

# OUR LADY OF REFUGE CATHOLIC PARISH REFUGIO, TEXAS

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**OFFICE HOURS: Mon - Fri 8:00 am to 12:00 noon**  
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30 pm **(OLR)**  
 Sunday Morning Mass 9:00 am **(St Therese)**  
 Sunday Morning Mass: 10:30 am **(OLR)**  
**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**  
**(No weekday masses from Aug 6th to the 10th)**

**ALTAR SERVERS**  
Saturday 5:30 Vigil August 11th  
 Presleigh & Thomas Barber  
Sunday 10:30am August 12th  
 Carson & Emily White

## Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Sunday 10:30 Mass August 12th  
**Bobbie & Janice Carroll**

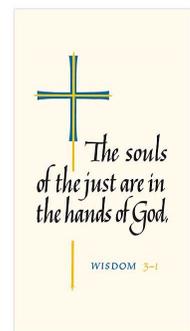


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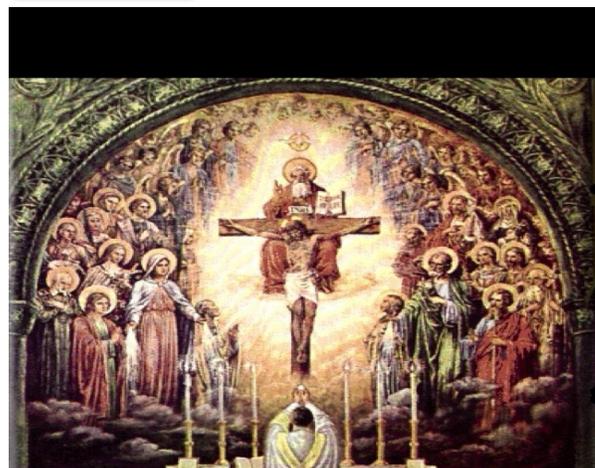
Saturday 5:30 Vigil August 11th  
**Kelli Ressmann**  
Sunday 10:30 Mass August 12th  
**Joe Beth Whitlow**



## Mass Intentions



Saturday Aug 4th 5:30p  
 + **Karen Henke**  
 by Mary K O'Brien  
 Sunday Aug 5th 10:30a  
 + **Wallace Shay**  
 by Anita Barber



**FUNERAL MINISTRY**  
 for August  
**Patti Borglund & Cindy Clendennen**

**TITHES July 28th & July 29th**  
 ENV 2545.00 LOOSE 135.00 Total: 2680

## The Church Exists to Evangelize!!!

Our family of faith here at Our Lady of Refuge has an opportunity to receive outstanding training & formation so that we might learn how to minister to our Middle School Youth & teach them how to develop and nurture a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a parent, guardian, young adult or elder in our faith community and your love for God exists in doing God's Will, take the time to call the parish office (361) 526-2083 or call Fr Bill (361) 730-9642 so that you might learn how you can journey with our Middle School youth. All you need do is call. The phone call or visit does not commit you. Your response is simply an opportunity to discern through the Holy Spirit how you might participate in helping our youth discover their beauty, goodness, & holiness. When they begin to see themselves through God's eyes, and when they experience the love their faith community has for them, then they can discover and experience the deep love God has always had for them and always will have for them. Let us live the Mission & Vision of Christ's Church by being adult disciples (students) learning how to teach our youth how to grow in a love relationship with God.

**THE KEY: BUILD A CORE TEAM**  
**Genesis: A Life Teen & Edge**

**Startup Conference**

September 21-23, 2018 // San Antonio, TX

**Focus: Building a Core Team of Adults**  
 for Middle School Edge Youth Ministry  
 (6th, 7th, & 8th)

Scholarships are available for those who commit to attending the conference

Church Website: [christonhwy77.com](http://christonhwy77.com)

*Mr. Thomas Swierc , our summer seminarian, has completed his assignment with our faith community here at Our Lady of Refuge in Refugio, Texas & St Therese of the Little Flower in Woodsboro, Texas (St Mary Mission Bayside, Texas). Now, he will be moving to Houston Texas to join the Saint Mary's Seminary Community & begin his graduate studies at St Thomas School of Theology. There he will be receiving formation preparing him for the Roman Catholic Priesthood while he studies for the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas.*

*Take the time to send Thomas a thank you note and/ or letter of encouragement & support at the following address:*

**Mr. Thomas Swierc  
St Mary's Seminary  
9845 Memorial Dr.  
Houston, Texas 77024**



**The Church exists to evangelize.....**

In 1975 Blessed Pope Paul VI, issued a document, “Evangelii Nuntiandi” (“Evangelization in the Modern World”). Drawing together the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul described evangelization as the church’s deepest identity and mission. In short, “the church exists to evangelize” – to proclaim Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit so that people in our times will open their hearts to him and find in the Lord and in his church salvation from their sins and the path to authentic holiness. This mission is directed toward those who have not yet heard the Good News but it is also directed toward those who no longer practice their faith. Evangelization was also central to the papacy of St. John Paul II. He called for a “new evangelization” – not new in content, but new “in its ardor, methods and expression.” He reaffirmed the church’s mission to proclaim the Gospel to those who have never heard it but also stressed the obligation of the church to evangelize those whose faith had grown cold and to re-evangelize nations where formerly the faith was strong but now is fading. Pope Benedict XVI, like St John Paul II, emphasized that evangelization is not merely a program but rather **an opening of the heart**. It involves our being agents of the Holy Spirit in helping people have a profound experience of Jesus and his love, a love that opens them to the Word of God, the sacraments, to virtuous living and ultimately to their vocation to holiness. Evangelization is clearly central to the pontificate of Pope Francis. With a pastor’s heart, he penned “Evangelii Gaudium,” (“The Joy of the Gospel”). He speaks of the urgency of this mission and calls each of us and our parishes and church institutions to “**a missionary conversion**.” He challenges bishops and priests to take the lead in creating dioceses and parishes that are alive, on fire with the mission of spreading the Gospel. Evangelization, then, is at the heart of the Second Vatican Council as well as the pontificates of all the popes following the council. Their teaching is based on the Lord’s missionary mandate to the Apostles: **“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit”** Yet, a recent survey which asked various church congregations whether spreading the faith is a high priority produced troubling results. In conservative Protestant congregations, some 75 percent answered in the affirmative; 57 percent of African-American congregations agreed. Among U.S. Catholic parishes, **only 6 percent** said the same, not exactly an enthusiastic embrace of the central thrust of Vatican Council II or the teaching of recent popes. Their prophetic warnings go unheeded as the number of practicing Catholics, including many young people, declines. This constitutes a kind of “soft” dissent, not from a specific teaching but from **the Lord’s missionary mandate and from the church’s very identity and mission**. It’s not that most Catholics reject outright the call to spread the Gospel; it’s more that they decline to participate in it, often because they themselves have never been evangelized and adequately catechized. When the church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost, that event speaks about how the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles as they prayed in the Upper Room. In the power of the Spirit, their hearts and minds were opened so that they truly grasped who Jesus is, what he taught, and what he did to save us. And they received the wisdom, strength and courage to go forth and spread the Gospel as the Lord had commanded. Their wholehearted witness to Jesus and their courageous preaching brought extraordinary results. Let us unite in praying earnestly for a new Pentecost in our day. In the power of the Spirit let us open our hearts to Jesus, live his Gospel fully – including those teachings that are counter-cultural – and to speak of him in love to others, gently calling them back to a relationship alive in the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Mass carried over into personal relationships within the family and among friends.