

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 26, 2019



SAINTS CYRIL AND  
METHODIUS PARISH

FARNOST' SVÄTÝCH  
CYRILA A METODA



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



Jesus said to his disciples: “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” - Jn 14:26-27a

**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 Bp For Cindy Zitny (B'Day)  
❖ For Laura Schultheis req. Ann Marie Rooney  
❖ †Julita & Rodolfo Valbuena ❖ †Elvidio Vennettilli  
❖ †Paul & Geri Buss ❖ †Zygmunt Linowski

**May 27, Monday – Pondelok**

- 6:00AM Bp For Philip Kora
- 9:00AM Bp For Melissa Mazurkiewicz (B'Day) ❖ For Ghassan Pattah ❖ For Wafa Denha ❖ †Robert Rosol req. Family
- 12:00PM JN,d In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny ❖ For Kevin Collins  
❖ †Charles Lesko ❖ †Marie & Donald Obrieht

**May 28, Tuesday – Utorok**

- 6:00AM JN For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For Gungue & †Philip Schultheis  
❖ For Xhulio Frangaj  
❖ For Shamoo & Fictoria Hannakachel & Family
- 9:00AM Bp For Tim Gasparski
- 12:00PM JN In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny

**May 29, Wednesday – Streda**

- 6:00AM For Joseph Adams
- 9:00AM PC (*Latin*) For Fr. Juraj req. Rosary Society  
❖ For Elizabeth Timmerman (B'Day)  
❖ For Maria E. Laconi ❖ †Riyath Roumaya
- 12:00PM JN In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny  
❖ For a Special Intention ❖ For Julius Aziz & Family  
❖ For Gungue & †Philip Schultheis

**May 30, Thursday – Štvrtok**

- 6:00AM †Walter & Eleanor Jurewicz req. Family
- 9:00AM JN For Andrew, Jessie & Rachel Osantowski req. Family  
❖ For Stephen Satkiewicz ❖ For Anansa Bakku  
❖ †John Agby req. Sister
- 12:00PM Bp For Kevin Collins ❖ For Julius Aziz & Family  
❖ For Akhlas Gappy  
❖ For Gungue & †Philip Schultheis
- 7:00PM VP In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny  
❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For Jennifer & Jadadaya Reyes ❖ †Victoria Maiami

**May 31, Friday – Piatok**

- 6:00AM PC For Chip Spriet
- 9:00AM Bp For Pierre & Sharon Brunet (50th Wed. Ann.)  
❖ For Ricardo Perez ❖ †Agatha Mangano  
❖ †Marion McGrath
- 12:00PM ML In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny ❖ For Julius Aziz  
❖ For Gungue & †Philip Schultheis  
❖ †Victoria Elias req. Family

**June 1, First Saturday – Sobota**

- 9:00AM Bp For the Intentions of the Members of the Rosary Society
- 5:30PM JN In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny  
❖ For Paul & Mary Glantz (Wed. Ann.)  
❖ For Christyann Bonsecour (B'Day)  
❖ For Jeffrey Pawlowski  
❖ †Anne Rzepka ❖ †Agatha Mangano (Ann.)

**June 2, Ascension Sunday – Nedela**

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13-2, 22-29;  
Mk 13:15-20 (58)

- 7:30AM Bp For Kevin Collins ❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families  
❖ For the Menard & Daniel Families  
❖ †Marie Laird ❖ †Josephine Davis  
❖ †Elvidio Vennettilli
- 9:30AM ML In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny  
❖ For the Simoneau Family ❖ For Hana Francis  
❖ †Phyllis Tresh ❖ †Susan Ruth ❖ †Gary Gasparski  
❖ †John & Barbara Plucinski req. Family
- 11:30AM JN (*Slovak*) For Lucia Pivovarnik req. Family  
❖ For Pavol & Monika Pivovarnik req. Family  
❖ For Liliana Bujnak re. Family  
❖ †Za Zomrelého Andreja Prusaka  
❖ †Jan Patlevic req. Prusak Family  
❖ †Eva Fleck req. Prusak Family
- 1:30PM Bp For Amy Perugi ❖ For Fadia Obushaker  
❖ David Locke Sr. req. Joan Hartzell  
❖ †Joe Basirico ❖ †Craig Hilliker  
❖ †Robert Stout Jr. req. Family
- 6:00PM PC (*Latin*) - *Tridentine*  
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM PC For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family  
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddey  
❖ For Gungue & †Philip Schultheis  
❖ †Marvin Hanna Shaina  
❖ †Paul & Geri Buss ❖ †Zygmunt Linowski

**May 26, 2019 - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Jesus Christ, The High Priest

Fr. Libor Marek, Pastor • Imarek@saintcyrils.org  
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**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



**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

Memorial Day  
Monday, May 27





## Fellowship with Bishop Minde Sunday, June 2

Meet and greet Bishop Ludovick Minde, Bishop of Holy Family Parish, our Sister Parish, in Kagonga, Tanzania.

Join Bishop Minde in the Fr. Mikus Hall next Sunday, June 2, after the 9:30AM Holy Mass for Fellowship and to learn more about Holy Family Parish and the entire Diocese of Kahama, Tanzania.



### Life Teen High School Youth Group

Life Teen is Ss. Cyril and Methodius' 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.

Life Nights are now concluded for the 2018-2019 year, but registration for the fall 2019-2020 year is OPEN. Parents can register teens through the link [tinyurl.com/cyrilparent](http://tinyurl.com/cyrilparent) or request a paper registration via email.

Life Teen Summer events open to incoming freshmen and outgoing seniors include:

Saturday, June 15th:

Service Opportunity - Join Cor to help serve those in our community by helping box and deliver food through Focus Hope.

Monday, July 8th, 15th, or 22nd:

Potential Rosary and Game Nights in the hall

Saturday, July 13th:

TRUE - Girls' Day Retreat - Join the Cor ladies and fellow teens for a retreat about being a woman of God.

Saturday, July 27th:

Guys' Day - Join Cor guys and fellow teens for a day of kayaking and canoeing.

For registration forms for these events (only hard paper copies available) request them via email.

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



### EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, May 23

Edge is Ss. Cyril and Methodius's middle school youth group. It's open to all teens, from any parish. Our goal is to create a friendly Catholic community where teens can encounter Christ.

Edge is now concluded for the 2018-2019 school year but Registration for the 2019-2020 year is now open. Register at [tinyurl.com/cyrilparent](http://tinyurl.com/cyrilparent). Encourage your incoming 6th grade friends to sign up for next year! Edge is a great way to evangelize! Stay tuned for summer park night events!

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

### Catholic Services Appeal - 2019



Our 2019 CSA goal is set at \$192,212 and cannot be met without your generous support no matter how large or small. If you are looking for the best way to support the parish and keep as much of your donation in the parish as possible, giving to CSA is the answer. Every dollar you contribute to the CSA campaign goes 100% to meeting our goal. If we do not meet our goal, money that has already been assessed the 7% tax from the AOD must be used to make up the difference.

Last year we finished our CSA campaign with a shortfall of \$29,446 which meant we had to pay that amount out of our weekly collections (as well as pay the additional 7% assessment on those monies). In addition, any amount collected that exceeds our CSA goal is returned to the parish without being subject to the 7% tax. Contributing to the CSA and helping us meet or even exceed our goal is like getting a guaranteed 7% bonus on each dollar you donate. Lastly, any amount returned to the parish in excess of our goal is not included in the calculation for next years CSA target, unlike your weekly contributions.

Please pick up your pledge card by the bulletin board and prayerfully consider how you can help us meet our goal. You can return your pledge card and/or CSA envelope in the collection basket on weekends or by taking it to the parish office during the week. To give online you can visit our website [www.saintcyrils.church](http://www.saintcyrils.church), follow the "GIVE" link and select "Catholic Services Appeal 2019" as the fund.

Questions, please contact:

Rob Avery, [business@saintcyrils.org](mailto:business@saintcyrils.org) or (586) 726-6911

\*If you are unable to give to CSA this year please still collect your card from the box. This will help save the church the cost of mailing your card to you.

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:business@saintcyrils.org) requesting the old gift be canceled. We will discontinue the current ACH giving system this Friday, May 31, 2019.

**VBS Summer 2019 Meeting: Wednesday, May 29**

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 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: *Moe Jones*, (586) 219-6678 or [moeprays@gmail.com](mailto:moeprays@gmail.com)

**Consecration to Jesus thru Mary • Friday, May 31**

**Friday, May 31 • After 9:00AM Holy Mass**

**Rosary Society • Saturday, June 1**

Our next Rosary Society Meeting will take place on Saturday, June 1, after the 9:00AM Holy Mass and Rosary. All are welcome if you are 18 years-old or older. Please join us for snacks, good friendship and planning of exciting projects.

**Northland Family Planning Prayer News • Saturday, June 1**

In our very secularized society, we pray that all people will come to recognize that God: 1) is the Father of all life, and 2) bestows dignity and blessings to all fathers. May the Most Holy Trinity and St. Joseph inspire and protect all earthly and spiritual fathers now and always! The next Pro-Life prayer and witness event takes place outside the Northland Family Planning Clinic on Saturday, June 1, from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. The clinic is located at 3810 17 Mile (just west of Ryan Road). Please join us.

Questions, please contact: *Anne Marie*, (586) 873-2004

**Pentecost Vigil Holy Mass Begins with 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.

By Philip Kosloski, Aleteia

The Pentecost Vigil will take place on Saturday, June 8, at 7:00PM. There will not be a 5:30PM Holy Mass on Saturday, June 8.

**Confirmed Case of Measles at Ss. Cyril & Methodius**

The Macomb County Health Department has been notified that a confirmed case of measles visited Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish on Sunday, May 12. Persons who were at Ss. Cyril & Methodius on Sunday, May 12, between 9:00AM and 1:00PM may have been exposed to measles. Measles is a highly contagious, vaccine-preventable disease that is spread by direct person-to-person contact and through the air. Symptoms of measles usually begin 10 to 12 days after exposure, but can appear up to 21 days after exposure. Complete details from the health department are available on our web-site: [www.saintcyriils.church](http://www.saintcyriils.church) and on hand-outs that are available in the vestibule and in the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact your doctor or the Macomb County Health Department Communicable Disease Program, (586) 783-8190 or the Immunization Clinic, (586) 469-5372.

**Graduating Seniors of 2019 Holy Mass • June 9**

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.

Questions: *Heidi Wiegand*, [wiegand.gang@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wiegand.gang@sbcglobal.net)

**Father's Day Novena • June 17**

Father's Day is Sunday, June 16, and our Father's Day Novena will begin on Monday, June 17. Novena Mass cards are available after all Holy Masses on weekends and in the Parish Office on weekdays (from 10AM-5PM). The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest gift anyone can receive.

**2019 Parish Festival Raffle**

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

**Tools for Growing in Faith \* FORMED**

As a community, we have UNLIMITED access to the best Catholic faith formation materials on the market, all in one easy location: [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org). FORMED has resources for all ages. There are in-depth faith formation programs, Bible study programs, Lighthouse Catholic Media audio talks, full length movies, children's audio programs and e-books! All you have to do to gain access is log onto: [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org). Scroll down and enter our parish code: 90c575. You will then be prompted to set up your own personal account so that you can have full access to all of the amazing faith formation materials available through FORMED.

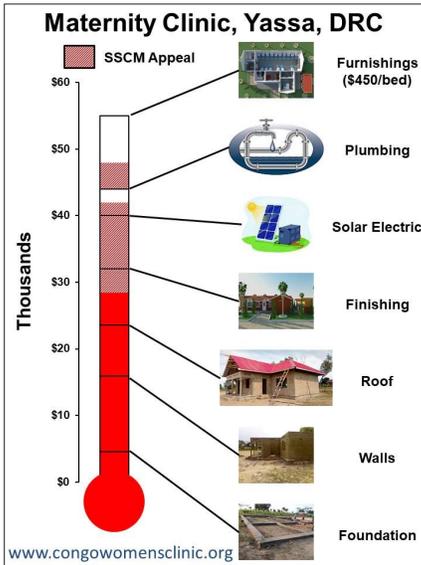
## ADORERS NEEDED

<p><i>Monday</i> 1-2AM</p> <p><i>Wednesday</i> 2-3AM &amp; 3-4AM</p>		<p><i>Tuesday</i> 12-1AM &amp; 1-2AM</p> <p><i>Saturday</i> 5-6AM</p>
<p>Questions, please contact: <i>Jenn Dopke</i> 586-530-3674, <a href="mailto:jdopke13@gmail.com">jdopke13@gmail.com</a></p>		

**Memorial Day Adoration Update**

Sunday, May 26, & Monday, May 27 - CLOSED

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



### Thank you from Fr. Jean Ikanga

Wow! On behalf of Fr. Jean Ikanga and the women of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the very generous response to our missionary appeal. Donations from the parishioners of Ss. Cyril & Methodius have put us close to meeting our funding needs for the maternity clinic construction in the remote village of Yassa. Also, one anonymous donor provided funding for both delivery tables, and five \$450 donations were made to support the purchase of beds. When I informed Fr. Jean of the success of the appeal, he replied: "I do not have the right words to express my gratitude...You are unbelievably great people and Christians. Your love and self-oblation for others are beyond imagination."



*Deacon Joe Hulway, President, Friends of the Congo, Inc.*

### Catechism Update

Our school year officially ended on May 15 with Benediction attended by all of the children of the program. Our sincerest gratitude to Father Libor, Father Juraj, Deacon Gerald and Deacon Phil for their guidance each and every Wednesday. Thank you to all of the teachers and other volunteers who helped make this a fantastic year; we were blessed to have you. Our appreciation to the Knights of Columbus for acting as our 'Guardian Angels' assisting John Franzese in seeing that all the children were safe coming to and from their cars. Also thank you to Laurie Dushaj, photographer, for capturing the special moments of our children receiving sacraments. Parents, please remind your children that although we have taken a vacation from catechism class, we never take a vacation from God. We recognize that we have wonderful parents in the program and are once again asking for your support. Please take them to Mass every Sunday (visit [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) for locations and times when you're away from home), stop by to visit with Jesus for Adoration and say prayers daily with them, they learn by your example. We are always looking for volunteers to help on Wednesday Evenings so please let us know if you are interested. Have a safe and happy summer!

*Paul & Carroll Schuller, Directors of Religious Education  
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#### **Mandatory Meeting for 2020 Confirmation Parents and Students on:**

Wednesday, May 29, at 6:30PM in Fr. Mikus Hall. *This meeting is for 7th grade students only.*

### May Crowning Essays ~ ~ ~ "Why would I like to crown the Blessed Mother?"

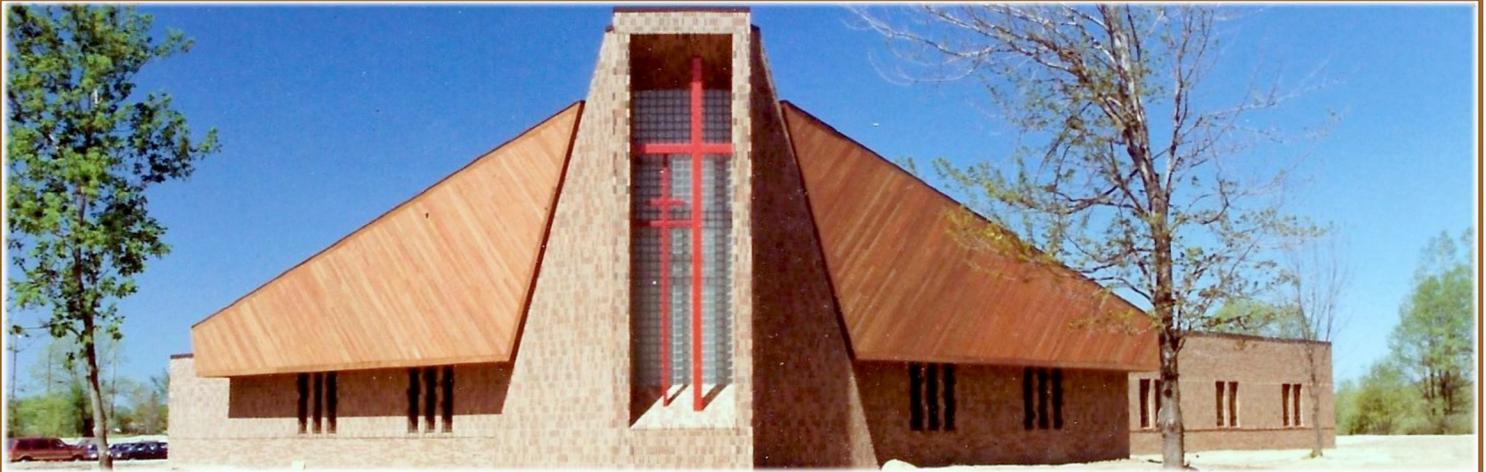
The May Crowning Court is determined by essays that were submitted by the young ladies of the Confirmation Class. Each essay is heart-felt and beautiful, making it a very difficult decision. Father Libor was asked to read the anonymous essays. The essays featured in the bulletin were composed by the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

#### **May Crowning of the Blessed Mother**

*By: Julia Robinson, Scapular*



I would like to crown the Blessed Mother at the May Crowning because she has always been right next to me. Whenever I needed her the most. She's always been my spiritual friend when my friends didn't accept me for who I was or when they disappointed me. She didn't, she is always there to cheer me on and she never lets me down. Mary has always been my Spiritual Mother and she has always loved me and listened to what I had to say to her even when I felt like my own mother didn't. Whenever I felt scared and when I felt like I was accompanied by something that I thought was terrifying, Mary was right next to me wrapping her mantle around me to protect me. For example, I would be in my room doing my studying or whatever and I would suddenly hear very heavy breathing and sometimes I would even see scary looking images of shadows. The shadows looked medium size but when I would be saying my prayers or the Holy Rosary, the shadows would become bigger and darker. When that happened, I would run out of my room as fast as my legs would carry me. While I was running, the shadow seemed to chase me until I got to the staircase. I should have said a "Hail Mary" but I didn't. I just ran and I didn't fight it. The shadows and the breathing came back the next day and as soon as I heard the breathing, I said the "Hail Mary Prayer" out loud so Satan and his demons could hear me call out my Blessed Mother to come and crush Satan's head. After I said the "Hail Mary", I said, "Satan, you're here to devour my soul, well you will never devour my soul because Mary is here next to me and Her Son, Jesus will protect me. You will not only devour my soul but you will also make it weak and miserable, and I don't want to die and have you get my soul". That event happened every once in a while for a year and I finally did something about it. And now I will always call my Blessed Mother, my "One Call Away from Heaven".



### 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.

### Snaha o budovanie kostola, rozvoj komunity a získanie slovenského kňaza

Veľmi dôležitým krokom pred započatím stavby kostola bolo vyplatenie pozemku a uzavretie vlastníckej zmluvy. Keďže Slováci medzi sebou nemali nikoho zbehlého v právnych otázkach, aby sa snád nestali obeťou podvodu pri kúpe, s radosťou prijali pomoc pána Pokorného, advokáta z českého kostola. Uistení o legálnosti transakcie, osadný výbor vyplatil splátku v hodnote \$900.00 za parcely č. 67 – 72 (zvyšná suma v hodnote \$2,100.00 mala byť vyplatená do 4 mesiacov so 6% úrokom). Za parcely č. 64 – 66 zasa zaplatili \$900.00 (zbytok mal byť vyplatený počas 1 roka so 6% úrokom). Podľa zmluvy sa novým majiteľom pozemku stala "Slovenská kongregácia kostola menovaného Sv. Cyril a Metod". Hoci sa dané sumy z dnešného pohľadu môžu zdať pomerne malé, na pokrytie celej platby (\$1,800) si ešte museli požičať \$770.00 od Štefana Cencknera s 5% úrokom. Ďalším krokom po zakúpení pozemku bolo informovať všetkých členov komunity. Pri verejnej schôdzi (20. 8. 1916) najprv museli nájsť niekoho, kto vie po anglicky zmluvy prečítať a po slovensky prítomným vysvetliť. Túto zjavne neľahkú úlohu splnil Jozef Majerčák.

Pre zdravé fungovanie vznikajúcej farnosti boli potrebné nielen finančné prostriedky, ale aj vzájomné kontakty a súdržnosť medzi Slovákmi. Preto usporiadali prvú spoločnú zábavu (10. 9. 1916) v Arbeiter Hall na uliciach Russell a Catherine, ktorá sa nadmieru vydarila nielen počtom prítomných, ale aj po finančnej stránke. Čistý zisk z tohto podujatia (\$451.55) sa použil na poslednú splátku za pozemky, spolu s pôžičkami od slovenských spolkov. Jednota č. 615 požičala \$300.00 s 3% úrokom. Katolícky Sokol Zbor 36 požičal \$200.00 bez úrokov a dal ďalších \$100.00 ako dar. Zbytok sa podujal zohnať František Bugaň.

Popri starostiach o financovanie, pozemky a spoločenstvo bolo veľkou túžbou veriacich mať i slovenského kňaza. Táto túžba sa splnila už 7. novembra 1916 v osobe Rev. G. A. Bendicka. Jeho príchod i pôvod nám ostávajú čiastočne zahalené. Môžeme sa domnievať, že o Slovákoch v Detroit, ktorí hľadajú slovenského kňaza sa dozvedel z článku v novinách Jednota. Pri osobnom stretnutí sa rýchlo dohodli. Pretože sami Slováci nemali prehľad alebo skúsenosti ako kostol a farnosť funguje, prijali podmienky, ktoré im Rev. Bendick predložil: "1. Duchovného mesačný plat \$60.00; 2. Vianočná a Velkonočná kolekta prislucha duchovnému; 3. Sľub vernosti sobaš a spievana sväta omša \$15.00; 4. Sľub vernosti bez svätej omši \$10.00; 5. Veľkí pohrab t.j že kňaz pôjde do havzu a ma veľku spievánu sv.omšu a po svätej omši pôjde na cintor. \$25.00; 6. Organistový sa platí za veľku svätú omšu \$6.00. Osadníci uznali za správne Duchovného podmienki a štolu ktoru im výsvetlil a ju jednohlasné prijali."/zachovaná originálna formulácia/

Hoci daná dohoda medzi Slovákmi a Rev. Bendickom mohla byť výhodná pre obe strany, zvláštnosťou bolo, že úplne obišli miestneho biskupa, ktorý vždy menuje kňazov do farností. Porušili cirkevné právo, ale hlavne jednotu miestnej Cirkvi, ktorá má byť zjednotená a vedená biskupom. Ťažko je viniť týchto ľudí, ktorí sa nevyznali v cirkevno-právnych otázkach. Iste konali v dobrej viere a s najlepším úmyslom a snád to vnímali ako predbežnú situáciu, ktorú by postupne legitimizovali. Pravdou je i to, že v danom momente (1916) farnosť ešte nebola oficiálne ustanovená. I preto sa prvá slovenská omša konala 26. novembra 1916 o 10.30 hod. v pivnici Poľského kostola sv. Stanislava. Za prenájom daného priestoru platili \$15.00 za každú svätú omšu. Samotný Rev. Bendick býval na 1612 Helen Ave a prenajatý dom pre neho zariadili Slováci: kuchynský riad, nábytok, postelné prádlo, záclony, posteľ... zakúpili za \$406.00 (skoro \$9,600.00 dnešnej hodnoty) a to na splátky po \$20.00 mesačne. Môžeme sa nad tým zamyslieť. Bolo potrebné minúť toľko peňazí na kňaza, ktorého ešte dobre nepoznali, nevedeli o ňom nič, odkiaľ prišiel a aký je to vôbec človek? Ale bol to kňaz a k tomu ešte Slováč, na ktorého už skoro rok čakali. Radovali sa. Budeme počuť slovo Božie v našej materinskej reči. Nedbali, koľko ich to bude stáť, len aby tu bol a pomohol im postaviť slovenský katolícky kostol. Ich deti budú mať možnosť učiť sa náboženstvo, ktoré bolo zanedbané po celú dobu ich pobytu v Detroit. Za každú cenu, len aby sa im to všetko podarilo. Uvidíme, čo im budúcnosť prinesie.

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