Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2021



# SAINTS CYRIL AND FARNOSŤ SVÄTÝCH METHODIUS PARISH CYRILA A METODA

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

# 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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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

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

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

CONFESSIONS 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

### Please Note: † Registration <u>is not required!</u>

† Remember to wear a mask † Remember to keep 6' social distancing

### SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS 2021 MARCH LENTEN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

STATIONS <u>OF THE CROSS:</u> Wednesdays at 8:30AM Fridays at 6:30PM

> FISH FRYS: Fridays in March: 4PM —7PM

BABY ITEM <u>COLLECTION:</u> March 13 & 14 (Pg. 6)

HOLY HOUR <u>OF REPARATION:</u> Saturday, March 20: 10AM

> EASTER <u>CONFESSIONS:</u> Monday, March 29: 10AM — 12PM 6PM — 9PM

CHURCH <u>CLEAN-UP DAY:</u> Tuesday, March 30: 2PM until Finished

<u>BLOOD DRIVE:</u> Wednesday, March 31: 1PM — 7PM

### Catechism Corner

<u>Catechism Class Schedule:</u> Wednesday, March 3: Class at 6:15PM Wednesday, March 10: Class at 6:15PM Saturday, March 13:

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat from 12:00PM-2:00PM Wednesday, March 17: Class at 6:15PM Wednesday, March 24: Class at 6:15PM Wednesday, March 31: No Class (Holy Week) Wednesday, April 7: N o Class (Easter Week) 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 OFF THIS WEEK FOR A COR TEAM MEETING 7:00PM—8:45PM EDGE Middle School Ministry

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If you have questions about Life Teen or EDGE, 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

Northland Family Prayer News • Saturday, March 6

While we all experience sadness in our lives, nothing compares to the sorrow that Our Lady endured as she lived through the Passion of her Son and God. We entrust to her all who are dealing with difficulties, especially those overwhelmed by a pregnancy, those impacted in any way by abortion, or those who have lost a child, and know that she intercedes for us as we stand up for life. Please join us for several upcoming Pro-Life activities:

**†** The monthly Pro-Life prayer and witness event outside the Northland Family Planning Clinic takes place next Saturday, March 6, from 11:30AM-12:30PM, at 3810 17 Mile (just west of Ryan Road) - no parking is allowed at the clinic. Please dress warm and bring your friends, family, and rosary. Prayer time may be shortened due to weather conditions.

**†** The 40 Days for Life campaign runs daily outside the Northland Family Planning Clinic through March 28. Consider praying (outside the clinic, or from your car nearby) with family, friends or ministry team when you can. Again, no parking is allowed at the clinic. For those who like Fridays, prayer warriors are usually there from 8:30AM-11:30AM. For those who wish to pray before or after morning Mass, prayer warriors are praying outside the clinic on Mondays and Thursdays starting at 10:15AM. For additional info on the 40 Days for Life prayer campaign, please visit: https://40daysforlife.com/sterlingheights or contact: *Suzanne*. (810) 441-1095.

**†** A Pro-Life rosary is recited at church on Saturday mornings. The Joyful and Luminous Mysteries are prayed before Mass, starting at 8:10AM, and the Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries are prayed after the 9:00AM Mass, starting around 9:45AM.

For more information, check the bulletin board or the future parish bulletins.

Questions, please contact: Anne Marie, (586) 873-2004



#### Holy Hour • Saturday, March 20 Angelic Warfare ... the Battle for Souls Continues ...

A Call to Mary presents a special Hour of Consolation and Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart Mary for all of the blasphemies, insults, sacrileges and offenses committed against them every day throughout the world. Please join A Call to Mary on Saturday, May 20, beginning at 10:00AM (following the 9:00AM Holy Mass) for this special Holy Hour. If we do not respond to the requests of our Blessed Mother, we shall suffer the consequences of sin and the Justice of Almighty God.

Our Lady of Fatima warned us over 100 years ago, that if people did not repent and turn back to God, Russia would spread her errors throughout the world, there would be wars, famine and persecution of the Church. Please join A Call to Mary for this important Holy Hour and pray for the Triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart.

### Church Cleaning Day • Tuesday, March 30

Help is needed to make "our" church beautiful for Easter Sunday. If you are available to help clean the church on Tuesday, March 30, after the 12:00PM Holy Mass, please sign up on the form in the vestibule or contact the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911. Thank you!

### Blood Drive • Wednesday, March 31

Our next Blood Drive is during Holy Week on Wednesday, March 31, from 1:00PM—7:00PM in the Father Mikus Parish Hall. Without the proper amount of blood on-hand, patients (perhaps even our family members, friends or parishioners) may not have blood available for necessary operations or emergencies. Please HELP SAVE LIVES and sign up today.

If you have questions about the Blood Drive, please call: an American Red Cross representative at 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit: www.redcross.org





Easter Novena Mass Cards Available

Our Easter Novena will begin on Easter Monday, April 5. Novena Mass Cards are for living or deceased relatives and friends and are available in English and in Slovak. (Suggested Donation: \$10 each)

Novena Holy Mass Cards are available in the Parish Office on weekdays and in the vestibule on weekends.

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

### 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 4. 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.

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+ **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.* 

**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 christian-service@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.

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

Deacon Gerald Smigell's homily last weekend, on the First Sunday of Lent, was requested by many people. With his permission, we share it here ...

### **Deacon Gerald and the Purple Crayon**

A Deacon named Gerald was in church on the first Sunday in Lent, thinking about the Scripture reading of Jesus fasting in the desert. He thought, "How can I help Jesus create a new heart in the people so that this would be the holiest Lent ever at Ss. Cyril & Methodius?" He looked up and prayed for inspiration and when he looked down his eyes fell on a large purple crayon. The Deacon thought, "I know, I'll color their hearts purple and ask Jesus to make their hearts like His!"

So he colored the heart of each girl in the pew, He colored them violet a deep purple hue. The girls thought, "This is Lent, so what shall we do?" They thought about Jesus how He suffered for them, And promised that instant to do something for Him.

One said, "Jesus, I'm giving up ice cream for You, And playing CDs till my daddy turns blue. Some said, "Chips", some said "Pop", others "chocolate and gum." And one wee, little girl said, "I'll stop sucking my thumb."

Some teenagers said, "No more fast food for me. No Wendy's or Arby's and no Mickey D's!" Someone else said, "On Friday's it's no more TV. We'll give all that money to a good charity." A teenager said, "I'll cut I-phone talk, talk, talk, Instead I'll take our elderly neighbors' dog for a walk."

He colored again the hearts of the boys, Just that fast one said, "I'm giving up toys." "No computer games for me," another one said, "I'm praying the rosary for peace instead!" One said, "My skateboard will stay in the garage, And acting up at home? Well, that's just a mirage." His friend said, "I won't wait to be told. I'll just help Dad & Mother and be extra kind to my sister and brother."

He colored the hearts of the grown-ups there too, So they pledged to shut off the TV and say a rosary or two. "I'll pray for an increased in religious vocations, and for all the missionaries in hostile locations." "We'll visit the widow who lives down the street, and fix her a meal or bring her a treat." A new retiree said, "I have so much time to kill, I guess I'll go pray at the abortion mill."

A woman there who just loved buying new clothes, Designer everything from her head to her toes, Said, "To the world's fashions I'm thumbing my nose. To St. Vincent de Paul, that's where all that stuff goes!"

> There were hearts especially tinged with purple of the sick and the lame, Hearts that knew life would probably never be the same. When he colored them, they smiled and softly proclaimed, "Christ suffered for sinners, shouldn't we do the same?"

And last, but not least, a purple heart for a man of self-giving, the priest His zeal to do penance was even greatly increased. He said, "Lord, never let me say 'Not another cemetery trip, another casket. I'll pray for soul's repose, Lord, anytime that you ask it.'"

Deacon Gerald heard all those pledges of what they would do. He looked at those purple hearts filling each pew. But there still was one heart he forgot to make new. He took up the crayon, his own heart he blessed And he gave it to Jesus with all of the rest!