

Fifth Sunday of Lent
April 7, 2019



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

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A Personal Parish Established To Serve The Slovak Catholic Community In The Archdiocese Of Detroit



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:11b

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April 6, First Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM LM For the Members of the Rosary Society
 11:00AM *Baptisms: *Eloise Elizabeth Walker & Charlotte Everly Rump*
 4:00PM ML For Benjamin Arkwright (B'Day) ❖ For Andrew Schultheis (B'Day) ❖ For Camille Zitny (B'Day) ❖ For Del Asbury req. Ken & Mary Ann Warner ❖ For Abraham, Fictoria & Family ❖ †Joe Basirico

April 7, Fifth Sunday of Lent – Nedela

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

- 7:30AM LM For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Fam. ❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families ❖ For the Members of the De La Salle Class of 1963 ❖ †Barbara Ackerman req. Joe & Dianne Marine ❖ †Josephine Davis ❖ †Thomas Lewandowski
 9:30AM LM For a Special Intention req. Cindy Zitny ❖ For Mary Jane Petrick req. Patrice ❖ Tino Barrera req. James D. Weil ❖ †Marie Weil req. James D. Weil ❖ †Gary Gasparski req. Family ❖ †Charles Edward Miller req. Louise Martin
 11:30AM JN (Slovak) For Fr. Libor req. Winiarski Family ❖ †Maria Tokar req. Prusak's ❖ †Eric Timinsky (B'Day)
 1:30PM ML *Baptism: Immaculate Isho Opatick* For Charles Cholewa & Family ❖ For Carol E. Thorton & Family ❖ For Al & Gloria Kaiser & Family ❖ For Abraham, Fictoria & Family ❖ †Gene Kucharek req. Wife ❖ †Joe Basirico
 6:00PM PC *Latin-Tridentine (Missa Cantata): For the Intentions of all Parishioners
 8:30PM PC For Monir & Alia Korkis & Fam. ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Fam. ❖ For Marvin, Meriam & Yousif Shaina ❖ For the Markaj Family ❖ †Paul & Geri Buss ❖ †Zygmunt Linowski

April 8, Monday – Pondelok

- 6:00AM LM For Kristie Spriet (B'Day)
 9:00AM LM For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family ❖ †Ed Feeley req. Mike MacDonald ❖ †David Chupa req. Family ❖ †Noke Grishi
 12:00PM JN,d In Thanksgiving req. Alia ❖ For Abraham, Fictoria & Family ❖ For the Antoinette & Raymond Fam. ❖ †Joe Basirico
 7:00PM *Bilingual Rosary

April 9, Tuesday – Utorok

- 6:00AM JN For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Ann Warman (B'Day) ❖ For Xhulio Frangaj ❖ For Abraham, Fictoria & Family
 9:00AM LM For Sophia & Family
 12:00PM JN For Jamie Tobin (B'Day)

April 10, Wednesday – Streda

- 6:00AM PC †Raymond Woodman req. John & Marilla Rapp
 8:30AM *Stations of the Cross*
 9:00AM JN (Latin) For Mariam Aziz (B'Day) ❖ For Abraham, Fictoria & Family ❖ For Carl & †Stephanie Varchetti & Family ❖ For the Deceased Members of the Grishi Family

- 12:00PM LM For Sarah Warman (B'Day) ❖ For Gungue Schultheis (B'Day) ❖ †Bernice Weil req. James D. Weil ❖ †Pamela Koers

April 11, Thursday – Štvrtok

- 6:00AM PC †Raymond Woodman req. John & Marilla Rapp
 9:00AM VK For James & Greete Varchetti ❖ For Angelina Dedvukaj ❖ For Todd & Kristyn Moury & Family ❖ †Charles Weisbarth req. Leo & Diane
 12:00PM LM For Matthew Margiewicz req. Parents ❖ For Luba Korytowsky req. Daughter ❖ For Arlene Dudzinski (B'Day) ❖ †Tome & Mrici Gjergji
 7:00PM VP For Seminarian Patrick Blenman req. Grandparents ❖ For Hank Kozeniewski ❖ For Abraham, Fictoria & Family ❖ †Anna Marie Sutherland req. Sharon Brown

April 12, Friday – Piatok

- 6:00AM PC For Hikmat, Rawiya, Sarmad, Samir & Merna
 9:00AM JN For Christopher Zabawa req. Langlois Family ❖ For Paul & Julie Varchetti & Family ❖ For Noor, Salwa & Fadi ❖ For Rana, Safaa & Mowafag ❖ †Jamil Najor
 12:00PM ML For Anna Catherine Allard (B'Day) ❖ For Ridad & Family ❖ †Zef & Maria Kasineci req. Franko ❖ †Julio Isip
 6:30PM *Stations of the Cross*
 7:00PM CW *Holy Mass & Lenten Reflections with Fr. Cyril Whitaker For Abraham, Fictoria & Family ❖ For Alexandra Schultheis & Family ❖ For Kola Gojcaj ❖ †Barbara Jackson req. Sharon Brown

April 13, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM VP For the Intentions of the Members of the O. L. Mother of Mercy Secular Discalced Carmelites ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Celisa Rolling (B'Day) ❖ For Sylvester Wilkins (3rd B'Day) ❖ For the Menard & Daniel Families
 4:00PM JN For Annette Rudzewicz (B'Day) ❖ For Gerald "Duane" Pilarowski req. Ken & Mary Ann ❖ For Harry Leon Johnson Jr. req. Jaczkowski Family ❖ †Sean & Julie Dyer req. Jaczkowski Family ❖ †Edwin & Lilac Armstrong req. Jaczkowski Family ❖ †Charles & Theresa MacDonald req. Family

April 14, Palm Sunday – Nedela

Lk 19:28-40 (37); Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 (38)

- 7:30AM JN For President Trump & the U.S.A ❖ For Mark Varchetti ❖ Germaine Evely ❖ †Matthew Burke req. Mother ❖ †Josephine Davis ❖ †Sharon Saxman
 9:30AM LM For Dr. James & Margaret Miller & Family ❖ For the Sutherland Family req. Hasenauer Family ❖ For the Members of the "2 in 1 Marriage Group" ❖ For the Denzin Family ❖ †Josef Mendel ❖ †Eleanor Jurewicz req. John & Elizabeth Curell
 11:30AM VK (Slovak) For the Intentions of All Parishioners
 1:30PM LM In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For the Priests of St. Cyril's ❖ For Katelyn Schaefer req. Sharon Brown ❖ For R. Michael Guarnieri ❖ For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz
 6:00PM PC *Latin-Tridentine (Missa Cantata): †Joe Basirico
 8:30PM PC For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family ❖ For Abraham, Fictoria & Fam. ❖ For John Mangano ❖ †Gentian Marku ❖ †Paul & Geri Buss ❖ †Zygmunt Linowski

April 7, 2019 - Fifth 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
 Fr. Cyril Whitaker – CW, Fr. Viktor Kuciak – VK
 Visiting Priest – VP, Deacon Preaching – d

Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH

LENT EVENTS & SCHEDULES:

Stations of the Cross (During Lent): Wednesday at 8:30AM & Friday at 6:30PM

Additional Holy Masses (During Lent): Friday at 7:00PM

Fish Fries (Serving from 4-7:00PM): Final Friday, April 12

Lenten Reflection with Fr. Cyril Whitaker:

Friday, April 12, Begins with Holy Mass at 7:00PM

“The Passion of the Christ” Movie: Saturday, April 13, 5:30PM

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Monday, April 15: 1:00PM—6:45PM

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

BIG CONFESSION DAY: Monday, April 15:

10:00AM—Noon & 6:00PM—9:00PM

NO Confessions will be heard on:

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday,
Easter Sunday, Easter Monday or Easter Tuesday

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday, April 18: (No Confessions on Holy Thursday)

Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00PM

Good Friday, April 19: (No Confessions on Good Friday)

Stations of the Cross at Noon

Liturgy of Good Friday at 12:30PM

Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2:30PM

Holy Saturday, April 20: (No Confessions on Holy Saturday)

Adoration in the Chapel from 8:30AM—5:00PM

Blessing of Easter Baskets: 10AM, 11AM, NOON, After 7:00PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00PM

Easter Sunday, April 21: (No Confessions on Easter Sunday)

Holy Masses: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (in Slovak),

1:30PM, 6:00PM (Latin Tridentine) & 8:30PM

Easter Monday, April 22: (No Confessions on Easter Monday)

Regular Holy Mass Schedule: 6:00AM, 9:00AM, NOON

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: 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: Place your check made out to *St. John Neopmucene/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: 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: If you received a baby bottle, fill it with change, and return it next weekend, 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. All donations will benefit Gianna House.

Clothing for the Homeless at St. Leo’s: Please place your donations in the box marked Clothing Collection located in the coatroom.

Sacred Heart Food Pantry: 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

Lenten Reflections with Fr. Cyril Whitaker

Friday, April 12, Begins with Holy Mass at 7:00PM:

“The Precious ‘In-Between’ ”

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



Life Teen High School Youth Group

Life Teen is Ss. Cyril and Methodius's high school youth group. It's open to all teens, from any parish, and new teens are always welcome. Our goal is to create a friendly Catholic community where teens can encounter Christ, learn what it means to follow Him, and then witness to His love. Feel free to come and see what a Life Night is like. Bring a friend with you!

We ask that teens have turned 14 years old before December 1 of last year and be at least a freshman to attend.

Life Teen is OFF this week for a Cor Meeting.

Join us next week, on Monday, April 15, for a fun social night on forming intentional community

Questions: Alexandria Lewis, Youth Minister

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

Y Disciple Small Groups for High School Teens

Is your teen ready to go deeper? Consider starting a Y Disciple small group. For more information, contact:

Monica Majcher at smallgroupcyril@gmail.com

We are also looking for more small group mentors – Catholic adults age 21 and up who commit to walking with teens on their faith journey.

EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, April 11

Jenga Faith – A Night on Assessing the Foundation of your Faith

7:00PM – 8:45PM • Parish Hall

REGISTRATION for 2019-2020 will be held in APRIL & MAY.

We will be OFF next week in observance of Holy Thursday and the Easter Triduum. If you have prayer petitions you would like placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France, over Holy Week, please drop them off to the Parish Office by April 7.

Questions: Alexandria Lewis, Youth Minister

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

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 next Saturday, April 13.**

**If you would like to be an Usher or Lector
at the Saturday evening, 5:30PM, Holy Mass,
please contact Frank Moran, (586) 254-6534 or
the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911**

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.

FINAL LENTEN FISH DINNER FOR 2019 • Friday, April 12**Fr. Mikus Hall * Dine-In or Carry-Out * 4:00PM–7:00PM (or until all items are sold)**

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) • French Fries (\$2.50) & Slaw (\$1)

Carryout Available. Come & Enjoy.

Questions: *Jon Ruthenbeck*, (248) 953-9053 or *John Fournier*, (248) 410-5866**Monthly Bilingual Rosary * Monday, April 8**

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2018! In honor, appreciation and service to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, we welcome all parishioners and guests to pray one Rosary in two languages--Slovak and English. Prayer intentions for these Rosaries will focus on our parish and respective countries. We also ask that you send us special prayer requests which will be lifted up during each Rosary. Prayer requests may be sent either by emailing 100rosary@gmail.com or calling or texting (586) 413-4050.

We will pray this centennial Rosary in the Church at 7:00PM on the following days: April 8, May 17, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8 and December 13.

As an additional treat, we will have a social after each Monthly Bilingual Rosary in the Slovak Heritage room. Bring a snack to share if you wish.

Organized by: *Maria Lamerova* and *Cindy & Dennis Zitny*

Movie: "Gosnell, Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer"**Wednesday, April 10 * 10AM * 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.

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Book Club News • Thursday, April 11

St. Cyril's Book Club continues to meet on the second Thursday of the month. April's book selection: "*Humility Rules: Saint Benedict's Twelve-Step Guide to Genuine Self-Esteem*" by J. Augustine Wetta O.S.B.

We will meet this Thursday, April 11, at 7:00PM in Room 115. All are welcome. Come join us as we journey together in faith.

American Red Cross Blood Drive • Monday, April 15

Our next Blood Drive is in one 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

VBS Summer 2019

The dates for VBS are June 24-28. This years theme is "Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive." Registration will begin in April. Planning meetings will be on April 30, May 10, 17, 22, 29 and June 5, 12 & 19. All meetings will begin at 7:00PM and run until 9:00PM. Questions, volunteers and concerns please contact:

Moe Jones, (586) 219-6678 or moeprays@gmail.com

Please Note: The Easter Bake Sale Will Not Take Place Next Weekend!

**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!

World Youth Day 2022, Lisbon, Portugal

If you are interested in going to WYD in 2022, please email Mary Hale at maryhale1@juno.com with the following information: Name, Age, Contact Number and Email Address. If you are under 21, please include the Names of your Parents, Their Contact Phone Numbers and Their Email Addresses.

29th Annual Slovak Festival Planning

Attention Parishioners: It is that time of year when planning begins for the parish's 29th Annual Slovak Festival. The festival takes place on the church grounds August 23, 24, and 25. Mark your calendars!

The Slovak Festival Program Booklet Committee is now accepting ads in PDF format for the festival four-color booklet. Ads may be full-page, half-page, or quarter-page. Prices vary depending if one wishes to purchase a 4 foot x 6 foot banner with the booklet ad.

The Committee invites those parishioners with businesses to support an ad in the program booklet. Let's have some fun also by having families or individuals purchase ads and/or banners! Time to get creative — maybe an ad or banner from ministries within the parish? The Committee will help you consider all ideas or possibilities. The Committee will also accept donations toward the costs to produce the program booklet. Just be sure to let the Committee know how you wish your name to be acknowledged in the booklet. DEADLINE FOR PDFs is July 30!

If you have questions or want to place an ad:

Tom Starynchak, Committee Chair,

(586) 489-8661, tstarynchak@gmail.com or

Frances Schena, (586) 381-1128, frances schena@att.net

Do you Love Children?

I think the answer for most of us here at St. Cyrils is YES!

The Festival Committee is looking for someone (or a couple!) to manage the Children's Tent & Free Area for this year's Festival. This involves setting up and running the carnival games, kids crafts, face painting, open play area, and the prize counter. If this sounds like something that interests you, we can help you get started and provide some guidance to help you along. The Children's Tent is a very important part of our annual Slovak Festival!

If you are interested, or have questions about running this event, please contact

John Fournier, (248) 410-5866, or email j4nrier58@gmail.com.



Catechism Corner • All Classes Take Place in the Church Building

CATECHISM SCHEDULE

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

*Wednesday, April 17: NO CLASS (Holy Week)

*Wednesday, April 24 @ 6:15PM: Class for All. Benediction for 1st - 4th Grades

CATECHISM REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

APRIL 10 & April 24th 6:15PM-7:30PM

\$50 per student • \$150 Family maximum • \$20 home school Sacrament Fee

There will be no fall registration

Only registered parishioners can enroll!

Home School students making a Sacrament of Communion in 2020 must also enroll at this time.

Home School students in the 8th grade making the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2020 must register

Home School students in the 7th grade making the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2021 (under 2-year program) must register

Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by September 1st, 2019

There is no charge for Special Needs and Kindergarten Classes.

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



ADORATION 101 • Eucharistic Quotes



We continue with our Eucharistic quotes. Again, take some time to read these with patience, and reflect on them. The more we know the truth about the Real Presence and own it, the more we will know the Heart of God ...

"If Christ did not want to dismiss the Jews without food in the desert for fear that they would collapse on the way, it was to teach us that it is dangerous to try to get to heaven without the Bread of Heaven." – St. Jerome

"How many of you say: I should like to see His face, His garments, His shoes. You do see Him, you touch Him,

you eat Him. He gives Himself to you, not only that you may see Him, but also to be your food and nourishment." - St. John Chrysostom

I personally LOVE this one .. "I throw myself at the foot of the Tabernacle like a dog at the foot of his Master." –St. John Vianney

"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God.

Martyrdom is nothing in comparison for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass is the sacrifice of God for man." –St. John Vianney

"He remains among us until the end of the world. He dwells on so many altars, though so often offended and profaned." - St. Maximilian Kolbe

"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." - St. Maximilian Kolbe

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart...don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love." – St. Therese of Lisieux

"We should never again use the expression, 'When Jesus was on earth' or think of Him as being only in heaven, Jesus is still on earth."

– Servant of God Fr. John A. Hardon

– Paul 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

Parish Lenten Challenge Reminder!

Have you finished your Lenten Challenge worksheet? If not, keep working on it. If you have not yet filled out a sheet, start a sheet now. 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!

RAFFLE & MOVIE NIGHT • FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 6:00PM

Video game bad guy Ralph and fellow misfit Vanellope von Schweetz must risk it all by traveling to the World Wide Web in search of a replacement part to save Vanellope's video game, "Sugar Rush." In way over their heads, Ralph and Vanellope rely on the citizens of the internet -- the netizens -- to help navigate their way, including an entrepreneur named Yesss, who is the head algorithm and the heart and soul of trend-making site BuzzTube. (PG, 1 hr. 56 mins., 2018)

Fr. Mikus Hall * Surround Sound * Concessions * Free-Will Offering



The Very First Parish Meeting

(Part 3 of the story behind the history of our parish)

After five months of intense preparation by a few Slovak men, the day filled with expectation and hope finally arrived. At the same time, this day was marked by tremendous suspense and pressure, as they had no idea how many Slovaks would be attending this historically important meeting or how many would cast their vote of support. On this crucial day, it seemed as if they were watching a balloon full of dreams, prayers and the hunger to be able to profess their faith in their mother-tongue a dream that would either burst or ascend and take off flying.

It is a very touching experience to read the following “golden” lines from this meeting and to understand our forebears’ utmost yearning for preserving their faith. They were preserving the Catholic faith and Slovak traditions, not just for the people who were there on this day, but also for their children and for all following generations. Through these written words, one can still hear their powerful, heartfelt Slovak hymns echoing through the decades.

It became the day that our parish also received its name, as well as our two powerful guardians. And so, the balloon of first hope didn’t only take off, but it is still flying to this day.

St. Cyril and St. Methodius, please pray for us, as you prayed 100 years ago, so it will be now and forever. Amen.

(Below is the word-to-word translation of the handwritten notes, from this day’s meeting minutes, in today’s Poletown.)

The First Public Parish Meeting was held on May 21, 1916 at the Lincoln Hall, Chene and Ferry Street

From this meeting I am recording these important points.

From our humble and fearful beginnings, we graduated to the point that we are receiving now trust from our Slovak nationals and on the other hand, we are putting our entire trust, hard labor for our nation, and Slovak nation into your hands.

For this reason, at this meeting, we are overwhelmed with joy that such a large crowd came to this meeting and that our request to work together to establish a Slovak parish was heard. In other words, to join forces and establish a Slovak community, meaning to build God’s sanctuary for His glory and to serve our Slovak nation.

This day, that this hall is filled to the last seat, should be marked with golden letters, since it is the youngest parish which is forming in our city, during these hard times in which we are living, because almost half of our people are dying out or fell away from the Catholic faith. Yes, one more time I am repeating that this should be written in golden letters and noted that organizing and uniting our Slovak people will bring us honor and serve us as a remembrance for our children and for our upcoming generations. And so I say, long live this youngest American Slovak parish, may our God “feed it”, so it may serve as an outstanding example to many others and so it may serve Your remembrance forever, and that our children would carry this moment in their hearts forever and encourage others.

I am recording as it follows. Brother Dominik Oleksak, temporary president, opened the meeting with a prayer and welcomed everyone. Followed by a temporary choir, singing Bože svetov stvoriteľu. (God, the Creator). The meeting minutes were read from the previous meetings, which were held regarding establishing this parish. The first speaker was Tomaš Griglak followed by another song, Kto si rodom Slovak (Slovak, who are you by birth). The second speaker was Jan Opal.

All the speakers and singing were rewarded with loud applause, followed by another song, Všetci sme Slovania (We are all Slavs). We were expecting Reverend Frant. Hajek, but for unknown reasons, he never made it. An open discussion followed, but no one wanted to speak. Finally, Father Jozef Janeček arrived from the west side, and he gave a very encouraging speech. Thank you, Father.

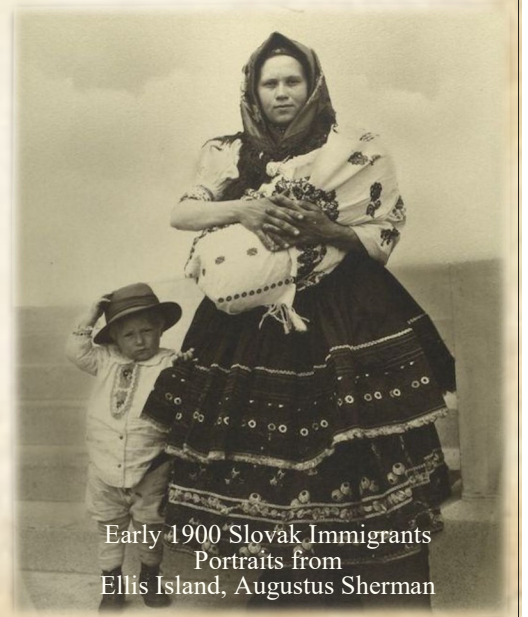
Next, many recommendations and ideas were given as to what should our new church be named as. Finally, it was voted and decided to name our new church, Ss. Cyril and Methodius.

Followed by recommendations for how much each family should contribute to the church fund. By public voting, it was decided that each family should donate \$25, a single person \$10, but if anybody wanted to donate more, they would be welcome to do so.

Lastly, we voted to elect permanent officers, for one year. It was decided that the temporary officers should be elected automatically for the first year. Mr. Štefan Durana declined this position, since he is not always here. It was also recommended that the number of officers should be increased to 13 members. Elected were Brothers Andrej Uličny, Frant. S. Bugaň, Jakub Oleksak, Ján Svitnic, Andrej Kralik, Ján Opal, Juraj Bajus, Ján Malik, Sr. plus these previous officers Dominik Oleksak, Štefan Cenknar, Štefan Durina, Bella Tarabek and T. Vojtašek. The number of officers stands at 13 members.

Next was a motion from Brother T. Griglak to organize a Slovak choir, but no one volunteered. At the end, a free will collection was taken for the new church and \$24.63 were collected. This first public meeting was adjourned with singing the Slovak song, Hej Slovaci. (Slovak hymn). After the meeting, additionally the following people donated money: Paul Kružliak \$20.00, Andrej Vibor \$15.00, so all together the sum of \$59.63 was collected.

Signed: Štefan Durana, Temporary Parish Secretary



Early 1900 Slovak Immigrants
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