

THE TRAVELER

Our parish Family is a Catholic faith community serving Jesus Christ and His Church. Together, we reach out to the congregation and larger community through prayer, service, evangelization and fellowship. We welcome and invite all on our journey with Christ.



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

- SUN 1/24** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20
- MON 1/25** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18
- TUE 1/26** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tl 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35
- WED 1/27** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20
- THR 1/28** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25
- FRI 1/29** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34
- SAT 1/30** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41
- SUN 1/31** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

“Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn’t a human being alive who hasn’t acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. “Why did I act that way?” is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God’s grace we now see the light.



THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

*Teach me
your
ways.*

— PSALM 25 —

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servants to health once more. Please remember to keep in prayer...



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| Art Bork | Suzanne Nattress |
| Tom Borkowski | Mary Rayes |
| Bob Brown | Tim Simpson |
| John Dallacqua | Angie & Rich Sloan |
| Margaret David | Nelson & Pat Taylor |
| Andrew Fedor | Debbie & Pat Weier |
| Tony Ferro | Lynne Wendt |
| Nikole Frederick | Williamson Family |
| Eileen Graham | Joe Willim |
| Jim Kilmark | Woodward Family |
| Jim Kimpton | |
| Jennifer Koskie | |

Names will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless otherwise notified. Please help us keep our prayer list current by informing us if a person's name should remain on the list by calling 313-534-9000.




Our Lady of Loretto Parish Community extends their prayers and heart-felt sympathy to the families of Jill Bracken and Margaret Houlihan. Jill taught the fourth grade at OLL for many years. Margaret is Anne Carrier's sister who was a member of our Parish family years past. May Jill and Margaret rest in peace and joy with our Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

- Alan Baumgardner, Coby Carpentier, Cole Frederick, Cooper Frederick, David Fry, Christopher Gazley, Jordan Hebner, Heather Ingalls, Christopher Larry, Christopher Laveirge, Eric Polson, Robert Previch & Michael Genga.

Lord, Hold these men and women in your loving hands and protect them as they protect us and bless them for their selfless acts. We pray for peace in our world and an end to war. Amen



"Can you not spend one-half hour with Me?"
Eucharistic Adoration
Every Tuesday
After 8:30am Mass



The Auxiliaries of the Legion of Mary

"The auxiliaries are like wings to the active Legionary. Their prayers beat powerfully and uplift us. Their faithful prayer allows us to soar into the higher realms of ideal and effort and even mountains cannot stay its course. But if those wings are folded the Legion hobbles awkwardly and slowly along the ground, brought to a stop by the slightest obstacle." (Taken from the Legion of Mary handbook)

If you already say a daily rosary or would like to begin, please consider becoming an Auxiliary Member of the Legion of Mary. All it will take is adding about five more minutes of prayer. The benefits are out of this world. You will be included in the prayers of countless millions of Legionaries around the world. Call Bill @ 248 320-0434 or Mary @ 734 743-5506 for more information.

New Year and New Opportunity!
Upcoming Livestream Schedule

(or you can watch mass at your convenience after it is posted on OLL's website)

Saturday, January 23 — 4pm

Sunday, January 31 — 10am

Saturday, February 6 — 4pm

Sunday, February 14 — 10am

The live stream schedule can be found on our website, or on YouTube by searching "Our Lady of Loretto, Redford, MI"

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR TAX PURPOSES

If you need or desire a statement of your contributions to Our Lady of Loretto Parish in 2020, please fill out this form and return it to the parish office. We will print your statement and have it available for pick-up by January 31, 2021. Please send a stamped self-addressed envelope if you wish to have it mailed.

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STEWARDSHIP

Renewed Christian Steward

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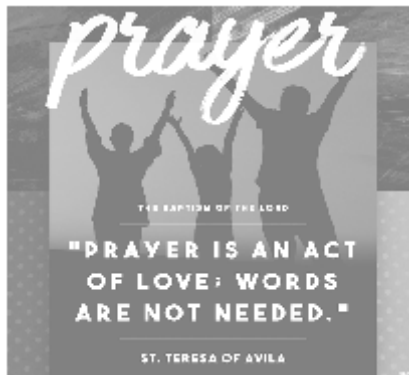
"In addition to looking back, we must also look forward to more than just the year ahead. The human person is naturally striving for perfection, and all should be ordered to this end, even in our resolutions. This doesn't reduce the importance of going for a mile-long walk each day as opposed to reading the Catechism in a year, but it does presuppose that your resolutions are decided within the light of Christian perfection. A commitment to walk each day might not seem like an answer to the call to holiness at first, but a walk each day could give the opportunity to think of others in prayer, or to get in touch with our gratitude for the things we forget to be thankful for; it could be the chance to be a good steward of the body given to you, which can only help improve your future health; it could re-acquaint you with your neighbors, which can lead to friendlier, more supportive days ahead. As you consider your resolutions, place them in this necessary light, asking the same question that you should ask of all action: 'How is this ordered to my Christian perfection?' How does my resolution help close the past and open up the future to me?"

Invite Christ Into Your Discernment

The tasks of your day-to-day life are filled with God longing for your resolve to discover him. They are not distractions from the 'real work' of improvement but in fact instead are the real work of spiritual life. Resolutions are not necessarily found within the extraordinary but realizing the ordinary has been a means for perfection all along.

So, for 2021, invite Jesus into your resolution. Who knows what you truly need to do better than Christ, who is always faithful, and knows the plans God has for you?" (continued next week)

Resolutions to be a better steward of your Catholic faith are hard. Ask God to help you along the path. God Bless!



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MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00am
Mon. & Tues..... 8:30 am

CONFESSIONS: Sat. 2:30 pm & by appt.

BAPTISMS: 2nd Sunday of the month. Family must be active registered parishioners. Class held as arranged.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made in advance (6 months min.). At least one of the couples must be an active registered member of O.L.L.

SICK & COMMUNION CALLS: We are happy to visit the sick. Notify the Rectory.

REGISTRATION: All new members are asked to register in person.

Stewardship UPDATE

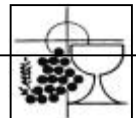
Collection Report: December 10, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,692
Sunday Loose	233
Solemnty of Mary	5
Christmas	400
Total	\$4,330

OLL Parish Weekly Goal \$4,865

Mass Stipends	30
Candles	95
Easter Flower Fund	1
St. Leo's Soup Kitchen	10
Utilities	180
Total	\$316
Grand Total	\$4,646

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, January 25, 2021
8:30am Spec. Ints.: For the poor & oppressed and their cry for justice.

Tuesday, January 26
8:30am + Jose Noronha by Jane Noronha

Saturday, January 30
4:00pm Spec. Ints.: For the unity of the Holy Church of God.
+ Kenneth Eaves by Aunt Fran & Uncle Jim Maszatics

Sunday, January 31
10:00am + Hilaria Senvande & Jesus Marte by Delia Marte
Spec. Ints.: For all our OLL Parish Family


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>24 <u>Poverty</u> disproportionately impacts the elderly. Read about how CCHD funded organizations such as the <u>Massachusetts Senior Action Council</u> have organized around issues such as healthcare, transportation, and voter engagement that are often challenging for elderly to access, trapping them in a cycle of poverty.</p>	<p>25 Many face barriers to breaking the cycle of poverty due to <u>discrimination</u> or <u>racism</u>. Read and reflect on <u>Open Wide Our Hearts</u>, the bishops' new pastoral letter against racism and use the <u>accompanying educational and pastoral resources</u>. How is this letter calling you to conversions?</p>	<p>26 Poverty does not strike all demographics equally. Nearly all of the roots of systemic poverty such as <u>lack of access to food, affordable housing, and quality education</u> disproportionately affect communities of color. <u>Read more</u> about how CCHD is working to address food inequality and homelessness.</p>	<p>27 Read about <u>Living Hope: A Voice for the Vulnerable</u>. CCHD provides funds to help Living Hope empower members of the disability community. They work to not only provide wheelchairs, safety, and community to people experiencing poverty and disability, but they also work to give them a voice and place in society.</p>	<p>28 In <u>Fratelli Tutti</u>, Pope Francis invites all people of good will to live out a discipleship built on love that fosters universal fraternity and social friendship. How can you foster a solidarity that continually seeks justice in your community? <u>Sign up</u> to receive our six-part study guide for faith groups, families, and individuals to journey through <u>Fratelli Tutti</u>.</p>	<p>29 "In service of the poor, there is no room for competition. Rather, we should humbly recognize that the Spirit is the source of our actions that reveal God's closeness and his answer to our prayers." (<u>Pope Francis</u>) Say a prayer that the Holy Spirit will lead you to be of service to the poor.</p>	<p>30 We are called to listen to the needs of victims and uphold the dignity of offenders through practicing <u>restorative justice</u> and opposing the <u>death penalty</u>. How can you show God's love and mercy to those in need of healing and hope?</p>
<p>31 Keep the conversation about poverty going with your family, in your parish, and neighborhood by signing up to receive our newsletter <u>Notes for Neighbors</u> and other communications from the <u>Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development</u>.</p>	<p>For more info and tips on getting involved, visit PovertyUSA.org or PobrezaUSA.org. Longer daily reflections are available at http://bit.ly/USCCBpoverty</p>					

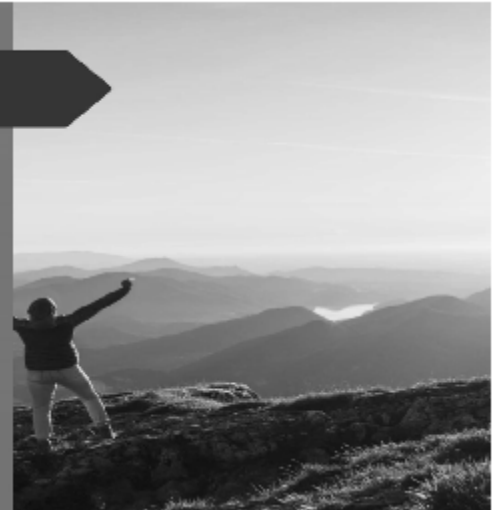
FINDING HOPE AND JOY IN CHALLENGING TIMES

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PART II

JOY

- Definition of Joy (www.dictionary.com)
 - the emotion of great delight or happiness caused by something exceptionally good or satisfying; keen pleasure; elation.
 - Happiness happens to us. Joy is a choice purposefully made.
 - God is the difference between happiness and joy.
- **JOY**
 - Jesus
 - Others
 - Yourself



Finding Joy...

- In our passions.
 - Work, hobbies, family, ministry, etc.
- In the solitude.
 - Creating time to become more self-aware.
- In "seeing" others – connection.
 - More appreciation for interaction with others – virtual and in-person.
 - Increased sense of care and concern for others.
 - What's behind the mask?



JOY in Scripture

- **Jesus**
 - The greatest commandment...*Matthew 22:37-38*
 - *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment".*
- **Others**
 - The second commandment...*Matthew 22:39*
 - *"And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'."*
- **Yourself**
 - *1 Corinthians 3:16-17*
 - *"Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple".*

Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church Parish Council Meeting Minutes: Date: December 9, 2020

Our Lady of Loretto Mission Statement

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Minutes

Agenda Item: Opening Prayer led by Sr Margretta, recited the Parish Mission statement, and took attendance

Agenda Item: Review of meeting minutes from previous meeting, changes? corrections?

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes and seconded:

Agenda Item: Evangelization reports/stories

Minutes: Maryann shared a story about a co-worker's niece and the miracle of prayer.

Agenda Item: Commission Report: Education - Sherrill Ann Lefforge

Minutes: commission group has not met. The planned presentations that were in mind have been delayed. Tentative to begin meeting with Donna Kohn on a Monday night before Religious Ed class begins.

Agenda Item: Commission Report: Worship- Jeff Walker

Minutes: Nothing new to report; but we are all staying in contact before/after Mass and over the phone.

Agenda Item: Commission Report: Christian Service- Dee Taranowski

Minutes: Food basket packaging begins on 12-10. Dee plans on writing a big thank you to the parish for the generous donations and volunteers.

Update on The Giving Tree:

- Ornaments will be for gift donations to three parishes: OLL parishioners, St. Aloysius (the homeless), and Catholic Church of St. Moses the Black.
- There will be no ornaments for St. Christine/Christ the King parish. In lieu of ornaments, there will be a basket near the Giving Tree for monetary donations.
- 'Shoe' boxes will be under the tree for parishioners to fill for the 20 homebound seniors.
- The commission will be filling the food baskets from the food donations to fill 15 Christmas baskets to be delivered to families in the parish.

All gifts are to be returned by December 13, 2020.

Kelly Graves, Sandi Brown, and Pam Romanelli volunteered to help the committee during the Advent/Christmas season.

Agenda Item: Commission Report: Stewardship Chris Hansen, or Nancy Sinelli

Minutes: Nancy Sinelli sent an email reply to inform the council that the Stewardship commission has not met.

Agenda Item: Monthly Report: Disabilities - Sandie Brown was not in attendance.

Minutes: no report

Agenda Item: Monthly Report: Evangelization Kris Freeman

Minutes: The books and the calendars have arrived. The audio-visual project is complete; we are just on a learning curve to learn to use the software. The group has encountered some minor difficulties with livestream options.

- The book order for Heard God Laugh has arrived! The book will be distributed to attendees at Christmas Masses.
- OLL Parish has renewed its subscription to Formed.org for the parish family. Formed has wonderful resources for everyone.

Agenda Item: Quarterly Report: Finance Julie Gillis

Minutes: next report out in 1st quarter 2021

Agenda Item: Quarterly Report: Vicariate - Leonard Smolen was not in attendance

Minutes: next report out is tbd

Agenda Item: Monthly Report: Men's Club – Leonard Smolen was not in attendance

Minutes: no report

Agenda Item: Monthly Report: Knights of Columbus – Leonard Smolen was not in attendance

Minutes: no report

Agenda Item: Monthly Report: Fr. Socorro Fernandes

Minutes: Waiting to see how the Christmas Mass plans will be for the livestream.

There was no 'Families of Parishes' meeting on Thursday, Nov 19th, as planned, with the representative from the Archdiocese of Detroit. It was cancelled due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in Michigan.

Agenda Item: Monthly Report: Pastoral Associate Sr. Margretta Wojcik

Minutes: The blood drive is planned for January 31st.

There will be three families in our parish who will receive some money from the donations to Catholic Charities collection.

Agenda Item: Old Business

Minutes: Reviewed rotating schedule and roles for the January meeting.

Agenda Item: Roundtable – All

Discussed publishing Parish Council meeting minutes in the Traveler.

We also talked about adding a safety message at the beginning of each meeting to include evacuation in case of an emergency during a meeting. This will be an added agenda item beginning with the January meeting.

Closing Prayer led by John Lengyel

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

NOTE: January meeting – Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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