

First Sunday of Lent
March 1, 2020



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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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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) For Arrow Osbourn req. Dave Tay
 ❖ For Vladimir Alalykin-Izvekov req. Stefan Satkiewicz
 ❖ For Theresa Bellows ❖ †Anna Cnota
 ❖ †Paul Magusin req. Emilia Rafaidus
 ❖ †Joe Venglar
- 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 Sharon Brown
 ❖ For Rush Limbaugh req. Kathryn
 ❖ For Tessie Kowalski ❖ For Mirna Kakos req. Vicki
 ❖ For Robert & Kristina req. Mom

March 2, Monday – Pondelok

- 9:00AM LM For a Special Intention req. Lucy
 ❖ For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family
 ❖ †Milagros Sunga (1st Ann.)
- 12:00PM JN †Joe Basirico ❖ †James Signorello ❖ †Thomas Neil

March 3, Tuesday – Utorok

- 6:00AM LM For a Special Intention req. Lucy
 ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ †Jennie Szczygiel
- 12:00PM JN For the Raymond & Antoinette Families
 ❖ For Alicia Stephen (B'Day)
 ❖ For Jacob Sliwinski (B'Day)

March 4, Wednesday – Streda

- 8:30AM *Stations of the Cross*
- 9:00AM JN,d ❖ For The Casillo Family ❖ For Max Giroux (B'Day)
 ❖ †Ifeoma Virginia Onuora

- 12:00PM LM (Latin) For a Special Intention req. Lucy
 ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
 ❖ For Alma Warman req. Family

March 5, Thursday – Štvrtok

- 6:00AM JN For a Special Intention req. Lucy
 ❖ For Piatek Family
 ❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
- 12:00PM JN For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For Rachel req. by Grandma & Papa
 ❖ †Paul Magusin (B'Day)
- 7:00PM VP For Kathleen Pustelny ❖ For Maria Laconi
 ❖ †Ifeoma Virginia Onuora

March 6, First Friday – Prvý Piatok

- 6:00AM JN For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Sophie
 ❖ For a Special Intention req. Lucy
 ❖ †Cezar Sembrano
- 9:00AM VP For Stephanie Weil (B'Day)
 ❖ †Cynthia Yanik req. Family
 ❖ †Paul Magusin req. Tony Yanik
- 12:00PM ML For the Rosary Makers & their Families
 ❖ †Lawrence D. Orlick ❖ †Joe Basirico
- 6:30PM *Stations of the Cross*
- 7:00PM JN For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
 ❖ For Carl & +Stephanie Varchetti & Family
 ❖ †Ifeoma Virginia Onuora

March 7, First Saturday – Prvý Sobota

- 9:00AM JN For a Special Intention req. Lucy
 ❖ For the Members of the Rosary Society
 ❖ For Alyssa Irvine (B'Day)
- 5:30PM ML For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
 ❖ For Kathleen McPherson
 ❖ For the Reynolds Family
 ❖ For Chris & Moe Jones & Family
 ❖ †Gary Gasparski req. Family
 ❖ †Ifeoma Virginia Onuora
 ❖ †Joe Basirico

March 8, Second Sunday of Lent - Nedela

- Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9 (25)
- 7:30AM JN For Archbishop Vigneron req. Donna Lesko
 ❖ For James & Greete Varchetti
 ❖ For Paul Bittner req. Usher's Club
 ❖ For the Menard and Daniel Families
 ❖ For Emily & †Jo Davis
 ❖ †Walter & Beverly Cole
 ❖ †Ifeoma Virginia Onuora
- 9:30AM LM For the Vitale & Monsu Families
 ❖ †David Chupa ❖ †Yousif Ayoub Kashat
 ❖ †Marie Christina Robinson req. Ken Pullis
 ❖ †Caterina Polidori req. Friends
 ❖ †Richard Francis Martus req. Ken & Mary Ann Warner ❖ †Frank Schefke
- 11:30AM JN (Slovak) †Paul Magusin req. Bucko Family
- 1:30PM ML For the State of Michigan Electorate req. Cusumano's
 ❖ For a Special Intention req. Lucy
 ❖ For Rush Limbaugh req. Kathryn
 ❖ For Jessica Hanna (B'Day)
 ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
 ❖ For Janet Sullivan & Daughters
 ❖ †Diane Corrigan req. Sharon Brown & Family
- 3:00PM *Baptism: Elijah Benjamin Robinson
- 6:00PM VP (Latin)-Tridentine: For Dennis Fredal req. family
- 8:30PM LM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

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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

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LENT EVENTS & SCHEDULES:

Stations of the Cross (During Lent):

Every Wednesday at 8:30AM & Every Friday at 6:30PM

Additional Holy Masses (During Lent):

Every Friday at 7:00PM

Fish Fries (Serving from 4-7:00PM):

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3

Mass & Healing Service with Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga:

Friday, March 20, 7:00PM

Easter Bake Sale:

April 4 & 5 (after Holy Masses)

Concert: "Seven Last Words of Christ" (from the writing of St. Alphonsus di Ligouri):

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2:45PM

American Red Cross Blood Drive:

Monday, April 6: 1:00PM—6:45PM

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

BIG CONFESSION DAY: Tuesday, April 7:

10:00AM—Noon & 6:00PM—9:00PM

NO Confessions will be heard on:

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday,
Easter Sunday, Easter Monday or Easter Tuesday

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday, April 9: (No Confessions on Holy Thursday)

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM

Good Friday, April 10: (No Confessions on Good Friday)

Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2:00PM

Liturgy of Good Friday at 3:00PM

Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM

Blessing of Easter Baskets (After the following Holy Masses):

Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday, April 11, 7:00PM & Easter Sunday, April 12, 7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM

Holy Saturday, April 11: (No Confessions on Holy Saturday)

Adoration in the Chapel from 8:30AM—5:00PM

Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00PM

Easter Sunday, April 12: (No Confessions on Easter Sunday)

Holy Masses: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (in Slovak),

1:30PM, 6:00PM (Latin Tridentine) & 8:30PM

Easter Monday, April 13: (No Confessions on Easter Monday)

Regular Holy Mass Schedule: 9:00AM, NOON

*NOTE: Regular Confession Schedule begins Wednesday, April 15

Join the Parish Lenten Challenge!

It's not too late to join the Parish Lenten Challenge. Participants can grow in their faith this Lent by completing a worksheet, located in the vestibule. It contains personal challenges designed to help us grow as Catholics. 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. (You may complete more than one sheet.) Lots of fun raffle prizes will be awarded!

Church in Center and Eastern Europe • THIS Weekend

This week, our special collection supports the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in more than 20 countries still struggling to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generous collection today. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Life Teen High School Ministry

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

Life Teen is OFF this week for a Cor Meeting.

Join us next week 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@saintcyrils.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 Meeting.

Join us next week in the Activity Center for a night on Catholic Pilgrimages.

Questions about EDGE, please contact: *Alexandria Lewis* or *Christian Dresen* at edge@saintcyrils.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/cyrilparent>. It's important for us to have your contact information!

Catechism Corner/Schedule

Schedule:

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

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

Wednesday, March 18, 6:15PM:

No Benediction (Circle of Grace Training for all classes)

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

Saturday, 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

2020 Census: It's Critical, Convenient & Confidential

From March until July, Michiganders will participate in the 2020 census. The census is critical for Michigan, as it determines federal funding for local communities and the state's representation in government. Responding to the questions is more convenient than ever as people can respond by mail, phone or online and all information gathered will be kept confidential and secure.

An invitation to record your responses should come from the federal government by April 1. Learn more at:

www.micatholic.org/2020Census and www.census.gov

Our Lady's Rosary Makers • Friday, March 6

The Rosary Makers will meet this Friday, March 6, in Room #113 from 1:00PM—3:00PM. We welcome newcomers and meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

For more information, please contact:

Jo Ann, (586) 979-1078 or *Helen*, (586) 469-3181

Rosary Society Meeting • Saturday, March 7

Our next meeting will take place on Saturday, March 7th, 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.

Northland Family Prayer News • Saturday, March 7

There are so many things we can do to grow during Lent. We invite you to keep the unborn and all those touched by abortion in your prayers and consider praying outside a clinic near you. The 40 Days for Life campaign continues daily until April 5 (see below).

1) The monthly prayer and witness event takes place on Saturday, March 7, outside the Northland Family Planning Clinic from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. The clinic is located at 3810 17 Mile (just west of Ryan Road). 2) Consider stopping to pray in front of the clinic either before or after attending weekday Holy Mass. 3) The Pro-Life rosary takes place at church each Saturday. The Joyful, Luminous and Sorrowful Mysteries are recited before the 9:00AM Holy Mass, starting at 7:50AM. The Glorious Mysteries are recited immediately following the 9:00AM Holy Mass.

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

40 Days for Life • Until 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 1: Public sidewalk outside of Northland Family Planning at 3810 17 Mile Road, Sterling Heights. **Vigil Hours:** 7:00AM—7:00PM. **Local Contact:** *Suzanne Collister*, (810) 441-1095. For more info or to sign up, visit: 40daysforlife.com/sterling-heights

Vigil Location 2: Public right-of-way outside of Womancare Macomb at 11474 15 Mile Road, Sterling Heights. **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

Spring Forward • Sunday, March 8

Don't forget to set your clocks FORWARD one hour before you go to bed next Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00AM on Sunday, March 8!



RUMMAGE SALE
March 30–April 3

The Ss. Cyril & Methodius Rummage Sale is fast approaching and we need your help! We need your donations of gently-used, clean and working treasures that you no longer want or need in your home: Housewares, clean clothing, purses, bedding, tools, working electronics, working small appliances, working TV's, lamps, craft supplies, books, cd's, dvd's, frames, toys, baby items, knick-knacks, furniture, jewelry, sports equipment, outdoor stuff. Anything that you can bring to the church, we can sell! There are tax donation receipts available at the time you drop off your treasures.

Rummage Sale Drop Off Days (in the Father Mikus Hall):

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

Sale Days (in the Father Mikus Hall):

Wednesday & Thursday, April 1 and 2; 10:00AM - 7:00PM

Friday, April 3; 8:30AM - 11:00AM; \$3 & \$10 per bag day

Volunteers are needed on ALL days to help. You will not be required to lift anything heavy. Even a few hours are very helpful. You will have fun while you're working and meet new people! Sign-up sheets are in the church vestibule on the table. You DO NOT need to be a member of the Rosary Society to help. All proceeds support Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish.

If you have any questions, please contact:
 Andrea Davis, (586) 405-4666

LENTEN FISH DINNERS
Fridays During Lent
(except Good Friday)

March 6, 13, 20, 27 & April 3

Fr. Mikus Hall * Dine-In or Carry-Out
4:00PM - 7:00PM



You are invited to a delicious fresh dinner with friends and parishioners while supporting an important ministry.

Dinner Menu:

Salmon (Grilled or Blackened) w/ Rice & Vegetable (\$12)

*Beer Battered Cod (2 pcs.) w/Fries (\$9)

*Beer Battered Cod (2 pcs.) w/Mac & Cheese (\$10)

*Butterfly Shrimp (6 pcs.) w/Fries (\$9)

*Butterfly Shrimp (6 pcs.) w/Mac & Cheese (\$10)

*Popcorn Shrimp w/Fries (\$7)

*Popcorn Shrimp w/Mac & Cheese (\$8)

*Comes with Cole Slaw & Roll,

Soda, Coffee & Sales Tax are Included

Ala Carte Menu:

Clam Chowder - Made Fresh (\$4.50)

Macaroni & Cheese - Made Fresh (\$3.50)

Extra Beer Battered Cod (\$3.00)

French Fries (\$2.50) & Slaw (\$1.00)

Carryout Available. Come & Enjoy.

Questions:

Jon Ruthenbeck, (248) 953-9053 or John Fournier, (248) 410-5866

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.

As a Lenten Almsgiving, your attending will help support the Knights fourfold ministries:

- ◆ Service to the Poor
- ◆ Aid the Mentally Impaired
- ◆ Support Priests and Seminarians
- ◆ Support Right to Life

Tickets may be purchased in the Parish Office or contact:

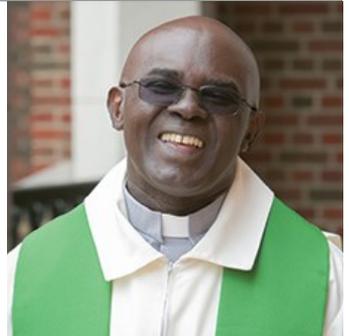
Ken Pullis, (586) 939-8525 or Joe Honce, (248) 224-1132

Holy Mass & Healing Service
Friday, March 20

Celebrant:

Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga

Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga, a priest from Rwanda, travels throughout the world recounting his incredible story of survival of the Rwandan genocide and sharing his beautiful gift of healing and the power of forgiveness. He survived the horrific genocide in 1994 after having lost over 80 of his family members and thousands from his own parish. Fr. Ubald's story is a moving testimony of forgiveness and love.



It is his belief that God uses him as an instrument for the edification of His Church through healing that is brought to people through his ministry.

Fr. Ubald wishes to share his gifts with you at the Healing Mass he will be celebrating on Friday, March 20, at 7:00PM. (Stations of the Cross begin at 6:30PM.)

If you, or if you know of anyone who is in need of spiritual and/or physical healing, please come. All are invited to share in this grace-filled evening. No one who comes will leave the same! No registration is required. Free-will offering will be taken.

For questions or more information, please email:

ourlady@maryourmother.org

Father Ubald's book "Forgiveness Makes You Free", by Ave Maria Press, is a dramatic story on healing and reconciliation:

<https://www.avemariapress.com/product/1-59471-871-7/>

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ADORERS
DESPARATELY NEEDED!

Tuesdays:
 We have **NO ONE** from
 1-2AM

Mondays:
 1-2AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM



Thursdays & Fridays:
 1-2AM, 2-3AM

Saturdays:
 1-2AM, 2-3AM,
 3-4AM, 4-5AM

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

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

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.

This weekend, 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.