

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 19, 2019



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

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CYRILA A METODA



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



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

May 18, Saturday – Sobota

9:00AM VP For the Mother's Day Novena Intentions

11:00AM

**Baptisms:*

Aidan Daniel Logan & Zoey Elizabeth Zaverin

5:30PM LM For the Intentions of the Members of the O. L. Mother of Mercy Secular Discalced Carmelites

❖ In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny

❖ In Thanksgiving req. Schefke Family

❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family

❖ For Troy L'Esperance (B'Day)

❖ †Charles & Theresa MacDonald req. Family

May 19, Fifth Sunday of Easter – Nedela

Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35 (54)

7:30AM LM For Kola Gojcaj ❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families

❖ For Sarmad, Rawaiya, Hilal, & Victoria

❖ For Matthew, Steven & David Foley & Families

❖ †J.R. Chamness req. Barbara ❖ †Josephine Davis

9:30AM ML For the Mother's Day Novena Intentions

11:30AM JN *(Slovak)* For the Bayus Family req. Janka Stewart

❖ †Jozef Pivovarnik req. Family

❖ †Fraciszek Gomolka req. Family

❖ †Maria Tokar req. Prusak Family

❖ †Bernard Ivin req. Sobolic Family

❖ †John & Agnes Kachman

1:30PM Bp **Baptism: Daniel Sullivan Weil*

In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny

❖ For Suzanne Hana & Family

❖ For David Bieniek req. Family

❖ †Philip Cusimano req. Shirley Polakowski

❖ †Diane Foley req. Family

❖ †James Fletcher req. Rita Battaglia

6:00PM PC *(Latin) - Tridentine*

For the Intentions of all Parishioners

8:30PM PC For Andrew Schultheis req. Ann Marie Rooney

❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family

❖ †Elvidio Vennettilli ❖ †Linda Bohach

❖ †Paul & Geri Buss ❖ †Zygmunt Linowski

May 20, Monday – Pondelok

6:00AM LM †Larry Oestreich

9:00AM Bp For the Mother's Day Novena Intentions

12:00PM JN,d In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny

❖ For Jo Marie Nardi (94th B'Day) req. Niece

❖ For Joseph Fuller ❖ For Marie & Donald Obrieht

May 21, Tuesday – Utorok

6:00AM JN For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

❖ For Matthew Desser (B'Day)

❖ For Lawrence Hines III (B'Day)

❖ For the Noel Nelson Family

9:00AM LM For the Mother's Day Novena Intentions

12:00PM Bp †Sue Sarchilli

May 22, Wednesday – Streda

6:00AM Bp †Louise LaFonze req. Potempsi Family

May 19, 2019 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus Christ, The High Priest

Fr. Libor Marek, Pastor • lmarek@saintcyrils.org

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9:00AM JN *(Latin)* In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny

❖ For Gary Rudzewicz (B'Day)

❖ For Maria E. Laconi ❖ †Amparo Fernando

12:00PM LM For Ron, Claire & Family

❖ For Gary Rudzewicz (B'Day)

❖ †Ralph J. Weil req. James D. Weil

❖ †Souraya Nehro Moses req. Family

May 23, Thursday – Štvrtok

6:00AM LM For the Potempsi Family

9:00AM JN For Kevin Collins

❖ For Sarmad, Rawiya, Janan, Adeba & Nor

❖ †Christine Branch ❖ †Frank Smychynsky

12:00PM LM For Fr. Libor

❖ For Melanie & Tom LeBlanc & Family

❖ For the Gjonaj Family

❖ †Wilfred Pennington req. Family

7:00PM VP In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny

❖ For a Special Intention req. Samantha Babbie

❖ †Anthony, Lorraine, & Anthony G. Battaglia

❖ †Victor Maiani

May 24, Friday – Piatok

6:00AM JN For James Yates (B'Day) req. Family

9:00AM LM For the Priests of St. Cyril's

❖ For Fr. Ben Kosnac

❖ †Terry Gasparski ❖ †Stefania Bak

12:00PM ML For Timothy Fuller

❖ †Donald Weil II req. James D. Weil

❖ †Stefania Bak ❖ †Milagros Sunga

May 25, Saturday – Sobota

9:00AM LM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

❖ For Padre Pio req. DiCicco Family

❖ †Rebecca Pullis ❖ †Michael Burke req. Wife

11:00AM **Baptisms: Daniella Casey Morasso*

5:30PM Bp In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny

❖ For Jeff Baker req. Parents ❖ For Kola Gojcaj

❖ For Shamoo & Fictoria Hannakachel & Family

❖ †Anne Rzepka ❖ †Greg Manning

May 26, Sixth Sunday of Easter – Nedela

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29 (57)

7:30AM LM For the Intentions of all Parishioners

9:30AM Bp In Thanksgiving req. Kola Gojcaj

❖ For Mike & Annette Schefke (52nd Wed. Ann.)

❖ For Shamoo & Fictoria Hannakachel & Family

❖ †Peter J. Timinsky (B'Day)

❖ †Ralph & Janet Reising req. Family

11:30AM JN *(Slovak)* For Nicole Torkos (B'Day)

❖ For Paul Magusin req. Sobolic Family

❖ †Baby Tommy ❖ †Bernard Ivin ❖ †Helen Urbanec

❖ †Za Zomreleho Juraja 9 Zuzunu Prusak

1:30PM ML For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica

Sodality ❖ In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny

❖ For Nina Marie Tocco (B'Day)

❖ †Gene Kucharek req. Wife

❖ †Frances Maiorano req. Family

❖ †James Zabawski

6:00PM VP *(Latin) - Tridentine*

†Joe Basirico

8:30PM JN For Cindy Zitny (B'Day)

❖ For Laura Schultheis req. Ann Marie Rooney

❖ †Julita & Rodolfo Valbuena ❖ †Elvidio Vennettilli

❖ †Paul & Geri Buss ❖ †Zygmunt Linowski

Mass Celebrant Legend:

Bishop Ludovick Minde – Bp, Fr. Libor Marek – LM

Fr. Juraj Nuota – JN, Fr. Paul Czarnota – PC

Fr. Michael Lenz, OFM-ML, Visiting Priest-VP, Deacon Preaching-d

Welcome to Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish Bishop Ludovick J. Minde
Bishop of our Sister Parish, Holy Family Parish
Diocese of Kahama
Tanzania, Africa



CSA 2019

Dear Parishioners:

Church is God's work. God calls people to salvation and wants them to be actively engaged so that His salvation can reach everyone.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL While we consider SS. Cyril and Methodius our spiritual home, we are part of the local community of believers in Southeast Michigan – of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Many projects, initiatives, and programs run on a higher level and the involvement of all the faithful is needed for them to be successful: formation of candidates for the priesthood, Catholic schools and charity, social projects, evangelization, administration and stewardship, etc. None of these could be accomplished by any single parish on its own and each of these is needed in some way by all parishes.

Our annual contribution towards archdiocesan projects (CSA) benefits many programs we proudly stand behind and largely benefit from. The CSA goal (\$192,212 this year) is directly tied to our offertory collections over the past three years. The higher our collections, the higher our CSA goal.

The AOD offers each of us the opportunity to make the most of our finances by making a direct contribution towards CSA. Every dollar contributed to the CSA directly benefits our parish 100%. It helps our parish pay its mandatory target, which otherwise must come from our savings. If our CSA collection exceeds our target, the excess comes back to our parish free from the 7% diocesan assessment. In other words, if we exceed the target, the money will return to us 100% and would even lower the CSA goal for next year. If we fail to reach the target from your direct contributions, we must use the general parish funds, which are the weekly donations you give here at church. However, these donations are assessed at 7% before we can use them.

Please, keep in mind that the best way to help our parish benefit from your donations is by giving to the CSA.

I am grateful for every contribution, big or small. *Fr. Libor Marek*

May Crowning Essays ~ ~ ~ “Why would I like to crown the Blessed Mother?”

The May Crowning Court is determined by essays that were submitted by the young ladies of the Confirmation Class. Each essay is heart-felt and beautiful, making it a very difficult decision. Father Libor was asked to read the anonymous essays. The essays featured in the bulletin were composed by the young ladies given the honor of crowner and pillow bearers. The third essay is featured below.



I Love You Mother Mary

By: Violet Potemski, Rosary

I want to crown the Blessed Mother, because I love Her!

My journey began when I grew more confused as to who she was. I knew that many prayed the Rosary as my family did but I didn't know why. I knew that she was the Mother of God and at about 13 (my age) her life completely changed. This did not change the fact, that I thought praying the Rosary was boring and that if it wasn't about me then it didn't really matter. How could something so powerful, as I had heard many say, for me be so dull? I had thought and prayed wondering about her and asking other people, priests and friends what they thought. I began to notice things that I hadn't before – her age and my age, her holiness and my attitude, her sacrifices for her Son and for others and my selfishness. That selfless kind of love had confused me, and it was what I had suddenly thought of as I sat one afternoon struggling to understand who I was as a Roman Catholic.

I had been going through a lot with my family, and friends. I felt judged, awful and misunderstood many times and decided to go into the chapel. As I sat down in one of the pews, I thought I'd try speaking with her. Alone in the chapel, I complained loudly and asked many questions as I emptied myself from all thoughts that were stored up inside of me for so many years. Suddenly, without words, her replies calmed me and I immediately felt a deep sense of appreciation and complete peace. I gained a new understanding and the answers to all my questions were known; it was incredible! I had not known this type of love and joy before; she was listening and replying... “They are beautiful because they came from your heart...and you share them with me.”...I was understood in an instant.

No earthly words can properly describe what I feel about her or my relationship with her. She IS the true Queen of Heaven and Earth and I am her daughter and loved. Her love has changed me and who I am and how I want to be. She continues to instill in me hope, a hope for a better tomorrow.

I want to crown her and express my gratitude, my faith and just maybe experience the sweetness that I did that day in the chapel.

“Thank you, Mother Mary, I love you.”

Pancake Breakfast



Pancake Breakfast * Sunday, May 19

The Men's Club is hosting another great Pancake Breakfast in the Fr. Mikus Hall next Sunday, May 19, after the 7:30AM, 9:30AM and 11:30AM Holy Masses.

Menu Includes: homemade buttermilk pancakes, fresh scrambled eggs, baked red-skin potatoes, sausage links, toast, orange juice coffee!

Prices: Children (12 and under): \$4

Adults (over 12 years old): \$6

Family Max: \$25



Life Teen High School Youth Group • Monday, May 20

We look forward to welcoming new teens and incoming freshmen this Monday, May 20, for our Life Teen Welcoming Night. 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!

**Life Night: Freshman Welcome – Building Culture –
A Social Night to Celebrate the End of the Year and
Welcome New Teens!**

7:00PM – 8:45PM • Fr. Mikus Parish Hall

This is our last Life Night of the year—see you soon!
Parents will be able to register teens SOON for the Life Teen Fall 2019 at: tinyurl.com/lifeteencontact.

Questions: Alexandria Lewis, Youth Minister
(586) 641-7672 or lifeteencyril912@gmail.com or (586) 641-7672



EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, May 23 Condiment Kingdom

(Wear clothes you can get dirty!)

7:00PM – 8:45PM • Fr. Mikus Parish Hall

This night is our last EDGE Night of the year.
REGISTRATION for the 2019-2020 Edge year is OPEN.
Register at tinyurl.com/cyrilparent.

Questions: Alexandria Lewis, Youth Minister
(586) 641-7672 or edgecyril678@gmail.com

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- ♦ Our Sick Parishioners
- ♦ Family Members & Friends
- ♦ Those who are Serving in the Military

ATTENTION

Graduating Seniors of 2019

You are invited to participate in the Holy Mass being celebrated for all graduating seniors from public school, private school, and home school! Please join us on Sunday, June 9, at the 9:30AM Holy Mass.

Please meet in the vestibule at 9:00AM to begin lining up for the entrance procession. Please wear your high school cap and gown and all cords/medals of honor from your respective schools. Seating will be reserved for all graduates.

Also, you are all invited to submit a graduation photo for our display board! For those interested in having their picture displayed, please provide the following:

Photo of Graduate (approximately 2" x 3" size)

Graduate's Name / Parents' Names / School of Graduation

Brief description of plans following graduation

Please drop off the picture and information in the Parish Office or mail the above to:

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church

ATTN: Heidi Wiegand

41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Please submit the photo and information by Thursday, May 23. (Sorry, photos will not be returned.)

If you have any questions, please contact:

Heidi Wiegand, wiegand.gang@sbcglobal.net



Young Catholic Professionals Networking Opportunities Inspiring Speaker • Wednesday, May 29

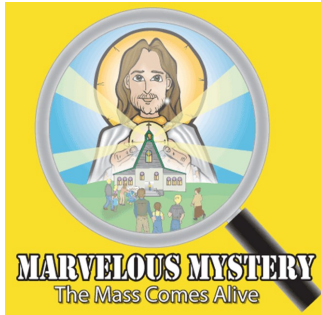
Young Catholic Professionals' Detroit Chapter is inviting all 20-39 year old adults both single and married to join us for an exciting evening at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, on Wednesday, May 29, starting at 7:00PM.

You will enjoy an evening of networking with other young professionals, complimentary food, beer, and wine followed by a very inspiring speaker, Pamela Good (CEO of Beyond Basics, a literacy nonprofit) who will leave you feeling inspired and challenged as she shares her professional and spiritual faith journey!

For more information about these events, please visit our Facebook page at: YCP Detroit or www.ycpdetroit.org

Additional questions can be sent to:

Francesca Montana at: francesca.montana@ycpdetroit.org



VBS Summer 2019 Meeting: Wednesday, May 22

The dates for VBS are June 24—28. This year's theme is "Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive."

Registration has begun.

Planning remaining meetings will be on May 22, 29 and June 5, 12 and

19. All meetings will begin at 7:00PM and run until 9:00PM. To register:

<https://form.jotform.com/sscyrilVBS/vbs-registration>

Questions, volunteers and concerns please contact:

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

Catechism Schedule

Wednesday, May 22:

Parent Meeting for 8th Grade Confirmandi
in Fr. Mikus Hall at 6:30PM

Wednesday, May 29:

Parent Meeting for 7th Grade Confirmandi
in Fr. Mikus Hall at 6:30PM

Questions:

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

Mobile App

We have launched a Church App to be used on mobile devices. You will be able to access things like daily readings for Mass, a digital Bible, weekly bulletins and our electronic giving page. As we continue to work to add to the app we hope to include access to event information, homilies and other recorded talks and more.

To download the app, you can either text "SSCyrilApp" to 77977 to receive a text with a link to the app or you can go to your Mobile App Store and download the "My Church by Pushpay" app and search for SSCyrilApp or you can select "Find my church by name" and search for SS Cyril.

Online Giving

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.church and select "GIVE" on the homepage.

**If you decide to use online giving and no longer need your envelopes, please send an email to business@saintcyrils.org requesting they be canceled.

What If I Already Give Using The Old System

If you have been using the ACH giving system and we have your email address on-file, we sent an email to you outlining the new Pushpay on-line giving program. The email included a link to set up your gift using Pushpay. Once you sign up for Pushpay, we will then cancel your old ACH gift. If we did not have your email on file or you did not receive the email, you can simply set up your gift using the new online or mobile platform and contact the Parish Office or send an email to business@saintcyrils.org requesting the old gift be canceled. We will discontinue the current ACH giving system on May 31, 2019.

2019 Parish Festival Raffle

Parishioners: Please plan to pick up your Festival Raffle Tickets, in the Gallery, on the weekends of May 25 / 26 or June 1 / 2. This is our church's largest fundraiser, and your support is appreciated.

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 Starynychak, Committee Chair, (586) 489-8661,
tstarynychak@gmail.com or

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

St. Monica Sodality Mass • Sunday, May 26

The next St. Monica Sodality mass takes place during Memorial Day weekend—on Sunday, May 26, at 1:30PM. Please join us for Mass and prayers. May St. Monica and Our Blessed Mother watch over all our loved ones and our St. Monica intentions.

Note - Prayer petitions placed in the St. Monica box from May 2018 to April 2019 have been forwarded to Rome.

ADORERS NEEDED

Monday
1-2AM

Tuesday
1-2AM

Tuesday
12AM-1AM

Saturday
1-2AM

Questions, please contact: Jenn Dopke
586-530-3674, jdopke13@gmail.com

Memorial Day Adoration Update

Sunday, May 26 - CLOSED

Monday, May 27 - CLOSED

Tuesday, May 28 - Resumes with the 9:00AM Holy Mass



Come Holy Spirit

Pentecost Vigil Holy Mass Begins with Evening Prayer (Vespers) Saturday, June 8, 7:00PM

Similar to the Easter Vigil, the Vigil of Pentecost can be celebrated in a way that preserves its rich traditions.

Fifty days after the high feast of Easter, the Church comes together to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is one of the principal feasts of the year

and marks the end of the Easter season. Historically the feast of Pentecost was given a greater emphasis and its vigil the day before was connected to the Easter Vigil in many ways.

In recognition of the ancient tradition, the current Roman Missal has revived this extended vigil.

Evening Prayer—Prior to the start of Mass, it is an option to begin the celebration with the recitation of Evening Prayer (Vespers). This includes three Psalms and ends right before the Liturgy of the Word during Mass.

Liturgy of the Word—Similar to the Easter Vigil, there are four readings from the Old Testament that are read. The priest will pray before these readings, which summarizes the overall “spirit” of the Pentecost Vigil.

The readings reflect various prefigurements of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost starting in Genesis, and ending in the book of Joel. Each reading has its own proper prayer, which brings out the truths revealed in the ancient texts.

After the fourth reading and its Psalm is completed, the Gloria is sung with great jubilation. Then a reading from Romans is recited, which recalls how the Holy Spirit helps us in our need.

The Gospel is then proclaimed and Mass continues as usual.

After the Gospel, the homily is recited and the Vigil continues with the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Magnificat from the Vespers will continue after distribution of Holy Communion.

Mass is concluded with the solemn dismissal, “Go forth, the Mass is ended, Alleluia, Alleluia.” Pentecost marks the last use of the Easter season double Alleluia.

After Pentecost, the Easter season officially concludes.

The Pentecost Vigil will take place on Saturday, June 8, at 7:00PM.

By Philip Kosloski, Aleteia



30th ANNIVERSARY of the Dedication of the Church • Tuesday, June 11, 7:00PM

In 1988, Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish moved from Detroit to Sterling Heights. Our present Church building was dedicated the following year on June 11, 1989. Now, 30 years later, we continue to praise and honor the Lord in our expanded House of worship and are forever grateful for the blessings He has bestowed upon us over these past three decades.

Come celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Consecration of our Church beginning with Holy Mass at 7:00PM on Tuesday, June 11, followed by a Social in the Fr. Mikuš Parish Hall.



Welcome to Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church

If you would like general information on:

♦ Sacraments (Baptisms & Weddings)

♦ Joining the Parish

Contact the Parish Office: 586-726-6911



Bishop Foley

No One Will Do It For You

Most of the Slovak immigrants of the early 20th century were simple people with minimal education, but they understood clearly the importance of faith in their lives and in the lives of their children above all else. Their desire for a Slovak church was partly motivated by sentiments of their past – the customs and traditions of the old country, by their current situation in America – a limited ability to read and write English, and by their commitment to root their children in faith. They believed that only their shared effort and close collaboration with the local Church provided them the opportunity to succeed.

After twelve months of hard work in seeking out and signing up people, the Slovak community brought together some 200 families with more than 300 children, as well as more than 200 single people who supported the initiative of presenting a petition to Bishop John Foley on June 7, 1916, requesting his permission to establish a Slovak Parish.

The adults felt their own need for this, but the responsibility of the future of their children weighed heavily on them. Although America was perceived as being “a melting pot”, such was not always the case, and many newly arrived immigrants took refuge in closed communities, which sometimes discouraged or prevented opportunities to improve their language skills. Not being easily able to overcome this hurdle and not having a Slovak speaking priest, they feared that their children, who were attending public schools, would be secularized; not achieve an education in the faith or be prepared for the reception of the sacraments. On top of that, they learned of the initiative of the Sokol/Falcon, a Czech Fraternal organization, to invest \$30,000 and build a Community Center, which attracted Czech and Slovak protestants and was perceived as competition and a distraction for Catholics.

To further persuade Bishop Foley, these discussion points were accompanied by a commitment to not only build a church, but to support a Slovak priest in the long term as well. Once the petition was delivered, it was the bishop's turn to consider and respond.

Nikto to nespraví za vás

Väčšina slovenských imigrantov zo začiatku 20. storočia boli jednoduchí ľudia s minimálnym vzdelaním, ale jasne chápali význam viery v ich živote a v živote ich detí. Ich túžba po slovenskom kostole bola motivovaná čiastočne nostalgiou za minulosťou (zvyky a tradície ich domoviny), ich súčasnou situáciou (obmedzená schopnosť používať angličtinu) a hlavne túžbou vychovať svoje deti vo viere. Úspech bol možný iba vďaka spoločnej snahe a spolupráci s miestnou Cirkvou.

Namáhavá práca prvého roku (vyhľadávanie a zapisovanie ľudí) mala za výsledok asi 200 rodín s viac ako 300 deťmi a viac ako 200 slobodných mladých ľudí, ktorí stáli za žiadosť adresovanou Detroitškému biskupovi Msgr. John Foley (7. jún 1916) o založenie slovenskej farnosti.

Dospelí vnímali svoje vlastné potreby, ale cítili aj zodpovednosť za budúcnosť svojich detí. Hoci Amerika mala zotrieť rozdiely medzi imigrantami a spraviť zo všetkých rovnakých Američanov, realita bola niekedy odlišná. Mnohí z týchto Slovákov žili v uzavretých komunitách, čo sťažovalo ich napredovanie v angličtine. Sami neboli schopní túto ťažkosť prekonať a báli sa, že bez prítomnosti slovenského kňaza nedostanú výchovu vo viere a prípravu k sviatostiam ani ich deti. Okrem toho sa dozvedeli aj o iniciatíve hnutia Sokol vystať nové komunitné centrum, čo vnímali ako ohrozenie ich snahy a konkurenciu pre katolíkov. Váhu svojej argumentácie pred biskupom sa snažili zväčšiť aj vyjadrením záväzku nielen kostol postaviť, ale si aj vydržať slovenského kňaza. Po doručení žiadosti bol na ťahu biskup.

Thank You from Right-to-Life/LIFESPAN

On behalf of LIFESPAN, We want to extend a huge THANK YOU to Fr. Libor, our volunteers, the parishioners, visitors, and everyone else who helped in making LIFESPAN's Mothers' Day Carnations event so successful! They were some sweet little faces very eager to give a flower or two to their mothers and then there were generous souls who gave a donation without even taking a flower.

In the end, we were able to pass out many beautiful carnations for those special mothers in our lives as well as raise money to continue the pro-life efforts at the Oakland-Macomb Chapter of LIFESPAN. At the Oak/Mac office (in Troy), they organize different events/conferences that educate our youth, host a bus trip of 7-9 buses of young people to the March for Life each year, provide white crosses for parishes to put on their lawns to bring about abortion awareness, provide signs for Life Chain, host booths at different pro-life conferences, and more!

So in a nutshell, they work to foster and spread the pro-life fire!

This year, we passed out almost 800 carnations at Ss. Cyril and Methodius and received donations for LIFESPAN of \$1,002.10!! So, thank you to all of you for your wonderful support and generosity!

Whether it was through your time, your work, your monetary contributions, or your prayers, we are very grateful to you all.

God bless you and we hope you have a very joyful Spring!

