

The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2021



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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

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MASS Intentions

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January 9, Saturday – Sobota

9:00AM For the Members of the O.L. Mother of Mercy
Secular Discalced Carmelites ❖ For Daniel Fuller

5:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

January 10, Baptism of the Lord - Sunday - Nedela

IS 55:1-11; 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11 (21)

7:30AM For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family
❖ For the Menard & Daniel Families
❖ For John Hines
❖ For Frank & Ethel Bresto
❖ †Anthony Bustamante
❖ †Severino Palaganas Sr.

9:30AM For Leah Terrian
❖ †Elia DiCicco req. Caterina Persechini
❖ †Giovanni DiCicco req. Caterina Persechini
❖ †Richard Yamin req. Louis Brown Jr. & Family
❖ †Brian Czach
❖ †Margaret Wagner
❖ †Gary & Roland Gasparski

11:30AM *(Slovak)*
For Anna Labašová
❖ For Martin Labáš (B'Day)
❖ †Terézia Urblíková
❖ †Peter Piatek
❖ †Paul Szwarc

6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:* For the Potempski Family

8:30PM In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖ For the Priests of St. Cyril & Methodius
❖ For John Fandel
❖ For Pauline Meso
❖ For Theresa Uytuico
❖ For Melchor Uytuico
❖ For Gary Rudzewicz

January 11, Monday – Pondelok

9:00AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
❖ For Conan Sier (B'Day)

12:00PM For Gjyste & Gjergj Gjonaj
❖ For John Shkreli
❖ †Richard Yamin req. Propson Family

January 12, Tuesday – Utorok

6:00AM For Carl & †Stephanie Varchetti & Family
❖ †Amir Dokho
❖ †Severino Palaganas Sr.

12:00PM †Roland Gasparski req. John & Elizabeth Curell
❖ †Brian Reinhardt & Companions
❖ †Richard Haas req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny

January 13, Wednesday – Streda

9:00AM *(Latin)* For James & Greete Varchetti
❖ †Maria Ferland
❖ †Severino Palaganas Sr.

12:00PM For Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖ For Rochelle Rosenbaum req. Husband
❖ †Victor Potocki req. Potempski Family

January 14, Thursday – Štvrtok

6:00AM In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖ For Sam Louis (B'Day)
❖ †Charles & Isabella Varchetti

12:00PM For the Deceased Members of the Fedorko Family
❖ †Severino Palaganas Sr.
❖ †Richard Haas req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny

7:00PM For Friends in Purgatory req. Dennis & Cindy
❖ For Lorraine Drozdowski
❖ For Kola Peter Gojcaj

January 15, Friday – Piatok

6:00AM For George & Helen Emmendorfer
❖ For Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖ †Severino Palaganas Sr.

12:00PM †Matthew Margiewicz
❖ †Robert Chura

January 16, Saturday – Sobota

9:00AM †Margaret Hernalsteen
❖ †Severino Palaganas Sr.

5:30PM For Zinah Hanna (B'Day)
❖ For Al & Ann Varchetti
❖ For Sandi Brady
❖ For Linda & Sami Herfy & Family
❖ †Mary-Jo Chenevert
❖ †Aggoubi & Katrina & Jimmy Salmo
❖ †Ronald Skupin req. Cousin

January 17, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedela

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42 (65)

7:30AM For Ernest & Maria Gaiera
❖ For Alex Rolling
❖ †Severino Palaganas Sr.
❖ †Anthony Bustamante

9:30AM For Sean, Sarah and Isabelle Sandelands
❖ For Charles Giroux
❖ For Ryan Walters
❖ †James Terrian
❖ †Karen Hurt req. Sharon Brown & Family
❖ †Paolo Persichetti
❖ †Betty Showler

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❖ For the Lomnicki Family

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For the Intentions of All Parishioners

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAYS:

9:00AM & 5:30PM (Vigil)

SUNDAYS:

7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (in Slovak), 6:00PM (Tridentine) & 8:30PM

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS:

9:00AM & 12:00PM

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS:

6:00AM & 12:00PM

THURSDAYS & 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION RESUMES:

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****

Tax Statement Request for 2020

If you made a single donation of \$250 or more in 2020, you will automatically be issued a tax statement per government requirements. Those who have used PushPay or have given us an email address to enter into our database in the past will receive a tax statement automatically via email.

If you are not sure if we have your current email address and would like to receive a tax statement via email you, please go to our website: www.saintcyrils.church to complete the tax statement request form there or fill out the form below to ensure your correct address is in our database.

If you would like a paper tax statement for your 2020 tax deductible contributions, please complete the form on our website or fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or drop it off in the Parish Office.

Statements will be available by the end of January.

Any questions, please contact: *Rob Avery*,
(586) 726-6911 or business@saintcyrils.church

Tax Statement Request for 2020

Please send a statement for tax deductible contributions made to Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish during 2020 to:

Name: _____

Envelope #: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email _____

Date of Request: _____

Please mail my Contribution Statement when it is available.

I will pick up my sealed Statement in the vestibule box marked "Tax Statements".

Please email my tax statement.

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Catechism Corner • Classes Resume Wednesday

Class Schedule

Wednesday, January 13:

Class at 6:15PM

Wednesday, January 20:

Class at 6:15PM

Wednesday, January 27:

Class at 6:15PM

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:
Paul or Carroll Schuller, Directors of Religious Education,
(586) 726-6911 or p_schuller@yahoo.com

Life Teen High School Ministry

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EDGE Middle School Ministry

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DETAILS ABOUT LIFE TEEN & EDGE YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Alex Lewis: (586) 641-7672 or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

Missalettes for 2021 Available

If you are interested in having a copy of your own Missalette for 2021, the "Breaking Bread Missalettes with Daily Propers" are available in the vestibule or Parish Office.
(Suggested Donation: \$6)

Catholic Services Appeal Update

This year, the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) goal for our parish is \$156,616. This goal reflects the overall trend of our offertory income over the past three years, plus an adjustment of -15% due to the pandemic situation and economic hardship.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the CSA. To-date, we have reached \$119,463 approximately 76% of our goal. If you have not yet contributed to CSA, please prayerfully consider making a one-time or recurring gift.

For more info: www.givecsa.org

Reporting Sexual Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others – no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing: vac@aod.org.

In addition the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM) or by email at:

aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

More information about the Archdiocese of Detroit's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

Detroitská Arcidiecéza povzbudzuje jednotlivcov, ktorí by vedeli o prípadoch sexuálneho obťažovania mladistvých zo strany kleru, aby ich ohlásili bez ohľadu na to, kedy sa tieto prípady vyskytli. Jednotlivci môžu kontaktovať orgány činné v trestnom konaní, alebo upovedomiť Detroitškú Arcidiecézu prostredníctvom koordinátora pre pomoc obetiam na tel. čísle 866-343-8055, alebo emailom vac@aod.org

Úrad generálneho prokurátora v Michigane možno kontaktovať na bezplatnom telefónnom čísle 844-324-3374 (od pondelka do piatku, od 8:00 do 17:00), alebo emailom aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícii na adrese protect.aod.org.

Knights of Columbus Pro-Life Poster Contest Winners

The Knights of Columbus (Council 7011) recently announced the winners of their 2020 Pro-Life Poster Contest-“Together Strong: Life Unites “. There were three groups of participants: Group 1-(Grades 7/8), Group 2-(Grades 9/10), and Group 3- (Grades 11/12). First place winners in each Group received \$100 cash. Second place winners in each Group received \$50 cash. Third place winners in each Group received a \$20 Gift Certificate from Faith@Work. Fourth Place winners in each Group received a Participation Certificate.

The first place winners were *Sarah Wolf, Scarlette Suchland* and *Angela Miranda*, respectively.

The second place winners were *Rebekah Giroux, Bridget Abbott* and *Ailish Newell*, respectively.

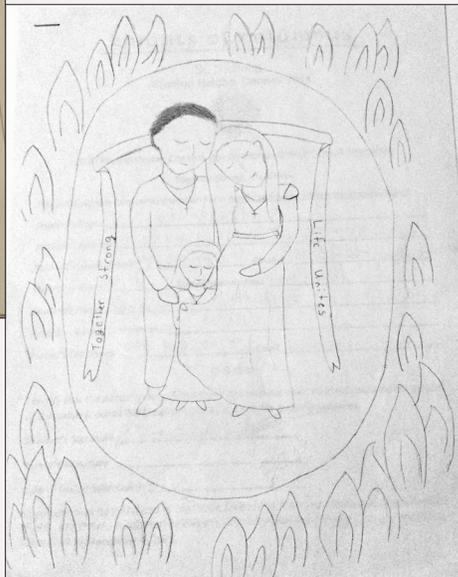
The third place winners for Group 1 & Group 3, respectively were *Humberto Gonzalez Corral & Savannah Suchland*.

The Participation Certificate winners for Group 1 and 3 respectively were *Peyton Suchland* and *Faith Simon*.

Last week, the posters of the First Place Winners were published and this week the Second Place Winners are published (below). Thank you to everyone who participated. We hope these and many others will participate next year.



Rebekah Giroux
2nd Place, Group 1



Bridget Abbott, 2nd Place, Group 2



Ailish Newell, 2nd Place, Group 3

Abortion...
One heart stops
Another heart
breaks

PRO-LIFE UPDATE

A special thank you to parishioners and visitors who participated in two activities at our parish in October and December to support Life and your local Pro-Life organization, Right to Life–LIFESPAN and its Wee Care Outreach for moms and their unborn babies. The collection of baby items provided much-needed sleepers, outfits, blankets, and bedding for the moms who have chosen Life for their children and the purchase of Christmas Cards from LIFESPAN provided much-needed funds for the organization. A big thanks also to Fathers Libor and Juraj for their faithful ongoing support to uphold the sacredness and dignity of Human Life, especially the unborn, those with special needs, and the elderly.

With great disappointment, Right to Life–LIFESPAN decided to cancel the annual “Movement in Motion” Youth Bus Trip to Washington, DC that many of our young people and some of their parents were planning on attending. New developments had arisen over Thanksgiving that caused the organization to question the possibility and safety of the trip. Restrictions in MD, OH, WV, VA, and PA would hinder the group as far as reliable access to restaurants, restrooms, and even places to visit while in the DC area; the Catholic host church could no longer host our group overnight after the March for Life; access to the Basilica of the National Shrine in DC was being greatly limited; and, there is also real concern of civil unrest in the DC area due to the political struggle that is taking place in our country.

LIFESPAN is hopeful that we will have a joyous return to Washington, DC in January, 2022! All young people and their parents as well as young adults who are interested in the 2022 trip can notify me, *Lynn Gura*, Youth Director, at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org. Plans will start to develop this spring and into the summer. I will keep you informed.

The annual March for Life in Washington, DC is still taking place on Friday, January 29. EWTN has the best coverage of the whole event. That’s what we will be tuned in on.

A Motor City Caravan for Life, sponsored by LIFESPAN, is taking place on Saturday, January 30. The Caravan will start at St. Hugo of the Hills Parking Lot (near Square Lake & Woodward) at 12:30PM, travel round-trip on Woodward Avenue to Downtown Detroit and back to Long Lake Road. It will then head east to White Chapel Cemetery where participants will pass by a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the grave of five aborted babies. Complete details can be found on miLIFESPAN.org and on the parish website: www.saintcyrls.church. We hope many of you can be a part of it! It’s not Washington, DC, but it is a local Pro-Life event...making it easier to be a part of!

God bless you all in this New Year of 2021! *Lynn Gura*, L.I.F.E. Ministry

Pope Francis Proclaims “Year of St Joseph”

Vatican News, December 8, 2020—(conclusion of articles published in the December 27 & January 3 bulletins)...

With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

A father who teaches the value, dignity and joy of work

“A carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family,” St Joseph also teaches us “the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one’s own labour.” This aspect of Joseph’s character provides Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favour of work, which has become “a burning social issue” even in countries with a certain level of well-being. “there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron,” the Pope writes.



Work, he says, “is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion.” Those who work, he explains, “are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us.” Pope Francis encourages everyone “to rediscover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new ‘normal’ from which no one is excluded.” Especially in light of rising unemployment due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Pope calls everyone to “review our priorities” and to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!” (6).

A father “in the shadows,” centred on Mary and Jesus

Taking a cue from *The Shadow of the Father* — a book by Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński — Pope Francis describes Joseph’s fatherhood of Jesus as “the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father.”

“Fathers are not born, but made,” says Pope Francis. “A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child.” Unfortunately, in today’s society, children “often seem orphans, lacking fathers” who are able to introduce them “to life and reality.” Children, the Pope says, need fathers who will not try to dominate them, but instead raise them to be “capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities.”

This is the sense in which St Joseph is described as a “most chaste” father, which is the opposite of domineering possessiveness. Joseph, says Pope Francis, “knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.”

Happiness for Joseph involved a true gift of self: “In him, we never see frustration, but only trust,” writes Pope Francis. “His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust.” Joseph stands out, therefore, as an exemplary figure for our time, in a world that “needs fathers,” and not “tyrants”; a society that “rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction.”

True fathers, instead, “refuse to live the lives of their children for them,” and instead respect their freedom. In this sense, says Pope Francis, a father realizes that “he is most a father and an educator at the point when he becomes ‘useless,’ when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied.” Being a father, the Pope emphasizes, “has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a ‘sign’ pointing to a greater fatherhood”: that of the “heavenly Father” (7).

A daily prayer to St Joseph... and a challenge

In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, “Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds [Morning Prayer]” he has “recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary.” This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph,” on account of its closing words: “My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.”

At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

To be a St. Cyril Student was to be a Cyrilite

Education was always a primary goal and remained uppermost in the mind of Father Zalibera. The parish grade school opened/began in September, 1923, and 22 years later in September, 1945, the parish high school opened with the ninth grade. The first high school graduation took place on June 12, 1949, with a class of 36 students. Through Father Zalibera's continuous involvement and under the careful guidance of the Dominican Sisters, the Cyrilite student was formed.

The opening of the grade school in 1923 marked the beginning of a long and dedicated teaching ministry of the Dominican Sisters at St. Cyril's.

Their goal was always to provide the spiritual and intellectual development of all the students entrusted to their care. Cyrilite students were the beneficiaries of an outstanding teaching staff. Every Sister had the distinction of being a specialist in her particular field which enabled the students to obtain a high-quality education. Through their dynamic teaching techniques, the Sisters continually provided a healthy atmosphere encouraging scholastic, spiritual and social growth of the students.

The Cyrilite high school student was the result of four years of careful planning guided by the Dominican Sisters. Whether singing in the glee club, debating a current world issue, rushing to meet a Cyrilite newspaper or yearbook deadline, or meeting to plan class dances, students were always on the go. As early as 1927, St. Cyril's began establishing its name in sports. In February, 1950, the high school boys, the Cyrilite "Sharks", won their first reserve basketball championship of the Catholic High School League. The Cyrilite teams had an exciting year in 1955 when they earned the title of East Side City Champs, and the baseball team captured the school's first Metro Parochial baseball crown. The girls' Varsity basketball team, the Sharkettes, also achieved victories and demonstrated skillful techniques and a fighting spirit. Also providing moral support to the teams were the cheerleaders. Many times, their enthusiasm spurred a tired team on to victory. Throughout the years, the Cyrilite teams continued to work together to build a solid reputation for teamwork and sportsmanship. Sodality was an important part of the spiritual life at St. Cyril's, helping students to find a real understanding of God through daily attendance at Mass, frequent reception of the sacraments, participation in the living rosary devotion, spiritual talks and annual retreats. The students undertook many successful projects such as helping foreign missions, clothing drives and preparing baskets for needy families at Easter and Thanksgiving. The entire school participated in the annual May crowning, and the First Friday of every month was chosen as Sodality monthly communion day. It was an impressive sight to see the girls in blue capes and white veils and the boys in their sodality group all in procession for Holy Communion.

Christmas time at St. Cyril's was a celebration. Classrooms would be decorated with tinsel and stars, students sang traditional Christmas carols while walking down the school corridors, and a Christmas wreath would be presented to Father Zalibera to decorate the front door of the rectory.

Up until the late 1960's, both the grade school and high school flourished. Changing times, economics, decline in religious vocations and other factors prompted discussions to take place about a merger with St. Thomas school just a few blocks away. The merger never happened. Sadly in June of 1971, after 48 years, St. Cyril's closed its school. However, the memories of St. Cyril school still live on today in the hearts of the many students who passed through its doors. Innumerable factors made St. Cyril's the type of school that would never be forgotten by its alumni.



Following is Father Zalibera's letter to the St. Cyril graduating class of 1950, the second class to graduate from St. Cyril High School. His words had impact then and still resonate today, just as they did 70 years ago.

"Although this is your graduation year from Saint Cyril High, it is the commencement of a new span in your life. Dedicate yourselves to the cherished principles of Catholicism taught you at Saint Cyril High. PERSISTENCE AND STICK-TO-IT-IVENESS hold the soul to its purpose through thick and thin. May you ever be mindful that this is God's world and that if you live according to His unchangeable laws and commandments, you will reap God's abundant blessings for yourselves and your fellowmen. Only the resolute can live and practice CATHOLIC ACTION in this age of compromise. Therefore, Graduate of '50 accept my spiritual and pastoral benediction. Go forth and ATTAIN! ATTAIN!"

Sincerely yours in Christ, Your loving Pastor, Rev. Joseph