Me." Please take a Seminarian's prayer card (located in the Narthex) and pray for him so that he may continue in his journey toward priesthood. "They abandoned their nets and followed him." Mark 1:18

### WORSHIP

Lisa Marie Blanek 248.418.7212 ext. 1114  
[lblank@olorcc.org](mailto:lblank@olorcc.org)

### Prayer Shawl Ministry - All are Welcome!!

We are off to a fantastic start on our winter homeless mats project. We gathered together to begin creating yarn utilizing recycled plastic bags which will then be crocheted into 3' x 6' mats for the homeless. Thank you ladies for our great start!!



We will be meeting again on December 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Parish Office Annex at 3725 Erie Drive from 9:30 – 11:30 am. If you do not know how to knit or crochet than perhaps you will join us and help to create the yarn. Thank you in advance.



### The first Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



In honor of Our Lady's request, we have a devotion here at Our Lady of Refuge on every first Saturday of the month beginning at 4pm before the 5pm Mass. We gather together by our Tabernacle where you will also find our prayer booklet containing these prayers.

All are welcome!

Prayers will include:

- ◆ Prayers to the Holy Spirit
- ◆ Rosary
- ◆ Litany of the Virgin Mary
- ◆ Consecration Prayer
- ◆ Divine Mercy Chaplet

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

Paula Dawson 248-682-4099 dcs@olorcc.org



- Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

In last week's Gospel of St. Luke he tells us of the criminal hanging on the cross next to Jesus, asking "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom", and Jesus replying to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

As Vincentians, we try to see the face of Christ in those we serve, and we hope that Jesus will remember us and our brothers and sisters in Christ when He comes into His kingdom.

Won't you think about joining us as members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society or taking a St. Vincent de Paul tag from the Giving Tree today in order that we may continue our good works for those less fortunate?

### *Christmas Giving Tree*



Next weekend will be the last weekend to return gifts from our Giving Tree. We are asking that after you have returned your gift to replace the tag with a white star found in the basket under the tree. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.



### *The First Sunday of Advent*

***Everyday Stewardship—Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments***

### ***Jesus Is Headed Your Way***

One day, we heard the news that a possible tornado was heading our way. We live off a highway, and it was traveling along that very road. My wife and kids huddled in the downstairs bathroom. Not many tornadoes surface in North Carolina, so our children were particularly worried because it was something they had never contemplated happening before. The tornado never did come into our neighborhood, but it did cause one of our sons to express that he needed to go to Confession as soon as possible. He hadn't done anything too over the top sinful, but coming face—to—face with a tornado had cause him to have some second thoughts about his preparedness for meeting God. Hopefully, a tornado doesn't make a path through your city or town this Advent.

Sometimes, reminders of our mortality find their way into life. The passing of a loved one, a car accident, or a health scare can all cause us to reflect on where we are in our relationship with God. Without those moments, we can find ourselves living daily without a mindfulness of where God is in our life and if our actions are pleasing to Him...or if they drag us further away into the world. Advent is the time to take inventory of where we are with God. How are we living as good stewards and mature disciples? What do I need to make amends for in the healing power of the sacrament of Penance? A tornado may not be coming, but Jesus will be returning someday. Hopefully, you will run outside of your home to meet him, and he won't find you huddled up afraid in your bathroom.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**AWAKEN**

Join us as we dive deeper into our faith through Adoration, Praise and Worship, and spiritual inspiration with Father Jason Brooks.

Tuesday, December 3rd.

7pm

All are welcome!

***Unleash the Gospel – Living and Sharing the Good News***  
**Sunday, December 1, 2019 - First Sunday of Advent**

**Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.**  
**(Romans 13: 11-12)**

**Day-by- Day Advent Experiences for Evangelists**

**Sunday, Day One** – Resolve to bring light into the dark places of life this week as you focus on being attentive to the needs of others.

**Monday, Day Two** – “ Lord, I am not worthy” is a quote from the centurion in today’s Gospel. God is letting us know that he is inclusive and that no one is excluded from his guest list. Be inclusive and let people know their worthiness.

**Tuesday, Day Three** - On this feast of St. Frances Xavier, follower of St. Ignatius of Loyola, practice the Ignatian Daily Examen, examining your life for that day and continue the following days. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see your life as God sees it.

**Wednesday, Day Four** - Today’s Gospel centers on the story of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Contribute you time and/or money to feed those in need during this cold Advent season.

**Thursday, Day Five** – Psalm 118 in today’s liturgy says to: “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever”. Be attentive to all of God’s blessings today and say- “Thank you God”- often.

**Friday, Day Six** - On this feast day of St. Nicholas plan to purchase gifts for those listed on the “Giving Tree” tags.

**Saturday, Day Seven** - Today’s Gospel tells us that: “ the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest”. Pray that you and others will answer the call to proclaim the Gospel and build the Kingdom of God on earth.

**Make these daily Advent practices into habits, that bring you closer to God.**

**Pray. Encounter. Grow. Witness.**

  
**ADVENT**

### 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 see Msgr. McEnhill, our pastor, after Mass on any weekend. 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!



Jeff Adrean  
Gary DeBrincat  
Tadd Downs  
Louise Hall  
Nancy Seeley  
Mark Wagener  
Ginny Wilking

Kellie Anna  
Gordon DeBrincat  
Mary Grile  
Lou Lawrence  
Rosemary Mirabito  
Darlene Panian  
Tom Worthy



“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.”

Christopher Bowman	Coast Guard
Clare Brinkman	Coast Guard
Ernesto Castro	Marines
Daniel Culbertson	Navy
Michelle Culliver	Army
Kristal Denina	Marines
Steven Dinverno	Army
Joshua Hartley	Air Force
Cody Henderson	Army
Katherine Opie	Army

Please contact Laura Parry at 248 681-8029 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.

**Archdiocese of Detroit**

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others—no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). In addition, the Michigan Attorney Generals' Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm) or by email at [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

**OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Nov 16/17, 2019  
 Offertory: \$7,084.00  
 Children's offertory: \$105.00  
 Online Giving: \$2,483.00  
 Total: \$9,627.00  
 Weekly Budget: \$13,300.00  
 Actual YTD: \$258,151.00  
 YTD Budget: \$279,300.00  
 Difference: **(-\$21,149.00)**

**ONLINE GIVING**

Simplify your life try our Online Giving! Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our parish. You can use any of your checking or savings accounts and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. You can also use any of the major credit cards, American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa. Go to [www.olorcc.org](http://www.olorcc.org) to get started.

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**PASTOR** ..... Msgr. Gerald A. McEnhill

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**  
 Saturday Evening ..... 5:00pm  
 Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**  
 Weekdays ..... 8:00am  
 Except Wednesday on School Days at 8:15am  
**HOLY DAYS** 8:15 a.m. during school, otherwise  
 8:00am, 5:00pm & 7:00pm  
**HOLIDAYS** 9:00am

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

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

**MARRIAGES** Six Months Notice By Appointment

**PARISH REGISTRATION**  
 Meet with Monsignor McEnhill after Mass

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 Debbie Richards, School Secretary

**PARISH COUNCIL**  
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 Lenore Vansant ..... Parish Rep.  
 Tadd Klimmek ..... Parish Rep.  
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 Linda Godell ..... Stewardship Rep.  
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