

Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

FARNOST SVÄTÝCH
CYRILA A METODA



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



SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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Parish Announcements – April 26, 2020

- The Mother's Day Novena begins in two weeks, on Monday, May 11. Novena cards are available to be mailed to you or your loved ones. Please see the website for details.
- Life Teen will meet virtually through Zoom. On Monday, there will be a Scripture game night for teens in 10th-12th grade and on Tuesday, there will be a night on the virtue of Hope for teens in the 8th and 9th grades. Stay tuned for details on virtual EDGE night events coming in May.
- The Chapel remains open daily for private prayer from 12:00PM - 10:00PM. Only five people are allowed in the Chapel at one time. The Church is open on Sundays from 12:00PM - 10:00PM for private prayer. Only ten people are allowed in the Church at one time. Please remember social distancing and please wear a mask or scarf over your mouth to help protect yourself and your neighbor.
- If you are in need of assistance during these difficult times, please contact the parish office and leave your name and telephone number.
- Please continue to visit our website for up-to-date information, including reflections on the daily readings and the latest parish bulletin.
- Next week's Sunday Holy Mass will be livestreamed at 10:00AM.

Farské oznamy – 26. apríla 2020

- O dva týždne, 10. mája si pripomíname Deň Matiek. Novéna svätých omší k tomuto sviatku sa začne slúžiť v pondelok, 11. mája. Novénové karty pre vašich blízkych sú k dispozícii, detaily si môžete prečítať vo farskom bulletine, alebo na webovej stránke.
- Stretnutie Life Teen cez Zoom bude v pondelok a v utorok pre mládež od 8. po 12. triedu. V prípade záujmu kontaktujte Alex Lewis. V máji budú aj virtuálne stretnutia EDGE pre žiakov stredných škôl.
- Kaplnka býva otvorená každý deň 12:00 do 22:00. Prosím, dodržiavajte hygienické opatrenia..
- Sledujte našu farskú internetovú stránku, na ktorej uverejňujeme informácie, denné zamyslenia, ako aj farský bulletin.
- Ak viete o niekom, kto potrebuje počas týchto dní pomoc, prosím, kontaktuje farský úrad.
- Ak sa chcete dozvedieť viac o modlitbovej novéne ku sv. Korone, patrónke v časoch epidémií, prosím navštívte slovenskú sekciu našej farskej webovej stránky.

MASS *Intentions*

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*Father Libor & Father Juraj will celebrate the scheduled Mass Intentions
in their Private Daily Masses this week as follows:*

April 25, Saturday – Sobota

- ❖ For Pope Francis ❖ For Fr. Mark Desser ❖ For Charlene Swub ❖ For Brad Chasney
- ❖ For Dominic Bihar ❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families ❖ †Elizabeth Scott

April 26, Third Sunday of Easter - Nedela

Acts 2:14, 22-33, 1 Pt 1:17-21, Lk 24:13-35

- ❖ For the Intentions of All Parishioners ❖ For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality
- ❖ For President Donald Trump req. Mark Dabrowski ❖ For Lexi Laconi ❖ For Daniel Weil ❖ For Laurie Heaton
- ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family ❖ For Marvin, Yousif & Meriam Shaina ❖ For Carl & †Stephanie Varchetti & Family
- ❖ †Rosie Davis ❖ †Robert S. Lesniak ❖ †Fran Lesniak ❖ †Brian Czach ❖ †Francesco & Palma Angelosanto
- ❖ †Teddy Kochan ❖ †James Zabawski req. Wife ❖ †John Wolfe ❖ †Robert Bayer req. Family ❖ †Matthew Burke

April 27, Monday – Pondelok

- ❖ For Lucy Timmerman ❖ For Lindsay Sayad (B'Day) ❖ For Charlene Swub
- ❖ For Larry Giroux Jr. ❖ For Nathan Meier Family ❖ †Jerry & Christine Ficek

April 28, Tuesday – Utorok

- ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Samantha Johnson (B'Day) ❖ For Cindy Desser (B'Day)
- ❖ For Scott Chaney ❖ †Thomas Langlois req. Langlois Family ❖ †Edward & Agatha Smak

April 29, Wednesday – Streda

- ❖ For Andy Parker req. Langlois Family ❖ For Michael Desser ❖ For Henry Miller
- ❖ For Luke Anthony Pawlowski ❖ For Amelia req. Meme & Papa ❖ For Deceased Members of the Vacaj Family

April 30, Thursday – Štvrtok

- ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Claudia Bihar (B'Day) ❖ For James & Grete Varchetti
- ❖ For the Deceased Members of the Hasaj Family ❖ †Matthew Margiewicz ❖ †Leo & Marion McGrath

May 1, First Friday – Piatok

- ❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For the 2020 Confirmandi
- ❖ For the Rosary Makers & Their Families ❖ For Noah Pablo ❖ For Felipe Ching ❖ For Prudence Lantzy req. Husband
- ❖ For Matthew Dzieciolowski ❖ †Stella Orlowsky ❖ †Joe Basirico ❖ †Cynthia Yanik req. Family

May 2, First Saturday – Sobota

- ❖ For the Members of the Rosary Society ❖ For Fr. Lawrence Fares (B'Day) ❖ For Nathan Czach
- ❖ For Elena req. Meme & Papa ❖ For Samantha Debczak ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
- ❖ †Joe Basirico ❖ †David Chupa ❖ †Gary Gasparski req. Family ❖ †Frances M. Orlick

May 3, Sunday - Nedela

Acts 2:14, 22-33, 1 Pt 1:17-21, Lk 24:13-35

- ❖ For the Intentions of All Parishioners ❖ For Louise Napor ❖ For Charles & Julia Celusnak & Family ❖ For Matthew Dubon
- ❖ For Tom & Helen Gajewski ❖ For Sharon Weil ❖ For Patrick, Stephanie & Emmanuel Korkis
- ❖ †Sebastian Abate ❖ †Charles & Isabella Varchetti ❖ †Michael Fredal ❖ †Gene Kucharek

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- ♦ Those Who Are Sick
- ♦ Those Who Have Died
- ♦ Those Who Care for the Sick & Dying

Dear Parishioners,

Third Sunday of Easter - What Faith Means (not only) in the Times of the Pandemic

The time of Easter, a time of joy, has been marked by sorrows, concerns, and hard questions for many of us this year. Is something wrong with God that this whole pandemic is happening? We have been praying so hard and this is what happened? On the way to Calvary, Jesus encounters women who cry over him, but Jesus admonishes them: Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children. (Luke 23:28)

The people of pagan antiquity lived with the idea that various deities, responsible for different spheres of the universe and society, required a consistent and abundant flow of sacrifices, lest that divinity strike down the area within his charge. The pagan idea of sacrifice was to feed and appease the angry divinity, and thus ensure the continuation of the world. People lived in fear of overstepping the boundaries of proper conduct with the temples and divinities. Was it an easy, or hard life? It must have been hard because of the material cost involved, the need to follow regulations, and the uncertain outcome. Humanity was always at risk, but it survived thanks to the experts (priests) who kept the secret of survival (superior knowledge and skills).

This temptation is always present in humanity, including Christians to: change something on the outside, so that things go better for me. And shouldn't it be God who should change; our God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, responsible for everything, who needs to be fixed, so that things go well again for us? How easy it is to fall into the old schemes of appeasing God for what we believe are human offenses.

Jesus, too, was always having a hard time bringing people's attention to what really matters; moving them from the external make-up to the human heart – the human being and life. He reminds the women of Jerusalem to weep for themselves. Weeping is not just an emotional outburst, but a sincere effort in the process of one's transformation. Wasn't the purpose of Jesus' life and death the sanctification of people? It can be called a transformation: instead of fixing God, we need to fix ourselves. Make our life more and more similar to his life. At the beginning of the gospels, the crowds asked John the Baptist: What then, should we do? (Luke 3:10) Faith must always start with a question to myself; not by giving answers. And asking hard questions requires humility and readiness to change even long-held practices. Challenging.

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Fr. Libor Marek



Mother's Day Novena Available ♦ Novena Begins May 10

If you would like to include yourself or a loved one in our Mother's Day Novena that begins on Sunday, May 10, we will fill out and mail your card(s) for you!

Please:

- ♦ Email: parishoffice@saintcyrils.church
- ♦ In the subject line, write: MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
- ♦ Put the names AND addresses of where you want each individual card mailed
- ♦ Indicate how you would like each card signed (i.e. "Love, Joey", "You're the Best Mom, Martha", etc.)
- ♦ Make donation for cards by either:
 - 1) using PushPay on our Parish Website: www.saintcyrils.church, GIVE button in right corner -or-
 - 2) making check payable to: "Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish"

In memo line, write: "MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA" and mail it to:

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*Suggested Donation: \$10 per Novena

The Road to Emmaus

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus Himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast.

(Luke 24: 13-17)



"Amid our questions and difficulties, and even our bitter disappointments, the divine Wayfarer continues to walk at our side, opening to us the Scriptures and leading us to a deeper understanding of the mysteries of God".

~ John Paul II

"This beautiful evangelical text already contains the structure of the Mass: in the first part listening to the Word through the Scriptures; second in the Eucharistic liturgy and communion with Christ present in the sacrament of His Body and His Blood. Nourishing ourselves in this twofold meal, the Church builds itself up and is renewed every day in faith, hope and charity."

~ Pope Benedict XVI

As they approached the village to which they were going, He gave the impression that He was going on farther. But they urged Him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So He went in to stay with them.

(Luke 24: 28-29)

*We would not live by bread alone,
But by Thy Word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on
To our abiding place.*

*Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.*

*Lord, sup with us in love divine;
Thy body and Thy blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
Be our immortal food.*

"Shepherd of Souls"

By James Montgomery



"Perhaps, He withdrew Himself, that He might be recalled the more earnestly, and the more ardently retained. For thus He feigned to be going farther, not that He intended to do so, but so as to be invited to stay with that tender solicitation, 'Stay with us, because it is toward evening, and the day is now far spent.'"

~ St. Bernard

And it happened that, while He was with them at table, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, but He vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?"

(Luke 24: 30-32)

"The Lord not only blessed the bread, but gave it with His own hand to Cleophas and his companion. But that which is given by His hand is not only sanctified, but is sanctification and the cause of sanctity to the recipient."

~ St. John Chrysostom

"How did the Lord will to make Himself known? By the breaking of bread. We are content then, that in the breaking of bread the Lord is made known to us. In no other way is it His will to reveal Himself. Therefore, although we shall not see Him in bodily form, He has given us His flesh to eat."

~ St. Augustine



Ss. Cyril & Methodius Youth Ministry VIRTUAL LIFE NIGHTS

Join our on-line Catholic youth ministry as we continue to gather together virtually to pray, share and grow in faith!

MONDAYS EVENINGS are for Sophomores - Seniors

TUESDAY EVENINGS are for Freshmen & 8th Graders

Monday, April 27, Topic: "Scripture & Game Night"

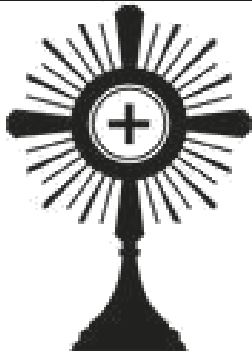
Tuesday, April 28, Topic: "The Tomb was Empty"

To participate or for more information,
please contact:

Alex Lewis and Christian Dresen

lifeteen@saintcyrils.church or edge@saintcyrils.church

A link will be sent to your family in order to participate in the Zoom meeting!



ADORATION 101

News, Media and Jesus Christ By: Paul Ray

During this time of quarantine many of us have more time on our hands, myself included. Now, I am not one to watch the news, but when you have this extra time you cannot help but see the headlines, or see it on the internet or social media. It's practically inescapable unless you shut everything off and live off the grid.

There is nothing wrong with reporting the news. It's how we learn about what is happening within our communities, our nation and the world. However, have you noticed how the vast majority of the news is negative? Journalism was created to report the facts from an unbiased perspective. In our day-in-age,

that reality seems to be a thing of the past. Whatever gets more views, better ratings and creates more controversy seems to be the theme anymore. This is a pandemic, if you ask me, in and of itself.

Regardless, it is what it is. The point I would like to make is this: JESUS is reality. Bring to mind the words of St. John from the beginning of his Gospel, *"In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men."* (John 1:1-4)

If *"all things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made"*, why don't we hear about Christ in the news and media? There are many and various reasons to this question but if we want to grasp reality and what's really going on in life **God** is our source, not the news media. Yes, it is good to know what is happening among people (His creation) and it is helpful to be informed on the latest information on what is happening around us, but life is much deeper than that.

In conclusion, when we watch the news we ought to do two things: 1) Receive and filter it through the lens of our faith. 2) Pray for those who are **IN** the news. Let God, through Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the wisdom of the Church and of the Saints be your "News". Do not let this world determine the ideal for life. Do not turn to the creature instead of the Creator. Remember, we were created for heaven, not this earth! – Paul A. Ray

A CHALLENGE TO DISCIPLESHIP

During these trying times God has giving most of a perfect opportunity: MORE FREE TIME! We cannot let this go to waste! This is why I propose a challenge to us all. I do realize that some of us are still working, whether out and about or from home, and do not have the same amount of free time as those who have been furloughed, laid off lost their jobs. We all thank you for your service and recognize how difficult it must be. However, this challenge is open to you as well.

Each week I will be posting a specific challenge to fulfill Christ's command tp. "Love one another; even as I have loved you ... By this all men will know that you are my disciples." (John 13:34-35)

From APRIL 26 through MAY 3:

During this week take some time to write a letter to God; preferably a hand written letter. Express your love to Him as you would a loved one. Let him know how thankful you are for the blessings He has given you. Ask Him for His forgiveness for when you have sinned against Him. Tell Him the secrets of your heart and everything that concerns you, pray for the people that need prayer (be specific) and lastly, just talk to Him like you're talking to your best friend. Once you're done, place the piece of paper in your Bible. It will me a memento to always look back on and hopefully a habit you can adopt even after this week! – Paul A. Ray



Monday, April 27
St. Zita of Lucca



St. Zita was born to a very poor and pious family. At age twelve she became a domestic servant for the wealthy Fainelli family in Lucca, Italy, a position she kept all her life; she looked at it as a way to serve God. Zita often gave her own food, and sometimes that of her master, to those poorer than herself, which caused her to get in frequent trouble with her employers and the other servants who resented her. However, she did such a fine job she was eventually placed in charge of the house. Zita attended daily Mass before beginning her duties, and would go to a nearby monastery to pray in private. Word spread rapidly in Lucca of Zita's good deeds and the heavenly visions that appeared to her. She was sought out by the important people, and at her death in 1278 the people acclaimed her as a saint.

Tuesday, April 28
St. Louis de Montfort



Born in the Breton village of Montfort, St. Louis identified himself by the place of his Baptism instead of his family name, Grignion. He was ordained a diocesan priest in 1700. Soon Fr. Louis began preaching parish missions throughout western France. In his preaching, which attracted thousands of people back to the faith, Fr. Louis recommended frequent, even daily, Holy Communion—not the custom then!—and imitation of the Virgin Mary's ongoing acceptance of God's will for her life. Fr. Louis founded the Missionaries of the Company of Mary, for priests and brothers, and the Daughters of Wisdom, who cared especially for the sick. His book 'True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin' has become a classic explanation of Marian devotion. St. Louis' life is inseparable from his efforts to promote genuine devotion to Mary, the Blessed Mother. Totus tuus ("completely yours") was Louis' personal motto. He was canonized in 1947.

Wednesday, April 29
St. Catherine of Siena



St. Catherine was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the Pope. In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, Popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She was canonized in 1461.

Thursday, April 30
Pope St. Pius V



Michele Ghislieri was born to poor parents on January 17, 1504 and was elected Pope on January 7, 1566. With the influential backing of his friend St. Charles Borromeo, he took the name Pius V. His pontificate was dedicated to applying the reforms of the Council of Trent, raising the standard of morality and reforming the clergy, and strongly supporting foreign missions. The most famous success of his papacy was the miraculous victory of the Christian fleet in the battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The Pope sent out a fleet to meet the enemy, requesting that each man on board pray the Rosary and receive Communion. Meanwhile, he called on all of Europe to recite the Rosary and ordered a 40-hour devotion in Rome during which time the battle took place. The Christian fleet inflicted an impossible defeat and in memory of the triumph, he declared the day the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. He has also been called 'the Pope of the Rosary' for this reason. Pope Pius V died on May 1, 1572, of a painful disease, uttering "O Lord, increase my sufferings and my patience!" He was canonized by Clement XI in 1712.

Friday, May 1
St. Joseph the Worker



To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor. Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph's carpentry shop. Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work."

Lighthearted Points to Ponder ...

Some Things Andy Rooney Has Learned

Written by Andy Rooney (1919-2011), a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words.

I've Learned....

- ◆ That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
 - ◆ That when you're in love, it shows.
- ◆ That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.
- ◆ That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.
 - ◆ That being kind is more important than being right.
 - ◆ That you should never say no to a gift from a child.
- ◆ That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.
- ◆ That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
 - ◆ That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- ◆ That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.
 - ◆ That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.
 - ◆ That money doesn't buy class.
 - ◆ That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
- ◆ That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
 - ◆ That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
- ◆ That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
 - ◆ That love, not time, heals all wounds.
- ◆ That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
 - ◆ That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
 - ◆ That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.
 - ◆ That life is tough, but I'm tougher.
 - ◆ That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.
 - ◆ That when you harbour bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
 - ◆ That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.
- ◆ That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
 - ◆ That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- ◆ That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life.
- ◆ That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
 - ◆ That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

The Biblical Meaning of the Number 40

The Stay-Home Order was announced in Michigan on March 23rd and was extended until May 1st. It's exactly 40 days from March 23 to May 1.

QUARANTINE: The Latin root of the word "quarantine" is "forty".

So what does the Bible say about 40?

- ◆ The flood lasted 40 days
- ◆ 40 years Moses fled Egypt and led the Israelites to the Promised Land
- ◆ 40 days Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments
 - ◆ Exodus lasted 40 years
 - ◆ Jesus fasted for 40 days
 - ◆ Lent is 40 days
- ◆ 40 days from the Resurrection to the Ascension

A group of theologians thinks the number 40 represents "change". It is the time of preparing a person, or people, to make a fundamental change.

Something will happen after these 40 days. Just believe and pray. Remember, whenever the number 40 appears in the Bible, there is a "change".

During this "quarantine" rivers are cleaning up, vegetation is growing, the air is becoming cleaner because of less pollution, in many areas there is less theft and murder, healing is happening, and most importantly, many people are turning to Christ. The Earth is at rest for the first time in many years and hearts are truly transforming.

So, during this time, enjoy it with your loved ones and return to the family altar together. Family prayer is a great blessing. Through prayer you will see the changes God can work in you and in your home. Christ promises us that everything works together for the good for those who love God: Romans 8:28!

Remember we are in the year 2020, and $20 + 20 = 40$.

Also, 2020 is the year of the United States Census. Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, was born during a census.

Lastly, 2020 is perfect vision. May our sight focus on the Lord and living according to His perfect vision for us knowing He holds us in the palm of His hand.

May these days of "quarantine" bring spiritual liberation to our souls, our nation, and our world.

The best is yet to come.

Trust in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

(Found on-line 4-21-20. Author Unknown)