

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 31, 2021



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**31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him,  
"You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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# MASS Intentions

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## October 30, Saturday - Sobota

9:00AM For Kelly Chasney (B'Day) req. Family  
❖ †Lazar V.P. ❖ †Richard Walczyk req. Wife  
5:30PM *(Vigil)*  
For the Intentions of All Parishioners

## October 31, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedela

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28 ;Mk 12:28b-34  
7:30AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For the Deceased Members of the  
Knights of Columbus ❖ For Thomas Piatak  
❖ For Mark Varchetti ❖ †John Maciag req. Wife  
❖ †Sara MacKinnon req. Ralph & Karen Basile  
❖ †William & Esther Norris req. Daughter  
9:30AM In Thanksgiving req. Sharon Brown  
❖ For Msgr. James O'Shea req. Ben & Erin Rybicki  
❖ For the Vitale & Monsu Families  
❖ For Yvette Berman (B'Day)  
❖ For Noora Jarjosa & Family  
❖ For Lucas Dubon (B'Day) req. Family  
❖ †Dan Looby req. Family  
11:30AM *(Slovak)*  
For a Special Intention  
❖ For the Forgotten Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For all Law Enforcement  
❖ For Anna Patlevcova (100 B'Day) req.  
Prusak Family ❖ For Rasha Cook & Family  
❖ For Andy, Steven & Anthony  
❖ †Marge Robine req. Anna Magusin  
6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:*  
❖ †Edward Polakowski req. wife, Shirley  
8:30PM For a Special Intentions req. Kola Gojcaj  
❖ For Samantha Shamoon (B'Day) req. Family  
❖ For Hirmiz Zeya & Family  
❖ For Tony, Holly, Kayla, & Anthony  
❖ For Tommy, T.J., Timothy, Samira & Mary  
❖ For Tony & Trerir ❖ †Gjek Gjolaj

## November 1, Monday - SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Pondelok

9:00AM For Aklas Gappy & Family ❖ For Jenna Hines  
❖ †Walter & Stephanie Duzey  
12:00PM For Fr. Ben & All Priests & Seminarians  
❖ For Danny & Marie Hollerud & Family  
❖ †Richard Yamin  
7:00PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

## November 2, Tuesday - ALL SOULS DAY - Utorok

6:00AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
12:00PM *\*Funeral Holy Mass: Margaret Ferkovic*  
For the Intentions of the All Souls Day Novena  
7:00PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

## November 3, Wednesday - Streda

9:00AM *(Latin)*  
For the Intentions of the All Souls Day Novena  
12:00PM For Daniella Joseph ❖ For Lexi Till (B'Day)  
❖ For the Noel Nelson Family

## November 4, Thursday - Štvrtok

6:00AM For Al & Ann Varchetti ❖ For Jordan Loring  
❖ For Holya Asmar & Family  
12:00PM For the Intentions of the All Souls Day Novena

7:00PM *\*Memorial Mass for the Knights of Columbus*  
For Michelle Bartold 55th (B'Day)  
❖ For Raquel & Rachel Jimenez  
❖ †Dan Looby req. Family

## November 5, First Friday - Prvý Piatok

6:00AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For Fr. Elijah Washington & all Priests,  
Missionaries & Seminarians ❖ †Renee Mroczek  
12:00PM For the Intentions of the All Souls Day Novena  
6:00PM *\*Bilingual Rosary*  
7:00PM For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life  
❖ For the Rosary Makers & their Families  
❖ †Cynthia Yanik req. Yanik Family

## November 6, First Saturday - Prvá Sobota

9:00AM For the Intentions of the All Souls Day Novena  
11:00AM *\*Baptism: Emilia Grace Fuller*  
5:30PM *(Vigil)* For all Deceased Parishioners  
❖ For the Members of the Rosary Society  
❖ For Hayley Reynolds & Family req. Dan & Jan  
Atkinson ❖ For Nadia Hormiz & Family  
❖ †Alexander Dmuchowski req. Yanik Family  
❖ †Dan Looby req. Family ❖ †Stephanie Varchetti  
❖ †Anna Sutherland

## November 7 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedela

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44  
7:30AM For all Deceased Clergy of the AOD  
❖ For the Menard & Daniel Families  
❖ For Gabriel & Alayna Castaneda  
❖ For Adam & Lauren Miller (Wed. Ann.)  
❖ †Fred & Shirley Ross ❖ †George Moses  
❖ †William & Esther Norris req. Daughter  
9:30AM *(Livestreamed)*  
For the Intentions of the All Souls Day Novena  
11:30AM *(Slovak)*  
For Maria Louis Flores  
❖ †Marta & Jozef Lamer req. Maria Lamerova  
❖ †Ladislav & Emilia Sedelek req. Maria Lamerova  
❖ †Julius Slank req. Friend  
❖ †Jan Patlevič ❖ †Peter Piatak  
❖ †Marge Robine req. Sobolic Family  
6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:*  
For the Intentions of All Parishioners  
8:30PM For Fr. Mychail Rozmarynowycz  
❖ For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family  
❖ For Margaret Voland req. Sister, Mary Fredal  
❖ For Christy Durkee ❖ †James Diotte  
❖ †Dan Looby req. Family ❖ †Leka Peter Gojcaj





**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time • October 31, 2021**

Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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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**

*(The 9:30AM Holy Mass is livestreamed on the 1st Sunday of each month. Next livestream is November 7.)*

**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*

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: EVERY THURSDAY: 1:00PM - 7:00PM**



**COMMEMORATION  
 OF ALL THE FAITHFUL  
 DEPARTED**

November is All Souls' Month. In Christian charity, we pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory and offer up Masses for the relief of their suffering. We especially remember our dearly departed relatives and friends. For this, you are invited to list the names of your loved ones who passed away this year in our Remembrance Book which is located in the vestibule. It will be brought into the church during the month of November. Throughout November, the Masses will be said for the souls of the people whose names are inscribed in the Remembrance Book.

**Remembering Our Beloved Deceased † Memorial Mass and Service - Saturday, November 6, 5:30PM Holy Mass**

For Our Deceased Parishioners and Friends

*"Precious in the Eyes of Lord is the Death of His Faithful Ones"*

*Geraldine Grace Szczesny, James "Jim" Carl Stelzer, Margaret Ann Wagner, Frank Alexander Marinello  
 Richard Yamin, Roland A. Gasparski, Hedwig P. Richiert, Johnathan Michael Banks, Anna Sovikova  
 Robert Dennis Edwards, Esther Theresa Norris, Michael Alois Kudzia, John Clifton Edwards  
 Sandra Barthel Manfre, Margaret (Marge) Robine, Mary Elizabeth Fournier, William Lawrence Melnyk  
 Paul Robert Churilla, Karl Henry Parafinowicz, Augustine Frances Wolfe, Dolores Janet Follis  
 Daniel James Looby, Joseph G. Cutajar, Andrew Michael Desso, Gloria Ann Sunman*

Listed above are the names of our dearly departed parishioners and friends who entered into Eternal Life in the past year. Family, friends and fellow parishioners are cordially invited to the Memorial Mass and Service held on their behalf. The Memorial Mass and Service take place on Saturday, November 6, at 5:30PM.

**Memorial Display Wall**

A Memorial wall with pictures of the deceased listed above is displayed in the vestibule





## All Souls Day Novena Begins Tuesday, November 2

The All Souls Novena will begin on All Souls Day, Tuesday, November 2. Novena Mass Cards for All Souls Day are available now. You may pick up a card in the Parish Office on weekdays, in the vestibule after Holy Masses on weekends or you may have your card mailed to you or your loved one. (Suggested donation: \$10 each)

If you would like to have your card mailed, please email: parishoffice@saintcyrils.church and put "All Souls Novena" in the subject line. List the names AND addresses of where you want each individual card mailed and indicate how you would like each card signed.

You may make your donation by either using PushPay on our website or make a check payable to "Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish". In the memo line, write "All Souls Novena" and mail it to the Parish Office.

*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest gift anyone can receive.*

## November Indulgences for "The Holy Souls in Purgatory"

Please pray for the faithful departed throughout the month of November, and especially on November 2. The Church gives us ample opportunities today to help those suffering in Purgatory. **All the faithful can seek to obtain a plenary indulgence for a soul in Purgatory.** We would certainly want people to help us through their prayers if we go to Purgatory. And if we help get someone to Heaven, you can be sure that they will help us and pray for us before the Throne of God.

**What is an indulgence?** "Indulgences are a part of the Church's teaching on the forgiveness of sins. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we receive forgiveness for our sins, and all punishment is remitted. Through the Sacrament of Penance, sins are also forgiven, and the eternal penalty that is due to sin—namely, damnation, the eternal loss of the presence of God—is taken away. However, consequences still remain that the sinner must bear. This is what is traditionally called the temporal punishment for sin. This consequence of sin disrupts our relationship with God, with the Church and with others. Those who have received forgiveness for their sins may still have an obligation to undergo a process of purification to restore these disrupted relationships. The necessary and painful process that brings this reconciliation and purification can take place in this life or in Purgatory, because whatever part of the process remains unfinished at death must be completed in Purgatory" (*Indulgences and our Spiritual Life*). An indulgence (full or partial) is what we receive when the Church lessens the temporal (lasting only for a short time) penalties to which we may be subject even though our sins have been forgiven.

### Plenary (Full) Indulgence Available on All Souls Day (November 2)

\* Piously visit a church to pray for the faithful departed. \* Say one "Our Father" and the "Creed" in the visit to the church. \* Say one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary" for the intentions of the Pope. \* Worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day). \* Make a Sacramental Confession within 20 days of (before or after).

### All Souls Day Plenary Indulgence Available from November 1 to November 8

\* Devoutly visit a cemetery and pray for the dead, even if the prayer is only mental. \* Say one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary" for the intentions of the Pope. \* Worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day). \* Make a Sacramental Confession within 20 days of (before or after) All Souls Day.

A partial indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, can be obtained when the Eternal Rest is prayed especially during the month of November: *Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### THE GENERAL CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR GAINING A PLENARY INDULGENCE:

- All attachment to sin, even venial sin, must be absent. If one's disposition is less than perfect or if some of the above conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence becomes partial.
- One must also remember that one can acquire only one plenary indulgence a day.
- The above indulgences are applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory.
- Several Plenary Indulgences may be gained on the basis of a single Sacramental Confession; only one may be gained, however, on the basis of a single Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions.



## Catechism Corner - Schedule

### Class Schedule:

**Wednesday, November 3:**

NO CLASS!

**Wednesday, November 10 at 6:15PM:**

Class

**Friday, November 12 at 6:00PM:**

Missal Covering for 8th Grade Confirmation Students

**Wednesday, November 17 at 6:15PM:**

Class & Benediction Night for All  
(Grades K-3rd at the Church at 6:30PM)

**Wednesday, November 24:**

NO CLASS (Have a Blessed Thanksgiving)

As always, if you have any concerns, please call

Paul or Carroll Schuller, DREs, (586) 254-9212 or

p\_schuller@yahoo.com or cschuller@saintcyrils.church

## Thank You for Candy Donations

3,281 pieces of candy were donated by the Catechism Children and the generous parishioners of Ss. Cyril and Methodius for Sacred Heart Major Seminary's Project to Unleash the Gospel within the Heart of the City of Detroit. This collection will allow them to open their doors and hearts to their neighbors, inviting them in for a night of fun, games and trick-or-treating.

*May God Bless everyone for their generosity.*



# Bilingual (Slovak/English) Rosary First Friday, November 5, 6:00PM



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 (before the 7:00PM Holy Mass). The next Bilingual Rosary will take place this Friday, November 5.

All are invited to send in special prayer requests or intentions which will be read and offered before each Bilingual Holy Rosary.

Organized by: *Maria Lamerova and Cindy & Dennis Zitny*

Prayer requests may be submitted no later than Wednesday, November 3rd, by sending an email to: [100rosary@gmail.com](mailto:100rosary@gmail.com) or calling/texting: (586) 413-4050

*"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all devotions; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God... if you wish peace to reign in your homes, pray the family Rosary." - Pope Saint Pius X*

## ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

**Election of Board of Directors  
ALL Parishioners are Welcome!**

We invite **ALL** parishioners - men and women, 18 years & older - to join the Rosary Society and to attend our next meeting on Saturday, November 6, at 10:15AM in the Fr. Mikus Hall. (Meeting will begin after the 9:00AM Holy Mass and Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.)

### Who We Are & What We Do:

- \* The Ss. Cyril & Methodius Rosary Society, founded in May 1925, is dedicated to the patronage of Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. The purpose of the organization — at its founding and continuing today — is to promote daily devotion to our Blessed Mother and to provide fundraising activities to advance the needs of the parish.
- \* Now in its 97th year, we fulfill our mission by:
  - ◇ Planning an annual retreat or other event in honor of our Blessed Mother, in addition to other Marian devotions,
  - ◇ Organizing parish-wide fundraising events including Bake Sales, the spring Rummage Sale, the October Salad Luncheon, and assisting at the annual Parish Slovak Festival, and
  - ◇ Organizing the receptions after May Crowning, Corpus Christi, and other special Holy Masses.

### Election / Members Needed!

- \* The election of all four Board positions, to serve for the 2022-2023 calendar year, will take place at the November meeting
- \* In order to remain a vibrant and contributory part of the parish, the Rosary Society **needs your help!**
- \* We ask you all to prayerfully consider joining the Rosary Society so that our mission of devotion to the Blessed Mother and of support to the parish may continue. New members and members willing to take on a leadership role are needed.

**Questions:** Contact Kathy Holka at 586-703-4043 or at [kholka@aol.com](mailto:kholka@aol.com)

**Saturday, November 6, 10:15am**

## ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Rosary Society Christmas Luncheon will take place on Saturday, December 4, at the American Polish Cultural Center located at the corner of 15 Mile and Dequindre Roads in Troy. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon is open to Rosary Society members and their guests at a cost of \$15 for members and \$25 for guests.

To purchase tickets, please contact *Donna Lesko* (586-781-6904, [cdlesko@yahoo.com](mailto:cdlesko@yahoo.com)) or *Gisela Tisch* (586-939-2188). Tickets may also be purchased in the Parish office. *Deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, November 15.*

### Life Teen Ministry & EDGE Youth Group

This week, Life Teen and EDGE groups are OFF. the Cor Teams will meet this week.

Life Nights are dynamic youth gatherings for high school teens. Nights include snacks, games, small group discussions, and an opportunity for teens to learn more about the Catholic faith with their peers.

EDGE Nights are for all middle school teens (6th, 7th and 8th grade). EDGE Nights also include snacks, games, small group discussions and opportunities to learn more about the Catholic faith at a middle school level.

If you have any questions, or to be added to the email list, please contact:

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

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Parents – register your high school and middle school teen for the fall 2021-2022 at:

<https://tinyurl.com/lifeteenedge>

It's important for us to have your contact information!



# Return your Box of Joy Next Weekend November 6 & 7

## 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/](http://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.

## Reporting Sexual Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others – no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing: [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). In addition the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM) or by email at: [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov). More information about the Archdiocese of Detroit's efforts to address abuse may be found at [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org).

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Detroitská Arcidiecéza povzbudzuje jednotlivcov, ktorí by vedeli o prípadoch sexuálneho obťažovania mladistvých zo strany kleru, aby ich ohlásili bez ohľadu na to, kedy sa tieto prípady vyskytli. Jednotlivci môžu kontaktovať orgány činné v trestnom konaní, alebo upovedomiť Detroitškú Arcidiecézu prostredníctvom koordinátora pre pomoc obetiam na tel. číslo 866-343-8055, alebo emailom [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). Úrad generálneho prokurátora v Michigane možno kontaktovať na bezplatnom telefónnom čísle 844-324-3374 (od pondelka do piatku, od 8:00 do 17:00), alebo emailom [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov). Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícii na adrese [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org).



## Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Program - Gianna House

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped make this program a success, the many volunteers, the generous parishioners of Ss/ Cyril & Methodius church, Pastor Father Libor Marek and especially to the brother knights of Saint Nicholas Council 7011. Together, a total of \$10,000 was raised to help support the young girls at Gianna House, the home for expectant mothers. The funds collected by our local Knights of Columbus council provided for operating and other expenses for the Gianna House Pregnancy Center in Eastpointe. Gianna House provides housing and care for pregnant teens 17 years of age and under and their new born infants.

Baby bottles were distributed to parishioners after Holy Masses on June 12 and 13. Parishioners were asked to fill the bottles with coins or cash as a donation for this worthy cause. On June 26 and 27, the bottles filled with donations were collected. The coins, cash and checks were taken to the bank for counting. On Friday, October 8, Grand Knight *Joseph White*, and Brother Knight *Gino Vitale*, presented a check for \$10,000 to *Joella Bush*, Executive Director of Gianna House. She was so excited with the amount of the donation and talked about how it would help with their ministry. The staff, mothers and babies at Gianna House are forever grateful and they send blessing to all the Knights and parishioners at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church.

*Knights of Columbus – Saint Nicholas Council 7011*

## Northland Family Prayer News • Saturday, November 6

As we prepare to remember our departed brothers and sisters this November, let us also remember those who have been forgotten, those who have no one to pray for them, and the children that have died at an early age or before birth. Although the Fall 40 Days for Life campaign has concluded, we invite you to support life and pray with us!

- The monthly Pro-Life prayer and witness event outside the Northland Family Planning Clinic takes place on Saturday, November 6, from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. Bring your friends, family, and rosary. The facility is located at 3810 17 Mile (just west of Ryan Road). Please park in the shopping center lots nearby - no parking is allowed at the clinic. Prayer events usually take place regardless of weather.

- A Pro-Life rosary is recited at church on Saturday mornings. The Joyful and Luminous Mysteries are prayed before the Holy Mass, starting at 8:10AM, and the Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries are usually prayed after the 9AM Holy Mass, starting around 9:45AM.

If you are interested in periodically leading a mystery of the Saturday rosary, or in weekday prayer at the clinic, please contact: *Anne Marie*, (586) 873-2004

## Total Consecration to Jesus thru Mary

**33-Day Preparation Begins: November 5 • Consecration on December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

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.

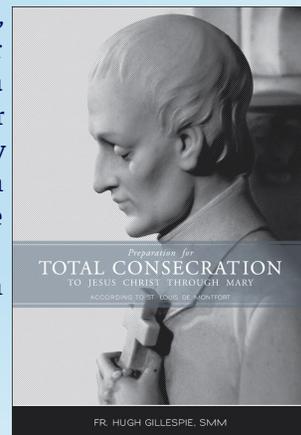
This "Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary" consists of an initial 12-day preparation followed by a period of three consecutive weeks, each week focusing on a different theme. It is recommended that the consecration be done on a major feast day of Our Lady, meaning that the preparation would begin 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 Friday, November 5, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

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

Questions or to register to make (or renew) your Total Consecration, please contact:

the Parish Office: (586) 726-6911



### CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER



## YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH Consecration to St. Joseph Preparation Begins: November 8 Consecration Date: Our Lady of Loreto, December 10

### What does it mean to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph?

What does it mean for a person to be consecrated to St. Joseph? Well, it basically means that you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy. Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God. The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. Saint Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance.

### If you have already consecrated yourself to the Virgin Mary, can you be consecrated to St. Joseph, as well?

The answer is a resounding "Yes!" God desires that all children be committed to the care of a mother and a father. You are not a member of a single-parent spiritual family. Mary is your spiritual mother, and St. Joseph is your spiritual father. The spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph is extremely important for your spiritual growth. Total consecration to Mary is not diminished by total consecration to St. Joseph. Mary wants you to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph! Jesus wants you to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph! Everything you have given to Jesus and Mary can also be given to St. Joseph. The hearts of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph are one.

### Program Overview

*Consecration to St. Joseph* emulates the tried-and-true preparation method employed by St. Louis de Montfort in his Marian consecration, highlighting many of St. Joseph's titles, privileges, and heroic virtues.

The program of preparation and consecration takes 33 days.

### How to make your consecration as an individual:

- You'll spend about 20-30 minutes a day on a short exposition on one of the invocations in the powerful Litany of St. Joseph, followed by a reading on St. Joseph, concluding with the recitation of the Litany of St. Joseph.

- If you miss a day, just make it up and continue your preparation.

On the day of your consecration, feel free to use whichever act of consecration you like best; you can also make up your own, if you like.

**Limited Number of Books available in the Parish Office: \$15**