

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
February 23, 2020



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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those
who persecute you." - Mt 5:44



OMŠOVÝ PORIADOK

February 22, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM LM For Attendees, Participants, & Speakers of the Apologetics Conference
❖ For All Aborted Babies & their Parents
- 5:30PM JN For a Special Intention req. Lucy
❖ For Fr. Michael Lenz
❖ For Joshua Bartold (21st B'Day)
❖ For Kathleen DeSchryver
❖ For Steve Mazurkiewicz Jr. (B'Day)
❖ For Abby Warman (B'Day) req. Warman Family
❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families

February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedela

Lv 19:1-12, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48 (79)

- 7:30AM LM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 9:30AM ML For All Priests at Ss. Cyril & Methodius
❖ For Joseph Mangano (B'Day)
❖ For Timothy Bellows
❖ For Michael Stefano Fontana (2nd B'Day)
❖ †San Mai (Ann.)
❖ †Marie Robinson
❖ †Frank & Marie Cusumano req. Family
- 11:30AM LM (Slovak) For Mark Stanaj req. Wife
❖ †George Finn req. Leo & Diane
❖ †Paul Magusin req. Shermetaro's
❖ †Jerry Slabieniski req. Wife
- 1:30PM JN For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality ❖ For Tanya Gappy (B'Day) & Family
❖ For Joseph req. by Meme & Papa
❖ †James Zabawski req. Wife ❖ †San Mai (Ann.)
❖ †Robert Perugi ❖ †Michelle Kucharek
- 6:00PM PC (Latin)-Tridentine: For Bridget Sheeran
- 8:30PM PC For a Special Intention req. Lucy
❖ For Fr. Tim Mazur req. Flora Marie Cusumano
❖ For Kola Peter Gojcaj ❖ For Michael Markos
❖ For Rochelle Huly ❖ †Ed Mendoza
❖ †Violet Hanna Kassab

February 24, Monday – Pondelok

- 9:00AM JN For Elise Langlois req. Langlois Family
❖ For Michele Kaye (B'Day) req. Mom
❖ †Scott Parcha
- 12:00PM JN For a Special Intention req. Lucy
❖ For Luke Czach ❖ For George Micakaj

February 25, Tuesday – Utorok

- 6:00AM LM For a Special Intention req. Lucy
❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Mary Morasso (B'Day)
- 12:00PM JN For Michael & Family
❖ For the Deceased Members of the Vacaj Family
❖ †Robert Perugi (B'Day)

February 26, Ash Wednesday – Popolcová Streda

- 6:00AM JN In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖ For Vicki Babbie ❖ †Bashar Kallabat
- 8:30AM *Stations of the Cross*

- 9:00AM LM (Latin) For Rochelle Huly
❖ For Rita, Faith, Steven & Christine Herfy (B'Days)
❖ For the Deceased Members of the Hasaj Family
- 12:00PM ML For a Special Intention req. Lucy ❖ For Agnes Dolfus
❖ †Margaret Hernalsteen req. Antonina Albino
- 7:00PM LM For Randy Gammo (B'Day) req. Mother
❖ For Vince Laconi ❖ †Diane Corrigan

February 27, Thursday – Štvrtok

- 6:00AM LM For a Special Intention req. Lucy
❖ For Eman Louis req. Zinah Hanna
❖ For Jonathan Wilkins (B'Day) req. Grandma
- 12:00PM LM For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ For Dave Orzechowski (B'Day)
❖ †Matthew Margiewicz
- 7:00PM VP †San Mai (Ann.) ❖ †Fares Shark ❖ †Harmes Taleb

February 28, Friday – Piatok

- 6:00AM PC For Paul & Julie Varchetti & Family ❖ For Josette Dudek
❖ For the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Council & their Families
- 9:00AM LM For Sarah Wolf (B'Day)
❖ For Jeanette Desser and Pascal (B'Days)
❖ For Debbie & Donna req. Mom
- 12:00PM ML †Thomas Anthony Jerzewski req. Mom
❖ †Margaret Hernalsteen req. Colella Family
❖ †Robledo Pablo req. Emmy
- 6:30PM *Stations of the Cross*
- 7:00PM LM For a Special Intention req. Lucy
❖ For Meg Schultheis (B'Day) ❖ For Rochelle Huly

February 29, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM LM For a Special Intention req. Lucy
❖ For Paul Irvine (B'Day)
❖ For Dawn, Alyssa, and Samantha Irvine
- 12:00PM *Holy Hour of Consolation
- 5:30PM JN For Paul & Family ❖ For Anthony Brasile (B'Day)
❖ For Rochelle Huly ❖ For the Reynolds Family
❖ †Mary Jane Grivas ❖ †Margaret Hernalsteen
❖ †Al Newcomer & Family

March 1, First Sunday of Lent - Nedela

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11 (22)

- 7:30AM JN For Fr. Frank Prima ❖ For Fr. Daniele Criscione
❖ For Ryan Walters req. Donna Lesko
❖ For Emily & †Jo Davis ❖ †Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Nelson
❖ †Yousif Ayoub Kashat ❖ †Paul Geffert
- 9:30AM LM For Rochelle Huly ❖ For Hannah Stone (B'Day)
❖ For Gjelosh, Vitore, Tom & John Krcaj req. Vera
❖ For Mark Kulpa (B'Day) req. Mom
❖ For the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Council & their Families
❖ †Fr. Val Rykowski (Ann.)
❖ †Marie Christina Robinson
- 11:30AM LM (Slovak) †Paul Magusin req. Emilia Rafaidus
❖ †Joe Venglar ❖ †Anna Cnota
- 1:30PM JN For Prudence Lantzy req. Eastburn's
❖ For Jerry Kelly ❖ For Jamie McCarty
❖ For Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey & Carrie Jaczkowski
❖ †Fr. Val Rykowski ❖ †Nadia Zia Oroo
❖ †Gene Kucharek
- 6:00PM PC (Latin)-Tridentine: For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM PC For a Special Intention req. Lucy ❖ For Mark Varchetti
❖ For Rush Limbaugh req. Kathryn
❖ For Tessie Kowalski ❖ For Mirna Kakos req. Vicki
❖ For Sharon Brown ❖ For Robert & Kristina

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Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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

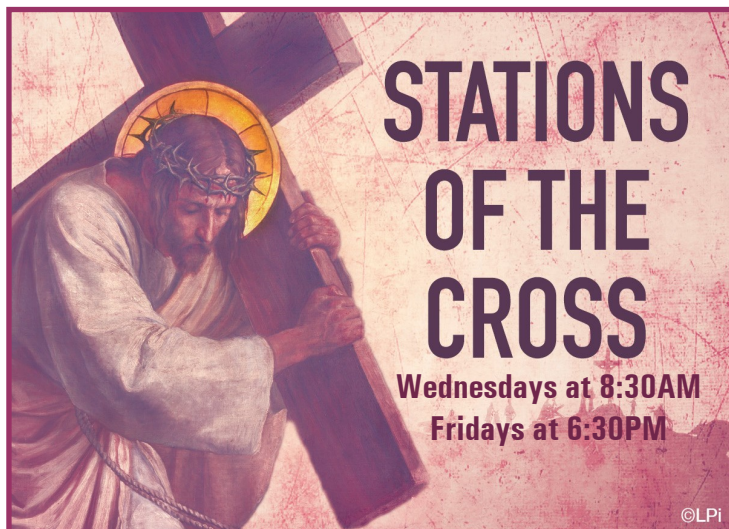
LENT BEGINS



Holy Masses on Ash Wednesday:

6:00AM, 9:00AM
12:00PM and 7:00PM

**Additional Holy Masses
During Lent:**
Every Friday at 7:00PM



WHAT IS LENT?

The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by **praying, fasting, abstinence and other acts of penance.**

WHAT IS FASTING?

One meal a day, and **two smaller meals** which if added together would not exceed one full meal.

DAYS OF FAST?

Ash Wednesday • Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED TO FAST?

Catholics from age <18 to 59>.

The sick are excused from fasting.

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

Abstinence is **refraining from eating meat**. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?

Ash Wednesday • All Fridays in Lent • Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED TO ABSTAIN?

Mandatory for everyone older than 14 years old.

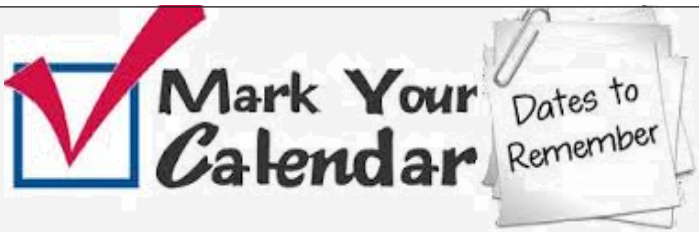


Join the Ss. Cyril & Methodius LENTEN CHALLENGE

Grow in holiness this Lenten Season by uniting with other parishioners in joining our Parish Lenten Challenge. Worksheets are located in the vestibule, with personal challenges and sacrifices, designed to help you to grow in holiness. Whether you choose to complete a challenge alone, or support one another by making it a family challenge, these worksheets are wonderful tools to help spiritually in your Lenten journey.

There are separate worksheets for Adults, Teens and Children. Once your worksheet is complete, drop it off in the Parish Office and you will be included in a Raffle that will take place after Easter.

"While Lent is a solemn season, it is not a somber one. The forty days are not structured to foster morbid gloominess and debilitating self-loathing; they are meant to thrust us into the heart of divine love." -The Little Way of Lent: Meditations in the Spirit of St. Therese of Lisieux)

**Friday, March 20, 7:00PM:**

Mass & Healing Service with Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga

Monday & Tuesday, March 30 & 31, 10:00AM-7:00PM:

Rummage Sale Drop-Off Days

Wednesday-Friday, April 1-3, Times to be Posted:

Rummage Sale

Monday, April 6: 1:00PM-6:45PM:

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday & Sunday, April 11 & 12: Easter Bake Sale**Tuesday, April 7, 10:00AM-12:00PM & 6:00PM-9:00PM:**

Easter Confessions

Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, February 24*Chaste - Pursued by God: A Life Night on Fighting Pornography*

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

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

We will be OFF next week for a Cor Team meeting. Join us in two weeks on Monday, March 9, for a Night on Sacred Art.

Life Teen Spring Retreat • March 13-15

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 ASAP! Contact Alex for a registration form.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Alexandria Lewis, lifeteen@saintcyrls.church

EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, February 27*Endure - A Night about Martyrs from around the World*

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.

We will be OFF next week for a Cor Team meeting. Join us in two weeks on Thursday, March 12, for a Night on Catholic Pilgrimages.

Questions about EDGE, please contact: Alexandria Lewis or Christian Dresen at edge@saintcyrls.church or (586) 641-7672

Registration and Payment for Life Teen and EDGE

Parents: Register and pay for your high school and middle school teen for the 2019-2020 year at <https://tinyurl.com/cyrlparent> It's important for us to have your contact information!

Young Catholic Professionals Speaker • February 25

Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) Detroit Executive Speaker Series, will take place on Tuesday, February 25, St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Church, 10400 Stoepel Street in Detroit. (YCP) Detroit invites young adults of ages 20-39 to its Executive Speaker Series feat: ALLAN KOCHANOSKI from 7:00PM—9:00PM. YCP Detroit Exec. Speaker Series is a free event which executives share their professional and faith journeys with young professionals, challenging them to 'Work in Witness for Christ!'

Complimentary beer, wine, & appetizers are provided from 7:00PM—9:00PM. Keynote speaker from 8:00PM—9:00PM with Q & A.

Questions: info@ycpdetroit.org or (313) 528-0101

Helpers of God's Precious Infants • Tuesday, February 25

"Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me." (Mt. 25:40) Jesus taught with love and compassion, ever mindful of the dignity of others. It is in this manner that Helpers of God's Precious Infants reaches out to preborn babies, their mothers, fathers, abortionists, and pro-abortion supporters, to draw hearts to Christ. With love, all things are possible.

Come and Spend Fat Tuesday, February 25, with Helpers of God's Precious Infants. All our Helpers' friends are invited to our Fat Tuesday Training Meeting to learn about our mission of outreach and support to preborn babies and their families. What better way to start Lent than to discern whether you are being called to Calvary? The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, from 6:30PM to 8:30PM at St. Lucy Parish located at 23401 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores in Room No. 4. Light refreshments will be served during the meeting. ??: Daniel T. Goodnow, President, (313) 530-4539

40 Days for Life • February 26-April 5

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers! With God's help, here are the proven results of 40 Days for Life campaigns since 2007: * 16,742 babies saved from abortion, * 196 abortion workers converted, * 104 abortion centers closed.

Vigil Location: Public right-of-way outside of Womancare Macomb at 11474 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, 48312. **Vigil Hours:** 7:00AM—7:00PM **Local Contact:** Janis Cornwell, (586) 244-3592 or Chrissy at PitterPatterMom@protonmail.com

Learn more, check for updates and get involved by visiting our campaign: 40daysforlife.com/Macomb

A Call to Mary Holy Hour • Saturday, 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.

Catechism Corner/Schedule**Schedule:**Wednesday, February 26: NO CLASS (Ash Wednesday)Wednesday, March 4, 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for 5-8thWednesday, March 11, 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for K-4thWednesday, March 18, 6:15PM:

No Benediction (Circle of Grace Training for all classes)

Wednesday, March 25, 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for 5-8thSaturday, March 28, 10:00AM:

Confirmation Retreat for 7th and 8th Grades at 10:00AM

If you have any questions, please contact us:

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

Adoration Update † Adorers Needed

Hello Parish Family: Our Adoration ministry has been a very vibrant and positive ministry since 2015. We have been blessed in so many ways in its growth as well as positive impact we are having with our parish, each other and in the world. With that being said, we are running into a heartbreaking possibility that we may need to shorten the Adoration hours as we continue to struggle with finding committed adorers. This is something that we truly do not want to happen.

Please continue to pray for our ministry that slots will be filled soon. And, please pray for our committed adorers to give them the heart and strength to continue with their commitments. Prayerfully consider taking on one of the hours below as we need to have at least TWO adorers for each hour. Understand this is a TRUE COMMITMENT. A commitment that will bestow many graces to all around us.

Please come to show your love for our Eucharistic Lord, even if you cannot commit to a whole hour. God cannot be outdone in generosity. Thanks so much and God Bless you! *Jenn Dopke*

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

ADORERS DESPERATELY NEEDED:

Monday: 1AM-2AM, 3AM-4AM, 4AM-5AM, 11PM-12AM • **Tuesday & Thursdays:** 1AM-2AM, 8AM-9AM, 9AM-10AM, 10AM-11AM

Wednesdays: 2AM-3AM, 3AM-4AM, 5AM-5AM • **Fridays:** 10PM-11PM • **Saturdays:** 1AM-2AM, 2AM-3AM, 3AM-4AM, 4AM-5AM

If you can commit to one hour or have questions, please contact: *Jenn Dopke, (586) 530-3674, jdopke13@gmail.com*



Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Project

Again this year our local council will be involved in raising funds to provide operating and other expenses for Gianna House, a Pregnancy Center in Eastpointe. Gianna House houses pregnant teens 17 and under and their infants, plus serves as a Pregnancy Center for adult women. This

Project has been selected by Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church as one of its 2020 Lenten Projects.

Next Saturday and Sunday, February 29 and March 1, we will be distributing 600 baby bottles at the weekend Masses in connection with this Project. Last year we distribute 350 bottles but, due to the favorable response from parishioners, we ran out of bottles after the 1:30PM Holy Mass. We apologize for that and hope to have a sufficient numbers of bottles this year.. We provided over \$8,500 to the Gianna House last year and hope and pray that we can exceed that this year.

Our experience is that approximately 60% of the bottles are returned each year. We hope to improve on that percentage this year. Please keep these bottles in a convenient place at home so you do not lose them or forget about them. Each bottle returned provides between \$15-\$23, depending on whether they have currency or checks included. Some bottles return more than that due to our generous parishioners.

If you are a parishioner who is unable to get a bottle and still want to support this important project you can provide a check-payable to *St. Nicholas Council 7011-* and drop it off in the Parish Office or give it to us on one of the dates indicated below.

On April 4-5, 2020 –Palm Sunday weekend -we will be collecting the bottle returns at the weekend Masses.

We thank you in advance for your support of this vital project.

???: *Ken Pullis, (586) 939-8525 or kpullis@gmail.com*

Church in Center and Eastern Europe • Next Weekend

Next weekend, a special collection will be taken to help support the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. The fall of communism occurred over 25 years ago, but the Church still struggles to rebuild after years of oppressive rule. Many churches in this region were confiscated or destroyed, leaving the faithful without a place to worship or find pastoral support. Your support of this collection helps rebuild churches, supports seminary programs, promotes ministries and education for children and families, and renews community life around the region. Prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. Envelopes are available in the vestibule.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner • March 15

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus - St. Nicholas Council is hosting a St. Patrick's Day Dinner. The delicious dinner includes traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner Served Family Style.

The event is open to everyone and takes place on Sunday, March 15. Doors open at 6:00PM and dinner is served at 6:30PM.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Refreshments are included.

Tickets may be purchased in the Parish Office or contact:

Ken Pullis, (586) 939-8525 or Joe Honce, (248) 224-1132

Catholic Charities Award to Ss. Cyril & Methodius

Ss. Cyril and Methodius has been selected for one of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan Time, Talent, and Treasure Awards! This award symbolizes Ss. Cyril and Methodius' dedication to the corporal works of mercy in the community of Sterling Heights and through the Archdiocese of Detroit.

We would like to formally invite all parishioners of Ss. Cyril & Methodius to attend the event! Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan's 2020 Annual Celebration event will be on Friday, April 3, at Petruzzello's Banquet and Conference Center in Troy. This black-tie (optional) event will feature dinner, music and dancing, silent and live auction, and Archbishop Vigneron will be in attendance.

Join us in supporting Catholic Charities and honoring Ss. Cyril & Methodius! Tickets are \$150 for guests of SSCM or \$1500 for a table of ten. Please join us for this beautiful night out!

Please check out our event page at <https://ccsem.cbo.io> or for more details, email: *Adam Perry at perrya@ccsem.org*.

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

2020 Parish Lenten Projects

"Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2Cor 9:6-7



As we enter into the 2020 Lenten season, we can consider these words of St. Paul as he exhorted the Corinthians to live the faith they professed by giving freely to the church in Jerusalem. Let us listen to St. Paul, collectively and individually spreading our love of God by caring for those in need in our own day. Please prayerfully consider giving to one or more of the following Parish Lenten projects.

Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry/St. Christine's Christian Services: Every week, hot, healthy meals are served to the 450 people who come to the soup kitchen operated by St. Christine's Christian Services (SCCS). Located in the Brightmoor Neighborhood of Detroit, the poorest in the city, SCCS also runs a food pantry that provides groceries for 150 households. Your monetary donation will help keep the doors open and food on the table.

Place your check made out to St. Christine Christian Services in a Lenten Projects envelope and put it in the Sunday collection on or before April 12. (Checks made out to **Ss. Cyril & Methodius** and cash placed in the envelope will go to the parish Christian Service fund and will be shared with Djibouti Catholic Missions per IRS requirements.)

Technical School and Literacy Center/Djibouti Catholic Missions: The Catholic diocese of Djibouti, a tiny Muslim country located in the Horn of Africa, operates 10 schools educating the very poorest and refugees from Somalia and other nearby countries. Among these are a technical school and literacy center which are directed by Fr. Mark Desser. Technical school students, young men who for the most part have never attended school before, learn the construction, carpentry and electro/mechanical skills they can use to lift themselves and their families out of dire poverty. Donations to Djibouti Catholic Missions will meet the operational costs of the technical school and literacy center.

A tax-deductible monetary donation may be made directly to this missionary project by putting a check made out to **Djibouti Catholic Missions** in a Lenten Projects envelope and placing it in the Sunday collection basket on or before Sunday, April 12. (Checks made out to Ss. Cyril & Methodius will go to the parish Christian Service fund and will be shared with St. Christine Christian Services per IRS requirements).

Right-to Life/Lifespan Baby Shower: Celebrate life at a "mini-baby shower" for Care Net Pregnancy Center. With locations in Berkley and Detroit, Care Net staff and volunteers provide pregnancy testing and information, ultrasounds, and referrals for care and needed services. Most of all they provide a compassionate, listening ear and individual care for each client. Parents who take one of Care Net's parenting classes are able to "shop" for much needed baby items in the centers' Baby Boutiques. Come to the Fr. Mikus hall after the 9:30AM Holy Mass on Sunday, March 22, and enjoy live music, a slide show about Care Net, and refreshments. Donations of baby clothing up to and including size 2T, wipes, baby wash or lotion, or monetary gifts can be brought to the hall at that time. (Checks made out to **Care Net** may be placed in the appropriate box at the shower. If you are unable to come to the shower, volunteers will be collecting donated items after all Holy Masses Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22.

Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Collection: This lent, the Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Council will again be collecting change to donate to Gianna House. Gianna House Pregnancy and Parenting Residence opened its doors to local pregnant teenagers last spring and now provides a home and loving care for several teens and newborns. The Gianna House Outreach program provides support, classes and material goods for young mothers in need from the surrounding neighborhood.

Next weekend (March 1 & 2) members of the council will be handing out baby bottles after all the Holy Masses. Please take a bottle home, fill the baby bottle with change during the weeks of lent, and return it on Palm Sunday weekend. Donations in the form of a check made out to: **St. Nicholas Council 7011** will also be accepted. Together, each of our small donations will go a long way toward helping Gianna House care for young mothers who choose life for their babies.

Clothing for the Homeless at St. Leo's: All year-round, St. Cyril's parishioners generously donate clothing for the homeless and those who live in the neighborhood around St. Leo's in Detroit. The Missionaries of Charity, who operate the clothing closet at St. Leo's, are extremely grateful for all the clothing we provide. At this time of year, there is a need for new and gently-used warm clothing such as coats, hooded sweatshirts, jeans, hats and gloves. In addition, there is a particular need for new socks and underwear for men and women. Please place your donations in the box marked Clothing Collection located in the coatroom.

Sacred Heart Food Pantry: Once again we will be supporting our less fortunate brothers and sisters in northern Macomb County who are assisted by the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at Sacred Heart parish in Imlay City. We are collecting toiletries as well as non-perishable food. Donations of canned tuna, chicken and ham, jelly, catsup, mayonnaise, pancake mix and syrup are particularly needed. Please place your donations in the box marked Sacred Heart Food and Toiletries Collection located in the vestibule coatroom by April 5.

Give the Gift of Your Time: This lent, why not be a cheerful giver of your time? Bring a friend, or gather your family or co-workers and spend a few hours helping feed the hungry in Detroit & helping at your own church to prepare for Easter:

- ♦ **St. Leo's Soup Kitchen:** Located in the basement of St. Leo's church on Grand River, volunteers prepare and serve a lunch-time meal Tuesday through Saturday. Contact the kitchen director, *Lamender Davis* at (313) 309-1277.
- ♦ **St. Christine's Soup Kitchen** serves a lunch-time meal on Tuesdays and Saturdays and can also use assistance in the Food Pantry at other times. Do you have special skills (plumber? Handyman? Computer skills and website knowledge?) St. Christine's needs your help! Contact SCCS Volunteer Coordinator *Patty Haney*, at (810) 919-0591.
- ♦ **Saturday Morning Grocery Ministry** at St. Aloysius needs your help! On the 2nd Saturday of each month, volunteers meet at St. Al's and, working in pairs, distribute groceries personally to older adults in their apartments on Washington Blvd. The goal is to provide much needed supplemental groceries, but also to build relationships with the elderly in the neighborhood, many of whom are alone. Contact *Kathleen Carsten*, Faith Community Nurse at (313) 309-1265 or parish.nurse@Ameritech.net.
- ♦ **Ss. Cyril & Methodius:** Prepare our church for Our Lord by helping to clean it on Monday, April 6, after the 12:00PM Holy Mass. If you can help clean our church on April 6, the day after Palm Sunday, please sign up on the list in the vestibule or contact the *Parish Office*, (586) 726-6911.

Please pray for all the people who are assisted by these ministries and for the volunteers and staff who care for them.

If you have any questions about any of the 2020 Lent Projects, please contact:

Erin Rybicki, Christian Service Coordinator, (586) 826-9787 or *Sandi Brady* in the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911

Christian Service Lenten Events

Saturday, February 29 - Sunday, March 1:

Knights of Columbus will be distributing baby bottles after all Sunday Holy Masses.
Take a baby bottle home and fill it with coins to support **Gianna House**.

Sunday, March 1:

Djibouti Catholic Missions slide show and information table during Fellowship
in the Fr. Mikus Hall after the 9:30AM Holy Mass.

Sunday, March 15:

Presentation on **Djibouti Catholic Missions** in Room 117 after the 9:30AM Holy Mass.
Come and learn about how Catholic priests, nuns and lay volunteers are living the joy of the Gospel
serving the destitute in the African desert.

Saturday, March 21 & Sunday, March 22:

Students for Life will be collecting donations of
baby clothing, baby wipes, baby wash and lotion, and monetary gifts for **Care Net Pregnancy Center**
before all Holy Masses this weekend.

Sunday, March 22:

Baby Shower to benefit **Care Net Pregnancy Center** in the Fr. Mikus Hall after the 9:30AM Holy Mass.
Celebrate life and enjoy refreshments and life music!

Volunteers from Students for Life will be accepting donations of:
clothing sizes Newborn to 2T, baby wipes, baby wash and lotion, or monetary gifts for Care Net.

Saturday, April 4 - Sunday, April 5:

Knights of Columbus will be collecting baby bottles filled with coins
to support **Gianna House** after all Sunday Holy Masses.