

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 20, 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



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

MASS Intentions

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June 19, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For Zuzana Prusak (21st B'Day)
 ❖ For Natalia Dukaj req. Parents
 ❖ †Virginia Coates req. Slepski Family
- 5:30PM *(Vigil)*
 For Benjamin Langlois req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For Desirae Langlois req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For Angie & Family
 ❖ For Mr. & Mrs. Richard Percy & Family
 ❖ For Ralph James Kreger (B'Day) req. Family
 ❖ †Robert Nowak req. Wife
 ❖ †Stephen Anthony Ulrich req. Family

June 20 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedela

* * * **FATHER'S DAY** * * *

Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

- 7:30AM For Renee Dzieciolowski
 ❖ For Niki & Nora Sinishtaj
 ❖ †Angelo Attard req. Bazger Family
 ❖ †Helene Maciag req. Irene
 ❖ †Josephine Davis
 ❖ †Ralph Parker req. Daughter
 ❖ †Annabelle & Hugh Angus MacDonald req. Mike MacDonald
- 9:30AM *(Livestreamed)*
 For the Intentions of All Fathers (Natural & Spiritual)
- 11:30AM *(Slovak)*
 Na úmysel všetkých otcov
- 6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:*
 For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM For Elias Kakish
 ❖ †Gaetano DiCicco
 ❖ †Alessandro Persechini
 ❖ †Hanna Zari
 ❖ †Felise Mendoza req. Mendoza Family
 ❖ †Mario Galicia req. Mendoza Family
 ❖ †Gjek Gjölaj

June 21, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Father's Day Novena
- 12:00PM In Thanksgiving
 ❖ †Michael Foley
 ❖ †Lou, Michael, John Roy

June 22, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ †Ed & Natalie Holowchak
 ❖ †Joseph & Sharon Passalacqua
- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Father's Day Novena

June 23, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM *(Latin)*
 For the Intentions of the Father's Day Novena
- 12:00PM For Christina & Family
 ❖ For Joseph Baltrinic & Julie Siwa (B'Day's)
 ❖ †Vito Palumbo

June 24, Thursday - Štvrtok

* Solemnity - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

- 6:00AM For Annette Rudzewicz
 ❖ For Kola Peter Gojcaj
 ❖ For Alexandra Schultheis
- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Father's Day Novena
- 7:00PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ †Fred & Shirley Ross
 ❖ †Marie Weil

June 25, Friday - Piatok

- 6:00AM For Paulina Szwarc
 ❖ †Julia Tomajko (2nd Ann.)
 ❖ †Ruben Axalan
- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Father's Day Novena

June 26, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Father's Day Novena
- 5:30PM *(Vigil)*
 For Jennifer Desser (B'Day)
 ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
 ❖ For Frank D. Obelnicki
 ❖ For Steven Smigielski
 ❖ †Lorraine Nussel req. Joan Hartzell
 ❖ †Michael Foley
 ❖ †Teresa Lawton req. Karen Kucharek

June 27 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedela

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

- 7:30AM For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality
 ❖ For Lucy Kutil (B'Day)
 ❖ For Henryk Szmyd & Family req. Baltrinic Family
 ❖ †Robert Frank Bolda
 ❖ †Zefe & Rrok Kalaj
 ❖ †Rose Ann & Joey White
 ❖ For the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
- 9:30AM *(Livestreamed)*
 For the Intentions of the Father's Day Novena
- 11:00AM *(Slovak)*
 †Paul Szwarc
 ❖ †Alojz & Blanka Krajčirovič req. Sons
 ❖ †Karel Kithier req. Plzak Family
 ❖ †Kniaz Frantisek Stahovec req. Family in America
 ❖ †Sabina Lisatz req. Gus & Mari-Lou
 ❖ †Marge Robine
 ❖ †Maria Boldizar (35th Ann.) req. Mary Jacko & Family
- 6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:*
 For the Davenport Family
- 8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners





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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), 6:00PM (Latin Tridentine) & 8:30PM

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 9:00AM & 12:00PM

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 6:00AM & 12:00PM

THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 5:30AM - 6:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM

THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 5:30AM - 6:00AM, 11:30AM - 12:00PM & 6:30PM - 7:00PM

SATURDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

EVERY THURSDAY: 1:00PM - 7:00PM

***WEEKDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE:**

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 11:00AM - 2:00PM

THURSDAYS: 11:00AM - 5:00PM

***Office is closed during 12:00PM Holy Mass**



RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM
WEEK 2021

USCCB Religious Freedom Week 2021: Solidarity in Freedom

"Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity.

It means thinking and acting in terms of community" (Fratelli tutti, 116)

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all.

Beginning June 22, the feast of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom.

June 22, 2021: Pray that children waiting to be placed in a loving home and the caregivers who serve those children will find the strength and support from the Church.

June 23, 2021: Pray that God will continue to grant Catholic institutions the wisdom and courage to serve a world suffering the effects of the COVID pandemic.

June 24, 2021: Pray that the dignity of all people will be respected in our country.

June 25, 2021: Pray that Christian witness, in the face of attacks on our church, will convert hearts to faith in Jesus Christ.

June 26, 2021: Pray for our Catholic sisters and brothers who are suffering in Nicaragua.

June 27, 2021: Pray that governments will respect the consciences of all people who care for the sick and vulnerable.

June 28, 2021: Pray for Christians in Iraq, and that peoples of all faiths in the land of Abraham, may live in peace.

June 29, 2021: Pray that Christians will have the courage to speak the truth with kindness and clarity, even in the face of adversity.

Father's Day Novena

Father's Day is Sunday, June 20, and our Father's Day Novena will begin on Monday, June 21. Novena Mass cards are available after all Holy Masses on weekends and in the Parish Office on weekdays.

*The Sacrifice of the Mass
is the Most Perfect Gift
Anyone can Receive!*



Detroit Historic Church Tour • June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptism Feast Day, Thursday, June 24, you are welcome to join Prayer Pilgrimages as we are planning to visit, with private prayer time, the following churches: St. John the Baptist Ukrainian, St. Hedwig, St. Francis, Basilica of St. Anne de Detroit, Most Holy Redeemer, & St. Joseph Shrine with opening 8:00AM Holy Mass. Scheduled deluxe motorcoach local pickups from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Activity Center (7:00AM departure, 6:00PM return), Levagood Park in Dearborn (7:00AM departure, 6:00PM return), & St. Joseph Shrine in Detroit (9:00AM departure, 5:15PM return). Total cost per person is \$40 (with lunch on your own in Mexicantown).

To reserve and/or more information:

Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005 or www.prayerpilgrimages.com

Peter's Pence Collection • June 26 & 27

The Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out charitable works around the world, will take place next weekend, June 26 & 27. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Pray for the Holy Father, those he reaches out in compassion to serve, and the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which will benefit from this collection.

Envelopes for this collection are available in the vestibule by the bulletin board.

For more information, visit: www.usccb.org/peters-pence

St. Monica Sodality Mass • Sunday, June 27

The St. Monica Sodality invites you to join us on the fourth week-end of each month for Holy Mass. The next several Masses take place on Sundays at 7:30AM. If you can attend the Mass and prayers afterward (The Divine Mercy Chaplet and the St. Monica Sodality Prayer) please see the whiteboard in the vestibule for seating suggestions and/or listen to the parish announcements for details. Even if you cannot join us, your intentions and submitted petitions are still included in this Mass. Stop by the St. Monica petition box (between the double doors at the main entrance of the church) for prayer info and petition slips (petitions can be returned anytime).

The next St. Monica Sodality Holy Mass is Sunday, June 27, at 7:30AM. St. Monica, pray for us and all those struggling with or away from the faith! More info, contact: Anne Marie, (586) 873-2004

PARISH SLOVAK FESTIVAL Update Festival Dates: August 13 - 15



Festival Raffle • First Early-Bird Drawing • Sunday, June 27

To be eligible for the first Early Bird Drawing next Sunday, June 27, please turn in your tickets and money by the end of the business day this Friday, June 25. Cash prize is \$250! Remember, the winning ticket goes back in the drum for our final Early Bird drawing on July 25 and for the main drawing on August 15, the Sunday of our Festival weekend. Thank you for your support!

If you have not received your raffle tickets yet, please contact:

Karen Bove, kbove1@msn.com or (248) 709-9055

Looking for Talent!

Whether you are a musician, an actor, a poet, a singer, a dancer, a magician or any other variety of talented individual, we want YOU to showcase your talents to perform in this year's Talent Show! Start practicing now. There is plenty of time to brush up on your talents!

Sign-up sheets for the Talent Show will be posted in the vestibule July 1.

Festival Performance Date: Friday, August 13, starting at 6:00PM under the Big Tent!

Questions, please contact: Denis Duggan, (248) 240-8391



Chairpersons Still Needed

♦ **Publicity Chairperson:** Advertise to the general public about the Festival (prior to the Festival). Publicize the Festival via traditional news outlets and on social media.

♦ **First Aid Chairperson:** Administer first aid needs to all at the Festival August 13-15. Provides free blood pressure readings. Requirement: Medically trained individual.



For more information or if you have questions, please contact:

John Fournier, (248) 410-5866



IMPORTANT NOTICE!
Junior Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble is back in action!
Looking for NEW, interested, and enthusiastic children dancers to join our group. Practices held Tuesday evenings.

For Information, please contact:
Group Director
Daniela Grisak
(586) 795-4246 (cell)
or email: dana2000@gmail.com

"So you could not watch with Me one hour" (Matthew 26:40)

With the COVID pandemic slowing its way down and many restrictions have been lifted, we can joyously say we can begin more hours of Adoration once again if we have enough committed adorers. Yet the first step in doing so is to have former committed adorers recommit, as well as have new committed adorers.

Please meditate on this one very important, very simple scripture, *"So you could not watch with Me one hour."* Truly, it is not much to ask.

Currently we have Adoration on Thursdays from 1:00PM-7:00PM but what a joyous thing it would be if we could open up more hours for Adoration if we have enough adorers. So prayerfully consider recommitting to a Holy Hour or consider committing to a Holy Hour for the first time. Once we have an idea of where we stand, more hours and Perpetual Adoration will follow!

Please see the sign up sheets in the vestibule and sign up or resign back up with your original hours. Once I have the tallies, I will place them in our Adoration software as before. Please submit your form to the Parish Office no later than July 12.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me:
 Jennifer Dopke, (586) 530-3674 or jdopke13@gmail.com
 Praise be to Jesus Christ!

Pew Project

The project to reupholster our pews was postponed but, Praise be to God, the project will begin soon. Please stay tuned to the exact dates that the work will begin. In order to complete this project, the weekday Holy Masses will take place in the Parish Hall while the pews are being reupholstered! Keep tuned in for the date when this exciting project will begin!

Save A Life • Contact Congress

WHAT: Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

HOW: The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS? Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

TAKE ACTION:

Sign the petition to Congress at:
NoTaxpayerAbortion.com

Baby Bottle Project for Gianna House

The baby bottles that were passed out last weekend by the Knights of Columbus Council 7011 will collect them next weekend, June 26 & 27 before/after all Holy Masses. Your contributions will support Gianna House Pregnancy and Parenting Residence. Cash, coins and checks payable to: *St. Nicholas Council 7011* will be accepted.

Thank you for your generosity and support of LIFE!



CSA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to CSA. Through your generosity, we have achieved approximately 36% of our \$160,134 goal. Your CSA contributions are greatly appreciated since CSA contributions are the most beneficial way to donate to the Parish. All contributions to CSA are free from the 7% Archdiocesan tax and CSA contributions are not included in computations for future CSA goals for our parish. All other donations to the parish are not only assessed the 7% Archdiocesan tax, but are also taken into account when determining our future CSA goals. Therefore, if we do not meet our CSA goal, the church must pay the difference with donations that have already been assessed the 7% Archdiocesan tax.

If you have not contributed to CSA yet, but would like to, please return the pledge card that was mailed to anyone who has contributed to CSA in the past -or- use one of the blank pledge cards found in the vestibule by the bulletin board -or- go to givesa.org and select our parish -or- call (888) 331-8695. If you are not comfortable with those methods you can also wait for your green envelope to arrive in the next packet of envelopes arriving at the end of June and drop it in the collection basket. All checks should be made out to "Archdiocese of Detroit – CSA".

Thank you again for your generosity!

Catechism Registration
2021-2022 School Year
\$50 Per Student with
\$150 Family Maximum
\$20 Home School Fee
(during Sacrament Years)

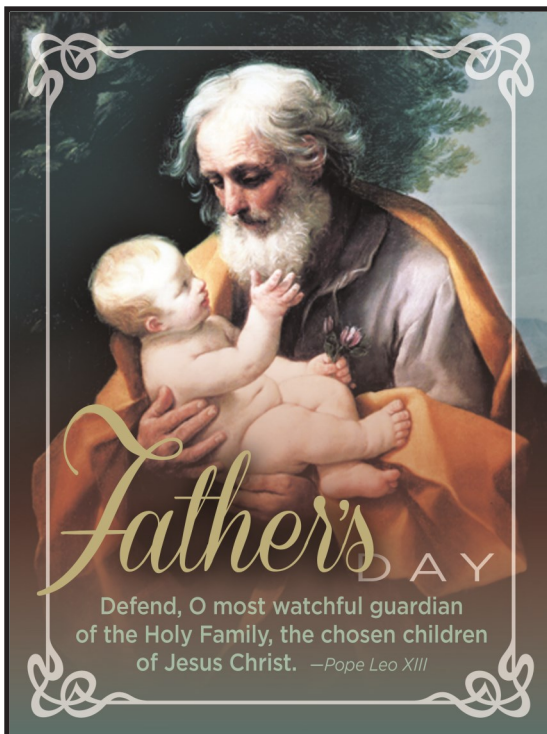


Religious Education for Grades Kindergarten thru 8th Grade:

Due to limited room availability, only registered parishioners can enroll at this time. Students with **Special Needs** do not have to be registered parishioners. **Home School Program:** Only those who are home schooled for other academics may home school for religious education. * Home school students looking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2022 (8th Grade) and 2023 (7th Grade) must enroll at this time. The Confirmation Program is a two-year program. You must be enrolled both years to be eligible. Home school students looking to receive their First Holy Communion in 2022 (2nd Grade) must be enrolled at this time.

Registrations for Catechism should be submitted by July 1 as we are in the process of ordering books and securing teachers. If you need the forms, they are available on the parish website or contact Carroll Schuller in the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911.

Questions, please contact: Directors of Religious Education:
 Paul or Carroll Schuller, (586) 726-6911



A Catholic Father's Day: St Joseph and The Beatitudes

By Dr. Gregory Popcak

The Beatitudes are one surprising, often overlooked, source Catholic men can turn to for guidance in becoming the men, husbands, and fathers our families need us to be. Of course, God leads by example. As such, in addition to being a call to Christian discipleship, the Beatitudes also could be said to reveal something about the ways God the Father relates to us, His children. Seen in this light, the Beatitudes present a unique opportunity for Christian men to become holy fathers.

Blessed Are Dads Who Are Poor In Spirit

Seek to be a father after THE Father's own heart. Being a dad is on-the-job training. No one has it figured out. Don't pretend you do. Go to God every day. Ask Him to teach you to be the husband and father He wants you to be; the husband and father your wife and children need you to be.

Blessed Are The Dads Who Mourn

Be not afraid of feelings. Empathize with your family's tears, fears, and struggles. In scripture, "mourning" doesn't mean "be sad" so much as it means "cultivate a compassionate heart." It is not your job to fix or feel judged by your wife or kids' feelings. It is your job to be present to your wife and kids, to understand why they feel as they do, to show that you care, and to help them work through their feelings in godly ways

Blessed Are The Dads Who Are Meek

Meekness isn't weakness. Cultivate the humble strength of a listening heart. In biblical Greek, the word for "meek" is "prauss," it was adjective used to described a war horse that is not easily spooked in battle and responds readily to its rider's commands. A real leader listens first. The father who is authentically meek is not afraid to listen to God and to attend to the needs his wife and children bring to him especially when doing so requires him to grow, change, or learn new skills.

Blessed Are The Dads Who Hunger And Thirst For Righteousness

Awesome Dads are on a Mission from God. Live for Him. Lead your family to Him. Research shows that when dads model discipleship in their lives and relationship and take the lead in prayer, faith formation, and character training in the home, kids are exponentially more likely to live your faith and values as adults. Be the father that leads your family to THE Father.

Blessed Are The Dads Who Are Merciful

Be a loving mentor in your home. Don't break hearts. Mold them. Don't be "The Punisher." Be a mentor and teacher. Treat your children with respect. Don't just yell or impose harsh consequences when they mess up. Instead, teach them how to meet their needs and express themselves in good and godly ways. Put more energy into encouraging, teaching and supporting good behavior than in punishing bad.

Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Pure in Heart

Cherish the treasure of your wife and children. Protect their dignity. Affirm their worth. Pope St. John Paul the Great taught that the opposite of love is 'use'. Love makes people more people-y. 'Use' makes people into things or tools. Don't treat your wife or kids as the "things" that exist to make YOUR life easier. Set the standard for loving service in your home.

Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Peacemakers

Keep your house in order. Prioritize your family. Protect the heart of your home. St. Augustine said, "Peace is the tranquility of right order." Be the hands-on dad that makes sure your household is characterized by respect, generosity, mutual service, and orderliness.

Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Persecuted for the Sake of Righteousness

The world will try to undermine your effort to be an awesome dad. Be one anyway. When your friends, family-of-origin, co-workers, or employers try to make you sacrifice what's best for your family for what they want, choose your family and know God the Father will honor your sacrifice.

It is my prayer that every Catholic man would let the example of our patron, St. Joseph, teach us to be fathers after **THE FATHER'S** own heart!



Our History • Pastor Rev. Elemir Jozef Mikus (1977 – 1999)

Father Elemir Jozef Mikus was born July 26, 1927 in the town of Oreske in western Slovakia. He was the fourth of nine children born to parents Imrich and Rozalia Mikus. He attended the seminary in Trnava, where he graduated from the Salesian Institute of Don Bosco. He entered the Salesian order at Sastin and continued his studies in Slovakia. Due to the suppression of all religious monasteries and convents by the communists, he fled Slovakia and immigrated to Austria in March, 1950. He ended up in Rome where he completed his priestly studies. He was ordained to the Salesian order of St. John Bosco in Turin, Italy on July 1, 1957 by Cardinal Eugene Tisserant, then Dean of the College of Cardinals. He served as an Assistant Pastor at a parish in Saarbrücken, Germany from 1957 to 1963. In 1963 he was called to Rome and was among the first teachers at the Pontifical Slovak Institute of Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Rome.

Political and social reforms were taking place in Czechoslovakia that gave the Slovak people a small glimmer of hope for freedom, but on August 21, 1968 Soviet tanks rolled into the country quickly silencing the pro-democracy uprising. For thousands of Slovaks this was the impetus to start a new life in a new country. During this time Father Mikus was asked to work with immigrants as part of the Catholic Relief Organization (Caritas) program under the guidance of Cardinal Koenig. People escaped from the country by various ingenious methods risking imprisonment and even death. Many found their way to Vienna, Austria, and in most cases their only possessions were the clothes on their backs. They sought help at the local Caritas and it was there that they met Father Mikus. Father Mikus' ability to speak and read six languages fluently was an invaluable tool in his dedicated assistance with both the refugees and civil authorities. The needs of the refugees were many including food, shelter, medical aid, jobs and help with emigration. They could count on the assistance of Father Mikus and he was always available day and night. His reputation spread and the need for helping refugees continued. Father was an important link for many on the road to freedom. From 1968 to 1971, it is estimated that hundreds of Slovak refugees benefited directly or indirectly from his labors during his three year mission in Vienna.

On February 28, 1971, Father arrived in the United States to take up his new mission as an Assistant Pastor to serve the Slovak refugees fleeing their homeland as well as the American Slovak community at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Church in Detroit. In 1977 he was appointed Pastor of Ss. Cyril & Methodius, replacing Father Nosal.

Serving the mainly immigrant parish in the 1970's and 1980's Father Mikus often experienced hardships and struggles. The area became increasingly crime-ridden and dangerous. There was vandalism, burglaries in the church and the rectory, car thefts and Father being robbed at gunpoint twice. As early as 1981, it was becoming apparent that it would no longer be sustainable to maintain the Slovak church in Detroit. The closing of the parish school in 1971, the migration of most of the parish families to the suburbs, the declining neighborhood and fear of crime made the move necessary. The pastoral care for the Slovak immigrants who fled communism and for the ones who were still escaping necessitated a Slovak parish to serve their needs. Father Mikus along with several parish leaders met with Cardinal Edmund Szoka and voiced their concerns. They were told the parish had three options: close, merge with another parish, or move to the suburbs. The decision was made to move and permission was granted. Property was acquired at 18 Mile Road and Ryan in 1982, but actual construction did not begin for several years until adequate funds were raised. On June 30, 1985 the groundbreaking ceremony was held, and in 1987 construction began on the new church. On July 17, 1988 the blessing and laying of the cornerstone took place with Bishop Patrick Cooney presiding.

The last Mass at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Church in Detroit was held on December 18, 1988 with Bishop Patrick Cooney as the principal celebrant as well as former pastor Rev. Andrew Forish. There were tears and profound sadness as parishioners said goodbye to their 65 year old church. Father Mikus reassured the congregation that this should not be seen as the end but rather as a new beginning. On December 24, 1988, Christmas Eve, the first Mass was celebrated at the new Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church in Sterling Heights. Since the church was not yet complete, Mass was held in the Slavik Social Hall (now the cry, overflow and sacristy rooms).

A debt of gratitude and appreciation is owed to Father Mikus for his leadership and determination, as well as the generosity of the parishioners, that the historic Detroit Slovak parish was reestablished and that we have this beautiful church in Sterling Heights today. The culmination of Father Mikus' dream became a reality when the new Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church was blessed and dedicated by Cardinal Edmund Szoka on June 11, 1989.

As the new church began to flourish, it served not only Slovak immigrants but Americans of all backgrounds as well who joined the new parish. The new church became a labor of love for Father. Despite facing many difficulties, he always wore a smile. He was a hard worker and would often be found doing church maintenance himself, even mowing the grass. He took a keen interest in all projects at the church such as the installation of the pipe organ in 1996 and building of the grotto in 1998 on church grounds. Father celebrated his 40th anniversary of priesthood on July 27, 1997 with a Mass of Thanksgiving and a banquet attended by clergy, parishioners, family and friends.

On July 21, 1998 Father Benjamin Kosnac arrived from Slovakia to replace Father Mikus. Father Mikus attained senior priest status on January 29, 1999. He left his beloved St. Cyril parish and moved to Slovakia in March, 1999. In Slovakia he served as Pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Oreske, his native village. He died on August 6, 2013 at the age of 86.

Note: St. Cyril's Church in Detroit was sold to a Baptist congregation and they made use of the sanctuary until the late 1990's. By 2000 all of the parish buildings had been abandoned and were quickly "relieved" of their remaining contents. The demolition of the entire church/school complex took place in 2003 to make way for an industrial park. It truly was a sad time for all who had given so much and were a part of St. Cyril's in Detroit.

