

Second Sunday of Lent  
March 8, 2020



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



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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# OMŠOVÝ PORIADOK

## 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 & Grete 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  
❖ For Alisaon Doka req. Parents  
❖ For Joseph Vassallo ❖ For Sylvia Bieniek
- 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 PC (Latin)-Tridentine: For Dennis Fredal req. family
- 8:30PM PC For the Intentions of All Parishioners

## March 9, Monday – Pondelok

- 9:00AM JN †Robert Kaye (B'Day) ❖ †Ifeoma Virginia Onuora  
❖ †Charles & Isabella Varchetti
- 12:00PM JN For a Special Intention req. Lucy  
❖ †Julio Isip ❖ †Kathleen Batchelder req. Godmother
- 7:00PM \*Bilingual Rosary

## March 10, Tuesday – Utorok

- 6:00AM LM For a Special Intention req. Lucy  
❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖ †Ifeoma Virginia Onuora
- 12:00PM JN For Elizabeth Laconi ❖ For Sarah Hanna (B'Day)  
❖ †Chester Rudzewicz

## March 11, Wednesday – Streda

- 8:30AM \*Stations of the Cross\*
- 9:00AM JN,d (Latin) For Opal Timmerman (B'Day)  
❖ For Fr. Phil Schmitter req. Jeff Baker  
❖ †Caterina Polidori req. Friends

- 12:00PM LM For a Special Intention req. Lucy  
❖ For Fr. Ben Kosnac ❖ For Jerry Kelly

## March 12, Thursday – Štvrtok

- 6:00AM JN For a Special Intention req. Lucy  
❖ For George & Helen Emmendorfer  
❖ †Gregoria & Anastacio Isip
- 12:00PM LM For Rush Limbaugh req. Shirley Polakowski  
❖ †Jonathan Perayeff ❖ †Pierre Perayeff
- 7:00PM VP For Seminarian Patrick Blenman req. Grandparents  
❖ For Regina Kreiner req. Brother ❖ For Jerin Matthew

## March 13, Friday – Piatok

- 6:00AM PC For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Gill Family  
❖ For Al & Ann Varchetti ❖ For Dominic Bologna
- 9:00AM LM For Vince Laconi ❖ For Patricia Kornelis (B'Day)  
❖ For Christian Married Couples
- 12:00PM LM For Citizens of the United States ❖ Fr. Eduard Perrone  
❖ †Margaret Hernalsteen req. Colella Family
- 6:30PM \*Stations of the Cross\*
- 7:00PM JN For a Special Intention req. Lucy  
❖ For Stephen Czach (B'Day)  
❖ †Caterina Polidori req. Friends

## March 14, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM VP For the Members of O. L. Mother of Mercy Secular  
Discalced Carmelites  
❖ †Robert Stout, Sr.  
❖ †Eliezer Siwa
- 5:30PM JN For a Special Intention req. Lucy  
❖ For Paul & Julie Varchetti & Family  
❖ For Annette Schefke (B'Day)  
❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families  
❖ †Georgette Bolos ❖ †Tresa Marie Lamerato  
❖ †Lawrence O'Dowd

## March 15, Third Sunday of Lent - Nedela

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or 5:5-15, 19b-26, 39a (28)

- 7:30AM LM In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For Mark Varchetti ❖ For Chris Rymarz  
❖ For Rebecca Rencher req. Nash-Brown Family  
❖ For Emily & †Jo Davis ❖ †James Kessler req. Wife
- 9:30AM LM For Caryl Minjeur (90th B'Day)  
❖ For Caryl & Mary Minjeur (35th Wed. Ann)  
❖ For Beth Hines ❖ †Matthew Margiewicz  
❖ †Filippo Marrocco ❖ †Richard Francis Martus  
❖ †Marie Christine Robinson
- 11:30AM JN (Slovak) For Kathleen Kortebein req. Daughter  
❖ †Jana Kolarikova req. Daniela Grisak  
❖ †Paul & Anna Magusin req. Joe & Sonia Honce  
❖ †Maria Cechvala req. Sobolic Family
- 1:30PM ML For Rush Limbaugh req. Kathryn  
❖ For Marcus & Mary Pogasic  
❖ For Lamar Hanna (B'Day)  
❖ For the Makarewicz Family  
❖ †Yousif Ayoub Kashat  
❖ †Caterina Polidori req. Friends  
❖ †Tresa Marie Lamerato req. John & Marian Santi
- 3:00PM \*Baptism:  
Sophia Louise Persichetti, Vincent Paolo Persichetti, Charlotte Ann Persichetti
- 6:00PM PC (Latin)-Tridentine: For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM PC For a Special Intention req. Lucy  
❖ For Connor & Lillyanna (B'Days)  
❖ For Brian Czach ❖ For Joseph Vassallo  
❖ †Salvatore & Rosalia Castronovo

## 2nd Sunday of Lent • March 8, 2020

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



## 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

During this Lenten season, 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 literary 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, 3/22, and enjoy live music, a slide show about Care Net & 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 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. Baby bottles were distributed last weekend. Please 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. 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](mailto: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.

Questions about any of the 2020 Lent Projects, please contact: *Erin Rybicki*, (586) 826-9787 or *Sandi Brady*, Parish Office, (586) 726-6911

## Coronavirus Update

Due to concerns about the Coronavirus, please take these necessary measures to prevent spreading germs to your neighbors:

- ♦ **If you are sick, stay home!** (An individual DOES NOT commit any sin by avoiding Mass to protect others from potential spread of illness! CCC2181)
- ♦ **Cough/Sneeze into a tissue or your arm.**
- ♦ **Wash and/or sanitize your hands often.**
- ♦ **Do not shake hands or touch others.**

As additional information becomes available, you will be notified promptly.

## Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, March 9

*"Elevate – A Life Night on the Importance of Sacred Art"*

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

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.

We look forward to seeing you next week, March 16, for a night on the Stories of Creation in the Old Testament.

## 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.

Questions: *Alexandria Lewis*, [lifeteen@saintcyrls.church](mailto:lifeteen@saintcyrls.church)

## EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, March 12

*"Pack Your Bags – A Night on Catholic Pilgrimages"*

**7:00PM – 8:45PM • Activity Center**

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 next week, on Thursday, March 19, for a night on Including Others.

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

## Support Us by Contributing to Snacks

The registration fee goes directly to cover the snack for teens at Life and Edge Nights. Please help us serve your family by paying the registration fee at <https://tinyurl.com/cyrlparent>. Payment is never necessary to participate, but we appreciate it if families who are able can contribute to this evangelization.

## Catechism Corner/Schedule

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

Thank you, *Paul & Carroll Schuller*, Directors of Religious Ed.

Questions: [p\\_schuller@yahoo.com](mailto:p_schuller@yahoo.com) or (586) 254-9212

## 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:

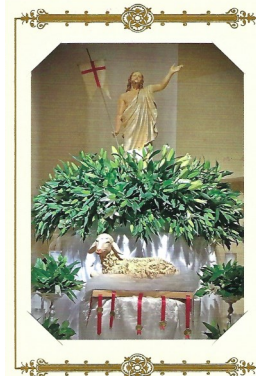
Confirmation Retreat for 7th and 8th Grades at 10:00AM

## Easter Novena Mass Cards

Our Easter Novena will begin on Easter Monday, April 13. Novena Mass Cards are for living or deceased relatives and friends and are available in English and in Slovak for \$10 each.

Available after Masses on weekends or in the Parish Office on weekdays from 10AM—5PM.

*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most precious gift anyone can receive!*



## 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. 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.

## 2020 Census: It's Critical, Convenient & Confidential

This month, you will receive a request from the federal government to participate in the 2020 census. Participation matters, as the census will impact whether Michigan has fair political representation in Congress. It will also impact whether the state's roads, hospitals, schools and fire departments have the funding they need to support Michigan's health and well-being for the next decade. Please take time to respond. A full and accurate count is needed to help our communities and families thrive.

More information is available at:

[www.micatholic.org/2020Census](http://www.micatholic.org/2020Census) and [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

## Apologetics Conference DVDs & CDs Ready to Order

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Apologetics Conference that took place on February 22 with Dr. Monica Miller and Mr. Trevor Pollo such a success. If you would like to order a CD or DVD, please place your order in the Parish Office.

DVDs & CDs = \$15 each, MP3 = \$10, BlueRay = \$20

## Monthly Bilingual Rosary • Monday, March 9

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.

We will pray this centennial Rosary in the Church this Monday, March 9, at 7:00PM. There will be a social after the Bilingual Rosary in the Slovak Heritage Room. Bring a snack to share if you wish.

Prayer requests may be sent either by emailing

[100rosary@gmail.com](mailto:100rosary@gmail.com) or calling or texting (586) 413-4050.

Organized by: *Maria Lamerova* and *Cindy & Dennis Zitny*

## St. Cyril Book Club • Thursday, March 12

The St. Cyril Book Club will meet this Thursday, March 12, at 7:00PM in Room 112 to watch "Science Tests Faith: Following the Trail of the Blood of Christ." The movie is a compelling and thought-provoking witness to the faith of Ron Tesoriero, lawyer and author, and Michael Willesee an investigative journalist. They build a powerful fact-based case for belief in the Eucharist. The movie is 1 hour and 44 minutes.

We will discuss the movie afterward and also the book that will be covered in April. Everyone is invited to attend.





## 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

## St. Patrick's Day Dinner • Sunday, 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

## 40 Days for Life • Until April 5

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](http://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](mailto:PitterPatterMom@protonmail.com)

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

## LENTEN FISH DINNERS Fridays During Lent (except Good Friday) March 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



## Holy Mass & Healing Service Friday, March 20

### Father 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.)

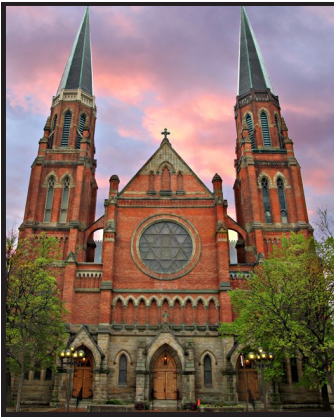
If you, or if you know of anyone who is in need of spiritual and/or physical healing, please come. All are invited to share in this grace-filled evening. No one who comes will leave the same! No registration is required. Free-will offering will be taken.

Questions, please email: [ourlady@maryourmother.org](mailto:ourlady@maryourmother.org)

## American Red Cross Blood Drive • April 6

Our next Blood Drive is during Holy Week on Monday, April 6. The Blood Drive will take place from 1:00PM-6:45PM. Please HELP SAVE LIVES! Please sign up today: \* schedule in vestibule \* through our link on our web-site: [www.saintcyrils.church](http://www.saintcyrils.church) \* log onto: [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or \* call the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911. Without the proper amount of blood on-hand, patients (perhaps even our family members or friends) may not have blood available for necessary operations or emergencies. Thank you for your support!





## St. Anne Named "Minor Basilica" by Holy Father, Pope Francis

March 1, 2020 – Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron announced today that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has granted the title of Minor Basilica to Ste. Anne Church, in Detroit. The title is given to churches around the world to denote a particular importance in liturgical and pastoral life and a closer relationship with the pope. The title of Major Basilica is reserved to churches in Rome. "As our founding parish, Ste. Anne was among the first fruits of a new missionary diocese. In the church's designation as a basilica, it will stand as a profound reminder to all who visit of our continuing mission to unleash the Gospel in our communities," Archbishop Vigneron said. "We in the Archdiocese of Detroit are truly blessed by the Holy Father's recognition of its historic significance to the City of Detroit and its importance to the liturgical life of the entire Archdiocese." Archbishop Vigneron in July of 2018 requested that the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments grant the title to the parish church, which was consecrated on October 30, 1887. It is the 8th church constructed for the use of the parish community, which dates back to Ste. Anne's feast day, July 26 in 1701 – just two days after Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac and his companions, including two Catholic

priests, established the settlement of Fort Ponchartrain du Détroit. Ste. Anne Parish remains the 2nd-oldest continuously operating Catholic parish in the U.S. The parish's most well-known pastor, Father Gabriel Richard, authored the motto for Detroit, "Speramus meliora; resurget cineribus," ("We hope for better things; it will rise from the ashes,") after the Great Fire of 1805. Fr. Richard's final resting place is at Ste. Anne.

"We are most grateful to Pope Francis for the designation and to Archbishop Vigneron for championing this effort," said Msgr. Charles Kosanke, pastor of Ste. Anne Parish. "In celebrating this honor, we embrace our added responsibility as a basilica to increase our efforts to serve as a welcoming place of prayer and spiritual renewal for all who visit. We pray especially for the intercession of Ste. Anne, patroness of Detroit and our parish, that she may become a special source of wisdom and inspiration for the faithful of the Archdiocese and beyond." Ste. Anne is now one of 86 churches in the United States—and only the 3rd church in Michigan—to hold the title of Minor Basilica. The AOD's National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak was named a Minor Basilica in 2015 and the Basilica of St. Adalbert in Grand Rapids received the title in 1980. To mark Ste. Anne's designation as a Minor Basilica, Archbishop Vigneron will preside at a solemn celebration of Mass with a reading of the decree at 12 p.m. Sunday, April 26. The church's title also will change to that of a basilica, to reflect its new designation. Due to its closer connection to the pope, Ste. Anne will see enhancements to its already-active liturgical life throughout the year. Though the schedule of services week-to-week will not change, Ste. Anne will observe various feast days associated with St. Peter and the papacy. To demonstrate it met criteria for becoming a Minor Basilica, Ste. Anne extensively documented its heightened liturgical activity and its architectural stature. The current church structure was built in 1886 to serve as the parish's eighth worship space, but it contains many artifacts from the so-called "Stone Church," the church building that preceded the present structure. Among the items removed to the current building are the 1818 cornerstone, the altar in the chapel, the communion rail, the Beaubien Bell, and the statue of Ste. Anne and Mary. In addition, some windows removed from the earlier church and reinstalled at Ste. Anne hold the oldest stained glass found in Detroit. Ste. Anne Parish has a membership of 575 families. The parish is named for St. Anne, the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary and patron saint of the Archdiocese of Detroit. In recognition of the parish's special devotion to St. Anne, Archbishop Vigneron in 2017 established an official Archdiocesan Shrine inside the church. The "Shrine" references a side-altar located inside the church and includes a display of a first-class relic in front of a statue of St. Anne. The statue of St. Anne with a teenage Mary is from the 1828 church built by Fr. Gabriel Richard. The relic is from the ancient shrine of Ste. Anne d'Auray in France.



## ADORATION 101 - "In Our Time" by Paul Ray

It has been awhile since I have written an Adoration 101 column. Like it has been said, "Life happens". That it does. God, in His Divine Providence, saw it fitting to challenge me through many and various trials. As a result, I felt it necessary to step back for a while and concentrate on what was troubling me, my family and gather myself in understanding exactly what direction Our Lord has us going. I sincerely apologize to my readers and hope all of you can understand. For you have been my inspiration, and your encouragement, compliments and inspiration have been fundamental for me; I am forever indebted.

During the last few weeks I've felt the Holy Spirit move me to pick up the pen once again and begin anew; despite the challenges I am facing. Yet, I am not the only one facing real and difficult challenges in life. After talking with many people I've come to realize that I'm not alone ... **we're** not alone. So what can we do about it?

Back when we began Adoration on a regular basis here at St. Cyril's in 2014, we were all on fire! We all had a deep-seated desire to adore Our Lord no matter what! I miss those days. However, like most things in life, things we take for granted often grow cold. I was reminded of Jesus' words in the book of Revelation when He gave a message to St. John to give to the angel of the church in Ephesus. He told them, "*I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance ... I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for My names sake, and you have not grown weary. **But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.** Remember then from what you have fallen, repent and do the works you did at first*" (Revelation 2:2-5).

God has given our parish the most precious gift in Himself in the Blessed Sacrament, and with that an opportunity to be able to adore Him throughout the day; morning, noon and night. Most Catholic parishes do not have this blessing. But **WE** do! The number of people taking time out of their week to adore Him has dwindled within the last year. Yes, "life happens", I know! But Jesus Himself told us that He is " ... the way, the truth, and the **LIFE** ..." (John 14:6). Once we take time out for Him, even one single hour per week, that's only 1.68% of our week, things will change. We have to ask ourselves the tough question: Jesus has not abandoned us, but have we abandoned Him? Please sign up for a Holy Hour. And I look forward to writing more about the wonders and joy of living our lives in Christ! We're family and I love you all! – Paul A. Ray

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

### **ADORERS DESPERATELY NEEDED:**

Mondays & Tuesdays & Thursdays: 1AM-2AM \* Tuesdays & Thursdays: 8AM-9AM

Mondays & Wednesdays & Saturdays: 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**

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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 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/Meditation: "Seven Last Words of Christ" (from the writing of St. Alphonsus Liguori):**

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