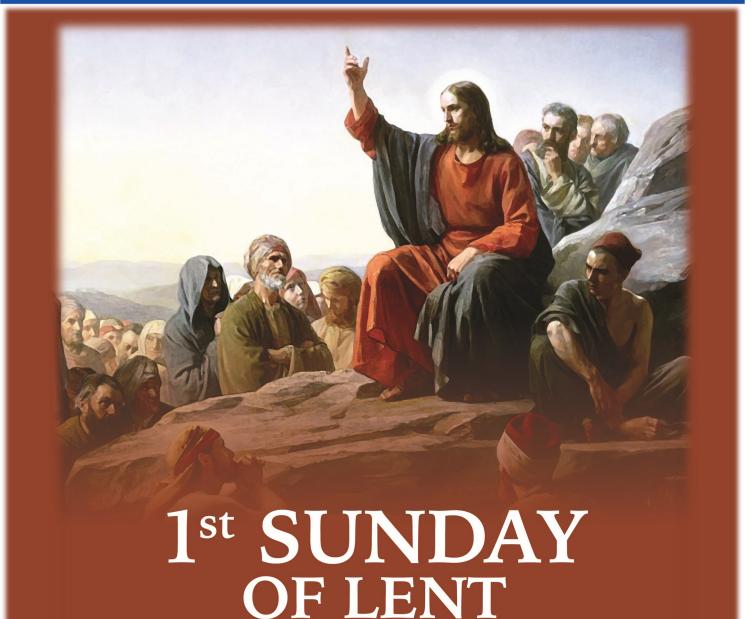
First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021



SAINTS CYRIL AND FARNOSŤ SVÄTÝCH METHODIUS PARISH CYRILA A METODA

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"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:15

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February	20, Saturday – Sobota	1.
9:00AM	For a Special Intention req. Kola Peter Gojcaj	
	✤†Najeeb Shamam	-
5:30PM	For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family	F
	For Jonathon & Joshua Pate (40th B'Days)	6
	✤†Esther Norris & Family	12
	�†Fr. Val Gattari	
	†George Wittner req. Ken & Mary Ann Warner	
	†Mary & Greg Manning & Family	7:
	†Patricia Amaradio	
February	21, First Sunday of Lent – Nedeľa	
2	Gn 9:8-15 ; 1 Pt 3:18-22 ; Mk 1:12-15	F
7:30AM	In Thanksgiving req. Hines Family	6
	For a Special Intention req. Alia	
	Anne Yorey req. Kappa Alpha	12
	�†Stella Sabo	
9:30AM	(Livestreamed) For Fr. Ben Kosnac	
	For Donna Mazurkiewicz (B'Day) req. Family	6
	🛠†Jim Stelzer req. Mary Bann	7:
	Charmaine Daniels	
	♦ †Esther Norris	
	🛠 🕇 Paolo Persichetti	F
	♦ † Betty Showler	9
11:30AM	(Slovak)	
	†Anna Sovikova req. Stefan & Marta Sobolic	
	*†Karel Pondel req. Cisar Family	5
	♦ †George Rafaidus	
	♦ † Eva Fleck	
	†James Robine	
	+ +Hedi Richiert	
	*†Anna Cnota	
6:00PM	(Latin)-Tridentine:	
000016	For the Intentions of All Parishioners	F
8:30PM	For a Special Intention req. Vicki Babbie	
	For the Yatooma Family	7
T 1	♦†Onorio Iacobelli ♦†Sabah Kiezi	
-	22, Monday – Pondelok	
9:00AM	For Steve Mazurkiewicz Jr. (B'Day) req. Family	
	*†Sami Dawaf	
	†Tom Speare req Ken & Mary Ann Warner	
12:00PM	For Joshua Bartold 22nd (B'Day)	
	For George Mendoza (B'Day)	9
	†Albina Dmuchowski	
February	23, Tuesday – Utorok	
6:00AM	For Paul & Julie Varchetti & Family	
	❖For Kola Peter Gojcaj	
	†Robert Dennis Edwards	
12:00PM	For Joseph req. Meme & Papa	
	🛠†Warda Paula	
	†Zakary James Rabior req. Nash-Brown Family	1
February	24, Wednesday – Streda	
8:30AM	*Stations of the Cross*	6
9:00AM	(Latin)	
	For Elise Langlois req. Langlois Family	8
	For Sarmad, Behnam, Hikmat, Victor & Hilal	
	For the DiCicco Family and Friends	

12:00PM	For Christina, Ilean, Caroline, Jacklin, & Jinda
	For Terri Yatooma
_	†Brian Czach & Family req. Mary Bann
-	725, Thursday – Štvrtok
6:00AM	For Mark Varchetti
12:00PM	For Michael & Family
	*†Ron Kratz req. Ann Haio Family
FOODIA	♦ † Marge Wagner
7:00PM	 Holy Souls in Purgatory For Domald Transmond the Transmon Domain
	✤For Donald Trump and the Trump Family ♦ † Robert Perugi
Fohmuom	726, Friday – Piatok
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6:00AM	For Kola Peter Gojcaj �For Glen and Amy Varchetti
12:00PM	For Sharon Mendoza (B'Day)
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	 Tor Kandy Gammo & Panny * †Joseph Venglar req. Wife
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7:00PM	For Fr. Robert Spezia
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	 ♦ Toblet Feldgi ♦ †Jim Heugh
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-	7 27, Saturday – Sobota
9:00AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
	♦ For Loan Tran & Family ♦ †San Mai
5:30PM	For Holy Souls in Purgatory
5.501 101	For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
	 For Jonathan Wilkin (B'Day)
	For Loan Tran & Family
	Tom Wittner req. Ken & Mary Ann Warner
	♦ †San Mai
	♦ † Elvidio Vennettilli
February	728, Second Sunday of Lent – Nedel'a
Gn	22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-24; Mk 9:2-10
7:30AM	For Clair, Ron & Family
	✤For Paul & Family
	✤For Jeanette Desser & Pascal (B'Days)
	✤For John Maciag
	For the Deceased Members of the
	Knights of Columbus
0.004.14	♦ † Rose Cavasim ♦ † Terry Lawton
9:30AM	(Livestreamed) For the Intentions of the Members of
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	Thomas Anthony Jerzewski req. Mom
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6:00PM	(Latin)-Tridentine:
	♦ Thomas Fernane
8:30PM	For a Special Intention req. Alia
	✤For Meg Schultheis (B'Day)
	✤For Inam Babbie & Family
	♦ †Onorio Iacobelli



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Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross & Office Schedules

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: SATURDAYS: 9AM & 5:30PM (Vigil) SUNDAYS: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak), 6 PM (Latin Tridentine) & 8:30PM MONDAYS: 9AM & 12PM TUESDAYS: 6AM & 12PM WEDNESDAYS: 9AM & 12PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS DURING LENT: 6AM, 12PM & 7PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Wednesdays at 8:30AM & Fridays at 6:30PM

***WEEKDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE:**

MONDAYS: 10AM - 2PM TUESDAYS: 11AM - 2PM WEDNESDAYS: 10AM - 2PM THURSDAYS: 11:AM - 5PM FRIDAYS: 11AM - 2PM

*Office is closed during 12 PM Holy Mass



*NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE begins MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22! See Page Four for Complete Details on the New Confession Schedule.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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

*General Dispensation from Obligation to Attend Mass on Sundays & Holy Days will Expire Saturday, March 13

Archbishop Vigneron announced that the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will expire on Saturday, March 13, 2021. In its place, he is granting a number of particular dispensations for the faithful who may find themselves in specific circumstances. Please read below for information about these specific dispensations and visit aod.org/ comehometohope to learn more about how our parishes are working to keep everyone safe at Mass as well as tips and advice for inviting friends and family to attend Mass with you.

*PARTICULAR DISPENSATION INFORMATION

The general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the anticipatory Mass at 4:00PM or later on the previous day) is to be reinstated in the Archdiocese of Detroit effective Saturday, March 13, 2021.

Considering the grave obligation we have of being physically present with our brothers and sisters at Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation for the Eucharist, each of us is asked to make a good and sincere judgement as to whether these circumstances apply or not. Where doubt or confusion persists, consult any priest for clarity.

While the general dispensation is removed, there are specific instances where the dispensation will continue, as well as those circumstances where there is no obligation in the first place. One does <u>not</u> have an obligation to attend Mass on Sunday <u>in the following circumstances</u>:

- 1. You are ill or your health condition would be significantly compromised if you were to contract a communicable illness (i.e., you have underlying conditions or are in a high-risk category). Please use the dispensation and do not attend Mass.
- 2. You exhibit flu-like symptoms. Please use the dispensation and do not attend Mass.
- 3. You have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness (e.g., you were in recent contact with someone who tested positive for a contagious illness such as COVID or influenza). Please use the dispensation and do not attend Mass.
- 4. You care for the sick, homebound, or infirmed.
- 5. You are pregnant.
- 6. Those 65 years of age or older (per the CDC's recommendation of high-risk individuals).
- 7. You cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own (e.g., no Mass is offered, you are infirmed, or, while wanting to go, you are prevented for some reason you cannot control (e.g., your ride did not show up, the church was at capacity).
- 8. If you have significant fear or anxiety of becoming ill by being at Mass.
- For questions about the application of any of these, please contact your pastor.

These categories will be reviewed in due course and revised as needed.

Those within categories #1-8 above must still observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death and resurrection; an excellent way to do this is through participating in a broadcast of the Sunday Mass.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BEGINNING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

A NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE BEGINS THIS MONDAY! CONFESSIONS WILL TAKE PLACE 1/2 HOUR BEFORE EACH WEEKDAY & SATURDAY MORNING HOLY MASS (until Mass begins)!

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

MONDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM <u>TUESDAYS:</u> 5:30AM - 6:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM <u>WEDNESDAYS:</u> 8:30AM - 9:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM <u>THURSDAYS:</u> 5:30AM - 6:00AM, 11:30AM - 12:00PM & 6:30PM - 7:00PM <u>FRIDAYS (during Lent):</u> 5:30AM - 6:00AM, 11:30AM - 12:00PM & 6:30PM - 7:00PM

<u>SATURDAYS:</u> 8:30AM - 9:00AM

When you arrive for Confession, please:

+ Go into the Church, right-hand side by the Chapel
+ Sit in the back reserved pew(s) on the right-hand side
+ Wait for your turn

When it is your turn for Confession, † Enter the Chapel from the Church-side

<u>Please Note:</u> † Registration <u>is not required!</u> † Remember to wear a mask † Remember to keep 6' social distancing



Please Consider the Handicapped

Due to the reduced number of pews available in the church, there are fewer seats for our handicapped parishioners. Therefore, unless you are handicapped, please refrain from using the handicapped seats in order to make them available to those who need them most.

Thank you for your consideration!

Catechism Corner Catechism Class Schedule:

Wednesday, February 24: **Class at 6:15PM** Wednesday, March 3: **Class at 6:15PM** Wednesday, March 10: **Class at 6:15PM** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Paul or Carroll Schuller, Directors of Religious Education, cschuller@saintcyrils.church or (586) 726-6911

Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, February 22 "Relationships - A Night about Relating to Others from your Best Friend to the Stranger in the Grocery Store" 7:00PM—8:45PM

EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, February 25

"Loose Lips Sink Ships - A Night on the Dangers of Gossip" 7:00PM—8:45PM

If you have questions, would like to be put on our mailing list or would like to volunteer, please contact:

Alexandria Collins, (586) 641-7672 or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

Support the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

A special collection will be taken this weekend to support the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Please use an envelope that is located on the table in the vestibule and place your donation in the basket in the entryway.

Lenten Reflection Series on the Four Last Things February 23, March 2, March 9 & March 16

Everyone (recommended 18 years and older) is encouraged to join your host, Charlie Giroux, each week as he presents a select recording from the late great Archbishop Fulton Sheen on the important topics: Death, Judgement, Purgatory/Heaven, and Hell.

Free Virtual Series, 7:00PM - 8:30PM. To register, please email:

Charlie Giroux, Giroux.charles@shms.edu

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.

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Detroitská Arcidiecéza povzbudzuje jednotlivcov, ktorí by vedeli o prípadoch sexuálneho obťažovania mladistvých zo strany kléru, aby ich ohlásili bez ohľadu na to, kedy sa tieto prípady vyskytli. Jednotlivci môžu kontaktovať orgány činné v trestnom konaní, alebo upovedomiť Detroitskú 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 dispozícií na adrese protect.aod.org.

St. Monica Sodality Mass · Sunday, February 28

While Lent offers us many ways to draw closer to Christ, let us join Him in thirsting for souls - especially our loved ones and friends who may currently be away from, or not practicing, the Catholic Faith. This is the primary prayer focus of the St. Monica Sodality. We gather on the fourth weekend of each month for Holy Mass. Our Mass schedule rotates: The February Mass takes place next Sunday, February 28, at 9:30AM, but the March and April Masses will be on Saturdays at 5:30PM, so please see the bulletin for future Mass info and join us whenever you can.

Also, be sure to visit the St. Monica petition box (between the double doors at the main entrance of the church) for prayer info and petition slips (you can return petitions anytime). Submitted prayer petition slips are inserted into the covered album that is placed in front of the altar during the Mass. After Mass we hope to recite our usual prayers (The Divine Mercy Chaplet and The St. Monica Sodality Prayer) - so please listen to the parish announcements for details.

Please join us for the St. Monica Sodality Holy Mass next Sunday, February 28, at 9:30AM.

St. Monica and Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for Us!

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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Bp. Minde "Digging In' to Help in Kahama

2021 Parish Lenten Projects

Lent is always a time to reach out to others in need with our almsgiving and acts of charity. This year especially many people have lost work and are struggling. Many people among us are isolated and alone. And with regular activities canceled or scaled back, most of us have a little more free time than usual. Taking the time to send a note or card, perhaps through Operation Cheer described below, or to make a phone call during Lent is a simple act of charity that would mean more than ever this year. In addition, there are several other projects proposed for us to participate in as a parish during Lent. Please consider joining with other parishioners and making one or more of these projects a part of your personal Lenten sacrifices. Reaching out to encourage others and to provide for their needs during the season of Lent will help us prepare our hearts to welcome our resurrected Lord at Easter.

† Monetary Projects

† Kahama Diocese, Tanzania/Bishop Minde: While Bishop Minde was assigned to a new diocese in Tanzania in 2019, he continues as the ordinary of the Kahama Diocese as well. This includes our sister parish, Holy Family, and the many parishes and schools that some of our parishioners have visited since 2010 when the construction of our Sister Parish began. To help Bishop Minde with his many projects building up the diocese of Kahama, place your *monetary gift in a blue Lenten collection envelope* and place it in the weekend collection basket or make your donation online (www.saintcyrils.church) using *PushPay* by Easter Sunday, April 11. Please make a *check payable to Ss. Cyril & Methodius and include Tanzania on the memo line*.

† **Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Centers:** Thanks to the time and talents of several tech volunteers, Image of God's four centers have an ever-increasing presence on social media as well as more and more traffic on their website. This means more women are contacting Image of God and choosing LIFE for their children. But there are also high costs associated with maintaining this internet presence. Coupled with the cancellation of their annual fundraising dinner in 2020, the financial need is great. Your monetary gift will help Image of God maintain its internet presence, keep the four centers open and continue offering a lifeline to women experiencing crisis pregnancies. Place a *check payable to Ss. Cyril & Methodius in a white Lenten collection envelope* and put it in the weekend collection basket or make your donation to the Christian Service fund online (www.saintcyirls.church) using PushPay by Easter Sunday, April 4.

PLEASE NOTE: Donations made to Ss. Cyril & Methodius by check or through PushPay, will be shared between Image of God and St. Christine's, per Archdiocesan guidelines.

+ **St. Christine Christian Services (SCCS):** The food pantry and soup kitchen operated by SCCS has had to adapt not just to COVID restrictions but also to an increased number of people needing help. The weekly food pick-up has become a drive-up event and the soup kitchen's hot meals are carry-out only. Along with the increase in clients, costs have also increased. Help SCCS continue its vital mission of bringing food to the needy with a monetary donation. Place a *check payable to Ss. Cyril & Methodius in a white Lenten collection envelope* and put it in the weekend collection basket or make your donation to the Christian Service fund online using PushPay by Easter Sunday, April 4. You can also give directly to SCCS online at sccsdetroit.org

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Fasting for Food: What are you giving up for Lent? We can all answer this question. Sweets. Coffee. Binging on Netflix series. How much money will that save? We probably haven't thought much about this question. After all, that's not the purpose of fasting during Lent. And the savings over 6 weeks probably is insignificant. But what if we set aside the money we saved each week that we don't buy ice cream or coffee and used it to help feed families in need? Or what if we canceled Netflix or Disney+ and did the same with the monthly fees? By themselves our sacrifices are small but collectively they would go a long way toward feeding needy families. During Lent, would you consider magnifying your fasting to feed the families served by the food pantry and soup kitchen at **St. Christine's Christian Services** in Detroit? Collect your savings during Lent and then write a *check to Ss. Cyril & Methodius and place it in a white Lenten collection envelope* and place it in the collection basket on Easter Sunday. On the "Fasting for Food" line (on the envelope), write in the amount of your donation that was from your Lenten fasting.

Note to parents: Placing your savings in a jar and watching them add up during Lent can be a good visual for children to see the importance of their Lenten sacrifices.

Baby Items Collection on March 13 and 14: Besides financial assistance, the four Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Centers are also in need of baby care items. We can show our love and support for the mothers who have the courage to choose LIFE for their babies by helping to supply some of their needs. Help these mothers care for their babies by bringing a baby care item or clothing when you come to Saturday evening or Sunday Mass on March 13 and 14 and leave it on one of the specially marked carts in the vestibule. Items that are most needed are: *diapers sizes 4 & 5, diaper rash ointment, diaper bags, boy's clothing size newborn to 2T, and rear facing car seats.*

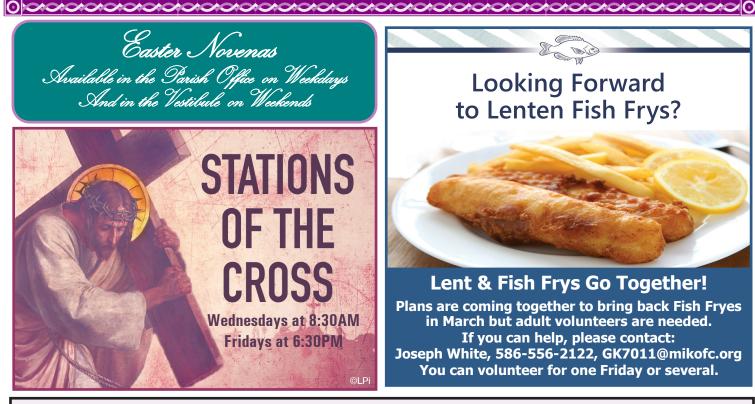
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Operation Cheer! The current pandemic has hit nursing homes especially hard! Many residents have been isolated in their rooms with few activities, eating meals alone, and very limited family visits. One of our parishioners works every day in nursing homes providing counseling to residents, and the rates of depression are at an all-time high! She has started an initiative, **Operation Cheer**, to bring encouragement, cheer, and support to nursing home residents. During Lent, will you set aside a little time to sign or make a card, or write a letter, or have your children draw pictures to help cheer up residents and let them know they are not forgotten? Messages of support might include: Hang in There! One Day at a Time! We're Praying for You! You are Loved! Thinking of You! Have a Good Day! Easter cards and birthday cards are also appreciated. Place your *cards and letters* in the box on the table below the bulletin board by Palm Sunday, March 28. If you have any questions about Operation Cheer, contact *Trisha*, (248) 925-6900.

Easter Food Baskets for Families in Need: Would you like to prepare a basket of food for Easter dinner for a family in need? St. Dominic's Outreach Center provides each of the 150 families they assist with a basket of food filled with all they need to enjoy a special Easter dinner. Baskets should include non-perishable food items and a gift card (to purchase a ham or turkey) and other perishable foods. If you would like to provide a food basket for a family, please contact *Erin Rybicki* at (586) 530-0547 or at christianservice@saintcyrils.church. Please do not bring your Food Basket to church without speaking to Erin.

Let's also join together as a parish to pray for one another during our Lenten fasts, as well as for the people who will be assisted by our Lenten projects and those who serve them. If you have any questions about any of the 2021 Lent Projects, please contact:

Erin Rybicki, Christian Service Coordinator, (586) 530-0547, or Sandi Brady in the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911



Join the Ss. Cyril & Methodius LENTEN CHALLENGE

Grow in holiness this Lenten Season by uniting with other parishioners in joining our Parish Lenten Challenge. Worksheets are located in the vestibule, with personal challenges and sacrifices, designed to help you to grow in holiness. Whether you choose to complete a challenge alone, or support one another by making it a family challenge, these worksheets are wonderful tools to help spiritually in your Lenten journey.

There are separate worksheets for Adults, Teens and Children. Once your worksheet is complete, drop it off in the Parish Office and you will be included in a Raffle that will take place after Easter.

"While Lent is a solemn season, it is not a somber one. The forty days are not structured to foster morbid gloominess and debilitating self-loathing; they are meant to thrust us into the heart of divine love." -The Little Way of Lent: Meditations in the Spirit of St. Therese of Lisieux