

Peace
Paz



Advent *Adviento*

December 8, 2024

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Weekend at Birney's



Thank you Pat O'Hara

On behalf of the many parish/school/Family organizations who have benefitted from her hard work, attention to detail, and faithful service, I extend a heartfelt word of gratitude. On behalf of all you, the parishioners, who each week have the privilege of receiving and reading the 'fruits

of her many labors' I offer a word of appreciation. Pat has been the steady hand behind our parish, now parishes, bulletin. She is the patient communicator, dutiful producer, and creative editor for this weekly production. Suffice to say, being in charge of a four parish bulletin, is no small task. Pat has performed each of the many tasks with a positive spirit and professional approach. As Pat bids farewell to the responsibility of the parish bulletin, please join me in thanking her for a job well done!

Preparing for the future

As we look forward to the changes that will occur for our Quo Vadis Domine Family in the coming year, I thought it would be helpful to review the following: At Synod 16, the 2016 Archdiocesan-wide gathering of lay people, clergy and Archbishop Vigneron, many frank discussions were held in which the participants discerned and evaluated together the present state of the Archdiocese of Detroit. The discussions brought to light what might be called the "capital vices" of our local Church—those bad habits that affect our witness to Christ. A look at these bad habits will help us identify both what has to change and what we are called to become. Next week we'll explore the 'good habits'.

Our bad habits are those attitudes, misunderstandings, or deceptions that hold us back from unleashing the Gospel. Five of these stood out in particular at the Synod.

- **A worldly notion of the Church:** Too often the Church is viewed, even by Catholics, as simply a human institution, and the Catholic faith as merely a lifestyle enhancer. In this outlook the Church's value is based primarily on its contributions to society, whether in education, health care, advocacy, or service to the poor. **The priest is seen as a kind of ecclesiastical civil servant. When this outlook prevails the Church's mission can become captive to human plans, and the clarity of our witness to the Gospel is compromised.** Cardinal John Henry Newman observed that perhaps one of the reasons Christ's disciples in a particular time and place seem to escape being persecuted is that they have conformed themselves to the thinking and behavior of their society. They "have taken the world's pay, and must not grudge its yoke." What is lacking in such a worldly mindset is a humble recognition that the Church belongs to Christ as his body, his beloved bride. It is Christ who directs the mission and activity of the Church and who will bring her without fail to her final destiny. All of us, clergy and laity alike, are servants of the Lord who will one day render an account of our service to him.

- **Spiritual lethargy:** The second vice is closely related to the first. If the Church is viewed as a human institution, then it is easy to become overwhelmed by the challenges that face us. **The feeling that we have to carry the burden of a struggling Church contributes in turn to weariness, discontent, and defeatism. It may seem as if we are pushing a rock up a steep hill and getting nowhere. Where there has been such lethargy, dear brothers and sisters, let us repent!** It is a little like a marriage that has become stale: it is time to "return to our first love" (cf. [Rev 2:4](#)), to go through a "marriage encounter" between ourselves and Jesus—or perhaps to fall in love with him for the first time. If our ardor has cooled, let us ask the Lord to touch us once again with a burning ember from his altar (cf. [Isa 6:6](#)) that we may be rekindled in our zeal for him.
- **Status quo mentality:** There can be a kind of institutional hardening, a resistance to change. We may consider that certain institutional forms, customs, and practices have carried us in the past and we do not want to put in the effort to reform them. Pope Francis speaks of "the complacent attitude that says: 'We have always done it this way.'" Instead he urges all local Churches to **"be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, style and methods of evangelization in their respective communities."** ^[13]
- **Fear:** The fourth bad habit can sometimes be more hidden. We can be subtly influenced by a combination of fears: fear of taking risks, fear of failure, fear of losing control, fear of going beyond our comfort zone. But yielding to fear keeps us in spiritual bondage (cf. [Heb 2:15](#)). **How often Scripture tells us, "Fear not!" How often the Lord assures the fearful of his steadfast love and his help (cf. [Isa 43:1-2](#)).** We must choose not to be guided by fear. Whenever we become aware of fears and anxieties influencing us, we can bring them before the Lord in all honesty and ask him to replace them with apostolic courage.
- **A complaining attitude:** A common temptation in reaction to problems is to lament that we no longer have the power or prestige we once had. We don't have as many priests, as many resources, as much money, as much support. Like the Israelites in the desert, we can take on an attitude of "murmuring," finding fault with God and others. **But complaining leads only to discouragement and paralysis.** God thinks we have enough, because we have him. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" ([Phil 4:13](#)). Unleash the Gospel: unleashthegospel.org

Football Predictions

Lions 41 – Packers 20 (They just keep winning!!)

That's all for now, see you in Church,
Fr. Tim Birney

Fin de Semana en Birney's

Gracias Pat O'Hara

En nombre de las muchas organizaciones parroquiales/ escolares/familiares que se han beneficiado de su arduo trabajo, atención al detalle y fiel servicio, extendiendo una sincera palabra de gratitud. En nombre de todos ustedes, los feligreses, que cada semana tienen el privilegio de recibir y leer los "frutos de sus muchos trabajos", les ofrezco unas palabras de agradecimiento. Pat ha sido la mano firme detrás de nuestra parroquia, ahora parroquias, boletín. Es la comunicadora paciente, productora diligente y editora creativa de esta producción semanal. Baste decir que estar a cargo de un boletín parroquial no es tarea fácil. Pat ha realizado cada una de las muchas tareas con un espíritu positivo y un enfoque profesional. Al despedirse de la responsabilidad del boletín parroquial, ¡acompañame en agradecerle por un trabajo bien hecho!

Preparándose para el futuro

Mientras esperamos los cambios que ocurrirán para nuestra Familia Quo Vadis Domine en el próximo año, pensé que sería útil revisar lo siguiente: En el Sínodo 16, la reunión arquidiocesana de 2016 de laicos, clérigos y el arzobispo Vigneron, se llevaron a cabo muchas discusiones francas en las que los participantes discernieron y evaluaron juntos el estado actual de la Arquidiócesis de Detroit. Las discusiones sacaron a la luz lo que podría llamarse los "vicios capitales" de nuestra Iglesia local: esos malos hábitos que afectan nuestro testimonio de Cristo. Una mirada a estos malos hábitos nos ayudará a identificar tanto lo que tiene que cambiar como lo que estamos llamados a llegar a ser. La semana que viene exploraremos los 'buenos hábitos'.

Nuestros malos hábitos son aquellas actitudes, malentendidos o engaños que nos impiden dar rienda suelta al Evangelio. Cinco de ellos se destacaron en particular en el Sínodo.

- **Una noción mundana de la Iglesia:** Con demasiada frecuencia la Iglesia es vista, incluso por los católicos, como una simple institución humana, y la fe católica como un mero potenciador del estilo de vida. Desde este punto de vista, el valor de la Iglesia se basa principalmente en sus contribuciones a la sociedad, ya sea en la educación, la atención médica, la defensa o el servicio a los pobres. **El sacerdote es visto como una especie de funcionario eclesiástico. Cuando prevalece esta perspectiva, la misión de la Iglesia puede quedar cautiva de los proyectos humanos, y la claridad de nuestro testimonio del Evangelio se ve comprometida.** El cardenal John Henry Newman observó que tal vez una de las razones por las que los discípulos de Cristo en un tiempo y lugar particulares parecen escapar de ser perseguidos es que se han conformado al pensamiento y al comportamiento de su sociedad. "Han tomado la paga del mundo, y no deben renegar de su yugo".^[12] Lo que falta en una mentalidad tan mundana es un humilde reconocimiento de que la Iglesia pertenece a Cristo como su cuerpo, su esposa amada. Es Cristo quien dirige la misión y la actividad de la Iglesia y quien la llevará indefectiblemente a su destino final. Todos nosotros, clérigos y laicos por igual, somos siervos del Señor que un día rendirán cuenta de nuestro servicio a Él.

- **Letargo espiritual:** El segundo vicio está estrechamente relacionado con el primero. Si la Iglesia es vista como una institución humana, entonces es fácil sentirse abrumado por los desafíos que enfrentamos. **El sentimiento de que tenemos que llevar el peso de una Iglesia en lucha contribuye a su vez al cansancio, al descontento y al derrotismo. Puede parecer como si estuviéramos empujando una roca por una colina empinada y no llegamos a ninguna parte. Donde ha habido tal letargo, queridos hermanos y hermanas, ¡arrepintámonos!** Es un poco como un matrimonio que se ha vuelto rancio: es hora de «volver a nuestro primer amor» (cf. Ap 2,4), de pasar por un «encuentro matrimonial» entre nosotros y Jesús, o tal vez de enamorarnos de Él por primera vez. Si nuestro ardor se ha enfriado, pidamos al Señor que nos toque una vez más con una brasa ardiente de su altar (cf. Is 6,6) para que podamos reavivar nuestro celo por él.
- **Mentalidad de statu quo:** Puede haber una especie de endurecimiento institucional, una resistencia al cambio. Podemos considerar que ciertas formas, costumbres y prácticas institucionales nos han llevado en el pasado y no queremos hacer el esfuerzo de reformarlas. El Papa Francisco habla de "la actitud complaciente que dice: 'Siempre lo hemos hecho así'". En cambio, insta a todas las Iglesias locales a **"ser audaces y creativas en esta tarea de repensar los objetivos, las estructuras, el estilo y los métodos de evangelización en sus respectivas comunidades"**.
- **Miedo:** El cuarto mal hábito a veces puede estar más oculto. Podemos ser sutilmente influenciados por una combinación de miedos: miedo a tomar riesgos, miedo al fracaso, miedo a perder el control, miedo a salir de nuestra zona de confort. Pero ceder al miedo nos mantiene en esclavitud espiritual (cf. Hb 2:15). **¡Cuántas veces la Escritura nos dice: "¡No temáis!" ¡Cuántas veces el Señor asegura a los temerosos de su misericordia y de su ayuda (cf. Is 43, 1-2)! Debemos elegir no dejarnos guiar por el miedo.** Cada vez que nos damos cuenta de los temores y ansiedades que nos influyen, podemos llevarlos ante el Señor con toda honestidad y pedirle que los reemplace con valentía apostólica.
- **Una actitud quejumbrosa:** Una tentación común en reacción a los problemas es lamentarse de que ya no tenemos el poder o el prestigio que alguna vez tuvimos. No tenemos tantos sacerdotes, ni tantos recursos, ni tanto dinero, ni tanto apoyo. Al igual que los israelitas en el desierto, podemos adoptar una actitud de "murmuración", de criticar a Dios y a los demás. **Pero quejarse sólo conduce al desaliento y a la parálisis.** Dios piensa que tenemos suficiente, porque lo tenemos a Él. "Todo lo puedo en Cristo que me fortalece" (Flp 4,13). Dar rienda suelta al Evangelio: unleashthegospel.org

Predicciones de fútbol

Lions 41 – Packers 20 (Simplemente.....sólo... siguen... ¡¡ganando!!)

Eso es todo por ahora, nos vemos en la Iglesia, Padre Tim Birney

MASS INTENTIONS INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS

Wednesday December 11 | Miércoles Diciembre 11, 9am

+Sidney Vermette
+Terry Martin

Friday December 13 | Viernes Diciembre 13, 9am

+Jerry & Roberta Sobieraj

Saturday December 14 | Sábado Diciembre 14, 4pm

+Bonnie Lozier
+John & Catherine Hundsrucker
+Al Burden
The Witkowski Family
Poor Souls in Purgatory

Sunday December 15 | Domingo Diciembre 15, 10am

+Karen Myre
+Frank Operhall
+Tom McCarty
+Daniel Graf
+Deceased Members of the Morales Family

Sunday December 15 | Domingo Diciembre 15, 12pm

La Gente de la Parroquia

Stewardship of Time and Talent/ Corresponsabilidad de Tiempo y el Talento

This year we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother on December 9. Mary was a steward par excellence, bearing and bringing forth the Christ child into a dark, fragile world. How do we use our time and talents to bring Christ into a world that is desperate for his presence?

Este año celebramos la Inmaculada Concepción de nuestra Santísima Madre el 9 de diciembre. María fue una corresponsable por excelencia, dando a luz al niño Jesús a un mundo oscuro y frágil. ¿Cómo usamos nuestro tiempo y talentos para traer a Cristo a un mundo que está desesperado por su presencia?

Stewardship of Treasure Corresponsabilidad de Tesoro:

November 17

Envelope/Loose | *Sobres/Dinero suelto* ... \$4,786
Online Giving | *Donaciones en línea* \$860
Total \$5,646

Catholic Service Appeal 2024

Llamado al Servicio Católico 2024

Goal | *Objetivo*.....\$41,767
Paid to Date | *Pagado hasta la fecha* \$180,071
Parish Rebate | *Reembolso parroquial* ... \$138,304

Ministry Schedule

Saturday December 14 | Sábado Diciembre 14, 4pm

Lector	John Kilcoin
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Scott LaForest
Altar Servers	Duane Tufts, Brittany Turner, Romina Orozco
Ushers	Clyde Burt, Luis Perez, Paul Pesta, Tom Pustulka, Hilaria Seledon
Sacristan	Jeff Lozier

Sunday December 15 | Domingo Diciembre 15, 10am

Lector	Christine Kelly Williams
Eucharistic Minister	Carol Knedgen
Altar Servers	Dave Danko, David Odoemelum, Jim Gueli
Ushers	Ruth Akers, Becky Rogers, Sidney Smith, Joseph Sprys
Sacristan	Rosemarie Vermette

Sunday December 15 | Domingo Diciembre 15, 12pm

Lector	Claudia Settato
Eucharistic Minister	Indomar Aguilera
Monaguillos	Anne Muldoon, Miguel Flores- Vega, Alondra Flores-Vega
Ujieres	Aaron Jose Diaz, Jose Barba, Adrian Muratalla, Andres Garcia

God's Housekeepers Schedule Horario de Mantenimiento de la casa de Dios

December 13 | 13 de diciembre

Group 2 | Grupo 2

Stewardship of Prayer Corresponsabilidad de Oración

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths” (Lk 3:4)! This is the urgent call of John the Baptist. The Lord is coming. Our preparation for him begins in our hearts and this second week of Advent is a good time to examine our prayer habits.

“¡Preparen el camino del Señor, enderezcan sus sendas” (Lc 3,4)! Este es el llamado urgente de Juan Bautista. El Señor viene. Nuestra preparación para él comienza en nuestro corazón y esta segunda semana de Adviento es un buen momento para examinar nuestros hábitos de oración.

Please pray for: / Por favor oremos por:

IMPORTANT | Prayer List

In order to keep the prayer list current, in **December and June the list will be renewed**. Contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list.

Upcoming Events | Próximos Eventos

Mass Schedule for the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother
Monday, December 9 | 7:00pm Bilingual

Horario de Misa para La Inmaculada Concepción de nuestra Santísima Madre
Lunes, Diciembre 9 | 7:00pm Bilingüe

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Thursday, December 12 | Jueves, 12 de diciembre
Celebration begins at 3:00pm | Comenzando a las 3:00pm
Bilingual Mass 6:00 pm | Misa Bilingüe 6:00pm

Christmas Posada | Posada Navideña
Saturday, December 14 | Sábado, 14 de diciembre
Beginning in the church at 6:00pm
Empezara en la Iglesia a las 6:00pm



If you are not a parish member, but would like to become a member, please scan the QR code to download the registration form.



St. Alfred Parish

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OFFICE HOURS | HORARIO DE OFICINAS

Tuesday <i>Martes</i>	9am-8pm
Wed-Thurs <i>Miércoles-Jueves</i>	9am-4pm
Friday <i>Viernes</i>	9am-12pm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE | HORARIO DE LA LITURGIA

Wednesday & Friday | *Miércoles y Viernes*
English Mass | *Misa en Ingles* 9am

Saturday | *Sábado*
English Mass | *Misa en Ingles* 4pm

Sunday | *Domingo*
English Mass | *Misa en Ingles* 10am
Spanish Mass | *Misa en Español* 12pm

Confessions at St. Frances Cabrini | Saturday 3pm

All masses are livestreamed on Facebook, Web and YouTube. | *Todas las Misas son transmitidas en vivo en Facebook, Web y YouTube.*

For more information about the parish, donate online or to check out the latest activities, scan the QR code below. | *Para obtener más información sobre la parroquia, para hacer una donación en línea o para consultar las últimas actividades, escanee el código QR a continuación.*

www.stalfredtaylor.org
(313) 291-6464
24175 Baske St, Taylor, MI 48180



St. Alfred SVdP | Vicente de Paul de St. Alfred

Thursdays | Jueves | 9:30am – 11:30am
313-291-4888

Si no eres miembro de la parroquia, pero le gustaria ser miembro, escanee el codigo QR y descargue el formulario de registro.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 14 | 6:30pm

+Patricia Blackburn by Janet Thompson
Special Intention Dennis Langlois by Maria Langlois

Sunday, December 15 | 10:00am

+Ray Balmaceda III by Family

Lift Up Your Hearts

The Word of God came to John in the desert, (*Lk 3:16*). He was sent to share in God’s Plan of Salvation for the world, proclaiming a baptism of repentance. Centuries before him, Isaiah the prophet gave the call: “PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD”

Each and every person has a role in the fulfillment of God’s loving Plan of salvation.

We are all involved in the Mission. God chose a most special woman, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and she is our Mother too. The angel Gabriel came to her and spoke those beautiful words: “HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH YOU.” But she was greatly troubled and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her: “DO NOT BE AFRAID.”

I truly believe that Mary gives us a pattern to follow do not be afraid. Sure, we all have worries, doubts and concerns, for many of you have already had a family member called HOME by the Lord. God knows all things and reminds us to be close to Him and Mary in prayer.

Each one of us, We are part of His Plan, and Mary is our Mother in that Plan too. Yes, take time for prayer every day as an individual, or at mass in community, or perhaps in our MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER GROUP, the Rosary at 7pm in church.

I always chuckle if I watch a football game and the Quarterback throws a “Hail Mary” pass, with great hope that it will be caught! Our Blessed Mother Mary always hears our Prayers, never doubt. She’s got you!

With love, Fr. Leo



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 14 | 6:30 pm

Lectors Two Needed

Eucharistic Minister Colleen Cotter
Mass Servers Michaelyn McLain

Sunday, December 15 | 10:00am

Lectors Ray Tejada
Linda Maich
Eucharistic Minister Jim Smith
Mass Server One—Three Needed

Money Counters **December 15**
Team #4

Mass Servers & Ushers for the month of December and January, please sign the volunteer sign up sheet in the Vestibule.

*all flesh shall see the
salvation of God*

LUKE 3:6

Christmas Cookies & Cocoa Sunday, December 8, after 10:00 am Mass

Join us this Sunday for cookies, cocoa & coffee after Mass. There will be a cookie decorating station for the children. There is no charge to participate, however, you may leave a donation for Fish and Loaves. We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you and your family.



HOLIDAY
TRADITIONS

Please Pray For...

Downriver
Nursing Home
Residents

IMPORTANT | Prayer List

In order to keep the prayer list current, in **December and June the list will be renewed.** Contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.
No Mass at St. Constance.



Monday Night Rosary Group

Meets each week at St. Constance at 7pm to pray the rosary in church. All are welcome!

Advent Prayer for Families

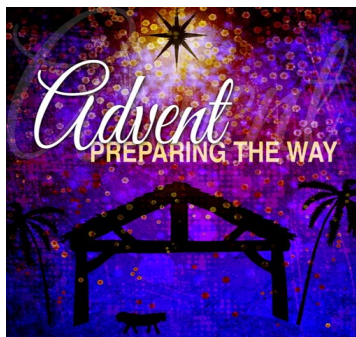
Heavenly Father,
Your Son, Jesus, is Your greatest gift to us,
a great sign of Your love.

Guide us as we strive to walk in that love
together as a family this Advent.

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas,
bring us closer to each other and to Your Son.

Give us the grace and strength we need every day.

Help us to always trust in You. Come, Lord Jesus,
lead all people closer to You. Come and dispel the darkness of
our world with the light of Your love. Amen.



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Parish Liturgy Schedule

Saturday	6:30 pm
Sunday	10:00 am
Reconciliation Saturday at St. Frances Cabrini	3:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Closed Friday

(313) 291-4050 | www.st.constance.com
21333 Kinyon, Taylor, Michigan 48180

Upcoming Meetings

Women of Faith & Service Meeting

Friday, January 31, 6pm. Music Trivia Night in the Parish Hall.

Women of Faith & Service

Friday, February 28, 6pm Corned Beef Dinner in the Parish Hall.

Our Stewardship

November 23 & November 24

Envelopes/Loose	\$4,071.71
Online Giving	\$130
Total	\$4,201.71

Give online at: www.stconstance.com

Catholic Service Appeal 2024

Goal	\$36,439
Paid	(\$18,336)
Amount Needed	\$18,103

Any amount collected over the goal is our St. Constance fundraiser. Thank you!

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 9 | 9am

+Judy Clinton by Family
 Special Intention Francisco Hernandez
 Special Intention Karen Sohis

Tuesday, December 10 | 9am

+Ernest Carmona
 +Gilbert Sqenez
 Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, December 12 | 6:30pm

Special Intention The Serratos Family
 Special Intention Francisco Hernandez
 Rick Bielewski

Saturday, December 14 | 4:30pm

+Ernest Carmona
 +Jim Ori by Kathy Ori

Sunday, December 15 | 10am

+Antonio Holguen

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Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday & Tuesday	9:00 am
Saturday	4:30 pm
Sunday	10:00 am
Reconciliation Saturday at St. Frances Cabrini	3:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
 (313) 381-8566 | www.smmssab.com
 19624 Wood Street, Melvindale, Michigan 48122

Please Pray For...

For all those listed in the Book of Comfort & Healing.

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Ministry Schedule

Monday, December 9 | 9am

Lector Donna Vaillancourt
Eucharistic Ministers Adriana Ayala
 Linda Jackson

Saturday, December 14 | 4:30pm

Lector Donna Vaillancourt
Eucharistic Ministers David Hollobaugh
 Linda Jackson

Sunday, December 15 | 10:00am

Lector Carol Benton
Eucharistic Ministers Teresa Smith
 Tom Smith

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Thursday, December 12, 6:30pm

Join us for a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, 6:30pm. After the Mass, Tamales and Hot Chocolate will be served in the lower hall. All are welcome!



Our Stewardship

November 23 & November 24

Envelope/Loose	\$3,842.01
Online Giving	\$276
Total	\$4,118.01

Give online at: www.smmssab.com

Catholic Service Appeal 2024

Goal	\$23,517
Paid.....	(\$12,855)
Amount Needed	\$10,662



The Our Lady of Guadalupe Ladies Group is hosting a Bake Sale after Masses this weekend December 7 and December 8

Bring your sweet tooth and join us in supporting these wonderful ladies and their efforts for our Parish.
THANK YOU!

The Christmas Angel Tree

The Christmas Angel Tree is Back at St. Mary Magdalen. Each Angel represents a person in need. On the Angel are some suggestions of what that person needs or likes. These are only suggestions and their sizes you are not expected to get everything on their list.

PLEASE if you are able to make a stranger's Christmas a little merrier take an Angel and shop for them.

Return your gifts to the Church by December 15. That way we have a chance to sort and distribute the gifts in time for Christmas.

THANK YOU to those who have participated in the past and THANK YOU in advance for your help this year.
YOUR HELP IS GREATLY NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!

If you have any questions about the program, would like to help, or the Angel you have chosen please Call Linda Mikus at (313)530-5175 for further information.



Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 8

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Monday Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Lecturas de las Escrituras

Para la Semana del 8 de Diciembre de 2024

Domingo Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Bar 5, 1-9; Sal 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6; Flp 1, 4-6. 8-11; Lc 3, 1-6

Lunes Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María

Gn 3, 9-15. 20; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3bc-4; Ef 1, 3-6. 11-12; Lc 1, 26-38

Martes

Is 40, 1-11; Sal 95, 1-2. 3 y 10ac. 11-12. 13; Mt 18, 12-14

Miércoles

Is 40, 25-31; Sal 102, 1-2. 3-4. 8 y 10; Mt 11, 28-30

Jueves Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Zac 2, 14-17 o Apoc 11, 19a; 12, 1-6. 10; Jdt 13, 18bcde. 19; Lc 1, 26-38 o Lc 1, 39-47

Viernes Memoria de Santa Lucía, Virgen y Mártir

Is 48, 17-19; Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6; Mt 11, 16-19

Sábado Memoria de San Juan de la Cruz, Presbítero y Doctor de la Iglesia

Sir 48, 1-4. 9-11; Sal 79, 2ac. 3b. 15-16. 18-19; Mt 17, 10-13

Domingo Tercero Domingo de Adviento

Sof 3, 14-18; Is 12, 2-3. 4bcd. 5-6; Flp 4, 4-7; Lc 3, 10-18

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 9 | 8:30am

- +Donald & Dolores King
- +Tom Matovski by Sue Meyer
- +Bob Clark by Andrysiak Family

Tuesday, December 10 | 8:30am

- +Patricia Cavanagh by Son, Terry
- +Michael Krzywonos by Daughter & Granddaughter

Wednesday, December 11 | 8:30am

- +Reginald Wright
- +R. Pretyman by Deborah & George Eskridge

Thursday, December 12 | 8:30am

- +Florence Nicksick
- +Emma Escobedo by Daughter
- +Frank Aleva by Family
- +Lucas Atkinson by Ruddon Family

Friday, December 13 | 8:30am

- +R.J. Piszker by Olivia Soter
- +Gloria Buzby by Oliva Soter

Saturday, December 14 | 5:00pm

- +Joann Witkowski by Walter Witkowski
- +Dorothy Karp by Family
- +Amalia Bittner by Son & Daughter-in-law
- +Rochelle Zan by Husband

Sunday, December 15 | 8:00am

- +Ruth O'Hara by Family
- +Mr. & Mrs. John Pesavento by Family
- +Elizabeth DeColuwe by Husband
- +Joann Jurdzinski

Sunday, December 15 | 10:00am

- +Irma Pallotta by Family
- +Deceased Members of the Droste Family
- +Jane Currier
- +Kenneth Scott by Remigio & Genesia Santavicca

Sunday, December 15 | 12:00pm

Parishioners of St. Frances Cabrini

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE | December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, appeared to native American Juan Diego in 1531, requesting that a church be built on the spot. When the bishop asked for a sign confirming the authenticity of the apparition, she responded by producing roses in December for Juan Diego to gather, and left an image of herself imprinted on Juan Diego's *tilma* or mantle.



May the Perpetual Light Shine Upon the Soul of:

Ruth Raymond

SAVE THE DATE 24 Hours with the Lord Devotions & Preaching

**St. Frances Cabrini — Preaching or devotions
at the top of each hour**

**Tuesday, December 17 — Wednesday, December 18
From 9am to 9am**

**Private Reconciliation with multiple priests
6:30pm—8pm**

***24 Hours with the Lord time edit on
Advent & Christmas Letter that was mailed**

Our Stewardship

November 23 & November 24

Envelopes/Loose	\$13,393
Online Giving	\$7,417
Total	\$20,810

Give online at: www.cabriniparish.org

Catholic Service Appeal 2024

Goal	\$149,213
Paid to Date.....	(\$125,514)
Amount Needed.....	\$23,699

Debt Reduction

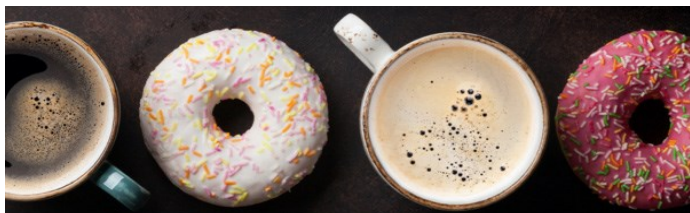
Starting Amount.....	\$4,313,894
AOD Credits.....	(\$600,000)
Payments thru September 2024	(\$2,036,832)
Oct. Debt Reduction Envelopes (52)	(\$1,392)
Oct. Parish Payment.....	(\$19,392)
Balance as of 10/31/2024	\$1,656,278

*The monthly payment towards our 12 year Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC) commitment to retire our debt is applied the first of each month. The final payment to be completed by 7/1/28.

Please Pray For...

IMPORTANT | Prayer List

In order to keep the prayer list current, in **December and June the list will be renewed.** Contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list.



Sunday, December 22 Following 8 & 10 am Masses

Plan to join our hosts, Danny and Maria Wyatt in the Grade School Cafeteria for fellowship, a delicious Donut Kastle donut and a warm cup of coffee.



Giving Trees are up for our Annual Advent Outreach

Several Giving Trees grace the Gathering Space starting this weekend for our annual Advent outreach to programs and agencies caring for the needs of infants, children, adults and veterans.

There is a tree for local families needing assistance, as well as the Pregnancy Center in Lincoln Park, Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor, Veteran's Hospital, Core City Neighborhood, Christy's Legacy of Hope, St. Aloysius Parish Neighborhood Services, Pope Francis Center and St. Christine Parish, all in Detroit.

Gift tags on each of the trees represent the Wish Lists of each agency. Choose one or more items and place purchases back under the same tree (tags and trees are color-coded to make sure we match gifts and agencies). **Please tape the tag to your donation and return it by December 8.** Also, keep items in their original packaging, but do not gift-wrap.

Our Annual Giving Tree Program offers us the opportunity to share our blessings and demonstrates the heartfelt concern and caring that we have for those less fortunate than ourselves. Each year, the generosity of our parish is amazing!

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Parish Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
Monday – Friday 8:30 am
Reconciliation | Saturday 3:00 pm

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Friday & Saturday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

St. Frances Cabrini Schools

Grade School (313) 928-6610
High School & Academy (313) 774-2729
High School Athletic Office (313) 357-3267

Grade School, Academy, High School Office Hours
7:15am—3:15pm

(313) 381-5601 | www.cabriniparish.org

9000 Laurence, Allen Park, Michigan 48101

St. Vincent de Paul Thank You

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! Since 2008, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Friends of the Poor Walk has raised more than \$27 million to help neighbors in need in communities across the country! Thanks to your generosity, **St. Frances Cabrini parish raised nearly \$3300** this year to support local families in need. You no doubt see God in our friends-in-need and share God's love with them.

A special thank you to all of our donors and walkers who supported this program, and also a special thank you to parishioner, Elizabeth Thomas, for all her hard work in securing the many donations. Every dollar raised will go directly to assist the most vulnerable in our community.

To love another person is to see the face of God. Apart from extending to them our relief assistance, care and concern, let us also pray for them that God in His infinite mercy and goodness will embrace them and alleviate their miseries. "Every action for the poor is itself a prayer, if motivated by charity, which is love inspired by grace" (St. Vincent de Paul)

Let us also give thanks to God for the many blessings He has showered on us and our families during the past year. Again, thank you for your generous gift, for caring, and being a friend to those in need. May all of God's blessings be upon you.

Second Sunday of Advent TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

—James Field



*"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your Word."
(Luke 1:38)*



How wonderful it is to have our church filled with parishioners gathered before the table of the Lord each weekend. We especially welcome those who have recently registered to be part of our parish family:

Martina and Jeremiah Maher & Family
Dennis Smith
April and Francis Wesner & Family

Christian Service

ChristNet — Cook, Serve a Hot Meal

Wednesday, December 18, 9:30am—1:30pm

We will cook and serve a hot meal the third Wednesday of each month from 9:30am – 1:30pm at the ChristNet Drop-in Center, Taylor. If you would like to assist call Ann Raiche at (313)433-9776. Our next service date is Wednesday, December 18.

Mann Meal Monday, December 23, 6:15am—11am

We provide three volunteers to prepare and serve a simple bagged lunch. We will meet outside the Holy Family Hall. Transportation is provided. We currently have a group of six faithful volunteers. We need additional volunteers to fill in as needed or to join a month rotation. **To volunteer call Joyce McCabe (313) 506-6154.**

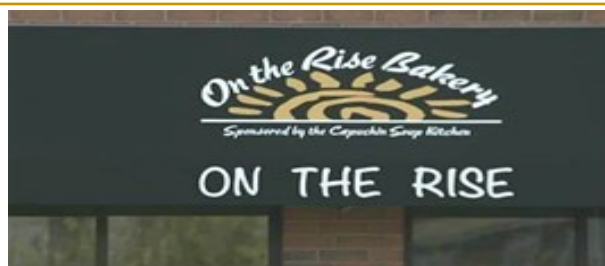
Needed items: monetary donations for the purchase of fresh fruit, Free and Clear laundry detergent, bleach, or Awesome or Fabulosa for the shower and laundry facilities, or by donating gently used men's clothing (seasonal only) and white underwear and socks. Drop donations off at the Parish Office

St. Christine Soup Kitchen

Tuesday, January 14, 8:30am — 2:30pm

Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve the more than 250 men, women and children who depend on St. Christine's for a hot meal. **If you would like to join us on this day, please call or text Jeannine Little at (313)268-5181 or email jandjlittle@hotmail.com.** The group will meet in the Parish Office at 8:30am to carpool to St. Christine's and return 2:30pm.

Donations of juice boxes and individually wrapped desserts are needed for the children's bagged meal and monetary donations are always needed to help off-set the cost of the food served on this day. We also provide desserts to complement the meal. These special diners really enjoy brownies, cakes, pie, cheesecake, and cupcakes. If you would like to donate homemade or store-bought baked goods, please **drop them off to the Parish Office by Monday, January 13 no later than 1pm.** A cart will be left in the hallway outside the office door for drop off.



Capuchin Bake Sale | Sunday, December 15

On the Rise Bakery will be visiting our parish on **Sunday, December 15, after all Masses** in the Gathering Space. The bakers are men in the R.O.P.E. program (Reaching Our Potential Everyday) which is sponsored by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. The men have come from prison or long-term addiction programs to restart their lives. Although the men have a bakery in the Solanus Casey Center, they can't make it without the help of the parishes. They thank the parish for allowing them to be part of our community and ask that you hold them in your prayers.

Parish Service Opportunity | Focus Hope Saturday, January 11, 8:20am - 12:30 pm

We will be working in the distribution center of Focus Hope packaging food boxes in an organized assembly line which will be given to local food pantries, eligible senior citizen, and soup kitchens. This is a moderately physical activity. Long periods of active moving and standing is required. Please wear closed toed shoes and dress comfortably.

If you are interested in participating contact Therese Tardiff in the Parish Office (313)436-0201 or email at ttardiff@cabriniparish.com to reserve your spot. We will meet in the Holy Family Hall prior to departing for the service. Car pooling is provided or you can drive on your own to Focus Hope.

Nursing Home/Homebound Ministry

There is a growing number of parishioners who are unable to worship with us, but who long to stay connected to the parish through the Eucharist. To meet the requests we receive from the homebound and those in nursing homes, we are always in need of parishioners to join the parish team of lay ministers who bring Communion to their home or nursing facility.

Currently we are in need of a few ministers who would commit to a monthly visit to Optalis Health (corner of Wick and Allen Rd.) to lead the rosary and a communion service on Wednesdays at 2pm for the residents. If you feel called to share your faith in these ways, please call Therese at the parish office at (313)436-0201 or email ttardiff@cabriniparish.com.

Join us at St. Alfred Parish
Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration



Our Lady of Guadalupe
Celebration

Thursday, December 12

- 3:00 pm Opening and Welcome
Fr. Grayson Heenan
- 3:15 pm Praise and songs
St. Alfred Choir
- 3:30 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe chaplet
St. Alfred Christian Women
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm Praise and songs
Various Singers
- 5:15 pm Apparitions
St. Alfred thespians
- 6:00 pm Mass
Celebrated by Bishop Monforton
- 7:00 pm Gathering in the Parish Center

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE 12 de diciembre

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, patrona de las Américas, se le apareció al indígena Juan Diego en 1531, pidiendo que se construyera una iglesia en ese lugar. Cuando el obispo pidió una señal que confirmara la autenticidad de la aparición, ella respondió produciendo rosas en diciembre para que Juan Diego las recogiera, y dejó una imagen de sí misma impresa en la *tilma* o manto de Juan Diego.



Drop in Pinochle at Cabrini!

All Seniors are invited to attend every Wednesday from 12pm—3pm in the Mother Cabrini Room (entrance off Wick). \$1.00 buys you a seat at a friendly table, an afternoon playing Pinochle, coffee and tea, snacks/dessert. Skills of all levels, walkers and wheelchairs are welcomed. Plan to drop by next week!

New Monthly Service Opportunity
Pope Francis Center – Bridge House

Finding the right opportunities to fulfill the call to service and support those in need can be challenging. We're excited to share a wonderful opportunity to engage our parishioners and serve in faith.

We have a chance to become involved at the Bridge Housing Campus, part of the Pope Francis Center, as a Meal Team providing regular support preparing and serving meals alongside their talented chef. The location is near the former St. Leo's soup kitchen near I-96 and Warren.

Meal Teams of four will cover the lunch shift from 11am—2pm on the 3rd Thursday each month with our next opportunity on **Thursday, December 19**.

We will meet outside the Holy Family Hall at 10:20am On Thursday, December 19. All food is provided. Transportation will also be provided.

If you are interested in joining us or would like more information call Barb Engler at (313)407-9511 or email at bpengler621@gmail.com. Many thanks in advance for your consideration in being a part of the critical team preparing and serving meals. We look forward to working with you!



Cabrini Athletic Boosters

Welcomes you to
Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 15, 2024
9 am - 12 noon

@ Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey Center

Gift
Raffles
&
50/50

Admission:
Adults \$7
Kids \$5



Advent Schedule

Confessions

St. France Cabrini

Tuesday, December 17, 6:30pm

Every Saturday at 3pm

St. Constance

Saturday, December 14, 1pm

Saturday, December 21, 1pm

St. Alfred

Saturday, December 14, 2:30pm

Saturday, December 21, 2:30pm

St. Mary Magdalen

Saturday, December 14, 5:30pm

Saturday, December 21, 5:30pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Frances Cabrini | Every Friday of Advent, 9am-7pm

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This is not a Holy Day of obligation for this year

Masses:

St. Frances Cabrini

Monday, December 9, 8:30am (school students present)

Monday, December 9, 5:30pm

St. Mary Magdalen

Monday, December 9, 9am

St. Alfred

Monday, December 9, 7pm (*Bilingual*)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Masses

St. Alfred

Thursday, December 12, 5pm (*Bilingual*)

St. Mary Magdalen

Thursday, December 12, 6:30pm (*Bilingual*)

24 Hours with the Lord | Devotions & Preaching

St. Frances Cabrini Church

Preaching or devotions at top of each hour

Tuesday, December 17, 9am through Wednesday, December 18, 9am.

Private Reconciliation with multiple priests

December 17, 6:30pm—8pm

Grief Support Group

St. Frances Cabrini Parish

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month 6:30 – 8:00 pm

**We meet in the St. Martha Room of the Holy Family Hall
(Enter through side door of building)**

If you are mourning the loss of a loved one, we want to help by offering our support through this group. You will feel the love and compassion of Christ through the group discussion on relevant topics, prayer, scripture and fellowship of others. All are welcome! No registration required. If you have questions call Gail at (313)381-8566.

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24 Masses

St. Frances Cabrini: 4pm, 6:30pm, 10pm

St. Alfred: 4pm (Spanish), 6pm (English)

St. Mary Magdalen: 4:30pm

St. Constance: 5pm

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 Masses

St. Alfred: 9am

St. Constance: 10am

St. Frances Cabrini: 10am

St. Mary Magdalen: 11am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of obligation

St. Frances Cabrini

Tuesday, December 31, 4pm

Wednesday, January 1, 10am

St. Mary Magdalen

Tuesday, December 31, 4:30pm

St. Constance

Tuesday, December 31, 6pm

St. Alfred

Wednesday, January 1, 10am



Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

Tuesday's 6:30pm – 8:30pm

January 14 – April 8 (13 weeks)

St. Frances Cabrini – Mother Cabrini Room
15310 Wick

Register by calling (313) 436-0201 or
email ttardiff@cabriniparish.com

Cost \$25.00 (workbook).

You can join this support group at any time
during the 13 weeks.

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help!

Senior Group 55+
Please join us for a
**Very Merry
Christmas Lunch**

December 17, 12pm - 2pm

Cost: \$15 (on arrival)

Enjoy a delectable meal of chicken, pork tenderloin, roasted potatoes, green beans, salad and rolls along with refreshments and cake for dessert.

Appreciate the seasonal sounds of the **Seaway Chorale** after lunch.

Then finish off the afternoon by joining in our prize giveaway.

Mother Cabrini Room

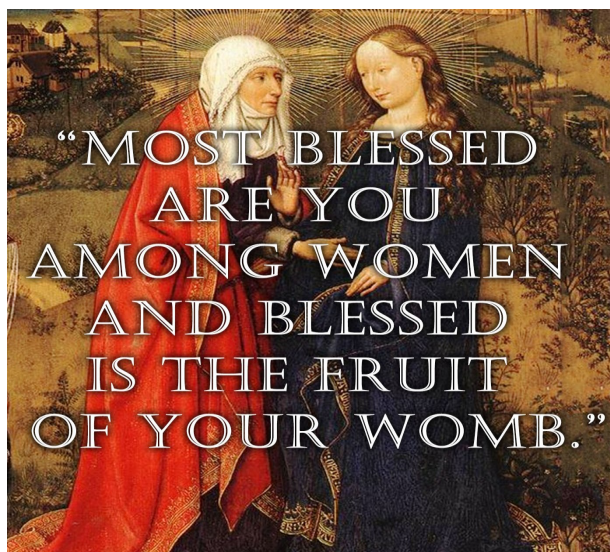
Enter through the door on Wick

Please RSVP by December 13

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(313) 383-8514 | www.standrep Parish.org

Mass Times:

Saturday, 4:00pm
Sunday, 9:30am | 11:30am (bilingual)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9:00am

Our Lady of Angels

Fr. Dariusz Strzalkowski, Priest *In Solidum*
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Mass Times:

Saturday, 4:00pm
Sunday, 9:30am | 11:30am
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:45am