

# MIDWEST – MIDWEEK

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## Reminder

## Holy Cross Village Andre Award

On Thursday, January 7, 2016, the St. Brother Andre Exemplary Award was given to an employee of Holy Cross Village. There were 35 people nominated and the committee narrowed this number to seven. The seven people were: Janice Holloway, Estella Lane, Nathan Morlock, Rhonda Parrett, Lynn Schmid, Jackie Shuppert, Cindy Strachan.



This year's award was given to: Lynn Schmid who works in the Life Enrichment Department, primarily with Quinn Memory Care Unit. Some of the comments about Lynn received in the nomination process were that she is always enthusiastic, positive, and honest in her relations and interaction with staff and residents.

Lynn thanked all who were present and said she is fortunate to work with and for a wonderful and thoughtful group of people.

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## Andre Celebration at St. Joseph Chapel Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, Indiana

Pictures of the side chapel inside the St. Joseph Chapel decorated by Brother Joseph Fox for the feast day celebration of Saint Brother Andre.



# Samaritan Center on Detroit's Eastside

*Quietly and without fanfare, the spirit of the biblical helper at work for our neighbors!*

**F**ifteen years ago this season—this holy season when we celebrate the birth of Christ who brought light to the darkness—Samaritan Center opened its doors.

Samaritan Center—so named to signify its purpose and its mission—was, and is, a vast array of medical, educational and spiritual services in the former Mercy Hospital on Detroit's Eastside.

### "And who is my neighbor?"

Fifteen years ago this season its doors stood open to our neighbors in the surrounding area, among the poorest zip codes in the nation. Neighbors, in fact, with an extraordinarily high incidence of chronic life-threatening diseases who were living with poverty and crime levels that occupy the highest place in the City of Detroit.

Samaritan Center—the result of a successful collaboration between Adam Cardinal Maida, The Sisters of Mercy, the Congregation of Holy Cross, and SER Metro-Detroit—was a visionary "repurposing" of the former Detroit-Mercy Hospital, constructed 10 years earlier by the Sisters.

Samaritan Center—created in the Year 2000—was in fact, a commitment we made, like the Good Samaritan, to hear the stories of need of our neighbors, to respond to their stories, and to tell their stories to those who could help. We would pay particular attention to the needs of children, mothers and seniors.

Today, the creative collaboration and the vision of Samaritan Center continue apace!

In this season of celebration, all of us at Samaritan Center extend wishes to you for a blessed, happy and meaningful Christmas.

### But who do we benefit and, specifically, how?

"I just wanted to write to say thank you for all the help you gave to me. Today, I graduated with honors from college!"

Perhaps Michael, the 20-year-old man who spoke these compelling words, offers one of the best examples of those who are helped through our programs. He completed his GED, and then went on to a community college to further his studies. And he graduated among the top students in his class!



At Samaritan, compassionate and purposeful programs are offered by 80+ organizations. Each year, they partner with us to provide a multitude of services in the 600,000-square feet of space at the Samaritan campus.

These partners serve the diverse population from the surrounding communities who pass through our doors every day: the poor, the homeless, the elderly, the infirm, the disabled; the sick and the wounded; infants, children, teens and adults of all ages seeking to improve their education, their health, and their emotional and spiritual well-being.

Each year, some 50,000 of our neighbors visit Samaritan Center! All are welcomed by the 600+ "Samaritans," our lay co-workers, our religious brothers and sisters and clergy who labor there.

### Here is a brief overview of the services offered at Samaritan Center:

- Education (pre-school, middle school tutoring, high school and adult career post-secondary education programs);
- State-of-the-art senior services (independent and skilled nursing);
- Health care (urgent care, primary care, family practice, dental care and pharmacy);
- Social services;
- Employment services, including job seeking and job preparation courses (resumes, opportunities for job research and computer usage);
- Pastoral services are available;
- The Wellness Center for The Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion, providing community events,

meetings, recreation, physical fitness, and health improvement.

### How does it all work?

Samaritan Center exists today because of the continued support of Trinity Health (formerly Sisters of Mercy Corporation), St. John Hospital, the State of Michigan, and the City of Detroit. We are blessed, as well, by the volunteer support and extensive complimentary services offered by the following: University of Detroit-Mercy Dental School, University of Detroit School of Nursing, the Wayne State Medical School, and University of Michigan-Dearborn, College of Education, Health & Human Services.

Additionally, countless businesses and corporations, organizations, and charities step forward each year with donations to assist in this critically-important work. Samaritan is served, as well, by a dedicated Board of Directors who volunteer their time and talents to ensure the continued operation of the center.

Then there are the "Good Samaritans," private, concerned individuals who help us with contributions to directly support our work.

### Can you join them?

Your donation, as we enjoy the season and anticipate the Feast of the Epiphany, would have special meaning to us: it will help us to update the fire suppression system and its critical importance to Samaritan Center. We have been advised by the State of Michigan that this update must be made.



### Samaritan Center:

- Is the nation's largest "one-stop" resource center to meet community needs;
- Where 40% of the visitors come for employment-related assistance; 16% come for social services; 20% seek healthcare-related services; nine percent receive educational services; and the balance seek business and community services;
- Provides approximately \$50 million of needed services annually, at no cost to recipients;
- Occupies 27 acres and has total facility space of 600,000 square feet;
- Is visited by 1,500 individuals daily!

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*As we anticipate the Feast of the Epiphany and the realization of our Lord's presence that it signifies, could you consider a gift of any amount to the Samaritan Center? Our greatest need right now is to upgrade the fire suppression system in our facilities to meet mandatory State guidelines. The safety of our visitors is absolutely critical right now. ANY gift you can provide would be so deeply appreciated! Kindly use the Samaritan reply envelope enclosed with this issue of the Michigan Catholic to make your gift today. Thank you, God bless you, and be assured of our prayers at this time and into the New Year!*

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Brother Francis Boylan



## Project Hope: Students Hang Out with Akron's Homeless, Consider Them Friends

By Kim Hone-McMahan  
Beacon Journal columnist

Every Wednesday evening, students who participate in Archbishop Hoban High School's **Project Hope** take to the streets. On this recent outing, they allowed me to tag along. It did my heart good.

Katie Petit, a charming 16-year-old from Akron, said she called one of the homeless men "sir" a few weeks earlier. So proud was he to be addressed by the formal prefix, he asked others standing near him if they had heard what the high school junior had said.

Just to be clear: these young people, under the guidance of Jason Horinger (campus minister) and Greg Milo (chair of the school's social studies department) do not consider the homeless beneath them.

At the beginning of the school year, Horinger tells parents it's his job to make their children feel uncomfortable. Reaching out to the homeless

certainly qualifies.

"That is how you grow," he explained.

"It really puts into perspective that our problems are so miniscule compared to what these people go through every day," Katie said. "I was talking to some guy when it was raining. I asked him where he had spent his day and where he had slept." The man was honest, telling her he went to the library to dry off until he had to leave, and slept on the porch of an abandoned home at night.

"A man who had finished his meal in the gravel parking lot leaned over to me and said, 'We appreciate what they do for us very much.' I tried to explain that he was doing as much for the students as they were for him, that the lessons he was giving them about life would stay with them much longer than a lecture about homelessness from a teacher or a television program. He looked at me and grinned, bowed his head, and said, 'Thank you.'"



Archbishop Hoban High School junior Katie Petit (right) chats with a young homeless woman after giving her some of the food that she and a group of students prepared in the school's kitchen.

## National Honor Society Helps Provide Christmas to Needy Area Children



For 15 years Hoban students have participated in a schoolwide Christmas project to help provide needy and eligible families with Christmas gifts and basic necessities. Again this year, NHS is working with HM Life Opportunity Service and Head Start Arlington to "adopt" single-parent families. These organizations work with residents of the Akron area to help them better their current conditions. They need help to make this Christmas season more hopeful for both the adults and the children. The names and ages of the children were provided to each class. Some teachers chose to collect money from their students and then designate trustworthy students to do the shopping. Others chose to have willing students donate gifts. NHS asked each third-period class to "adopt" members from these organizations. Then the gifts were collected by NHS members and delivered to the agencies.

## Bishop of Youngstown Diocese Pays a Visit to Hoban

Bishop George Murry of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown visited Hoban on Dec. 14. He was given a tour of the building by seniors Colleen Cain and



Dane Kersh. After the tour, the bishop met with students from his diocese, including seniors Danielle



Carlson, Jenna Kaczmarczyk, Anna Martina and Jordyn Rhoades; junior Grant Kersh; sophomore Michael Kratcoski; and freshmen Jacob Biscan and Nolan Rumler. Bishop Murry

is the chair of the National Catholic Education Association's board of directors, on which Dr. Mary Anne Beiting also sits. The Youngstown Diocese consists of six counties: Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana, Stark, Portage and Ashtabula. Hoban is in the Diocese of Cleveland.

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## Brother Bernard Klim, CSC



Brother  
Alan Harrod

A compilation of memories of **Brother Bernie Klim** have been put together by **Brother Alan Harrod**. Alan is a member of the district of East Africa and is living in Jinja, Uganda (Bernie country).

This booklet may be viewed at:

<http://brothersofholycross.com/bhc/wp-content/uploads/MidMid-BernieCompilation.pdf>



Brother  
Bernie

## Prayer Request: December Death of Cathedral Sophomore



Jennifer Maginot

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., December 10-11, 2015  
BY AMANDA RAKES - DIGITAL MANAGER AND SHANNON  
HOUSER  
Fox59.com

Teammates and friends continue to honor a Cathedral High School sophomore after her sudden death. The school held prayer services Friday morning as students shared their favorite quotes and memories of Jennifer Maginot in sidewalk chalk outside— a showing of love and support from more than one thousand teens.

Maginot's official cause of death has not been released at this time. (The information we have obtained indicates that Jennifer passed away in the hospital after a short illness.)

Her cross-country teammates are honoring Jennifer with bracelets they made. She was a star team member and her closest friends remember her for always being kind, energetic, and positive.

Many students talked about the amount of support shown by the students. "She just always had such a positive attitude," said senior Katherine Free. "The whole school feels the pain...it's nice to have each other to lean on."

"I think she would be proud of us and the fact that we're just sticking together," said junior Anna Graves.

The wake was held on Sunday (Dec. 13) and a Mass was said on Monday (Dec.14) at the school.

## Reflection



**We cannot hold a torch  
to light another's path  
without brightening  
our own.**

Ben Sweetland

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## Christmas Time Events



### Columba Hall Provides Christmas Gifts

The Brothers at Columba Hall donated \$1,000 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Saint Joseph County to help needy people during this Christmas season. Annie Hosinski Watson, Executive Director, stated: "At the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Saint Joseph County, we believe every gift makes a difference. During all times of the year, our neighbors in need seek the strength and comfort of the food, clothing, furniture and financial assistance offered by the St.



Vincent de Paul Society. Your generosity is touching the life of an individual or family in our community. We couldn't do it without you. Thank you."

**Brother Chris Dreyer**

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### Andre Place – Christmas Music

by Brother Lewis Brazil



Pictures of the band may be seen at:

<http://brothersofholycross.com/AndreChristmasMusic>

# Christmas Masses at Columba Hall







## Staff Christmas Party

Columba Hall, Notre Dame

On Sunday between Christmas and New Year was held the Columba Hall Staff Party. Events were overseen by Brother Thomas Moser. The start, in mid-afternoon, began with a soiree of Christmas hors d'oeuvres followed by a drawing for gifts and ending with a meal prepared by the brothers. Pictures may be viewed using the link below.

<http://brothersofholycross.com/christmas-staff-party/>



Br. John Schuszler (Cook)

## Christmas at Dujarie

Br. Carl and his Columba Hall Singers



The Columba Hall Singers were invited to give a performance at Dujarie House during the Christmas season. A selection of carols and uplifting songs from the American Song Book helped the residents and performers get into the



Pictures by Lesya

spirit of the season. Members of the Quinn memory unit also enjoyed singing songs that were a part of their Christmas traditions.

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## Christmas Games at Columba

Life Enrichment – Lesya Godfrey



Trivia  
Game

Pictures by  
Lesya

Winners of  
the night, by  
two points –  
bottom picture





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