December 13, 2020

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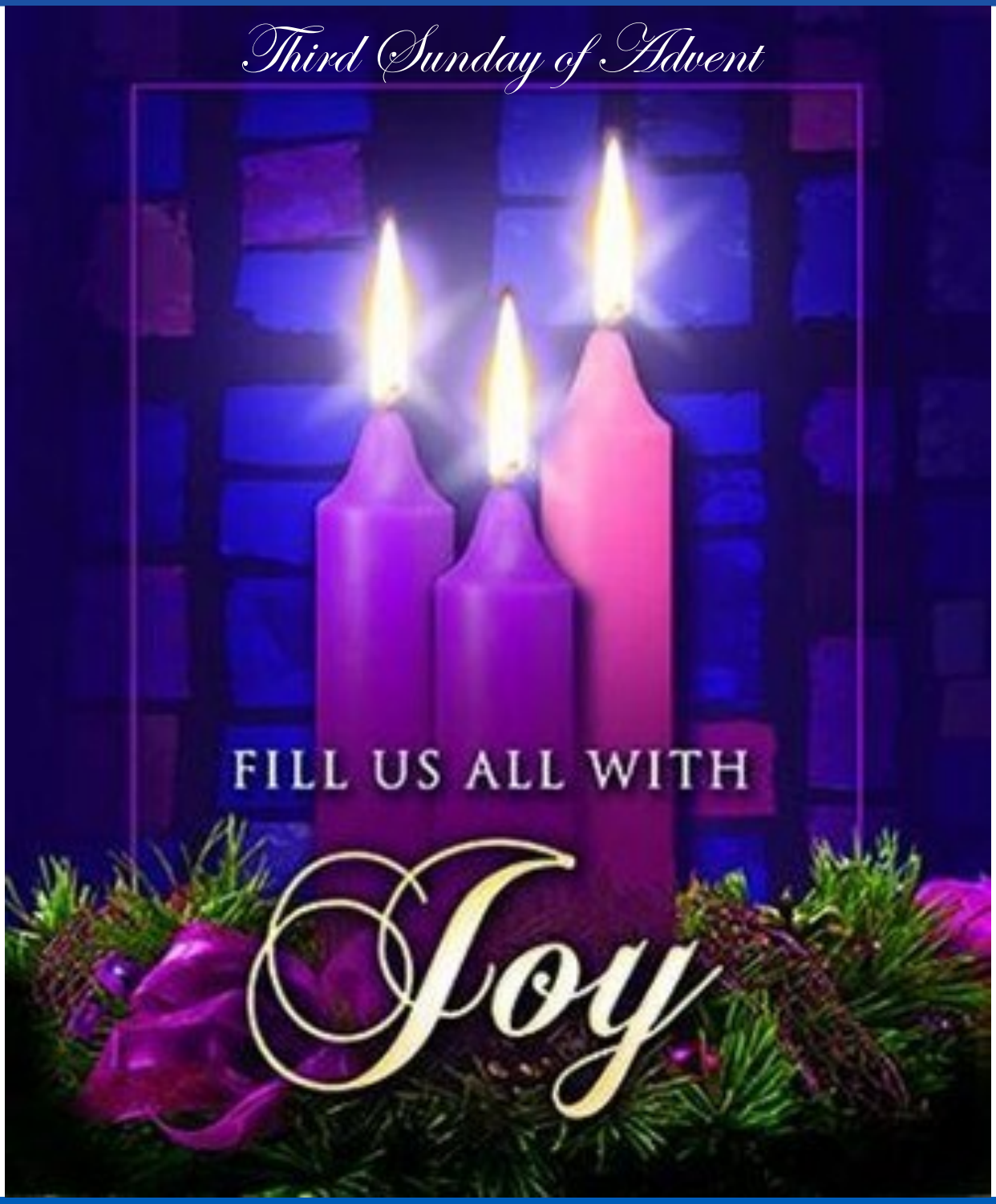

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MASS Intentions

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December 12, Saturday – Sobota

9:00AM For the Members of O. L. Mother of Mercy Secular Discalced Carmelites
❖†Ann M. Pullis ❖†Olga Truchan

3:00PM **Wedding Holy Mass: Lindsay Schuller & Jordan Henning*

5:30PM For Abby Hebert ❖For Zoe Hebert
❖For Mary Hanna (B'Day)
❖For the Gammo & Gill Families
❖†Guadalupe Merlos ❖†Mitchell Bak
❖†Paolo Persichetti req. Angela Kassab

December 13, Third Sunday of Advent – Nedeľa

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 (8)

7:30AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖For President Donald Trump
❖For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖For the Menard and Daniel Families
❖For Deceased members of the Pedro Santos Family
❖†Virginia Pierce req. Cindy & Dennis Zitny
❖†Daniel Fluker req. Cindy & Dennis Zitny
❖†Celine Brodie
❖†J. Ken Wittstock ❖†Fifo Aiello
❖†Jim Stelzer req. Rosary Society

9:30AM For President Donald Trump ❖For Julia Russo
❖For Danielle M. Brown (B'Day)
❖For Hugh & Anabelle MacDonald req. Family
❖For Max, Erica, Conrad & Harrison
❖For Tony Robins
❖†Francesca Russo req. Daughter
❖†Kenneth Nowak req. Mother
❖†Rochelle Huly & Daughters
❖†Aquilina Papasin
❖†Marge Wagner req. Wolf Family

11:30AM *(Slovak)*
For Members of First Catholic Slovak Union Branch 743
❖For Fr. Phil Ching
❖For Paul & Julie Varchetti & Family
❖For the Deceased Members of the Bayus Family req. Janka Stewart ❖†Mary Beth Rzepka
❖†Paul Magusin req. Janka Stewart
❖†Elia & Rosa DiCicco req. DiCicco Family

6:00PM *(Tridentine)*
❖†Fr. Wayne Epperley, C.S.SP. req. Brian Cole Family

8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

December 14, Monday – Pondelok

9:00AM For Fr. Libor Marek ❖For Fr. Juraj Nuota
❖For Edward Debczak

12:00PM For Fr. Paul Czarnota ❖For Fr. Perrone & Fr. Ben
❖For Julian & Meg Schultheis (Wed. Ann.)

December 15, Tuesday – Utorok

6:00AM For RoseAnn Lebioda (B'Day)
❖For Kimberly & Sebastian Francis
❖†Otto & Emmi Stech

12:00PM For Danny Kray (B'Day)
❖†Robleto Pablo ❖†Matthew Margiewicz

December 16, Wednesday – Streda

9:00AM *(Latin)* For Ed & Diana Wolf (58 Wed. Ann.)
❖For Andrea Kasneci ❖For Joseph Kasneci

12:00PM ❖†Gary Gasparski req. Family
❖†Robleto Pablo ❖†Michael Foley

December 17, Thursday – Štvrtok

6:00AM For Meredith Parker req. Langlois Family
❖For Samantha Babbie ❖For the Terry Reed Family

12:00PM †Robleto Pablo ❖†Michael Foley ❖†Lazar Pathrose

7:00PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖†Stefan Zwolinski (B'Day) ❖†Michael Wisniewski

December 18, Friday – Piatok

6:00AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖†For Clare Cavins req. Langlois Family
❖For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family
❖For Kola Peter Gojcaj ❖†Marge Wagner

12:00PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖For President Trump
❖†Michael Foley ❖†Robleto Pablo

December 19, Saturday – Sobota

9:00AM For John Santi (B'Day) req. Marian
❖For Phillip Herman ❖For the Palumbo Sisters

5:30PM For Jamie Schiller (B'Day) & Family
For Charles & Theresa MacDonald by Family
For Fabian & Samantha Gammo
For James & Fallon Schiller
❖†Wayne M. (Bday) req. Warman Family
❖†Raymond Tresh (B'Day) ❖†Robleto Pablo

December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent – Nedeľa

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38 (11)

7:30AM For Maria & Fr. Ben Kosnac req Drensek Family
❖For Mark Varchetti
❖†Adelbert & Mildred Novotny
❖†Ralph & Janet Reising & Family
❖†Virginia Pierce req Cindy & Dennis Zitny
❖†Daniel Fluker req Cindy & Dennis Zitny
❖†Barbara Manuel req. Michelle Gietzen

9:30AM For a Special Intention
❖For John & Marian Santi (59th Wed. Ann.)
❖For Max, Erica, Conrad & Harrison ❖For Julia Russo
❖For the Vitale & Monsu Families
❖ For the Makarewicz Family
❖†Gene Kucharek-(9th Ann.)
❖†Robleto Pablo ❖†Bert Shubnell req. James D. Weil

11:30AM *(Slovak)* For Terence & Karen Brannigan & Family
❖For Louay Benyamin ❖For Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖†Mary Beth Rzepka
❖†Richard Nowakowski req BVM Assembly K of C
❖†James Stelzer req. BVM Assembly K of C
❖†Andrew Ingagiola req. BVM Assembly K of C

6:00PM *(Tridentine)*
For the Intentions of All Parishioners

8:30PM In Thanksgiving req. Vicki Babbie
❖For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖For Marvin, Yousif, & Meriam Shaina
❖For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖For Cameron Herfy req. Aunt
❖For Inam Babbie & Family ❖†Myrtle Phillips

CONGRATULATIONS

December 12, 2020:
Mr. & Mrs. Jordan & Lindsay Henning

Welcome

Third Sunday of Advent • December 13, 2020

Jesus Christ, The High Priest

Fr. Libor Marek, Pastor • lmarek@saintcyrils.church
Fr. Juraj Nuota, Associate Pastor • jnuota@saintcyrils.church
Deacon Phil McCown • wadephil@yahoo.com
Deacon Gerald Smigell • vgsmigell@gmail.com
Parish Office • parishoffice@saintcyrils.church

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

*All Holy Masses are INDOORS.
SATURDAY: 9:00AM & 5:30PM (Vigil Mass)
SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak), 6:00PM *(Latin Tridentine)* & 8:30PM
MONDAY: 9:00AM & 12:00PM
TUESDAY: 6:00AM & 12:00PM
WEDNESDAY: 9:00AM *(Latin)* & 12:00PM
THURSDAY: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM
FRIDAY: 6:00AM & 12:00PM (First Fridays: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM)

Facemasks must be worn at all times inside the Church building.
Please keep 6' social distancing.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE: (Registration Required)

Registration Forms for Confession are Available on the Parish Website: www.saintcyrils.church
Confessions are inside the Cry Room and in the Church. Please wait in the back pew in the Church and wear a mask.
Please wear a face mask.
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 10:30AM - 11:30AM and Tuesday & Thursday: 6:00PM - 7:00PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

EVERY THURSDAY: 1:00PM - 7:00PM (in the Church)

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: *10:00AM - 2:00PM
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: *11:00AM - 2:00PM
THURSDAYS: 11:00AM - *5:00PM
*Parish Office closed during 12:00PM Holy Mass

CHURCH & CHAPEL OPENED UNTIL 10:00PM DAILY

❄ 2020 Christmas Schedule ❄

MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24
Christmas Eve:
4:00PM (Vigil) & **12:00AM** (Midnight)

Friday, December 25
Christmas Day
7:30AM, 9:30AM,
11:30AM (in Slovak),
2:00PM (Tridentine) **& 7:00PM**

Thursday, December 31
New Year's Eve:
5:30PM (Vigil)

Friday, January 1
Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
7:30AM, 9:30AM,
11:30AM (in Slovak),
2:00PM (Tridentine) **& 7:00PM**

"O Holy Night, the stars are brightly shining.
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth!"

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, December 21:
REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED
ON THIS DAY
Special Day of Confession
(with many priests):
10:00AM—NOON
and also
6:00PM—9:00PM

NO CONFESSIONS
WILL BE HEARD ON:
December 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27
December 31 & January 1, 2 & 3

OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Closed:
December 24 - January 3
Reopens:
January 4, 2021

PREPARE FOR A GOOD CHRISTMAS CONFESSION on MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 10:00AM - 12:00PM or 6:00PM - 9:00PM

(Many priests available. No registration required.)

The basic requirement for a good Confession is to have the intention of returning to God like the Prodigal Son, and acknowledging our sins with true sorrow before his representative, the priest.

BEFORE CONFESSION

Be truly sorry for your sins. The essential act of Penance, on the part of the sinner, is contrition, a clear and decisive rejection of the sin committed together with a resolution not to commit it again, out of love one has for God. Understood in this way, contrition is, therefore, the beginning and the heart of conversion which brings the person back to God like the Prodigal Son returning to his father, and which has in the Sacrament of Penance its visible sign. The resolution to avoid committing these sins in the future (amendment) is a sure sign that your sorrow is genuine and authentic. This does not mean that one will never sin again. A resolution to try to avoid the near occasions of sin suffices for true repentance. God's grace in cooperation with the intention to rectify your life will give you the strength to resist and overcome temptation in the future.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Examine your conscience. Recall your sins. Calmly ask yourself what you have done with full knowledge and full consent against God's Commandments.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

- Have I performed my duties toward God reluctantly or grudgingly?
- Did I neglect my prayer life? Did I recite my usual prayers?
- Did I receive Holy Communion in the state of mortal (serious, grave) sin or without the necessary preparation?
- Did I violate the one-hour Eucharistic fast?
- Did I fail to mention a grave sin in my previous confession?
- Did I seriously believe in something superstitious or engage in a superstitious practice (palm-reading, fortune telling or Ouija board, etc.)
- Did I seriously doubt a matter of Faith?
- Did I put my faith in danger, without a good reason, by reading a book, pamphlet, or magazine that contains material contrary to Catholic faith or morals?
- Did I endanger my faith by joining or attending meetings of organizations opposed to the Catholic faith (non-Catholic services, the Communist Party, Freemasonry, New Age cults, or other religions)? Did I take part in one of its activities?
- Have I committed the sin of sacrilege (profanation of a sacred person, place or thing)?

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

- Did I fail to try my best to fulfill the promises and resolutions that I made to God?
- Did I take the name of God in vain? Did I make use of God's name mockingly, jokingly, angrily, or in any other irreverent manner?
- Did I make use of the Blessed Virgin Mary's name or another saint's name mockingly, jokingly, angrily, or in any other irreverent manner?
- Have I been a sponsor in Baptism or participated actively in other ceremonies outside the Catholic Church?
- Did I tell a lie under oath? Did I break (private or public) vows?
- Did I use bad language?

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

- Did I miss Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day of obligation?
- Did I fail to dress appropriately for Mass?
- Have I, without sufficient reason, arrived at Mass so late that I failed to fulfill the Sunday or Holy Day of obligation?
- Did I allow myself to be distracted during Mass, by not paying attention, looking around out of curiosity, etc.?
- Did I cause another to be distracted?
- Have I performed any work or business activity that would inhibit the worship due to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day or the appropriate relaxation of mind and body on a Sunday or a Holy Day of obligation?
- Did I fail to generously help the Church in her necessities to the extent that I am able?
- Did I fail to fast or abstain on a day prescribed by the Church?

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

FOR PARENTS

- Have I neglected to teach my children their prayers, take or send them to church, or give them a Christian education?
- Have I given them bad example?
- Have I neglected to watch over my children, to monitor their companions, the books they read, the movies and TV shows they watch?
- Have I failed to see to it that my children made their First Confession and First Communion?
- Have I failed to see to it that my children have received the sacrament of Confirmation?
- Did I disobey my parents or lawful superiors in important matters?

FOR CHILDREN

- Was I obedient toward my parents?
- Did I neglect to help my parents when my help was needed?
- Did I treat my parents with little affection or respect?
- Did I react proudly when I was corrected by my parents?
- Did I have a disordered desire for independence?
- Did I do my chores?

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

- Did I easily get angry or lose my temper?
- Was envious or jealous of others?
- Did I injure or take the life of anyone? Was I ever reckless in driving?
- Was I an occasion of sin for others by way of conversation, the telling of jokes religiously, racially, or sexually offensive, my way of dressing, inviting somebody to attend certain shows, lending harmful books or magazines, helping someone to steal, etc.? Did I try to repair the scandal done?
- How many persons did I lead to sin? What sins were involved?
- Did I neglect my health? Did I attempt to take my life?
- Did I mutilate myself or another?
- Did I get drunk or use prohibited drugs?
- Did I eat or drink more than a sufficient amount, allowing myself to get carried away by gluttony?
- Did I participate in any form of physical violence?
- Did I consent to or actively take part in direct sterilization (tubal ligation, vasectomy. etc.)? Do I realize that this will have a permanent effect on my married life and that I will have to answer to God for its consequences?
- Did I consent to, advise, or actively take part in an abortion? Was I aware that the Church punishes with automatic excommunication (latae sentenciae) those who procure and achieve abortion? Do I realize that this is a very grave crime?
- Did I cause harm to anyone with my words or actions?
- Did I desire revenge or harbor enmity, hatred, or ill-feelings when someone offended me?
- Did I ask pardon whenever I offended anyone?
- Did I refuse to forgive?
- Did I insult or offensively tease others?
- Did I quarrel with one of my brothers or sisters?

THE SIXTH AND NINTH COMMANDMENTS

- Did I willfully entertain impure thoughts?
- Did I consent to evil desires against virtue of purity, even though I may not have carried them out? Were there any circumstances that aggravated the sin: affinity (relationship by marriage), consanguinity (blood relationship), either the married state or the consecration to God of a person involved?
- Did I engage in impure conversations? Did I start them?
- Did I look for fun in forms of entertainment that places me in proximate occasions of sin, such as certain dances, movies, shows, or books with immoral contents? Did I frequent houses of ill repute or keep bad company?
- Did I realize that I may already have been committing a sin by placing myself in a proximate occasion of sin, such as sharing a room with a person I find sexually attractive, or being alone with such a person in circumstances that could lead to sin?
- Did I fail to take care of those details of modesty and decency that are the safeguard of purity?
- Did I fail before going to a show or reading a book, to find out its moral implications, so as not to put myself in immediate danger of sinning and in order to avoid distorting my conscience?
- Did I willfully look at an indecent picture (any form of pornography) or cast immodest look upon myself or another? Did I willfully desire to commit such a sin?
- Did I lead others to sins of impurity or immodesty? What sins?
- Did I commit ah impure act? By myself, through masturbation (which is objectively a mortal sin)? With someone else? How many times? With someone of the same or opposite sex? Was there any circumstance of relationship (such as affinity) that could have given the sin special gravity? Did this illicit relationship result in pregnancy? Did I do anything to prevent or end that pregnancy?
- Do I have friendships that are habitual occasions of sexual sins? Am I prepared to end them?
- In courtship, is true love my fundamental reason for wanting to be with other person? Do I live the constant and cheerful sacrifice of not putting the person I love in danger of sinning? Do I degrade human love by confusing it with selfishness or mere pleasure?
- Did I engage in acts such as petting, necking, passionate kisses, or prolonged embraces?

FOR MARRIED PEOPLE

- Did I, without serious reason, deprive my spouse of the marital right?
- Did I claim my own rights in a way, which showed no concern for my spouse's state of mind or health? Did I betray conjugal fidelity in desire or deed?
- Did I take "the pill" or use any other artificial birth control device (or practice) before or after new life had already been conceived?
- Did I without grave reason with the intention of avoiding conception, make use of marriage on only those days when offspring would not likely be engendered?
- Did I suggest to another person the use of birth control pills or another artificial method of preventing pregnancy (like condoms)?
- Did I have a hand in contributing to the contraceptive mentality by my advice, jokes, or attitudes?
  (On abortion, contraception, sterilization, etc., see the 5th Commandment)

THE SEVENTH AND TENTH COMMANDMENTS

- Did I steal? How much money? Or how much was the object worth?
- Did I give it back, or at least have the intention of doing so?
- Have I done or caused damage to another person's property? To what extent?
- Did I harm anyone by deception, fraud or coercion in business contracts or transactions?
- Did I unnecessarily spend beyond my means? Do I spend too much money because of vanity, or caprice?
- Did I give alms according to my capacity?
- Was I envious of my neighbor's goods?
- Did I neglect to pay my debts?
- Did I knowingly accept stolen goods?
- Did I desire to steal?
- Did I give in to laziness or love of comfort rather than diligently working or studying?
- Was I greedy? Do I have an excessively materialistic view of life?

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

- Did I tell lies? Did I repair any damage that may have resulted as a consequence of this as much as possible?
- Have I unjustly or rashly accused others?
- Did I sin by detraction, that is, by telling the faults of another person without necessity? Did I sin by calumny, that is by telling derogatory lies about another person?
- Did I engage in gossip, backbiting, or tale telling?
- Did I reveal a secret without due cause?

If you have any questions you can ask the priest. Then add: I am sorry for these and all the sins of my past life that I don't remember. The priest will assign you some penance and give you some advice to help you to be a better Christian. Listen to the words and be willing to do the penance as soon as possible. The penance will diminish the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

Or:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. My Savior Jesus Christ, you suffered and died for me, have mercy. Amen.

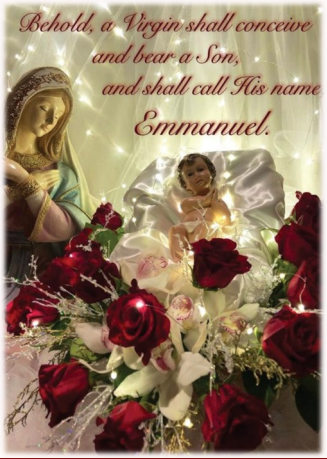
Listen to the words of absolution attentively. Make the sign of the Cross and at the end answer: **Amen.**

AFTER CONFESSION

- Give thanks to God for having forgiven you once again.
- Promptly and devoutly fulfill the penance given by the priest. Although you may receive Holy Communion even before performing your penance, it is advisable to do it as soon as possible.
- If you recall some serious sin that you forgot to tell, rest assured that it has been forgiven with the others, but be sure to include it in your next Confession.
- Lead the life of a good, holy and joyful Christian Catholic.

To those who have been far away from the sacrament of Reconciliation and forgiving love, I make this appeal: Come back to this source of grace; do not be afraid! Christ himself is waiting for you. He will heal you, and you will be at peace with God! (John Paul II)

Ss. Cyril & Methodius – 5 April 2010 - tmn



Christmas Novena Mass Cards Available
Novena Begins Saturday, December 26

Christmas Novena Holy Mass Cards
are now available (in Slovak and English).
You may pick up Novenas in the Parish Office
or you may order them on our website:
www.saintcyrils.church
The 9-day Novena begins on Saturday, December 26.

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

"Every mother,
when she picks up the young life
that has been born to her,
looks up to the heavens
to thank God for the gift
which made the world young again.
But here was a mother,
a Madonna, who did not look up.
She looked down to Heaven,
for this was
Heaven in her arms."

- Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

ADVENT GIVING PROJECTS - 2020

For Advent, please prayerfully consider how you can give generously to one or more of these Advent parish projects as a part of your Christmas preparation. If you have questions about any of the 2020 Advent Giving Projects, please contact:
Erin Rybicki at (586) 530-0547 or *Sandi Brady* in the Parish Office at (586) 726-6911

Monetary Donations: Donations to the Christian Service Fund from now until December 31, 2020, will be divided among the four organizations listed below. You can make a donation through Push Pay on the parish website or by putting cash or a check made out to Ss. Cyril & Methodius in a **2020Advent Giving** envelope and placing it in the Sunday collection basket by December 27, 2020. The envelopes are available on the table below the bulletin board.

1. **Friends of the Congo:** ***Donations can be made online*** at: https://www.congowomensclinic.org/ ***or by mailing a check to***: Friends of the Congo, Inc., 6223 Hough Road, Almont, MI, 48003.
2. **Mary's Children Family Center:** ***Donations can be made online*** at: https://www.maryschildrenfamilycenter.org/ ***or mail a check to***: Mary's Children Family Center, 495 E 14 Mile Road, Clawson, MI, 48017.
3. **RTL/Lifespan:** ***Donate to either the general fund or to Wee Care online*** at: http://milifespan.org/donate/ ***or mail a check made out to***: Right to Life/Lifespan Educational Fund (indicate general fund or Wee Care on the memo line) to Lifespan's main office at: 32540 Schoolcraft Road, Suite 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305.
4. **St. Dominic's Outreach Center:** ***Make a donation online*** at: https://www.stdominicoutreach.org/ ***or by mailing a check to***: St. Dominic's Outreach Center, P.O. Box 32655, Detroit, 48232. (Do not mail checks to the address on the center's website.)

Slovak Seminary Sponsorship: Since its foundation, our parish has been blessed with the generous pastoral care of priests from Slovakia. This project gives us an opportunity to show our appreciation to the Slovak Bishops for their continued support of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Sterling Heights and to help build the Church in Slovakia. Currently, 25 men are in priestly formation in Bratislava and two in Rome. You can help cover their fees and expenses with a ***gift of $300***. If you would like to sponsor the seminary, please contact *Sandi Brady* in the parish office (586-726-6911). You will receive a Christmas ornament with the photo of one of the seminarians to place in your home as a reminder to pray for him.

Christmas Cards for Sacred Heart Seminarians: Currently, two St. Cyril's parishioners are at Sacred Heart Major Seminary preparing for the priesthood. They will spend 8 or 9 years in study and formation before being ordained. At Christmas, please encourage them on this journey with a Christmas card or a note of encouragement along with your prayers for their intentions. ***Send your cards to Charles Giroux or Ryan Walters at***: Sacred Heart Seminary, 2701 Chicago Rd., Detroit, MI 48206.

Please remember in your prayers the individuals who will benefit from our gifts,
the staff members and volunteers at the agencies that serve them,
as well as all the seminarians in Slovakia and at Sacred Heart Seminary.
Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Catechism Corner

Catechism Class Schedule:

Wednesdays, December 16: **Class**
Wednesdays, December 23 & 30: **NO Class**

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call:
Paul or Carroll Schuller, Directors of Religious Education
cschuller@saintcyrils.church or (586) 726-6911

Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, December 14

"Eager Longing - Christmas Party Social"

EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, December 17

"Elf Surveillance - Christmas Social Night"
CONTACT ALEX LEWIS FOR DETAILS
(586) 641-7672 or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

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Service Project for Operation Cheer!

The current pandemic has hit nursing homes especially hard with many residents isolated in their rooms with few activities, eating meals alone, and very limited family visits. I work every day in various nursing homes providing counseling to residents, and the rates of depression are at an all-time high! Operation Cheer was started to bring encouragement, cheer, and support to nursing home residents. I am offering an opportunity for students and parishioners to make cards, write letters, or draw pictures to help cheer up residents and let them know they are not forgotten! Items may be Christmas-themed or messages of support. Items can be submitted to the Parish Office through December. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions! Thank you in advance for your kindness!

Tricia Imai, LMSW, (248) 925-6900

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Virtual Christmas Concert

Music is such an immense part of the Christmas Season...

both within our homes and as a parish family! Sadly, due to the pandemic, concerts all over the world have been cancelled, and choirs & musicians have not been able to meet or sing together, including the choirs & musicians of our Parish.

Don't despair! This year, we can safely "unite" as a parish to celebrate our Lord's Birth with a Virtual Christmas Concert that will air on the Parish You Tube Channel on January 3rd, 2021, the Solemnity of the Epiphany!

EVERYONE is encouraged to participate
by singing, playing an instrument, or even reciting a Christmas Poem or Prayer!

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO RECORD YOUR PIECE!

1. Record your piece at St. Cyrils:

- Sign up for a personal 15-minute time slot to record at St. Cyril's on Saturday, December 26, from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Piano or organ accompanists will both be available.

2. Record from the comfort of your own home:

- Record your performance (up to five minutes) using an MP4 format recording and submit it via flash drive or through email no later than Monday, December 21. *(These should be recorded in a quiet space and please make sure the audio is clear. Remember to wear your "Christmas Best" and have your holiday decorations in the background to make it more festive!)*
- If you have any questions regarding your video submission, please contact Denis Duggan, (248) 240-8391 or **denis.m.duggan@gm.com**.

AS YOU PREPARE YOUR PIECE TO PERFORM, PLEASE KEEP IN MIND ...

- Songs or recitations must be under five minutes long.
- Songs can be instrumental or vocal, and can be sacred or secular (but must be appropriate).
- Recitations can be prayers or poems. Poems can also be Sacred or Secular (again, must appropriate).
- Dress appropriately, as this concert will be posted on our parish website.
- If you would like to record at Church, and will need music accompaniment, make sure the sheet music is provided a week in advance.

PLEASE EMAIL OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC, JOE LONG, jlong@saintcyrils.church TO:

- Sign up for a time slot to record at St. Cyrils' on December 26th.
- Submit the title of the song or piece you will be performing.
- If you have any questions.

SPREAD THE WORD!
Invite your family & friends to watch
the Official Virtual Christmas Concert on the Parish You Tube Channel on:

Sunday, January 3, at 3:00PM, the Solemnity of the Epiphany!

May God bless you all this Advent and in the upcoming Christmas Season!