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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### December 24, 2023

This Week at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### Liturgies & Prayer

#### Sunday, December 24

8:00 pm @ St Roch  
Christmas Eve Vigil

#### Monday, December 25

9:00 am Mass @ St Francis  
**Merry Christmas!**

#### Wednesday, December 27

8:45 Bible Study  
10:00 am Mass @ St Francis

#### Thursday, December 28th

10:00 Mass @ St Roch

#### Friday, December 29

Happy Birthday Father George!!

#### Saturday, December 30

4:00 pm @ St Roch

#### Sunday, December 31

8:30 am @ St Roch  
10:30 Mass @ St Francis

#### January 1, 2024

**Welcome New Beginning!**



*Weekly Message from Fr. George.*

### **Christmas Message: The Joy of the Lord is our Strength!**

Christmas is a seasonal event that celebrates the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the son of God and the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a liturgical season that the church celebrates the beginning of our salvation history, the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Echoing the prophecy of Isaiah, “the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel” (Isaiah 7:14), St. Paul wrote, “**When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption**” (Galatians 4:4). Therefore, Christmas is also a time to celebrate our common sonship as God’s Children.

It is a season for generations when individuals and families in joy spend time together exchanging gifts and goodwill, showing gratitude to God, making merry, and an opportunity to be generous to the underprivileged and those who serve us. It has become part of the cultures of many peoples of the world.

But we must acknowledge that we have undergone many challenges as individuals and families, as a community, and as a country. Sometimes, the very essence of who we are as Christians is challenged. However, just as the angel told Mary, “**Do not be afraid**” (Luke 1:28), so fear not at the challenges of being a Christian; instead, be joyful and do not allow anything or anyone to deprive you of the joy of Christmas.

Dear parishioners, I wish you a Merry Christmas. Let the joy of Christmas continue to flourish in your hearts and families as you share this joy with all you meet this coming year. We look forward to seeing you at our weekend Masses and other church activities in the New Year as we continue to build a community of love, peace, and joy. “The Joy of the Lord is our Strength” (Nehemiah 8:10).

### **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

#### **NOTES**

**Christmas Thanksgiving:** This Christmas, I thank you, dear parishioners, for supporting me and my ministry here in Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Despite the many financial commitments at your homes and in the parish for various projects, you have shown personal generosity to me. Thank you, and God bless and reward you most abundantly.

**Annual Vacation:** I will travel to Nigeria to be with family in January. Please pray for my safe return. However, when I am away, Fathers Patrick O’Connor, Jerry Balwinski, and Thai Nguyen will preside over our weekend Masses. Please welcome them and thank them for assisting us in the Eucharistic celebrations.

**Eucharistic Revival** – I thank all who participated in the Mass video series and

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**Parish Office Hours**

Closed Mondays  
Tuesday – Friday 8:00 AM to Noon

**Sacraments**

In order to celebrate the following Sacraments in our Parish, it is vital to be an active member of our Faith Community by participating regularly in our Worship and being a registered parishioner.

**Registration:**

If you wish to become a member of our parish family, please stop by the Parish Office to register.

**Baptism:**

We ask that you please make an appointment, prior to birth, if possible, with the Pastor.

**Marriage:**

An appointment with the Pastor must be made at least 6 months before the wedding celebration.

**Reconciliation:**

First Friday @ St Roch & First Saturday @ St Francis Borgia 9:30 to 10:30 AM, or by appointment.

**Pastoral Care:**

If you or someone you know wishes a visit and/or Holy Communion during an illness or hospital stay, please contact the Parish Office.

**Commissioned Lay Ministers**

Doug Grates  
Linda Oeschger

**Pastoral Council**

Chairperson—Lisa DiCamillo

**Finance Committee Chairperson**

Mary Buda

**Christian Services**

Lisa DiCamillo

**Faith Formation Religious Education**

**A REMINDER TO ALL PARISHIONERS  
IF OUR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS CANCELED SCHOOL BECAUSE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, ALL WEEK DAY MASSES & EVENTS ARE ALSO CANCELED**

Please consider volunteering for your parish community! There are many ways your talents are welcomed & appreciated! If you would like to [help here](#) are some groups in need of YOU!!

Funeral Luncheons                      Ushers  
Mother Mary’s Helpers                Christian Services  
Counters                                    Shut in Ministry  
Eucharistic Ministry                    Faith Formation  
Please call the office if you would like to learn more about these ministries 1-989-856-4933



**Ushers needed for Saturday Mass**

If you would like to serve as an usher at Saturday 4:00 pm Mass- Call: Gerry Wroblewski 989-856-2521

**Music Ministry**

We are very short handed in the winter time for musicians and cantors. If you are interested please call the office for details!

**Christ Mission Appeal 2023-2024**

If you have already made your pledge or donation, thank you!  
If you have not, please consider a gift of some amount.  
Our parish assessment is \$66,058.00  
As of December 4, our parish has received \$35,575.00  
Outstanding pledges are \$3,850.00  
May God bless you for your generosity!

**Capital Campaign**

Extra Capital Campaign (red & white) envelopes are in the back of church for your convenience.  
Pledges for our capital campaign may be returned to the parish office or in the collection basket at any of our Masses.  
Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Stewardship  
December 17, 2023**

| <u>Income</u>          |            | <u>Expenses</u>              |
|------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| ⇒ Envelopes:           | \$ 3730.00 | Wages & Benefits: \$3,160.32 |
| ⇒ Loose Contributions: | \$ 380.00  | Utilities: \$ 190.64         |
| ⇒ Cemetery             | \$ 25.00   | Maintenance: \$ 100.31       |
| ⇒ Religious Retirement | \$ 241.00  |                              |

everlasting joys of heaven. You live and reign forever. Amen.

### **St Roch Giving Tree**

Thank you to everyone that participated in the giving tree again!  
We gathered, wrapped and delivered to 6 local families this year!  
Big hugs and Christmas blessings to all! Happy New Year!

### **St Francis Charity Pigeon Food Pantry Children**

Thank you for everyone that donated their time, gifts and talents toward helping families in Pigeon! God bless you!

### **Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish November— December**

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Bethany(Grates) Burns   | Brandon Burtcz   |
| John Champagne          | Mitch Champagne  |
| Beth Cole               | David Dillinghan |
| Kenneth Duffield        | Joseph Duffield  |
| Sherry Ferguson         | Ron Gross        |
| Kathy Kopacz            | Maura McSorley   |
| Mary Mayra              | Gary Maes Sr.    |
| Jean McFadden           | Todd Mangiapane  |
| Natalie Morgan          | Rose Motycka     |
| Nancy Oaks              | Georgina Santos  |
| Steve Rybinski          | Sonja Smith      |
| Dominic Rybinski        | John Schaefer    |
| Joanne & Norm Samborski | Jeannie Henry    |
| Jack Muscat             | Joe Guigar       |

We continue to keep those who have been sick for some time in our prayers. Your name or that of your loved one will remain on our prayer chain until you call to have them taken off. Prayer chain contact: Peggy 989-738-5452 & Norma 989-453-3026

*Jeremiah 17:4*

*Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.*

**Please pray for the men and women serving our country in the Armed Forces, that they may return home safely to family and friends.**

Remember particularly:

Brandon Radlick - Air Force; Rachel Radlick - Air Force;  
Jonathan Taormina – Marines (Special Forces); Justin Carter – Marines; Chad DeShane – Marines; Jeremy McGee – Marines;



### **Christmas Questions & Answers** **(Answers are found in Gospel Matthew chapter 1 & 2)**

1. How many gifts did the wisemen bring to Jesus?
2. In the account of Jesus' birth, how many visits from Angels are there?
3. How many months did Mary stay with her cousin Elizabeth while they were both pregnant?
4. How old was Anna the prophetess?
5. How many months has Elizabeth been pregnant when the angel appeared to Mary?
6. How many different names are given to Jesus in these passages?
7. How many times do the Angels say 'Do not be afraid'?
8. How many prophesies are quoted from the Old Testament in the Matthew passages?
9. How many days old was Jesus when he was circumcised and given his name?



participated in previous retreats & spiritual leaders.

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Good Shepard (Ubly, MI)

9:30 am to 7 pm

The retreat will include all materials, snacks, lunch and dinner

Contact: Mary: 586-596-8064 [maryshope@outlook.com](mailto:maryshope@outlook.com)

Or call the parish office for registration form

### Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Sunday, January 21, 2024

9:30am—11:30am

Please plan to come and enjoy a hot breakfast made for our community! All are welcome!

### Capuchin Retreat Center

62460 Nt. Vernon Rd, Washington MI

1-248-651-4826 or email [infor@capretreat.org](mailto:infor@capretreat.org)

Women weekend retreat—March 22-24, 2024

Women weekend retreat—April 5-7, 2024

Women weekend retreat—April 19-21, 2024

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Women weekend retreat—May 3-5, 2024

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### Rediscover the Jesse tree this Advent

This new 22-episode series guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families.

To sign up:

Go to [Formed.org](http://Formed.org)

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The new page will have three choices:

Click: "I belong to a parish" The first box will ask you to find your parish. Type in "Holy Name of Mary Parish: and the parish name will show up with the Harbor Beach location.

Click on the Parish Name. The next page will ask you to enter your name and email address.

Click to get to the next page which will be the page of Formed and all its resources.

**Attention Quilters!!** If you have any cotton material for donation we will be working on a quilt this winter. Fabric can be dropped off at the office. Thank You!

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