

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 8, 2019



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23rd Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"Whoever does not carry his own
cross and come after me cannot be
my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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September 7, First Saturday – Sobota

9:00AM LM For the Members of the Rosary Society
12:30PM **Wedding Holy Mass: Autumn Scally & Cody Davis*
5:30PM JN For Greg Langlois req. Langlois Family ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family ❖ For James & Elizabeth Misko (56th Wed. Ann.) ❖ For Nick & Brianna Manica (Wedding Day) ❖ For Marguerite Pollock req. Patrice ❖ †Gertrude Atienza

September 8, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nedela

Wis 9:13-18b: Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33 (129)

7:30AM JN For President Donald Trump ❖ For Fr. Eduard Perrone ❖ For Mark Kessler (B'Day) ❖ †Joseph Marine ❖ †John Sardillo ❖ †David Chupa req. Family
9:30AM LM **Mass of the Holy Spirit* ❖ For Students & Educators ❖ For Jim & Margaret Miller & Family ❖ For Frank & Melissa Blenman (35th Wed. Ann.) ❖ Paul Heck req. Mike MacDonald ❖ †Peter J. Timinsky ❖ †Douglas Dauphin ❖ †Anthony Shermetaro
11:30AM LM (Slovak) For Jozef & Maria Krajcovic (50th Wed. Ann.) ❖ †Bernard Ivin
1:30PM ML For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Jim Miller ❖ For Bryan & Michael Garcia (B'Days) ❖ For Norman Rump req. Dan Murphy ❖ †Robert Nowak Jr. req. Mom ❖ †Dod Nikoll Lulgjuraj
6:00PM PC (Latin) - Tridentine: For the Intentions of all Parishioners
8:30PM PC For Donna Rozmarynowycz req. Cindy Zitny ❖ For Julian & Meg Schultheis & Family ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddey & Family ❖ †Michelle LaBelle ❖ †Paul & Geri Buss ❖ †Zygmunt Linowski

September 9, Monday – Pondelok

6:00AM LM For Kola Peter Gojcay
9:00AM LM For Fr. Eduard Perrone ❖ For Julius & Family ❖ For the Dimoff Family ❖ †Cynthia Yanik req. Family
12:00PM JN,d For Phil & Colleen Abraham req. Marquard's ❖ For Sarah Hanna ❖ For Mia Debczak ❖ †Donald Weil II req. James D. Weil

September 10, Tuesday – Utorok

6:00AM JN For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Alexandra Schultheis (B'Day) ❖ For Kola Peter Gojcay ❖ †Nikoll Lulgjuraj
9:00AM LM For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz
12:00PM VP For Monir Korkis (B'Day)

September 11, Wednesday – Streda

6:00AM JN For Alexa Lysik (B'Day)
9:00AM JN (Latin) †Angeline Funk req. Langlois Family ❖ †Adelbert & Mildred Novatny req. Family ❖ †Michael Burke (Ann.) req. Wife ❖ †Eric Timinsky
12:00PM VP For the Victims & Families of 9/11 req. Shirley Polakowski ❖ For James Wilkins req. Family ❖ †Eric Timinsky ❖ †Amira & Robbie Qasguargis & Family

September 8, 2019 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Christ, The High Priest

Fr. Libor Marek, Pastor • lmarek@saintcyrils.church
Fr. Juraj Nuota, Associate Pastor • jnuota@saintcyrils.church
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September 12, Thursday – Štvrtok

6:00AM LM In Thanksgiving req. Aziz Family
9:00AM JN For Fr. Ben Kosnac req. Hines Family ❖ For Fr. Eduard Perrone req. Curell's ❖ For Karen Miller ❖ †Mark Coku
12:00PM VP For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Ban Francis & Family ❖ For Quinn Lundberg ❖ For Jerry & Dorothy Sarfini req. Marquard's
7:00PM VP For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Chris & Courtney DePerro (Wed. Ann.) ❖ For Kola Peter Gojcay ❖ †Maria

September 13, Friday – Piatok

6:00AM PC For John Shkreli
9:00AM LM For Jarrod & Kimberly Joseph req. Whetstone Family ❖ For Stephen Sathiewicz ❖ For Kola Peter Gojcay ❖ For the Deceased Members of the Vacaj Family
12:00PM ML In Thanksgiving req. Aziz Family ❖ For the Members of the Blue Army of Fatima ❖ For Chris Weil (B'Day) ❖ †Al & Douglas Connors
7:00PM **Bilingual Rosary*

September 14, Saturday – Sobota

Feast of The Exultation of the Holy Cross

9:00AM LM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For the Members of O. L. Mother of Mercy Secular Discalced Carmelites ❖ For the Menard & Daniel Families ❖ †Slewa & Amera Meyou
11:00AM **Baptism:*
Marigold Therese Brabant & Gemma Chiara DeSimone
2:00PM **Baptism: Samuel Fulton Jeffrey Janke*
5:30PM JN For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Josh & Abigail Center req. Whetstone Family ❖ For David Schefke (B'Day) ❖ †Rev. Richard Polakowski, S.J. (Ann.) req. Shirley ❖ †Charles & Theresa MacDonald req. Family ❖ †Greg Manning

September 15, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nedela

Feast of our Lady of Sorrows

Wis 9:13-18b: Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33 (129)

7:30AM JN For the Parishioners of St. Cyril's ❖ For Drane Shkreli ❖ For Kate Morris (B'Day) ❖ For Carroll Schuller ❖ For the Gammo & Gillo Families ❖ †Joe Marine req. Pearl Purleski
10:00AM Bp **Byzantine Liturgy for Our Lady of Sorrows*
For Christopher Halabu (B'Day) ❖ For John Fuller ❖ For Franciszek Pivovarnik req. Family ❖ For the Makarewicz Family ❖ †John Ozdych req. Toni ❖ †Bernard Ivin req. Krajcovic Family
1:30PM LM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Jim & Margaret Miller & Family ❖ For Alaa Kajy & Family ❖ For Jillian Marie Haio ❖ For Franco Kasneci & Family ❖ †Fr. John Grennon O.C.D. req. Amy Perugi, O.C.D.S.
6:00PM PC (Latin) - Tridentine: †Joe Basirico
8:30PM PC In Thanksgiving req. Nash-Brown Family ❖ For Francesk Vuktulaj ❖ For Paolo Persichetti ❖ †Matthew Margiewicz ❖ †Paul & Geri Buss ❖ †Zygmunt Linowski

Mass Celebrant Legend:

Bishop Milan Lach – Bp, Fr. Libor Marek – LM
Fr. Juraj Nuota – JN, Fr. Paul Czarnota – PC
Fr. Michael Lenz, OFM-ML, Visiting Priest-VP, Deacon Preaching-d

Congratulations!

September 7, 2019: Mr. & Mrs. Cody & Autumn Davis

Byzantine Liturgy with Bishop Milan Lach • SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 10:00AM

We are honored to welcome His Grace, The Most Rev. Milan Lach, SJ, Bishop of Parma, OH, to celebrate an Eastern (Byzantine) Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with our parish community next Sunday, September 15, at 10:00AM.

The Divine Liturgy of Our Holy Father John Chrysostom will be accompanied by the choir from St. Basil Byzantine Catholic Church in Sterling Heights.

The Byzantine Church is one the several churches that create the communion of the Catholic Church. The Byzantine Church origins from the Eastern ecclesial tradition and is in union with Rome. It shares the same basic faith and the same mysteries (sacraments), however, its way of expressing them follows the same tradition as the Orthodox churches.

Bishop Lach is bishop of the Eparchy of Parma that encompasses the geographical area of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. The Eparchy of Parma is celebrating its golden jubilee - 50 years of existence.

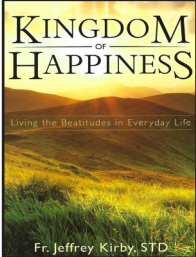
Experience the richness of the liturgical traditions with Bishop Milan Lach next Sunday, September 15, at 10:00AM.

(NOTE: The 9:30AM and 11:30AM Holy Masses will be combined at 10:00AM next Sunday, September 15.)

THERE WILL BE A RECEPTION IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER THE HOLY MASS!

Please bring your finger-sized desserts to the Parish Hall before the 10:00AM Holy Mass!

Please indicate if your goodies contain nuts. Thank you!



Kingdom of Happiness 8-Week Study Program • THIS WEEK, September 9 or 10

Although God created us to be happy, the concept of happiness has been polluted in recent times. The world tells us our contentment will come from exercising our "freedom" so that we might pursue every pleasure or comfort offered to us. But in doing so, we surrender our freedom and become slaves to our passions.

Christ came and turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6-7). He showed us that only in dying to self and embracing our cross do we discover true joy. To help us do this, he stood upon a mount and gave us several marks of His interior life called the Beatitudes. These directives may seem paradoxical at first glance, but as was just noted, this is precisely how our Savior taught, with a reality that contradicts the world.

The above paragraphs are an excerpt from "Kingdom of Happiness, Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life". The study program will:

- ◆ Show how the Beatitudes are much more than nice sayings, they are the path to happiness charted by Christ Himself
- ◆ Expose the "anti-Beatitudes" for what they are: the kingdom of man's false promises of happiness that lead only to misery
- ◆ Inspire a renewed resolve to live the Beatitudes through video profiles of re-life people living the Beatitudes in their everyday life.

Father Jeffrey Kirby is featured in the teaching videos along with powerful profiles of normal people living out the Beatitudes in heroic ways.

Even if you haven't read the book, you are welcome to join in the Program. Classes will be offered on:

Monday evenings at 6:30PM, beginning September 9, led by Mary Bann, (248-459-8965 or mary@marybann.com) or

Tuesday mornings at 10:00AM, beginning September 10, led by Marge Lewandowski, (586-822-7902 or mtlew1362@yahoo.com)

(Optional): Study Guides are available in the Parish Office (\$22). There is no charge for the 8-week program.

You may register with the group leader above or in the Parish Office, however, you do not have to register to attend.

Marian Catechist Apostolate Catechism Course for Adults Information Meeting • Tuesday, September 10

Are You Thirsty To Learn More About Your Faith? Want To Be Prepared To Share The Gifts of Christ's Truth and Love As Found In Its Fullness In The Teachings and Practice of The Catholic Faith? Then This Is For You!

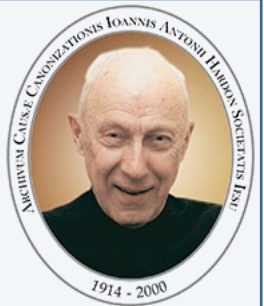
Information meeting this Tuesday, September 10, in the Activity Center Sofa Room at 7:00PM. Classes start in October on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM.

Servant of God, Father John Hardon, S.J. courses were written at the request of Saint Pope Saint John Paul II to instruct adults 18 years and older and has been updated by Cardinal Raymond Burke. The Basic Course is to enrich you intellectually and spiritually. It instructs you to deepen your love for the Catholic Faith, to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ, the Blessed Mother, and to use terms from the Catholic perspective correctly.

Topics covered include: * Salvation History * The Apostles Creed * The Ten Commandments * The Beatitudes * The Seven Sacraments * Prayer * The Lord's Prayer

For more information and to order books please go to Mariancatechist.com.

Have questions? Please contact: Deacon Phil McCown at wadephil@yahoo.com or (586) 246-4337





Do you like to sing? Play a musical instrument?



Our parish is abundantly blessed with musical talent. Please consider this as a personal invitation to YOU. Please consider trying out one of our choirs here at Ss. Cyril and Methodius! No musical training is necessary, and singers of all backgrounds and skill levels are welcome. We sing a variety of styles of sacred music, from traditional to modern. All we sing is dedicated to God's glory and is appropriate for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The "Christus Regnat" Choir sings at 9:30AM Sunday Holy Masses as well as for special liturgies throughout the year. We rehearse on Thursday Nights at 7:00PM in the Fr. Mikus Hall, and also at 9:00AM Sunday immediately before Holy Mass. The 7:30AM Choir sings at daybreak Mass on Sunday mornings. Rehearsals are in the Fr. Mikus Hall at 6:00PM on Thursdays. The Children's Choir sings at the 9:30AM Sunday Holy Mass on the second Sunday of the month, and rehearses following the 9:30AM Holy Mass on Sundays. If you didn't make it to practice last week, feel free to join us this week.

If you have any questions regarding choir, please contact:

Music Minister, *Joe Long*, (810) 882-1806 or
josalong42@gmail.com

Life Teen High School Ministry

Check out Life Teen Youth Group

We look forward to seeing you at our Life Teen kick off Monday, September 16, at 7:00PM in the Fr. Mikus Parish Hall. If you've never attended a youth group before, come and see what we're all about. We'll have pizza, share more about our plans for the year, and look forward to hearing from you too. Feel free to invite and bring friends as well! You do not need to be a parishioner to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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

EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry

Come experience EDGE Middle School Youth Group

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to our EDGE Night kick off Thursday, September 19, at 7:00PM in the Fr. Mikus (South) Parish Hall. We have a new Cor Team of parents and high school teens who are excited to share their faith journey with our middle schoolers. We'll have pizza, games, and look at how God calls us to community. Feel free to register friends and bring them with you.

We will be in the main parish church halls most of the year, but please subscribe to the emails for the latest information by emailing Edgecyril678@gmail.com. You do not need to be a parishioner to attend EDGE.

Registration for Life Teen and EDGE for Fall, 2019-2020

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

St. Cyril's Book Club • Thursday, September 12

For September our Book Club will discuss the inspiring book, "Lamp of Eternal Lights: The Biography of Saint Charbel Makhlouf" by Elias Turk. We will meet to discuss this book on Thursday, September 12 at 7:00PM in Room 115. The book can be purchased or ordered at Faith@Work, (248)-250-9216, or ordered online. Hope to see many of you, new and old members, there.

Flag Retirement Ceremony • Friday, September 13

The Blessed Virgin Mary Assembly of the Knights of Columbus is conducting its annual U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony on Friday, September 13, at 7:00PM. This Ceremony is a dignified and solemn occasion for the retirement of unserviceable US Flags. The event will take place at the back-parking lot of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church. Participants will be the Selfridge Air National Guard Fire Department, the Sterling Heights Police Department Honor Guard, members of Trail Life and Heritage Girls.

After the Ceremony hot dogs, apple pie, chips and fountain drinks will be served in the Fr. Mikus Hall. Please join us at this patriotic event! There is a receptacle in the coat room for damaged flags.

Monthly Bilingual Rosary • Friday, September 13

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: 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*

Holy Hour • Saturday, September 14

A Call to Mary presents a Holy Hour of Consolation, Reparation and Apology to Our Lord in the Most Belssed Sacrament and to His Most Sorrowful Mother for the offenses and crimes committed against Them every day by which They are deeply offended; crimes in the world, in our own nation, and with the Church, most especially in reparation for the attack against the unborn, the family and against the most Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

The Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15 and this Hour of Consolation and Reparation to Our Lord and His Most Sorrowful Mother takes place on Saturday, September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, at 12:30PM—1:30PM in the church.

Junior Sarisan Folk Ensemble Auditions • September 17

Interested in our Children's Slovak Dance Group? The Junior Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble is holding their annual auditions, on Tuesday, September 17, at 6:00PM. Kids ages 7-17 interested are invited to join us in the South side of the Fr. Mikus Hall at Ss. Cyril & Methodius. Dance experience is not required by helpful. We welcome all dedicated new members interested in joining. Kids should dress accordingly (no jeans, boots or restrictive clothing).

For more information, please contact junior group director:

Daniela Grisak, (248) 659-8522 or Dana4me2000@yahoo.com

Pancake Breakfast • September 22

The *Men's Club*, with the assistance from the American Heritage Girls, will host another great Pancake Breakfast in the Fr. Mikus Hall on Sunday, September 22, after the 7:30AM, 9:30AM and 11:30AM Holy Masses. Invite your family and friends to join you for a delicious breakfast! 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

CATHECHISM CORNER • Teacher Meeting, September 11 • Classes Begin September 18

Just one more week until Catechism begins. We will see all registered families on Wednesday, September 18. This first week tends to be a little hectic, so we will try to have additional volunteers to direct families to their teachers and classrooms. We are posting class lists with room locations in the church vestibule and by the entry doors of the Activity Building. Please take a look at these lists prior to the first week so that you will know where to take your child the first night. Catechism begins at 6:15PM and ends at 7:30PM, so please arrive promptly to drop off and pick up your child.

Please look for future updates or notifications regarding the Catechism Program in our parish bulletin. We will send notifications by email as well whenever possible.

Reminder:

- **Grades K, 2nd, 8th, and Children with Special Needs meet in the Church meeting rooms.**
- **Grades 1st, 3rd – 7th grades, will meet at the Activity Center.**
- **Students meeting with tutors will receive calls advising them as to which building they will meet.**

Schedule:

Wednesday, September 11, at 6:30PM:

Meeting for teachers & aides in Parish Hall (classroom assignments, class lists & books will be distributed)

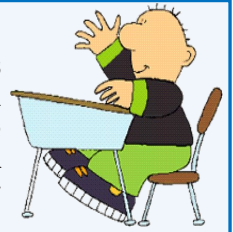
Wednesday, September 18, 6:15PM: Class for All

Wednesday, September 25, 6:15PM: Class for All (Benediction for grades K-4)

Wednesday, October 2, 6:15PM: Class for All (Benediction for grades 5-8)

****REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES: If registration was overlooked, please contact us before the first class as no registrations will be taken the first night of class.**

Thank you! *Carroll & Paul Schuller*, (586) 726-6911, ext. 112, or p_schuller@yahoo.com

**Attention: 7-12th Grade Students • September 23**

On September 23 from 6:00PM-7:00PM, LIFESPAN will hold a "Bus Trip Info Night" in Room #112. If you are interested in attending the March for Life 2020 in Washington D.C. and may want to travel with your friends and/or family with LIFESPAN, then come attend our Info Night for more information and have any questions you have answered! We will go through what we do on the trip, where we will go (Sneak Peek: A Tour of the Capitol!), and we'll also have registration papers available for anyone who decides to make the trip! (Parents are welcome, too!) If you plan to attend, please RSVP to *Lynn* or *Maria* at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org, or TEXT your name and the number of people coming to (810) 728-0909 (Maria's cell).

American Red Cross Blood Drive • September 24

Our Fall Blood Drive takes place on Tuesday, September 24, from 1:00-6:45PM and we need you! Please sign-up online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code stcyrl or sign up on the form in the vestibule.

Please remember that there is no substitute for blood. When a patient receives blood, it was given in advance by a generous blood donor. It's the blood already on the hospital shelves that helps in emergency situations. Every 2 seconds, someone in the country needs blood. Thank you for your life-giving generosity.

Back-to-School Dance • September 27

On Friday, September 27, there will be a Back-to-School Dance from 7:00PM-11:00PM for 14-19 year olds. Cost: \$7 per person. Modest dress code is strictly enforced: NO short dresses or shorts, tank tops, spandex or low-cut revealing tops. Chaperones are needed. Please call: *Mary Hale*, (586) 773-8261.

Little Flowers Girls Club • September 27

Are you interested in your daughter joining the Little Flowers Girls Club? The group is a mother/ daughter group for girls, ages 5 and up. We meet typically, on the 2nd Friday of the month from 6:00-8:00PM and learn about a different female saint and virtue each month—along with fun activities and crafts.

The first meeting and registration for the year will be on Friday, September 27, 6:00PM-8:00PM in Room #114.

If you are interested in learning more about the group please contact Sheri Kanan at: pkanan@live.com or (248) 659-8227.

Parish Mission with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC

September 29 - October 1

Fr. Chris M. Alar, MIC, will conduct a three-day Parish Mission at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish this Fall.

Fr. Alar is a priest with the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. Fr. Chris wrote and produced the popular "Divine Mercy 101" DVD and is the author of the book *After Suicide: There's Hope for Them and for You*. He is a regular host and guest on EWTN. He also hosts the online "Divine Mercy Matters" series at DivineMercyMatters.org. Currently he serves as "Fr. Joseph, MIC," the director of the Association of Marian Helpers, and is the head of Marian Press, located on the grounds of the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

The Parish Mission includes a combination of topics, including: "Divine Mercy in the Mass", "A Walk Through of the Mass Explaining All the Things that You May Not Know" and "The Power of Prayer."

Fr. Chris Alar will speak at all Masses during the weekend of September 28 & 29. The Mission will take place on:

- ◆ Sunday, September 29, 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- ◆ Monday, September 30, 6:30PM - 8:15PM
- ◆ Tuesday, October 1, 6:30PM - 8:15PM

For additional information on Fr. Chris Alar and the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, visit:

<https://www.marian.org>

St. Paul Street Evangelization Gala • October 3

Mark your calendars! The St. Paul Evangelization Institute will host their 6th Annual Gala & Benefit Dinner at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish on Thursday, October 3, from 6:00PM-9:00PM. The dinner will be emceed by Father Patrick Gonyeau and feature keynote special guest, dynamic Catholic speaker Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers who explains why it is important to share the love of Christ with others. Deacon Harold will provide basic, practical, real-world advice on how to talk to family, friends and loved ones about the beauty and truth of the Catholic faith.

To register: stpaulse.com/gala or call: (657) 777-2963



Ss. Cyril & Methodius Keepsakes –In the Parish Office

Cookbook – \$15



Clear or Blue Bead Rosary – \$25



**4 1/2" x 7 1/4"
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\$20
(Cat's Meow)**



Harvest Dinner Dance • October 12

The Junior Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble invites you to a Harvest Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 12, at 6:00PM. The evening features a delicious homemade Slovak Dinner including breaded pork tenderloin, baked chicken, stuffed cabbage, potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, pastries and beverages. Price is: \$25/adults, \$15/17 years old and under, FREE/children 4 and under.

Get your tickets today to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Junior Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble at the Harvest Dinner Dance.

Daniela Grisak, (586) 795-4246, Renata Zelenak, (248) 884-3984

Parish Office, (586) 726-6911

Annual Salad Luncheon • October 20

The popular Salad Luncheon tickets are now available. The Salad Luncheon is a fun-filled annual event organized by the Rosary Society and is open to all ladies 16 years and older.

The Luncheon takes place on Sunday, October 20, from 3:00PM—6:00PM in the Fr. Mikus Hall. It is a great afternoon of fun socializing with family and friends, eating a variety of salads and participating in raffles for spectacular Showcase Baskets, afghans, a 50/50 cash prize and our Grand Prize of a beautiful hand-made quilt! This year we were blessed with a donation of MANY handmade quilts ... more fun for everyone!

Tickets are \$10 each or \$80 for table of eight.

Questions, please contact:

Karen Bove, (248) 709-9055 or Parish Office, (586) 726-6911

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

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!

Last Thursday, September 5, the Ss. Cyril & Methodius RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*) course began. Classes are 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.

If you missed the first class but would like to join RCIA, contact:

Steven Piskorowski, (586) 883-3093

Ladies and Gentlemen: The Results Are In

As many of you know, during the first two weekends of August as well as during the Slovak Festival, we gathered signatures to ban Dismemberment Abortions, and with a lot of help from you wonderful people, we were successful in doing so!

We've gathered all the petitions together and counted them up, and we've accumulated over 800 signatures thus far!

Thank you so much to Fr. Libor for his support with this drive, the support of the other priests of St. Cyril's, John Fournier for his help in giving us a visible booth with a lot of traffic at the festival, the ladies in the Parish Office, all our volunteers and helpers, and all of you who have supported this drive through your signature and/or prayers! It is a true blessing to be part of a staunchly pro-life Church!

If you know someone who hasn't yet signed the petition or if you'd like to gather signatures from family/friends/co-workers, or even host a petition drive at another parish, LIFESPAN has a lot of petitions available that they'd be happy to supply you with! You can contact them at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org or call their office in Troy at (248) 816-1546.

Thank you all again! May God richly bless you and your families and continue to deepen your pro-life beliefs,

Maria C. Vitale, L.I.F.E Ministry of Ss. Cyril and Methodius

Evangelization Prayer Table at the Festival

The Parish Evangelization Group hosted a Prayer Table at this year's Festival.

Someone said "Why have a Prayer Table at the Festival?" Well, it has been our tradition to host a Prayer Table in the past and we have received positive feedback for this Table. Here are some other reasons:

- We have had great participation in soliciting needed intercessory prayers from our attendees
 - This year we received 224 prayer requests- our previous high was 190
 - We had a few emergency requests- one person on life support and another injured in a car accident
 - A few others had vital heart and other surgeries upcoming
 - We received requests from 41 parishes, other than our parish, plus two requests from a Methodist
 - We distributed many rosaries, holy cards and books/pamphlets- we gave one lady a rosary- she said she had been a Catholic for 32 years and never owned a rosary before.
 - Two ladies from St. Linus parish in Dearborn Heights told us they were so inspired by our previous Prayer Tables they were having one of their own at their festival in a few weeks
- Our Group will be praying for these requests over the next 30 days. We believe in the Power of Prayer and hope our prayers are effective and give hope to all.
- Thanks to all who submitted prayer requests and thanks to our parishioners for their prayers and support.

UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR Ss. CYRIL & METHODOIUS STAFF MEMBERS:

Please update your email address listings for all

Ss. Cyril & Methodius staff members

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Conflicts About Finances • Continuation on the History of Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish

Kombinácia extrémnej chudoby v ktorej prví slovenskí prisťahovalci žili s ich úprimnou snahou postaviť si kostol neraz prinášala napätia a spory o peniaze. Z dnešného pohľadu sa niektoré rozhodnutia či postoje môžu zdať úsmevné, no v každom prípade odrážajú ducha doby, ako aj zanietenie za veľké veci.

Jednou z praktických otázok pri plánovaní stavby kostola bola zvonica, ktorá by uniesla istý počet zvonov. Dosiahnutý konsenzus bol dva zvony, na ktoré mal každý člen prispieť sumou 5 dolárov. Zvonenie (pri pohrebe) bolo zaručené iba pre členov, ktorí prispeli k založeniu komunity, alebo „jestlí ale pred smrťou sa pokaja a svoje výplatí aby sa zvonilo“. Pre Slovákov bolo zjavne veľmi dôležité zachovávanie pohrebných zvyklostí v ťažkom momente v živote pozostalých.

Napätia medzi Slovákmí sa ukazujú najmä v opakovaných sporoch o peniaze, resp. pri ich kontrole. Pri volení nových zástupcov komunity v roku 1919 sa objavili podozrenie zo sprenevery na strane starých zástupcov, no spory sa nakoniec podarilo urovnať aj vďaka novým aktívnym členom (Ludvik Zeleňák, Jan Zeleňák ml., Ondrej Leško, John Hricík, Tuleja, Timko, Slamka a John Galdun).

Začiatok roka 1920 sa znova nesie v znamení sporov o financie a prináša nové organizačné výzvy. Je to nielen prejav ľudskej náтуры, ale aj dôsledok ťažkých podmienok a nedostatku. Išlo najmä o otázky:

- Verejná revízia účtovných kníh
- Platba za prenájom Haly sv. Jána
- Rozdelenie veľkonočnej ofery medzi farára a farnosť
- Vyberanie peňazí počas omše
- Slávenie nedeľnej omše za farníkov
- Podpisovanie šekov
- Vrátenie požičaných peňazí jednotlivcom
- Upratovanie kostola (nakoniec sa tejto úlohy ujal organista)
- Kúpa pozemku na stavbu novej fary

Ani farár, Rev. Kovalský nie je v týchto debatách vždy vykreslený v najlepšom svetle, aspoň z nášho dnešného pohľadu. Na žiadosť o vrátenie vianočnej zbierky pri dverách kostola a pri jasličkách reaguje dosť stroho, že „nedaju ani centa“. Nedostatok dobových údajov nám bráni pochopiť, kto bol v práve.

Takisto nedokážeme vysvetliť vyhlásenie farára Rev. Kovalského, keď verejne spochybnil legitimitu členov farského výboru. Napriek tomu výbor pokračoval v práci (!) a naďalej sa venoval praktickým otázkam pri vedení farnosti.

Veľmi zaujímavo vyznieva debata o použití peňazí, ktoré sa vyzbierali na podporu misií (53.35 dolárov), keď niektorí farníci a aj farár (!) navrhovali časť peňazí ponechať pre potreby farnosti. To je z hľadiska morálky neakceptovateľné a vždy treba rešpektovať úmysel darcu.

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The combination of extreme poverty of the first Slovaks and their sincere effort to build a church oftentimes led to tensions, arguments and disagreements about money. Some of their decisions or positions might seem surprising from our present perspective, but they reflect the spirit of the time as well as the strong excitement for their cause.

One of the practical questions to be decided was the planning of a bell-tower to bear a certain number of bells. The final decision was made to have two bells and every person was expected to contribute 5 dollars. Ringing the bells at a funeral was reserved only for members who had contributed to the foundation of the community (“in good standing”).

Tensions among parishioners are visible in historical notes by the repeated arguments about finances. Discussions circulated around the questions of:

- Public revision of financial records
- Rental of St. John Hall
- Splitting of the Easter collection between the pastor and the parish
- Collections during Mass
- Celebrating Sunday Mass for the parishioners
- Authorized signers of checks
- Paying off loans to individual parishioners
- Church cleaning (the task was finally accepted by the organist)
- Purchase of a new property for the construction of the rectory

Even the pastor, Rev. Kovalsky does not appear in the best light in these debates. He responded to the request to turn in the proceeds of the Christmas Nativity collection with these sharp words, “I will not give even one cent.” The lack of available information prevents us from forming an opinion on who was actually right. We are also unable to explain the moment when Rev. Kovalsky called into question the legitimacy of the Parish Council and yet it continued its work.

Very interestingly, it appears there was a debate within the parish regarding the use of the funds collected for missions (\$53.35). Some parishioners and even the pastor(!) suggested they keep a portion of the collection for the needs of the parish. Morality requires that the Church respect—and strictly honor—the intention of the donor.