

**COME JOIN US THIS LENT  
TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS at ST. FRANCES CABRINI**

**WHAT IS TAIZE?**

Taize (pronounced "teh-ZAY") is a small village in France. In 1940 by Brother Roger Schulz founded a small community there to work toward unity among Christians and among all of humanity. Prayer is the center of life for the ecumenical community of Brothers there and throughout the world. Three times a day they gather for prayer, song, and reflection.

On one of his visits to Taize, Pope John Paul II addressed the young people gathered at Taize:

"... one passes through Taize as one passes close to a spring of water ... The brothers of the community, you know, do not want to keep you. They want, in prayer and silence, to enable you to drink the living water promised by Christ, to know his joy, to discern his presence, to respond to his call, then to set out again to witness to his love and to serve your brothers and sisters ..."

**WHAT IS TAIZE PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS?**

Taize Prayer Around the Cross is a short, contemplative prayer service that combines several forms of prayer through singing, verbal and unspoken prayers, and periods of silence. We will sing several simple chants. You may already recognize them since most are in our pew hymnal. Repeating the briefly worded chants encourages contemplation. Between the chants we will pause several times for silence. We also will have a scripture reading and silent reflection on the reading. A period of intercessory prayer follows where you may speak your intercessions aloud or say them in your heart.

The evening concludes with an invitation to pray at the cross where we bring our joys and concerns to Christ. Pray in whatever way you feel most comfortable. You may kneel, touch, or simply stand by the cross. During this period we will be singing several chants. Spend all the time you need at the cross.

Watch a short example of a Taize service:  
<https://catholiccourier.com/videos/taize-prayer>

**LENTEN DATES FOR TAIZE SERVICES AT ST. FRANCES CABRINI**

6:45pm-7:30pm. All services are in the church.

Wednesday, March 20  
Wednesday, March 27  
Monday, April 1  
Monday, April 8