# The VINE S BRANCHES

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 28, 2024

> any of us have read and heard much about servant leadership over the past couple of decades. To be a servant leader does not mean we abandon our authority, it means we avoid talking down to people, and trying to ensure our word has integrity. Today we hear about how Jesus taught "with authority," that is, he was the author of what he said; it never became his habit to quote rabbis and other authors, as the scribes used to do. Jesus' authority arose out of who he was. His message was lived. His lifestyle and preaching enriched the Word of God. What he said, went straight to the hearts of his listeners. The tool he used most often to reach them was the parable, in which the listener is invited to discover his or her self. ... Continued on p. 2

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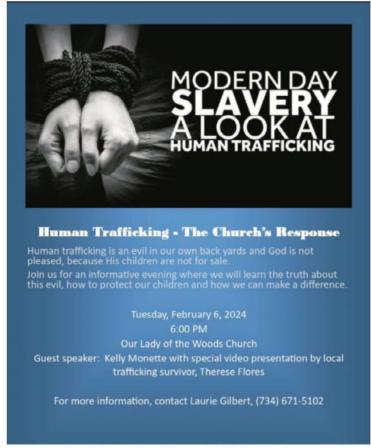
FR. MARC GAWRONSKI

... Continued A parable is a fresh way of looking at ordinary experience. His parables were drawn from the world of farming, fishing, viniculture...their world. Parables are meant to show people that their ordinary experience can be an open path to God; the scribes of every age would prefer that only their sacred text should do this. People realized that here was a teacher who understood and respected them, and not a scribe discharging his erudition over them. They were "astonished," because this was so unusual. From the beginning of the book of Genesis, and throughout the scripture, God's word is living and active. God said "let there be light and there was light!" In the same way Jesus' words: his prayer and preaching made things happen. He cast out demons. In other words he liberated people who were tormented and in every way.

In today's reading, the demon being cast out shouts out a strange profession of faith: "I know who you are, the Holy One of God." but it comes from a believer, but a believer who has rebelled. This poor man was possessed by a demon. I imagine he had to force his body to approach Jesus, perhaps even knowing that Jesus would want to heal him.

The devil in the man also knows Jesus. He also knows that in being healed he will no longer have dominion over the man's freedom. That is approaching Jesus the man is seeking to be liberated from the devil. And that is the will of the "Holy One of God." In fact, that is what makes Jesus holy: that He is God, and he comes to be our liberation from sin and death forever.

This dramatic scene invites our reflection on the reality of evil and the reality of the person of Satan. The resistance the devil manifests to Jesus seems almost 'personal" in a surprising way. We should never be surprised when we understand that evil exists in the world, and that the devil tempts us and trips us up. This is not frequently in the dramatic and scary way depicted in films. Instead the devil is subtle, which enables him to surprise us and catch us off guard. But we, like Satan, know who Jesus is" The Holy One of God!" In him we are liberated from sin and death forever. The man who approached Jesus did so because he knew he was in need of healing. Do we have the courage to do the same? How can we acknowledge the authority of the one who has the power to heal us?



Our Lady of the Woods, 21892 Gudith, Woodhaven, MI 48183

# Mark your calendars!

March 3-6, 2024 is our Family of Parish Lenten Mission. Each night will be from 6-7:30.



March 3 - Sacred Heart

March 4 - St. Joseph

March 5 - St. Roch

March 6 - Our Lady of the Woods

There will be more details to come, but we're happy to have Mary Wilkerson and Fr. Brian Meldrum as two of our speakers!



# Go Make of All Disciples

### Volunteer Roundtable for our Family of Parishes

This coming Monday is our next installment of a volunteer roundtable, where we want to hear from you! We want to share what we're doing, get new ideas from you, and look to the future! We're at St. Cyprian at 7 pm on Monday, January 29.

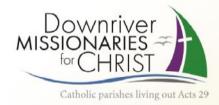
### Middle School and Confirmation Gatherings

We are so blessed to have access to Lifeteen which is the programming we use for our Middle School (6th-8th grade) and Confirmation (8/9 grade) programs. It's a great program where we gather for prayer, we offer a "proclaim," which is a teaching on whatever topic we're covering, we offer opportunity for small groups, and we come back for a "send," which are like our marching orders as Catholics. The engagement and excitement, along with the sharing our young people engage in is inspiring to me. Our wonderful pastors engage in some of the teaching along with other parish leaders and catechists. Here, Fr. Bob is speaking with a Confirmation Preparation group at Our Lady of the Woods, which is comprised of young people from all of our parishes. Each program has 2 offerings - Confirmation preparation is at St. Roch and St. Cyprian. The EDGE program happens at Sacred Heart and Our Lady of the Woods. If you would like to get involved in any way - hospitality, catechist, greeter, or any other way you think you can share your gifts, please let me know!

### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

This Friday, February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Some would call this the official end of the Christmas season, where Jesus is presented in the Temple. Please consider joining one of our parishes for Mass:

St. Joseph	Our Lady of the Woods	St. Roch	Sacred Heart
8:30 am	9:00 am	9:00 am	12 noon
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament afterward			



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### Thank you so much for your support over the years!

We look forward to continuing this support and we are truly grateful for your contributions to this worthy cause.

PLEASE LEAVE DIAPERS IN THE DESIGNATED AREAS IN THE GATHERING SPACE AND THE PARISH OFFICES.

In conjunction with the Grosse Ile Inter-Faith Council, our participation in this ministry is part of Sacred Heart's Knights of Columbus community outreach.

# Sacred Heart Church RCIA

### **Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming**

On Sunday, January 21, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we celebrated the first of the public rites celebrated in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The Rite of Acceptance is an ancient rite that recognizes the decision of a Catechumen John Teringo (JT), (unbaptized), to continue the process of becoming a member of the Catholic Church through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. We also welcomed the candidate (Alexander Track), baptized in another faith, into the process of full communion with the Catholic

faith through Eucharist and Confirmation.

Throughout the past several months, our catechumen and candidate have been inquiring about the Catholic faith and have been meeting weekly. This rite recognized their decision to continue this spiritual journey of growth and conversion, learn the basic teachings of the Catholic faith, hear the Gospel proclaimed at the Sunday liturgy, and are gradually introduced to the customs and practices of the Catholic life as a preparation for full initiation into the Catholic faith through Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

### Are you exploring Catholicism?

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or know someone who is contact helen@sacredheartgi.com or the parish office at 734-676-1378.



SUN

4:15pm

Confessions 5:00pm Life Teen Night

MON

6:45am

Liturgy of the Word w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)

10:00am Mat Makers (Room B)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (Parish Hall)

TUES

**6:45am** Liturgy of the Word w/Holy Communion (Chapel)

8:30am

Liturgy of the Word w/Holy Communion (Chapel)

**6:45am** Liturgy of the Word w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)

10:00am Bridge Club (Room 6)

THUR 6:45am

Liturgy of the Word w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)

8:30am

Liturgy of the Word w/ Holy Communion (Chapel)

6:45am

Liturgy of the Word w/Holy Communion (Chapel)

SAT

10:30am 1st Sunday Rosary

(Gathering Space)

**4:15pm** Confessions

5:00pm Edge

# LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Required to meet Budget:	\$10,038.00		
TOTAL:	. ,		
Solemnity of Mary:	\$17.00		
Electronic: Solemnity of Mary:	\$2,980.00		
1/21 Collection:	\$5,592.00		

To view quarterly financial data and minutes, please visit:

https://www.sacredheartgi.org/stewardship-finance



# Catholic Services Appeal

Sacred Heart Target: \$89,996.00

Total amount pledged:

\$89.461.13

Balance: \$534.87





# Volunteers Needed!

The Knights of Columbus are looking for volunteers to help with our Awesome Fish Frv's.

If you would like to help out with one of the biggest events of the year, please contact Doug Cryderman at 734.216.6448 - Thanks!



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# It's Time for Mardi Gras!

### Tuesday, February 13 | 6:00 PM

Join us for Fun, Faith, Food and Fellowship as we prepare for Lent. We will enjoy a pancake and sausage dinner with every topping you can imagine (we will explain the tradition). Who doesn't like breakfast for dinner? There will be beads, noisemakers and masks, a DJ for dancing and adult beverages available



for a free-will offering. As we prepare for Lent to journey with Jesus for 40 days, we will also learn about our Catholic traditions.

Why do we celebrate before Ash Wednesday, Paczkis Day, Pancake/Shrove/Paczki Tuesday? We will also have a parade and then bury the alleluia until easter.

This is a FREE Event! Just please RSVP by 1:00 PM on Friday, February 9 on the website (scan the QR code) or by calling the Parish Office at 734-676-1378.

# Pray For The Sick

Barbara O Timothy Nawrocki Fr.

Connie Valascho **Iim Scheick** 

Ioan Dom

Frank Agosti Ronald K. Kim Riling Fr. Mike Molnar

Barbara Zuccker



Please pray for all those who serve in our armed forces.

Names will remain on the list for 30 days. If you have a loved one in need of prayers, please call the parish office.

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### **MONDAY-THURSDAY**

9:00am - 4:00pm

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9:00am - 1:00pm

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# **Blessing Bags**

Teens from throughout of Family of Parishes who are preparing for the holy sacrament of Confirmation during the Easter season, gathered at St. Cyprian with their families last Sunday to learn about using our gifts from God and doing service for those in need!

We learned about the ministry and service St. Cyprian Food Pantry does for our Riverview community and sorted so many boxes of food donated at Kroger in early January! We also made Blessing Bags (a tote filled with emergency supplies, a rosary and prayer card, and note of blessing and encouragement) to share with unhoused men and women. Teens and families took home Blessing Bags to give to anyone they find in need.

Many, many thanks to the St. Cyprian Crafters for making hats, scarves, and mittens to add to the Blessings Bags!

There are extra blessing bags available for parish members to take and share with anyone they find in need. You might keep your blessing bag in your car to share with an unhoused or endangered person you see anywhere you go! Blessing Bags are available in the gathering space this weekend!



# St. Cyprian Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry was chosen to participate in the community Food Drive Jan 6-7 hosted by Gleaners and Krogers. Thank you for all the volunteers that helped during the two days of asking for donations and loading and unloading truck and vans to transport back and forth from the Krogers in Brownstown to our pantry! Also, to those that help sort (including our confirmation candidates) and still putting away. These generous donations will help us continue to serve the growing number of pantry clients the Food Pantry has.

Love and Peace, Patty

Matthew 25 40 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.



7:30pm AlAnon

FRI **6:00pm** Volunteer Dinner at Crystal Gardens

SAT

10:00am Confirmation Class

# SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sunday 1/21 Collection:	\$6,486.00	
YTD Stewardship:	\$247,944.00	
Required Stewardship to Meet Budget:	\$265,620.00	
YTD Stewardship Defecit	(\$17,676.00)	
YTD Christmas Collection	\$52,618.00	

To view quarterly financial data & minutes: https://www.stcyprian.com/parish-finances



# Catholic Services Appeal

St. Cyprian Target: \$78,252

Total amount pledged:

\$72,765

Balance: \$5,487

# of families to make pledge: 235



# **Food Pantry**

Thank you for your continued support even with these high prices. We are so grateful!

We are in need of black or green olives, saltines, cake mixes and frosting, & pet food.

# directory SAINT CYPRIAN

# **Annual Volunteer Dinner Party** Friday, February 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. It's time to celebrate all of our wonderful volunteers and their friends who are bright stars reflecting so much light and love into the lives of countless people. Come dressed all "shiny and bright" for this special dinner in your honor! Socializing, Fellowship & Refreshments • 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. • Cash Bar Available Buffet Dinner followed by Music & Dancing • 7:00 - 10:30 p.m. Crystal Gardens Banquet Center • 16703 Fort Street Southgate, MI 48195 Please RSVP by Jan 28 by calling the Parish Office at 734-283-1366

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Natasha Juliet Bermudez Daughter of Gabriel and Ava



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Justine Galindo Frank Marchio

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Tom Hoover

**Eunice** Campbell

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# St. Joseph's 4th Graders

The fourth graders have been having fun learning lots of interesting things in the new year! In Religion, we are learning about the different images of God. We looked at lots of pictures of the face of Jesus and created our own visions. They all turned out so good, yet so different, and they all looked like Jesus. We just finished a narrative nation in our Reading books called Antarctic Journal: Four Months at the Bottom of the World. It was a collection of journal entries and sketches about a woman's journey to Antarctica. It really gave you a detailed image of all her experiences. We read our first novel, Because of Winn-Dixie, and absolutely loved it! We were able to watch the movie in class to compare and contrast the book and the movie. It always turns out, the kids like the book better because of all the details. Our next novel will be Holes, by Louis Sachar. In Social Studies, we have been learning about the neighboring countries to the United States and will begin learning about each of the different regions of the United States, starting in the Northeast where our country first began. We have learned in Math that multiplication and division go hand in hand and long division is both fun and exciting. We are now working with fractions. Most importantly, we have learned that getting along with our classmates, sharing our knowledge, and helping each other are the ways that Jesus wants us to live our lives and continue to be good Christians!

# Save the Date!

St. Joseph Parish is celebrating our 175th anniversary in 2024!!

Please put April 14 at 10:30am on your calendar!

The Archbishop of Detroit will be there to mark this special moment in the history of our parish!





SUN



# LAST WEEK'S

1/14/2024 Collection:\$5,148.28Holy Days:<br/>New Year's Day\$70.00Other Offertory: Votives/Energy,<br/>Christmas/Flowers/Tuition Support\$482.05Faith Direct Payments:\$2,034.00Total Sunday Collections:\$7,182.28Required to meet Budget:\$12,580.00

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# Catholic Services Appeal

St. Joseph Target:

\$88,413.00

Total pledged:

\$86,701.67

**Total Paid:** \$4,740.53

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Pledges: 140

Fully paid: 119 Outstanding: 21

Balance: **\$4,956.62** 





# Christmas Cards Wanted!

The Christian Service is looking for Christmas cards! Every year, we use the cards to create tags for our Giving Tree. If you would like to donate, please drop them off or send them into the parish office. Thank you!

# Pray For The Sick

Ken Pellend Gerald Jelsomeno Michael Kinney, Jr. Leah Smith C. Randy Hackney Diane Snow **Jill Tsakiris** Antonia Schaefer Michelle Allen Jerry Heskett Francis Carter Sherry Dishaw Randy Christin Rutkey Edward Gilbert Ryan Hackney David French Kevin Henninger Rosemary Scafidi Rose Mary Schmidt Carol Krushinski Samantha Mihalik Io Livernois Shawn Meloche Frank Kardos David Rossow Leo Fleszar Jacob Beck Larry Ozog

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LVLUS	iss Schedule & Thientions		JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 4	
	SACRED HEART	SAINT CYPRIAN	SAINT JOSEPH	Readings
27		5:00pm Mass  + Virgie Ann O'Connor   Friend  + Luther & Della Swiney   Will & Cathy Swiney  + Robert & Helen Fraze   Will & Cathy Swiney  + Joe Dowdell   Will & Cathy Swiney	<b>4:30pm Mass</b> +Tom LaFramboise   <i>Edda LaFramboise</i> + Julia Reno  Family	2Tim 1:1-8 (or Titus 1:1-5) Mk 4:26-34
<b>28</b>	11:00am Mass (Sacred Heart Church) + Arthur Payette   Family (5th Anniv) + Dr. William Clauss   The Mynster Family + John Alan Delphy   The Mynster Family Special Intentions for the Robert Joaquin Family   Marguerite & Jack Telnack 5:00pm Mass (Sacred Heart Church) Special Intentions for the homeless	9:00am Mass  + Roseanna Foggia   Morey & Verna Yaklin  + Marino Moretti   Family  + Rose & John Rigato   Maryann Moretti	8:30am Mass +Carol Garft   <i>Rebecca Uribe</i> 10:30am Mass People of the Parish +Nancy Ditzhazy   <i>Ditzhazy Family</i>	Deut 18:15-20 1cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28
<b>29</b>	<b>12:00pm Mass</b> (Sacred Heart Church) + John Alan Delphy   <i>Carolyn Engler</i>			2Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20
<b>30</b>		9:00am Mass For single people	<b>8:30am Mass</b> Deceased parishioners of St. Joseph Parish	2Sm 19:9-10, 14b, 25a, 30-19:3 Mk 5:21-43
31	<b>8:30am Mass</b> (St. Anne Chapel) Special Intentions for the unborn			2Sm 24:2, 9-17 Mk 6:1-6
тни <b>1</b>		<b>9:00am Mass</b> For those who are grieving		1Kngs 2:1-4, 10-12, Mk 6:7-13
<b>PRI 2</b>	<b>12:00pm Mass</b> (Sacred Heart Church) + Jill Truchan   <i>Molino Family</i> Special Intentions for Theresa Banar (Birthday)   <i>The Lees Famly</i>		<b>8:30am Mass</b> For the sanctity of human life	Mal 3:1-4 Lk 2:22-40 (or Lk 2:22-32)
SAT 3		<b>5:00pm Mass</b> + Richard Sietz   <i>Family</i>	4:30pm Mass  +George Chirillo   Family  +Brad Hackney   Randy and Joanie Hackney	1Kngs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34
SUN 4	11:00am Mass (Sacred Heart Church) + John Alan Delphy   Carolyn Engle & Walt Seal +Yonero Ivankovics   Tom & RoseAnn Malvesto +Dr. William Clauss   Joe & Jan Connors 5:00pm Mass (Sacred Heart Church) For the end of conflict in the Middle	9:00am Mass  + Joseph & Carolyn Schmidt   Allan Britz  + Russell Bouchard   Allan Britz  + Frank & Anna Gorski   Karen Gorski  + William & Leona Korte   Karen Gorski  + Victoria Razmek   St. Cyprian Ladies Guild  + Art Laing   Family  + Gary & Campron Buffa   Swigtkowski	8:30am Mass + Nick Gorno   family  10:30am Mass People of the Parish + Tom Neubecker   Sharlene Datini Sanctuary Candle: +Deceased parishioners of St. Joseph	Duet 18:15-20 1Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

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