

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 21, 2021



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5th SUNDAY OF LENT

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” - Jn 12:24

MASS Intentions

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March 20, Saturday – Sobota

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

March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent – Nedela

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

- 7:30AM In Thanksgiving req. Alia
❖In Thanksgiving req. Gloria
❖For Lou-Em Clan ❖For Carol Barduca
❖For Rana ❖For Louis Allawerdi
❖†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
❖†Carolyn Lloyd Riley ❖†Jozef Szwarc
❖†Marge Robine req. Paul & Julie Tomasko
❖†James Robine req. Sharon Brown & Family
❖†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. req. Sharon Brown & Family
❖†Mike Ermiger req. Nash-Brown Family
❖†Michael J. Kehrig req. Nash-Brown Family
❖†Jonathan Maksabo req. Nash-Brown Family

March 22, Monday – Pondelok

- 9:00AM For Fran & Pashk Ujkaj & Family
❖For Glen & Mary Ann Wilkins (Wed. Ann.)
❖†Grace Perrone
- 12:00PM For Kristina Hermiz❖†Juan M. Romero
❖†Isaac Kappy req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny

March 23, Tuesday – Utorok

- 6:00AM For Thomas Desser (B'Day)
❖†Joan Bollmer ❖†Lawrence Hines, Jr
- 12:00PM For Lynn Shaouni (B'Day)
❖For the Laszlo & Ilona Families
❖†Audrey Bustillo (B'Day) req. Parents

March 24, Wednesday – Streda

- 8:30AM *Stations of the Cross*
- 9:00AM (Latin)
For Altar Boys Discerning the Priesthood
❖For Steven Funk req. Langlois Family
❖For Firas Joseph

- 12:00PM For TJ Yelda
❖†Rush Limbaugh req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny
❖†Mike Foley req. Family

March 25, Thursday – Štvrtok

*** Solemnity of the Annunciation***

- 6:00AM For a Special Intention
❖For Kola Peter Gojcay
❖†Joan Bollmer
- 12:00PM For Sania Kaoud (B'Day)
❖†Peter MacDonald
❖†Marge Wagner
- 7:00PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖For Sania Babbie
❖†Barbara Sieczkowski (Ann.)
❖†Thomas Lewandowski

March 26, Friday – Piatok

- 6:00AM For Mark & Bernadette Miller
❖†Joan Bollmer
❖†Anna Vostokova
- 12:00PM For Larry White (B'Day) req. Deborah White
❖†Edward Polakowski req. wife, Shirley
❖†Theodore Powers
- 6:30PM *Stations of the Cross*
- 7:00PM For Donald Trump & Family
❖For Fr. Libor ❖For John Shkreli

March 27, Saturday – Sobota

- 9:00AM For Fr. Michael Prieur & All Priests & Seminarians
❖For Christopher Hanna (B'Day)
❖†Alex Brent req. by Marquard's
- 5:30PM For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica
Sodality ❖For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖For Alma Giannone (Bap. Ann.)
❖For Joseph Giannone (Bap. Ann.)
❖†Joan Bollmer ❖†Lawrence O'Neill
❖†Marge Robine req. Ken & Mary Ann Warner

March 28, Palm Sunday – Kvetná Nedela

Is 50:4-7 ; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47

- 7:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 9:30AM (Livestreamed)
For the Deceased Members of the Knights of
Columbus ❖For Joseph Hines (B'Day)
❖For Miriam Miller (B'Day)
❖For the Vitale & Monsu Families
❖†Juan M. Romero ❖†Sandra Manfre
❖†Isaac Kappy req. Dennis & Cindy Zitny
- 11:30AM (Slovak)
For Grace Zelenak req. Family
❖†Vladimir & Terezia Krizik req. Sobolic Family
❖†Stefan & Anna Sobolic req. Family
❖†Eva Fleck req. Family
❖†Peter Piatek ❖†Marge Robine
- 6:00PM (Latin)-Tridentine:
†John E. Bazger (9th Ann.)
- 8:30PM For Jennifer Richards
❖†Marge Robine
❖†Sandra Manfre
❖†Gjek Gjolak



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Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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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, 8:30PM & 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

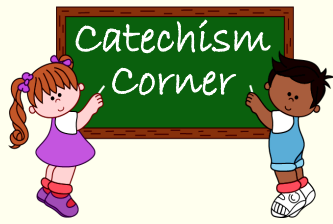
Easter Sunday, April 4 (No Confessions on Easter Sunday):

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 24: **Class at 6:15PM**
 Wednesday, March 31: **No Class (Holy Week)**
 Wednesday, April 7: **No Class (Easter Week)**

Mobile App

To download our Church App, you can either text "SSCyrilApp" to 77977 to receive a text with a link to the app or you can go to your Mobile App Store and download the "My Church by Pushpay" app and search for SSCyrilApp or you can select "Find my church by name" and search for SS Cyril. Through this App, you are able to access things like daily readings for Mass, a digital Bible, weekly bulletins and our electronic giving page.

Online Giving

To give using your mobile device, simply text:

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To give online, simply go to our website:

www.saintcyrils.church

and select "GIVE" on the homepage.

**If you decide to use online giving and no longer need your envelopes, please send an email to business@saintcyrils.church requesting they be canceled.

Catholic Relief Services Collection THIS WEEKEND

A collection for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) will take place this weekend. If you would like to make a donation to this collection, please use the special envelopes that are located on the table in the vestibule and place your donation in the basket in the entryway. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Life Teen High School Ministry

OFF THIS WEEK but Life Night will return Monday, March 29!

EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, March 25

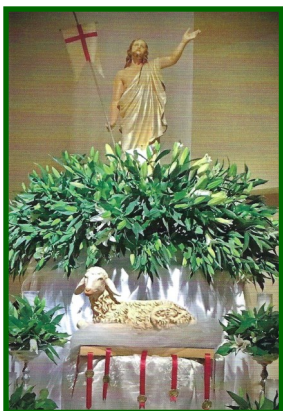
"Nothing to Fear - A Night on Jesus' Victory over Death"

7:00PM - 8:45PM

If you have questions about Life Teen or EDGE, please contact:

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

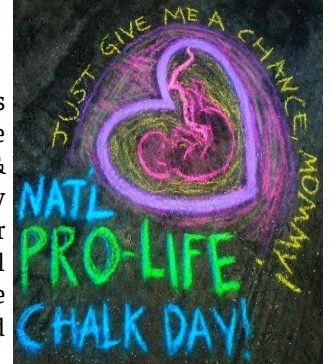
(Suggested Donation: \$10 each)

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.*

National Pro-Life Chalk Day Tuesday, March 23

This Tuesday, March 23, students take to the streets, schools, college campuses (and even 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/>

Spring is in the Air

If you like the outdoors and have an interest in keeping our church grounds beautiful, please contact the Parish Office. Your green thumbs are desperately needed!



Blood Drive • March 31

Our next Blood Drive is during Holy Week on Wednesday, March 31 The Blood Drive will take place **from 1:00PM-6:45PM**. Consider:

I Gave my Blood, Christ Gave His.

I Gave a Pint, He Gave All.

**The Needle is Sharp and Small,
The Nails were Large and Blunt.**

**The Bed is Soft and Restful,
The Cross was Rough and Painful.**

**The Nurses are Kind and Gentle,
The Soldiers were Cruel and Tough.**

**Humanity Applauds my Sacrifice,
The Crowds He Passed Reviled Him.**

My Blood is O Positive, His is Positively for All.

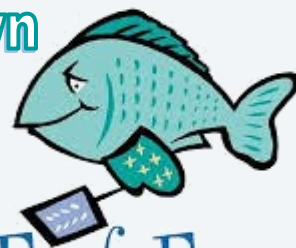
**Mine will Prolong Life for Awhile,
His Will Save Forever!**

The American Red Cross' blood supply is critically low. 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.

1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit: www.redcross.org

Final Lenten Fish Fry ◀ Best Fish Fry in Town

Friday, March 26 4:00PM - 7:00PM



Fish Fry

Curbside 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

Total Consecration to Jesus thru Mary • March 25

Total Consecration on the Feast of the Annunciation, 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.

Prep Begins Friday, March 26 for Consecration on April 28

This "Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary" consists of an initial 12-day preparation followed by a period of three consecutive weeks, each week focusing on a different theme. It is recommended that the consecration be done on a major feast day of Our Lady, meaning that the preparation would begin 33 days prior. Once you make the consecration, it is for life. It can be renewed annually.

The next preparation begins on Friday, March 26, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on April 28, the Feast of St. Louis Marie de Montfort.

"Preparation for Total Consecration" books are available in the parish office for \$10.

Questions about making your Total Consecration, or to register to make (or renew) your Total Consecration, contact: the Parish Office: (586) 726-6911

Parish Lenten Challenge Reminder

It's not too late! Grow in holiness this Lenten Season by uniting with other parishioners in our Parish Lenten Challenge. Worksheets are located in the vestibule with personal challenges and sacrifices designed to help you to grow in holiness. 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. These worksheets are wonderful tools to help spiritually in your Lenten journey.

St. Monica Sodality Mass * Saturday, March 27

People constantly search for purpose and happiness in life, how-ever, we cannot find it in ourselves. When we feel separated from God - it's not that God has left us, but that we have turned away from God. We pray that everyone will follow Our Lady's example - she searched diligently, returned to the temple, and found Jesus!

The St. Monica Sodality gathers on the fourth weekend of each month for Holy Mass - with a rotating Mass schedule. The March and April Masses are on Saturdays at 5:30PM, but please see the bulletin for future Mass info and join us whenever you can. 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.

Please join us after Mass for prayers (The Divine Mercy Chaplet and The St. Monica Sodality Prayer) - listen to the parish announcements for details.

Please join the St. Monica Sodality for Holy Mass on Saturday, March 27, at 5:30PM. St. Monica and Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for Us! For more info, contact: Anne Marie (586) 873-2004.

40 Days for Life Prayer News • March 28

For those interested in participating in the 40 Days for Life prayer campaign, there still is time to stand up for a great cause! The prayer campaign runs daily outside the Northland Family Planning Clinic (3810 17 Mile Road) through March 28. No parking is allowed at the clinic. Consider praying (outside the clinic, or from your car nearby) with family, friends or ministry team when you can. General prayer hours are from 7AM-7PM. For those who like Fridays, prayer warriors are usually there from 8:30AM to 11:30AM.

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

Church Cleaning Day for Easter



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! Many hands make light work!



Easter Confessions † Monday, March 29

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR ADULTS

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- Do I give God time every day in prayer? • Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
- Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult?
 - Do I seek to surrender myself to God's word as taught by the Church?
 - Have I ever received communion in the state of mortal sin?
- Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?
 - Are there other "gods" in my life? Money, Security, Power, People, etc.?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly? • Have I been angry with God?
- Have I wished evil upon any other person? • Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
- Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest? • Do I do needless work on Sunday?

4. Honor your father and your mother.

- Do I honor and obey my parents? • Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
 - Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
- Have I given my family good religious example? • Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?

5. You shall not kill.

- Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped anyone to have an abortion? • Have I physically harmed anyone?
 - Have I abused alcohol or drugs? • Have I participated in or approved of euthanasia?
 - Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading him or her into sin?
 - Have I been angry or resentful? • Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
- Have I mutilated myself through any form of sterilization? • Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?
- Have I engaged, in any way, in sins against human life such as artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
 - Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?
- Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control in my marriage?
 - Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?
- Have I been guilty of masturbation? • Do I seek to control my thoughts and imaginations?
- Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as mere objects?
 - Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
- Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, actions? • Am I careful to dress modestly?

7. You shall not steal.

- Have I stolen what is not mine? • Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
- Do I waste time at work, school, and home? • Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
 - Do I pay my debts promptly? • Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?
- Have I cheated anyone out of what is justly theirs, for example creditors, insurance companies, big corporations?

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- Have I lied? Have I gossiped? • Do I speak badly of others behind their back?
- Am I sincere in my dealings with others? • Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential? • Have I injured the reputation of others by slanders?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

- Have I consented to impure thoughts? • Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, television, conversation or curiosity?
 - Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?
- Have I behaved in an inappropriate way with members of the opposite sex: flirting, being superficial, etc.?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

- Am I jealous of what other people have? • Do I envy the families or possessions of others?
 - Am I greedy or selfish? • Are material possessions the purpose of my life?

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PREPARE FOR A GOOD CONFESSION

Additional Guides for a Good Confession can be found at: www.saintcyrils.church for:

Younger Children: <https://saintcyrils.church/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Guide-for-a-Good-Confession-for-Children.pdf>

Older Children: <https://saintcyrils.church/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Guide-for-Confession-for-Children.pdf>

Adults: <https://saintcyrils.church/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Guide-for-a-Good-Confession-2018-Adult.pdf>

PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION

O most merciful God! Prostrate at your feet, I implore your forgiveness. I sincerely desire to leave all my evil ways and to confess my sins with all sincerity to you and to your priest. I am a sinner, have mercy on me, O Lord. Give me a lively faith and a firm hope in the Passion of my Redeemer. Give me, for your mercy's sake a sorrow for having offended so good a God. Mary, my mother, refuge of sinners, pray for me that I may make a good confession. Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

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) 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) 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.

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.

*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.*

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