



Christmas

Navidad

Weekend at Birney's



Fourth Sunday of Advent Reflection

"On this the last Sunday before Christmas, our Gospel reading prepares us to witness Christ's birth by showing us

how Jesus was recognized as Israel's long-awaited Messiah even before his birth. The Gospel turns our attention from the ministry of John the Baptist to the events that preceded John the Baptist's birth. The story of John the Baptist and his parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, are reported only in Luke's Gospel. Luke pairs the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus, establishing John's early connection to the Messiah.

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favor upon the people of Israel.

In Luke's Gospel the Holy Spirit helps reveal Jesus' identity as God to those who believe. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and sings Mary's praise because she bears the Lord. We sing these words of praise to Mary in the Hail Mary. Even John the Baptist, the unborn child in Elizabeth's womb, is said to recognize the presence of the Lord and leaps for joy.

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through

her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for salvation." (loyolapress.com)

Football Prediction

Lions 38 – Bears 24 (the Bears will feel the after effects of a tough loss from last week)

Quote for the Week

"If we would please this Divine Infant, we too must become children, simple and humble; we must carry to Him flowers of virtue, of meekness, of mortification, of charity; we must clasp him in the arms of our love." – St. Alphonsus Ligouri

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



Fin de Semana en Birney's

Reflexión del Cuarto

Domingo de Adviento

"En este último domingo antes de Navidad, nuestra lectura del Evangelio nos prepara para presenciar el nacimiento de Cristo mostrándonos cómo Jesús fue reconocido como el Mesías tan esperado de Israel incluso antes de su nacimiento. El Evangelio desvía nuestra atención del ministerio de Juan el Bautista a los acontecimientos que precedieron al nacimiento de Juan el Bautista. La historia de Juan el Bautista y sus padres, Isabel y Zacarías, solo se menciona en el Evangelio de Lucas. Lucas une el nacimiento de Juan el Bautista y Jesús, estableciendo la conexión temprana de Juan con el Mesías.

Nuestra lectura del Evangelio recuerda las acciones de María después del anuncio del nacimiento de Jesús por el ángel Gabriel. María va a visitar a Isabel, su prima, que también está encinta. Isabel saluda a María con pleno reconocimiento del papel que ellos y sus hijos no nacidos desempeñarán en el plan de Dios para la salvación. Si continuáramos leyendo los versículos que siguen en el Evangelio de Lucas, escucharíamos a María responder al saludo de Isabel con su canto de alabanza, el Magnificat. Ambas mujeres recuerdan y se hacen eco de la historia de Dios de mostrar favor sobre el pueblo de Israel.

En el Evangelio de Lucas, el Espíritu Santo ayuda a revelar la identidad de Jesús como Dios a los que creen. Isabel está llena del Espíritu Santo y canta las alabanzas de María porque lleva al Señor. Cantamos estas palabras de alabanza a María en el Ave María. Se dice que incluso Juan el Bautista, el niño no nacido en el vientre de Isabel, reconoce la presencia del Señor y salta de alegría.

Es apropiado que en este tiempo de Adviento consideremos el papel de María en el plan de salvación de Dios. Elizabeth describe a María como la primera discípula, como la que creyó que la palabra de Dios para ella se cumpliría. La fe de María le permitió reconocer la obra de

Dios en la historia de su pueblo y en su propia vida. Su apertura a Dios permitió que Dios obrara a través de ella para que la salvación pudiera llegar a todos. Por eso, María es modelo y símbolo de la Iglesia. Que seamos como María, abiertos y cooperativos en el plan de salvación de Dios". (loyolapress.com)

Predicción de Fútbol

Lions 38 – Bears 24 (los Bears sentirán las secuelas de una dura derrota de la semana pasada)

Frase de la Semana

"Si queremos agradar a este Divino Infante, también nosotros debemos convertirnos en niños, sencillos y humildes; debemos llevarle flores de virtud, de mansedumbre, de mortificación, de caridad; debemos estrecharlo en los brazos de nuestro amor." – San Alfonso Ligouri

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



Mass Intentions Intenciones De Las Misas

Tuesday December 24 | Martes Diciembre 24

4:00pm Spanish

†Rafael y Noelia Rodriguez
Nuestro Seminarista Lizandro

6:00pm English

People of the Parish

Wednesday December 25 | Miércoles Diciembre 25

9:00am

For the health of Michael Murphy

Friday December 27 | Viernes Diciembre 27

9:00am

†Jerry and Roberta Sobieraj
Souls in Purgatory

Saturday December 28 | Sábado Diciembre 28

4:00pm

†Robert Muszynski
†Samuel and Vera Darkangelo
†Bonnie Lozier
For the health of Judy Mondro
For the health of Francesca Vitale

Sunday December 29 | Domingo Diciembre 29

10:00am

People of the Parish

12:00pm

†Ezequiel Zepeda
†Juan Manuel Hernandez
†Jesus Hermosillo y Maria Del Refugio Morales



Stewardship of Treasure Corresponsabilidad de Tesoro

December 8, 2024

Envelope/Loose | *Sobres/Dinero Suelto* \$5,604
Online Giving | *Donaciones en Sínea* \$865
Total \$6,469

Catholic Service Appeal 2024

Llamado al Servicio Católico 2024

Goal | *Objetivo* \$41,767
Paid to Date | *Pagado Hasta la Fecha* (\$180,811)
Parish Rebate | *Reembolso Parroquial* \$139,004

Ministry Schedule

Tuesday December 24 | Martes Diciembre 24

4:00pm Spanish

Lector Indomar Aguilar
Eucharistic Minister Lilia Sanchez
Altar Servers Anne Muldoon, Miguel Flores-Vega, Alondra Flores-Vega
Ushers Emiliano y Jorge Nava, Rodolfo Pantoja, Jose Valencia

6:00pm English

Lector Duanna Tufts
Eucharistic Minister Deacon Scott LaForest
Altar Servers Sharon Mitchell, Ann Muldoon, Romina Orozco
Ushers Barbara Kotarsky, Alfred Kouri, Lisa Mousseau, Rick Mousseau, Judy Persia
Sacristan Carol Knedgen

Wednesday December 25 | Miércoles Diciembre 25
9:00am

Lector Dianne Wright
Eucharistic Minister Rosemarie Vermette
Altar Servers Dave Danko, David Odoemelam, Jim Gueli
Ushers Ruth Akers, Becky Rogers, Sidney Smith, Joseph Sprys
Sacristan Ron Neu

Saturday December 28 | Sábado Diciembre 28
4:00pm

Lector Frank Lentine
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 29 | Domingo Diciembre 29
10:00am

Lector Frank Lentine
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

12:00pm

Lector Indomar Aguilar
Eucharistic Minister Teresa De La Torre
Altar Servers Alex Diaz, Nicole Alonzo, Cristobal Barba
Ushers Aaron y Jose Diaz, Jose Barba, Adrian Muratalla, Andres Garcia

Please Pray For • Por Favor Oremos Por

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| Giovanni Arcuri | Melissa Solano |
| Dale Akers Jr | Nanette Tariao |
| Boni Chamberlin | Patricia Taylor |
| Ramon Hernandez | Russell Watt |
| Rhonda Jewell | Bob Whaley |
| Ronald Jewell | Cyndy Williams |
| Magdalena Juarez | Sara Woloszyk |
| Rafaela Juarez | |
| Robert LaForest | Armed Forces |
| Patrick Maculewicz | Fuerzas Armadas: |
| Anne Mondro | Daniel Bellman, USM |
| Judy Mondro | Joshua Blevins, USMC |
| Harry Morris | Patrick J. Feys, USN |
| Melvin Morris | Oscar F. Gutierrez, USMC |
| Ken Operhall | Jonathan R. Martin, Army |
| Lynne Patrick | Ryan Myre, USN |
| Cheryl Pesta | Bradley J. Schleicher II, USN |
| Luis Rodriguez | Charles A. Sseguya, USMC |
| Edna Rodriguez | Patricia Nakanwagi, USMC |
| Fr. Leo Sabourin | |

IMPORTANT
 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 St. Alfred Parish Office Staff

The St. Alfred Parish Office Staff wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas! Please contact us if you wish to join one of our many ministries.

¡El personal de la oficina parroquial les desea una feliz Navidad! Por favor contáctenos si desea unirse a uno de nuestros muchos ministerios.



St. Alfred Parish

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 Taylor, MI 48180

www.stalfredtaylor.org
 (313) 291-6464

Office Hours | Horario de Oficinas
 Tuesday | Martes9:00am-8:00pm
 Wed-Thurs | Miércoles-Jueves ... 9:00am-4:00pm
 Friday | Viernes9:00am-12:00pm

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Director del Ministerio de Música
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Asistente Administrativo
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Worship Schedule | Horario de la Liturgia
Wednesday & Friday | Miércoles y Viernes
 English Mass | Misa en Ingles 9:00am

Saturday | Sábado
 English Mass | Misa en Ingles 4:00pm

Sunday | Domingo
 English Mass | Misa en Ingles 10:00am
 Spanish Mass | Misa en Español 12:00pm

Confessions at St. Frances Cabrini
 Saturday 3:00pm

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.

St. Alfred SVdP | Vicente de Paul de St. Alfred
 Thursdays | Jueves | 9:30am – 11:30am
 (313) 291-4888

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



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 28 | 6:30pm

†Reiter Family by Family
 †Bernie Merchak by Bernice Merchak
 Frank McNicholas by Family

Sunday, December 29 | 10:00am

Return of People to the Faith

Sunday, December 29 | 10:00am

†Roger Crepeau by Bernice Crepeau



Lift Up Your Hearts

With all my heart I truly wish you a beautiful and a very Merry Christmas. The word Christmas means Christ's festival, feast (mas). It is a celebration for the whole world.

The second Person of the Blessed Trinity took on human nature and became one of us in all things except sin. God chose Mary to be His mother. God sent the Angel Gabriel to Mary and announced that she was to be the mother of God.

"But she was greatly troubled at what was said.... then the angel said, "Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God.... and you shall name Him JESUS. And Mary said to the angel, "How can this be?" The angel said in reply: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you therefore, the Child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

Mary said: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."
 And so, we BELIEVE and so, we LIVE and so, we LOVE.

And so, we pray:
 Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

And so, we celebrate! And yes.... Mary Christmas!

With Love,
 Fr. Leo



Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 28 | 6:30 pm

Lectors Kathy Wells & Kathy Utley

Eucharistic Minister Bernice Merchak

Mass Servers Michaelyn McLain

Sunday, December 29 | 10:00am

Lectors Sue Palermo & Chelsea Green

Eucharistic Minister Dawn Buchwald

Mass Servers One—Three Needed

Money Counters **December 29**

Team #5

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

Upcoming Events

Women of Faith & Service | Music Trivia Night

Friday, January 31, 6:00pm in the Parish Hall

Open to All
 Pizza, Pop and Popcorn
 50/50 Raffle and Cash Prizes
 \$10 per ticket

Women of Faith & Service | Pre St. Patrick's Day

Friday, February 28, 6:00pm in the Parish Hall

Corned Beef Dinner



May the Perpetual Light Shine Upon the Souls of:

*Frances Belanger
 Camille Cichowlas
 Ron Mills
 Edwin Olepa*

Please Pray For

Julie Babik	Sarah Ring
Mary Brua	Helen Rogers
Quinn Lauder	Dora Schindorff
Michele McCauley	McKenley Tillery
Shelby Parker	The Tillery Family

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St. Constance Ministry Groups

We Are So Grateful to Our St. Constance Ministry Groups & Their Accomplishments!

Women of Faith & Service
 Adult Night Out, Ice Cream Social, Bake Sales, Parish Picnic, Trivia Night, Christmas Giving Tree, Cookies & Cocoa, Fellowship Weekends

Usher's Group
 Easter Raffle, Parish Picnic, Thanksgiving Raffle, Pancake Breakfast, Hoe Down

Health Ministry
 Flu and ect. Shot Clinic
 Health Information and Events

St. Constance Parish

21333 Kinyon
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Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm
 Closed Friday

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Mission Support
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Parish Liturgy Schedule
Saturday 6:30pm
Sunday 10:00am

Reconciliation
Saturday at St. Frances Cabrini 3:00pm



Our Stewardship

December 15, 2024
 Envelopes/Loose \$3,066
 Online Giving \$150
 Total \$3,216
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!

Weekly Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous
 Meets every Monday, at 8:00pm in the Parish Hall
 (New Time: 7:30pm, beginning January 5, 2025)

Narcotics Anonymous
 Meets every Wednesday, at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

Monday Night Rosary Group
 Meets every Monday at 7:00pm in the Church

Light of Christ Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group
 Meets every Wednesday, 7:30pm in the Church

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 23 | 9:00am
George Wenberg

Saturday, December 28 | 4:30pm
†Frank & Rosemary Stanford by Family
†Randy White by Family
†Paul Moros by Diane White
Special Intention Angel Lemus by Family

Sunday, December 29 | 10:00am
†Antonio Holguen
†Gilbert Saenz
†Carmel & Milada de Bono

Please Pray For

People of the Parish **For all those listed in
the Book of Comfort
& Healing**

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Ministry Schedule

Tuesday, December 24 | 4:30pm
Lector David Hollobaugh
Eucharistic Ministers Adriana Ayala
Ruffy Guttovz

Wednesday, December 25 | 11:00am
Lector Jeffrey Tiberia
Eucharistic Ministers Teresa Smith
Tom Smith

Saturday, December 28 | 4:30pm
Lector David Hollobaugh
Eucharistic Ministers Kathy Potts
Ruffy Guttovz

Sunday, December 29 | 10:00am
Lector Lory Sumanting
Eucharistic Ministers Jeffrey Tiberia
Marie Burton

St. Mary Magdalen Parish

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Parish Liturgy Schedule

Monday & Tuesday 9:00am
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 10:00am

Reconciliation at St. Frances Cabrini

Saturday 3:00pm



Our Stewardship

December 15, 2024

Envelope/Loose \$4,757.36
Online Giving \$246.00
Total \$5,003.36

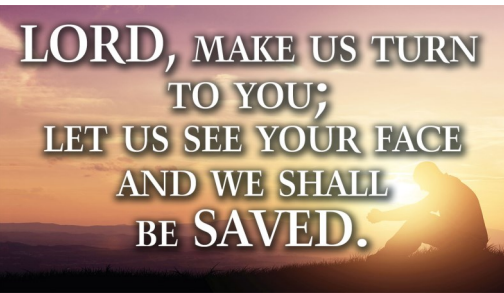
Give online at: www.smmssab.com

Catholic Service Appeal 2024

Goal \$23,517
Paid (\$13,205)
Amount Needed \$10,312

Church Decorating Volunteers Needed

Monday, December 23rd at 12:00pm!
We warmly welcome all who can spare some
time to help.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with.

The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps.

Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

—James Field

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 22

Sunday • Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Monday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4, 5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday • The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;

Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;

Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Friday

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Saturday

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sunday • Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or

Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Lecturas de las Escrituras

Para la Semana del 22 de Diciembre de 2024

Domingo • Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Miq 5, 1-4a; Sal 79, 2ac y 3b. 15-16. 18-19; Heb 10, 5-10; Lc 1, 39-45

Lunes

Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24; Sal 24, 4bc-5ab. 8-9. 10 y 14; Lc 1, 57-66

Martes

2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16; Sal 88, 2-3. 4-5. 27 y 29; Lc 1, 67-79

Miércoles • La Natividad del Señor (Navidad)

Misa de la Vigilia: Is 62, 1-5; Sal 88, 4-5. 16-17. 27 y 29; Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25; Mt 1, 1-25 o Mt 1, 18-25

Misa de Medianoche: Is 9, 1-3. 5-6; Sal 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 11-12. 13; Tt 2, 11-14; Lc 2, 1-14

Misa de la Aurora: Is 62, 11-12; Sal 96, 1 y 6. 11-12; Tt 3, 4-7; Lc 2, 15-20

Misa del Día: Is 52, 7-10; Sal 97, 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6; Heb 1, 1-6; Jn 1, 1-18 o Jn 1, 1-5. 9-14

Jueves

Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-60; Sal 30, 3cd-4. 6 y 8ab. 16bc y 17; Mt 10, 17-22

Viernes

1 Jn 1, 1-4; Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12; Jn 20, 2-9

Sábado

1 Jn 1, 5—2, 2; Sal 123, 2-3. 4-5. 7b-8; Mt 2, 13-18

Domingo • Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

1 Sm 1, 20-22. 24-28 o Sir 3, 3-7. 14-17a; Sal 83, 2-3. 5-6. 9-10 o Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5; 1 Jn 3, 1-2. 21-24 o Col 3, 12-21 o Col 3, 12-17; Lc 2, 41-52

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 23

8:30am

†Rev. Ron Alder
 †Jane Currier by Bob & Irene Johnson
 †Joseph Medrek by The Kaleniecki Family
 †Tim Caufield by Family

Tuesday, December 24

4:00pm

People of St. Frances Cabrini

6:00pm

People of St. Frances Cabrini

10:00pm

People of St. Frances Cabrini

Wednesday, December 25

10:00am

People of St. Frances Cabrini

Thursday, December 26

8:30am

†Carl Kostoff by Wife
 †Jose Rodriguez by Family
 †Harold Haynes by The Born Family
 †Deceased Members of The Prush Family

Friday, December 27

8:30am

†Fred Crupi by Family
 †Dominique LeFaive Neidig
 †Anna Micko by The Cabrini Rosary Ladies
 †Phyllis Bishop by Pat & Therese Tardiff

Saturday, December 28

5:00pm

†Catherine Kerrigan by Great Grandson Terry
 †Rochelle Zan by Husband
 †Louis & MaryJane Zan by Family
 †John P Russell by Wife

Sunday, December 29

8:00am

†Judith Grimski and Family
 †Larry & Margarite McPartlin
 †Joseph J. Medrek by Dave & Debbie Fray
 †Deceased Members of The Class of 1950 from
 All Saints High School by Thomas Droste

10:00am

†Louis Fucinari
 †Bill Patterson by Larry & Kathy McParlin
 †Jane Currier by Ray Chapman and Family
 †Davide Calzolari by Mother

12:00pm

Parishioners of St. Frances Cabrini



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:

- Angelica and David Filipovich & Family
- Arielle Gamble
- Gabrielle Matzelt
- Michele and Harold Jr. McNeely
- Cynthia Okpalafulaku



Our Stewardship

December 15, 2024

Envelopes/Loose	\$13,089
Online Giving	\$9,526
Total	\$22,615

Give online at: www.cabriniparish.org

Catholic Service Appeal 2024

Goal	\$149,213
Paid to Date	(\$127,524)
Amount Needed	\$21,689

Debt Reduction

Starting Amount	\$4,313,894
AOD Credits	(\$600,000)
Payments thru October 2024	(\$2,057,616)
Nov. Debt Reduction Envelopes (46)	(\$2,220)
Nov. Parish Payment	(\$18,564)
Balance as of 11/30/2024	\$1,635,494

*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

Lyssa Marie Aromin
 Shirley Bardallis
 Mary Brua
 Chuck C.
 Martin Cain
 Janette Filarski
 Barbara Fronczak

Lyndee G.
 Theresa Jean
 Geraldine McDonald
 Raymond Nowacki
 Rosemarie Nowacki
 Sylvia Taylor
 Nettie Terteling

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May the Perpetual Light Shine Upon the Souls of:

*Carol Arlene Scalici
 Margarita Torres
 Yvonne Turner*

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Parish Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
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 Sunday 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

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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

St. Frances Cabrini Schools

Grade School (313) 928-6610
High School & Academy (313) 774-2729
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Grade School, Academy, High School

Office Hours 7:15am—3:15pm

Merry Christmas

FROM THE STUDENTS AND
 STAFF OF



ST. FRANCES CABRINI
 CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
 CONTINUED PRAYERS
 AND SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOL.
 PLEASE VISIT US DURING OUR WINTER
 OPEN HOUSE
 JANUARY 30TH 5:30-8PM





Giving Tree Thank You

The generosity of our parish community is never more evident than when we put up the Giving Trees as part of our Christmas outreach!

There were seven trees in the Narthex for local programs and agencies that care for some very special infants, children, adults, and veterans – the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Lincoln Park, Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor, Cristy’s Legacy of Hope and Veteran’s Hospital, Core City Neighborhood, Pope Francis Center, St. Aloysius, St. Christine, all in Detroit. A seventh tree was for the 25 families who were seeking holiday assistance from our parish.

HUNDREDS of tags were hung on each tree, representing the organizations’ Wish Lists. As you witnessed coming to church throughout Advent, the tags were taken, and gifts began to pile up beneath the trees. Please know that your gifts mean so much to these programs and agencies, which rely on the generosity of donors to support their missions.

A special thank you to those who came to sort gifts, to our shoppers, the K of C for their very generous donation, Alliance Credit Union for adopting one of the families and all those who dropped off large monetary donations, gift cards and the schools for all the food donations.

As we celebrate the wonderful gift we received through the birth of Christ, thank you for being Christ to others through our parish outreach programs. Please keep in your prayers the recipients of your goodness.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you!

- Therese Tardiff



Applications for Tuition Assistance through the Archdiocese of Detroit are **NOW OPEN**. Please complete by February 28, 2025, to be eligible for this and other scholarships and grants through Cabrini.

Application can be found at <https://www.detroitcatholicschools.org/tuition-assistance-scholarships>.

For more information contact the Admissions Office at 313.357.3266.



Cabrini Alumni Hockey Game

Players Needed

Our next annual hockey games will be held from 5-8 pm on Saturday, January 4, 2025 at Allen Park Ice Arena and we are looking for players. It's open to ALL alumni of Cabrini AND parents of alumni (not just hockey alumni). As in the past, there will be two games, 5:00 pm (older tier) and 6:30 pm (younger tier) with food and beverages served afterward. Space is limited so sign up early and enjoy the fun with fellow alumni, family and friends.

Contact Pat Tardiff at pattardiff@comcast.net to sign up. (\$35 min donation) Sign up deadline is Dec 29 (or when full). Please spread the word!

Christian Service

Mann Meal Monday, December 23, 6:15am—11:00am

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 car-pool 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.



Let's crown our Christmas season with cake and chalk

The Christmas season comes to a close with Epiphany/Feast of the Three Kings, which honors the arrival of the Magi to the manger of the Christ Child and the manifestation of Jesus to the world as the Son of God.

Join us in the Narthex after all Masses January 4/5 for fellowship and a slice of King Cake, a special pastry enjoyed by cultures around the world on Epiphany.

In addition, pick up chalk as we honor a centuries-old tradition of blessing our homes and everyone who enters it during the coming year. When parishes were smaller, priests would visit and bless the homes of each parishioner. As parishes grew, household members took on the responsibility.

We encourage you to take the chalk home and write on the door frame the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the new year: 20 + C + M + B + 25.

The C M B serves two meanings:

- The initials of the Wise Men (Casper, Melchior and Balthasar).
- The first letters of the Latin phrase: *Christus mansionem benedicat* (May Christ bless the house).

Then, recite a simple prayer like this, or the Epiphany prayer of your choosing:

“Loving God, we ask you to bless our household and all who enter. May all be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the desire to do your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

We're looking forward to seeing you!
-Hospitality Committee



Sunday, December 22

Following 8:00am & 10:00am 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.

Knights of Columbus December Updates

CLIP & SAVE

Christmas Season is here. On behalf of Fr. Alfred Saylor Council, we wish you a Merry Christmas. We have a lot going on at our Council for the Month of December.

- **December 24**, our council hosts a Christmas Eve Buffet in our member lounge during the afternoon. For details see our Facebook page, our December Knight Notes, or our website kofc3774.org

For more information contact gk3774@mikofc.org or (313)808-0780

Knights of Columbus COR Corner

CLIP & SAVE

- Fred, St, Frances Cabrini, Holy Family Hall.
- **December 23, 7pm**, Rosary & Prayers, Our Lady of Angels, St Ann Room
- **December 26, 6:30pm**, Scriptural Rosary, St. Frances Cabrini, St Hugh Chapel, Glorious Mysteries
- **December 30, 7pm**, Rosary & Prayers, Our Lady of Angels, St. Ann Room



Parish Service Opportunity Focus Hope

Saturday, January 11 | 8:20am - 12:30pm

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.



"The idea of a Church on pilgrimage is essential to the spirit of the jubilee year. By making our way through the busy world, pilgrim journeys help us to appreciate the beauty of creation, recall the need for silence and recollection, form friendships with fellow travelers, and seek Christ, who is the way (John 14:6) and the gateway (John 10:9) to eternal life, in every encounter and situation.

– Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

St. Frances Cabrini: 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:00pm
 St. Alfred: 4:00pm (Spanish), 6:00pm (English)
 St. Mary Magdalen: 4:30pm
 St. Constance: 5:00pm

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25

St. Alfred: 9:00am
 St. Constance: 10:00am
 St. Frances Cabrini: 10:00am
 St. Mary Magdalen: 11:00am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation

St. Frances Cabrini
 Tuesday, December 31, 4:00pm
 Wednesday, January 1, 10:00am

St. Mary Magdalen
 Tuesday, December 31, 4:30pm

St. Constance
 Tuesday, December 31, 6:00pm

St. Alfred
 Wednesday, January 1, 10:00am

Parish Office Holiday Hours

for
St. Alfred • St. Constance
St. Frances Cabrini • St. Mary Magdalen

December 23, 2024-Closed at Noon
December 24th through 26th-Closed
December 31st through January 3rd-Closed

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.



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!

What are Discipleship Groups?

Looking to grow in faith and friendship with God and others? Consider Discipleship Groups. "Encounter/Grow/Witness" is the threefold dimension of the Christian life articulated by Archbishop Vigneron. Once we encounter Jesus, we are then called to grow daily as his disciples. Discipleship Groups are one way St. Frances Cabrini is responding to Unleash the Gospel's call to help parishioners grow continually as a faithful disciple.

To follow Jesus is to commit to lifelong learning and growth. Like Jesus' disciples, our walk with the Lord today is not one lived in isolation but rather one immersed in community and enriched by authentic friendship with others. Whether at a home or at the parish in the company of friends (8 – 10 in a group), Discipleship Groups provide a place of deep transformation where adults can be known, loved, and cared for as they strive to deepen their friendship with Jesus and one another.

Together groups will study The Mass, break open the Sunday scriptures, explore life application, pray, discuss prepared questions and grow in relationship with Christ and each other. All are welcome to gather in these casual settings to build small pastoral communities of care and support. For mor information contact Therese at (313)436-0201.



Senior Group 55 + for Men & Women

Join us each month for a themed luncheon and other activities for enjoyment and socialization for active seniors. We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 12:00— 2:00 p.m. All those in our Family of Parishes are invited to join us each month. We look forward to meeting you and sharing in some fun events and activities. Cost for each event is \$12 per person.

Healthy Living in the New Year!

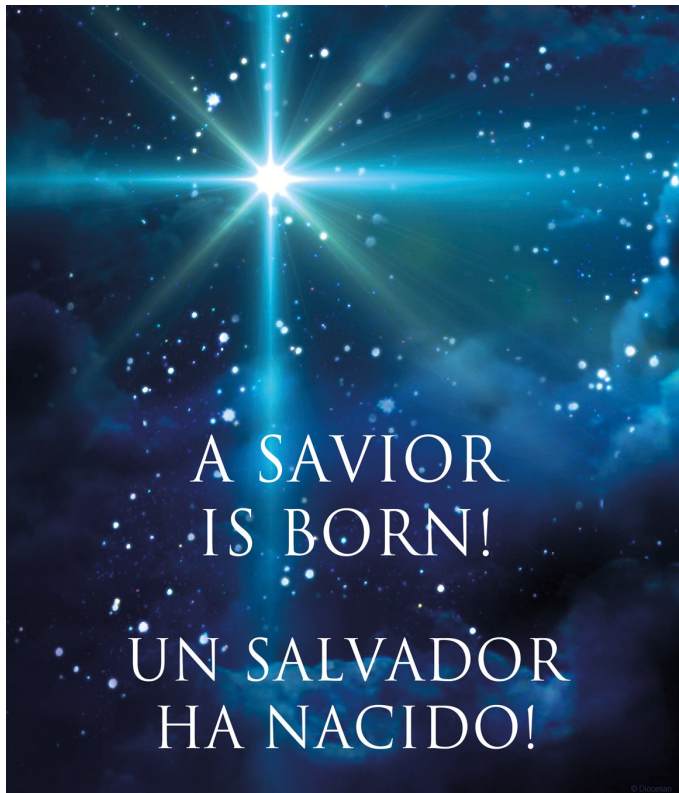
Tuesday, January 21st

Mother Cabrini Room (Enter through door on Wick)

Enjoy a fresh green salad topped with your choice of meats, cheese, and vegetables. Add some rolls and butter, soft drinks, and follow it up with dessert.

We have invited a Health & Wellness instructor to lead us through simple exercises and offering tips on Alzheimer's Prevention, Regulating Blood Sugar and brain health!

RSVP: Rsurma@surmaco.com or ttardiff@cabriniparish.com or call (313)436-0201 by January 17.



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Mass Times

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

Our Lady of Angels

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Mass Times

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