Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 22, 2021



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



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAYS: 9AM & 5:30PM SUNDAYS: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak), 6 :00PM (Latin Tridentine) & 8:30PM (The9:30AM Holy Mass is livestreamed on the First Sunday of each month. The next livestream is September 5.) 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

***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

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



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS NEVER BEEN BAPTIZED? DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED? DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED 1st HOLY COMMUNION? WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHES?

If you have never been Baptized, Confirmed, received First Holy Communion, and want to; or if you have, but just want to know more about what the Catholic Church teaches, now is your time to act! We are currently accepting registration for the upcoming RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*) classes for the 2021-2022 Season. This Class will teach you the Catholic Faith in order to prepare you for receiving these Sacraments which will be offered at the Easter Vigil on April 16, 2022.

The course provides a glimpse into the truths of Catholicism, is hands-on and teaches the beauty of the Catholic Faith. It is open to anyone who feels the Lord calling them into full communion with the Catholic Church, the un-baptized who have heeded God's call to convert to the Christian religion through Christ's Church, and to those who are already baptized and Confirmed Catholics but who desire to know the Catholic Faith more in-depth and thoroughly. Classes will be held every Thursday, beginning in September from 7:00PM - 9:00PM.

> For more information or to register, please contact: *Steven Piskorowski*, (586) 883-3093 or: stevenpiskorowski@yahoo.com

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 1:00 - 6:45PM

As you know, donating blood products is essential to community health and the need for blood products is constant. If your last donation took place prior to July 27, 2021, you should be eligible to donate at our upcoming Blood Drive that takes place on Tuesday, September 21. All donors will receive a Red Cross t-shirt. <u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</u> To donate: https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time

More details or questions: http://www.redcross.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) Thank you for your generosity!

Trail Life for Boys 5-18 Years • August 31

Trail Life Troop MI-O24 is gearing up for the next year of Trail Life Adventure. We will be holding our annual "Join the Trail" on Tuesday, August 31, from 7:00PM - 8:30PM.

The TRAIL LIFE USA motto "... is to guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure.

Come join us for a year of adventure and excitement as we learn about God, leadership, serving others, and the outdoors. We are looking for boys from 5-18 years of age to join. We have specific programming that is age appropriate for all. We meet most Tuesday's at 7:00PM-8:30PM at Ss. Cyril & Methodius.

There will be an information session for new families and those not quite sure what Trail Life is all about as well ice cream and games for the kids on Tuesday, August 31, from 7:00PM-8:30PM.

Questions: Mike Lawler, mikelawler3@gmail.com or (248) 482 3199



Catechism Corner Attention Catechism Families

Mark your calendars as "In Person" Catechism Classes begin Wednesday, September 15, (6:15PM - 7:30PM). If we have your paperwork, you will receive a packet later this month with



your child's teacher, room assignment, calendar, and program notes. Parents who haven't sent in their child's paperwork, please do so as soon as possible or we will not be able to promise that your child will have a book or classroom assignment the first week of class.

Packets were mailed to all 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Families. If you have not yet receive a packet of information, we do not have your registration forms. Please contact me.

If you are new to the parish and haven't registered your child yet

for catechism (grades Kindergarten through 8th Grades),

please contact:

Carroll Schuller at cschuller@saintcyrils.church or (586) 726-6911.

Legion of Mary 100th Anniversary • September 7

Please join the Legion of Mary as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary on Tuesday, September 7, at Club Venetian Banquet Center, 29310 John R Road, in Madison Heights. Doors open at 5:30PM, and dinner begins at 6:30PM. The main speaker is Dr. Robert Fastiggi. Cost is \$45 per person, payable by August 25. Dinner is family style with roast beef and chicken marsala; cash bar.

Please make checks payable to: *Michigan Regia LOM*. Please mail to: *Betty Tomezak*, Treasurer, 1032 Maplegrove Ave, Royal Oak, MI, 48067. Questions, please call: *Joyce Conroy*, (586) 795-0661

Our Lady's Rosary Makers

The Rosary Makers are in need of a few good people who are willing and able to take over the responsibilities required to maintain its operations. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911, with your name and contact information.



Thank you. Jo Ann Traczynski



Do you Like to Sing? Play a Musical Instrument? Öhoir Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 23

Our parish is abundantly blessed with musical talent. Please consider this a personal invitation to 111 YOU. Please consider trying out one of our choirs at Ss. Cyril and Methodius this fall. No musical training is necessary, and singers of all backgrounds and skill levels are welcome. As COVID related restrictions have lifted, we would love for this fall to be a new dawn for our choirs. We sing a variety of styles of sacred music, from traditional to modern. All we sing is dedicated to God's Glory and is appropriate for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The 7:30AM choir has traditionally sung for Sundays throughout the year at our Sunday daybreak Mass. We're trying to gauge interest for the 7:30AM choir on Sundays. This has been a crucial group of singers for our parish and I would love for this choir to 🛃 continue singing for Holy Mass. Rehearsals will be at 6:00PM on Thursdays, with warmup at 7:00AM on Sunday prior to Mass. The "Christus Regnat" choir sings at 9:30AM on Sundays at Holy Mass, as well as for special liturgies throughout the year. We rehearse during the week immediately following the 7:00PM Mass on Thursdays (about 7:45PM) and also at 9:00AM Sunday 🗖 🛿 immediately before Mass (especially for those are not able to attend the evening rehearsals during the week). Please do not let scheduling for evening rehearsals be a barrier to participation, and talk to me if you have any questions.

🛃 The Children's Choir sings at the 9:30AM Mass on the second Sunday of the month, and rehearses following the 9:30AM Mass on Sundays. I am still looking for volunteer (or volunteers) to coordinate this group – this would be a great opportunity for some of our young adults who are interested in music to take a leadership role, but by no means does this need to be a young person. 🛿 Rehearsals will begin for the adult choirs on September 23, so now is the perfect time to prayerfully decide if this ministry might be a good fit for you! We also have opportunities for individuals to volunteer to assist with maintaining our music libraries. 🞝 Thank you for all you do to make music at Ss. Cyrils beautiful.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact either the:

Parish Office, at (586) 586-726-6911 or Joe Long, our Music Minister, at (810) 882-1806, jlong@saintcyrils.church

Bilingual (Slovak/English) Rosary • September 3

In honor, appreciation and service to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, everyone is welcome to join us and pray one Holy Rosary in two languages: Slovak & English.

The Bilingual Rosary is prayed on the First Friday of the month, beginning at 6:00PM. The next Bilingual Rosary will take place on Friday, September 3. All are invited to send in special prayer requests or intentions which will be read and offered before each Bilingual Holy Rosary. Prayer requests may be submitted no later than Wednesday, September 1, by sending an email to: 100rosary@gmail.com or calling/texting: (586) 413-4050.

Organized by: Maria Lamerova and Cindy & Dennis Zitny

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:

SSCYRIL to 77977

and a link to the giving page will be sent to you. 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.org requesting they be canceled.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Course

CCL's Natural Family Planning Course: An NFP course that will help you plan your family naturally, safely, and in accordance to the Church's teachings will be held at The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. This is a three-class series.

The dates are September 18, October 9, and November 20 from 9:00AM to 12:00 Noon. Childcare provided on-site.

Sign up for the course at: https://bit.ly/3qB3ZVI or at ccli.org If you would like to talk to someone about the course or NFP in general, you can call Michelle at (313) 801-7924. Michelle will be teaching the course with her husband, Stephen.

Walking With Moms in Need

Walking With Moms in Need (WWMIN) is a national program available to everyone in the Archdiocese of Detroit through Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan. WWMIN has compiled, and is continually adding to, an online inventory of agencies located throughout the archdiocese that assist pregnant women in need. It includes crisis pregnancy centers, residential centers, food pantries, and much, much more. To access this inventory, go to: ccsem.org/mom/. If you are in need yourself, or if you know someone who is, this list is the place to start to get connected to lifesaving resources. Please pray for these special Moms in need.

Dancers Needed

Junior Sarisan Slovak Folk Ensemble is back in action and we are looking for NEW, interested, and enthusiastic children dancers to join our group. Practices are held on Tuesday evenings.

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

ST. MONICA SODALITY PRAYER

Recite this prayer DAILY for your intentions and in union with all those also praying this prayer.

E ternal 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. *Printed with Diocesan Approval, Diocese of Cleveland 1986*

TRIDUUM NOVENA in HONOR of ST. MONICA

FIRST DAY: Prayer for Faith (August 27th—Feast Day of St. Monica)

O glorious St. Monica, transfixed with sorrow when you saw your beloved child Augustine living in the dark and gloomy abyss of error and vice, and straying far from the right path which leads to true felicity in the possession of God and His holy grace, hear our prayer, O afflicted mother. By that cruel sorrow, which with so much patience you did bear, and by those earnest sighs and bitter tears with which you did appeal to God to change the heart of your prodigal son, and by your wondrous confidence in God, which was never shaken, O grant to us, your children, that we may, like you, place all our trust in God, and in our trials and troubles be ever resigned to His holy will. While we ask you, O glorious mother St. Monica, to supply for us our special needs, we here earnestly ask you to pray for the erring children of Jesus, so many Augustines, straying from God and hurrying to ruin. Let that earnest prayer of yours go forth once more for us and for sinners, that we may live in the light of divine grace and be united again thereafter to bless the bounty of a loving God for eternity. Amen.

LET US PRAY. O God, look graciously down upon your children who sigh in this valley of tears. With hope we pray for our daily bread, for the forgiveness of our sins, for the never-failing help of Your grace, and for the faithful fulfillment of Your promises; to find life everlasting and a happy abode with You in heaven, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. May God, through the merits and intercession of Saint Monica, increase our faith, strengthen our hope, and enkindle the fire of charity in our hearts. Amen.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... Saint Monica, pray for us.

SECOND DAY: Prayer for Hope (August 28—Feast Day of St. Augustine)

O glorious mother, St. Monica, although the many means you employed to accomplish the conversion of your son Augustine seemed fruitless, and for a long time God Himself appeared deaf to your earnest prayer and unmoved by your ever-flowing tears, you never lost confidence in obtaining the long-sought grace for Augustine. You lovingly and tenderly admonished your erring son; you watched over him ever with all a mother's love, and fearless of danger and heedless of fatigue, followed him from place to place in his weary and wayward wanderings. In a word, all that a mother's tender love could suggest, all that a mother's anxious solicitude could inspire, all that a wondrous prudence and true wisdom could dictate, you, O great St. Monica, cheerfully did to effect the return to God of your firstborn and darling child. By all these generous efforts, so happily crowned in the end, hear, O mother, the petitions we make to you. Pray for us, too, and pray especially for those who are unmindful of and ungrateful to God. To you, O dearest mother, we are especially dedicated; look upon us, then, as your children, and win for us the grace we need. Regard mercifully the most destitute among us, that sin being diminished, the number of the faithful may increase, and greater glory may be given to Him who is the best of friends, the truest of benefactors, our first beginning and last end, the source of all our hope, our Savior, our God. Amen.

LET US PRAY... Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be... Saint Monica, pray for us.

THIRD DAY: Prayer for Charity (August 29)

O glorious mother St. Monica who can conceive the consolation that abounded in your heart, so long the home of brooding sorrow, when you saw your child Augustine rising in the light of grace and giving himself generously to God. When you folded your converted son in your arms and tears of every joy streamed forth to tell the glowing jubilee of your heart, Oh, how in that moment God in his mercy recompensed your years of sorrow and anxiety, your long and weary days of racking suspense. It was impossible that a child of tears like yours should perish and when your son Augustine heard the call of God he obeyed it, and his life and his deeds flung a luster all their own on you, St. Monica. O fortunate mother, twice mother of your child, deign to listen to our prayers and present our petitions to God. Look lovingly, and with all a mother's interest on us assembled here, under your protection, to honor you. We love you and let us become, as St. Augustine of old, the objects of your maternal love. Pray that we, too, like St. Augustine, may have strength to cling to God, and triumph over sin and temptation. By your prayers break the fetters of sin that hold in cruel bondage the souls of your sinful children in this world. O mother, pray that the miracle of grace in the heart of Augustine may again and again be repeated in these day of universal sin, and that the erring children of Jesus may be led back to the fold so that united here on earth, we may securely go through the dangers of life and be united with you, our mother, in heaven forever. Amen.

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PARISH SLOVAK FESTIVAL

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Parish Slovak Festival could not have taken place, if it were not for all the people who came: participants and volunteers. I want to begin with a heartfelt thanks to all those people. The presence of numerous families and individuals at the festival showed the universal desire and need to interact and socialize. Besides the regular parishioners "who are always here", the festival brought together many people who preserve a more distant connection with our parish: old-timers, people who have moved away, visitors, family and friends. I had the pleasure to meet a few new Slovak folks as well as some families from the local parishes and neighborhoods, many of whom found their way to the festival by chance, and wanted to see what was going on. I was pleased that they felt welcome. This is a testimony that our festival reaches beyond the boundaries of the parish and serves the larger community as well.

None of this would be possible without the enthusiasm of the festival committee and the involvement of numerous volunteers, many of whom are not even parishioners. While still stepping lightly in the pandemic and post-pandemic world, they had the will and thus found the way. Many people stepped up, or simply picked up the slack where needed without putting themselves on a pedestal. I was especially impressed by several families with children and teenagers who took responsibility for small or big tasks and thereby inspired the parish and the community.

It would be impossible to count all the hours, sweat, and energy that went into this beautiful and successful festival. I am proud of and grateful to all who were involved.

Thank you! Fr. Libor Marek



Festival Raffle

Thank you for supporting the Festival Raffle! The profit from he raffle and the festival, provide great support for the parish and our many parish projects. *Congratulations to this year's winners! The winning tickets were drawn by Fr. Libor on Sunday,

The winning tickets were drawn by Fr. Libor on Sunday, August 15, 2021:

1st Prize for \$5,000: Anthony Visintainer, Ticket #040710 2nd Prize for \$1,000: Anne Simoneau, Ticket #036188 3rd Prize for \$500: Rose Harvey, Ticket #046664 4th Prize for \$300: Christy O'Brien, Ticket #028361 5th Prize for \$100: Theresa Cusumano, Ticket #007496 hank you for your support of our Parish Fes

Again, thank you for your support of our Parish Festival and of our wonderful parish, Ss. Cyril & Methodius. *Karen Bove*, Festival Raffle Chair



We don't know where to begin to thank all those who helped make this year's bake sale a success. None of it would have been possible without the help of our fellow parishioners. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of not only the many, many people who brought wonderful desserts but also the patrons who stopped by to buy or compliment and indulge in the delicious things that were donated. This was our first year filling the big shoes of a lovely lady who for many years built, shall we say, a reputation and cliental for the parish bake sale. We were greeted by customers who have been coming for years to sample her delicacies. Thank you to the two wonderful ladies (you know who you are) that worked long hours with us pricing and organizing the enormous amount of baked goods. Thank you also to the Confirmation Students who so maturely helped set up and sell the treats. We are confident that they will continue to learn that being a part of a church allows them to serve for God's Glory.

With much appreciation, Paul and Carroll Schuller