

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 23, 2020



SAINTS CYRIL AND  
METHODIUS PARISH

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



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"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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# MASS *Intentions*

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## August 22, Saturday – Sobota

9:00AM **Mass Inside Church**  
For the Intentions of the Assumption Novena

5:30PM **Outdoor Mass**  
For Fr. Ben Kosnac & Fr. Perrone  
❖ For Steve Mazurkiewicz II (B'Day)  
❖ For Peter Desser (B'Day)  
❖ For Charles & Theresa MacDonald by Family  
❖ †Jennie Keena ❖ †Raymond Tresh (Ann.)

## August 23, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedela

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20 (121)

7:30AM **Mass Inside Church**  
For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality ❖ In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
❖ For Molly Manor req. Langlois Family  
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
❖ For Ibrahim Aziz ❖ †Richard C. Rolling  
❖ †Janet Smith ❖ †Richard Walczyk  
❖ †Virginia Pierce req. Cindy & Dennis Zitny  
❖ †James Zabawski req. Wife

9:30AM **Outdoor Mass**  
For the Intentions of the Assumption Novena

11:30AM (Slovak) **Mass Inside Church**  
For Nedhal Aziz ❖ For Karin Yatooma  
❖ †Julia Mary Gulas  
❖ †Maria Dargajova req. Balaz Family

6:00PM (Tridentine) **Mass Inside Church**  
For RoseAnn Lebioda

8:30PM **Outdoor Mass**  
For the Intentions of All Parishioners

## August 24, Monday – Pondelok

12:00PM **Mass Inside Church**  
For a Special Intentions Alia Korkis  
❖ For Jonathon Zammit ❖ For Julius Aziz  
❖ For Jack Shubnell req. Langlois Family  
❖ For Dan & Jan Atkinson ❖ For Dung Vu

## August 25, Tuesday – Utorok

6:00AM **Outdoor Mass**  
For James F. Parker req. Langlois Family  
❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For Larry and Mary Hines (40th Wed. Ann.)

12:00PM **Mass Inside Church**  
For Anne Desser (B'Day)  
❖ For Jonathan & Sharon Zammit  
❖ †Mary Surman & John Breslin

## August 26, Wednesday – Streda

12:00PM **Mass Inside Church**  
For the Conversion of Sinners ❖ For My Nguyen  
❖ For Kevin Aziz ❖ †Mary Klebans req. Family  
❖ For the Deceased Members of the Willman Family  
❖ †Ben Drozdowski (B'Day)

## August 27, Thursday – Štvrtok

6:00AM **Outdoor Mass**  
For Giovanni David Franzese req. Langlois Family  
❖ For Alexandria White (B'Day)  
❖ †Mildred Hines  
❖ †Lou, Michael & John Roy

12:00PM **Mass Inside Church**  
For Intentions of the Mem. of the St. Monica Sodality  
❖ †Paul R. Schoener  
❖ †Matthew Margiewicz  
❖ For Renee & Matthew Dzieciolowski (9th wed. Ann.)  
❖ For Joshua Fayad

## August 28, Friday – Piatok

6:00AM **Outdoor Mass**  
For Ibrahim Aziz  
❖ For Kola Peter Gojcaj  
❖ †Catalina Isip ❖ †Catalina Nieva

12:00PM **Mass Inside Church**  
For Intentions of the Mem. of the St. Monica Sodality  
❖ For Lucas Maceri (B'Day)  
❖ For President Trump  
❖ †Isabel Rondo ❖ †Steven Orlovsky

## August 29, Saturday – Sobota

9:00AM **Mass Inside Church**  
For Rachel Funk req. Langlois Family  
❖ †Henry & Irene Toenjes ❖ †Steven Timko

5:30PM **Outdoor Mass**  
For Festival Workers  
❖ For the Gammo & Gill Families  
❖ For Annette Rudzewicz  
❖ For Elianna Antonelli (3rd B'Day)  
❖ For Molly Zwolinska (B'Day)  
❖ For Mariam Aziz  
❖ For Pat Boniecki

## August 30, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedela

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 (124)

7:30AM **Mass Inside Church**  
In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
❖ For President Trump  
❖ For Eric & Diane Kessler (40th Wed. Ann.) req. Mom  
❖ For Kevin Aziz  
❖ †Richard Walczyk  
❖ †Virginia Pierce req. Cindy & Dennis Zitny  
❖ †Colleen Rolling

9:30AM **Outdoor Mass**  
For the Festival Committee Members  
❖ For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz (40th Wed. Ann.)  
❖ For Catherine Hines (B'Day)  
❖ For Brian & Lisa Koziol & Family  
❖ For Andrew Melnyk  
❖ For William & Theresa Melnyk  
❖ For the Vitale & Monsu Families  
❖ †Ralph J. Weil req. James D. Weil  
❖ †Louis & Anna Zelenak & Family

11:30AM (Slovak) **Mass Inside Church**  
For the Intentions of All Parishioners

6:00PM (Tridentine) **Mass Inside Church**  
For Andy Kasneci

8:30PM **Outdoor Mass**  
For Victoria Hannakeachel Family  
❖ For Lenore Sako  
❖ For Robert Punsalan req. Mother  
❖ For Michaela req. Markaj Family  
❖ For Anthony & Emmanuel Korkis  
❖ For Sam & Linda Herfy & Family



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Dear Parishioners,

There is not a single person who has not been affected by the current pandemic: some people have lost their loved ones, many have experienced -- and are still experiencing -- economic hardships, and all have had to adjust to the altered patterns of social life. The Church and all the parishes are suffering the consequences of this unusual situation. However, we are confident that the Lord will not abandon us in this time of trial, and that we can discover deeper ways in which to live our faith.

The pandemic, or rather the general economic situation, has taken a toll on our parish finances as well. Several adjustments in the budget have had to be made to cover all of the necessary expenses and services without making these cuts too apparent. I apologize if you have been affected directly by any of these adjustments, which we hope are only temporary.

Right now, our income (donations) covers our regular expenses and we are following and adhering to our budget. We continue to look for cost savings where possible: Our maintenance staff used the time during the lock-down to paint many of the inside spaces (classrooms, parish hall, hallways, bathrooms...) and they did an excellent job. Their hard work and dedication has saved us a lot of money that otherwise would have had to be paid to outside companies.

However, we will still likely need to dip into our savings a bit to cover some of the major stewardship projects that lay ahead.

*Pews:* The cushions and fabric of the Church pews need to be replaced. While the current state of the pews is bad, we are glad that we can delay the project for a while. During this time, in which frequent disinfecting is required, we are content to let the old cushions take the beating. We hope to find the ideal time to make the change and spare the new cushions from the current repeated and frequent exposure to chemicals.

*Hall carpet:* We had a company clean the carpet in the Fr. Mikus Hall for a very reasonable price. The smell is gone, as well as about half of the stains. Frankly, we were hoping for more, but that's what it is. It is good as a temporary fix, but it will need to be addressed soon, once our activities and finances return to normal.

*Mosaic:* The drawings / proposals for our church mosaic have arrived. The drawings, created by Fr. Kamil Drab, known as the "Michelangelo of Slovakia", include our patrons, Saints Cyril and Methodius, for the side panels in the presbyterium along with two long strips / sections with scenes from the Old and New Testaments that would adorn the perimeter of the church. I am eager to show the proposals to everybody for initial impressions and feedback, therefore, the mosaic drawings will be on display in the Parish Hall from Monday, August 24, until the end of September:

- ◇ On weekends after all Holy Masses
- ◇ On weekdays from 11:00AM - 2:00PM

The project is on hold for now. However, before making any decisions, I want to solicit input from everyone and will evaluate where we stand with finances in a few months in order to make the most prudent decision.

Throughout this time of the pandemic, we have received many generous donations from parishioners, who have asked for their donations to be used to help people who are suffering financial hardship. If you are in need, or know someone who may be, please contact the Parish Office.

Many thanks for all your generous contributions to the Parish that allows us to continue serving everyone. Besides the liturgy proper, our priority extends to formation and catechesis: the Catechism program, Life Teen, Edge, and RCIA. I am happy to see that the hardships of these past months have not quenched our faith, but have instead challenged us to look for creative ways to live it under the current circumstances.

May God bless you,  
*Fr. Libor Marek*



## 30TH ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE THIS SUNDAY!

Deadline to turn in raffle tickets is by the end of the 11:30AM Holy Mass THIS Sunday, August 23.

Raffle takes place Sunday, August 23!



### Daily Public Rosary for our Country

Together We Pray, United We Stand

**There are only 71 days until the Presidential Election.** Our country needs prayers so please come as often as you can to support each other in this peaceful prayer event for our country. The daily public Rosary for our Country is prayed daily, outdoors, and will continue until the Presidential election on Tuesday, November 3. Prayers take place on:

- ◆ Weekdays at 5:30PM and on
- ◆ Weekends at 8:30AM

Bring a chair and do not park in front of the Slovak Cross in order to keep the area around the cross open for those participating. Please practice social distancing.

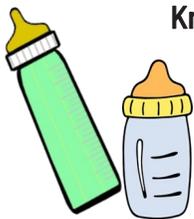
*"I pray that they may be [one] in Us,  
that the world may believe that You sent Me." –John 17:21*

### Get Ready to VOTE!!

**YOU can change our country's future!**

*"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."* These profound words were said by Edmund Burke, who also stated, *"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could only do little."* It is our patriotic duty and privilege to vote. If you are 18 years or older, you must be registered in order to vote.

Registrations will be available after all Holy Masses next Saturday and Sunday, August 29 and 30. You may also register on-line at [SOSMichiganVote](http://SOSMichiganVote)



### Knights of Columbus • Baby Bottle Project

As you know, the Knights of Columbus have been Pro-Life from their inception. We support pro-life organizations and causes and one of our projects is our Baby Bottle Project where we collect donations for a pro-life organization.

For Lent this year, we distributed almost 600 baby bottles and collected over \$5,000 in donations for Gianna House, a resource center for pregnant mothers, located in Eastpoint. Although we had a successful fundraiser, only 130 baby bottles were returned.

Now we are appealing for parishioners to **please return any empty bottles as well** since **each bottle costs us \$1**. We will need to replace any missing bottles for next year's fundraiser and it can become costly. Please return your **empty bottle** to the parish on weekdays (11:00AM - 2:00PM) in the box located in the vestibule or return it to a Knight. We would appreciate the return of these bottles as soon as possible and we appreciate your cooperation. Thank you! *Ken Pullis*, Right to Life Chair for Council 7011, (586) 939-8525

### Life Teen & EDGE Youth Ministries • September 21

Life Teen and EDGE Nights will hopefully begin on September 21st, in person, outside: (in the grassy area behind the main church building.) Stay tuned for more information through our email updates. If you currently don't receive them, please email: [lifeteen@saintcyrils.church](mailto:lifeteen@saintcyrils.church) or [edge@saintcyrils.church](mailto:edge@saintcyrils.church) to ask to be put on the mailing list.

Parents, please register new AND returning teens at [tinyurl.com/edgelifeteen](http://tinyurl.com/edgelifeteen). Teens should be registered every year. Thanks!

We are looking for Life Teen Cor volunteers and parent "hall" monitors to mentor teens and help with the outdoor or virtual Life and Edge Nights this fall. We are in need of at least four more volunteers to make these Nights happen.

If you have questions about volunteering, please contact:  
*Alexandria Lewis*: (586)641-7672 [lifeteen@saintcyrils.church](mailto:lifeteen@saintcyrils.church)

### Red Cross Blood Drive • September 22 • 1:00 - 6:45PM

As you know, donating blood products is essential to community health and the need for blood products is constant. If you donated whole blood at our Blood Drive in July, you are eligible to donate at our upcoming Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 22. All blood, platelet and plasma donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies.

Questions: 1-800-RED-CROSS

To donate:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

For more information, visit:

<http://www.redcross.org> or

### Mobile App

Do you have the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church App on your mobile device? The App allows you to access things like daily readings for Mass, a digital Bible, weekly bulletins and our electronic giving page.

To download the App, you can either text "SSCyrilApp" to 77977 to receive a text with a link to the app or you can go to your Mobile App Store and download the "My Church by Pushpay" app and search for SSCyrilApp or you can select "Find my church by name" and search for SS Cyril.

### Online Giving

To give using your mobile device simply text SSCYRIL to 77977 and a link to the giving page will be sent to you.

To give online you can simply go to our website [www.saintcyrils.church](http://www.saintcyrils.church) and select "GIVE" on the homepage. **\*\*If you decide to use online giving and no longer need your envelopes, please send an email to [business@saintcyrils.org](mailto:business@saintcyrils.org) requesting they be canceled.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
**EVERY THURSDAY IN THE CHURCH: 1:00PM – 7:00PM**

## Benediction of the Anniversary Cross Sunday, September 13 † 10:00AM Combined Holy Mass & Benediction



2018 marked 100 years of the existence of our Parish. Expressing gratitude to God and remembering our Slovak heritage, a traditional wooden carved commemoration cross was designed and built on the parish grounds. We desire that it will remain a constant testimony to our roots and a place for drawing spiritual strength for all people.

A Solemn Benediction of the Commemoration Cross will take place on Sunday, September 13, 2020. The event will begin at 10:00AM with an outdoor Holy Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Robert J. Fisher, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit, followed by the Solemn Benediction of the Commemoration Cross. (The 9:30AM & 11:30AM (Slovak) Holy Masses will be combined on this day.) Please bring a folding chair.

Pictured: *Stefan Sobolic*, Designer (Right) & *Emil Szkipala*, Carver (Left)

### Catechism Registration (Grades K-8th)

#### Limited Space Available

Did you register for Catechism? Registration forms are available on the parish website or email us at: [p\\_schuller@yahoo.com](mailto:p_schuller@yahoo.com) and we will be happy to send them to you.

- ◆ \$50 per Student
- ◆ \$150 Family maximum
- ◆ \$20 Home School Sacrament Fee (during Sacrament Years)
- ◆ Kindergarten and Children with Special Needs (No Charge)

Only those who are Home Schooled for other academics may Home School for Religious Education.

Home School students making the Sacrament of Communion in 2021 must enroll at this time.

Home School students making the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2021 (8th grade) and 2022 (7th grade) must enroll at this time. The Confirmation Program is a two year program. You must be enrolled both years to be eligible.

If we can answer any questions or concerns regarding registering your student, please call us at (586) 254-9212.

We know you may be hesitant to register due to the unknown but please call and we can hopefully put your mind at ease.

God bless you! Thank you, *Paul & Carroll Schuller*

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)

**Adult Catholic Catechism Class:** Do you know anyone who: Is interested in becoming Catholic? Was never baptized or received First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Is interested in learning what the Catholic Church teaches? This Fall, join a group of passionate Catholics as they teach and explore the treasures and riches of the Roman Catholic Faith. Together, we will discuss topics like \*Faith & Reason \*The Bible and Sacred Tradition \*The Pope & Church Authority \*Purgatory \*The Blessed Virgin Mary \*Angels & Saints \*The Sacraments \*And so much more.

If you, or someone you know, has never been Baptized, Confirmed, or received First Holy Communion, and would like to; or if you have, but just want to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches, now is your time to act! This course will help you learn the Catholic Faith, prepare you to receive the Sacraments, and/or enter into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 3, 2021.

The Ss. Cyril & Methodius RCIA meetings will begin in September and will be held on Thursday evenings. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the format of the class (in person or online) and exact time of the meetings will be determined at a later date. If you have any questions, would like more info, or to sign up, please contact: *Ron Potempski*, (586) 879-3385

### Drop-off Food Drive & Flag Retirement Drive • Saturday, September 19 • 9:30AM - 11:30AM

#### Help stock the shelves at St. Christine's Food Bank

More and more families are not able to make ends meet and are coming to St. Christine's Community Services food bank for groceries. The food bank currently helps 195 families each week; a 35% increase since last fall. The need for food to feed these families is great. To help stock the food bank, St. Cyril's will be sponsoring a non-perishable food drive at the Activity Center on Saturday, September 19, from 9:30AM to 11:30AM. The foods that are most needed are canned meats or tuna, cereal, salad dressings, and taco or pizza making kits but donations of any canned or packaged foods (no glass jars, please!) will be greatly appreciated. Please bring your donation in a sturdy cardboard box or a bag ready to be transported.

Because of current restrictions, this will be a drop-off food collection. What does that mean? It will be a lot like the drop off for Catechism. You will enter the Activity Center parking lot from 18 Mile Road and drive to the back of the building.

Please have your donations in your trunk (preferably) or back seat. Volunteers will direct you to place your donation in the back of the delivery truck or will do this for you while practicing social distancing. You will then continue around the Activity Center and exit to 18 Mile Road. To make the drop-off run smoothly and quickly,

If you are attending the 9:00AM Holy Mass, please park in the church's main lot.

If you are a parishioner and in need of food, please contact the Parish Office or speak with Fr. Libor or Fr. Juraj after Mass.

#### Knights of Columbus FLAG RETIREMENT Drive

Also on Saturday, September 19, from 9:30AM to 11:30AM, the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Blessed Virgin Mary Assembly 1839 will collect unserviceable U.S. Flags. Please enter the Activity Center parking lot from 18 Mile Road and drive to the back of the building and a member of the Knights of Columbus will respectfully collect your old, unserviceable U.S. flags.

These flags will be delivered to the proper location to be retired in a dignified and solemn ceremony.

### ST. MONICA SODALITY PRAYER

*Recite this prayer DAILY for your intentions and in union with all those also praying this prayer.*

**E**ternal and merciful Father, I give You thanks for the gift of Your Divine Son who suffered, died and rose for all mankind. I thank You also for my Catholic Faith and ask Your help that I may grow in fidelity by prayer, by works of charity and penance, by reflection on Your Word, and by regular participation in the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist. You gave Saint Monica a spirit of selfless love manifested in her constant prayer for the conversion of her son Augustine. Inspired by boundless confidence in Your power to move hearts, and by the success of her prayer, I ask the grace to imitate her constancy in my prayer for [name(s)] who no longer share in the intimate life of Your Catholic family. Grant through my prayer and witness that (he/she/they) may be open to the promptings of Your Holy Spirit, and return to loving union with Your Church. Grant also that my prayer be ever hopeful and that I may never judge another, for You alone can read hearts. I ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. *Printed with Diocesan Approval, Diocese of Cleveland 1986*

#### TRIDUUM NOVENA in HONOR of ST. MONICA

##### FIRST DAY: Prayer for Faith *(August 27th—Feast Day of St. Monica)*

**O** glorious St. Monica, transfixed with sorrow when you saw your beloved child Augustine living in the dark and gloomy abyss of error and vice, and straying far from the right path which leads to true felicity in the possession of God and His holy grace, hear our prayer, O afflicted mother. By that cruel sorrow, which with so much patience you did bear, and by those earnest sighs and bitter tears with which you did appeal to God to change the heart of your prodigal son, and by your wondrous confidence in God, which was never shaken, O grant to us, your children, that we may, like you, place all our trust in God, and in our trials and troubles be ever resigned to His holy will. While we ask you, O glorious mother St. Monica, to supply for us our special needs, we here earnestly ask you to pray for the erring children of Jesus, so many Augustines, straying from God and hurrying to ruin. Let that earnest prayer of yours go forth once more for us and for sinners, that we may live in the light of divine grace and be united again thereafter to bless the bounty of a loving God for eternity. Amen.

**LET US PRAY.** O God, look graciously down upon your children who sigh in this valley of tears. With hope we pray for our daily bread, for the forgiveness of our sins, for the never-failing help of Your grace, and for the faithful fulfillment of Your promises; to find life everlasting and a happy abode with You in heaven, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. May God, through the merits and intercession of Saint Monica, increase our faith, strengthen our hope, and enkindle the fire of charity in our hearts. Amen.

***Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... Saint Monica, pray for us.***

##### SECOND DAY: Prayer for Hope *(August 28—Feast Day of St. Augustine)*

**O** glorious mother, St. Monica, although the many means you employed to accomplish the conversion of your son Augustine seemed fruitless, and for a long time God Himself appeared deaf to your earnest prayer and unmoved by your ever-flowing tears, you never lost confidence in obtaining the long-sought grace for Augustine. You lovingly and tenderly admonished your erring son; you watched over him ever with all a mother's love, and fearless of danger and heedless of fatigue, followed him from place to place in his weary and wayward wanderings. In a word, all that a mother's tender love could suggest, all that a mother's anxious solicitude could inspire, all that a wondrous prudence and true wisdom could dictate, you, O great St. Monica, cheerfully did to effect the return to God of your firstborn and darling child. By all these generous efforts, so happily crowned in the end, hear, O mother, the petitions we make to you. Pray for us, too, and pray especially for those who are unmindful of and ungrateful to God. To you, O dearest mother, we are especially dedicated; look upon us, then, as your children, and win for us the grace we need. Regard mercifully the most destitute among us, that sin being diminished, the number of the faithful may increase, and greater glory may be given to Him who is the best of friends, the truest of benefactors, our first beginning and last end, the source of all our hope, our Savior, our God. Amen.

***LET US PRAY... Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... Saint Monica, pray for us.***

##### THIRD DAY: Prayer for Charity *(August 29)*

**O** glorious mother St. Monica who can conceive the consolation that abounded in your heart, so long the home of brooding sorrow, when you saw your child Augustine rising in the light of grace and giving himself generously to God. When you folded your converted son in your arms and tears of every joy streamed forth to tell the glowing jubilee of your heart, Oh, how in that moment God in his mercy recompensed your years of sorrow and anxiety, your long and weary days of racking suspense. It was impossible that a child of tears like yours should perish and when your son Augustine heard the call of God he obeyed it, and his life and his deeds flung a luster all their own on you, St. Monica. O fortunate mother, twice mother of your child, deign to listen to our prayers and present our petitions to God. Look lovingly, and with all a mother's interest on us assembled here, under your protection, to honor you. We love you and let us become, as St. Augustine of old, the objects of your maternal love. Pray that we, too, like St. Augustine, may have strength to cling to God, and triumph over sin and temptation. By your prayers break the fetters of sin that hold in cruel bondage the souls of your sinful children in this world. O mother, pray that the miracle of grace in the heart of Augustine may again and again be repeated in these days of universal sin, and that the erring children of Jesus may be led back to the fold so that united here on earth, we may securely go through the dangers of life and be united with you, our mother, in heaven forever. Amen.

***LET US PRAY... Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... Saint Monica, pray for us.***



Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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### Dispensation from Mass Extended until November 23 † Catholics Obligated to Continue Keeping Holy the Lord's Day

The Communications Department of the Archdiocese of Detroit shares the following message from Father Stephen Pullis, Director of the Department of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship and member of the liturgical team advising Archbishop Vigneron during the coronavirus pandemic:

In light of the continued spread of the coronavirus in southeast Michigan and the impossibility for parishes to safely accommodate all Catholics for Mass on Sundays, Archbishop Vigneron has extended *the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for all the faithful in the Archdiocese of Detroit, as well as for all travelers during their time within the territory of the Archdiocese of Detroit, until Monday, November 23, 2020.*

**While the dispensation from the grave obligation to attend Sunday Mass is in effect, all baptized Catholics are reminded of the grave necessity they have to keep holy the Lord's Day.** Archbishop Vigneron wrote a pastoral note entitled "The Day of the Lord" little more than one year ago calling to mind this important spiritual obligation. As the day of the Resurrection of our Lord, Christians from the earliest days set Sunday apart as a day unlike others. When it is not possible to participate in person in the Sacrifice of the Mass, it is vitally important for every member of the Catholic Church to nourish his or her soul during these days. This means cultivating a prayer life in their homes, reading Sacred Scripture – especially the prescribed readings for the Sunday Mass – and making Christ the center of one's home and being his disciple the central identity of one's life. It also means continuing to understand Sunday as a day set apart for the Lord. This means activities on Sunday should be different from the pursuits of the rest of the week. Prayer and time for God, time for family, and works of charity should be central to a Catholic's Sunday.

The obligation to attend Mass (when not dispensed) on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is a grave call for us who have been incorporated into Christ by our baptism to share in the sacrifice of Christ to the Father. It is an obligation that we worship God in a way far superior to our most creative and ingenious efforts because it is not our work but Christ's. Therefore, we enter into the work of Christ (as members of his body) and we share in the graces of this sacrificial worship. While the dispensation remains in effect, it is imperative that we remember what awesomeness it is to participate at Mass, particularly in receiving Christ in the Holy Eucharist. To lose the centrality of the Mass in our lives would be a spiritual tragedy.

A general dispensation to all the faithful has been given so as not to unduly bind the consciences of those who are greatly troubled by the destructive potency of the coronavirus as well as to care for the most vulnerable among us. **Catholics who engage in other activities that would present a similar or greater risk of contamination** (eating out at restaurants, traveling, non-essential shopping, widening one's circle of contacts, etc.) **should begin to return to Sunday Mass as they are able.** While one does not commit a mortal sin by absenting one's self during these days due to the dispensation, one would be deprived of the immeasurable spiritual graces Christ desires for his faithful when they actively participate in the Mass.

Archbishop Vigneron and his advisors will continue to monitor and adjust this dispensation as needed for the spiritual and physical health of Catholics in southeast Michigan. Let us continue to invoke our patroness St. Anne for her protection of the faithful in the Archdiocese of Detroit and for a swift end to the coronavirus pandemic.

#### WEEKEND HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY HOLY MASS: 5:30PM (Vigil) – OUTDOOR

SUNDAY HOLY MASSES: 7:30AM, 11:30 (Slovak) & 6:00 (*Latin Tridentine*) - INDOOR

9:30AM &amp; 8:30PM - OUTDOOR

#### WEEKDAY HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 12:00PM – INDOOR

TUESDAY, THURSDAY &amp; FRIDAY: 6:00AM - OUTDOOR

SATURDAY: 9:00AM - INDOOR

† For Indoor Holy Masses: Please continue to wear face masks and, if possible, bring hand sanitizer.

† For Outdoor Holy Masses: Please bring a folding chair and dress appropriately in case of inclement weather.

† Always check the website before you come to Mass for any last-minutes changes or cancellations.

#### CONFESSION SCHEDULE: (Registration Required)

Registration Forms for Confession are Available on the Parish Website: [www.saintcyrils.church](http://www.saintcyrils.church)  
 Confessions are outdoors by the Slovak cross and behind the church building. Please wear a face mask.

Monday, Wednesday &amp; Friday: 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Tuesday &amp; Thursday: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

#### OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY &amp; FRIDAY: 11:00AM - 12:00PM &amp; 1:00PM - 2:00PM

THURSDAY: 11:00AM - 12:00PM &amp; 1:00PM - 5:00PM