



# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

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## 2nd Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024

This Week at Our Lady of  
Perpetual Help

Weekly Message from Fr. George

### Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi – The Law of Prayer is the Law of Faith.

Prayer is one of the critical pillars of Lent. In prayer, we express who we are and what we believe in. The liturgy is the public prayer of the Catholic Church, and therein, the faith of the Church is expressed and put into action. Therefore, the liturgy, which is the celebration of the sacraments and all that pertains thereto, does not represent the faith of an individual worshipper per se. Still, all members together express the faith of the Church in worship. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states, *“The Church’s faith precedes the faith of the believer who is invited to adhere to it. When the Church celebrates the sacraments [chiefest of them is the Eucharist (Mass)], she confesses the faith received from the apostles ... [Indeed], The law of prayer is the law of faith: the Church believes as she prays... [lex orandi, lex credendi: legem credenda lex statuat supplicandi] ... Liturgy is a constitutive element of the holy and living Tradition” (CCC 1124).*

It presupposes that when we come to church, we are not coming to do our own thing but to express our belief in God and express it accordingly. How we tell ourselves and participate in the liturgy through our composure, decorum, gestures, and reverence shows what we believe in and the kind of worship we give God. It is never an argument of God knows my heart. The liturgy is an outward expression of what we believe. And *“The purpose of the sacraments is to sanctify men, to build up the Body of Christ, and finally to give worship to God. Because they are signs, they also instruct. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and objects, they also nourish, strengthen, and express it” (CCC 1123; Cf. Sacrosanctum Concilium 59).* The liturgy invites us to participate in unity and in oneness; we sit together, stand together, kneel together, sing the same song together, express the exact words together, and at Mass, we sacrifice and eat the body of Christ together.

We must begin with the fact that the church is a special place for God. Yes, God is everywhere and can be worshipped anywhere. Still, the Catechism says, *“A church, ‘a house of prayer’ in which the Eucharist is celebrated and reserved, where the faithful assembled, and worshipped the presence of the Son of God our savior, offered for us on the sacrificial altar for the help and consolation of the faithful – this house ought to be in good taste and a worthy place for prayer and sacred ceremonial” (CCC 1181).* Thus, we respect and revere the church, the house of God. This reverence is needed because Jesus is sacrificed and present in the Eucharist. Our approach to the Eucharist, whether as Communion or as Blessed Sacrament must be reverence, adoration, and deep humility. When we display such reverence and devotion, it goes to show our belief in the real presence of Jesus Christ – He is present whole, body and soul, and in his divinity.

### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS - FEBRUARY/MARCH

**Stations of the Cross:** As part of our Lenten observance, we will have Stations of the Cross on Thursday at St. Roch’s Church at 5:00 pm. Soup dinner will follow this.

**Lenten Confessions:** There will be private confessions and individual penance will occur every Wednesday 9:30 am at St Francis, Thursday 9:30 am at St Rock and Saturday 3:30 pm at St Roch. Please avail yourself of this opportunity.

**Eucharistic Revival:** Discussion on **Presence** will be presented Tuesday evening March 5 & 12 at 6:00 pm at the Parish Hall, St Roch, Caseville. It will be time to reflect on the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

**Register NOW! 10th NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS – JULY 17-21, 2024** – Join Bishop Gruss and the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw on a pilgrimage to experience this pivotal moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. The diocese has purchased 200 tickets to offer package pricing for this event. Visit the diocesan website for more information: (<https://saginaw.org/event/pilgrimage-national-eucharistic-congress>)

## Liturgies & Prayer

### Tuesday, February 27

Eucharistic Revival  
**The Presence-6:00 pm**  
@ St Roch Parish Center

### Wednesday, February 28

8:45 am Bible Study  
9:30 Confessions  
10:00 am Mass @ St Francis

### Thursday, February 29

9:30 am Confessions  
10:00 am Mass St Roch  
5:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
St Roch

### First Friday, March 1

9:30 am Adoration, Confession  
& Mass @ St Roch

### First Saturday, March 2

9:30 am Adoration, Confession  
& Mass @ St Francis

### Saturday, March 2

3:30 pm Confession  
4:00 pm @ St Roch  
Mass offered for Rowena Baca

### Sunday, March 3

8:30 am @ St Roch  
Mass offered for  
Gerald Ernat

10:30 Mass @ St Francis

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Contacts

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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

Lisa Schulte

#### Cemetery Sextons

Ben Willenberg-Parish Cemeteries

John Champagne-St Felix Cemetery

#### Web Master

Linda Clark

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Stewardship February 18, 2024

### Income

⇒ Envelopes: 2156.00  
⇒ Loose Contributions: 422.00  
⇒ Cemetery 25.00  
⇒ Building Maintenance 50.00

Total \$ 2653.00

### Expenses

Wages & Benefits: 3,792.65  
Utilities: 198.91  
Maintenance: 810.00  
Total \$ 2940.00

Thank you for your weekly contributions.  
Number of envelopes used: 63

Count Group #3 for Monday, February 5

### January 2024 Online Giving: Sunday/HD & General \$3496.00

### 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 \$58,705, reduced from \$66,058  
by the Diocese of Saginaw!

As of December 22, our parish has received \$44,315  
We have reached 75.5% of our goal!

### 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.

## “Presence”

*The Mystery of the Eucharist*

Tuesday, February 26

**Second Sunday of Lent:** listening for the voice of God.

**Work of Mercy:** Bear wrongs patiently

**The GRACE I seek:** to recognize the voice of Jesus in my Life

**IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.** Pause for a few moments & let yourself become aware of Himself in the Eucharist. Realize that at this moment, that the Lord of life is shining down on you. You are His beloved child, rest in Him.

### Chrism Mass

**Tuesday March 26, 2024**

Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption  
615 Hoyt Ave, Saginaw, MI

If you would like to attend the Chrism Mass this year please call the office. (989) 856-4933

### Our Lenten Journey

**Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving**

- Prayer purifies our intentions and relates everything we do to God.
- Fasting detaches us from ourselves and our comforts.
- Almsgiving is giving to the needs of the poor and reflects our brother/sisterhood with them.

**Women's Society Meeting**

Wednesday March 6, 2024

11:00 am AT St Francis Hall

Hosts: Lisa DiCamillo & Connie Gaeth

All are welcome to attend!

**Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish**

**January—February**

Bethany(Grates)Burns

John Champagne

Erna Farrington

Kenneth Duffield

Sherry Ferguson

Jeannie Henry

Mary Mayra

Todd Mangiapane

Natalie Morgan

Steve Rybinski

Dominic Rybinski

Joanne Samborski

Mitch Champagne

David Dillingham

Joseph Duffield

Joe Guigar

Kathy Kopacz

Gary Maes Sr.

Natalie Morgan

Nancy Oaks

Steve Wolfram

John Schaefer

Norm Samborski

Brandon Burtcz

John Gilmore

Beth Cole

Donna Lawrence

Ron Gross

Maura McSorley

Jean McFadden

Rose Motycka

Sonja Smith

Nathan Repke

Shirley Laya

Pat Desjardins

Please note that there are Lenten books, bracelets and rice bowls (annual giving project sponsored by Faith Formation children) in a basket at the entrance of church. Please feel free to take what you would like for this lent. Rice bowls need to be returned by the end of Lent.

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:

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Funeral Luncheons     | Ushers             |
| Mother Mary's Helpers | Christian Services |
| Counters              | Shut in Ministry   |
| Eucharistic Ministry  | Faith Formation    |
| Music Ministry        |                    |

Please call the office if you would like to learn more about these ministries. 1-989-856-4933

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

**Please pray for the men and women serving our country in the military, Coast Guard, Police or Fire Department.**

Marines: Jonathan Taormina, Justin Carter, Chad DeShano, Jeremy McGee, Zachary McGee, Jackson Okey, Brandon Tolliver, Frank Duda

Air Force: Brandon Radlick, Rachel Radlick, Michael Sampson Jr  
Army: Glenn May

Navy: Drew Thompson(Navy Seal), Remington Messing  
Phillip Hancock

Paramedic Fire Fighter: Brett Karwowski  
US Coast Guard: Evens Repke



Michigan State Police: Joshua Allen

Please contact the office to add any names of relatives or friends.



**CPR & AED Class**

**Date: February 26, 2024**

**Time: 6-8 pm**  
**Pigeon Event Center**

**311 S. Main St, Pigeon, MI 48755**  
**OLPH is offering AED, CPR training to parishioners conducted by**

**Scheurer Hospital.**

**Sign up sheets are in the rear of each church and space is limited.**

**Attendance is mandatory for all Ushers and Lectors (no charge) all others persons: cost is \$30 a person.**

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

**Weekend Mass cancellations**

If weather conditions are poor and you are wondering if there are cancellations please listen to WLEW 102.1 FM, 1340 AM or thumbnet.net.

**A Lenten Silent Retreat** will be offered to all women of the Diocese by the Saginaw Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw on Saturday, March 9. The retreat starts at 9 a.m. (registration begins at 8:30) and will end at approximately 4 p.m.

The retreat leader will be Dr. Dan Osborn whose presentation title will be "Bride and Branch: Growing Closer to the Lord." Mass, rosary, and Stations of the Cross will be included. The cost for the retreat is \$25 (in advance /incl. morning snack & lunch).

Please RSVP to Rita Maher (989-635-7072) before March 4.

**FARM 2 YOU Fish Fry FOOD TRUCK EVENT**

St Francis, Pigeon Parking Lot—Take out only!

March 1st & March 8th

4:00-6:30

Basket of 3 pc Cod & 2 sides \$15

Sides-Fries, onion rings, cole slaw, macaroni salad or baked beans

**Game Night –Host -Knights of Columbus**

Tuesday, March 19, 6 pm to 8 pm @ St Roch

**Saginaw Catholic Men’s Conference**

March 16, 2024 from 8:00 am—3:00 pm

St Stanislaus Catholic Church-1503 Kosciuszko Ave, Bay City

To purchase tickets:

www.evenbrite.com

Online Only price: \$25, Pricing ends on March 5th

Lunch included—Admission at the door: \$30

Walk up registration starts at 7:30 am

Questions: call 989-372-1550

**New Event Coming in September 2024**

We are pleased to announce OLPH is sponsoring

**Seasonal Blessings Craft Show**

September 21st, 2024.

Seasonal Blessings Craft Show will host 20 to 25 vendors, a quilt raffle, bake sale and lunch.

For more information please contact:

Rose Marie Creguer 1-989-375-4905

Spring ahead—  
**March 10 at 2:00 am**

Huron County Right to Life Presents

**Pro Life Teen Rally**

March 17, 2024 2:00 Pm to 5:00 PM

Bad Axe Middle School, 750 S. Van Dyke Rd

Enjoy an afternoon of Food, Prizes, Break Out Session & a free t-shirt! Register Today! For the Early Bird Drawing email [huronrtl@gmail.com](mailto:huronrtl@gmail.com) with name, phone number & t-shirt size Any questions? Call Jeanne Gusa at 989-670-3315

**Focus on Life**

2024 Annual Benefit Dinner

March 22, 2024

Knights of Columbus Hall

1036 S Van Dyke Rd, Bad Axe, MI

Please reserve your space by March 15, 2024

Jeanne Gusa 989-670-3315 [www.huronrtl@gmail.com](mailto:www.huronrtl@gmail.com)

**Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents**

Serving the spiritual needs of any parent of children of any age that have died by any cause, no matter how long ago.

Give yourself the gift of getting away & focus on your own spiritual journey. Members of the retreat team include Emmaus Parent Companions, grieving parents who have participated in previous retreats & spiritual leaders.

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Good Shepard (Ubyly, 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

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**Food Pantry Needs**

**Help cover the cost of our Bulletin.**

Advertise your business or organization or simply sponsor a space with a memorial or as a gift to the parish.

**Hall Rental**

Are your family and friends getting together?  
Do you need a bigger space for a meeting or special gathering?

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Center and St. Francis Borgia Hall are available for rent.

Please call the Parish Office for details 989-856-4933

Caseville & Pigeon Food Pantries Are always in need of donations, particularly toiletries, paper products, & tuna/canned chicken Thank you for your support!

Summer months—\$75.00  
All Year—\$125.00

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