The VINE & BRANCHES

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

The prophet Isaiah wrote four "Servant Songs" in the section called "the Book of Comfort" (chapters 40-55). Today we hear the third "song." The person speaking sounds like someone who is trying to be faithful to a mission which has brought suffering.

Suffering tests our faith and our relationship with God. In cases of illness and misfortune we usually don't have any choice in the matter. But the suffering the servant is undergoing is exactly because he/she is God's servant. But the servant wants to be faithful because, "The Lord God opens my ears that I may hear." Somehow this servant has heard that his/her suffering is for the cause of right and therefore believes that God will not abandon the one trying to be faithful.

Doing the right thing doesn't guarantee we will succeed: it's not about success, but about being faithful. When things don't go the way the suffering servant expects, this servant has a piece of wisdom for us, "The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced."

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Marcings

FR. MARC GAWRONSKI

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Who is this servant who speaks from the distant past, centuries before Christ? It could be a person trying to practice God's ways amid a disbelieving and hostile world. It could be the people of Israel, long suffering in exile, in a world far from their own, not only in language and customs, but belief as well. It could be a prophet, perhaps Isaiah himself, meeting opposition for speaking on behalf of God.

This worshiping community could also be the suffering servant, trying to live lives of faith in a world characterized by cynicism and opposing values. We Christians can also apply what is said of the servant to Jesus himself, who set his face "like flint" towards Jerusalem, preaching the gospel the Spirit had anointed him to proclaim. He would be faithful to his message, despite those who would, in Isaiah's words, beat him and pluck his beard.

The gospel today is a turning point in Mark's Gospel and questions about the identity of the servant of God take another shape. From now on Jesus will shift his attention from the crowds to the formation of his disciples. It seems as if they have begun a brief, but intensive course in discipleship; a training that will take them to Jerusalem and beyond. On his way to Jerusalem Jesus wants to be quite clear what awaits him and his disciples if they continue to follow him. Jesus' What is our measure of success in life? It is property or power? It is service and humility? Suffering is not always caused by the mission God has given us. When it is, like Jesus, we are called to bear witness to the mission, knowing that God is faithful, so we can be faithful too.

Go Make of All Disciples

The Lord opens my ear that I may hear...

These words from our First Reading (Isaiah 50:4c-9a) invite us to be docile to God's prompting in our lives. What role does God play in your life? When you're making decisions or needing to figure out some aspect of your life or what you should do, do you listen for God's voice? Now, more specifically to the ministries and programs in our parishes...the readings this weekend allow for some ideas around how we get involved, or don't get involved:

- **The First Reading from Isaiah** - "The Lord opens my ear that I may hear."
- **The Second Reading from James** - "What good is it to have faith without works."
- **The Gospel of Mark** - "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last of all and the servant of all."

It is great to come to Church; however, if you're coming to Church but not sharing your gifts and your faith, St. James asks the question, "What good is it?" Let us be true servants to one another. Sometimes God calls us to things we may not be comfortable with, or think we have the capacity to do. Let us pray with these words today from Scripture. Allow God to open your ears that you may hear the call, but also be open to the Holy Spirit and the gifts you have received for the service of others.

God bless, **Sean Calvin**
Director of Discipleship Formation

Evangelize

BUT HOW DO I DO IT?

- Come to this Evangelization Equipping Workshop
- Morning and Evening Sessions offered
- Practical, hands-on and interactive
- 3 session series

Wednesday Evening Sessions
October 9, 16 & 23
6:30—8:30 PM
Our Lady of the Woods Parish Hall
21892 Gudith Rd.
Woodhaven, MI 48183

Monday Daytime Sessions
October 7, 14 & 21
10:00 AM—12:00 PM
St. Cyprian Parish Hall
13249 Pennsylvania Rd.
Riverview, MI 48193

Founders' Day Golf Outing

Gabriel Richard Catholic H.S.'s 13th Annual Founders' Day Golf Outing will be held on **October 5th at Riverview Highlands Golf Course** with an 8:30am shotgun start and a post-golf buffet immediately following at One Nine Event Center (formerly) Orlando Familia Banquet Center. We'd love to have you come join us for a day of great golf, great food and the company of GR alums and supporters. You can register at **http://weblink.donorperfect.com/GR_Founders_Day_2024** Contact Adrian Kowal, Director of Advancement with any questions at **kowala@gabrielrichard.org** or (734) 284-1875, ext. 116.

St. Joseph School is looking for someone to clean classrooms after school each night for approximately 3 hours/daily (Mon-Fri) when school is in session.

If you are interested or know anyone who may be interested, please contact **Sue** at **sue@sacredheartgi.com**.

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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 x203 or e-mail helen@sacredheartgi.com.

Attend the Anger and Forgiveness Series in September through October

Anger is an emotion that is uncomfortable and often painful. Sometimes it is confusing. The fact that it has such power is awesome both to those who feel it within themselves and to those who feel it from others.

Learn more about **ANGER** and you can take the path to **FORGIVENESS** in this five-week series entitled:

Anger and the Power of Forgiveness

Tuesdays, September 10, 17, & 24, and October 1 & 8.
Sacred Heart Parish Center, Room B, 6:30 p.m.
Facilitated by Sr. Helen Therese and Adult Faith Formation Committee.

September 17 - Anger Deacon Dr. Bob McDonald in a CD presentation will discuss the basic themes about anger, how it develops, affective and ineffective responses to anger, and how to overcome our sinful choices of behavior, and remedies for anger that leads to peace.

September 24 - Handling Anger Effectively Eight Forgiveness Questions to Ponder; Reflection on The Agony in the Garden - Place of Transformation by Fr. Ron Rolheiser.

October 1 - Misconceptions about Forgiveness Difficulties of Forgiving Ourselves; Prayer Suggestions on "Loving the Enemy" and the Creativity of Love.

October 8 - A Healing Prayer of Forgiveness Bible Verses to Overcome Anger.

parish CALENDAR

SUN 15	**4:15pm**	Confessions
MON 16	**6:45am**	Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)
	10:00am	SH Mat Makers (Room B)
	6:00pm	Exodus Group (Chapel Basement)
	6:30pm	FoP Faith Formation Opening Mass (St. Joseph)
TUES 17	**6:45am**	Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)
	8:30am	Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)
	10:00am	Deacon Bob Book Club (Room B)
	6:30pm	Evening Rosary (Gathering Space)
WED 18	**6:45am**	Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)
THUR 19	**6:45am**	Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)
	8:30am	Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)
	9:30am	Stephen Ministry Training (St. Roch)
FRI 20	**6:45am**	Liturgy of the Word (Chapel)
SAT 21	**5:00pm**	Family Fun Night, follows the 4:00 Mass, (Our Lady of the Woods) Everyone is welcome
SUN 22	**11:00am**	Outdoor Mass followed by Sacred Heart Parish Picnic. All are welcome
	4:15pm	Confessions

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who came out and donated blood. A special thank you to Kay Cozzi for helping with the snack table, we appreciate your help!

Overall, we exceeded our goal with 38 pints collected. So generous!

Next blood drive: October 20, 2024

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

9/8/2024 Collection:	$5,544.00
Electronic:	$2,490.00
Total Sunday Collections:	**$8,034.00**
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: $724,116.00

Holy Family Circle of Father Solanus Guild

The Fr. Solanus/Holy Family Circle will resume their monthly meetings on the **4th Wednesday** of each month, starting **September 25, October 23, and November 27**. New folks are always welcome to our family!!

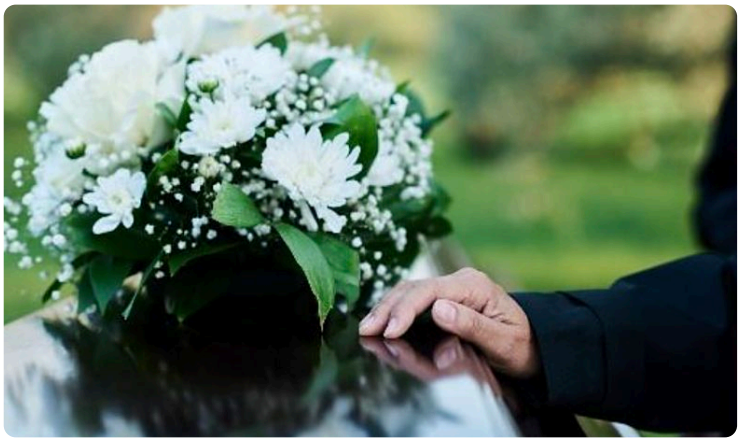
Place: Our Lady of the Scapular / Social Hall of the school 976 Pope John Paul II, Wyandotte, MI 48192

Time: 7:00pm

Holy Family Circle's annual Corporate Communion will be held at Our Lady of the Scapular, October 6, at 11am Mass.

Our Solanus Social will take place on Sunday, November 10, at 1:00pm in Our Lady of the Scapular's school gym. More details to come!! Don't miss it. It's bigger and better than ever!!!

Pamela Munroe, Holy Family Circle Secretary



Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services

Representatives will be at Sacred Heart on the following dates and times to discuss the spiritual and practical reasons for learning about Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services. The sessions will include a short presentation with question-and-answer opportunities.

Sunday, September 29 after the 11:00 AM Mass

Sunday, September 29 after the 5:00 PM Mass

Monday, September 30 after the 12:00 PM Mass

Pray For The Sick

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

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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Want to Improve Your Health and Wellbeing?

What if I told you there was a weekly activity you can be part of that has all the following health benefits. Would you be interested?

- Exercise your brain
- Improve breathing, posture and muscle tension
- Experience pain relief due to the release of endorphins
- Sustain a healthy immune system
- Improve your sense of happiness and wellbeing
- Improve your memory
- Reduce stress and depression
- Regulate your heart rate

And what if I told you that this can all be achieved without lifting a weight, running a mile, taking a pill or visiting a doctor? Well, it's true! Studies have shown that all these health benefits can be obtained by joining a choir. Being part of a choir can also expand your social group, and decrease loneliness and isolation.

Now is the time to discern if God is calling you to be part of the St. Cyprian Music Ministry. Don't worry if you can't read music. Mason Koch, our Music Minister, is very patient and enjoys helping choir members learn their parts. Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, **September 25 at 7:00 PM** at Sacred Heart Church. Rehearsals alternate between St. Cyprian and Sacred Heart. Please join us and come see how much fun you'll have while worshiping God through music and song. And yes, improve your health!

Words to Live By

Join Deacon Bob Tremmel to discuss his book, ***Words to Live By***, which contains reflections on various scripture passages dealing with prayer, suffering, sin, and heaven to name a few. Books can be purchased from Deacon Bob at the first meeting or after Mass on September 21 & 22. The cost for each book is $15. The class will be limited to twenty people so be sure to register early.

This 8 Week series begins Monday, September 30 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the St. Nicholas Room in our Social Hall.

Please register on our parish website directly via the QR code or call the Parish Office at 734-283-1366.

parish CALENDAR

SUN 15	**Cemetery Services Presentation after 9am Mass**	
MON 16	**6:30pm**	Stephen Ministry Training
TUES 17	**6:00pm**	Family Program
	7:00pm	Catholic Biblical Class
WED 18	**10:00am**	Pantry
	7:30pm	AA
THUR 19	**9:30am**	Crafters
	7:30pm	AA
	7:30pm	Alanon
FRI 20		
SAT 21		
SUN 22		

Food Pantry

Cake Frosting, Canned Chicken, Hamburger Helper, Muffin Mix, Chili (no beans), Spaghetti Sauce, & Jello Gelatin.

SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sunday 9/8/24 Collection:	**$10,048.00**
Electronic Collection:	$1,854.00
Total Sunday Collections:	$11,902.00
Required Stewardship to Meet Budget:	$8,462.00

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

Blood Drive

American Red Cross

St. Cyprian Church
13249 Pennsylvania Riverview

Sunday, September 29, 2024
8:30am to 2:30pm

For an appointment, please log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: St.Cyprian) or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767).

Raffle Update

Raffle Sales: **$13,230**

Raffle Target: **$24,000**

Drawing Date: **September 28, 2024, at the Parish Picnic**

Turn your tickets in today for your chance to win $10,000!

Pray For The Sick

Dorothy Withrow
Frank Marchio
Tom Hoover
Harper Holt
Chuck Baker
William Falvo
Johnny Neimann
Roxane Rinna
Barb Winger

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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).

Annual Pet Blessing

Mark your calendars for our annual pet blessing, which will be held on October 2 at 6pm in front of the Parish Activity Center. All pets are welcome! Join us for cider and donuts immediately after the blessing.

St. Joseph School

The kindergarten class has been diligently working to learn the rules and procedures for this year. We begin each day by singing praise, offering our prayers and giving thanks to God. We are also learning about the bible, the weather, letters and their sounds, sorting objects by different attributes, and discussing good citizens.

Mrs. Kowalczyk, Kindergarten

parish CALENDAR

SUN 15		USCCB Catechetical Sunday
MON 16	**6:30pm**	FOP Opening Mass for Faith Formation
TUES 17	**7:00pm**	Zoom Rosary
WED 18		
THUR 19		
FRI 20		
SAT 21		
SUN 22	**9:00am**	SJ Family Catechesis

Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers willing to sub for our counting team members when they can't attend. Call the Parish Office if you are interested, we will train.

Youth Ministry

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

9/1/2024 Collection:	$7,002.19
Other Offertory: Energy, Votives:	$440.00
Holy Day: Assumption:	$10.00
Missionary Co-op Plan:	$1,240.00
Faith Direct Payments:	$100.00
Total Sunday Collections:	**$7,102.19**
Required to meet Budget:	$12,310.00

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https://stjosephtrenton.com/finance-council

Catholic Services Appeal

St. Joseph Target:
$86,839.00

Total Pledged:
$62,835.00

Total Paid:
$52,589.06

Pledges: **47**
Fully paid: **34** Outstanding: **13**
Balance: **$10,245.94**

Walk for a Cause: Join Our Charity Walk or Donate Today!

Our church family is lacing up their shoes for a great cause! We're excited to announce our participation in the upcoming Saint Vincent De Paul's Annual Friend's Walk on Belle Isle on September 21st. Registration starts at 9:00 A.M. (race starts at 10:00A.M). This walk raises vital funds for our local Saint Vincent De Paul neighbors found through the St. Joseph, St. Cyprian and St Timothy Parishes.

For more information or to register for the walk, please contact Barbara Radecki at (734) 358-9582 or **barbara_radecki01@yahoo.com.**

Pray For The Sick

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

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Mass Schedule & Intentions

SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 22

	SACRED HEART	SAINT CYPRIAN	SAINT JOSEPH	*Readings*
SAT **14**		**5:00pm Mass** + Ben & Sally Masserant | *Family* + Audrey Fusinski | *Wilson & Masserant Families*	**4:30pm Mass** + Sharon Dishaw | *Don and Theresa Ciofani* + Janet Smith | *Family*	*Numbers 21:4b-9* *Phillippians 2:6-11* *John 3:13-17*
SUN **15**	**11:00am Mass** (Sacred Heart Church) + Stanley Bozynski | *Elena Bozynski* + Margie Matuch | *Rose Siepierski* + Dom Mackowski | *Fred & Doris Hoffman* + Margie Matuch | *Rose Siepierski* Special intentions for: Elizabeth Marhefka | *Ed & Marion Sidor* **5:00pm Mass** (Sacred Heart Church) + Thomas Edward | *Chris & Janet Bush*	**9:00am Mass** + Roseanna Foggia | *Children* + Lenny Fritz | *Patty & Ruben* + Ruben Saenz Sr. | *Patty & Ruben* + Enedina Saenz | *Patty & Ruben* + Francis & Kathleen Gorski | *Karen Gorski* + Frank & Anna Gorski | *Karen Gorski* + William & Leona Korte | *Karen Gorski*	**8:30am Mass** + David and Faith Himick | *Family* + Lorraine and Ronald Hatty | *Jeanine Pitrone* **10:30am Mass** People of the Parish + Robert and Helen Murray | *Murray Family* Sanctuary Candle: Deceased members of St. Joseph	*Isiah 50:4c-9a* *James 8:27-35* *Mark 8:27-35*
MON **16**	**12:00pm Mass** (Sacred Heart Church) + Mike Novak | *Fred & Doris Hoffman*			*1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33* *Luke 7:1-10*
TUE **17**		**9:00am Mass** For the hungry	**8:30am Mass** + Al Lambert | *Rosalie Metric*	*1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a* *Luke 7:11-17*
WED **18**	**8:30am Mass** + John Alan Delphy | *Doris & Fred Hoffman* + Robert Walters | Myrna Walters (7th Anniv.)			*1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13* *Luke 7:31-35*
THU **19**		**9:00am Mass** + Audrey Fusinski | *Crafters*		*1 Corinthians 15:1-11* *Luke 7:36-50*
FRI **20**			**8:30am Mass** + Alice Mottillo | *Joe Motillo*	*1 Corinthians 15:12-20* *Luke 8:1-3*
SAT **21**		**5:00pm Mass** + Audrey Fusinski | *Phil & Marylee Kortas* + Lewis & Dolly Fradette | *Jim & Cheryl Littlepage* + Bud & Eleanor Littlepage | *Jim & Cheryl Littlepage*	**4:30pm Mass** + Brett Frathugrillo | *Betty Weberi* + Frank Kardos | *Anna Ferrante*	*Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13* *Matthew 9:9-13*
SUN **22**	**11:00am Mass** (Sacred Heart Church) + John Alan Delphy | *Stella Miller* + Joseph John Sirosky | *Family* + Robert Nashlen | *Grace Nashlen* + Ken Wagel | *Fred & Doris Hoffman* **5:00pm Mass** (Sacred Heart Church) For the people of Sacred Heart and our Family of Parishes	**9:00am Mass** + Dorothy Karp | *Lori Swiatkowski* + Ida Gyurscik | *Lori Swiatkowski* + Irene Swisz | *Moretti Family* + Roseanna Foggia | *Family* + Todd Kissel | *Family* + Patrick Gallagher | *Family* + Don, Anne, & David Bloomfield | *Family*	**8:30am Mass** + Joseph and Jacquie Dolce | *Dolce Family* + Thomas Kulik | *Betty Weber* **10:30am Mass** People of the Parish + Mr. and Mrs. Thad Bardun and Mary Bak | *Raspbury Family* Sanctuary Candle: Deceased members of St. Joseph	*Wisdom 2:12, 17-20* *James 3:16-4:3* *Mark 9:30-37*

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