

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 7, 2019



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

FARNOST SVĚTÝCH
CYRILA A METODA



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



“Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God is at hand for you.’” - Lk 10:8-9

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July 6, First Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM LM For the Members of the Rosary Society
5:30PM ML For a Special Intention req. Nieves Vargas
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For William Oliver Eastburn req. Mrs. Louis Brown Sr. & Family
❖ For Barbara Vermeulen
❖ †Adelbert & Mildred Novatny & Family
❖ †Anna Sutherland

July 7, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nedela

Is 66:10-14c; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-9 (102)

- 7:30AM LM For John & Sandi Brady & Family
❖ For James & Grete Varchetti ❖ For Anna Eichbauer
❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families
❖ †Elvidio Vennettilli ❖ †Joseph Marine
9:30AM LM For Sr. Maria Veronica & the Discalced Carmelites req. Patrice
❖ For Jenna Fuller
❖ For Lauren Mazurkiewicz (B'Day)
❖ †Charles Shermetaro (18th Ann.)
❖ †Gary Gasparski ❖ †Helen Salvaggio req. Family
11:30AM VP (Slovak) For the Prusak Family req. Kopil Family
❖ For the Puschenreiter Family req. Kopil Family
❖ For the Sakalik Family req. Kopil Family
❖ †Maria Tkacova
❖ †Bernard Ivin req. Prusak Family
❖ †Vladimir & Terezia Krizik req. Sobolic Family
❖ †Stefan & Anna Sobolic Family
1:30PM ML For Lawrence Chapp (B'Day) ❖ †Cassie Gularski
❖ †Gene Kucharek req. Wife
❖ †Andrew & Anne Rzepka ❖ †Joanita Nakimuli
❖ †Gregory Fluker req. Nash-Brown Family
6:00PM PC (Latin) - Tridentine:
For the Intentions of all Parishioners
8:30PM PC For William Yamin ❖ For Tim McElmurry
❖ For Noah & Family ❖ For Jerry Soldenski
❖ †Paul & Geri Buss ❖ †Zygmunt Linowski

July 8, Monday – Pondelok

- 6:00AM LM For Catherine Haynes (B'Day)
9:00AM LM For Brittany Michaels (B'Day)
❖ †David Chupa (B'Day)
❖ †Walter Ulrich ❖ †Arturo Orzame
12:00PM VP,d For Matthew Dzieciolowski (B'Day)
❖ For Katherine Fredal ❖ For Nicole Dailey
❖ For the Lia Family

July 9, Tuesday – Utorok

- 6:00AM VP For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Jane Desser (B'Day)
❖ †Charles & Theresa MacDonald
❖ †Christine & David Schlueter

- 9:00AM VP For Sophia & Family

- 12:00PM LM For Tony & Mare

July 10, Wednesday – Streda

- 6:00AM PC For a Special Intention

- 9:00AM VP (Latin) For Patrick Zabawa req. Langlois Family
❖ For Tony & Mare ❖ †Joanita Nakimuli
❖ †Maria Irina Hirjakova

- 12:00PM LM For Janine Burzynski ❖ For Alma & †Don Warman
❖ For the Hamilton Sister req. Marquard's
❖ †Steven Orlosky ❖ †Joe & Agnes Tobin

July 11, Thursday – Štvrtok

- 6:00AM PC For David Kish req. C. Bustamante
9:00AM VP For Nahla Sesi ❖ †William Lantzy req. Family
❖ †Maria Irina Hirjakova
❖ †Walter & Anna Parafinowicz

- 12:00PM JN For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz
❖ For Matthew, Renee, Emma & Grant
❖ For Patrick, Stephanie, Michael & Joshua
❖ †For the Simoneau Family

- 7:00PM VP For Diane Corrigan req. Zitny's ❖ For Rick Vennettilli
❖ For Gungue & †Philip Schultheis ❖ †Terry Bellows

July 12, Friday – Piatok

- 6:00AM PC For Jim Spriet (B'Day)
9:00AM JN †Cynthia Yanik req. Family ❖ †Joanita Nakimuli
❖ †Richard Baginski ❖ †Maria Irene Hirjakova
12:00PM ML For Nancy MacDonald ❖ For Isaac Paul Allard (B'Day)
❖ †Iris Borovica req. Ann Venglar
❖ †Joe Marine req. Legion of Mary

- 7:00PM *Bilingual Rosary

July 13, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM VP For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For the Members of O. L. Mother of Mercy
Secular Discalced Carmelites
❖ For Beth Ledford & Family
❖ For the Menard & Daniel Families
5:30PM VP For the Intentions of the Blue Army of Fatima
❖ For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz
❖ For Jillian Haio req. Mom & Dad ❖ For Rob Lavisky
❖ †Guadalupe Merlos (6th Ann.)
❖ †Andrew & Anne Rzepka

July 14, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nedela

Dr 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37 (105)

- 7:30AM VP For Paul & Julie Varchetti & Family
❖ For Christin Gracey ❖ For the Shiner Family
❖ †Anastacio & Gregoria Isip
❖ †Richard Baginski ❖ †Stefan & Luba Korytowski
9:30AM VP For Dung Vu ❖ For Joe Honce IV (B'Day) req. Parents
❖ †Richard & Esther Baginski req. Vitale Family
❖ †Bruno & Marie Wojdyski
❖ †Francesca Russo req. Daughter ❖ †Marie Kristoff
11:30AM JN (Slovak) For the Makarewicz Family
❖ For Liptak Family req. Kopil Family
❖ For the Kopil Family ❖ †George Rafaidus Sr.
❖ †Alousius Keena ❖ †Maria Irene Hirjakova
❖ †Bernard Ivin req. Prusak Family
1:30PM VP For the Intentions of all Parishioners
6:00PM PC (Latin) - Tridentine:
For Fr. Libor & all Parishioners req. Balaz & Stanley Families
8:30PM PC For Tim & Victoria Roddey & Family
❖ For David & Kathy Schaefer & Family req. Nash-Brown Family
❖ For Rick Vennettilli & Children
❖ †Elvidio Vennettilli
❖ †Paul & Geri Buss ❖ †Zygmunt Linowski

July 7, 2019 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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-ML, Visiting Priest-VP, Deacon Preaching-d

Monthly Bilingual Rosary * Friday, July 12

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish celebrated its 100th Anniversary last year! 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 this year:

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. The special parish Centennial Rosaries will be available for sale at the conclusion of each Monthly Bilingual Rosary.

Organized by: Maria Lamerova and Cindy & Dennis Zitny



100th Anniversary Rosaries

Rosaries Available in English or Slovak
6mm round Bohemian Blue Glass Beads or
6mm Bohemian Clear Glass Beads

\$25 each (Cash or Check payable to
"Ss. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church")

**AVAILABLE
IN THE PARISH OFFICE on WEEKDAYS**

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS NEVER BEEN BAPTIZED?

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED?

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED 1st HOLY COMMUNION?

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHES?

If you have never been Baptized, Confirmed, received First Holy Communion, and want to;
or if you have, but just want to know more about what the Catholic Church teaches, now is your time to act!

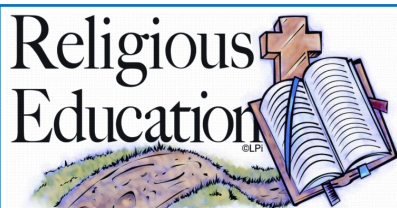
Beginning **Thursday, September 5**, is the Ss. Cyril & Methodius RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*) course.

Classes will be held every **Thursday from 7:00—9:00PM.**

This course will teach you the Catholic Faith in order to prepare you
for receiving these Sacraments which will be offered at the Easter Vigil, April 11, 2020.

For more information or to sign up, please contact:

Steven Piskorowski, (586) 883-3093



Catechism Corner - Attention New Parishioners!

Have you registered your children for Catechism? Unless you homeschool your children for all academics or they attend a Catholic school, they must be registered and attend Catechism. If they do attend Catholic school or are Homeschooled and you would like them to make their sacraments here at St. Cyril's, they must be registered during the sacrament years of 2nd, 7th and 8th grades.

We are asking that all students be registered by Thursday, August 1, 2019, so we can plan for the number of classes and teachers that will be needed. Classes will begin Wednesday, September 18 at 6:15PM. We are in the process of ordering books, so we need to hear from you as soon as possible to assure your child will have their books the first week of class.

To register your child for grades K-8th, please contact:

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

8th Grade Confrimandi

With the parish festival fast approaching, this is a perfect time for you to sign up to help and do some of your service hours. It's a wonderful opportunity for you to "contribute to the support of your church". Watch for the sign-up sheets to be posted in the vestibule in July!

Invictus Christus - Kapaun's Men Virtue Series • July 11

Attention men of the parish: here's your opportunity to get inspired by one of America's future saints! Servant of God Father Emil Kapaun was an ordinary man who became an extraordinary priest and Army chaplain, inspiring the men he served on the battlefield and in an enemy prison camp. Join us as we journey with other men to explore the virtues that made Father Kapaun such an inspiration.

Invictus Christus will be hosting the Kapaun's Men Virtue Series starting at our monthly meeting on Thursday, July 11. We will meet from 8:00 - 9:30PM on July 11 in Room #112. Come for fellowship with other great men of the parish and to become the men God made you to be!

For more information, please contact: *Eric Agustin*, (586) 675-2861

Ss. Cyril and Methodius Book Club • Thursday, July 11

Ss. Cyril's Book Club continues to get together on the second Thursday of the month. July's book selection is "Seven Words of Jesus and Mary" by Fulton J. Sheen.

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

Books can be ordered online or from Faith At Work located at Wattles/John R in Troy, (248) 250-9216. *Gina Smak*

Holy Hour of Consolation • Saturday, July 13

A Call to Mary presents: A Holy Hour of Consolation to Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament; an hour of reparation and apology to Our Blessed Lord for the offenses and crimes committed against Him every day by which He is deeply offended; crimes within the world, the Church, our Nation and especially the attack against the unborn and the family.

This Hour of Consolation and Apology to Our Lord will take place in the church on Saturday, July 13, at 12:00PM. This is the 102nd Anniversary of the 3rd Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima and the Vision of Hell, to Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco in 1917.

Invite your friends and family and join us as we make reparation for the atrocities committed against the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, begging Almighty God's mercy and forgiveness for these crimes and begging His protection for our homes, our families and, most especially, for His mercy on our Nation.

Basilian Fathers Missions Appeal • July 13 & 14

At the invitation of the Archbishop, Most Rev. Allen Vigneron, and the Archdiocese of Detroit Mission Office, the Basilian Fathers Missions are grateful to Father Libor Marek and the parishioners of Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church for hosting Father James O'Neill CSB next Saturday, July 13 and Sunday July 14.

Father O'Neill will discuss the Basilian Fathers' work in Mexico and Colombia at all Holy Masses that weekend. Funds support over 700 student tuitions at INSA in Cali, Colombia - a Basilian institution ranked among the top 40 schools in the country. Along with your help, the Basilian Fathers Missions also work to feed, cloth, teach, and evangelize in Mexico, improving the lives of thousands living in San Lorenzo and Mexico City.

Envelopes are available in the vestibule for the collection that will be taken on July 13 & 14 for the Basilian Fathers Missions.

Consecration to Jesus thru Mary Prep • Saturday, July 13

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 begins Saturday, July 13. The "Total consecration to Jesus through Mary" ceremony will take place on Thursday, August 15, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Total Consecration book is available in the Parish Office to purchase for \$10.

For registration or for more information, contact:

(586) 726-6911 or email ALL.SAINTS100@YAHOO.COM

Church & Chapel to be Painted • July 15-26

Beginning Monday, July 15, we will be beautifying our Church and Chapel with fresh coats of paint!

For the safety of everyone and in order to provide complete access to the Church and Chapel for the painters and their equipment, all **weekday Masses** will be celebrated in the Parish Hall from Mondays to Fridays, July 15 - 19 and July 22 - 26. The weekend Holy Masses will be celebrated in the Church.

The painting will also affect our Adoration Schedule. We will, unfortunately, have to close Adoration from Saturday, July 13, 9:00AM, until Monday, July 29, after the 9:00AM Holy Mass.

Thank you for your cooperation as we make our worship space beautiful for Our Lord.

Young Catholic Professionals • July 17

Young Catholic Professionals' Detroit Chapter is inviting all 20-39 year old adults both single and married to join us for an Executive Panel Discussion at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit, on Wednesday, July 17, starting at 7:00PM.

Executive Panel Discussions are quarterly events focused on living virtuously in the workplace. Three panelists lead discussion about the virtue of justice and what it means to practice this virtue in daily life. Afterwards, table leaders bring the discussion down to the individual level. At the end of the evening, a representative from each table shares their collective insights with the rest of the group. Food, beer, and wine will be provided.

This event will be free to YCP members (\$20 non-members).

For more information please visit our Facebook page at YCP Detroit or www.ycpdetroit.org. Additional questions can be sent to: Parish Ambassador Coordinator,

Francesca Montana at francesca.montana@ycpdetroit.org



Update on the Maternity Clinic in the

Once again I would like to thank the Ss. Cyril & Methodius parish community for your generous response to my appeal for the maternity clinic in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The construction, including electrical and plumbing, has been fully funded, and we have made significant progress in providing funds for delivery tables and beds.

As I begin my travels to the DRC this weekend to be present at the dedication of the maternity clinic building next Sunday, I ask for your prayers both for my safe travels and for the women of the Congo we are all trying to help. Hopefully, I will have an opportunity to update you on the dedication and other activities in Yassa when I return.

In the peace of Christ, *Deacon Joe Hulway*

Tools for Growing in Faith * FORMED

As a community, we all have UNLIMITED access to the best Catholic faith formation materials on the market, all in one easy location: 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.

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.

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.

ADORERS NEEDED

Monday
3-4AM, 5-6AM
Wednesday
1-2AM, 2-3AM

Tuesday
1-2AM
Thursday
12-1AM, 4-5AM

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

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Life Teen & EDGE Youth Ministries NEED ADULT VOLUNTEERS

The COR(inthian) Team is a group of committed adults who walk the faith journey with teens by hosting youth Nights, developing mentoring relationships, and growing in knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith with teens. The commitment is most Monday evenings for Life Teen and Thursday evenings for EDGE September-May. Life Night Cor must be practicing Catholics over 21 years of age. EDGE Middle School Cor must be practicing Catholics 18 years of age or 16 with parents' permission. Both Cor Teams will need 12 committed adults before the first Nights to make the Life Teen and EDGE ministries possible. Please prayerfully discern if God is calling you to this mission field right here.

For more information, please contact:

Alexandria Lewis at (586) 641-7672 or:

lifeteencyril912@gmail.com or edgecyril678@gmail.com

Registration for Life Teen and EDGE for Fall, 2019

Parents: Register your high school and middle school teen for the fall 2019-2020 at: <https://tinyurl.com/cyrilparent>

Life Teen and EDGE Summer Events

(open to incoming teens & outgoing seniors) include:

July 15th & 22nd: Life Teen Rosary and Game Nights

July 18th and July 25th: EDGE Park Night

July 13th: TRUE – Life Teen Girls' Day Retreat

July 27th: Life Teen Guys' Canoe/Kayak Day

Registrations for the Girl's Retreat and Canoe Day

(signed hard copy required) are available via email

Summer Benefit Music Concert • August 3

Mark your calendars! A Summer Benefit Concert for Holy Family Parish, our Sister Parish in Africa, will be performed on Saturday, August 3, at 7:00PM in the Fr. Mikus Hall. The Concern features local performers: *Stephanie Weil*, vocalist, *Michael Semaan*, pianist, and *Aaron Marshall*, guitarist, presenting Baroque, Classical & Romantic works.

Suggested minimum admission fee: \$5 per individual, \$10 per family.

For more information: (248) 250-6005

Catholic Services Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the CSA. Please allow six weeks for processing your payment by the Archdiocese. Please remember that any shortfall will come from our parish funds. Don't forget you can choose either nine monthly or quarterly payments if you prefer.

CSA GOAL: \$ 192,212

PLEDGED-TO-DATE: \$ 121,745

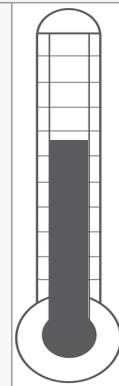
SHORTFALL: \$ 70,467

NUMBER OF PLEDGES RECEIVED: 291

GOAL
\$ 192,212

**PLEDGED
TO-DATE**
\$ 121,745

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If you have not contributed, please consider doing so as soon as possible. Even if you are only able to contribute a small amount, every bit helps.

Thank you! Questions, please contact:

Rob Avery, ravery@saintcyrils.org, (586) 726-6911



Friday, August 23 * Saturday, August 24 * Sunday, August 25

Inquiries and questions; please contact:
John Fournier, Chairman, Festival Committee
 (248) 410-5866 or j4nier58@gmail.com

Kids Tent Donations Needed

Donations are needed for the Kids Carnival Games Tent. Please bring new clean toys to the church and place them in the marked bin in the coat room or in the Gallery. It doesn't need to cost an arm or a leg! Items should be priced at \$1-\$5 each. Anything from the games, toys, or crafts section will do.

Following is a list of greatest wants from the kids: *Chalk *Markers *Clay *Playdough * Bouncy Balls * Board Games *Webkins *Beanie Boos *Baby Dolls *Plastic Animal Figures * Slinkys *Craft Kits *Stickers *Paint Supplies *Jewelry-making Sets *Bubbles *Squirt Guns *Mini Skateboards *Skylander Figures *Lego Mini Figures & Small Sets (including Lego Friends for girls) *Glow-in-the-Dark Stickers & Items *Dress-up Fairy Wings *Crowns *Costume Jewelry *Masks *Action Figures *Race Cars *Pool Noodles *Pool Kick Boards *Etc.

Best places to shop are 5-Below & \$1-Tree.

When in doubt, Gift Cards are always welcome. (Please drop Gift Cards off in the Parish Office.) All toys may be placed in the marked boxes near the Parish Hall entrance or in the Coat Room off the vestibule.

Thank you for supporting our Festival! For more information, please contact the Co-Chair: *Ann Marie Szczerba*, (586) 850-5775



29th Annual Slovak Festival Planning



It is that time of year when planning begins for the parish's 29th Annual Slovak Festival.

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, frances schena@att.net

Parish Festival Raffle • 2nd Early-Bird Drawing • July 28

* Our First Early Bird Drawing for \$250 was held on Sunday, June 30, 2019. Winning ticket number 020495 was drawn after the 9:30 a.m. Holy Mass. Congratulations to Gary Kovie!

* The final Early Bird Drawing for \$200 will be held on Sunday, July 28, 2019. Please continue to turn in your sold ticket stubs. You may place them in the collection basket or turn them in to the office. If you need more tickets to sell or buy, they are available in the parish office.

Thank you for your support. *Karen Bove*, Festival Raffle Chairperson

**Parish
Raffle**

Memories from Past Festivals

Below: Sarisan Folk Ensemble provide entertainment all weekend!
Right: Sobolic Families provide delicious Slovak delicacies all weekend!



Big Problems to Overcome - The History of Our Parish, Part 8

Nepříjemná správa o nečakanom odchode obľúbeného kňaza, Rev. Bendicka tesne pred Veľkou nocou bola pre Slovákov ťažko pochopiteľná a ešte ťažšie prijateľná. V snahe zvrátiť toto rozhodnutie sa podujali navštíviť biskupa a žiadať vysvetlenie. Takýto krok si iste vyžadoval veľa odvahy od týchto jednoduchých ľudí, ktorí museli prekonať jazykovú i sociálnu bariéru, no zároveň ukázali ako veľmi im na slovenskom spoločenstve záleží. Ani stretnutie s biskupovým sekretárom, ktorý ich prijal však neprinieslo túžený výsledok. Sekretár v mene biskupa vydal svedectvo o morálnej bezúhonnosti Rev. Bendicka a obavy Slovákov z rozptýlenia sa snažil zahnať prisľubom iného slovenského kňaza. Napriek tomu sa rozhodnutie ohľadom Rev. Bendicka nezmenilo: dostal posledný plat vo výške \$10 za mesiac apríl, výťažok zbierky vo výške \$70 a krátko po Veľkej noci odcestoval. Domnievame sa, že návrat Rev. Bendicka do Pensylvánie si vyžiadala jeho tamojší biskup, ktorý ho následne poveril starostlivosťou o Slovákov v meste Luzerne, PA, kde sa stal správcom a neskôr farárom kostola sv. Jána (<https://www.holyfamilyluzerne.org/St-John-Nepomucene-Parish>). Počas svojho pôsobenia (1918-1956) sa pričínal o postavenie školy a kláštora pre rehoľné sestry.

Po odchode Rev. Bendicka z Detroitu sa bolo treba postarať o praktické záležitosti: brat Andrew Antol prevzal zodpovednosť za farskú budovu, za čo dostával \$5 mesačne. Spoločný majetok na konci apríla 1917 bol nasledovný: 9 parciel v hodnote \$4,400, nábytok a riady (\$406), krížová cesta (\$30), Betlehem (\$30), organ (\$25), kríž (\$7.50) a v pokladnici bolo \$257.14. Po odrátaní dlhu \$1,706 činil majetok spolu \$3,449.64.

Ani po odchode Rev. Bendicka však Slováci neboli ponechaní sami na seba a zo strany biskupa sa im dostalo podpory v podobe vymenovania českého kňaza Rev. Jozefa Janečka (ktorý im v minulosti už pomohol a radil) za duchovného správcu slovenskej komunity. Je to znakom toho, že i biskup vnímal danú skupinu Slovákov nie ako nejaký záujmový národnostný spolok, lež ako súčasť Katolíckej Cirkvi, ktorá sa má starať o duchovné potreby všetkých jej členov.

Dočasné prenajímanie priestorov na omšu v pivnici Poľského kostola bolo samozrejme iba provizórnym riešením. V snahe pohnúť sa vpred so stavbou vlastného kostola sa ukázalo, že pozemky zakúpené s týmto úmyslom sú nevyhovujúce. V bezprostrednej blízkosti totiž už rástol poľský kostol a hoci by to pre dané národnostné skupiny problém nebol, diecéza sa takýmto situáciám radšej vyhýbala. Pod vedením Rev. Janečka (ktorý mal zjavne skúsenosti s vedením farností) sa podarilo predat 9 stavebných parciel určených na stavbu kostola (po \$750) a tieto peniaze použiť na zakúpenie nového pozemku na Foster Street. Hoci ešte malo prejsť dosť času, na tomto mieste neskôr naozaj stál prvý kostol sv. Cyrila a Metoda.

Okrem týchto veľkých rozhodnutí pokračovala činnosť vznikajúcej farnosti i každodennou prácou: hľadanie nových Slovákov, nadväzovanie kontaktov so slovenskými organizáciami, zbieranie peňazí a organizovanie spoločenských akcií. Táto drobná práca postupne budovala a upevňovala celé spoločenstvo.

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The unexpected news about the sudden departure of their beloved pastor, Rev. Bendick, shortly before Easter, 1917, was a bitter pill to swallow. In an effort to reverse the decision, the Slovaks decided to visit the bishop of Detroit and request an explanation. Such a step must have required a lot of courage, as they faced both linguistic and social barriers in meeting with the Bishop, but their love of the Slovak community helped them meet these challenges.

However, their meeting with the bishop's secretary failed to bring the desired result. The secretary, on behalf of the bishop, assured them of the moral integrity of Rev. Bendick and he responded to the Slovaks' concerns by promising a new priest. Nevertheless, the decision was not reversed and Rev. Bendick departed shortly after Easter for Pennsylvania. Before leaving, he received his final monthly wage of \$10 \*(\$203) and the proceeds from a special collection (\$70) \*(\$1,423).

In all probability, the departure of Rev. Bendick had been requested by his bishop in Pennsylvania, who appointed him pastor of the Slovak community in Luzerne, PA (<https://www.holyfamilyluzerne.org/St-John-Nepomucene-Parish>). He served at St. John's church from 1918-1956 and helped build a school as well as a convent for sisters there.

After the departure of Rev. Bendick, practical questions had to be addressed as well. The care for the rectory was assigned to Andrew Antal, who was receiving \$5 \*(\$102) per month for this task. The total value of the property was: 9 building lots (\$4,400 total) \*(\$89,429), furniture and tableware (\$406) \*(\$8,252), stations of the cross (\$30) \*(\$610), nativity set (\$30) \*(\$610), organ (\$25) \*(\$508), cross (\$7.50) \*(\$152), and \$257.14 \*(\$5,226) in cash. Minus the debt of \$1,706 \*(\$34,674), the total value was cash positive: \$3,449.64 \*(\$70,113).

Even the departure of Rev. Bendick had not left the Slovaks abandoned. They received support from the Bishop in the person of a Czech priest, Rev. Janeček, who had been assigned as a temporary administrator of the community. Although Rev. Janeček had advised and helped the Slovaks in the past, this arrangement could not have satisfied their hopes and expectations.

However, it did prove that even the Bishop viewed this group of Slovaks not as a social club, but as a solid part of the Catholic Church, which is to provide pastoral care for all its members.

They continued to rent the basement of the Polish church temporarily as just a provisory solution to their current situation.

Attempting to move forward and take specific steps toward their own church proved to be insufficient, because of the building of a Polish church just two blocks away. Although national ethnic groups would not perceive this as a problem, the Archdiocese would have preferred to avoid this kind of situation. Under the leadership of Rev. Janeček (who must have had experience with parish administration), the Slovaks sold nine lots intended for the construction of the church (\$750 each) \*(\$15,244 each) and purchased another property on Foster Street. Although it would still take a long time to be accomplished, this would eventually become home of the first St. Cyril and Methodius Church.

Aside from these large-scale decisions, the life of the community continued with their everyday struggles to locate new Slovaks to join them, make contacts and relationships with more fraternal organizations, raise funds, and organize social events. This grassroots work would eventually build and strengthen the community bonds.

(Black values are values in 1917 / \*Maroon values are values in 2019 - Reference: CPI Inflation Calculator)