

The Baptism of the Lord  
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A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved  
Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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# OMŠOVÝ PORIADOK

## January 11, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM VP For the Members of O. L. Mother of Mercy Secular Discalced Carmelites ❖ For Kayleigh Fuller  
❖ For Brian Czach
- 5:30PM JN In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
❖ In Thanksgiving req. Alia  
❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families  
❖ †Isabella Varchetti ❖ †Clair Branch  
❖ †Gary Gasparski req family

## January 12, Sunday – Nedela

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

- 7:30AM JN For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 9:30AM JN For Mary Minjeur (B'Day) ❖ †Yoshiko Davenport  
❖ †Isabella Varchetti ❖ †Timothy Berner  
❖ †Maryann & Joseph Dabrowski  
❖ †Mary Morraye (10th Ann.)  
❖ †Mary Margaret Martin req. Robinson Family
- 11:30AM LM (Slovak) †Jaromir Plzak req. Mirka Plzak Family  
❖ †Vladimir & Terezia Krizik req. Sobolic Family  
❖ †Bernard Ivin req. Jozef Geletka
- 1:30PM LM \*Wedding: Ronald & Adriann Lavergne  
\*Baptisms:

Jason Alan Lavergne, Makenna Sophia Lavergne, & Michael John Lavergne

For Sarmad, Samir, Merna, Nor, Rawiya & Rita

❖ For Dennis McLellan

❖ For Daniel Wilkins

❖ The Lulgiuraj Family

❖ †Ray Miller

❖ †Anna Tomajko req. Paul & Anna Magusin

❖ †Kevin Cronin req. Hasenauer's

6:00PM PC (Latin)-Tridentine: For Joan Hartzell

8:30PM PC For Kola Peter Gojcaj

❖ For the Priests of St. Cyril's

❖ For Paul & Julie Varchetti & Family

❖ For Lindita Trumza

❖ For Lita Tantengco

❖ For Ralph Mischker

❖ †Ann Gonnocci

## January 13, Monday – Pondelok

- 9:00AM JN For Tommy Fuller ❖ †Isabella Varchetti  
❖ †Paolo Persichetti
- 12:00PM JN For Lilliane Gojcaj ❖ For Annie DeLisle & Family  
❖ For Joni Franken

## January 14, Tuesday – Utorok

- 6:00AM LM For a Special Intention  
❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖ †Isabella Varchetti
- 12:00PM LM For Kay Fuller ❖ †Clair Branch  
❖ †Chuck Wagner req. Tony Yanik

## January 15, Wednesday – Streda

- 9:00AM LM,d (Latin) †Isabella Varchetti ❖ †Eileen Hatty  
❖ †Matthew Margiewicz

- 12:00PM LM For President Trump ❖ †Dawn Marie Kruse  
❖ †Esther Beski

## January 16, Thursday – Štvrtok

- 6:00AM LM For Zinah Hanna (B'Day)  
❖ †Laureano Atienza  
❖ †Isabella Varchetti
- 12:00PM LM For Sandi Brady ❖ For Anita Gappy  
❖ For Marie Potemski req. Maria Laconi
- 7:00PM VP For Fr. Ben Kosnac ❖ †Dawn Marie Kruse  
❖ †Stephen Joseph (Ann.)

## January 17, Friday – Piatok

- 6:00AM PC For Kola Peter Gojcaj ❖ †Isabella Varchetti  
❖ †Shirley Avery req. Hasenauer's
- 9:00AM LM For Marie Potemski req. Maria Laconi  
❖ For Arthur Schultz
- 12:00PM LM For the Forgotten Souls in Purgatory req. Alia  
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
❖ †Anna Tomajko req. Laura & Alma Warman

## January 18, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM LM For the Krahala Family & Friends  
❖ For Anthony Nelson (5th B'Day)  
❖ †Ken Bishop
- 5:30PM LM For Judy Zabawski (B'Day)  
❖ For Alex Rolling (B'Day)  
❖ For the Terry Reed Family  
❖ For Lexi Laconi  
❖ †Isabella Varchetti  
❖ †Lawrence F. Orlick  
❖ †Mary Jane Grivas

## January 19, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nedela

Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34 (64)

- 7:30AM LM For John & Sandi Brady & Family  
❖ For Mark Varchetti  
❖ Joseph Peter Ciaramitaro  
❖ For Frank & Ethel Bresto  
❖ †Isabella Varchetti
- 9:30AM LM For Ken Knop ❖ For Jonathan Wilkins  
❖ For Daniel & Renee Blenman (Wed. Ann.) req. Grandparents ❖ For Veronica Cicilian  
❖ For John Hines (B'Day)  
❖ †Dawn Marie Kruse ❖ †Earl Knauss
- 11:30AM LM (Slovak) For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Sophie  
❖ †Bernard Ivin req. Stefan Sobolic  
❖ †Rosalie Haverlova req. Daniela Grisak  
❖ †Paul Magusin  
❖ †Jaromir Plzak req. Mirka Plzak Family
- 1:30PM VP For Dennis McLellan ❖ For the Tonia Family  
❖ For Antonetta Prendushi  
❖ For Alex Rolling (B'Day)  
❖ For Anita (B'Day)  
❖ †Fr. Val Gattari  
❖ †Steve Pesha ❖ †Roberto Pablo req. Lita Card
- 6:00PM PC (Latin)-Tridentine: For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM PC In Thanksgiving req. Alia  
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family  
❖ For Felise Mendoza  
❖ For Sarah Galicia  
❖ †Frances Adamic  
❖ †Gener Mayores  
❖ †Paolo Persichetti req. Ken & Mary Ann Warner

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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. Paul Czarnota – PC, Fr. Michael Lenz, OFM – ML  
Visiting Priest – VP, Deacon Preaching – d



## MOVIE: "Unplanned" • Saturday, January 18 & Sunday, January 26

# WHAT SHE SAW CHANGED EVERYTHING

## UNPLANNED

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18:

12:15PM

(Pizza & Pop Available for Purchase on January 18)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26:

2:45PM

(MICHAEL KENNEY, Associate Executive producer, of "Unplanned" will be a **SPECIAL GUEST** on January 26 to speak about the movie & answer questions)

**SPECIAL GUEST**

**Synopsis:** UNPLANNED is an important movie that exposes the devastating truths of abortion which was made legal during the Supreme Court decision of Roe vs. Wade on January 22, 1973. It brings us an eye-opening look inside the abortion industry from a woman who was once its most passionate advocate.

**PARENTS:** Please be aware that this movie has been **Rated R** due to the seriousness of this topic and the graphic image of a baby during an abortion. Please keep this in mind when determining whether you will allow your teens to view this movie.  
(1 hour, 49 minutes / 2019)

**Fr. Mikus Hall ♦ Free-Will Donation**

## BIBLE STUDY: Genesis • Begins Tuesday, January 21

### **Genesis Bible Study: Commentary by Steve Ray - Presented by Fr. Matthew Kauth**

Without Genesis, the rest of the Bible is incomprehensible. Unveiling no less than the creation of the world and everything in it, including human life, as well as the birth of sin and the promise of a Savior, Genesis is packed with fascinating images and layered theological insights that require careful study.

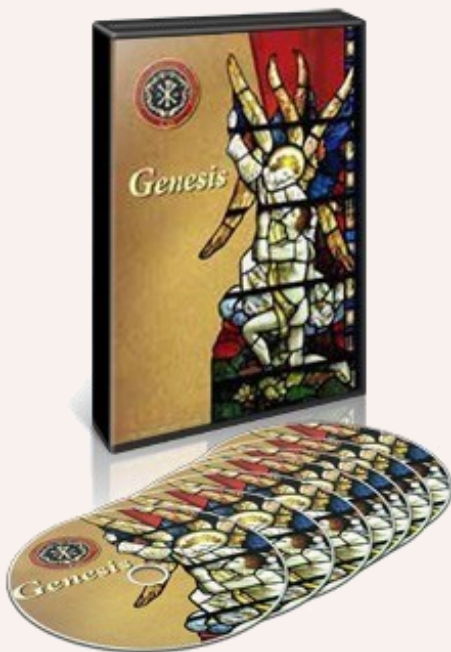
In this powerful 28-session study, author Steve Ray and presenter Fr. Kauth will help you uncover what you need to know about this crucial first book of the Bible, including:

- The theological significance of *covenants*: what they meant for the ancient Jews, and what they mean for us today
- What the Binding of Isaac actually signifies, and what Noah's ark represents
- How to have a *personal relationship* with the "God of your fathers" (Exodus 3:15)

Genesis is the first key to unlocking the chest that enables us to understand the Bible as the Universal Church always has. To find the priceless gems inside, we need a good roadmap to learn how the 50 chapters fit together and fit with the rest of the entire Bible. Let Steve Ray and Fr. Kauth guide you on a 1,500+ verse *deep-dive* into the richly puzzling spiritual depths of Genesis.

If you are interested, please join us on Tuesday mornings, beginning January 21, at 10:00AM in the Overflow Room. It is a 28-week program that will break sometime in the late spring and begin again in the fall.

To register, please call Marge, (586) 731-1533, and leave a message or email [mtlew13@yahoo.com](mailto:mtlew13@yahoo.com) so I know how many study guides I need to order. The cost for the study guide is \$47.





### Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, January 13

*Fresh Start – A social Night about giving your year to God!*

*A great Night to invite a friend!*

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

All high school teens (age 14 by December 1, 2018) are welcome to Life Nights.

Join us also on the following Monday, January 20, for a night where you can submit questions about confession to a panel of priests.

Save the Date – Life Teen Spring Retreat – March 13-15

For a registration form or if you have questions about Life Teen:

Alexandria Lewis, lifeteen@saintcyriels.church



### EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, January 16

**Resolutions – A Night about building the habit of prayer**

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.

Join us also on the following Thursday, January 23, for a night on being pro-life.

If you have any questions about EDGE, please contact:

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

### Regina Caeli Academy Touring Event • January 27

Are you looking for classical education and Catholic formation for your children? Does the opportunity to homeschool while also allowing your children to experience a structured classroom environment appeal to you?

Come find out more about Regina Caeli Academy Winter Touring Event on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 10:30AM. Children are welcome! This event will include a tour of our facilities, view of classes while in session (Preschool - 12th grade), a short presentation, and time for questions! Location: Regina Caeli Academy- Detroit, 42259 Hayes Road, Sterling Heights.

Please RSVP to Mrs. Sarah Arkwright, Center Coordinator of Education, sarkwright.det@rcahybrid.org or (989) 402-5109.

### World Marriage Day • February 9, 2020

Come celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage on Sunday, February 9, from 3:00PM - 8:00PM, at the San Marino Club, located at 1685 East Big Beaver, in Troy.

#### Dinner, Dancing & Speakers:

Jeff & Lisa Vitale, "The Different Stages of Marriage"

Fr. Cornelius Okeke, "When Love Runs Dry"

Deacon Dominick Pastore & Teresa Tomeo, Emcees

Register by January 31, 2020: \$60/couple

Register after January 31 (until deadline, February 3): \$70/couple

Register at WorldMarriageDay.org

Questions, please contact:

Rich or Fran Walden, (586) 979-0192 or waldenluv2@wowway

### Pancake Breakfast \* Sunday, January 26

The Men's Club, with the assistance from the Knights of Columbus and the Africa Missionaries, will host another great Pancake Breakfast in the Fr. Mikus Hall on Sunday, January 26, 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): \$5

Adults (over 12 years old): \$7

Family Max: \$28

### Monthly Bilingual Rosary

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 this Friday, February 14.

Future rosaries will be prayed on 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

### Desire Prayers

If you would like prayers for yourself, your loved ones, or a specific situation, please send your prayer requests either by e-mail to: 100Rosary@gmail.com or my mobile / text to: (586) 413-4050.

### Snowball Dinner Dance \* Saturday, February 1

Doors Open: 6:00PM

Dinner-6:30PM & Dancing: 7:00PM - 11:00PM

Ages: 14 - 19 years old

\*Cost Per person: \$15 in Advance or \$20 at the Door

\*Dinner includes: Pasta, Salad, Rolls, Ice Cream & Pop

\* Bring board games and cards to play as well!

#### DRESS CODE:

NO ADMITTANCE if not in compliance  
with the Following Rules:

Guys: Dress shirt & ties required. A suit would be nice.

Gals: Dresses MUST BE KNEE LENGTH OR LONGER!

NO Strapless, no high slit sides, no low cut, no skin tight,  
no backless, or revealing dresses allowed.

Chaperones are needed if you can help.

Please call: Mary Hale at 586-773-8261

or email at maryhale1@juno.com



## CATHECHISM CORNER/SCHEDULE

### Schedule:

**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**

If you have any questions, please contact us:

Paul & Carroll Schuller, Directors of Religious Education, (586) 726-6911, p\_schuller@yahoo.com



### Mobile App

Do you have our Church App on your mobile device? You can access great information 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 will include access to event information, homilies and other recorded talks and more. To download the app, either text "SSCyrilApp" to 77977 to receive a text with a link to the app or you can go to your Mobile App Store and download the "My Church by Pushpay" app and search for SSCyrilApp or you can select "Find my church by name" and search for SS Cyril.

### Online Giving

To give using your mobile device simply text SSCYRIL to 77977 and a link to the giving page will be sent to you. To give online you can simply go to our website [www.saintcyrils.church](http://www.saintcyrils.church) and select "GIVE" on the homepage.

If you decide to use online giving and no longer need your envelopes, please send an email to [business@saintcyrils.church](mailto:business@saintcyrils.church) requesting they be canceled.

### Tools for Growing in Faith • FORMED

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

### Father Chris Alar Parish Mission Talks

Father Chris Alar's amazing Parish Mission talks from our October Parish Mission are available on our parish website: <https://saintcyrils.church/category/resources/media/> for you to listen to and to download. We also have a 3-CD package which includes all three days available in the Parish Office for \$10 (for the complete set).

### 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.

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



## Did You Know ...

The Archdiocese of Detroit provides a valuable resource to help families strengthen their faith and reclaim Sunday as the Lord's Day. Visit: [52.sundays.com](http://52.sundays.com) to get a copy of "52 Sundays"! Below is a reprint of "52 Sundays" from this weekend, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord!

### Explore the Sunday Gospel - *The Baptism of Jesus*, MT 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

### Meet our Extended Family - *Saint Gregory Nazianzen* (Feast Day January 14th)

St. Gregory Nazianzen (325 - 390) was a 4th century Christian bishop of Constantinople. He lived in a tumultuous time when false teachings about the divinity of Jesus and the divinity of the Holy Spirit were circulating in the Church. St. Gregory defended the truth about the divinity of Christ and the Holy Spirit and was called to rebuild the faith in the great see of Constantinople which had been exposed to these false teachings for three decades. St. Gregory is a Doctor of the Church, which is a title given to saints recognized as having made significant contribution to theology or doctrine through their research, study, or writing.

### Take Time to Chat

- How does today's Gospel story reveal the Holy Trinity?
- Why do you think Jesus was baptized?
- Dig out photos of your children's baptisms, gowns, and baptismal candles, and share your memories and experiences.

### Recipe of the Week - *Easy Chicken Pot Pie*

1 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> cups frozen mixed vegetables, thawed  
1 cup chopped cooked chicken  
1 can (10 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> oz) condensed cream of chicken soup  
1 cup Bisquick mix  
<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup milk  
1 egg

Heat oven to 375°F. Spray 9-inch pie plate with cooking spray. Add vegetables, chicken and soup and stir to combine.

In medium bowl, stir remaining ingredients until blended. Pour into pie plate.

Bake uncovered 25 to 30 minutes or until crust is golden brown.

### Family Fun - *Outdoor or Indoor Recreational Activity*

- Weather permitting, go sledding together. Don't forget to bundle up and bring bike helmets for added safety!
  - If there's no snow, go bowling as a family.
- Go to a local ice rink for open skate and go skating as a family.

### Other Ideas

Winter is a great time to plan summer vacations. Why not plan a Catholic family vacation? In the busyness of daily family life, it can be so easy to push God to the side. What if there was a place to take your family away from the world for a few days, to reconnect with God and have fun - together? Consider attending Holy Family Fest, a week-long Catholic family vacation at Catholic Familyland®, where each member of your family will be drawn to a life-changing encounter with Jesus that makes their faith come alive. Registration opens in January. For details, visit: <https://afc.org/catholic-family-vacation/>

### Family Prayer

Gather your children's baptismal candles and light them during the prayer. Place a small bowl of holy water on the table. Choose a leader for the prayer.

*Leader:* In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Loving God, you created all the people of the world, and you know each of us by name. We thank you for the gift of baptism and for making us a part of your family. Bless us with your love and friendship that we may grow in wisdom, knowledge, and grace. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All:* Our Father, who art in heaven . . . Amen.

Leader will then use the holy water to trace the sign of the cross on the forehead of each family member.

### Liturgy Link

Find the baptismal font in your church, dip your hand in the water, and make the sign of the cross. Ask God to help you know that you are a precious son or daughter of God.

### Unleashing the Gospel in your Family

"But in the last half century, even as the western world has become increasingly secularized and countless people have abandoned the faith into which they were baptized, the Church has been ringing out a call for all Catholics to awaken to their baptismal identity as missionary disciples. All are being summoned to engage in a new evangelization—a renewed proclamation of the good news of Christ to the people of our time." (3.1 The Missionary Nature of the Church)

### Fun Facts!

Why was Jesus Baptized? "Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon his shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners. His inaugural gesture is in anticipation of the Cross." (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, *Jesus of Nazareth*)





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

*Happy Feast of the Baptism of the Lord..*

John Kowalski here again, with another reminder about the seventh annual Midwest Apologetics Conference (MAC) to be held at St Cyril and Methodius Parish on Saturday, February 22nd - and with a question: Why are you Catholic? If I'm honest, I have to admit that I'm Catholic because I was born into a Catholic household. But as I grew up, that wasn't good enough for me. I had to "discover" for myself what was true about God. So, I took classes, studied and along the way earned a degree. That's why I refer to myself today as "a ten-year-old cradle Catholic" – because only recently have I left the cradle.



We can give to our children many things, things like hair color, a home, and a loving family but as a Catechist, every parent wants me to give to their child the one thing they cannot; a solid Catholic faith. This is because faith is the one thing that cannot be given, either genetically or otherwise. Faith has to be discovered, embraced and owned by each person. In other words, faith must be a personal journey to a personal God and there simply are no shortcuts. Theologian Dr. Frank Sheed, said, "We can never attain a maximum love of God with only a minimum knowledge of God."

*Here then: is the very reason for the existence of the Midwest Apologetics Conference•* "To provide Catholics with information to passionately walk with a deeper understanding of the faith, ready and eager to bear witness that Catholicism is deeply anchored in scripture, history and reason."

When commenting about the truth of Christianity, C.S. Lewis wrote "The only reason to believe something is because it is true" and for the past six years, the MAC has brought nationally-known speakers, authors and theologians from all across the country, right here to Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish to present the truths of the faith so that you can determine for yourself if Catholicism is true. But, just like my catechism kids, for all of the efforts of the MAC team, we cannot impart faith. That you must discover on your own. But the good news is that we've made it easy!

From the comfort and convenience of your very own pew, you can listen to nationally-known speaker Fr. Frank Pavone from Priests for Life, and Director of Training for Protect Life Michigan Mr. Trevor Pollo, deliver the truth of the Catholic teaching on abortion. They will show how the discussion is much larger than "my body/my choice".

Why as Catholics are we so passionate on this issue? Because it strikes at the core of The Church herself. At every Mass, we hear Father say the words "this is my body", yet as philosopher, author, and previous MAC speaker, Dr. Peter Kreeft says, "Abortion is the [...] parody of the Eucharist. That's why it uses the same holy words, 'this is my body' with the blasphemous opposite meaning".

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord this week, let us reflect on what Baptism represents. It represents a newness, a rebirth and a fresh start. As John the Baptist lowers his cousin Jesus into the water, I challenge you to take fifteen minutes this week and meditate on this mystery. Where do you need newness or a fresh start in your life? Perhaps it is in learning more about the faith. Then, as Christ rises from the water, imagine rising with Him and how your life would be different if you did.

To register online: <https://saintcyrls.church/midwest-apologetics-conference-vii-fr-frank-pavone-mr-trevor-pollo/>

Or: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/midwest-apologetics-conference-vii-defending-the-pro-life-position-tickets-87078820095>

Holy Mass starts at 9:00AM followed by the conference. For more information, email [midwestapologetics@hotmail.com](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

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DAYTIME PHONE - REQUIRED ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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

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