

Third Sunday of Lent
March 24, 2019



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3rd Sunday OF LENT

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a

March 23, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM LM For Holy Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For Thomas Desser ❖ For Lynn Shaouni
 ❖ †Lawrence Hines, Jr. ❖ †Valerie Russell
- 4:00PM ML For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For Mary Wais (90th B'Day) ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family ❖ For the Laszlo & Ilona Families
 ❖ †Bob Szydowski req. Friends
 ❖ †Charles & Theresa MacDonald req. Family

March 24, Third Sunday of Lent – Nedela

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12:1; Lk 12:1-9 (30)

- 7:30AM LM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 9:30AM LM For a Special Intention req. Cindy Zitny
 ❖ For Jim & Margaret Miller ❖ For Steven Funk (B'Day)
 ❖ For Joseph Simoneau & Family ❖ †Richard Branch
- 11:30AM JN (*Slovak*) For Darina Polasekova (B'Day)
 ❖ †Rafal Gomolka ❖ †Anna Gomolka
 ❖ †Anna Tomeckova req. Family
 ❖ †Maria Tokar req. Loretta Miscavich
 ❖ †Patricia Lolli req. Julie Celusnak
- 1:30PM ML For the Int. of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality
 ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For the Priests of St. Cyril's
 ❖ †Rejeanne Buckley ❖ †James Zabawski
- 6:00PM PC **Latin-Tridentine (Missa Cantata):*
 †Teofil Golec req. Joan Hartzell
- 8:30PM PC For the Secretarial Staff of St. Cyril's req. Cindy Zitny
 ❖ For Joanne & Jeff Sammons
 ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
 ❖ For Carl Jamrog req. Edmunds Family
 ❖ †Elinor Baumgardner ❖ †Fran Dukaj

March 25, Monday – Pondelok

Solemnity of the Annunciation

- 6:00AM LM For Sue Spriet (B'Day)
- 9:00AM LM For Paulina Szwarc ❖ †Mary Ellen Schultz
 ❖ †Lagrimas Madrid ❖ †Laticia Hernandez
- 12:00PM JN,d In Thanksgiving req. Isidora ❖ For the Joe Lia Family
 ❖ For the John Franklin Family ❖ †Peter MacDonald

March 26, Tuesday – Utorok

- 6:00AM JN For Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ †Mircea Mototolea
 ❖ †Joseph Szwarc ❖ †Paul Szwarc
- 9:00AM LM †Mary Ellen Schultz
- 12:00PM JN †Edward Polakowski (Ann.) req. Wife, Shirley

March 27, Wednesday – Streda

- 6:00AM PC For Andrea Spriet (B'Day)
- 8:30AM **Stations of the Cross**
- 9:00AM JN (*Latin*) For Family & Friends ❖ For Teresa Majewski
 ❖ †Thomas Wittner ❖ †Elizabeth Kujawa
- 12:00PM LM For Fr. Libor ❖ For Fr. Michael Prieur & all Priests
 ❖ For Patrick Schultz ❖ For Chris Hanna (B'Day)

March 28, Thursday – Štvrtok

- 6:00AM PC †Raymond Woodman req. Ertel & Theresa Stankiewicz
- 9:00AM JN For Joseph Hines (B'Day) ❖ For Miriam Miller (B'Day)
 ❖ For the Members of the "2 in 1 Marriage Group"
 ❖ †Hank Taurence req. Wife
- 12:00PM JN For Matthew Margiewicz ❖ For Theresa Margiewicz
 ❖ For Stefan Margiewicz ❖ †Stefan & Luba Korytowsky
- 7:00PM VP For Kola Gojcay ❖ For the Members of the Music Ministry Staff of St. Cyril's re.q Cindy Zitny
 ❖ †Suzanne Soave
 ❖ †John E. Bazzer (7th Ann.)

March 29, Friday – Piatok

- 6:00AM PC †Raymond Woodman req. Ertel & Theresa Stankiewicz
- 9:00AM JN For Zef Gojcay req. Grandma
 ❖ For Justin Langlois req. Family
 ❖ For Kim, Brian, Tiffany & Shelby Dominic
 ❖ †Jamil Najor
- 12:00PM ML For Delyse McAllister req. Rosary Makers
 ❖ †Sr. Mary Virginia Taney C.R.
 ❖ †Rejeanne Buckley req. Edmunds Family
 ❖ †Mercedes Sunga
- 6:30PM **Stations of the Cross**
- 7:00PM JN For the Archdiocese of Detroit req. Cindy Zitny
 ❖ For Adam & Jacinta ❖ For Terri Combs
 ❖ †Slewa & Amera Meyou

March 30, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM JN For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For Fr. Libor & all Parishioners req. Balaz & Stanley Families ❖ For Sarah Spriet (B'Day)
 ❖ For Megan Wolf (B'Day) ❖ For Jim Glantz (B'Day)
- 4:00PM ML For Fr. Libor & All Parishioners req. Balaz & Stanley Families ❖ For Jeff Baker req. Parents
 ❖ For Diane Corrigan req. Julie Varchetti
 ❖ †Thomas Boguslawski req. Family
 ❖ †Bob Szydowski req. Dolinski Family
 ❖ †Joyce Nowakowski req. Moran's

March 31, Fourth Sunday of Lent – Nedela

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (33)

- 7:30AM JN For Abraham, Fictoria & Family
 ❖ For Sandi Brady & Family
 ❖ For Noel Nelson & Family
 ❖ †J. R. Chamness req. Barbara
 ❖ †Josephine Davis
 ❖ †Anna Sutherland req. Parishioners of St. Cyril's
- 9:30AM JN For the Intentions of all Parishioners
- 11:30AM LM (*Slovak*) For the Members of the K of C Corporate Communion ❖ For Paul & Anna Magusin
 ❖ †Maria Tokar req. Prusak's
- 1:30PM ML In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny
 ❖ For Andrew Dubon (B'Day)
 ❖ For Diane Corrigan req. Annette Rudzewicz
 ❖ For Robert req. Drane
 ❖ For Dan & †Rejeanne Buckley
 ❖ †Francesca Russo req. Daughter
- 6:00PM PC **Latin-Tridentine (Missa Cantata):*
 †Jeanne Gladfelter req. Joan Hartzell
- 8:30PM PC For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For Archbishop John C. Nienstedt
 ❖ For Alia Korkis (B'Day) ❖ †Anna Sutherland
 ❖ †Paul & Geri Buss ❖ †Zygmunt Linowski

March 24, 2019 - Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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Mass Celebrant Legend:

Fr. Libor Marek – LM
 Fr. Juraj Nuota – JN, Fr. Paul Czarnota – PC,
 Fr. Michael Lenz, OFM, Visiting Priest – VP
 Deacon Preaching – d

2019 Parish Lenten Projects

Please consider joining your fellow parishioners in giving alms to one or more of the following projects this Lent.

Dentures for the Homeless or Low-Income/ St. Leo's Free Dental Clinic: What if you had no dental insurance, no money to buy a toothbrush and toothpaste, no money to pay for dentures if you lost your teeth because of lack of care? Your nutrition, health and self-esteem would all suffer. Many homeless and low-income men and women face this situation. To meet their needs, The Knights of Malta offer free care at the dental clinic they operate at St. Leo's in Detroit. Many of the patients have not received dental care for a long time; many have lost all or most of their teeth. The clinic's dentists and hygienists donate their time, but money is needed to purchase dentures for these patients. Help someone smile again with a monetary gift, a check made out to *Malta Medical Dental Clinic* OR a check made out to *Ss. Cyril & Methodius* in a **BLUE** Lenten Offering envelope, and place your envelope in the Sunday collection basket by April 21.

Slovak Catholic Media Productions/ LUX New York: An active ministry at St. John Nepomucene Church in New York City, LUX produces original programming for Slovak people in the US and Canada to help them deepen their faith and to connect with each other. Its primary service is live-streaming the Slovak language Holy Mass from St. John Nepomucene. Your monetary donation to LUX will help meet operating costs and purchase production equipment for their evangelizing ministry. Place your check made out to *St. John Nepomucene/LUX New York* OR a check made out to *Ss. Cyril & Methodius* in a **BLUE** Lenten Offering envelope, and place your envelope in the Sunday collection basket by April 21.

"Housing with Care"/Vincentinum Family Center in Kosice-Saca, Slovakia: The children of families stressed by severe financial, medical or social situations run a high risk of being removed from their homes. To help struggling families remain together and overcome their difficulties, Foundation DeDo (NADACIA DeDo) operates centers which provide social and professional services along with affordable rental housing. Families receive ongoing help from social workers, counselors, and health professionals and spiritual guidance until they are more stable, usually about 3 years. In Kosice-Saca, the Vincentinum Family Center is currently undergoing an addition which will provide homes and support for five families. Your monetary donation will help with the final construction costs for this comprehensive family-saving center. Place your check, made out to *Ss. Cyril & Methodius*, in a **WHITE** Lenten Offering envelope and put it in a Sunday collection basket by April 21.

Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Collection: This Lent, the Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Council will be collecting change to donate to Gianna House. Gianna House will soon be providing a home and loving care for local pregnant teenagers and their babies up to 1 year after the birth of the baby. If you received a baby bottle, fill it with change during the weeks of Lent, and return it on Palm Sunday weekend. If you were unable to get a bottle and still want to support this important project, you can provide a check as outlined: Donations in the form of a check made out to: St. Nicholas Council 7011 will also be accepted. Together, each of our small donations will go a long way toward helping Gianna House provide for these vulnerable women and babies.

Clothing for the Homeless at St. Leo's: All year-round, St. Cyril's parishioners generously donate clothing for the homeless and those who live in the neighborhood around St. Leo's. The Missionaries of Charity, who operate the clothing closet at St. Leo's, are extremely grateful for all the clothing we provide. At this time of year, there is always a need for new and gently used warm clothing. In addition to that, there is a particular need for new socks and underwear for men and women. Please place your donations in the box marked Clothing Collection located in the coatroom.

Sacred Heart Food Pantry: Once again we will be supporting our less fortunate brothers and sisters in northern Macomb County with donations of non-perishable food items to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Sacred Heart parish in Imlay City. Donations of canned fruit, tuna and chicken are particularly needed at this time. Please help feed the hungry by placing your donations in the box marked Food Collection located in the vestibule coatroom by April 16.

Questions, please contact: *Erin Rybicki*, Christian Service Coordinator, (586) 530-0547 or *Sandi Brady* in the Parish Office at (586) 726-6911



RUMMAGE SALE

Mark Your Calendars • April 1 - 5

The Ss. Cyril & Methodius Rummage Sale is fast approaching and we need your help! We need your donations of gently-used, clean and working treasures that you no longer want or need in your home: Housewares, clean clothing, purses, bedding, tools, working electronics, working small appliances, working TV's, lamps, craft supplies, books, cd's, dvd's, frames, toys, baby items, knick-knacks, furniture, jewelry, sports equipment, outdoor stuff. Anything that you can bring to the church, we can sell! There are tax donation receipts available at the time you drop off your treasures.

Rummage Sale Drop Off Days (in the Father Mikus Hall):

Monday and Tuesday, April 1 and 2, ONLY; 10:00AM - 7:00PM

Sale Days (in the Father Mikus Hall):

Wednesday & Thursday, April 3 and 4; 10:00AM - 7:00PM

Friday, April 5; 8:30AM - 11:00AM; \$3 & \$10 per bag day

Volunteers are needed on ALL days to help. You will not be required to lift anything heavy. Even a few hours are very helpful. You will have fun while you're working and meet new people! Sign-up sheets are in the church vestibule on the table. You DO NOT need to be a member of the Rosary Society to help. All proceeds support Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Andrea Davis, (586) 405-4666

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Fridays During Lent (except Good Friday)

March 29, April 5 & 12 * 4:00PM-7:00PM

Fr. Mikus Hall * Dine-In or Carry-Out

You are invited to a delicious fresh dinner with friends and parishioners while supporting an important ministry.

Dinner Menu:

Salmon (Grilled or Blackened) w/ Rice & Vegetable (\$11)

*Beer Battered Cod (2 pcs.) w/Fries (\$8)

*Beer Battered Cod (2 pcs.) w/Mac & Cheese (\$9)

*Butterfly Shrimp (6 pcs.) w/Fries (\$8)

*Butterfly Shrimp (6 pcs.) w/Mac & Cheese (\$9)

*Popcorn Shrimp w/Fries (\$6)

*Popcorn Shrimp w/Mac & Cheese (\$7)

*Comes with Cole Slaw & Roll,

Soda, Coffee & Sales Tax are Included

Ala Carte Menu:

Clam Chowder - Made Fresh (\$4.50)

Macaroni & Cheese - Made Fresh (\$3.50)

Extra Beer Battered Cod (\$3.00)

French Fries (\$2.50) & Slaw (\$1.00)

Carryout Available. Come & Enjoy.

Questions:

Jon Ruthenbeck, (248) 953-9053 or *John Fournier*, (248) 410-5866



Parish Lenten Challenge Reminder!

Keep working on your parish Lenten Challenge worksheets! Completed worksheets can be dropped off in the Parish Office and will be included in a raffle during a movie night on Friday, April 26 at 6:30PM. The featured movie is "Ralph Breaks the Internet".

There will be fun prizes including: gas and restaurant gift cards, an Amazon Fire 7 Tablet and more! You can enter the drawing multiple times ... each time you complete a worksheet. You do not need to be present to win, but we would love for you to come and join the fun!

Consecration to Jesus thru Mary Prep • March 26

"The Immaculate alone has from God the promise of victory over Satan.

She seeks souls that will consecrate themselves entirely to her, that will become in her hands forceful instruments for the defeat of Satan and the spread of God's kingdom." St. Maximilian Kolbe

What is Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary?

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary is a beautiful exercise to increase our spirituality and ability to truly serve our Lord Jesus Christ. The basic premise set forth by St. Louis Marie de Montfort is simply that Jesus came into the world through Mary and that for us to always be assured of being close to Jesus, even closer than ever before, we should go through Mary.

St. Louis de Montfort (1673 – 1716) had a profound devotion to the Blessed Mother and he wrote extensively on the virtues of Our Lady. He developed a 33-day devotion consisting of various prayers and readings to help us to grow in holiness and increase our faith and love for our Lord. It is a prayerful and focused method of drawing closer to Jesus than ever before. It will help us to detach ourselves from the world and bond ourselves more closely with Christ through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Consecration to Jesus is for anyone, who is old enough to understand the love of Jesus and Mary. The preparation is intended to prepare our hearts and minds by praying and meditating. The consecration prayers usually take approximately 10-15 minutes per day. The total consecration begins on a date that will end on a Marian Feast Day.

The next preparation will take place next Tuesday, March 26. The "Total consecration to Jesus through Mary" ceremony will take place Sunday, April 28, the feast of "St. Louis Marie De Montfort" after 1:30PM Mass. Total Consecration book is available at the office to purchase for \$10. For registration or for more information, contact: (586) 726-6911 or email ALL.SAINTS100@YAHOO.COM

Young Catholic Professionals • Wednesday, March 27

Young Catholic Professionals' Detroit Chapter is inviting all 20-39-year-old adults both single and married to join us for an exciting evening at Gesu Church, 17180 Oak Drive, Detroit, on Wednesday, March 27, starting at 7PM. You will enjoy an evening of networking with other young professionals, complimentary food, beer, and wine followed by a very inspiring speaker, Jack Krasula (talk show host, WJR Radio) who will leave you feeling inspired and challenged as he shares his professional and spiritual faith journey! For more information please visit our Facebook page at YCP Detroit or www.ycpdetroit.org.

Questions can be sent to: Parish Ambassador Coordinator, Francesca Montana @ francesca.montana@ycpdetroit.org

Senior Club • Thursday, March 28

The Senior Club will meet in the HERITAGE ROOM this Thursday, March 28, after the 9:00AM Holy Mass and Rosary.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

**Beginning the Saturday after Easter, April 27,
the Saturday evening Holy Mass
will begin at 5:30PM.**

**The last Saturday, 4:00PM, Holy Mass
will be on April 13.**

Life Teen High School Youth Group • Monday, March 25

Life Night – Social Graces – A Life Night on

Courtesy & Taking a Second Look at How we Treat Others

7:00PM - 8:45PM in the Fr. Mikus Hall

Please pray for the teens who will be attending the Life Teen Retreat March 29—31.

Join us next week on Monday, April 1, for a night on Ignatian Contemplation. Location TBD. Please see Life Teen UPDATE email.

Questions: Alexandria Lewis, Youth Minister

(586) 641-7672 or lifeteencyril912@gmail.com or (586) 641-7672

EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, March 28

EDGE Night – Authority – A Night on the 4th Commandment

7:00PM – 8:45PM in the Fr. Mikus Hall

New teens who would like to attend can register at the EDGE Night.

Questions: Alexandria Lewis, Youth Minister

(586) 641-7672 or edgecyril678@gmail.com

Altar Boy Meeting • Saturday, March 30

Happy, blessed Lent! We will have an Altar Boy Meeting next Saturday, March 30, beginning at 5:15pm to approximately 6:45PM. Black Cassocks and White Albs age 11 and older are invited. We will be practicing Incense and the proper use of the Thurible and Boat. Fr. Juraj (George) will discuss the protocols for using incense. Those of you who are proficient with incense can be very helpful with hands-on training. If we have time remaining, we will review and train on other jobs. As always, it is a great pleasure to altar serve with all of you! Questions: Jeff.gurasforlife@gmail.com

Catholic Relief Services Collection • March 30 & 31

Help Jesus in disguise. Your donations help our brothers and sisters in disguise.

In the United States:

- Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees through the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services.
- Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants through the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.
- Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers through the pastoral work of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.

And around the world:

- Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Syria and Niger through the humanitarian work of Catholic Relief Services.
- Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized through the public policy work of the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development

A collection for Catholic Relief Services will be taken after all Masses next week, March 30 & 31. Envelopes for this collection are available on the table in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

Lenten Reflections with Fr. Cyril Whitaker

Friday, April 5, 7:00PM:

"Psalm 22"

What it means now and what it meant for the first Christians

Friday, April 12, 7:00PM:

"The Precious 'In-Between' "

Holy Saturday, the only day for which there is no Liturgy



New Online Giving Option

We are excited to introduce a new way to give at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish. We have partnered with Pushpay to accept donations online and through your mobile device. We chose Pushpay because of how simple it is to use. Once your account is set up, you can give in just seconds.

How:

- To give using your mobile device simply text SSCYRIL to 77977 and a link to the giving page will be sent to you.
- To give online you can simply go to our website: www.saintcyrils.org and select "GIVE" on the homepage.

Why:

For You:

- Having the option for online and mobile giving through Pushpay gives you the ability to set up a recurring gift and saves you the time and energy of writing checks and filling out envelopes every week.
- If you don't carry cash and you don't write checks, this allows you the opportunity to practice sacrificial giving using ACH payments or a credit card.
- It allows you to change the amount of your gift or cancel in just seconds if your circumstance changes.
- Most special collections will be set up as a fund option in online and mobile giving.
- You will be able to review all your online/mobile gifts at any time in your online account.

For the Church:

- Saves the Church time and increases giving record accuracy by automatically recording your gifts in your donor records.
- Decreases the work load of our volunteer counting team who work so hard to count each week's collections.
- Lowers risks and security concerns of handling so many cash and check transactions.

What If I Already Give Via ACH:

If you are currently participating in our ACH giving option you can simply set up your ACH using the new online or mobile platform and contact the front office to complete a form or send an email to business@saintcyrils.org requesting the current ACH be canceled. We will discontinue the current ACH giving system once all our current givers are transferred to the new system.

Can I Still Use My Envelopes:

If you are not comfortable using online or mobile giving, you can continue to give as you do now. This simply offers another giving option for those that are interested.

If you have questions feel free to contact:

Rob Avery, (586) 726-6911, business@saintcyrils.org or speak to someone in the Parish Office.

Regina Caeli Academy • April 1

Regina Caeli Academy provides a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition. Pre K3-12th grade students attend Socratic, hands-on classes two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days. Event includes a tour, classroom observation, and Q&A; children welcome! Our Touring Event is on Monday, April 1, at 10:30AM, at 42259 Hayes Rd., Sterling Heights (Located inside Hope Community Baptist). www.rcahybrid.org

RSVP to jpogasic.det@rcahybrid.org or call (989) 402-5109

Our Lady's Rosary Makers • April 5

The Rosary Makers will meet on Friday, April 5, from 1:00PM—3:00PM in Room #113. We welcome newcomers and meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.

For more information, please call:

Jo Ann, (586) 979-1078 or Helen, (586) 469-3181

American Red Cross Blood Drive • Monday, April 15

Our next Blood Drive is during Holy Week on Monday, April 15. The Blood Drive will take place from 1:00PM-6:45PM.

Please sign up today on the schedule in the vestibule or call the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911. Without the proper amount of blood on-hand, patients (perhaps even our family members or friends) may not have blood available for necessary operations or emergencies. Please HELP SAVE LIVES. Sign up today!

Questions, please call: Parish Office, (586) 726-6911

Movie: "Gosnell, Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer"

April 16 * PG-13 * 1 hour, 33 minutes * 2018

Fr. Mikus Hall * Free-will Donation * Concessions

Shocking true story of the investigation and trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell - his 30 year killing spree and the political and media establishment that tried to cover it up.

Church Cleaning Day • April 16

Help is needed to make "our" church beautiful for Easter Sunday. If you are available to help clean the church on Tuesday, April 16, after the 12:00PM Holy Mass, please contact the Parish Office, 586-726-6911. Thank you!

Easter Novena Mass Cards

Our Easter Novena will begin on Easter Monday, April 22. Novena Mass Cards are for living or deceased relatives and friends and are available in English and in Slovak for \$10 each.

Available after Masses on weekends or in the Parish Office on weekdays from 10AM—5PM.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most precious gift anyone can receive!





Catechism Corner • All Classes Take Place in the Church Building

Wednesday, March 27 @ 6:15PM: Class for All. Benediction for 1st - 4th Grades

Wednesday, April 3: NO CLASS (Spring Break)

*Wednesday, April 10 @ 6:15PM: Class for All. Benediction for 5th - 8th Grades

*We are planning to have registration for the 2019-2020 School Year but this is subject to change based on the availability of the Activity Center.

Questions: *Paul or Carroll Schuller*, Directors of Religious Education, (586) 254-9212 or p_schuller@yahoo.com



ADORATION 101 • Perpetual Patrons, Part 2

"We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, [therefore] let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." (Hebrews 12:1)

In the last Adoration 101 article - in order to gain understanding of our Perpetual Patrons during Eucharistic Adoration, we recognized the significance and splendor of the Communion of Saints; how the Christians on earth (us), those in heaven and in purgatory all share a common bond of unity. As Catholics we believe physical death does not sever the members of the Body of Christ. Moreover, the prayers of the Saints in heaven, by their righteousness which far exceeds our own, have great power. (James 5:16).

We can never lose sight of this truth. I have two Patrons myself to whom I call upon on a regular basis: St. Paul, because I was named after him, and St. Polycarp because he was my Confirmation Saint when I was received into the Church back in 2010. I will always ask for their intercession at the end of my Rosary and call upon them for help in times of need.

Do you know your Confirmation Saint? Do you have a particular patron to whom you call upon? If so, never hesitate to call upon them. The Saints are always ready and willing to help you. We can't forget this truth of our faith. Think of asking the Saints in heaven for prayers as you would anyone else here on earth. Yet, their prayers are far more effective than anyone here on earth. God wants to draw close to us more than we want to draw close to Him. Once we believe this and own it, accompanied with the prayers of our patrons in heaven, we can truly do all things! We just have to want it! – *Paul A. Ray*

REGULAR ADORATION HOURS: Sunday, 10:00PM - Saturday, 9:00AM

- WE ARE IN NEED OF ADORERS, ESPECIALLY Monday 2-3AM & 3-4AM -

Holy Week Adoration Schedule:

CLOSED: April 14, 15, 16, 17, 19 & 21

Holy Thursday, April 18: 8:30PM—12:00 Midnight & Holy Saturday, April 20: 8:30AM—4:00PM

If you can commit to one hour or have questions, please contact: *Julie Varchetti*: adorehim247@gmail.com or (586) 214-1825

UNPLANNED Movie In Theaters THIS Friday, March 29

Have you heard of a woman named Abby Johnson? Do you know her major conversion story?

The movie "Unplanned", is a pro-life movie based off Abby's best-selling book. Abby, is a former TX Planned Parenthood clinic director who is now a major pro-life advocate. She worked for 8 years with Planned Parenthood and helped facilitate 22,000 abortions. One day, she was needed to assist with an actual abortion. She walked away from her job after witnessing the brutality of the death of a 13-week-old preborn baby during an ultrasound-guided abortion.

Actress Ashley Bratcher portrays Abby in the movie. Abby herself was involved with the making of the movie and she and Ashley have been touring a lot with each other giving interviews. Abby stated in an interview on February 21 at a Human Life Review event, "Watching someone play the worst version of yourself, it's been really humbling." Further adding about the movie, "It's really to show everybody that our pasts are redeemable. Anything that we have been through in our lives, God is ready to redeem that and to really use it for His glory. And so it's really His story, in the end."

Abby founded "And Then There Were None" in 2012, a ministry that helps abortion workers leave their jobs and find employment outside the industry. She has aided 500 former abortion workers to date.

Abby became Catholic with her husband, Doug, in 2012. They have seven children - one adopted - already born into this world and number eight will be born in June.

The movie is rated R by the Motion Picture Association. Are they inadvertently supporting the belief that "anything that has to do with abortion is an act of extreme violence"? (from the National Catholic Register article dated 3/4/19). It is indeed violence against the developing baby in the womb and violence against the desperate mother. In the pro-life circle people are saying that R = Recommended not restricted. A teenage girl can go get an abortion without her parents' consent but can't go see this film about abortion. I urge everyone I know to go see this movie and for those with older teens, take them with you! The scene of the abortion that Abby assists with will show the real impact of horror for Abby that she just saw a precious life taken away. It was the critical turning point in her life and it must be shown.

This story will reinvigorate the Pro-Life Movement in our country as the veil is torn from what is hidden behind Planned Parenthood walls and lies.

If you want to join my husband and I and others from the parish at the AMC Sterling Heights theater THIS Friday night, March 29, please call me at 248-816-1546 or text me at 248-495-9563, and I will give you details on the time and how much the ticket per person will be. I will try to get the theater to block out a certain number of tickets for our group and can keep all who are interested posted on the details.

God's timing in the making of this movie, done quietly "behind the scenes" (like our Blessed Mother's mantle was over the production, protecting it as it was being created), and then the movie being released all across the country during Lent is perfect as He is perfect!

Blessed be God forever! *Lynn Gura*, Parish L.I.F.E. Ministry

Informácie vybraté zo zápisnice zakladajúcich členov osady Sv. Cyrila a Metoda

Druhá zakladajúca schôdza sa podľa tejto zápisnice konala, 7. januára 1916, v dome brata Cenklera. Dočasný výbor preberal rôzne otázky ohľadne možných stratégií, keďže komunikácia bola limitovaná a telefóny boli v tom čase viac menej luxusom. Rozhodli sa teda, že najprv napíšu listy slovenským spolkom a požiadať o ich pomoc a vedomosti. V tento deň zaznamenali aj svoju prvú zbierku na novú osadu, ktorú začali zbierať počas krstín, v dome brata Alexandra Bugaňa. Celkove sa nazbieralo \$23.75 a pretože v tom čase ešte nemali žiadny bankový účet, peniaze uschovával prvý dočasný predseda tohto dočasného výboru, brat Dominik Oleksák. Keď sa výbor znovu zišiel, dňa 27. februára, diskutovalo sa o najlepšom spôsobe ako zistiť koľko vlastne Slovákov žije na východnej strane Detroitu a ako sa s nimi najlepšie spojiť.

Keďže v tej dobe internetová sieť fungovala vo forme pešej chôdze a ústneho podania, rozhodli sa vytvoriť 5 dvojčlenných skupín Slovákov. Následovne si rozdelili ulice a časti mesta a po jednom navštevovali slovenských katolíkov, ktorých informovali o svojom pláne a dali im možnosť zapísať sa do tejto vznikajúcej komunity. Taktiež sa k nim pridali ďalší noví Slováci, ako František Bugaň, Karol Straka a Joe Blahut, ktorí im začali tiež aktívne pomáhať. Dúfali, že keď budú mať väčšinu slovenských rodín zapísaných, potom sa budú môcť obrátiť na biskupa a požiadať ho o formálne povolenie na zbierku pre potreby tohto nového kostola a zároveň aby im aj pridelil nejakého slovenského kňaza.

Na ich štvrtú schôdzu 12. marca sa zistilo že za tie posledné dva týždne boli schopní navštíviť vyše 150 slovenských rodín. Každá jedna z tých rodín sa vlastnoručne podpísala, že túto novú osadu budú finančne podporovať. Na druhej strane, členovia výboru oznámili, že majú problém s niektorými slovenskými spolkami, ktoré sa nevyjadrili či budú tento nový kostol podporovať, alebo nie. Uvedomili si, že oni sami nemajú dostačujúcu znalosť anglického jazyka a ani právnické vedomosti, a preto sa rozhodli obrátiť na Rev. Jozefa Janečka, kňaza tamajšieho českého kostola Sv. Jána na západnej strane Detroitu. Požiadali ho, aby im pomohol u biskupa vybaviť všetky potrebné veci ohľadom postavenia nového kostola.

O ďalšie dva týždne, 18. marca počas ich piatej schôdzy sa pojednávalo o tom, ktorých kňazov by mohli pozvať na ich prvú verejnú schôdzu, naplánovanú na 21. mája v roku 1916.

Ďalej sa dohodli že si budú od biskupa žiadať stáleho kňaza, ale len takého, ktorý bude dobrý národovec, lebo "žiadny Magyaron nebude mať prístup, ani slova medzi Slovákmí". Bolo to v období Prvej svetovej vojny a rozpadávajúcej sa Rakúsko-Uhorskej Monarchie a Slováci sa snažili podporiť národné povedomie i vlastenectvo a vymedziť sa voči Maďarskému národu, s ktorým zdieľali svoje dejiny po mnoho storočí. Záležalo im na tom, aby ich nová farnosť dostala dobrého slovenského kňaza, ktorý by ich viedol nielen nábožne ale aj národne.

Pretože dovtedy nemali žiadne spoločné priestory v ktorých sa mohli schádzať, využili každú príležitosť, ako napríklad krstiny, alebo významné oslavy v súkromných domoch a tak pokračovali aj v zbierke. Do 30. apríla, 1916 sa vybralo \$42.60. V tom čase \$100.00 malo hodnotu asi dnešných \$2,439.16. A tak trošku po troške sa neúnavne poberali svojím smerom za spoločným cieľom.

Poznámka zapisovateľa: "Žeby si ctená verejnosť alebo snáď ináč zmýšľajúci údovia (ľudia), nemali námietku oproti že pracujeme len na jeden cieľ, ale pracujeme všestranne pre náš národ jak cirkevne tak aj národne."

This information was taken from the Book of Meeting Minutes of the founding members of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish

At a meeting which was held on January 7, 1916, at the house of brother Cenkler, the temporary committee discussed different ideas of how to continue with the preparation of establishing of a Slovak parish. They decided to write letters to the Slovak organizations and ask them for help. On this day they also recorded the first collection taken for the new parish at the christening held at the home of brother Alexander Bugan, a total of \$23.75. At that time, since they had no bank account, the money was held by the temporary President of the temporary committee, brother Dominik Oleksak. When the committee met again on February 27 they tried to determine the best way to find out how many Slovaks lived in this part of Detroit and how to connect with them.

They decided to create five two-member groups of Slovaks who would divide up the streets and sections of the east side of the city and begin to visit the homes of Slovak Catholics in this area and sign them up as members of the new parish. They were joined by other Slovaks who volunteered to help them, Frantisek Bugan, Karol Straka and Joe Blahut. Their hope was to sign up the majority of Slovaks in the area and then they would ask the Bishop for permission to collect money for the new church and ask him for a good Slovak priest.

At their next meeting on March 12, it was determined that during those two weeks they visited over 150 Slovak families who signed up and agreed that they would financially support the new church. The committee also found out that there was a problem with some Slovak organizations because these organizations were undecided as to whether or not they should support the new church. Realizing that they did not have sufficient knowledge of the English language or legal matters, the committee decided to go to St. John Czech church on the west side and talk to the priest there, Fr. Jozef Janecek. They asked him to talk to the Bishop and to help them with all the necessary things needed to start a new church. At the March 18 meeting, it was discussed which priests would be invited to their first public meeting, which they planned to hold on May 21, 1916.

Next, they agreed that they would ask the Bishop to give them a permanent priest but they would ask for only a good patriotic Slovak priest, because... "no Hungarian-affiliated will be admitted or be allowed to speak among the Slovaks." While World War I was raging in Europe and the Austro-Hungarian Empire was falling apart, the Slovaks felt the need to build up patriotism and pride for the nation, as well as demarcate themselves against the Hungarians with whom they had shared lives for many centuries. They desired to receive a priest who would lead them in the spiritual realm, as well as in patriotism.

Because the Slovaks did not have a public place to meet, money for the new church was collected on different occasions, such as christenings at individual homes. By April 30, 1916, \$42.60 was collected.

Note: The value of \$100.00 in 1916 is equal to \$2,439.16 in 2019.





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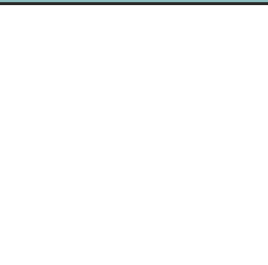
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