

The Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2020



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Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise
of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

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OMŠOVÝ PORIADOK

February 1, First Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM JN For the Members of the Rosary Society
❖†William Morales req. Honce Family
❖†Robleto Pablo req. wife
- 5:30PM LM For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖For Prudence Lantzy req. Johnston's
❖For Al & Ann Varchetti ❖For the Reynolds Family
❖†Joe Basirico ❖†Sharon Richards
❖†Brenda Rumschlag req. Hasenauer Family

February 2, The Presentation of the Lord – Obetovanie Pána

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 (524)

- 7:30AM LM For Paul & Julie Varchetti & Family
❖For Jean Leithauser ❖For Zeni Kalla
❖For Klhod ❖For Amy & Ian Eady
❖For Tuyen ❖For Rochelle Huly
- 9:30AM JN For Angela & Jennifer Bann (B'Days) req. Grammie
❖For James Wilkins ❖For Maryn Hines (B'Day)
❖For Christopher Hines (B'Day) ❖†Nancy Kaspari
❖†Filippo Marrocco ❖†Ronald MacIntyre
- 11:30AM JN (Slovak) For Anna & †Paul Magusin & Family
❖†Bernard Ivin req. Stefan Sobolic
❖†Sharon Richards ❖†Matthew Fontana req. wife
❖†Jaromir Plzak req. Mirka Plzak Family
❖†Josef & Anna Tomecek req. Mirka Plzak
- 1:30PM ML For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖For Eleanor Wittstock ❖†Robleto Pablo req. wife
❖†Armando Dubon ❖†Gene Kucharek
❖†Eileen Chalmers
❖†Paolo Persichetti req. Ban Francis
- 6:00PM PC (Latin)-Tridentine: For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM PC For Kola Peter Gojcaj ❖For Jeff and Cassandra Babbie
❖†Kathy Zielonka ❖†Ronald Bemke req. Krantz Fam.
❖†Julio Fraire
❖†Luis Carlos Villalobos ❖†Gabriel Duenas

February 3, Monday – Pondelok

- 9:00AM JN For Elizabeth Laconi ❖For Mark Varchetti
❖For Jane Couch
- 12:00PM ML †James Ferguson req. Joanne Fredal
❖†Robleto Pablo req. wife ❖†Sharon Richards

February 4, Tuesday – Utorok

- 6:00AM LM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family
❖†Sharon Richards
- 12:00PM JN For Kola Peter Gojcaj ❖†Dijella Frangaj
❖†Robleto Pablo req. wife

February 5, Wednesday – Streda

- 9:00AM JN,d (Latin) For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
❖For the Krahala Family & Friends
❖†Agatha Mangano
- 12:00PM LM For Maximilian Ghesquiere
❖†Robleto Pablo req. wife
❖†Sharon Richards

February 6, Thursday – Štvrtok

- 6:00AM JN For John Brady
❖For Carl & †Stephanie Varchetti & Family
❖†Sharon Richards
- 12:00PM JN For Anthony req. Grandma & Papa
❖†Afifa, Elia, & Angel Jazrawi req. Family
❖†Robleto Pablo req. wife
- 7:00PM VP For Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖For the Haio Family
❖†Violet Hanna Kassab req. Anne Haio

February 7, First Friday – Prvý piatok

- 6:00AM PC For James & Grete Varchetti
❖†Charles MacDonald req. Family
❖†Sharon Richards
- 9:00AM JN †Cynthia Yanik req. Family
❖†Robleto Pablo req. wife
❖†Paul Magusin req. Wolf Family
- 12:00PM VP For the Rosary Makers & their Families
❖†Joe Basirico
❖†Ralph Weil req. James D. Weil
- 7:00PM JN For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
❖†Greg & Mary Manning & Family
❖For the Deceased Members of the Vacaj Family

February 8, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM VP For the Members of O. L. Mother of Mercy Secular
Discalced Carmelites
❖For Mary Ghesquiere ❖For Valentin Vacaj
- 5:30PM JN For Margaret DeLorme
❖For Robert Olinzock
❖For the Gammo & Gill Families
❖†David Chupa ❖†Mary Jane Grivas
❖†Gary Gasparski req. Family
❖†Charles & Isabella Varchetti

February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedela

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16 (73)

- 7:30AM JN For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖The Menard and Daniel Families
❖For Al & Ann Varchetti ❖For Dan & Lori Barnabo
❖†Maria Romero ❖†Roberto Arias
- 9:30AM JN For a Special Intention
❖For President Donald Trump
❖For the Eleanor Wittstock Family
❖For Lauren Marquard req. Grandpa Leo
❖For the Vitale & Monsu Families
❖†Chuckie Watts req. Wolf Family ❖†George Zook
- 11:30AM LM (Slovak) For Marcin Badowski (B'Day)
❖For Anna & †Paul Magusin & Family
❖†Joe Venglar
❖†Eva Fleck req. Plzak Family
- 1:30PM LM For the Schwark Family ❖†Claire Bosscher
❖†Robert & Julia Brown ❖†Eileen Chalmers
❖†Paolo Persichetti req. Vitale Family
❖†Deborah Leonard req. Richard & Natalie Frey
❖†Leonard Maniaci req. Family
- 6:00PM PC (Latin)-Tridentine: †Steve & Anita Fredal req. Family
- 8:30PM PC For Tuyen ❖For Jaslyn Yousif ❖For Danny Babbie
❖†Luis Carlos Villalobos ❖†Julio Fraire
❖†Gabriel Duenas ❖†Maria Romero

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Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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Wedding Banns!

February 15, 2020: Mary Wolf & Marcus Pogasic



Dr. Monica Miller

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

DR. MONICA MILLER: Founder & Director of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society

MR. TREVOR POLLO: Director of Training for Protect Life of Michigan

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". - Jeremiah 29:11

John Kowalski here once again with some important news about the upcoming Midwest Apologetics Conference (MACVII) on Saturday, February 22. I am sad to report that due to an unexpected scheduling conflict, Fr. Frank Pavone will NOT be able to attend the Midwest Apologetics Conference this year. HOWEVER, the good news is we have an absolutely wonderful replacement – and her availability and willingness to speak on such short notice is truly an answered prayer!

I'd like to introduce to you *Dr. Monica Migliorino Miller*. Dr. Miller is the founder and Director of Citizens for a Pro-life Society—an activist pro-life group that she began in 1985. She is also a well-known theologian who taught at Madonna University for 15 years—as an Associate Professor and currently teaches Theology at Fr. Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor and Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. She became active in pro-life work in 1976 when she attended Southern Illinois University where she was a student of Theatre Arts. She began her Theological studies at Loyola University of Chicago in 1978 earning a Master's Degree and has a Ph.D. from Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Dr. Miller is a nationally known pro-life leader; a pioneer of the pro-life rescue movement, a veteran sidewalk counselor, who has organized hundreds of pro-life pickets, rallies, demonstrations and conferences. She is one of the organizers for the annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Babies as well as the annual "Protest PP" (Planned Parenthood) demonstrations. In addition, Dr. Miller is a co-founder of and participant in the Red Rose Rescue effort in which pro-lifers enter abortion centers to talk mothers out of abortions and offer an act of loving defense to the unborn scheduled for abortions.

Dr. Miller is the author of several books and articles including "Abandoned—The Untold Story of the Abortion Wars" (Saint Benedict Press), published in September 2012-- the historical narrative of pro-life activism-- called by some the best book ever written on abortion. "Abandoned--The Untold Story of the Abortion Wars" describes her personal experience as a pro-life leader, talking women out of abortions, court trials and the retrieval of the aborted unborn from clinic trash dumpsters.

In 2008, Dr. Miller led the discovery of bio-hazard waste, patient records and the remains of aborted babies in Detroit-area abortion clinic trash containers that resulted in formal investigations by Michigan state regulatory agencies and criminal charges being brought against the Woman Care abortion facilities by the Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. In 2011, she helped shut down the Woman's Choice abortion clinics in Michigan. Dr. Miller led the charge against the opening of the Planned Parenthood abortion mega-clinic in Auburn Hills. In 2012, after an 18-months-long effort, her group successfully kept the Planned Parenthood clinic from opening! She is a founding member of Red Rose Rescues and in the Summer of 2018 spent 32 days in jail for her efforts to defend the unborn from abortion.

Dr. Miller is married to Edmund Miller—founder of Guadalupe Workers— and is the mother of three beautiful children, Bernadette, Patrick and Joseph.

Her tireless work in the pro-life arena is legendary and her stories and battle scars are nothing short of amazing. I have heard her speak on several occasions and was amazed. I know that you will be as well.

But best of all, she is an answered prayer. When my co-chair, Steve Piskorowski, and I learned that Father Pavone would be unable to attend the MACVII, Steve suggested we pray together— right then and right there on the phone. Invoking Mary, we prayed for a resolution— and within 24 hours the Blessed Mother intervened.

Dr. Monica Miller will speak on "The Three Lessons of Abortion" and Mr. Trevor Pollo, director of training for Protect Life Michigan will speak on "Defending the Pro-Life Position even in hard cases."

Join me on February 22nd to listen to two outstanding speakers who know the truth about abortion. *John Kowalski*

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 info, email: midwestapologetics@hotmail.com

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

Mail registration form and check to Location Address Below

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



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 for a Cor Team meeting. Join us on Monday, February 10, for a Life Night on Catholic masculinity and femininity.

Life Teen Restore Summer Mission Trip June 22 through 27, 2020

Register today for a mission trip to St. Louis this summer! Come for a week of dynamic talks, adoration, and service. Contact Alex for registration forms!

Life Teen Spring Retreat March 13 through 15, 2020

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are invited to a weekend of fun, prayer, activities, small groups, adoration and dynamic talks at Our Lady of the Fields in Brighton. Register SOON. We had to turn away people for registering too late in the fall. Contact Alex for a registration form.

Alexandria Lewis, lifeteen@saintcyriels.church



EDGE Middle School Ministry

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 this week for a Cor Team meeting. Join us next Thursday, February 13, for a night on building up those around us.

New teens who would like to attend can register at the Edge Night.

If you have any questions about EDGE, please contact:

Alexandria Lewis or Christian Dresen

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

Snack for Life Teen

The registration fee goes directly to cover the snacks for teens at Life and EDGE Nights. Please help us serve your family by paying the registration fee at <https://tinyurl.com/cyrilparent>. Payment is never necessary to participate, but we appreciate it if families who are able can contribute to this evangelization. We are also looking for parent volunteers or Life Nights on Mondays as hall monitors and snack coordinators.

If you would like to help cover the costs for snacks or if you can volunteer to help at Life or EDGE Nights, please contact:

Alexandria Lewis, (586) 641-7672

Krispy Kreme Donuts THIS Sunday, February 2

Krispy Kreme Donuts are here! Get your fresh dozen! This fundraiser benefits the Junior Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble. Get your fresh donuts this Sunday, February 2, after all the Holy Masses.

Thank you for your support of the Junior Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble.



Our Lady's Rosary Makers • Friday, February 7

The Rosary Makers will be meeting this Friday, February 7, from 1:00PM—3:00PM in Room #113. We welcome newcomers and meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

Info., please call: Jo Ann, (586) 979-1078 or Helen, (586) 469-3181

World Marriage Day • Sunday, February 9

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

Until February 3: \$70/couple

Register at WorldMarriageDay.org

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

AHG MI-0214 Chocolate Bar Sale • February 8 & 9

Next weekend, February 8 & 9, please stop by the Gallery after all Holy Masses to support the American Heritage Girls Troop from our parish! We will be selling America's Finest Chocolate bars for \$1 each, and proceeds will go to supporting the troop and building women of integrity! There will be five flavors to choose from: milk chocolate, milk chocolate with almonds, dark chocolate, crisp bars, and caramel. The chocolates are gluten free and peanut free.

We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you!

The American Heritage Girls

Donate Your Unused Medications

Do you or a family member have medications you are no longer using? Have you wondered what to do with them.

The Malta Medical Clinic might be able to use them in their care of the homeless men, women and children who come to St. Leo's Soup Kitchen as well as the poor of the neighborhood. Last year, the clinic served more than 300 patients and dispensed more than 400 prescriptions for asthma, high blood pressure and diabetes.

The clinic will accept prescription medications up to one year beyond the expiration date (narcotics are NOT accepted), asthma inhalers, diabetic supplies, bandages, and clean medication vials (with no labels).

For more information or to arrange to drop off medications at St. Leo's, call (313) 288-2362

or call Erin Rybicki, (586) 826-9787

Why should "I" join the Men's Club?

Well, I joined the Men's Club over 20 years ago. At the time, we had 6 children and were pretty new to Ss Cyril & Methodius parish. Why did I join? Because a good friend asked me to come out and help with a pancake breakfast. It seemed like a good bunch of guys, helping out at church. A church that my family was becoming more and more attracted to. Good priests, solid Catholic teaching! Great families! We were happy here! I was hooked. I wanted to be involved.

They weren't doing Fish Fries yet, but I soon found out they were also instrumental in organizing the annual Slovak Festival! It wasn't long before I was involved with that as well. Sometime later, the Fish Fries started. We cooked the fish outside because the kitchen wasn't big enough!

All this time we were doing this work to promote fellowship, and make a little money for the parish.

Then in 2018, while working on the Centennial Committee, I learned an interesting fact about the Men's Club. Why was it started? To raise money for the parish? NO! It was started to help the high school athletic teams with their fundraising! Kind of like a "boosters club"! This really intrigued me because as our membership grew older and smaller, we had begun working with different groups in the parish TO HELP THEM RAISE MONEY! The whole thing had come full circle!

Alas, I fear our small group of men may no longer be able to carry on the tradition of the Men's Club. We no longer have enough men to even run a pancake breakfast if someone is sick or unable to help.

I am looking for the NEXT GENERATION of BOOSTERS! Men, who want to be a part of something bigger! Men who want to SERVE rather than be served! Men who want to help our youth raise money, so they can spend most of their time having fun in the groups they are involved with! Men who would rather spend some time with the guys, and their children at church, instead of selling candy on the street corners to strangers.

Where are these men? I believe they are right here in our parish. I see them all the time at our events. They are just like me! They help coach sports teams, volunteer for campouts, etc. If I could just get them to join our Men's Club! To see the value in what we do!

Are you one of the next generation of BOOSTERS?

Do you have children, or even grandchildren involved in activities at our parish?

Consider joining our Men's Club! We have a small group of dedicated men who can quickly bring the new guys up to speed! Maybe you cannot make every event, or attend every meeting. Not many of us can! However, with more guys involved, we have a better chance of keeping these events going!

I hope you will consider joining us! Just stop by our monthly meeting and say hello!

We meet every first Tuesday, at 7pm in the Overflow Room. Our next meeting is this Tuesday, February 4

Can't make the meeting? Give me a call anytime and let me know you want to be one of our boosters!

If I can't get anyone to join me, we will be very limited in the events we can support this year.

However, I will still be around, helping wherever I can at the Fish Fries, and at the Festival.

Won't you join me?

Thank-you & God Bless! *John Fournier*, Vice-President, Ss. Cyril & Methodius Men's Club, (248) 410-5866



A Note from Seminarian Ryan Walters

Dear Friends of Ss. Cyril & Methodius: Praise be to Jesus Christ! I hope you are all enjoying this new year. I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for your love, support, mass offerings and prayer intentions you have given me. The grace of God is truly present in my life due to all of you and this is so essential for my growth in knowing Jesus and His Church in a deeper way.

As I continue to study theology, I can truly say I am falling more in love with God every day. At the end of this semester I will have finished my first year of graduate studies. Seminary life at the graduate level can be challenging, but giving glory to God in sacrifice makes it all worth it. This summer my classmates and I will be going to the Holy Land for a month and participate in a 30 day silent retreat, which I am stoked for! I will be offering you all up in prayer in a special way during those trips.

Again, thank you for all of your continued prayers as my brothers and I journey toward the priesthood. Please be assured of my prayers for you all as we continue to spread God's Word to all people. May His holy will be accomplished in all of our lives and may our Blessed Mother protect us in our endeavors. God bless!

Ryan Walters, Seminarian, Sacred Heart Major Seminary

A Call to Mary Holy Hour • February 29

Our Lord tells us, as recorded in Scripture, "*Unless you shall do penance, you shall all likewise perish*" (Luke 13:3). And St. John the Baptist announced the coming of the Savior with the ominous admonition, "*Do penance: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*" (Matt. 3:2)

As we begin the Holy Season of Lent on February 26, please join us as A Call to Mary presents a Holy Hour to Our Divine Lord and His Most Holy Mother Mary "in reparation for the outrages, blasphemies and indifference by which He is offended ..." offenses committed within our homes, our families, our Nation, and most especially in these turbulent times, within the Holy Roman Catholic Church.

This Holy Hour will be held on Saturday, February 29, at 12:00PM in the Church. Let us unite together in prayer beseeching Our Lord to have mercy on us, to save our souls, and to save our nation.

Please Remember to Pray for Our
Sick Parishioners, Family Members & Friends
and Those who are Serving in the Military.



CATHECHISM CORNER/SCHEDULE

Schedule:

Wednesday, February 5, 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for 5-8th grades

Wednesday, February 12, 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for K-4th grades

Wednesday, February 19: NO CLASS (Mid-Winter Break)

Wednesday, February 26: NO CLASS (Ash Wednesday)

Wednesday, March 4, 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for 5-8th grades

Wednesday, March 11, 6:15PM: - Class & Benediction for K-4th grades

Wednesday, March 18, 6:15PM: – No Benediction (Circle of Grace Training for all classes)

Wednesday, March 25, 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for 5-8th grades

Saturday, March 28, 10:00AM: Confirmation Retreat for 7th and 8th Grades at 10:00 am



Please take an opportunity to look at the website 52.Sundays.com that has been recently advertised in our bulletin. This is a wonderful resource provided by the Archdiocese of Detroit giving you ideas on how to live a faith-filled Sunday with prayer, recipes, saint stories, and family fun.

Letters explaining the Circle of Grace Training were given to the students on Wednesday, January 22. Please read the information and return the opt out form if you do not want your child to participate. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact us:

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

Monthly Bilingual Rosary * February 14

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

We will pray this centennial Rosary in the Church at 7:00PM on the upcoming dates:

February 14, March 9, (April-Cancelled), May 8, June 12,

July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11!

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.



Ss. Cyril & Methodius 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")

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IN THE PARISH OFFICE on WEEKDAYS**

REGULAR ADORATION HOURS: Sunday, 10:00PM - Saturday, 9:00AM



ADORERS DESPERATELY NEEDED:

Tuesdays: 1AM-2AM, 2AM-3AM

Wednesdays: 2AM-3AM

Thursdays: 9AM-10AM, 10AM-11AM

Fridays: 10PM-11PM

Saturdays: 2AM-3AM, 4AM-5AM

If you can commit to one hour or have questions, please contact:

Jenn Dopke, (586) 530-3674, jdopke13@gmail.com



Growing Pains • Our Church History, Continued ...

Roky 1923-1924 boli poznačené snahou získať pozemok na stavbu nového, väčšieho kostola. Bolo to vážne rozhodnutie a dlhodobý záväzok zo strany farníkov i diecézy. Pozornosť farníkov a farskej rady sa upriamila na 14 stavebných parciel spolu s veľkým farmárskym domom a ďalšími budovami na uliciach Centerline a Marcus, v blízkosti existujúceho kostola.

Najväčšou výzvou bolo zabezpečiť peniaze na zakúpenie pozemku a financovanie celého projektu. Čiastočným riešením bolo požiadať farníkov, aby farnosti požičali peniaze na 3-percentný úrok, ako bežne aj v banke. Viacerí farníci požičali sumy v hodnote 100-1,000 dolárov. Ani to však nestačilo na zaplatenie plnej sumy 31,000 dolárov za pozemok. Riešením bola opätovná osobná návšteva všetkých Slovákov a naliehavá prosba o požičanie peňazí.

Začiatok roka 1924 padlo konečné rozhodnutie pokračovať v celom projekte stavby kostola i školy, hoci si všetci uvedomovali náročnosť i dlhé trvanie celej stavby.

Financovanie bolo zabezpečované farníkmi a každý člen farnosti si mal symbolicky zakúpiť 1000 tehál v hodnote 100 dolárov. Na farára Rev. Zaliberu padla povinnosť osobitne navštíviť tých farníkov, ktorí si nechceli tehly zakúpiť. Veľkú mieru zodpovednosti pri celej stavbe a organizovaní prebral na seba stavebný výbor, ktorý mal až 24 členov a jeho týždenné stretnutia často trvali aj viac ako 3 hodiny.

Popri stavbe nového kostola bolo treba riešiť i ďalšie úlohy, napr. zväčšiť dom, v ktorom bývali rehoľné sestry a prerobiť im v ykurovanie.

Na záver niekoľko zaujímavých čísel z roku 1924.

100USD malo hodnotu dnešných 1502.77USD. Mesačný plat kňaza bol 100USD, plat organistu bol 50USD, kostolník dostával 75USD. Rehoľné sestry Dominikánky, ktoré učili v škole dostávali 125USD (nevieme však, koľko ich bolo). Mesačné výdavky za telefón boli 8.30USD, za vodu 7.35USD, za plyn 14.81USD.

Príjmy za rok 1924 29,752.78USD

Zostatok z roku 1923 1,888.95USD

Spolu 31,641.73USD

Výdavky za rok 1924 29,869.20USD

Zostatok 1,772.53USD

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In 1923-1924 there was an effort to obtain property for the construction of a new, larger church. It was an important decision and a long-term commitment for the parish and the diocese alike. The parishioners turned their attention to 14 construction lots with a large farm-house and several outbuildings on Centerline and Marcus Streets in the vicinity of the existing church. Obtaining finances for the purchase of the property and construction of the church was a challenge. Therefore, parishioners were asked to lend money to the parish at 3% interest. Although several parishioners lent between \$100-1000, the full sum of \$31,000 remained beyond reach. Members of the construction committee visited all parishioners several times to ask for contributions.

Finally, at the beginning of 1924 the construction of the church was finally approved. They accomplished this by requiring each parishioner to purchase 1,000 bricks for \$100 total. The pastor, Rev. Zalibera, personally visited those parishioners who had decided not to purchase bricks. The construction committee consisted of more than 24 members. They were under unrelenting, intense pressure and their weekly meetings often lasted over 3 contentious hours.

Along with the construction of the new church, other tasks had to be resolved, including the expansion of the residence house for the Dominican sisters and a new heating system.

In conclusion, here are some interesting facts:

\$100 in 1923 equals \$1,503 in 2020:

Pastor's salary was: \$100 \*(\$1,503)

Organist received: \$50 \*(\$751)

Sacristan: \$75 \*(\$1,127)

The Dominican Sisters were receiving: \$125 \*(\$1,878) (not sure how many sisters)

Monthly utility bills: phone \$8.30 \*(\$125); water \$7.35 \*(\$110); gas \$14.81 \*(\$223)

Income in 1924: \$29,752.78 \*(\$447,116)

Carryover from 1923: \$1,888.95 \*(\$28,387)

Total: \$31,641.73 \*(\$475,503)

Expenses for 1924: \$29,869.20 \*\*(\$448,866)

Surplus for 1924: \$1,772.53 \*\*(\$26,644)

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