

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 17, 2021



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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# MASS Intentions

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## January 16, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM †Margaret Hernalsteen  
❖†Hedy Richiert  
❖†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  
❖For Maria Lekaj  
❖For Elson & Elisander Vukaj & Family  
❖†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
- 11:30AM (Slovak)  
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖For the Lomnicki Family
- 6:00PM (Latin)-Tridentine:  
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖For Kola Peter Gojcaj  
❖For Aziz & Audrianna Mariya  
❖For Miguel & Cheri Gragham  
❖For Brandon Mansoor  
❖For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family

## January 18, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For Edward & Mary Kelly  
❖For the Terry Reed Family  
❖For the Krahala Family & Friends
- 12:00PM For a Special Intention req. Kola Gojcaj  
❖For Alex Rolling (B'Day)  
❖For Anthony Nelson (6th B'Day)

## January 19, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
❖†Severino Palaganas Sr.
- 12:00PM †Roland Gasparski req. John & Elizabeth Curell  
❖†Ken Bishop req. Family  
❖†Richard Haas req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny

## January 20, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM (Latin)  
For Marcella & Liara  
❖For Sam & Amy Shamoon  
❖†Severino Palaganas Sr.
- 12:00PM For Rochelle Rosenbaum req. Husband  
❖†Gene Kucharek req. Wife  
❖†Bert Shubnell

## January 21, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For Kola Peter Gojcaj
- 12:00PM For Christina Hermiz req. Amy Shamoon  
❖†Lorenzo Gallardo Sr. req. Ed & Jude Bunao  
❖†Roland Gasparski (B'Day)
- 7:00PM For Seminarian Patrick Blenman req.  
Grandparents  
❖For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz  
❖†Thomas Fernane

## January 22, Friday - Piatok

### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

- 6:00AM In Atonement for Sins of Abortion & Contraception
- 12:00PM In Atonement for Sins of Abortion & Contraception

## January 23, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For Jack Fischer  
❖†Stephen Orłowsky
- 5:30PM In Thanksgiving req. Alia  
❖For Mike Kudzia  
❖†Dawn Graham req. Dubon Family  
❖†Julian Robert Olinzock req. Sister

## January 24, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedela

Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20 (68)

- 7:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 9:30AM For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality  
❖For the Students and Staff of the Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Guadalupe req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny  
❖†John, Michael & Linda Bohach  
❖†Matthew Swita  
❖†James Sosko  
❖†Paul Schrock  
❖†Micol Jones Sr.
- 11:30AM (Slovak)  
For Fr. Libor Marek  
❖†Hedwig P. Richiert req. Rosary Society
- 6:00PM (Latin)-Tridentine:  
†William Allar req. Mr. & Mrs. Brian Cole
- 8:30PM For Jindar Yelda req. Amy Shamoon  
❖For Jacklin Daniel req. Amy Shamoon  
❖For Ilean Daniel req. Amy Shamoon



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Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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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](http://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\*\***

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### DRAWING

**Saturday, February 6**

### PRIZES:

**1st: \$250**  
**2nd: \$125**  
**3rd: \$75**  
**4th: \$50**

**Tickets: \$5 each or  
Book of 5 for \$20**

**TICKETS SOLD AFTER ALL HOLY MASSES NEXT WEEKEND: JANUARY 23 & 24  
OR CONTACT: Joseph White, Grand Knight, (586) 556-2122 or GK7011@MIKOFc.org.**

### FUNDRAISER SUPPORTS THE FOUR PILLARS OF THE ST. NICHOLAS COUNCIL #7011:

- **Participating in Right-to-Life Efforts and Fundraising for RTL Organizations**
- **Supporting Organizations that provide help for those with Mental Impairments**
- **Providing financial support for our Priests and Seminarians**
- **Offering material and volunteer support to the Community in meeting the needs of the poor**

### **Catechism Corner • Class Wednesday, January 20**

#### Class Schedule

**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 • Monday, January 18**

**TOPIC: "Eye Contact" (Gospel of St. Luke)**

**BEGINS: 6:45PM (in the Side Parking Lot)**

### **EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, January 21**

**TOPIC: "Eye Contact" (Gospel of St. Luke)**

**BEGINS: 6:45PM (near Gallery)**

**ALL TEENS ARE WELCOME!**

**PLEASE DRESS WARMLY & BRING A MASK!**

Details & Questions about Life Teen & EDGE Youth Ministries:  
 Alex Collins: (586) 641-7672 or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

### **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](http://www.givecsa.org)

### **Virtual Retreat: Spirituality of the Evangelist**

**Retreat: January 23 / Registration Deadline: January 18**

All are welcome for a Catholic Biblical School of Michigan (CBSM)-sponsored virtual retreat on Saturday, January 23, from 9:00AM – 3:00PM, held on Zoom.

#### **TOPIC: The Spirituality of the Evangelist**

The Virtual Retreat features talks by Adam Janke of St. Paul Street Evangelization, times of quiet away from the computer for reflections, opportunities for group discussion, and guided prayer.

#### **Retreat Overview**

**Talk #1:** What is MY story? We begin the day in reflection of our background in terms of relationship with the Lord (e.g., prayer, sacraments, joys, difficulties).

**Talk #2:** Each of us has encountered obstacles toward being an 'evangelist.' For some, it's fear of not knowing enough or fear of what others will think of us. Others shrink back from evangelization out of a false sense of inadequacy. We need the Holy Spirit to heal us from those obstacles and anxieties that keep us from growing in holiness and becoming all God has created us to be.

**Talk #3:** Come, Holy Spirit! In this final talk, we learn about the role of the Holy Spirit as the converter of hearts. How can we grow in a relationship with the Holy Spirit and become docile to where and how we are being led to reach out to others?

**COST: \$10 per household**

**REGISTER BY: Monday, January 18**

**TO REGISTER: <http://cbsmich.org/retreat>**

# Year of St. Joseph



## Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church! O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God! O Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate! In the presence of Jesus and Mary, I choose you this day to be my father, my guardian, and my protector. O great St. Joseph, whom God has made the Head of the Holy Family, accept me, I beseech you, though utterly unworthy, to be a member of your "Holy House." Present me to your Immaculate Spouse; ask her also to adopt me as her child. With her, pray that I may constantly think of Jesus, and serve him faithfully to the end of my life. O Terror of Demons, increase in me virtue, protect me from the evil one, and help me not to offend God in any way. O my Spiritual Father, I hereby consecrate myself to you. In faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary, I place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. To you, after Jesus and Mary, I consecrate my body and soul, with all their faculties, my spiritual growth, my home, and all my affairs and undertakings. Forsake me not, but adopt me as a servant and child of the Holy Family. Watch over me at all times, but especially at the hour of my death. Console and strengthen me with the presence of Jesus and Mary so that, with you, I may praise and adore the Holy Trinity for all eternity. Amen.

### 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](http://www.saintcyrils.church) to complete the tax statement request form there or fill out the form to the right 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](mailto: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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## *St. Monica Sodality Mass • Sunday, January 24*

Family and friends: Although 2020 has given us many challenges, we are very thankful for our faith in Jesus and the community that is His Body, the Church. Since some of you may not be familiar with the St. Monica Sodality, this article will briefly explain the ministry and the saints associated with it.

The St. Monica Sodality prays for loved ones to return to the full practice of the Catholic Faith and for conversions. We gather on the fourth weekend of each month for Holy Mass. The January and February Masses take place on Sundays at 9:30AM, but the Mass schedule will rotate going forward so please see the bulletin for future Mass information and join us whenever you can. Your prayer petition slips are inserted into a covered album that is placed in front of the altar during the Mass. While we cannot officially gather after Mass for the regular prayers (The Divine Mercy Chaplet and The St. Monica Sodality Prayer), we encourage you to continue praying these for your loved ones. Please stop by the St. Monica petition box (between the double doors at the main entrance of the church) for prayer information and petition slips (you can return petitions anytime).

St. Monica was born in North Africa around 332AD, was raised Catholic, married a pagan and had three children - Augustine was the eldest. Her marriage was difficult - with an unfaithful husband and a mother-in-law who disliked her, however, she converted them through her virtuous life and her prayers. Augustine received a formal education but was caught up in worldly things. Very concerned, Monica prayed much and shed many tears for him. A bishop once told her that Augustine's heart was too stubborn, but God's time would come. The child of so many tears could not perish. After many years, her prayers were answered and Augustine was baptized. He became a priest, bishop and Doctor of the Church, and his extensive writings still exist today. St. Monica is sometimes pictured holding a jar of tears and a copy of St. Augustine's book - Confessions. Their feast days are celebrated on August 27th and August 28th.

We invite you to join us at the next St. Monica Sodality Holy Mass next Sunday, January 24, at 9:30AM.

St. Monica, Pray for Us! For more info, contact: Anne Marie, (586) 873-2004.

### *St. Monica Sodality Prayer*

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

***Eternal 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.***

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### **PRO-LIFE UPDATE**

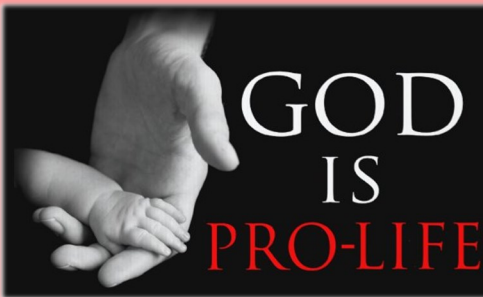
With great disappointment, Right to Life–LIFESPAN decided to cancel the annual “Movement in Motion” Youth Bus Trip to Washington, DC that many of our young people and some of their parents were planning on attending. New developments had arisen over Thanksgiving that caused the organization to question 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](mailto: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. See page 7 for details on EWTN coverage.

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. Details can be found at [miLIFESPAN.org](http://miLIFESPAN.org) and on the parish website: [www.saintcyriels.church](http://www.saintcyriels.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



### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children • January 22

USCCB, [respectlife.org/January 22](http://respectlife.org/January 22) - The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”: “In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22

(or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.”

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Another way to take part is through participating in special events to observe the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Call your local diocese or parish to find out what events might be taking place in your area.

*“A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.” (Evangelium vitae, 100)*

### National Prayer Vigil for Life • January 28 & 29

USCCB.org, Pro-Life Activities - The National Prayer Vigil for Life is an all-night pro-life prayer vigil held on the eve of the March for Life each January. Over 20,000 pilgrims from across the nation pray through the night for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. It is held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

The vigil [schedule](#) includes the Opening Mass celebrated in the Great Upper Church. Prayer continues throughout the night with the National Rosary for Life, Night Prayer and Holy Hours for Life. The following morning, the prayer vigil concludes with Morning Prayer, Benediction and the Closing Mass the next morning.

The National Prayer Vigil for Life is one small part of the Church’s “great prayer for life.” It is sponsored by the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and The Catholic University of America Office of Campus Ministry.

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#### Important Update for 2021:

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the National Prayer Vigil for Life will be closed to the public but will still be televised by EWTN so millions can participate remotely. Please see the adjusted 2021 Vigil [schedule](#) and visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page for additional information.

#### Schedule of Events for January 28 & 29, 2021:

Important: For the evening Vigil program on January 28, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, will be closed to the public. All prayer events for both days will be televised by EWTN.

#### Thursday, January 28:

8:00–8:30PM: **Rosary for Life**

8:30–9:45PM: **Opening Mass** with Principal Celebrant & Homilist: *Archbishop Joseph Naumann*, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

9:45–11:00PM: **Holy Hour for Life**

#### Friday, January 29:

8:00–9:00AM: **Closing Mass** with Principal Celebrant & Homilist TBD

“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple:

*We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.*

*In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.”*

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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