Feast of the Holy Family
December 29, 2019

# SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS PARISH | FARNOSŤ SVÄTÝCH CYRILA A METODA

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

# THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

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# MASS INTENTIONS OMŠOVÝ PORIADOK

## December 28, Saturday – Sobota

9:00AM FX For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
12:00PM *Holy Hour of Consolation*
5:30PM JN For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖For Mark Hornbacher (B'Day)
❖For Ian Spriet (B'Day)
❖†Edward Asbury req. Theresa Brown
❖†Barbara Prizgint req. Prizgint Family
❖†Hana Sorisho req. Daughter Beatriz Haddad

## December 29, Sunday – Nedeľa
## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 (17)

7:30AM FX For Mark & Gayle Hornbacher (Wed. Ann.)
❖For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖For Paul & Julie Varchetti & Family
❖For Al & Ann Varchetti ❖For Mark Varchetti
❖†J. R. Chamness req. Barbara
9:30AM JN For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
11:30AM FX *(Slovak)* For Daniel & Joanne Knauss & Family
❖†Wally Duzey ❖†Peter Piatek
❖†Bernad Ivin req. Stefan Sobolic Family
1:30PM ML For John & Linda Whetstone & Family
❖For Joel & Kate Feldpausch req. Natalie Edmunds
❖For Rick, Angelique & Gabriel Smith
❖For Bradley Boivin ❖For Jay Michalski
❖†Bryan Edward
6:00PM PC *(Latin) - Tridentine:* For the Simoneau Family
8:30PM PC For the Intentions of All Parishioners

## December 30, Monday – Pondelok

9:00AM FX For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
12:00PM JN,d For Mark Hana (B'Day)
❖For Zac Cavins req. Langlois Family
❖For Caleb Arkwright (B'Day)
❖For John & Marian Santi (57th Wed. Ann.)

## December 31, Tuesday– Utorok

6:00AM FX For the Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00PM JN In Thanksgiving req. Nash-Brown Family
❖For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Toni Ristorski
❖For Fr Libor req. Legion of Mary
❖†Brian Reinhardt & Companions
5:30PM JN In Thanksgiving req. Mary Richards
❖For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖For the Glen Wilkins Family ❖For Kola Peter Gojcaj

## January 1, Wednesday– Streda
## Holy Day of Obligation–New Year's Day, Nový Rok
## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
## Slávnosť Bohorodičky Panny Márie

7:30AM JN †Jonathan Zetouna req. Bazger Family
❖†Clair Branch ❖†Isabella Varchetti
9:30AM JN For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
11:30AM JN *(Slovak)* For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖For Hanna Family
1:30PM ML For Gianna Tiza (B'Day)
❖For Kathy Fuller (B'Day)
❖For Anita
7:00PM PC For the Intentions of All Parishioners

## January 2, Thursday – Štvrtok

6:00AM FX For Catalina Isip ❖†Ann M. Pullis
❖†Isabella Varchetti
12:00PM JN For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
7:00PM VP For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖†David Chupa ❖†Joe Basirico

## January 3, First Friday – Piatok

6:00AM PC For Olivia Shubnell req. Langlois Family
❖†Michael Pullis ❖†Isabella Varchetti
9:00AM JBr For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
12:00PM FX For the Rosary Makers & their Families
❖†Cynthia Yanik req. Family
❖†Jonathan Zetouna req. Vicki
7:00PM JN For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
❖†Joe Basirico ❖†Munir Yousif & Family

## January 4, First Saturday – Sobota

9:00AM FX For the Members of the Rosary Society
❖For Alexander Dmuchowski req. Family
❖For Antoinette Sordillo (90th B'Day)
5:30PM JN For Karam Kalla ❖For Vicki Rolling (B'Day)
❖For Courtney & Tom Kustra & Family
❖For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖†Isabella Varchetti ❖†Joe Basirico
❖†Ray Markey req. Ken & Mary Ann Warner

## January 5, Sunday - Nedeľa
## Epiphany of the Lord – Zjavenia Pána, Traja Králi

IS 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 (20)

7:30AM JN For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖For Hikmat, Noor, Raid & Family
❖For the Menard and Daniel Families
❖†Veronica Winn req. Lorraine Fetsco
❖†Isabella Varchetti
❖†John Rosenthal
❖†Timothy Worthman req Joanne Fredal OFS
9:30AM JN For Kurt Ewing ❖For Wendy Melucci
❖For the Gasparski Family
❖†Margaret & Joseph Swengros
❖†Dawn Marie Kruse
❖†Linda Blackwood
❖†Celine Brodie req. Spakowski Family
11:30AM FX *(Slovak)* For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖†Bernad Ivin req. Stefan Sobolic Family
1:30PM FX In Thanksgiving req. Therese Stout
❖For Dennis McLellan
❖For Anita
❖†Munir Hana Yousif Rayes
❖†Thomas Anthony Jerzewski req. Mom
❖†Gene Kucharek
❖†Paulo David Persichetti
6:00PM PC *(Latin)-Tridentine:* For the Intentions of All Parishioners
8:30PM PC In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖For Marie Potempski req. Maria Laconi
❖For Samantha & Ryan
❖For John Mangano
❖For Brian Czach
❖†Bert Reginaldo

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Jesus Christ, The High Priest


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**Mass Celebrant Legend:**

Fr. Libor Marek — LM, Fr. Juraj Nuota — JN, Fr. Felix Tkac — FX
Fr. Paul Czarnota — PC, Fr. Michael Lenz, OFM — ML
Fr. James Brent-JBr, Visiting Priest — VP, Deacon Preaching — d

**Ss. Cyril & Methodius Christmas Festive Christmas Benefit Concert**
**Saturday, December 28, 7:00PM**

All are invited to a Festive Christmas Concert featuring:
Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Choirs, Soloists, Instrumentalists, & Guests
There will be a sing-along too!
Admission is free with donations kindly accepted to benefit
Holy Family Parish, our Sister Parish in Tanzania.
The Concert will be held on:
Saturday, December 28, 7:00PM in the Church

## Prayerful Greetings from Kahama!

*Dear & Beloved Father Libor, Father Juraj and my Brothers & Sisters at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish:*

Greetings and Blessed Christmas Wishes from the Catholic Diocese of Kahama! At the end of 2019 and as we begin the New Year, 2020, I want to thank you for your prayers, good wishes and donations in support of me and of the poor people of Kahama. I mostly thank Almighty God for His Love for all of us.

I want to share our news from Kahama with you. We have allocated your generous donations this year to continue construction of the St. Martha Home Craft for Youth. This type of Centre is very, very much needed and awaited in the Diocese of Kahama, especially around the Town and its surrounding areas. I hope to send a picture of the progress very soon. Thank you for helping the youth across the world to have this place of hope.

Additional news that I wish to share is that on November 5, 2019, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, notified me that he has prayerfully decided to appoint me as the new Bishop of the Moshi Diocese in Tanzania. Through Gospel Obedience, I have accepted this assignment. This new assignment will demand sacrifices and sufferings, however, basing myself on total and filial obedience which Jesus has taught us, I have pronounced my "Yes" to the Holy Father. I will continue as Apostolic Administrator of the Catholic Diocese of Kahama at this time as well.

I humbly and earnestly ask for your Special Prayers. I am totally convinced that, with the Grace of God, the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I will be able to carry out this heavy Mission that is ahead of me. Our Missionary friendship and relationship has widened to Kahama and Moshi.

Please pray for me as I continue to pray for all of you,
my friends at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish, my spiritual Home in America.

*+Bp. Ludovick J. Minde*

## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

**Tuesday, December 31, New Year's Eve:**

**Vigil Mass: 5:30PM**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020, New Year's Day, Holy Day of Obligation:**

**Holy Masses:**

**7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (in Slovak), 1:30PM & 7:00PM**

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

**Confessions are normally heard 1/2 hour before each Holy Mass & on Saturday after the 9:00AM Holy Mass until they are finished.**

**NO CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ON:**

**December 31 & January 1**

## Life Teen High School Ministry

All high school teens (age 14 by December 1, 2018) are welcome to Life Nights. These are dynamic youth gatherings including snacks, games, small group discussions, and an opportunity for teens to learn more about the Catholic faith with their peers. Nights are run by the adult volunteer Cor(inthian) Team, a group of Catholics who want to support teens in their faith journey.

Life Teen is OFF this week. Have a happy and blessed New Year!

Join us January 13 for a social Life Night to kick off the 2020 year!

Questions about Life Teen, please contact Youth Minister:

*Alexandria Lewis*, lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

## EDGE Middle School Ministry

All middle school teens (6th, 7th and 8th grade) are welcome to our EDGE Nights. EDGE is OFF this week! Have a happy and blessed New Year! New teens who would like to attend can register at the EDGE Night.

We will be OFF next week for a Cor meeting but join us the following week for a Night on Building the Habit of Prayer.

If you have any questions about EDGE, please contact:

*Alexandria Lewis* at edge@saintcyrils.church or (586) 641-7672

## Parish Office CLOSED until January 2

Please note that due to the Christmas Holidays, the Parish Office will be closed until Thursday, January 2. Merry Christmas!

## Northland Family Pro-Life Prayer News • January 4

As 2019 draws to a close and we prepare to begin 2020, may we thank God for His wonderful providence and blessings. Let's pray for the continued protection of our families, friends, parish, country and all those in authority, as well as those whose lives are vulnerable and not defended by our laws!

We invite you to pray and witness for life outside the Northland Family Planning Clinic on Saturday, January 4, from 11:30AM to 12:30PM.

Please dress warm, bring your rosary and join us! The clinic is located at 3810 17 Mile (just west of Ryan Road). Prayer time may be shortened depending on the weather.

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

## Rosary Society Meeting * Saturday, January 4th

The Rosary Society members wish all Parishioners a Happy New Year! Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, January 4, after the 9:00AM Holy Mass and Rosary. All are welcome if you are 18 years-old or older. Please join us for snacks, good friendship and planning of exciting projects.

## MI Downriver Christmas Pilgrimage of Historic Churches

**January 6**

On Monday, January 6, you are welcome to join Prayer Pilgrimages as we are scheduled to tour, with private prayer time: St. Anthony and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Temperance, St. Joseph in Erie, St. Mary in Rockwood, St. Stephen in New Boston, Our Lady of the Scapular in Wyandotte, Our Lady of Fatima Marian Center in Riverview, & St. Joseph Oratory in Detroit with closing 7:00PM High Mass commemorating the Traditional Feast of the Epiphany. All of these churches will be specially decorated for Christmas.

Scheduled deluxe motorcoach morning departures & evening returns from Oakland Mall in Troy, Levagood Park in Dearborn, Orchard 14 Lot (at Best Buy) in Farmington Hills, & Big Boy in Lincoln Park. Total cost per person is $40 (lunch at Golden Corral Restaurant on your own).

To reserve and/or more information:

*Michael Semaan*, (248) 250-6005 or www.prayerpilgrimages.com

## Monthly Bilingual Rosary * January 10

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. Our next Bilingual Rosary will be prayed in the Church at 7:00PM on Friday, January 10, 2020. Future rosaries will be prayed on February 14, March 9, (April-Cancelled), May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11.

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.

*Thank you, Maria Lamerova and Cindy & Dennis Zitny*

## ADORERS NEEDED

***Mon. & Wed.***
*1-2AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM*
***Tues. & Thurs.***
*12-1AM, 1-2AM, 8-9AM, 9-10AM, 10-11AM*

***Fridays***
*8-9PM, 9-10PM, 10-11PM*
***Saturdays***
*1-2AM, 2-3AM*

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

**Adoration resumes Thursday, January 2, 1:00PM.**

## CATHECHISM CORNER/SCHEDULE

**Schedule:**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020: NO CLASS (Have a Joyful New Year)**
**Wednesday, January 8, 6:15PM: Class resumes with Benediction for 5-8th grades**
**Wednesday, January 15, 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for K-4th grades**
**Wednesday, January 22, 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for 5-8th grades**
**Wednesday, January 29, 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for K-4th grades**

To quote Mother Teresa, "*At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart*? "
Well warm hearts were found at this year's Catechism Christmas Party. Thank you to all the many volunteers who helped this year. There are too many to mention by name, but you know who you are and we were extremely grateful to have you. We are grateful that St. Nicholas could once again stop by and share in the celebration of our Lord Jesus' Birthday. At the end of the party, parents picking up their children stayed and worked harmoniously with our teachers and Confirmandi to leave our parish hall in perfect condition. Whether you cleaned up the garbage, helped stack chairs, or ran the vacuum cleaner, we were overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness (and warm heart). Thank you all for working hard to make this year's party a success.
One last thank you to the Knights of Columbus who once again, like every Wednesday, looked out for the safety of all the children and their families. May God bless them for their dedication and hard work especially during the cold months to come.
At the party, like we do every year, we sang Happy Birthday to Jesus. We hope in all the excitement of the Christmas Season, you remind your children that Our Lord, Jesus Christ is "the True Reason for the Season"!

With our most sincere gratitude, *Paul & Carroll Schuller*

**********We'll see all the children back for class on January 8th, 2020**********

## Tax Statement Request for 2019

If you made a single donation of $250 or more in 2019, you will automatically be issued a tax statement per government requirements. Those that have used Pushpay or have given us an email address to enter into our database in the past will receive a tax statement automatically via email.
If you are not sure if we have your current email address and would like to receive a tax statement via email, you can send an email to the address below or complete the form to ensure your correct address is in our database.
If you would like a paper tax statement for your 2019 tax deductible contributions, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or drop it off in the Parish Office or email a request to the address below.
Statements will be available by the end of January.

Any questions, please contact:
*Rob Avery*, (586) 726-6911 or business@saintcyrils.church

### Tax Statement Request for 2019

Please send a statement for tax deductible contributions made to Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church during 2019 to:

**Name:** _____
**Envelope #:** _____
**Address:** _____
_____
**Telephone #:** _____
**Email** _____
**Date of Request:** _____

Please mail my Contribution Statement when it is available.
I will pick up my sealed Statement in the vestibule box marked "Tax Statements".
Please email my tax statement.

**SS Cyril & Methodius**
**Receipts and Expenditures for Fiscal Year**
**July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

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| Receipts: | |
| Parish Collection Receipts | $ 1,390,760 |
| Fundraising Receipts | 190,803 |
| Religious Education Receipts | 32,003 |
| Miscellaneous Receipts | 20,923 |
| Total Receipts | $ 1,634,489 |
| Expenditures: | |
| Parish Expenditures | $ 1,150,391 |
| Fundraising Expenditures | 145,366 |
| Religious Education Expenditures | 161,746 |
| Capital Improvements | 83,562 |
| Total Expenditures | $ 1,541,065 |
| Net Surplus | $ 93,424 * |

* The surplus from the prior fiscal year was placed in savings to be used for needed capital improvements such as painting the Church, updates to the Fr. Mikus Hall, upgrades to the IT/phone systems and parking lot maintenance.

**Midwest Apologetics Conference VII (MACVII) • February 22, 2020**

**Father Frank Pavone,** National Director of Priests for Life

Merry Christmas my friends and peace be with you!

John Kowalski here. I'm writing to tell you more about the seventh annual Midwest Apologetics Conference (MAC) to be held at St Cyril and Methodious Parish on Saturday, February 22, 2020.

I wanted to take a bit of time to introduce you to one of this year's speakers, Father Frank Pavone. Fr. Pavone is one of the most prominent leaders of the pro-life movement in the world.

Originally from New York, he was ordained in 1988 by Cardinal John O'Connor, and since 1993 has served full-time in pro-life leadership with his bishop's permission. He is the National Director of Priests for Life, the largest pro-life ministry in the Catholic Church. He is also the President of the National Pro-life Religious Council, and the National Pastoral Director of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and of Rachel's Vineyard, the world's largest ministry of healing after abortion. He travels throughout the country, to an average of four states every week, preaching and teaching against abortion. He produces programs regularly for religious and secular radio and television networks.

He was asked by Mother Teresa to speak in India on life issues and has addressed the pro-life caucus of the United States House of Representatives. The Vatican appointed him to the Pontifical Academy for Life and to the Pontifical Council for the Family, which coordinates the pro-life activities of the Catholic Church. He was present at the bedside of Terri Schiavo as she was dying and was an outspoken advocate for her life. He was invited by members of the Class of 2009 at Notre Dame to lead an alternate commencement ceremony for those students who refused to attend the ceremony in which President Obama was honored. Fr. Frank was invited by members of Congress to preach at the prayer service they had in the Capitol just prior to the vote on health care reform. He received the "Proudly Pro-life Award" by the National Right to Life Committee, and numerous other pro-life awards and honorary doctorates. He is the author of four books, Ending Abortion, Not Just Fighting It; Pro-life Reflections for Every Day; Abolishing Abortion, and Proclaiming the Message of Life.

Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade abortion decision, called Fr. Frank "the catalyst that brought me into the Catholic Church."

Our lives are defined by the people we encounter. Primarily, these people are our family and friends but occasionally we meet someone special like Fr. Pavone. Don't miss this opportunity to see and hear one of the leading pro-life advocates of our time!

*John Kowalski*

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Holy Mass starts at 9:00AM followed by the conference. For more information, email midwestapologetics@hotmail.com.

**Make checks payable to**: Ss. Cyril and Methodius (in memo line write "Apologetics Conference")

**Mail registration form and check to:** Ss. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church, 41233 Ryan Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48314.

**No refunds.** Please print legibly and fill out the registration information below:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAYTIME PHONE - REQUIRED ( ___ ) _____ EMAIL _____

# ADULTS _____ (x $25) # CHILDREN _____ (UNDER 18)/STUDENTS (x $15) TOTAL ENCLOSED $ _____

PARISH _____ HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS EVENT? _____

(Do not write in this area) **DATE RECEIVED** _____ **AMOUNT RECEIVED** _____

**Location: Ss. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church, 41233 Ryan Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48314**

# Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church
# Invites You To A Casual, Family New Year's Eve Party!
# Tuesday, December 31, 2019
# Fr. Mikus Parish Hall

6:00 p.m.: Doors Open
7:00 p.m.: Dinner Serving-Station Style
8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.: *Dancing (to play list)

Menu:
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Fries, Various Side Dishes, Chef Choice Vegetables
Vanilla Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce, Beer, Wine and Pop

Ticket Price: (**December 14 - 29):
*18 Years & Older = $15 per person
7 Years - 17 Years = $10 per person
6 Years & Under = Free
Ticket Price: (**December 30 & 31 - IF Available):
*18 Years & Older = $20 per person
7 Years - 17 Years = $15 per person
6 Years & Under = Free
Ticket Price: (**At the Door - IF Available):
*18 Years & Older = $25 per person
7 Years - 17 Years = $15 per person
6 Years & Under = Free
*NOTE: Bar Bracelets are an additional $5 per adult 21 and over!
**Limited Number of Tickets/Tables Available. Tables seat 8-10 People Per Table!

Bring Board Games and Cards.
Non-refundable Ticket Sales
Purchase Tickets from Mary Hale, (586) 773-8261