

Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

FARNOST SVĚTÝCH
CYRILA A METODA



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



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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MASS Intentions

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April 17, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Hastings Family
❖ For Linda Herfy req. Rita & Joseph Herfy
❖ †Coletta Weisbarth
- 5:30PM For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
❖ For Nagham Korkis ❖ For Sabah Babbie
❖ †Dolores Duffy
❖ †Michael Kehrig req. Dan and Jan Atkinson
❖ †Joanne Fredal req. Linda Fredal
❖ †David Chupa

April 18, Third Sunday of Easter - Nedela

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

- 7:30AM For Stacy Sorisho ❖ For Brad Boylan
❖ For Carl & †Stephanie Varchetti & Family
❖ †James Kessler
❖ †Josephine Davis
❖ †Shaun Happy & Family req. Kim & Joe Hellow
❖ †Joseph Marine req. Dianne Marine
- 9:30AM *(Livestreamed)*
For Toni Bango
❖ For the Vitale & Monsu Families
❖ †Sandra Manfre req. Pietrasik Famil
❖ †Ann Vendzuh
❖ †Edward Piascik req. Mike MacDonald
❖ †Paolo Persichetti
❖ †Betty Showler
- 11:30AM *(Slovak)*
For the Gazdikova Family req. Stanley & Anna Giertl
❖ For Mirka Plzak req. Joe & Sonia Honce
❖ †Anna Sovikova req. Anna Venglar
❖ †Anna & Jan Badowski
❖ †Marge Robine
❖ †Sylvia Bieniek req. Daniela Grisak
- 6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:*
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM In Thanksgiving req. Marie Kerry
❖ For Fr. Dan Jones
❖ For Jaison Jose
❖ For the Deceased Members of the Fisher Family
❖ For the Shaina Family
❖ For the Fisher Family
❖ †Officer Eric Talley

April 19, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For James & Greete Varchetti
❖ For Kola Peter Gojcay ❖ †Jean LeBlanc
- 12:00PM For Renee Dzieciolowski
❖ †Joanne Fredal req. Vitale's
❖ †John Maciag req. Dianne Garwood

April 20, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Brooklyn Hebert req. Langlois Family
❖ For Irena Urdova (80th B'Day) req. Daughter
❖ †Charles & Isabella Verchetti
- 12:00PM For James & Family
❖ For Joseph Pawlowski
❖ For the Michael Nelson Family

April 21, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM *(Latin)*
For the Cupp Family ❖ †Roland Gasparski
❖ †Anna Sovikova req. Family
- 12:00PM †Tome & Mri Gjergji & Family
❖ †Anna Sovikova req. Prusak Family
❖ †Richard Swob (B'Day)

April 22, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For Meg Daudlin req. Langlois Family
❖ For George & Helen Emmendorfer
❖ For Paul and Julie Varchetti & Family
- 12:00PM For Christina Kouacs & Family
❖ For Brian Gill & Family ❖ †Heloise Flores
- 7:00PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Mark Varchetti
❖ †Mark & Lena Pepaj req. Family

April 23, Friday - Piatok

- 6:00AM For Al & Ann Varchetti ❖ For the Bye Family
❖ †Perpetua R. Dejesus req. Family
- 12:00PM For Thomas Fuller
❖ †Msgr. John Z. Vargas req. Family
❖ †Mary Surman

April 24, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For Sr. Mary Andrea ❖ For Ed & Mary Hernandez
❖ For John Chasney III req. Mazurkiewicz Family
- 5:30PM For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Dorothy Torina ❖ For Sabah Babbie
❖ †Ruby Hunter
❖ †Joanne Fredal req. Linda Fredal
❖ †Greg & Mary Manning & Family

April 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter - Nedela

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

- 7:30AM For Pope Francis
❖ For Fr. Mark Desser
❖ For Brad Chasney (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Dominic Bihar (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Ricky Vennettilli (B'Day) req. Lucio & Yvonne Persichetti ❖ For the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
❖ †Esther Norris req. Steve and Gloria Winiarski
- 9:30AM *(Livestreamed)*
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 11:30AM *(Slovak)*
For a Special Intention
❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Leslie Schemm req. Friends from Time Inc.
❖ For Kola Peter Gojcay ❖ †Marge Robine
❖ †Paul, Joseph, Wanda, Peter Szwarc
❖ †Anna Sovikova req. Plzak Family
- 6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:*
For the Rolling Family
- 8:30PM For the Knights of Columbus req. by St. Nicholas Council & BVM Assembly
❖ For Ernest & Maria Gaiera
❖ For Kareem Yaldo & Basma Kareem
❖ For Rayath Nasser & Family ❖ †Gjek Gjolak
❖ †Joanne E. Fredal ❖ †Asberry Davis



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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 & FIRST FRIDAYS: 6AM, 12PM & 7PM

FRIDAYS: 6AM & 12PM

***WEEKDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE:**

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 10AM - 2PM

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 11AM - 2PM

THURSDAYS: 11AM - 5PM

***Office is closed during 12 PM Holy Mass**

Mother's Day Novenas Available

Don't forget the special lady in your life with the perfect gift --- a beautiful Mother's Day Novena Mass card for mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, stepmothers, mother-in-laws, wives, aunts, sisters, friends or any woman who has kindly nurtured you with a special motherly love. The novena begins on Monday, May 10. Novena Mass Cards for Mother's Day are available now in the Parish Office on weekdays or you may have your card mailed to you or your loved one.

If you would like to have your card mailed, please follow the directions as outlined below. Please:

- ♦ Email: parishoffice@saintcyrils.church
- ♦ In the subject line, write: MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
- ♦ Put the names AND addresses of where you want each individual card mailed.
- ♦ Indicate how you would like each card signed (i.e. "Love, Joey", "You're the best mom, Suzie", etc.)
- ♦ Make donation for cards by either:
 - ◇ using [PushPay](#) on our parish website-or-
 - ◇ making check payable to "Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish". In memo line, write: "MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA" and mail it to: 41233 Ryan Rd., Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Suggested Donation: \$10 per Novena



THE LORD JESUS GAVE PETER THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM. . .
 . . HE GAVE HIS MOTHER MARY THE KEYS TO HIS HEART.

POPE PIUS XII

Festival Dates: Weekend of August 13–15

FESTIVAL

Plans have begun for our
Parish Slovak Festival
and we want to share the
latest updates with you:



**Meeting:
This Tuesday
April 20**

- ◆ **Festival Planning Meeting THIS Tuesday, April 20**, in Room 112. **ALL are welcome!**
- ◆ **Chairpersons Needed** for the following Festival areas:
 - ◆ **50/50 Raffle**
 - ◆ **Maintenance** (keeping areas clean during festival weekend)
 - ◆ **Security**
 - ◆ **Slovak Kitchen**
 - ◆ **Sunday Breakdown** (after the festival closes)

Help is needed in order to make the Festival a success. Volunteering at the Festival is a fun way to give back to the parish and to meet and work with fellow parishioners. Please prayerfully consider if one of the above volunteer roles is for you. Festival areas could be chaired by one person or maybe you and a friend could take on one of the Festival areas together. Many hands make light work.

**For more information or if you have questions,
join us at the next planning meeting this Tuesday, April 20, or contact:
John Fournier, (248) 410-5866**



Actual Collection Amount: 58 units!

104% of GOAL!

5 FIRST TIME DONORS!

6 Power Red DONORS!

The American Red Cross is grateful to all the donors who participated in the St. Cyril Blood Drive on March 31. The donations collected from the Blood Drive will help 174 hospital patients! Essentially 174 lives will be saved since every blood donor can save 3 lives! You really made a huge difference in the lives of those in need - thank you for being a HERO to the community! These units were so desperately needed!

To schedule your next donation, please visit:
www.redcrossblood.org or call:
1-800-733-2767

2021 Catholic Services Appeal

We are fast approaching the launch of the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA). The CSA collection funds many diocesan-wide projects and services that benefit all parishes and help to spread faith. Contributions to the CSA makes a difference in the lives of many people and is also a great way to strengthen the parish finances. Although we do not yet have our goal for 2021, information on the process for the 2021 campaign follows:

- ◇ The Archdiocese of Detroit will do a direct mailing campaign on the parishes' behalf as they did in 2020. Families who contributed to CSA anytime between 2017 and 2020 can expect to see the first appeal in their mailboxes somewhere around April 15th. The direct mailing from, and the handling of the majority of payments by, the AOD takes much of the burden of administration off the parish.
- ◇ Those who did not contribute to CSA between 2017 and 2020 have the opportunity to contribute to CSA when blank pledge cards become available in early May. You can also call: (888) 331-8695 or go online to givesca.org to donate.

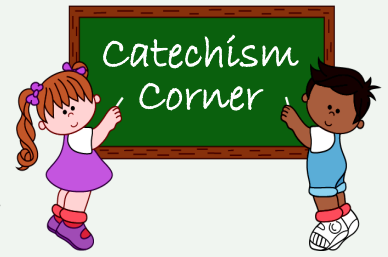
If you provide your email address with your pledge or if your email address is up-to-date in our system, the Diocese will send out a follow up survey via email toward the end of the campaign. This survey will be an opportunity to provide feedback on CSA and will allow you to receive a custom impact report to see how your gift is making a difference.

Stayed tuned to future bulletins for information on CSA.

Catechism Corner

**** PLEASE TAKE NOTE ****

Our Confirmation Holy Mass takes place on First Friday, May 7th. Due to the limited space available for our Confirmation Families, it will be a **private Holy Mass**. Therefore, if you wish to fulfill your First Friday Devotion, please plan to attend either the 6:00AM or 12:00 Noon Holy Mass on that day (May 7). We are sorry for any inconvenience.



Wednesday, April 21: Catechism Class from 6:15PM - 7:30PM
 Wednesday, April 28: Catechism Class from 6:15PM - 7:30PM
 Friday, April 30: First Confessions and Communion Rehearsal (Arrive 5:45PM)
 Saturday May 1: **Private** First Communion Holy Mass at 12:00PM
 Sunday May 2: May Crowning at 10:00AM Holy Mass
 Wednesday, May 5: Catechism Class from 6:15PM - 7:30PM
 (Rehearsal & Confession for Confirmandi (8th Graders) in the Activity Center)
 Friday, May 7: **Private** Confirmation Holy Mass 7:00PM
 Wednesday, May 12: Last Week of Catechism from 6:15PM - 7:30PM

Questions about Catechism, please contact:

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

Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, April 19

*"Stewardship of God's Gifts - A Night about:
 Entrusting Material Needs to God"*
 7:00PM - 8:45PM

EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, April 22

*"Con-crastination - A Night on:
 Procrastination & Laziness"*
 7:00PM - 8:45PM

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

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

Lentercize Challenge Participants & Winners

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Lentercize Challenge. There was a record number of participants this year in all age categories: Children, Teens & Adults!

Each person will be contacted this week to come to the Parish Office to select your prize.

And just a reminder from Pope Benedict XVI, *"The purpose of Lent ... is to keep alive our consciousness and our life the fact that **being** a Christian ever anew; that is not an event now over and done with but a process requiring constant practice."*

(*"Dogma and Preaching"*)



Gardeners Needed

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!

Turn In Unused or Expired Medication • Saturday, April 24

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal at St. Michael Catholic Community, 40501 Hayes Road, Sterling Heights, on:

Saturday, April 24

10:00AM - 2:00PM

"Curbside Drop Off"

For details, contact: (586) 566-4487

For more information: www.dea.gov

Eucharistic Adoration

**EVERY
 THURSDAY**

1:00PM - 7:00PM



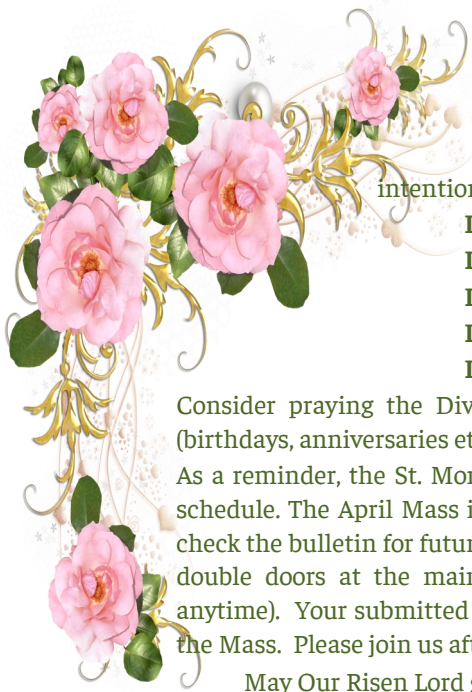
If you have questions or would like to sign up to become a committed adorer, please contact:

Jenn Dopke

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(586) 530-3674





St. Monica Sodality Mass • Sunday, April 24

While we are enjoying the peace and joy of the Easter Season - including God's Divine Mercy, we continue praying for loved ones who may not share or practice our faith. Several intentions from the Divine Mercy Novena can be especially helpful with these prayers. For example:

Day 1: *Bring to me all mankind, especially all sinners. . .*

Day 4: *Bring to me those who do not believe in God. . .*

Day 5: *Bring to me the souls who have separated themselves from the Church. . .*

Day 8: *Bring to me the souls who are detained in purgatory. . .*

Day 9: *Bring to me souls who have become lukewarm. . .*

Consider praying the Divine Mercy Novena for your St. Monica intentions, starting or ending on special days (birthdays, anniversaries etc.)

As a reminder, the St. Monica Sodality gathers on the fourth weekend of each month for Holy Mass-with a rotating schedule. The April Mass is on Saturday, April 24, at 5:30PM, but the May Mass moves to Sunday at 7:30AM - please check the bulletin for future Mass info and join us whenever you can. Stop by 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). Your submitted prayer petition slips go into the covered album that gets 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).

May Our Risen Lord guide us and 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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Total Consecration to Jesus thru Mary 33-Day Preparation begins: April 28

St. Louis de Montfort (1673 – 1716) had a profound and deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and wrote extensively on the virtues of Our Lady, what true devotion to her consists of, and how the faithful need to turn to her as the way to her Son, Jesus Christ. He recommends that the faithful formally consecrate themselves to the Blessed Mother. For this end he developed a specific 33-day program consisting of various prayers and readings to help the faithful detach themselves from the world and bond themselves more closely with Christ through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Louis de Montfort stands in a long tradition of saints completely devoted to Our Lady, and his work has been influential in the lives of many other saints, one of the most famous among them is Pope St. John Paul II, who took his papal motto, "Totus Tuus" (Totally Yours) from de Montfort.

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. That is, after the 33-day program is completed, the formal Act of Consecration is made on a Marian feast day. Once you make the consecration, it is for life. It can then be renewed annually. Keep in mind that this is a formal consecration to Our Lady, like a vow. Through this 33-day program you are giving Mary ALL of yourself - your heart, your mind, and your soul - in order to bring you closer and help you be more faithful to her Son, Jesus Christ. Also, that she may use you as a holy instrument in her battle with Satan - i.e. this consecration allows her the free reign in your life to make you holy (she assists you, through the Holy Spirit, to conform to her virtues) and to use your prayers, sacrifices, and sufferings for the greater glory of God.

The next preparation begins on Wednesday, April 28, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on May 31, the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"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, please contact:
the Parish Office: (586) 726-6911



Rev. Joseph A. Nosal

Reverend Joseph A. Nosal, Pastor of Ss. Cyril & Methodius, 1967 - 1977

After Father Andrew Forish's departure (see last week's bulletin), Reverend Joseph A. Nosal was appointed Pastor in June, 1967 and served until 1977. Father Nosal was born November 21, 1923. He was a pupil of St. Cyril's school and was ordained to the priesthood on May 20, 1950. His first Mass and ordination festivities were held at St. Cyril's on May 21. He was assigned to St. Edward parish in Detroit and served there for two years. He then was assigned to St. Cyril's and served as Assistant Pastor from 1952 to 1961. He taught Religion and Sociology classes and worked with the high school students, serving as photographer for the Cyrilite school newspaper and yearbook. He left St. Cyril's in February, 1961 and became an assistant at St. Lucy Church in St. Clair Shores and then in June, 1966 became an assistant at Ascension Parish in Warren. In June, 1967 the parishioners were happy to hear that one of their own would be returning to St. Cyril's as its Pastor, replacing Father Forish.

He was described as a good-natured person, dependable and cheerful with a good sense of humor. With the urging of Father Nosal, the St. Cyril Men's Club was formed on June 20, 1968 with 12 members for the purpose of managing and leading the school athletic program. Father's task was not easy, since many changes had come about in the Catholic Church during this time. The English language was introduced into the Ordinary of the Mass, communal confession was initiated, the Sisters' habits were changed and several other changes took place that many parishioners found difficult to accept. After the Soviet Union invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, many Slovak refugees migrated to the United States from the Communist regime and St. Cyril's opened its doors to welcome them and provide assistance.

The parish faced many challenges in the 1970's. With the neighborhood changing and a decline in school enrollment, talks began about a merger of St. Cyril's school with St. Thomas, just a few blocks away. The merger was never realized, and in June 1971, with heavy hearts, St. Cyril's was forced to close both the grade school and high school. This was a very sad time for the priests, the sisters, parishioners, students and alumni of St. Cyril's. However, the spirit of St. Cyril's was not diminished during this time. Father Nosal arranged for the repainting of the church and repairs to the pipe organ. In 1972, the spirit of Slovak heritage was reignited when the parishioners focused their time and energies by taking part in the Slovak Festivals that were held in downtown Detroit annually until 1988. On June 1, 1975 Father Nosal celebrated his Silver Jubilee with a Mass of Thanksgiving and a banquet attended by parishioners and friends that filled the entire auditorium. In 1977, he transferred to Sacred Heart Parish in Yale, Michigan.

He died April 23, 2017 at the age of 93.

Monthly Prayer Request for Priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit

Would you pray for a priest each day?

- † **April 18 - Rev. L. McCulloch, M.M.**
- † **April 19 - Rev. J. McDermott, S.J.**
- † **April 20 - Rev. C. McDonell**
- † **April 21 - Msgr. G. McEnhill**
- † **April 22 - Rev. J. McKenzie**
- † **April 23 - Rev. J. McNulty**
Rev. T. Meagher
- † **April 24 - Rev. J. Mech**
Rev. J. Medina, S.J.
- † **April 25 - Rev. B. Meldrum**
Rev. J. Meyer
- † **Daily - Rev. Libor Marek & Rev. Juraj Nuota**



"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."

— St. John Vianney