

The VINE & BRANCHES

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 18, 2024

On Tuesday, August 6, members of St. Timothy parish met in assembly to hear the recommendation of the Transition Team.

This Parish Assembly was the sixth assembly held at St. Timothy parish since the Fall of 2021. These assemblies share data regarding the decline in numbers of parishioners, baptisms, weddings at the parish. In the Summer of 2022, the parish faced a reduced weekend mass schedule due to the need to balance the number of priests with the number of masses in the Family of Parishes.

In August 2023, Fr. Greg Banazak joined our Family of Parishes as the priest in solidum at St. Timothy Parish. Beginning in July 2024, he began to celebrate weekend liturgies at St. Roch, in Flat Rock, after Fr. Ray Lewandowski retired. In August of 2024, Fr. Greg accepted a full-time teaching position at U of D/Mercy, in Detroit, and will continue to reside in our Family of Parishes and preside at masses. Rev. Bob Johnson, SVD became the Priest in Solidum at St. Roch parish, in addition to Our Lady of the Woods, Woodhaven.

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The Transition Team made up of parish leaders and leadership from the Family of Parishes began to meet January 2024 to prayerfully consider a date regarding the changes in sacramental activity and financial status of the parish over the past several years.

The Transition Team, with all their best efforts and desires, has reviewed options, discussed them, and agreed that none of the options to keep the parish open as a Church or otherwise are feasible. Despite best efforts and desires the transition team has discerned that depleting the parishes financial assets to stay open is not good stewardship of the parish's resources for the care and mission for unleashing the Gospel to souls within the parish's boundaries.

In addition, the costs of maintaining the physical plant, especially necessary capital investment in the roof, the parking lot, boiler and plumbing in the parish buildings are prohibitive with the financial state of the parish.

In July of 2024, our family went from four priests in solidum to two, without the expectation of a replacement priest. We have planned for this eventuality and must take this into consideration in planning for ministry in parishes in our family in a sustainable way.

A policy establishing the creation of an endowment funded sale of property from any closed/merged properties in our Family of Parishes has been supported by the priests in solidum, the Family Finance Team and the Family Pastoral Council, and will be included in the priest covenant for our Family of Parishes.

RECOMMENDATION

Faced with significant financial and sacramental decline, combined with a shortage of priests we are asking for St. Timothy Parish Trenton to cease and the church building be relegated to secular, but not unbecoming use with its final mass celebrated on the feast of Christ the King November 24, 2024. We understand that the territory of St. Timothy parish will be merged into the neighboring parishes.

This recommendation will be forward to the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council, who will advise the Archbishop as he considers the recommendation.

Please keep the people of St. Timothy Parish in your prayers as we work to find the best path forward for the sharing of the faith we treasure. We are planning events for the whole Family of Parishes to gather and pray with St. Timothy Parish community.

Rev. Marc Gawronski, Moderator.



Life-Giving Wounds Weekend Retreat

A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce or Separation

September 13 – 15

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center

Life-Giving Wounds is a three-day retreat that invites participants to move through the broken image of love that appeared to them in their parents' relationship to their deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. It will be led by the Life-Giving Wounds traveling retreat team.

The retreat begins on **Friday, September 13 at 7:00pm** and ends on **Sunday, September 15 at 3:30pm**.

Cost per individual is \$100/person. Registration includes the Life-Giving Wounds Retreat Guide and Journal Combo.

Must be 18 or older to attend.

Learn more and Register at www.aod.org/lgw-retreat.

Go Make of All Disciples

Catholic Biblical School of Michigan

I'm excited that our Family of Parishes will continue to have an opportunity for a study of Scripture at this level! St. Timothy has been hosting this apostolate for the last 2 years and we will be moving it to St. Cyprian beginning this fall. The course goes from September through May. The format of this course includes teaching, discussion, and prayer. More to come, but you can find out more at <https://cbsmich.org/ycrc/>.

Faith Formation Sign up

Our early registration is coming to a close at the end of August for children's faith formation through Confirmation preparation. Regular registration begins September 1 and is \$20 more a child as we have to order resources and prepare supplies for our young people and their catechists. If you would like to get involved in any way, please let me know and I can point you in the right direction! Registration is here: <https://www.downrivermissionariesforchrist.com/faith-formation>.

Faith Formation Staffing

Change is just a fact of life! Change isn't always bad, however. The staff at our particular parishes support a family faith formation team that serves the families in the whole family of parishes. I want to give you the lay of the land so you see how our ministry staff is deployed to serve you:

- **Zach Flint** is the recently hired Coordinator of Youth Ministry for the Family of Parishes
- **Claudette Wagner** has retired from Our Lady of the Woods and Cheryl Reynolds has taken on ministry at OLOW in addition to her duties at Sacred Heart (including EDGE for Middle School)
- **Sarah Hogan** remains at St. Cyprian and St. Joseph (including Confirmation preparation)
- **Cheryl Knapp** has been on a medical leave for many months and is no longer able to continue. As we have

posted a position to replace her, Julie Dzanbazoff (a recently retired faith formation leader) has agreed to step in temporarily to assist in ministry at St. Roch.

We are blessed with dedicated pastoral staff to walk with families and children. I thank God ahead of time for the good work they will do this year with our young people!

God bless,

Sean Calvin

Director of Discipleship Formation



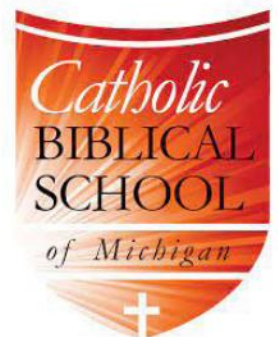
The Prophet Year

Tuesdays 7-9 pm

at St. Cyprian in Riverview

Be ready for whatever life brings you with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan. Join us on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm at St. Cyprian in Riverview starting September 19th. Experience powerful, live teaching from Dr. William Kangas as we unpack the Old Testament Prophets and their message for us today! The Prophet Year is part of the Bible Course. Some people join for just one year, others do the entire Bible. Find out more at an Info Night: **August 25th, 8-9pm** or **September 3rd 8-9pm** online at cbsmich.org/infonights.

Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all with 100% of requests for financial aid granted. Find out more at cbsmich.org or call/text 586-438-3085.



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Wednesday | September 18

Grecian Center, Southgate

Speaker: Steve Ray

Author, Speaker and Travel Guide; *Swimming Upstream: Living a Christian Life in a Pagan World*

Also speaking will be the winner of the Downriver High School Oratory Contest.

Invite your friends and family.

Ticket Cost: Table of 8 for \$360 or Individual ticket for \$50.

Call 734-282-6100 or visit focusonlifedownriver.com.

Becoming a Catholic Christian

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The **RCIA** is the process by which people become members of the Catholic Church. Also known as the Catechumenate, it is a Journey of Faith, a process of growth and conversion that takes place through the proclamation of the Gospel, teaching of Catholic doctrine, and a gradual introduction to the customs and practices of Catholic life. This gradual development culminates in the celebration of the initiation of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist at Easter.

The Rite is designed for:

- Those seeking Baptism, that is, those not baptized previously in another Christian denomination
- Any non-Catholic baptized in a Christian denomination and would like to learn about the Roman Catholic faith
- Any baptized Catholic, not raised in the faith, but now seeks to become a practicing Catholic

If you know someone who is looking for God in his/her life, if you know someone who may have expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic Christian, or may have simply asked you what Catholics believe, I encourage you to invite them to contact us at Sacred Heart Parish to have an introductory meeting.

Call Sr. Helen Therese for detailed information
(734) 676-1378 x217 or e-mail helen@sacredheartgi.com.

Our food pantry is in need of, canned meat (salmon, tuna and chicken), pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti sauce and pasta's.

parish CALENDAR

SUN 18 7:00am Blood Drive (VFH Hall)
4:15pm Confessions

MON 19 6:45am Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)
10:00am Mat Makers (Room B)
6:00pm Exodus Group (Chapel Basement)

TUES 20 6:45am Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)
8:30am Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)
6:30pm Evening Rosary (Gathering Space)
7:00pm K of C Council Mtg. (Parish Hall)

WED 21 6:45am Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)
10:00am Rosary Makers (Room 5)
10:00am Christian Services Mtg (Room A)

THUR 22 6:45am Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)
8:30am Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)

FRI 23 6:45am Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)
10:00am K of C Picnic Prep (Parish Hall)

SAT 24 10:00am K of C Picnic Prep / Cleanup (Parish Hall)

SUN 25 4:15pm Confessions

If you wish to be a subscriber to an email list which will notify you of funerals taking place at Sacred Heart Parish, please send an email to: funerals@sacredheartgi.com.

Note: permission to notify the parish of funerals that take place come from the members of the family of the faithful departed. Not all families chose to participate in this notification. We hope together in a share in the eternal life Jesus won for us in his dying and rising. Let us share and strengthen that hope with each other.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

8/11/2024 Collection:	\$7,290.00
Electronic:	\$3,055.00
Total Sunday Collections:	\$10,345.00
Required to meet Budget:	\$10,096.00

To view quarterly financial data and minutes, please visit:
<https://www.sacredheartgi.org/stewardship-finance>



Capital Campaign

Capital Campaign Goal: \$880,000.00

Total Pledges: \$722,066.00

A Chance to Meet

The women of St. Roch attend an annual retreat at St. Paul of the Cross. This offers a great opportunity to meet some of the women in the various parishes in our family. Of course, this is a retreat, but we will have some special time for our group to meet and talk with one another.

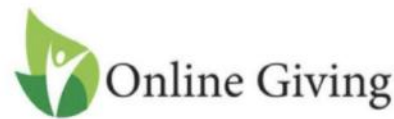
Where: St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, 23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit 48223

Dates: Friday, September 20, 4:30pm – Sunday, September 22, 12:00pm

Theme: It's All About Presence" (Our partaking of God's presence, and us as God's presence for others.)

Contact **Pamela Munroe** 734.778.1417 for more information as soon as possible.

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- Allows you to give even if you are unable to attend parish services
- Contribution amount is easily adjusted as needed
- Option to remain anonymous

Log in at <https://www.osvhub.com/sacredheartgi/funds>

If you have questions about your account or need assistance, please contact **Sue** at 734-676-1378.

Pray For The Sick

Timothy Nawrocki	Dianne Pointikowski	Bob
Dom	Sean	Donna Melonio
Colleen Yancy	Frank Marchio	Richard Peregood
Janet Ankiel	Pam & Gary	Jennifer Lundy
Patrick Capp	Kathy Krajcirovic	

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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There's More To This Than Meets The Eye

We experience extraordinary graces of faith through the means of ordinary gifts that transform our hearts through the love of Jesus. Take a bold step and discover how living the Catholic faith in personal relationship with Jesus Christ and in community with others can foster a deeper reality and experience of the sacramental life of the Church.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) can help you begin to enter into the way of faith and conversion, becoming a lifelong missionary disciple of Jesus Christ, living in the light of His love for you.

For an initial conversation contact Denise Gorski, Director of Evangelization & Adult Faith Formation at 734-283-1366 or at dgerski@stcyprian.com.

WE NEED YOU!!

We are in need of volunteers to help with the church linens. The altar linens used during Mass need to be washed and ironed on a weekly basis. Many hands make light work!

Training will be provided. Please call the parish office with your name and phone number and I will contact you.

Wendy Campau | Altar Linen Coordinator

*Be filled
with the Spirit*
EPHESIANS 5:18

parish CALENDAR

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TUES

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10:00am Pantry
7:30pm AA

THUR

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9:30am Crafters
7:30pm AA
7:30pm Alanon

FRI

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SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sunday 8/11/24 Collection:	\$5,497.00
Electronic Collection:	\$749.00
Total Sunday Collections:	\$6,246.00
Required Stewardship to Meet Budget:	\$8,462.00

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



Catholic Services Appeal

St. Cyprian Target:
\$69,459.00

Total Pledged:
\$67,875.00



Pledges: 185 Balance: \$1,584.00

Food Pantry

Pancake syrup, jelly, ketchup, cake frosting, toilet paper, & dinner soups.

Parish Office Summer Hours:
8am to 12pm Monday thru Friday.

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SAVE THE DATE

Parish Picnic

Saturday, September 28

Raffle tickets for each registered family are available for pickup in the gathering space.

Pray For The Sick

Dorothy Withrow
Frank Marchio
Tom Hoover
Harper Holt
Chuck Baker

William Falvo
Johnny Neimann
Roxane Rinna
Valerie Husar



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

St. Joseph PICNIC

**Sunday,
September
8**

What to bring:
Your own drinks and chairs

Last Name:
A-E: Fruit
F-J: Veggies
K-O: Salads
P-T: Sides/Appetizers
U-Z: Desserts



Time
10:30am Mass at the Park, picnic immediately following until 1:30pm

Hot dogs, burgers, and chips provided

Elizabeth Park
4250 Elizabeth Dr. Trenton 48183

Donations for Picnic

We are looking for donations of individual bags of chips for our annual picnic! If you would like to donate, please drop them off at the parish office. Thank you!!

Trenton Tower Senior Co-op Communion Service

The Christian Service Commission is looking for volunteers to join our current team that takes communion to the Catholic residents Friday mornings after 8:30 mass (9:20 to 10am). There are currently 4 ministers in rotation, each would go once every 4 weeks. Please give prayerful consideration to the mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings in our community who live in Trenton Towers.

If God is calling you to this ministry, please contact **Kathy Neimann** at (c) 260-615-3407 or contact the Parish Office at 734-676-9082 (training will be provided).

A Chance to Meet

Womens annual retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center

“It’s All About Presence”

Where: 23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit 48223

When: Friday, 9/20, 4:30pm – Sunday, 9/22, 12:00pm

Contact Pamela Munroe 734.778.1417 for more information.

parish CALENDAR

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6:00pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

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7:00pm Zoom Rosary

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9:00am Church Cleaning

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The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays, starting May 31. We will return to Fridays in September.

Youth
Ministry



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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

8/4/2024 Collection:	\$7,807.05
Other Offertory: Energy, Votives:	\$473.00
Holy Day: Assumption:	\$75.00
Faith Direct Payments:	\$2,109.00
Total Sunday Collections:	\$9,916.00
Required to meet Budget:	\$12,310.00

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<https://stjosephstrenton.com/finance-council>



Catholic Services Appeal

St. Joseph Target:

\$86,839.00

Total Pledged:

\$60,235.00

Total Paid:

\$48,083.92



Pledges: **47**

Fully paid: **34** Outstanding: **13**

Balance: **\$12,151.08**



directory SAINT JOSEPH

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The annual **St. Joseph Picnic** will be held at Elizabeth Park on **Sept 8**. We will be having our 10:30am Mass at the park as well!! Join us after for food!

Women's Guild Meeting

The first Women's Guild Meeting of the year will be held at **6:30pm on Thursday, September 5** at our new location, the parish office. We look forward to see all previous members, and encourage any women interested in the guild to join us.

Pray For The Sick

Michael Kinney, Jr.	Samantha Mihalik	OP
Diane Snow	Larry Ozog	Betty Geierman
Michelle Allen	Nate Crowe	Ana Jelecki
Edward Gilbert	Gerald Jelsomeno	John Neimann
Kevin Henninger	Francis Carter	Fred Ankney Jr.
Carol Krushinski	Christin Rutkey	Kathy Krajcirovic
Leo Fleszar	Rose Mary Schmidt	Aria Roman
Jacob Beck	Frank Stanko	Karen Rutkowski
Tom Reno	Beth Granz	Earl Boling
Ken Pellend	Charles Misener	Elizabeth Lee
Leah Smith	Cathy James	Barbara Galofaro
Jill Tsakiris	Mary Evans	Lois Humphrey
Jerry Heskett	Gavin Lock	Murril Ker
Rosemary Scafidi	Sister Beth Butler	Ginny Henniger

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

AUGUST 17 - AUGUST 25

	SACRED HEART	SAINT CYPRIAN	SAINT JOSEPH	Readings
SAT 17		5:00pm Mass + Audrey Fusinski <i>Ann DeFoe</i> + Melissa Oswell <i>Family</i>	4:30pm Mass + Dr Jose Valdez <i>Valdez family</i> + Frank Kardos <i>Gambino Family</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 9:6-10</i> <i>John 12:24-26</i>
SUN 18	11:00am Mass (Sacred Heart Church) + Alice Graziani <i>Sharon & Dallas Kelsey</i> + Emilio Paolucci <i>Family</i> + Mike Novak <i>Bill & Pat Mynster</i> + Ken Wagel <i>The Crydermans</i> + John O'Donnel <i>Friends</i> 5:00pm Mass (Sacred Heart Church) For those parishioners on the prayer list.	9:00am Mass + Anthony & Lucille Capraro <i>Mike & Myrna Capraro</i> + Irene Swisz <i>Moretti Family</i> + Roseanna Foggia <i>Family</i> + Melissa Oswell <i>Family</i>	8:30am Mass + Alexis Kettler John and Carol Kettler 10:30am Mass People of the Parish. + Frank and MaryAnn Searton Don and Theresa Ciofani	<i>Proverbs 9:1-6</i> <i>Ephesians 5:15-20</i> <i>John 6:51-58</i>
MON 19	12:00pm Mass (Sacred Heart Church) + John Mac Dougall <i>Carol Domino</i> Special Intentions for Mr. & Mrs Patrick Coakley on their 63rd Anniversary <i>Family</i>			<i>Ezekiel 24:15-23</i> <i>Matthew 19:16-22</i>
TUE 20		9:00am Mass For the divorced and separated.	8:30am Mass + Tom Carmichael <i>Dian Carmichael</i> + Fr. Stephen Rooney <i>Calvin Family</i>	<i>Ezekiel 28:1-10</i> <i>Matthew 19:23-30</i>
WED 21	8:30am Mass CANCELLED			<i>Ezekiel 34:1-11</i> <i>Matthew 20:1-16</i>
THU 22		9:00am Mass For the safety of travelers.		<i>Ezekiel 36:23-28</i> <i>Matthew 22:1-14</i>
FRI 23			8:30am Mass + Bob Duke <i>Mary Ann Duke</i>	<i>Ezekiel 37:1-14</i> <i>Matthew 22:4-40</i>
SAT 24		5:00pm Mass + Dr. Robert Merrick <i>Allan Britz</i> + Jack Palmer <i>Allan Britz</i> + Laura & Angelo Piccioni <i>Lori Swiatkowski</i> + Eugene Kellett <i>Lori Swiatkowski</i> + Mike O'Keefe <i>Family</i> + Audrey Fusinski <i>Masserant/Wilson Families</i> + Ben & Sally Masserant <i>Family</i>	4:30pm Mass + Barry Matthews <i>Chris Mathews</i> + Louie Zanetti (10th anniversary) <i>Carol Zanetti</i>	<i>Revelation 21:9b-14</i> <i>John 1:45-51</i>
SUN 25	11:00am Mass (Sacred Heart Church) + John Alan Delphy <i>Stella Miller</i> + Raymond Kwiecien <i>Kwiecien Family</i> + Ken Wagel <i>Grosse Ile Herb Society</i> + Ryan Kenndy <i>Bernie & Alane Gismondi</i> 5:00pm Mass (Sacred Heart Church)	9:00am Mass + Roseanna Foggia <i>Children</i>	8:30am Mass + Joseph and +Noreen Jolly <i>Rensi Family</i> Thank you to the St Joseph Parish Staff <i>Geri</i> 10:30am Mass People of the Parish. + Sandra Venier <i>Family</i> Sanctuary Candle: + Louie Zanetti <i>Carol Zanetti</i>	<i>Joshua 24:5:1-2b, 15-17, 18b</i> <i>Ephesians 5:21-32</i> <i>John 6:60-69</i>



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