

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20, 2019



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

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



29th Sunday

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

“Because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.” - Lk 18:5

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OMŠOVÝ PORIADOK

October 19, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM LM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family
 ❖ For Victoria & Shamoo Hanakachel
 ❖ †Amparo Fernando
- 5:30PM JN For Owen Lehner req. Baker's
 ❖ For Andrew Dymek ❖ For Taylor Drozdowski (B'Day)
 ❖ †Anthony Piplinski req. Cindy Zitny
 ❖ †Frances Wagner req. Ken & Mary Ann Warner
 ❖ †Barbara Prizgint req. Pietrylka Family

October 20, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nedela

Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14—4:2; Lk 18:1-8 (147)

- 7:30AM LM In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny
 ❖ For The Holy Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For Abraham & Nedhal Aziz & Family
 ❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
 ❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families
 ❖ †David Chupa req. Family
- 9:30AM ML For Rich & Heidi Wiegand & Family
 ❖ For Tom & Maria Vitale & Family
 ❖ For William Timmerman (B'Day)
 ❖ For Francis Minjeur (B'Day)
 ❖ For the Dimoff Family ❖ †Lawrence Fleck
- 11:30AM JN (Slovak) For Ann Venglar (90th B'Day)
 ❖ For Noor, Hikmat, Sarmad, & Family
 ❖ †John Rafaidus req. Mom
 ❖ †Natalie Tanner req. Leo & Mitch
 ❖ †Bernard Ivin req. Anna Pendel
- 1:30PM JN For the Intentions of all Parishioners
- 6:00PM PC (Latin) - Tridentine: For the Intentions of all Parishioners
- 8:30PM LM For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
 ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
 ❖ †Wilma Leonard req. Cindy Zitny
 ❖ †Jason Phillips req. Cindy Zitny
 ❖ †Paul & Geri Buss ❖ †Zygmunt Linowski

October 21, Monday – Pondelok

- 6:00AM LM For Carl & †Stephanie Varchetti & Family
- 9:00AM LM In Thanksgiving req. Alia
 ❖ For Carl & Cecilia Winowiecki (19th Wed. Ann.)
 ❖ †Alicia Perez Lopez ❖ †Sue Scarchilli
- 12:00PM JN,d For Randy & Nicole Hopkins req. Mark & Gayle H.
 ❖ For Elsa Thottathil ❖ †Tommy Angle ❖ †Lori Estock

October 22, Tuesday – Utorok

- 6:00AM JN In Thanksgiving req. Sarraf Family
 ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For James & Greete Varchetti
 ❖ †Harold Grewe (40th Ann.)
- 9:00AM LM For Julius, Kevin & Mary Aziz
- 12:00PM JN †Gail Louise Byram req. Janet Reichling

October 23, Wednesday – Streda

- 6:00AM JN †Joseph Pantano req. Family & Friends
- 9:00AM JN (Latin) For Abraham & Nedhal Aziz & Family
 ❖ For Charles & Isabella Varchetti
 ❖ For Sue & Rob Shermetaro ❖ †Chester Rudzewicz

- 12:00PM LM For Andrew Hanna (B'Day) ❖ For Orestes Nash (B'Day)
 ❖ For Louis A. Brown Jr. (B'Day) ❖ †Helen M. Schoener

October 24, Thursday – Štvrtok

- 6:00AM LM For Kola Peter Gojcaj
- 9:00AM JN For Vernon & Joyce Davenport (Wed. Ann.)
 ❖ For George & Helen Emmendorfer
 ❖ For Charlene Swob ❖ †Andrew Giambona
- 12:00PM LM For Jose & Diane ❖ For Veronica Bartold (24th B'Day)
 ❖ For Abraham & Nedhal Aziz & Family
 ❖ For Laurie Heaton req. Dolores Pustelny
- 7:00PM VP In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny ❖ For Nagham Korkis
 ❖ †Michael J. Peterson req. Jim & Barb Wisniewski
 ❖ †Anthony Piplinski req. Cindy Zitny

October 25, Friday – Piatok

- 6:00AM LM For Cynthia Galea & Family
- 9:00AM LM For Hikmat, Sarmad, Rawiya & Samir
 ❖ For Abraham & Nedhal Aziz & Family
 ❖ For Sami & Linda Herfy & Family
 ❖ For Jordan & Cameron Loding
- 12:00PM JN For Julian Schultheis (B'Day)
 ❖ For Thaeer & Anne Haio & Family
 ❖ For Jean Kempf & Family req. Family
 ❖ †Kazimierz Wasilewski

October 26, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM JN For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For Abraham & Nedhal Aziz & Family
 ❖ For Lorraine Drozdowski ❖ For First Responders
- 5:30PM LM In Thanksgiving req. Cindy Zitny
 ❖ For Fr. Libor req. Janet
 ❖ For Ken & Maryanne Warner (56th Wed. Ann.)
 ❖ †Anthony Piplinski req. Cindy Zitny
 ❖ †Anne Tomon
 ❖ †Barbara Prizgint req. Prizgint Family

October 27, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nedela

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14 (150)

- 7:30AM LM For Annette Rudzewicz ❖ For Layla Kassmya
 ❖ For Paolo Persichetti ❖ For the Nikoletta Family
 ❖ †J.R. Chamness req. Barbara ❖ †Josephine Davis
- 9:30AM LM *7th Grade Commitment Mass
 For Steve Winarski & Family
 ❖ For Luigi & Suzanna Ivonaj
 ❖ For Sarmad, Samir & Rawiya
 ❖ For the Dimoff Family
 ❖ For the Vitale & Monsu Family
 ❖ †Helen Salvaggio req. Family ❖ †Teresa Toenjes
- 11:30AM LM (Slovak) For the Intentions of all Parishioners
- 1:30PM JN For the Intention of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality
 ❖ For Mr. & Mrs. Adam & Jacinta Reitemeier req. Sharon Brown
 ❖ For Andy Kasneci req. Mom
 ❖ For Dante-Anthony Gonzales ❖ †James Zabawski
 ❖ †Thomas Anthony Jerzewski
- 6:00PM PC (Latin) - Tridentine: For the Simoneau Family
- 8:30PM JN For Abraham & Nedhal Aziz & Family
 ❖ For Katie req. Harrison
 ❖ †Wilma Leonard req. Cindy Zitny
 ❖ †Jason Phillips req. Cindy Zitny
 ❖ †Anthony Piplinski req. Cindy Zitny
 ❖ †Michael Shamon

October 20, 2019 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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Mass Celebrant Legend:

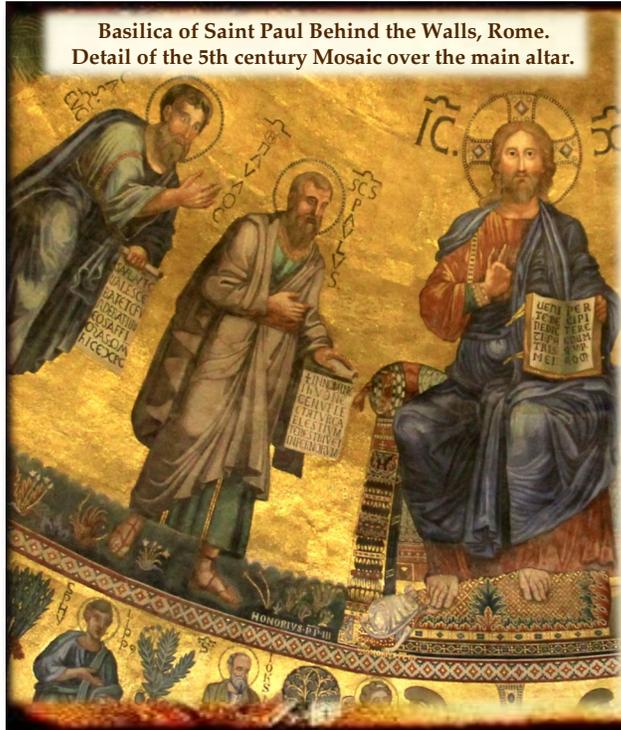
Fr. Libor Marek – LM, Fr. Juraj Nuota – JN,
Fr. Paul Czarnota – PC, Fr. Michael Lenz, OFM – ML
Visiting Priest – VP, Deacon Preaching – d

Regular Confession schedule

1/2 hour before every Holy Mass

And Immediately Following The Saturday 9:00AM Holy Mass

Basilica of Saint Paul Behind the Walls, Rome.
Detail of the 5th century Mosaic over the main altar.



MOSAIC

HISTORY & FUTURE MEET

Sunday, October 27 ✚ 3:00PM ✚ In the Church

Mosaic art has a long history, beginning in Mesopotamia in the 3rd Millennium BC, roughly 5,000 years ago, after which it spread through ancient Greece and ancient Rome, soon after being adopted by the Byzantine empire and eventually making its way throughout all of Christianity. Mosaics began appearing in sacred art at Catholic Basilicas from the 4th Century AD, displayed on Church walls and ceilings. Father Kamil Dráb, a master mosaic artist who studied at Rome's Centro Aletti, where they blend Eastern and Western art styles, and who created and installed the largest sacred mosaic in Slovakia at Spišská Nová Ves, is known as Slovakia's Michelangelo. He will be visiting Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish next weekend, and will be sharing his deep knowledge of and devotion to the Mosaic art form.

During Father Dráb's visit, he will study our Church's sanctuary to determine ways and means of how mosaic artwork might enhance our worship space. The subjects of this imagery would include our patron saints, St. Cyril & St. Methodius. Please join us at 3:00PM on Sunday for Fr. Dráb's presentation and discussion. Everyone is welcome.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November is All Souls' Month. In Christian charity, we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and offer up Masses for the relief of their suffering. We especially remember our dearly departed relatives and friends. For this, you are invited to list the names of your loved ones who passed away this year in our Remembrance Book which is located in the vestibule. It will be brought into the church during the month of November. Throughout November, the Masses will be said for the souls of the people whose names are inscribed in the Remembrance Book.

Remembering Our Beloved Deceased

Memorial Mass and Service • Sunday, November 3, 1:30PM Holy Mass

For Our Deceased Parishioners and Friends

"The Lord is My Light and My Salvation"

Maria Tokar, Carolyn Ann Hartley, Iris Maxine Borovica, Andrea Lee Brock, Rejeanne M.A. Buckley

Barbara J. Wrobel, Joyce Nowakowski, Elvidio Imperio Vennettilli, Anna Marie Sutherland

Bernard Ivin, Joseph Edward Marine, Esther Elizabeth Baginski, Richard John Baginski, Julia Anna Tomajko

Kay Elizabeth O'Neill, Walter Bernard Nichols, Thomas Anthony Jerzewski, Arthur Donald Orlowsky

Barbara Marie Prizgint, Michael Angelo Cece, Gerald Francis Slabiensk

Alessandra DiCicco, Lawrence Dominic Olivero, Thaddeus John Wisk, Charles Raphael Wagner

Listed above are the names of our dearly departed parishioners and friends who entered into Eternal Life in the past year. Family, friends and fellow parishioners are cordially invited to the Memorial Mass and Service held on their behalf. Refreshments will be served after the service. Please join us on this very special day.

Memorial Display Wall

A Memorial wall with pictures of the deceased listed above is displayed in the vestibule on the wall facing the hallway to the Gallery.





Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, October 21

Redemptive – A Night on Why Catholics Practice Penance

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

All high school teens are welcome to Life Nights. No registration before the Night is necessary.

Join us next week for a Night on building meaningful friendships that will help you discover your vocation.

To be added to the mailing list, please contact:

Alexandria Lewis at Lifeteencyril912@gmail.com



EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, October 24

Clean up your Soul – A Night on Taking Good Care of your Soul

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

All middle school teens (6th, 7th and 8th grade) are welcome to our EDGE Nights. New teens who would like to attend can register at the EDGE Night.

EDGE is OFF next week, but stay tuned for upcoming Nights!

If you have any questions about EDGE, please contact:

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

All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner • Sunday, October 20

The St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus Council 7011 invites you to an "All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner" this weekend on Sunday, October 20, at Saint Rene Goupil Parish, 35955 Ryan Road. Dinner is served anytime between 4:00PM - 7:30PM. The meal cost is \$10 per person and includes spaghetti, dinner salad, garlic bread and drinks.

Deacon Joe Hulway will give a presentation about the Congo mission at 5:00PM and at 6:00PM. Seminarians, Ryan Walters and Charles Giroux, will be introduced after Deacon's Joe's talk and they will be presented with financial gifts from the St. Nicholas Council. Your support goes to the Congo Hospital Bed Fund. Tickets are available at the door.

Questions: *Joseph White*, (586-556-2122)

World Mission Sunday • Sunday, October 20

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports the priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

Thank you for your generosity. If you would like to stay connected year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, visit: MISSIO.org.

Costume Dance & Game Night

Friday, October 25

Ages: 14 - 19

7:00 – 11:00PM



The event includes pizza and pop for \$7 per person.

Please bring your own games!

Only costumes in good taste will be admitted!

No violent, gory, revealing or offensive outfits.

Attendees wearing inappropriate attire will not be allowed in!

Chaperones are needed!

Questions or to Chaperone,

Please Call:

Mary Hale, (586) 773-8261



Lifespan Christmas Card Sale • October 19 & 20

It's that time of year again, everyone, where LIFESPAN has their annual Christmas fundraiser of selling pro-life, religious Christmas cards! These cards are a great way to remind others of the true meaning of Christmas and the beauty of LIFE. This year, they are selling some beautiful cards from previous years, as well as a new Madonna and Child card. All are made in the good ol' U.S.A., and the proceeds support LIFESPAN in maintaining their presence in the Oakland/Macomb Counties. Without an office, they would be a lot less able to easily direct callers to Pregnancy Help Centers, provide a close location for pick-up of the 2,000 White Crosses and other resources/materials, and help churches and schools to proudly proclaim and live out their pro-life beliefs. Your support and generosity in helping them stay alive and forward the pro-life movement is very appreciated as we all strive to regain a Culture of Life! The sale will be held next weekend after the 5:30PM Holy Mass on Saturday, October 26, and after all Masses on Sunday, October 27.

Please contact LIFESPAN if you are interested in volunteering your time after Mass to help sell these cards. They need two volunteers for each Mass: Saturday, at 5:30PM and Sunday, 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 1:30PM, 6:00PM and 8:30PM.

If you have any questions or to volunteer, please contact:

Maria C. Vitale, (248) 816-1546 or email: oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org

March for Life • Movement in Motion Youth Bus Trip

Registration has begun for Right to Life – LIFESPAN's "Movement in Motion" Youth Bus Trip to Washington, DC for the 47th annual March for Life in January, 2020! The bus for Ss. Cyril and Methodius fills up quickly, so register ASAP. If the first bus gets filled up then we will also have some of our group on another bus doing the exact same itinerary. All who want to join LIFESPAN on the trip are invited.

For more information, please email: oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org.

God bless you all! *Lynn Gura*, L.I.F.E. Ministry

Knights of Columbus—2019 Student Poster Contest

THEME: Mother/Baby-Love Both of Them

The Knights of Columbus (Council 7011) is pleased to announce our 2019 Pro-life Poster Contest.

Application forms and the list of rules are available in the Parish Office. Posters must be submitted to the Parish Office not later than 5:00PM on Friday, November 1. The posters will be returned to students in time to take them on the March for Life in Washington in January, 2020.

CATHECHISM CORNER/SCHEDULE



Schedule:

SUNDAY, October 20: (Salad Luncheon Service Project 8th grade)

Wednesday, October 23: Class for All (Benediction for grades K-4)

SUNDAY, October 27th - (Commitment Mass 7th grade, 9:30 am)

Wednesday, October 30th - Class & Benediction for 5-8th grades

Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact DREs:
Carroll & Paul Schuller, (586) 726-6911, ext. 112, or p_schuller@yahoo.com



St. Monica Sodality Mass • Sunday, October 27

There are several St. Monica Sodality Holy Masses coming up - the first takes place next Sunday, October 27, at 1:30PM and the second Mass takes place on Wednesday, November 13, at 12:00PM. Please join us for Mass and prayers! Your intentions will also be included in the All Souls Novena and a Mass card soon will be posted on the St. Monica box.

Northland Family Planning Prayer News

Prayer Dates: Monday, October 28 & Saturday, November 2

The 40 Days for Life prayer campaign runs daily until November 3rd - thanks to everyone who has participated. If you still wish to pray outside the Northland Family Planning Clinic but don't want to pray alone, there are still several opportunities. Dress warm, bring your rosary and join us!

Monday prayer takes place on October 28th from 10:00AM - 12:00PM and Saturday prayer takes place on November 2nd from 11:30AM - 12:30PM. The clinic is located at 3810 17 Mile (just west of Ryan Road). No parking is allowed at the clinic.

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

Evening Vespers at Ss. Cyril & Methodius

A new prayer group will began at St. Cyril's this week. Three days a week, everyone is invited to gather to pray Evening Vespers, part of the Liturgy of the Hours—the daily prayers said by all religious (priests and nuns) throughout the world.

Vespers will be prayed in the Cry Room:

- ♦ SATURDAYS - 6:30PM
- ♦ SUNDAYS - Immediately following the 6:00PM Holy Mass
- ♦ TUESDAYS - 7:00PM

The complete set of prayers for each day of the year is available on the free Breviary App. You may also bring the hard copy of the one volume Christian Prayer or the four volume set of the Liturgy of the Hours. Assistance with the use of the one volume Christian Prayer breviary will be provided. I look forward to praying with you!

Questions, contact: *Tanya Timco*: music1980tt@gmail.com.

Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Preparation Begins November 5

"The Immaculate alone has from God the promise of victory over Satan. She seeks souls that will consecrate themselves entirely to her, that will become in her hands forceful instruments for the defeat of Satan and the spread of God's kingdom." St. Maximilian Kolbe

What is Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary?

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 on Tuesday, November 5, for consecration on the (transferred) Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception in December.

For registration or for more information, please call:

(586) 726-6911

ALL SAINTS DAY PARTY!



**Food, Fun and Games!
Friday, November 1
1:00PM ★ Fr. Mikus Hall**

All are invited to join us for good food, fun and games!

Children are encouraged to wear a costume representing their favorite saint. Please sign up to RSVP and to bring a food item to share. We also need volunteers to create and run games during the event. Please go to the following website: <https://tinyurl.com/cyrilsaints>. If you have any questions, please email:

Trish Watta at trishw11370@gmail.com

All Souls Day Novena Begins Saturday, November 2!

Novena Mass Cards for All Souls Day are available after all Holy Masses on the weekends and in the Parish Office on weekdays from 10:00AM-5:30PM





Help Needed to Wash Albs and Cassocks

We are looking for volunteers to help wash the Altar Boy Albs and Cassocks a few times throughout the year.

If you would like information on how you can help, please contact *Patricia Suda*: (586) 214-5088

Mobile App

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

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

Online Giving

To give using your mobile device simply text SSCYRIL to 77977 and a link to the giving page will be sent to you.

To give online you can simply go to our website

www.saintcyrils.church and select "GIVE" on the homepage.

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

CSA • Only \$4,512 from Our Goal

GOAL: \$192,212

PLEGDED TO-DATE: \$187,688

SHORTFALL: \$4,512

If you have not contributed toward the CSA, please consider doing so to help us reach our goal! Even if you are only able to contribute a small amount, every bit is appreciated and helps! Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact,

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

ADORERS NEEDED

Tuesdays
6-7PM

Thursday
4-5PM

Wednesday
1-2AM, 2-3AM

Saturdays
7-8AM

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

Regular Adoration Hours:

Sunday, 10:00PM - Saturday, 9:00AM

If you can commit to and of the much-need hours listed above or any hour of Eucharistic Adoration each week, or if you have questions about Eucharistic Adoration, please contact: *Jenn Dopke*, (586-530-3674)

Sponsor a Parish Family in Need at Christmas

Christmas displays are popping up in all the stores and many of us are beginning the fun of shopping for gifts and planning parties and decorations. But there are families in our parish who are experiencing significant financial setbacks and are not able to provide even a simple Christmas celebration for their children this year. Would you please prayerfully consider sponsoring a parish family that is experiencing great financial difficulties? If you, your family, or group would like to bring some Christmas joy to one of our parish families this Christmas by providing them with a few gifts, please let one of us know as soon as possible. Thank-you!

Erin Rybicki (christianservice@saintcyrils.church) and

Sandi Brady (586-726-6911)

Also, if you are in need or know of a parish family that needs help, please talk to *Fr. Libor* or *Fr. Juraj*, or *Sandi Brady* in the Parish Office.

Monthly Bilingual Rosary * November 8

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 remaining two dates this year:

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**

OUR HISTORY ~ Continued ...

Conflicts within the Community

Už v predchádzajúcej časti dejín farnosti sme naznačili, že spolužitie a medziľudské vzťahy medzi farníkmi boli často poznačené napätiami a konfliktami. Vynášať morálne súdy z našej pozície by bolo znakom povýšenectva a nedostatok detailov nám často zabraňuje vedieť, kto naozaj bol v práve. Najlepšie je snáď uzavrieť, že každý sa snažil konať s dobrým úmyslom, no i tak sa niektorým napätiam nepodarilo vyhnúť.

V roku 1921 sa ukazuje konflikt medzi starým a novým osadným výborom (farská rada). Zaujímavé je, že ešte počas mandátu starého výboru bol v roku 1921 zvolený nový. Stalo sa tak na podnet samotného Rev. Kovalského, ktorý videl isté nezrovnalosti vo vedení finančných záznamov. Ani takýto rázny zásah však nepriniesol pokoj: starý výbor mal vo vlastníctve účtovné knihy a navyše požadoval odchod Rev. Kovalského. Nedostatok informácií nám zabraňuje vyhodnotiť oprávnenosť tejto požiadavky a následné udalosti môžeme iba opísať.

Farár Kovalský dokonca intervenoval u biskupa, ktorý vyzval členov starého výboru k odovzdaniu účtovných kníh a takisto pozbavil starý výbor legitimacy. Až biskup sa musel zaoberať problémom, ktorý si Slováci nevedeli vyriešiť sami!

Okrem právnych záležitostí sa členovia farnosti museli venovať aj praktickým otázkam. Napríklad bolo rozhodnuté, že každý farník, ktorý chce mať rezervované miesto v lavici v kostole, musí zaplatiť 10 centov za každú omšu. Inou, z dnešného pohľadu možno ešte zaujímavejšou otázkou bola žiadosť slúžiť omše v angličtine. Rev. Kovalský dostal odporúčanie nesláviť omšu v angličtine pre menej ako 20 ľudí. Ak by ich bolo viac, odporúčanie bolo nasledovné: "Náš kostol je Rimo Katolícky Slovenský. Uvítame všetkých inej reči aj ľudí ale nedovolíme a nedáme iným moc len výlučne Slovákom. Voliť alebo voleným byť žiadnej inej reči ani národnosti okrem Slovenskej. Dávame im tie iste výhody ako nám dávali iné národnosti kým my sme nemali svojho kostola napríklad bratia Češi, Poliaci, Írčania a iný. Naša osada je Slovenska a taká ma ostať". Muselo prejsť ešte mnoho rokov, aby sa takáto mentalita pozmenila: veď príslušnosť k Cirkvi by mala byť na prvom mieste a ešte pred príslušnosťou ku ktorémukolvek národu.

Snaha o zmierenie viedla ku spoločnému stretnutiu starého a nového výboru, no ani tu sa nepodarilo dosiahnuť zmier. Čím viac sa debatovalo, tým viac sa vzdalovali od stanoveného cieľa dosiahnuť jednotu a zmier. Iba medzi riadkami sa dozvedáme, že predmetom sporov bol i samotný farár Kovalský: členovia starého výboru požadovali jeho odstúpenie a nepomohlo ani vysvetlenie, že: „slovenskí kňazi na stromoch nerastú“. Môžeme si iba predstaviť, že takéto vyhlásenia nechávali vo všetkých trpký pocit. Až v júni 1921 sa Rev. Kovalský vyjadril, že „on s pokladnicou a s peniazmi nechce mať nič spoločné“. Nový obzor do budúcnosti snáď otvoril oznam, kde Rev. Kovalský vyjadril úmysel otvoriť slovenskú školu. Muselo však prejsť ešte dosť rokov, kým sa tento sen stal skutočnosťou.

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As indicated in past articles, relationships among the parishioners were oftentimes marked by tension and conflict. For us to pass moral judgments from our vantage point in the present would be prideful, not to mention our lack of information about the complete details of the time, which prevents us from seeing who was right in the end. Perhaps the best way to understand that time is to conclude that everybody acted with the best intentions, and to recognize that certain tensions were unavoidable.

The year 1921 was marred by conflict between the old and new Parish Councils. Interestingly, in keeping with the mandate of the old Parish Council, Rev. Kovalsky initiated the election of the new Council, even after observing certain discrepancies in the financial records. Yet, even that bold step did not bring peace, given that the old Parish Council was in possession of the financial records, and was even requesting Rev. Kovalsky's departure. Our lack of information prevents us from passing any judgment on the legitimacy of such a request.

Pastor Rev. Kovalsky eventually appealed to the bishop, who summoned the old Parish Council to submit the financial records. The bishop alone was left to deal with the problems that the Slovaks were unable to resolve themselves!

Besides potential legal questions, the parishioners also had to deal with practical questions. For instance, it was decided that each parishioner who wished to have a pew seat reserved, had to pay 10 cents for each Mass. Another quite interesting question was the request to celebrate Masses in the English language. Rev. Kovalsky received a recommendation to celebrate Mass in English for no less than 20 people. "Our Church is Roman Catholic, Slovak. We welcome people of other languages, but we will not allow anyone but Slovaks to control it. Voting and being elected will only be allowed to Slovaks. We grant all benefits to others as were granted to us before we had our own church, by our Czech, Polish and Irish brothers. However, our community is Slovak and thus it shall remain." It took many years for that mentality to change and for the congregation to understand that belonging to the Church comes first before belonging to any particular nation.

The desire to overcome some of the tensions led to joint meetings of the old and the new Parish Councils. But even long discussions only caused more division, especially as it regarded Rev. Kovalsky. Even the wisdom of the statement that "Slovak priests do not grow on trees" was to no avail. Finally, Rev Kovalsky himself declared that he wanted nothing more to do with bookkeeping and money. A new horizon, perhaps, opened when Fr. Kovalsky presented his idea to open a Slovak school. Several years would pass before this dream came true.