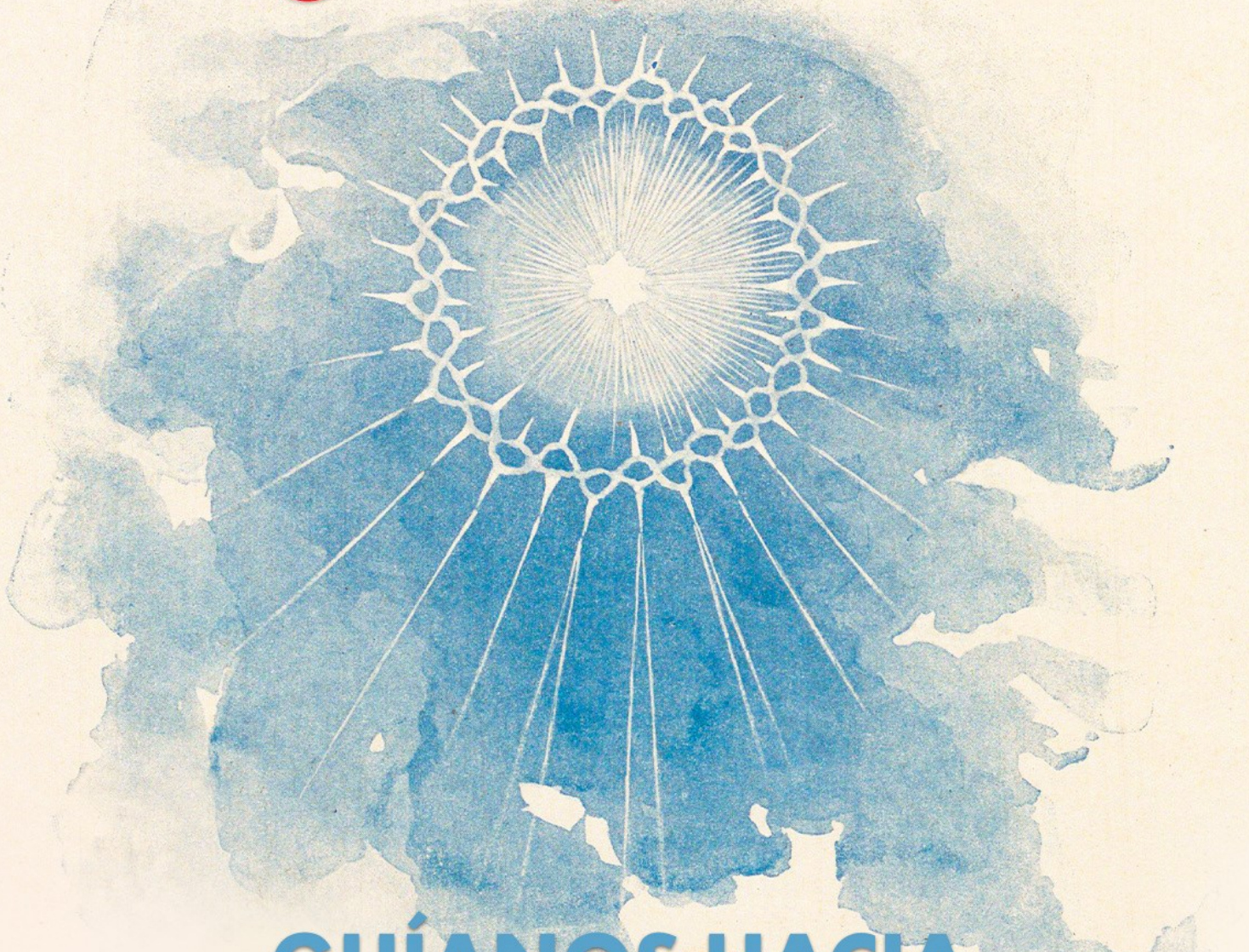


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# Weekend at Birney's



## Preparing for Change: Listening Sessions Re-Presentation

For the past several months, I have been publishing in my article excerpts from the Listening Sessions conducted at each parish in October, along with other articles to help us prepare for the coming changes to be announced in January. As a final presentation of the information that has been previously shared, and in anticipation of the announcement regarding the changes, we will be offering an **abbreviated version of the original Listening Session Presentation following each Mass**. If you have already attended, this is the same presentation, but a more condensed version to allow for time. It is our hope that if you have not already attended the presentation, you will be willing to stay after Mass for 30 minutes to hear the presentation and which contains the rationale for our changes. The schedule for each 30-minute parish presentation is the following:

**St. Constance:** Jan.4 after the 6:30pm Mass  
Jan.12 after the 10am Mass

**St. Mary Magdalen:** Jan. 4 after the 4:30pm Mass  
Jan.12 after the 10am Mass

**St. Alfred:** Jan. 5 after the 10am & 12noon Mass  
Jan.11 after the 4pm Mass

**St. Frances Cabrini:** Jan. 5 after the 8am, 10am & 12noon Masses  
Jan.11 after the 5pm Mass

***A letter will be placed in the mail to all registered parishioners on Jan.13, announcing the changes that will go into effect the First Sunday of Lent (March 9).***

## Feast of the Epiphany Reflection

"The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ."

The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana." (loyolapress.com)

## Football Prediction

Vikings 27 – Lions 24 (we may end the regular season with a loss, but we'll begin the playoffs with more motivation to win....until the end!)

## Quote for the Week

"Narcissists are continually looking into the mirror, gazing at themselves, but the best advice in front of a mirror is to laugh at ourselves." – Pope Francis

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

# Fin de Semana en Birney's

## Preparación para el cambio:

### Sesiones de Escucha Re-presentación

Durante los últimos meses, he estado publicando en mi artículo extractos de las Sesiones de Escucha realizadas en cada parroquia en octubre, junto con otros artículos para ayudarnos a prepararnos para los cambios que se avecinan y que se anunciarán en enero. Como presentación final de la información que se ha compartido previamente, y en anticipación al anuncio sobre los cambios, ofreceremos una versión **abreviada de la Presentación original de la Sesión de Escucha después de cada Misa**. Si ya has asistido, esta es la misma presentación, pero en una versión más condensada para dar tiempo. Esperamos que, si aún no ha asistido a la presentación, esté dispuesto a quedarse después de la Misa durante 30 minutos para escuchar la presentación y que contiene la justificación de nuestros cambios. El horario de cada presentación parroquial de 30 minutos es el siguiente:

**Sta Constanza:** 4 de enero después de la misa de las 6:30 p.m.  
12 de enero después de la misa de las 10 a.m.

**Sta María Magdalena:** 4 de enero después de la misa de las 4:30 p.m.  
12 de enero después de la misa de las 10 a.m.

**San Alfredo:** 5 de enero después de la misa de las 10 a.m. y las 12 del mediodía  
11 de enero después de la misa de las 4 p.m.

**Sta Francisca Cabrini:**  
5 de enero después de las misas de las 8 a.m., 10 a.m. y 12 del mediodía  
11 de enero después de la misa de las 5 p.m.

**Se enviará una carta por correo a todos los feligreses registrados el 13 de enero, anunciando los cambios que entrarán en vigor el Primer Domingo de Cuaresma (9 de marzo).**

### Reflexión de Fiesta de la Epifanía

"La visita de los Reyes Magos ocurre justo antes de la historia de la huida de la Sagrada Familia a Egipto. El Evangelio de Mateo cuenta una versión del nacimiento de Jesús que es diferente a la de Lucas. Del verdadero nacimiento de Jesús, Mateo nos dice poco más que: "Cuando Jesús nació en Belén de Judea, en los días del rey Herodes . . . La historia del censo sólo se encuentra en el

Evangelio de Lucas, pero sólo en el Evangelio de Mateo oímos hablar de la visita de los Reyes Magos.

Sabemos poco de los Reyes Magos. Vienen de Oriente y viajan a Belén, siguiendo un signo astrológico, por lo que creemos que son astrólogos. Suponemos que hubo tres Reyes Magos basándonos en el nombre de sus tres dones. El Evangelio no dice cuántos Reyes Magos rindieron homenaje a Jesús.

En el Evangelio de Mateo, representan la búsqueda de un salvador por parte de los gentiles. Porque los Reyes Magos representan al mundo entero, también representan nuestra búsqueda de Jesús.

Hemos llegado a considerar los dones que traen como un presagio del papel de Jesús en la salvación. Creemos que el significado de los dones es cristológico. El oro se presenta como representante de la realeza de Jesús. El incienso es un símbolo de su divinidad porque los sacerdotes quemaban la sustancia en el Templo. La mirra, que se usaba para preparar a los muertos para el entierro, se ofrece en anticipación de la muerte de Jesús.

La palabra Epifanía significa "manifestación" o "manifestación". Históricamente, varios momentos de la vida y el ministerio de Cristo han sido celebrados como "epifanías", incluyendo su nacimiento en Belén, la visita de los Reyes Magos, su bautismo por Juan y su primer milagro en Caná. (loyolapress.com)

### Predicción de fútbol

Lions 27 – Vikings 24 (terminamos la temporada regular con una gran victoria, y comenzamos los playoffs con mucha más motivación para ganar... ¡hasta el final!)

### Frase de la semana

"Los narcisistas se miran continuamente en el espejo, se miran a sí mismos, pero el mejor consejo frente a un espejo es reírnos de nosotros mismos".  
– Papa Francisco

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

## Mass Intentions Intenciones De Las Misas

**Wednesday, January 8 | Miércoles Enero 8**

**10:00am**

†Melvin “Bud” Leblanc

**Friday, January 10 | Viernes Enero 10**

**9:00am**

†Sidney Vermette

**Saturday, January 11 | Sábado Enero 11**

**4:00pm**

People of the Parish

**Sunday, January 12 | Domingo Enero 12**

**10:00am**

†Cheryl Gorski

†Ken Operhall

† Frank and Irene Operhall

Deceased members of St. Alfred

**Sunday, January 12 | Domingo Enero 12**

**12:00am**

†Noelia Pagan

Nuestro seminarista Lizandro

## Stewardship of Prayer Feast of the Epiphany

The Magi were on a journey to find Jesus Christ. We are on the same journey. Pause this week to converse with others, listen to their prayers, and observe acts of kindness and generosity. See if you can gain a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ.

Los Reyes Magos estaban en un viaje para encontrar a Jesucristo. Nosotros estamos en el mismo viaje. Haga una pausa esta semana para conversar con los demás, escuchar sus oraciones y observar actos de bondad y generosidad. Vea si puede adquirir una comprensión más profunda de Jesucristo.



## Stewardship of Treasure Corresponsabilidad de Tesoro

**December 22, 2024**

Envelope/Loose | *Sobres/Dinero Suelto* ..... \$5,353

Online Giving | *Donaciones en Sínea* ..... \$545

Total ..... \$5,898

**Catholic Service Appeal 2024**

**Llamado al Servicio Católico 2024**

Goal | *Objetivo* ..... \$41,767

Paid to Date | *Pagado Hasta la Fecha* ..... (\$182,121)

Parish Rebate | *Reembolso Parroquial* ..... \$140,354

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, January 11 | Sábado Enero 11**

**4:00pm**

**Lector**

John Kilcoin

**Eucharistic Minister**

Deacon Scott LaForest

**Altar Servers**

Brittany Turner,  
Romina Orozco

**Ushers**

Clyde Burt, Luis Perez,  
Paul Pesta, Tom Pustulka,  
Hilaria Seledon

**Sacristan**

Jeff Lozier

**Sunday, January 12 | Domingo Enero 12**

**10:00am**

**Lector**

Michael Murphy

**Eucharistic Minister**

Dianne Whaley

**Altar Servers**

Dave Danko, Sharon Mitchell,  
David Odoemelam

**Ushers**

Greg Buck, Dave Danko,  
Tim Henderson, Paul Pesta

**Sacristan**

Rosemarie Vermette

**12:00pm**

**Lector**

Maria Muñoz

**Eucharistic Minister**

Rosario Díaz, José Abel Díaz,  
Lilia Sanchez

**Monaguillos**

Anne Muldoon, Miguel Flores-  
Vega, Alondra Flores-Vega

**Ujieres**

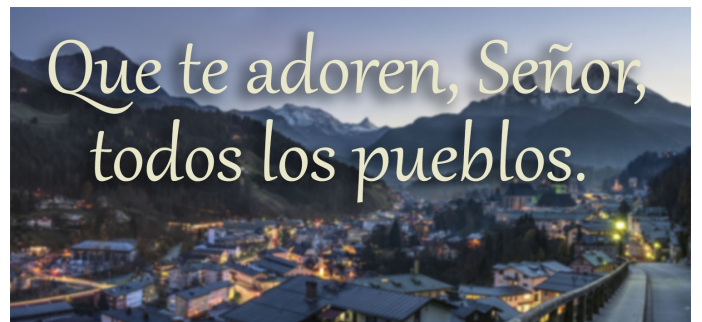
Emiliano y Jorge Nava,  
Rodolfo Pantoja, Jose Valencia

## Stewardship of Time and Talent

Thanks again to everyone who participated in the November Ministry Fair. Approximately 300 parishioners committed to a parish ministry or service. Many committed parishioners have already been contacted about their service to the parish for 2025. Parish leaders will continue to make their contacts within the next two weeks.

Gracias nuevamente a todos los que participaron en la Feria Ministerial de Noviembre. Aproximadamente 300 feligreses se comprometieron a un ministerio o servicio parroquial. Muchos feligreses que se comprometieron ya han sido contactados sobre su servicio a la parroquia para el año 2025. Los líderes parroquiales continuarán comunicándose con sus contactos durante las próximas dos semanas.

Que te adoren, Señor,  
todos los pueblos.



**Please Pray For • Por Favor Oremos Por**

- |                     |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Giovanni Arcuri     | Luis Rodriguez                |
| Dale Akers Jr       | Edna Rodriguez                |
| Boni Chamberlin     | Fr. Leo Sabourin              |
| Mary Hepler         | Chet Salewske                 |
| Ramon Hernandez     | Melissa Solano                |
| Rhonda Jewell       | Nanette Tariao                |
| Ronda Jewell        | Patricia Taylor               |
| Magdalena Juarez    | Bob Whaley                    |
| Rafaela Juarez      | Cyndy Williams                |
| Robert LaForest     |                               |
| Suzanne Lakkis      | <b>Armed Forces</b>           |
| Sophia Macleod      | <b>Fuerzas Armadas:</b>       |
| Patrick Maculewicz  | Daniel Bellman, USM           |
| Chester Marculewicz | Joshua Blevins, USMC          |
| Raleigh Minning     | Patrick J. Feys, USN          |
| Anne Mondro         | Oscar F. Gutierrez, USMC      |
| Judy Mondro         | Jonathan R. Martin, Army      |
| Harry Morris        | Ryan Myre, USN                |
| Melvin Morris       | Bradley J. Schleicher II, USN |
| Libby Muszynski     | Charles A. Sseguya, USMC      |
| Geraldine O'Connor  | Patricia Nakanwagi, USMC      |
| Ken Operhall        |                               |
| Lynne Patrick       |                               |
| Cheryl Pesta        |                               |

**Contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list.**

# St. Alfred Parish

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Taylor, MI 48180

[www.stalfredtaylor.org](http://www.stalfredtaylor.org)  
(313) 291-6464

**Office Hours | Horario de Oficinas**

Tuesday | Martes .....9:00am-8:00pm  
Wed-Thurs | Miércoles-Jueves ... 9:00am-4:00pm  
Friday | Viernes .....9:00am-12:00pm

**Permanent Deacon | Diácono**

**Deacon Scott LaForest**  
Dcnscoff.laforest@stalfredtaylor.org

**Mission Direct**

**Director of Music Ministry**  
**Director del Ministerio de Música**  
**Matthew Engler**

**Mission Support**

**Parish Support Manager**  
**Gerente de Apoyo a la Parroquia**  
**Ana Juarez**  
Ana.juarez@stalfredtaylor.org | Ext. 3101

**Administrative Support**

**Asistente Administrativo**  
**Michelle Ramos**  
office@stalfredtaylor.org | Ext. 3100

**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

## This Week | Esta Semana

**Monday, January 6 | Lunes, Enero 6**

Misioneros de Jesus 6:30pm

**Tuesday, January 7 | Martes, Enero 7**

Ensayo del coro español 7:30pm

**Wednesday, January 8 | Miércoles, Enero 8**

Armada Blanca 6:00pm  
English Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm

**Thursday, January 9 | Jueves, Enero 9**

SVDP – San Vincente de Paul 9:30-11:30  
Amigas de Jesus 10:00am  
Christian Women Meeting – 6:00pm

**Friday, January 10 | Viernes, Enero 10**

Coffee & Donuts – Café y donas – 9:30am  
God’s Housekeeper Group 6  
Cuidado de la Casa de Dios Grupo 6

For more information about these parish events, please visit our website | Para obtener más información sobre estos eventos por eventos, por favor vea nuestro sitio de web

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, January 11 | 6:30pm**

†Patricia Dawidko by Family

**Sunday, January 12 | 10:00am**

†Patricia Dawidko by Family

## Lift Up Your Hearts

Today's feast of the Epiphany is a reminder that God always shows us the Way. God used the Bethlehem Star to guide the Wise Men of old. They followed the star, and it guided them to Jesus. They recognized it as being a safe and trusting direction from above.

All of us can also become aware of God's loving guidance in our own lives. Sometimes we can recognize it while it is happening. Sometimes we can only realize it when we look at our past.

The "Wise Men" recognized His guidance as it happened. This feast of the Epiphany reminds us that God's Lighted Star is with us.... each one of us. We just have to get used to recognizing this.

Yes, we each have Jesus' loving guide within our hearts. We must get used to recognizing His Presence. Jesus is our Star of Bethlehem. He is alive within our hearts, but we can often simply "forget" Him.

Maybe we can use His Star as a way of living, always being AWARE of God's presence. The Star of Bethlehem can become a way of Life, Jesus always with us. Every day has its own "epiphany" experience, when we recognize God's Presence. Jesus never leaves us.

With love, Fr. Leo



## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, January 11 | 6:30 pm**

**Lectors** Two Needed  
**Eucharistic Minister** Barb Ulin  
**Mass Servers** One-Three Needed

**Sunday, January 12 | 10:00am**

**Lectors** Cathy DeLisle, Sue Palermo  
**Eucharistic Minister** Jim Smith  
**Mass Servers** One-Three Needed

**Money Counters** **January 12**  
 Team #5

**Mass Servers & Ushers, for the months of January and February, 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

**Fellowship Weekend**

**Saturday, February 8**  
 after 6:30pm Mass  
**Sunday, February 9**  
 after 10:00am Mass

**Usher's Group Pancake Breakfast**

**Sunday, February 16 at 11:00am**  
 in the Parish Hall

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

**Friday, February 28, 6:00pm in the Parish Hall**  
 Corned Beef Dinner

## Upcoming Meetings

**Women of Faith & Service**  
**Sunday, January 5, after 10am in the Parish Hall**

**Usher's Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 5, after 10am in the Parish Hall**

# Please Pray For

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Julie Babik      | Helen Rogers       |
| Mary Brua        | Rick Roy           |
| Quinn Lauder     | Dora Schindorff    |
| Michele McCauley | McKenley Tillery   |
| Shelby Parker    | The Tillery Family |
| Sarah Ring       | Tom Torongeau      |

Contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list.

# St. Constance Parish

21333 Kinyon  
Taylor, Michigan 48180

(313) 291-4050  
www.st.constance.com

### Office Hours

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

### Mission Direct

#### Pastoral Minister

Roseanna Rogers  
rrogers@stconstance.com

### Director of Music Ministry

Sue Wrona

### Mission Support

#### Parish Support Manager

Cheryl Twigg  
ctwigg@stconstance.com

### Administrative Support

#### Kelly Robbins

krobbins@stconstance.com

### Parish Liturgy Schedule

Saturday ..... 6:30pm  
Sunday ..... 10:00am

### Reconciliation

Saturday at St. Frances Cabrini ..... 3:00pm

# Monday Night Rosary Group

Did you know that our Monday Night Rosary Group was organized in 1987 by (the late) Catherine Cybert, Jerry Gondek and (the late) Deacon Joe. Faithfully, every Monday at 7:00pm, for 32 years, a rosary was prayed for you, our St. Constance parishioners, the Souls in Purgatory and personal intentions.

Today, this group is about 12 strong. They had the Rosary Intention Box made (located in the Blessed Mother's Cove) and anyone can place specific intentions for these wonderful people to pray for. During Lent and Advent, they pray a special Scriptural Rosary of the Sorrowful and Joyful mysteries. At the end of the evening, there is also a Communion Service and time for silent meditation. Everyone is welcome to pray with them!



# Our Stewardship

### December 15, 2024

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|-----------------------|---------|
| Envelopes/Loose ..... | \$3,066 |
| Online Giving .....   | \$150   |
| Total .....           | \$3,216 |

Give online at: [www.stconstance.com](http://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, January 6 | 9:00am**  
People of the Parish

**Tuesday, January 7 | 9:00am**  
†Gilbert Saenz  
Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, January 11 | 4:30pm**  
†Carolyn Rizzo  
†Hermilo Martinez Agustiniano

**Sunday, January 12 | 10:00am**  
†Jerry Walters by Anita Walters  
†Gilbert Saenz by Carol Uniewski

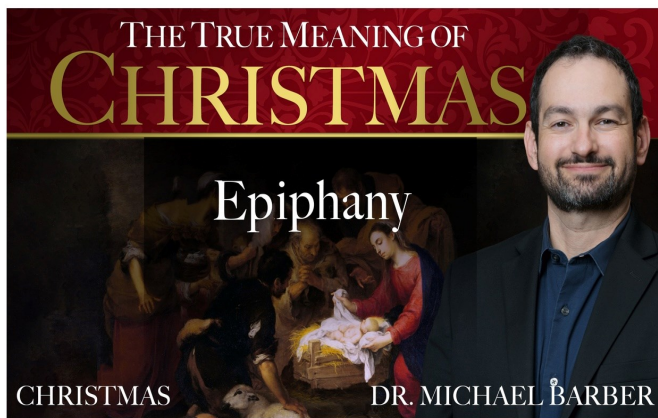
## Please Pray For

**People of the Parish**

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

**Contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer  
list.**

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[www.smmssab.com](http://www.smmssab.com)

### Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday ..... 9:00am to 3:00pm

### Pastoral Minister

Rev. Mr. Fred Guardiola, Permanent Deacon  
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### Mission Direct

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### Mission Support

Sally Ann Amadio, Admin Support  
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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

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, January 11 | 4:30pm

**Lector** Adriana Ayala  
**Eucharistic Ministers** Kathy Potts  
Linda Jackson

### Sunday, January 12 | 10:00am

**Lector** Jeffrey Tiberia  
**Eucharistic Ministers** Teresa Smith  
Tom Smith

## Our Stewardship

### December 22, 2024

Envelope/Loose ..... \$4,205  
Online Giving ..... \$275  
Total ..... \$4,480

Give online at: [www.smmssab.com](http://www.smmssab.com)

### Catholic Service Appeal 2024

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



# Scripture Readings

For the Week of January 5, 2025

**Sunday • The Epiphany of the Lord**

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**Monday**

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday**

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday**

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday**

1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2; 14 and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

**Friday**

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday**

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday • Baptism of the Lord**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Lecturas de las Escrituras

Para la Semana del 5 de Enero de 2025

**Domingo • Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor**

Is 60, 1-6; Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13; Ef 3, 2-3a. 5-6; Mt 2, 1-12

**Lunes**

1 Jn 3, 22—4, 6; Sal 2, 7-8. 10-11; Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25

**Martes**

1 Jn 4, 7-10; Sal 71, 2. 3-4ab. 7-8; Mc 6, 34-44

**Miércoles**

1 Jn 4, 11-18; Sal 71, 2. 10-11. 12-13; Mc 6, 45-52

**Jueves**

1 Jn 4, 19—5, 4; Sal 71, 2. 14 y 15bc. 17; Lc 4, 14-22

**Viernes**

1 Jn 5, 5-13; Sal 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20; Lc 5, 12-16

**Sábado**

1 Jn 5, 14-21; Sal 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5 y 6a y 9b; Jn 3, 22-30

**Domingo • Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor**

Is 42, 1-4. 6-7 o Is 40, 1-5. 9-11; Sal 28, 1a y 2. 3ac-4. 3b y 9b-10 o Sal 103, 1-2a. 2b-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30; Hch 10, 34-38 o Tt 2, 11-14; 3, 4-7; Lc 3, 15-16. 21-22

## The Epiphany of the Lord

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week Christmas Day is observed in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 b.c. Julius Ceasar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6.

This put an end to a system in which officials called “pontiffs” were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named “The Last Year of Confusion.” The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia’s Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

—James Field

# Mass Intentions

**Monday, January 6  
8:30am**

†Andrew Evanego  
 †Wojciech & Magdalena Nowak  
 †Sandra Vassallo by Lillian Armelin  
 Special Intention Paisley Stecki

**Tuesday, January 7  
8:30am**

†George Novotny  
 †Miguel Mitri by Family  
 Special Intention Haley Stecki-Jacek  
 Special Intention Hannah Stecki-Jacek

**Wednesday, January 8  
8:30am**

†Ed Graney by Family  
 †Sylvia Astolfi by Lori, Cam, Theresa  
 †David Jiles by Anthony  
 Special Intention Bill Beluzo Jr. by Anthony

**Thursday, January 9  
8:30am**

†Joann Witkowski by Husband  
 †Clement Prusakiewicz by Family

**Friday, January 10  
8:30am**

†Josephine Szul  
 †Bernard Wilson by Dawn Asaua

**Saturday, January 11  
5:00pm**

†Tom Houck by Larry & Carole Graf  
 †David John Boomer by Claudia  
 †Rochelle Marie Zan by Husband  
 †Mark Latkovic & Anna Micko by Jill Kurcz

**Sunday, January 12  
8:00am**

For the Parishioners of St. Frances Cabrini

**10:00am**

†Michael Kerekes by Family  
 †Fortunato Reynoso by Sergio Reynoso  
 †Frank & Mary Vrabel  
 †Fred Armelin by Lillian

**12:00pm**

†Julie Anna Oddo by Mom & Ray  
 †Frank Aleva  
 †Socorro Moreno Lujano by The Moreno Family  
 †Louis Fucinari by Wife Maria

## Please Pray For

Lennon Allen  
 Lyssa Marie Aromin  
 Shirley Bardallis  
 Erica Born  
 Steven Born  
 Mary Brua  
 Chuck C.  
 Martin Cain  
 Janette Filarski  
 Barbara Fronczak  
 Lyndee G.

Ava Jabczenski  
 Gerald Jaszcz  
 Theresa Jean  
 Geraldine McDonald  
 Janet Nirva  
 Raymond Nowacki  
 Rosemarie Nowacki  
 Jimmy Stecki  
 Sylvia Taylor  
 Nettie Terteling

Contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list.



## Our Stewardship

**December 22, 2024**

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Envelopes/Loose ..... | \$15,323        |
| Online Giving .....   | \$7,222         |
| <b>Total</b> .....    | <b>\$22,546</b> |

Give online at: [www.cabriniparish.org](http://www.cabriniparish.org)

**Catholic Service Appeal 2024**

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Goal .....                 | \$149,213       |
| Paid to Date .....         | (\$132,745)     |
| <b>Amount Needed</b> ..... | <b>\$16,468</b> |

**Debt Reduction**

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

\*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.



## 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 more information contact Therese at (313)436-0201.

### **Become a Discipleship Group Leader!**

Do you have a willing heart? A little time? A learning mindset? If so then you have everything it takes to be a great small group leader.

A small group leader is one who is eager to accompany others on their faith journey. They lead a small intimate group of 8 – 10 people through each week meeting content, discussion and questions (weekly study material and resources are provided).

Leader would set the schedule, communicate with participants and leadership team. The group leader would receive regular training and enjoy special social and formation events to meet and talk with leadership teams from other Discipleship Groups. One on one guidance and support is available with the help of the coordinator.

Follow the link: <https://cabrini.parish.aod.church/DG/lead> to request more information about becoming a small group leader and get more involved!

## St. Frances Cabrini Parish

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[www.cabriniparish.org](http://www.cabriniparish.org)

### **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

### **Permanent Deacons**

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lflores@cabriniparish.com

**Rev. Mr. Fred Guardiola**  
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### **Mission Direct**

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### **Administrative Support**

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### **Administrative Support**

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### **Facilities Manager**

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### **Facilities Technician**

**Bismarck Rojas**  
brojas@cabriniparish.com | Ext. 90103

### **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  
**High School Athletic Office** ..... (313) 357-3267

### **Grade School, Academy, High School**

**Office Hours** ..... 7:15 am—3:15 pm



# December Baptisms

**December 8, 2024**

**Fr. Tim Birney**

*Theodore Michael Horn*  
Son of Dillion & Jenna Horn

**December 22, 2024**

**Deacon Fred Guardiola**

*Ian Yadier Hernandez Gonzalez*  
Son of Jose & Noemi Hernandez-Gonzalez



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.

LORD,  
every nation  
on earth will  
ADORE  
you.



### 2024 Contribution Statement

If you would like a copy of your 2024 contribution statement, please fill out this form and return it to the Parish Office by dropping it off, mailing it in, or putting it in the collection basket. Allow time for processing.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

For Online Giving:

- Log into OSV
- Click Account
- Click Tax Statement

# Christian Service

**Manna 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 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.

## ChristNet Lunch Making

**Tuesday, January 28 at 9:00am**

We will meet in the Holy Family Hall kitchen to pack the lunches and make sandwiches. They will be delivered on January 28, 29, 30 and 31. Volunteers are needed.

We are in need of several supplies to fill the lunches: juice boxes, fruit cups, individually wrapped cookies and chips. Monetary donations will help defray the costs of bread, lunch meat and cheese. Donations can be dropped off to the Parish Office.

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

Our next service date is Wednesday, January 15!



St. Frances Cabrini Catholic School  
We Will See You Through  
Preschool - 12th Grade

# OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, January 30, 2025

Preschool - 6th Grade  
5:30-7PM



7th - 12th Grade  
6:30-8PM

Grade School 15300 Wick Rd. Allen Park MI 48101 313.928.6610  
High School 15305 Wick Rd. Allen Park, MI 48101 313.388.0110



**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:**

Ester and Michael Bellow  
Lauren and Christopher Deckert & Family  
Angelica and David Filipovich & Family  
Arielle Gamble  
Lorraine Hillen  
Gabrielle Matzelt  
Michele and Harold Jr. McNeely  
Cynthia Okpalafulaku



Since the year 1300, and every 25 years thereafter, the people of God have celebrated a Jubilee Year as a special gift of grace. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope," and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of illness, and the climate crisis. The following calendar from the Vatican, will inform the focus of our parish commemorations throughout this Jubilee Year.

**January: Advocacy**  
World of Communications

**February: Service**  
Armed Forces | Police | Security Officials  
Artists  
Permanent Deacons

**March: Adoration**  
Voluntary Workers  
24 Hours for the Lord  
Missionaries of Mercy

**April: Mental Health**  
Sick and Health Care Workers  
Adolescents | Youth  
Persons with Disabilities

**May: Relationships**  
Workers  
Business | Entrepreneurship  
Musical Bands  
Confraternities  
Children  
Families | Grandparents | Elderly

**June: Vocations**  
Church Movements | Associations  
New Communities  
Holy See  
Sports  
Government Staff  
Seminarians | Bishops | Priests  
Eastern Churches

**July: Evangelization**  
Young People/Young Adults

**August: Community**  
Parish Life

**September: Justice**  
Consolation  
World of Justice  
Catechists

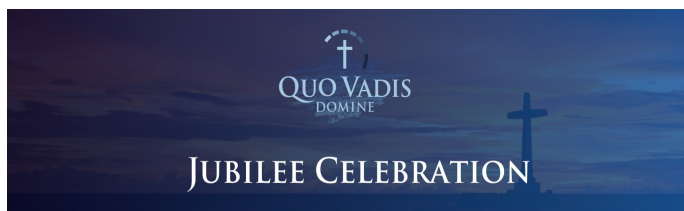
**October: Missionary**  
Consecrated Life  
Marian Spirituality  
Missionary World  
World of Education

**November: Dignity**  
The Poor  
Parish Choirs

**December: Forgiveness**  
Prisoners



For more information please visit:  
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025>



## January

Come join our family the 3rd Friday of each month for an evening of prayer, reflection and fellowship in celebration of the Jubilee Year! Each month will feature a different prayer experience lead by one of our Family of Parish Priest starting at 7:00 pm.

Jubilee 2025 invites you to be a pilgrim of hope. For Christians, hope is anchored in the encounter with Jesus whose life, death, and resurrection reveals God's transforming love. Our hope in God is renewed constantly in the gift of the Holy Spirit, the love of the Father and the Son, who is given, even now, to the community of believers.

**St. Mary Magdalen**  
**19624 Wood St. Melvindale**  
**Friday, January 17 @ 7:00pm**

REFRESHMENTS  
TO FOLLOW  
IN GATHERING  
SPACE



## Knights of Columbus COR Corner

### CLIP & SAVE

- **January 2, 6:30pm**, Scriptural Rosary, St. Frances Cabrini, St. Hugh Chapel, Joyful Mysteries
- **January 6, 7:00pm**, Rosary & Prayers, Our Lady of the Angels, St. Ann Room
- **January 9, 6:30pm**, Scriptural Rosary, St. Frances Cabrini, St. Hugh Chapel, Luminous Mysteries
- **January 13, 7:00pm**, Rosary & Prayers, Our Lady of the Angels, St. Ann Room
- **January 16, 6:30pm**, Scriptural Rosary, St. Frances Cabrini, St. Hugh Chapel, Sorrowful Mysteries
- **January 20, 7:00pm**, Rosary & Prayers, Our Lady of the Angels, St. Ann Room
- **January 23, 6:30pm**, Scriptural Rosary, St. Frances Cabrini, St. Hugh Chapel, Glorious Mysteries
- **January 27, 7:00pm**, Rosary & Prayers, Our Lady of the Angels, St. Ann Room
- **January 30, 6:30pm**, Scriptural Rosary, St. Frances Cabrini, St. Hugh Chapel, Glorious Mysteries

Our weekly Rosary & Prayer Groups are open to all Catholics of any gender and any member of the Quo Vadis Domine Parish Family.

Our Scripture Studies are specifically designed for men. The K of C COR men's ministry is open and welcoming to all men of our QVD Family of Parishes.



# Grief Support Group

**St. Frances Cabrini Parish**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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!

## Family of Parishes 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](mailto: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.



Con música cantada de:  
**Flor y Canto**

SERIES FORMATIVAS DE OCP

# Taller de Capacitación para el Ministerio de Coros Parroquiales

FUNDAMENTOS DE LA LITURGIA



Fecha/Horario:  
**Sábado, 1 de Febrero, 2025**  
**8:30 a.m – 3:00 p.m.**

Lugar:  
**Parroquia de San Alfred | 24175**  
**Baske St, Taylor, MI 48180**

Presentador:  
**Jaime Cortez**  
 Salvadoreño, compositor, arreglista e intérprete.

Costo:  
**\$20 personal / \$40 por familia**  
 (desayuno ligero y almuerzo incluido)  
 Tendremos cuidado de niños.

Patrocinador:  



Más información y registro en:  
[aod.org/coroshispanos](http://aod.org/coroshispanos)



# 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 11:00 am-2:00 pm on the 3rd Thursday each month with our next opportunity on Thursday, January 16. We'll meet outside the Parish Office at 10:20 am on the designated date. All food is provided. Transportation as well will be provided.

If you're interested in joining us or would like more information call Barb Engler at (313)407-9511 or email at [bpengler621@gmail.com](mailto: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!



**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](mailto:Rsurma@surmaco.com) or [ttardiff@cabriniparish.com](mailto:ttardiff@cabriniparish.com) or call (313)436-0201 by January 17.

**Moms on Mission**

**Open to all Parishes**

**Tuesday, January 21 | 9:30-11:00am**

**John Paul II Room of the Holy Family Hall at St. Frances Cabrini**



This is the first meeting of this group to discuss the formation of a bi-monthly meeting for mothers.

This group will be founded to strengthen our bond to one another and our bond to Christ through the vocation of motherhood.

You will feel the love and compassion of Christ through the group discussion on relevant topics, prayer, scripture and fellowship with others.

Mothers of all ages are welcome! No registration required.

If you have questions, please contact Katie at 864-979-2291

**Quo Vadis Domine Parish Clergy & Staff**

**Clergy**

**Fr. Tim Birney, Moderator *In Solidum***  
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**Fr. Johnson Pradeep, Priest *In Solidum***  
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**Fr. Leo Sabourin, Priest in Residence**  
St. Constance

**Fr. John Sullivan, Priest in Residence**  
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**Deacon Scott LaForest**  
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**Mission Direct**

**Armando Bravo**  
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**Sibling Parishes**

**St. Andre Bessette**

Fr. Cornelius Okeke, Priest *In Solidum*  
4250 W. Jefferson Avenue, Ecorse Michigan  
(313) 383-8514 | [www.standeparish.org](http://www.standeparish.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*  
6442 Pelham Road, Taylor Michigan  
(313) 381-3000 | [www.loacc.org](http://www.loacc.org)

**Mass Times**

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