

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021

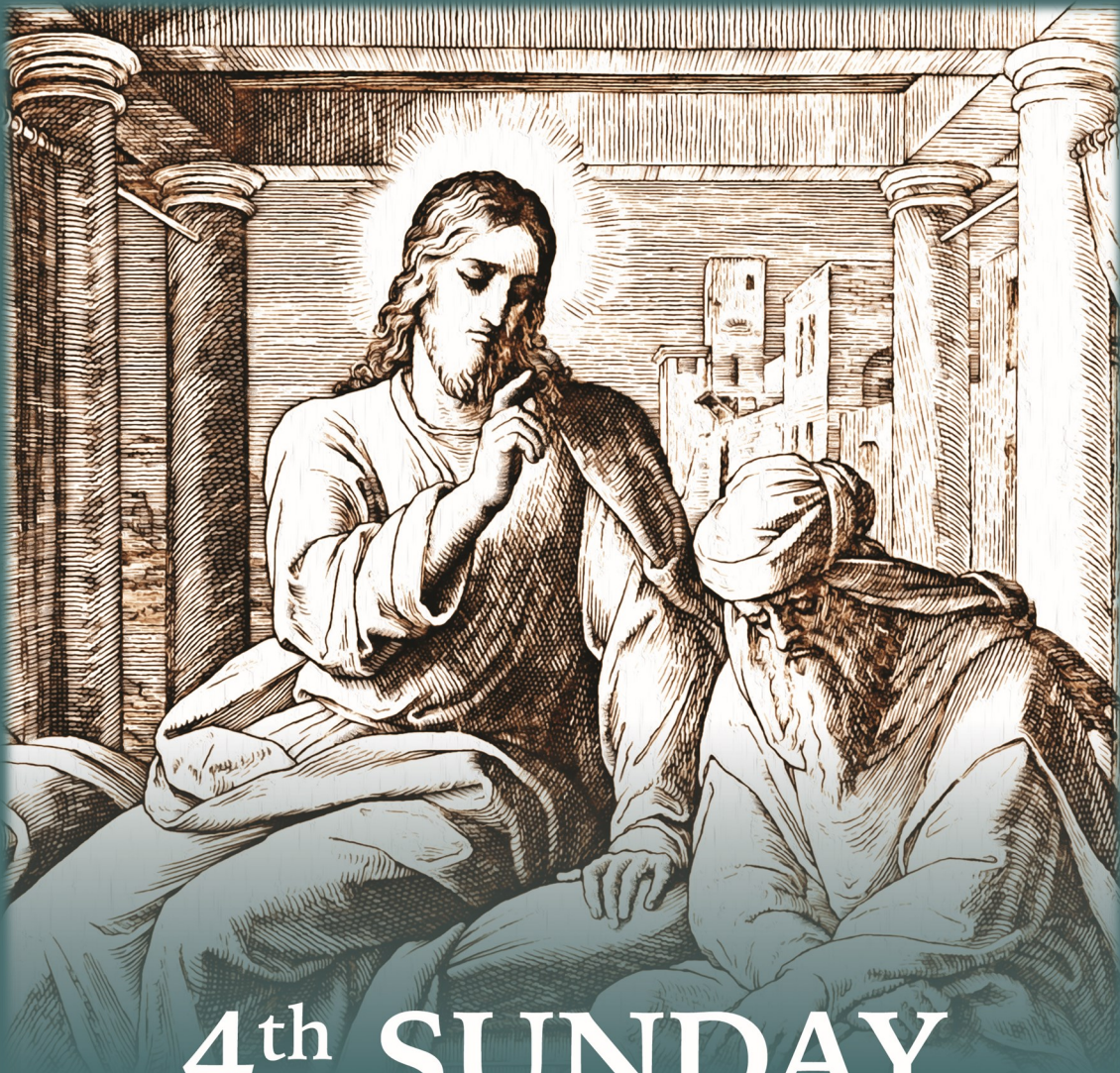


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A Personal Parish Established To Serve The Slovak Catholic Community In The Archdiocese Of Detroit



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be
clearly seen as done in God.” - Jn 3:21

MASS Intentions

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March 13, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Members of O.L. Mother of Mercy Secular
Discalced Carmelites
❖ For Patricia Kornelis (B'Day)
❖ †Jose Manuel Izquierdo
- 5:30PM For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Melissa Johnson & Family req. Aunt and Uncle
❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
❖ For File & †Prek Pllumaj
❖ †David Chupa ❖ †Jamila Jabero
❖ †Jonathan Michael Banks

March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent – Nedel'a

- 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 ; Eph 2:4-10 ; Jn 3:14-21
- 7:30AM For Lynda Dew req. James & Dorothy Weil
❖ For Carl & †Stephanie Varchetti & Family
❖ †Joan Bollmer ❖ †Muriel Fresard
- 9:30AM (*Livestreamed*)
For Sean, Sarah and Isabelle Sandelands
❖ For John Shkreli ❖ For Nancy Agruza
❖ For Debra Konowalski (B'Day) & Family req.
Antonina Albino
❖ †Esther Norris req. Alma Warman
❖ †Josephine T. Hastings
❖ †Isaac Kappy req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny
- 11:30AM (*Slovak*)
†Ján Brodtko Gazdik a z rodiny Gazdikovej
❖ †Paul Szwarc ❖ †Stuart Hess req. Daniela Grisak
❖ †Karel Pondel req. Cisar Family ❖ †Peter Piatek
- 6:00PM (*Latin*)-*Tridentine*:
†Robert Stout, Sr. req. Family
- 8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

March 15, Monday – Pondelok

- 9:00AM For Lamar Hanna (B'Day) ❖ For Beth Hines
❖ †Matthew Margiewicz
- 12:00PM For James & Greete Varchetti
❖ †Benita Pablo ❖ †Sabah Kassab req. Persichetti's

March 16, Tuesday – Utorok

- 6:00AM For William & Sue Hines & Family
❖ †James Kessler
❖ †Charles & Isabella Varchetti & Family
- 12:00PM †Mike Foley req. Family
❖ †Anna Sovikova
❖ †Ramsey Scrivo

March 17, Wednesday – Streda

- 8:30AM *Stations of the Cross*
- 9:00AM (*Latin*)
For George & Helen Emmendorfer
❖ †Arlene Tanona
❖ †Filippo Marrocco req. Family
- 12:00PM For Abigail Bartold 16th (B'Day)
❖ †Gene Kucharek req. Wife
❖ †Rush Limbaugh req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny

March 18, Thursday – Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For Douglas Langlois req. Langlois Family
❖ For Patrick Hines (B'Day)
❖ †Joan Bollmer

- 12:00PM For Al & Ann Varchetti
❖ †Chris ❖ †Mike Foley req. Family
- 7:00PM For Seminarian Patrick Blenman req. Grandparents
❖ For John Shkreli
❖ For File & †Prek Pllumaj

March 19, Friday – Piatok

- *** Solemnity of St. Joseph ***
- 6:00AM For Archbishop John Nienstedt
❖ For Ernest & Maria Gaiera
❖ †Joan Bollmer
- 12:00PM For Marissa & Family
❖ For the Romeo & Nellie Families
❖ †Madeline Powers
Stations of the Cross
- 6:30PM For Josephine Moradian
- 7:00PM ❖ For Gary, Patrick and Matthew
❖ †Yousif A. Arabbo

March 20, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖ †Joan Bollmer ❖ †Germaine Evelyn
- 5:30PM For a Special Intention
❖ For Vic Winiarski (B'Day)
❖ For Edward & Mary Kelly
❖ For Patrick & Nagham Korkis
❖ †Matthew Gayak
❖ †Greg & Mary Manning & Family
❖ †Josephine Vennettilli

March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent – Nedel'a

- Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33
- 7:30AM In Thanksgiving req. Gloria Winiarski
❖ In Thanksgiving req. Alia
❖ For Rana ❖ For Lou-Em Clan
❖ For Carol Barduca
❖ †Josephine D. Stevens
- 9:30AM (*Livestreamed*)
For Nancy Agruza ❖ †Johnny Georges (B'Day)
❖ †Rush Limbaugh req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny
❖ †Albert Tisch (8th Ann.) req. Family
❖ †Paolo Persichetti ❖ †Betty Showler
❖ †Esther Norris req. Alma Warman
- 11:30AM (*Slovak*)
For the Members of the First Catholic Slovak Union
Branch 743
❖ For the Palleschi Family
❖ †James Robine req. Sharon Brown & Family
❖ †Carolyn Lloyd Riley ❖ †Jozef Szwarc
❖ †Anna Sovikova req. Rosary Society
- 6:00PM (*Latin*)-*Tridentine*:
For the Intentions of all Parishioners
- 8:30PM †Joan Bollmer
❖ For Denis Duggan req. Sharon Brown & Family
❖ For Frank Nacelewicz req. Sharon Brown & Family
❖ For Beth Ledford req. Sharon Brown & Family
❖ †Mike Ermiger req. Nash-Brown Family
❖ †Michael J. Kehrig req. Nash-Brown Family
❖ †Jonathan Maksabo req. Nash-Brown Family



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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: 11AM - 5PM

FRIDAYS: 11AM - 2PM

*Office is closed during 12 PM Holy Mass

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

MONDAYS: 8:30AM - 9AM & 11:30AM - 12PM

TUESDAYS: 5:30AM - 6AM & 11:30AM - 12PM

WEDNESDAYS: 8:30AM - 9AM & 11:30AM - 12PM

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS DURING LENT: 5:30AM - 6AM, 11:30AM - 12PM & 6:30PM - 7PM

SATURDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:30AM

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

LENT EVENTS & SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross: Every Wednesday at 8:30AM & Friday at 6:30PM

Additional Holy Masses (during Lent): Every Friday at 7:00PM

Fish Frys: Every Friday in March (Curbside pick-up only), 4:00PM - 7:00PM

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Wednesday, March 31, 1:00PM - 6:45PM

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Easter Confessions (with many priests): Monday, March 29, 10:00AM - Noon & 6:00PM - 9:00PM

No Confessions will be heard on:

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday or Easter Tuesday

Regular Confession Schedule will resume on Easter Wednesday, April 7

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday, April 1 (No Confessions on Holy Thursday):

****Mass of the Lord's Supper*** at 7:00PM

Good Friday, April 2 (No Confessions on Good Friday):

Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2:00PM

****Liturgy of Good Friday*** at 3:00PM

Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM

Blessing of the Easter Baskets (after the following Holy Masses):

Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday, April 3, 7:00PM & Easter Sunday, April 4, 7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM

Holy Saturday, April 3 (No Confessions on Holy Saturday):

Adoration in the Chapel - Time: TBD

****Easter Vigil Holy Mass:*** 8:30PM

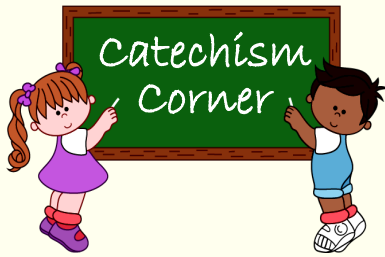
Easter Sunday, April 4 (No Confessions on Easter Sunday):

Holy Masses: 7:30AM, *9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak), 6:00PM (Latin Tridentine) & 8:30PM

Easter Monday, April 5 (No Confessions on Easter Monday)

Regular Holy Mass Schedule: 9:00AM & 12:00PM

***Livestreamed - Due to limited amount of seating in the church, additional seating will be available in the Parish Hall and the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Liturgy of Good Friday, Easter Vigil Mass & Easter Sunday 9:30AM Holy Mass will be livestreamed and projected into the Parish Hall for anticipated overflow crowd.**



Catechism Corner

Catechism Class Schedule:

Wednesday, March 17: **Class at 6:15PM**

Wednesday, March 24: **Class at 6:15PM**

Wednesday, March 31: **No Class (Holy Week)**

Wednesday, April 7: **No Class (Easter Week)**

In accordance with the AOD Guidelines, I will be overseeing the Circle of Grace Training on March 17 during class for K - 8th grades. There will be different talks accommodating the students' maturity level. "Circle of Grace is the approved safe environment training program for elementary and high school students enrolled in religious education in the Archdiocese. The goal of the Circle of Grace program is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others. Circle of Grace is the love and goodness of God that surrounds us and all others. It is the recognition that God is with us always and is there to help us in difficult situations. Through the Circle of Grace Program, adults assist children and youth to recognize God's love by understanding that each of us lives and moves within a Circle of Grace.

The Circle of Grace program teaches children and young people to seek help from a trusted adult, reinforcing God's presence in their real life struggles".

If you decide that your wish is for your **child not to attend**, please fill out the '**Opt Out Form**' sent home February 24 or contact your child's teacher to receive another copy. So it is not confusing, if you choose for your child to attend, you do nothing but bring them to class. The students whose parents are opting out will go to another classroom during the lesson and return when it is over. All students please report to their normal classrooms that evening.

Of course, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (586) 726-2911 or cschuller@saintcyrls.church. I would like to once again share something that happen a few years ago during the Circle of Grace Training. When the 7 year olds were asked if they were approached by a man at a park to help him find his lost puppy, would they go, one sweet young man answered yes. With beautiful compassion, this young boy wanted to help someone. He learned from his wonderful Catholic parents to help others (Works of Mercy). You understand that I was hoping for a "no, tell him to ask an adult". I explained that we do want to help others but we must also know when it is appropriate. We must trust God's Grace and the funny feeling in the stomach the Holy Spirit gives us when something just isn't right; that message from Him telling us to run to a trusted adult for help. The reason I share this is that I feel if one child learns from this program to help preserve their innocence and well-being, it is well worth one week's inconvenience to our class schedule.

May God Bless You and Your Families, *Carroll Schuller*

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 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. číslo 866-343-8055, alebo emailom [vac@aod.org](mailto: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](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov). Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícii na adrese [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org).

## Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, March 15

**"Rooted in Goodness - A Night about What you Fall Back On"**

7:00PM—8:45PM

## EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, March 18

**"Anxious for God - A Night on**

**Believing God is Patient with us as we Strive for Heaven"**

7:00PM - 8:45PM

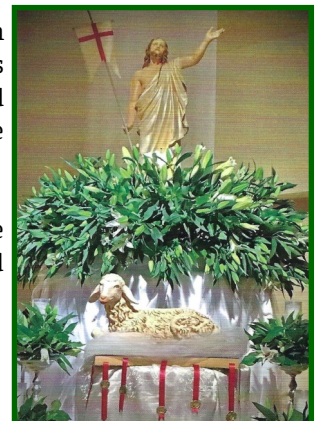
If you have questions about Life Teen or EDGE, would like to be put on our mailing list or would like to volunteer, please contact:

Alexandria Collins, (586) 641-7672 or [lifeteen@saintcyrls.church](mailto:lifeteen@saintcyrls.church)

## Easter Novena Mass Cards

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 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.*



# Enjoy the Best Fish Fry in Town

## Fridays, March 19 & 26 4:00PM - 7:00PM



Fish Fry

Gurbside Pick-Up Only

### MEAL MENU:

Battered Cod (3 pcs.) with French Fries OR Mac 'N Cheese, Cole Slaw & Roll (\$10)  
 Butterfly Shrimp (6 pcs.) with French Fries OR Mac 'N Cheese, Cole Slaw & Roll (\$10)  
 Blackened or Grilled Salmon with Rice & Roll (\$12)

### SIDE ORDERS AVAILABLE:

Joe's Home-made Clam Chowder (\$5)  
 Mac 'N Cheese (\$4), French Fries (\$3), Rice (\$3) & Cole Slaw (\$1)

CASH, CHECKS & CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!  
 Sponsored by: St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus

### Parish Slovak Festival Planning Mtg. • Tuesday, March 16

Our Annual Festival is back on the weekend of August 27-29, 2021! Preliminary plans have begun for the festival, but we need your help. Please join us at our first Festival Planning Meeting this Tuesday, March 16, at 7:00PM in Father Mikus South Hall. The festival is the parish's largest and most fun fundraising event. If you are interested in helping at the festival, come meet with us this Tuesday, March 16. ALL are welcome!

If you have questions, please contact:  
 John Fournier, (248) 410-5866

### Holy Hour • Saturday, March 20

A Call to Mary presents a special Hour of Consolation and Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart Mary. Please join A Call to Mary next Saturday, March 20, beginning at 10:00AM (following the 9:00AM Holy Mass) for this special Holy Hour.

### Catholic Relief Services Collection • March 20 & 21

The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Funds from the collection support CRS and other organizations that aid victims of natural disasters, immigrants in need of legal assistance and resources to help them adapt to life in their new home, and refugee children with special educational needs. The years-long civil war in Syria has had catastrophic effects on the lives of millions of Syrians. More than 6,000,000 people have been displaced within the country, while 5,000,000 more have left their homeland for other countries as refugees. Neighboring Jordan and Lebanon have taken in many Syrian refugees, over half of whom are children. With limited educational resources, Jordan and Lebanon cannot provide counseling for trauma and loss or meet other essential needs of the Syrian children living in the refugee camps. To address the needs of refugee children, CRS and local church partner organizations provide educational opportunities for refugee children facing unique challenges.

Envelopes for this collection are available on the table in the vestibule and will be collected next weekend, March 20 & 21.

### National Pro-Life Chalk Day • Tuesday, March 23

On this day, students take to the streets, schools, college campuses (and Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parking Lot) to draw pro-life words and slogans all over the sidewalks!!! This is a wonderful way to draw attention to pro-life facts and shed light on ways to find help!

### Priestly Vocations: Discernment Group • March 25

The Office of Priestly Vocations' discernment group for men (18-55) considering the priesthood is having its third meeting on Thursday, March 25, from 7:00-8:30PM. New members can join at any time, as there is no requirement to have been at the previous meeting. The first two nights were a great success with many men excited to talk about their possible vocation to the priesthood. Meetings are led by Fr. Craig Giera, Director of Priestly Vocations, and will include prayer, group discussion on discernment, light refreshments, and fellowship with other like-minded men. Please contact the vocation office for more info: <https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/discernment-groups/>

### Consecration to Jesus thru Mary • March 25

If you have been preparing for the Total Consecration to Jesus thru Mary, or if you wish to renew your Total Consecration on Thursday, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, the Consecration will take place after the 7:00PM Holy Mass. If you have not registered to make your Consecration, please contact the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911. It is not necessary to register if you are renewing your Consecration. Preparation for the next Consecration begins on March 26.

### Church Cleaning Day • 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](http://www.redcross.org)

## 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.saintcyrls.church](http://www.saintcyrls.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.saintcyrls.church](http://www.saintcyrls.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](http://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 THIS WEEKEND, March 13 & 14:** New baby items are being collected this weekend for the Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Centers. Items most needed include: *diapers sizes 4 & 5, diaper rash ointment, diaper bags, boy's clothing size newborn to 2T, and rear-facing car seats*. Thank you for your generosity for these babies, and families, in need.

**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@saintcyrls.church](mailto:christianservice@saintcyrls.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

**INTERESTED IN PROVIDING AN EASTER MEAL FOR A FAMILY AT ST. DOMINIC'S OUTREACH CENTER?**  
Please contact *Erin Rybicki*, (586) 530-0547 or [christianservice@saintcyrls.church](mailto:christianservice@saintcyrls.church), **by Tuesday, March 16!**

## Our Church History • The Slovak Dominican Sisters of Oxford, Michigan

*(Continued from last week ...)*

Even with a larger home on the estate in Oxford, there was still a problem of adequate accommodations. The constant advice of Father Zalibera was "Create! Don't Imitate!" and the Sisters did just that by converting the various buildings on the estate grounds such as the cottages, barns and toolsheds into halls, residences and a school. On October 1, 1950, the first Rosary Pilgrimage was held on the spacious grounds in Oxford. Large groups from many parishes attended this event in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary. This became an annual event for many years.

Through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Coyle and the generous gifts from the parishioners of Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish, a new chapel was built in 1954 as an addition to the Motherhouse and blessed by Edward Cardinal Mooney. Completing the chapel was a wonderful gift from Father Zalibera, a beautiful marble altar imported from Italy (currently used in Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church in Sterling Heights). During the years, Father Zalibera bestowed many gifts to the community including Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine (a memorial to Sister Mary DeSales), a statue of St. Joseph, the Fifth Station of the Cross leading into the Community's cemetery, and a tabernacle and crucifix for the chapel at Menscola Convalescent Home.

The Sisters had been using the third floor of St. Cyril's school as their convent since the school was first built. The continuing need for more classroom space brought about the plan to build a convent on parish grounds. Fundraising began and groundbreaking took place on November 6, 1957, and less than two years later on September 27, 1959, the convent was blessed by Bishop Henry Donnelly. The Sisters lived in the convent for 12 years until St. Cyril's school closed in June, 1971.

As their teaching ministry continued, so did their work in caring for the sick and elderly. In 1962, Detroit Archbishop John Dearden asked the Sisters to staff a skilled nursing home to be built at Menscola to care for infirm lay and religious elderly. The Sisters responded enthusiastically and became involved in the planning and design of the building. Lourdes Nursing Home (now Lourdes Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center) was dedicated on May 1, 1965. As time went on, three new facilities were built to serve the senior population. They included Fox Manor on the Lake Independent Living, Mendelson Home Assisted Living and Clausen Manor Memory Care.

Over the years, the Oxford Dominicans staffed the following schools: Ss. Cyril & Methodius Grade and High Schools; Ss. Andrew and Benedict Grade School; Immaculate Conception in Lapeer; St. Patrick in Oxbow Lake; St. Benedict in Pontiac; Our Lady of the Lakes Grade and High Schools in Waterford; St. Sylvester in Warren and St. Vincent Ferrer in Madison Heights. They founded their own Dominican Academy in 1958 (now closed), DeLima Junior College in 1965 (now closed) and in 1960 they opened St. Mary's Retreat House (closed in 2019).

Due to various reasons, the Oxford Dominicans (Congregation of St. Rose of Lima) chose to merge with six other Dominican Congregations to form the new Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Several years of planning and preparation took place in order to form this new congregation. On Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009, they ceased to exist and became charter members of the new Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. At the time of this union, there were 33 sisters in the Oxford community. Sadly, in 2019, the Dominican Sisters decided to sell the complex in Oxford as too few sisters were living there to justify the expense. The Dominican Sisters were a part of the Oxford community for 71 years. This last group of sisters moved to one of the other remaining communities of the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

The history of the Slovak Dominican Sisters of Oxford is both typical and unique. Typical because like many religious foundations it traces its origins to the needs of an immigrant community in the United States and unique in its cultural heritage and extraordinary struggle from its beginnings. During the years, these religious women educated generations of American Catholics, founded hospitals, schools, colleges, retreat centers and religious institutions to care for every human need. An enormous debt of gratitude is owed to them for all their sacrifices and hard work.



Dominican Sisters of Oxford, Michigan, with their Co-Founder, Father Joseph Zalibera.