



SAINTS CYRIL AND  
METHODIUS PARISH

Nativity of the Lord - December 25, 2021  
Feast of the Holy Family - December 26, 2021

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

# Nativity of the Lord



*"For today in the city  
of David a savior has  
been born for you who is  
Christ and Lord."*

*Lk 2:11*



# Feast of the Holy Family

# MASS Intentions

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## December 25, Saturday - Sobota Christmas Day - Vianoce - Božie Narodenie

- 7:30AM For Mike & Vickie Rolling  
❖ For Andrea, Mary, Joseph & Xhuli Kasneci  
❖ †Walter & Stephanie Duzyj  
❖ †Joseph & Louise White  
❖ †Paolo Persichetti  
❖ †John Maciag req. Wife  
❖ †Helene Maciag
- 9:30AM For Joseph and Louis Families  
❖ For Richard and Heidi Wiegand (25th Wed. Ann.)  
❖ For Sophia Skrocki & Family  
❖ For Emmanuel Velarde  
❖ †Rose Orris  
❖ †Leka Peter Gojcaj  
❖ †Anthony Bustamante req. Wife
- 11:30AM *(Slovak)*  
For Sam & Amy Shamoon & Family  
❖ For the Zwirner Family  
❖ †Pete Nikprelaj req. Vicki  
❖ †Noreeya Israel req. Vicki  
❖ †Natale & Agatha Mangano  
❖ †Matthew Edward Kassab  
❖ †Jan Patlevic
- 5:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

## December 26, Sunday - Nedela The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52

- 7:30AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For the Drozdowski Family  
❖ †For the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus  
❖ †Adelbert & Mildred Novotny req. Miller Family  
❖ †John Maciag req. Wife  
❖ †Robleto P. Pablo ❖ †Halina Borkowski
- 9:30AM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
- 11:30AM *(Slovak)*  
For Angelina & Lily Millioto  
❖ For Enriquo Vennettelli vFor Carlos Vennettelli  
❖ †Vladimir & Terezia Krizik req. Sobolic Family  
❖ †Stefan & Anna Sobolic req. Family  
❖ †Hedy Richiert req. Niece ❖ †Marge Robine
- 6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:*  
For Mike Rolling (B'Day)
- 8:30PM For Steven Smigielski req. Mom  
❖ For Margaret Voland req. Sister, Mary Fredal  
❖ For the Glen Wilkins Family  
❖ For the Asker Family ❖ †Dan Looby req. wife  
❖ †Mary & Greg Manning & Family  
❖ †Gjek Gjola

## December 27, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
- 12:00PM For Joseph Hanna (B'Day)  
❖ For Thomas James Langlois req. Langlois Family  
❖ †Michael Pullis

## December 28, Tuesday - Utorok

\*\*\* NO 6AM HOLY MASS TODAY \*\*\*

- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena

## December 29, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM *(Latin)*  
For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
- 12:00PM For Marc, Jennifer & Family  
❖ For John & Marian Santi (60th Ann.)  
❖ †Katie Batchelder req. Mike MacDonald

## December 30, Thursday - Štvrtok

\*\*\* NO 6AM HOLY MASS TODAY \*\*\*

- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
- 7:00PM For Mark Hanna (B'Day)  
❖ For Zac Cavins req. Langlois Family  
❖ For Paul, Catie & Family

## December 31, Friday - Piatok

\*\*\* NO 6AM HOLY MASS TODAY \*\*\*

- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
- 5:30PM *(Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)*  
In Thanksgiving req. Nash-Brown Family  
❖ For Joseph and Louis Families  
❖ For Caleb Arkwright (B'Day)

## January 1, First Saturday - Prvá Sobota

## Holy Day of Obligation - New Year's Day, Nový Rok Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Slávnosť Bohorodičky Panny Márie

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
- 5:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

## January 2, Sunday - Nedela

## Epiphany of the Lord - Zjavenia Pána Traja Králi

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

- 7:30AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For the members of the Hanna Family  
❖ †Ann M. Pullis ❖ †Angeline Butler  
❖ †Eva Fleck req. Linda Whetstone  
❖ †Sherrill Anderson req. Linda Whetstone  
❖ †Elizabeth Slayton req. Linda Whetstone  
❖ †Patricia Rybinski req. Linda Whetstone
- 9:30AM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
- 11:30AM *(Slovak)*  
For David Rafaidus ❖ †František a Kazimíra Báčikovi  
❖ †Ferdinand a Emília Sakalovi  
❖ †David Chupa (5 yr. Ann.) req. Family  
❖ †Jarmila Mizigarova req. Daniela  
❖ †Marge Robine req. Robine Family  
❖ †Helena Pirovarnikova req. Family
- 6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:*  
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM For Paul & Julie Varchetti & Family  
❖ For David & Elaine Peyok, Sr. & Family  
❖ †Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Nelson  
❖ †Marie LaHood ❖ †Dina Nano

**Christmas Novena Begins Sunday, December 26**

**Mass Cards for the Novena are  
available after Holy Masses.**

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



**Nativity of the Lord & Feast of the Holy Family • December 25 & 26, 2021**



Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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**❄ WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE ❄**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**\*Christmas Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Since Christmas day falls on a Saturday, you must also attend a Mass on Sunday, December 26, in order to fulfill your weekly Holy Mass Obligation! Sunday, December 26, is the Feast of the Holy Family.**

**WEEK DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**\*\*\* No 6:00AM Holy Masses this Week \*\*\***

**Monday, December 27: 9:00AM & 12:00PM**

**Tuesday, December 28: 6:00AM & 12:00PM**

**Wednesday, December 29: 9:00AM & 12:00PM**

**Thursday, December 30: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM**

**Friday, December 31: 12:00PM**

**❄ CHRISTMAS & WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE ❄**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**\*Friday, December 24**

**Christmas Eve:**

**4:00PM (Vigil) & 12:00AM (Midnight)**

**\*Saturday, December 25**

**Christmas Day**

**7:30AM, 9:30AM,**

**11:30AM (in Slovak),**

**& \*5:30PM**

\*(5:30PM Mass does not fulfill Sunday obligation)

**\*Sunday, December 26**

**Feast of the Holy Family:**

**(Must attend to fulfill your**

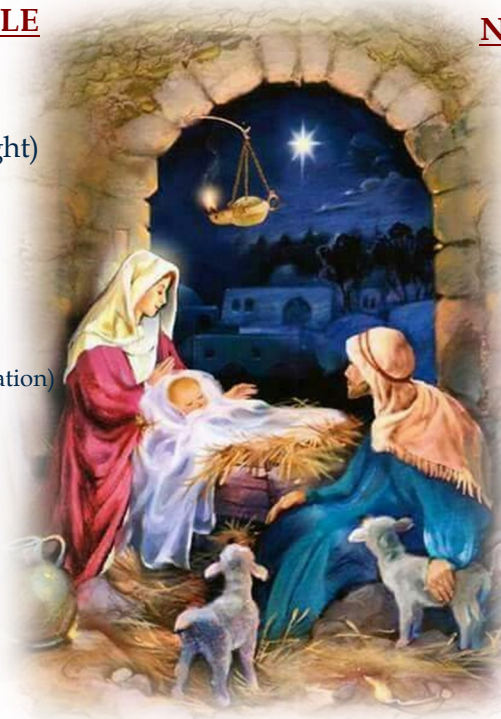
**Sunday Obligation**

**7:30AM, 9:30AM,**

**11:30AM (in Slovak),**

**6:00PM (Latin Tridentine),**

**& 8:30PM**



**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

**Friday, December 31**

**New Year's Eve:**

**5:30PM (Vigil)**

**Saturday, January 1**

**Solemnity of Mary,**

**Mother of God**

**9:00AM**

**ADORATION SCHEDULE:**

**Thursday,**

**December 30:**

**1:00PM - 7:00PM**

**OFFICE SCHEDULE:**

**Closed:**

**December 24 - January 2**

**Reopens:**

**January 3, 2022**

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**NO CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ON:**

**December 25, 31 & January 1**

*"O Holy Night, the stars are brightly shining. It is the night of our dear Savior's birth!"*

## Sarisan's 50th Anniversary Gala

When: Saturday, February 5, 2022, at 6:00PM

Where: Macedonian Cultural Center

43133 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Black Tie Event

16 years old and up

\$60/person

Ticket price includes:

Music by Pajtasi Folk Band, Buffet Dinner,

Open Bar and a night of fun!

Advance Ticket Sales Only!

Deadline to purchase tickets is January 21, 2022

### Catechism - Class Schedule

**Wednesday, December 29:** NO CLASS (Have a Joyful New Year!)

**Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 6:15PM:**

Class & Benediction for All

As always, if you have any concerns, please call:

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

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

### Life Teen Ministry

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

To be added to the email list, please contact:

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

### EDGE Youth Group

All middle school teens (6th, 7th and 8th grade) are welcome to our Edge Nights. Edge Nights are dynamic youth gatherings including snacks, games, small group discussions, and an opportunity for teens to learn more about the Catholic faith at a middle school level. New teens who would like to attend can register at the EDGE Night. If you have any questions, please contact:

Alexandria Collins, (586) 641-7672 or edge@saintcyrls.church

Please Remember to Pray for Our  
Sick Parishioners, Family Members & Friends  
and Those who are Serving in the Military

### Ss. Cyril & Methodius Receipts & Expenditures for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

#### Receipts:

|                               |    |           |
|-------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Parish Collection Receipts:   | \$ | 1,009,112 |
| Fundraising Receipts:         |    | 26,198    |
| Religious Education Receipts: |    | 17,125    |
| Grants:                       |    | 321,722   |
| Miscellaneous Receipts:       |    | 23,798    |
| Total Receipts:               | \$ | 1,397,955 |

#### Expenditures:

|                                  |    |           |
|----------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Parish Expenditures              | \$ | 896,774   |
| Fundraising Expenditures         |    | 12,636    |
| Religious Education Expenditures |    | 139,052   |
| Capital Improvements             |    | 131,336   |
| Total Expenditures               | \$ | 1,179,798 |
| Net Surplus                      | \$ | 218,157   |

\*The surplus from the 2020-2021 fiscal year helped offset the deficit of \$85,066 from the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The balance was placed in savings to be used for capital improvements such as the Ambo, Presider Chair and Mosaic in the Church as well as updates to the flooring in the Fr. Mikus Hall.

### Consecration to Jesus through Mary

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary is a beautiful exercise to increase our spirituality and ability to truly serve our Lord Jesus Christ. The basic premise set forth by St. Louis Marie de Montfort is simply that Jesus came into the world through Mary and that for us to always be assured of being close to Jesus, even closer than ever before, we should go through Mary. St. Louis de Montfort (1673 – 1716) had a profound devotion to the Blessed Mother and he wrote extensively on the virtues of Our Lady. He developed a 33-day devotion consisting of various prayers and readings to help us to grow in holiness and increase our faith and love for our Lord. It is a prayerful and focused method of drawing closer to Jesus than ever before. It will help us to detach ourselves from the world and bond ourselves more closely with Christ through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Consecration to Jesus is for anyone, who is old enough to understand the love of Jesus and Mary. The preparation is intended to prepare our hearts and minds by praying and meditating. The consecration prayers usually take approximately 10-15 minutes per day. The total consecration begins on a date that will end on a Marian Feast Day. The next preparation begins this Friday, December 31, for consecration on the Presentation of the Lord on February 2, 2022. For registration, call: (586) 726-6911

### FELLOWSHIP FUN

The kids ... and the adults ... had fun with St. Nicholas  
at Fellowship on December 12!

The next Fellowship will take place on  
Sunday, January 16, after the 9:30AM Holy Mass!





**POŽENANÉ VIANOCE! Wishing You a Blessed Christmas!**

**Christ is Born for us; Come, Let Us Adore Him!**

**Fr. Libor, Fr. Juraj, Fr. Felix, Deacon Gerald & Deacon Phil**



The angel said to her: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus". /Luke 1:30-31/

Salvation through Jesus is an incomparable gift, but Mary must learn first to abandon herself to the will of God. Let us imitate her obedience and courage, that we too may joyfully receive the gift of salvation and walk on the way of the gospel in union with the whole Church.

Wishing all parishioners, visitors, friends, benefactors, and all your families a  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2022!

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Anjel jej povedal: „Neboj sa, Mária, našla si milosť u Boha. Počneš a porodiš syna a dáš mu meno Ježiš.“ Lk 1,30-31  
Spása, ktorú Ježiš prináša je dar, ako žiadny iný, ale aj Mária sa musí naučiť odovzdať sa do Božej vôle. Nasledujme jej poslušnosť i odvahu, aby sme aj my s radosťou prijali dar spásy a v spoločenstve s celou Cirkvou kráčali po ceste evanjelia.

Všetkým farníkom, známym, priateľom a dobrodincom prajem požehnané Vianočné sviatky a šťastný Nový rok 2022.



### *St. Boniface and the History of the Christmas Tree*

The story of the Christmas tree begins in England, when a young man named Winfrid decided to enter a Benedictine monastery over the objections of his parents. Winfrid grew both in holiness and piety, but yearned to leave the monastery and bring the light of Christ to the pagan Germans, just as the monks had brought the Faith to England a century earlier. Winfrid heard reports that Pope Gregory II (r. 715-731) had sent missionaries to Bavaria in 716 and decided to travel to Rome to become a missionary to the Germans. Pope Gregory was delighted at the arrival of the eager Winfrid and after a period of time commissioned him to preach the Gospel in the regions of Thuringia, Bavaria, Franconia, and

Hesse. In recognition of his special missionary commission the pope changed Winfrid's name to Boniface.

The newly named monk travelled to Hesse (central Germany) in 721 and with his tireless activity, his gift for organization, and his adaptable, friendly, yet firm character achieved great success. Boniface also established Benedictine monasteries throughout his area of evangelization, including the great monastery of Fulda in 744. News of his great achievements reached Rome, where he was recalled by Pope Gregory to provide a status report. Impressed and pleased with Boniface's efforts, Gregory consecrated him archbishop for all Germany east of the Rhine (without a specific episcopal seat) and placed his territory under the pope's jurisdiction. Imbued with this new authority and pontifical mandate, Boniface returned to Germany in 723.

Boniface spent the rest of his life evangelizing the areas of modern Germany and parts of the Netherlands. He also became a friend of the Frankish court and helped reform and reorganized the Church in that area. From his missionary travels, Boniface knew that in winter the inhabitants of the village of Geismar gathered around a huge old oak tree (known as the "Thunder Oak") dedicated to the god Thor. This annual event of worship centered on sacrificing a human, usually a small child, to the pagan god. Boniface desired to convert the village by destroying the Thunder Oak, which the pagans had previously boasted the God of Boniface could not destroy, so he gathered a few companions and journeyed to Geismar.

His fellow missionaries were scared and fearful that the Germans might kill them, so they balked when they reached the outskirts of the village on Christmas Eve. Boniface steadied the nerves of his friends and as they approached the pagan gathering he said, "Here is the Thunder Oak; and here the cross of Christ shall break the hammer of the false god Thor." Boniface and his friends arrived at the time of the sacrifice, which was interrupted by their presence. In a show of great trust in God and born from a desire to enkindle the fire of Christ in the German pagans, Boniface grabbed an axe and chopped down the Thunder Oak of mighty Thor. The Germans were astounded. The holy bishop preached the Gospel to the people and used a little fir tree that was behind the now felled oak tree as a tool of evangelization. Pointing to it he said,

"This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace... It is the sign of an endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points upward to heaven. Let this be called the tree of the Christ-child; gather about it, not in the wild wood, but in your own homes; there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness."

Awed by the destruction of the oak tree and Boniface's preaching, the Germans were baptized.

St. Boniface had such a deep love for the people who he endeavored for so long to bring to Christ.

In the centuries that followed, the Catholic tradition of using an evergreen tree to celebrate the birth of Jesus spread throughout Germany, and German immigrants in the eighteenth century brought the custom to the New World.

(Source: Catholic Answers)





## January 1<sup>st</sup> - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

*The Feasts of the Blessed Virgin ~ by St. Francis de Sales*

**T**he days upon which the Blessed Virgin Mary shows herself bountiful of her favors, are the feasts celebrated in her honor; and if we desire to profit by them, we must sanctify them fervently. Let us approach the Sacraments on those days, and propose to practice some particular virtue of the Blessed Virgin, adapted to the mystery of the day. For instance, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, let us propose to practice purity of intention ; on that of her Nativity, a renewal of fervor, banishing all tepidity from our soul; on that of the Presentation, detachment from those desires which require to be mortified; on the Feast of the Annunciation, of the Visitation, on the Feast of the Purification, obedience to Superiors; and on the Feast of the Assumption, preparation for death. Such was ever the practice of all the true servants of Mary.



On New Year's Eve, 1895-1896, St. Gemma Galgani wrote: *"During this new year I resolve to begin a new life. I do not know what will happen to me during this year, but I abandon myself entirely to You, my God, and my aspirations and all my affections will be for You. I feel so weak, dear Jesus, but with Your help I hope and resolve to live a different life, that is, a life closer to You."*

Writing to her spiritual director Gemma wrote: *"Father, do you know the latest idea that has come into my head? It is to become a saint at all costs."*

While 2022 comes with many uncertainties about the future, the vocation and goal of each and every one of us remains the same - to become saints and strive for Heaven!

Let us, therefore, spend these final days of 2021 in fervent prayer asking the Holy Spirit to inspire us with what we must do to attain great holiness, thus becoming true saints!

### My 2022 New Year Resolution!

I virtue I would like to grown in: \_\_\_\_\_

I sin I would like to eliminate: \_\_\_\_\_

I book of Scripture I would like to read completely: \_\_\_\_\_

I spiritual book I would like to read: \_\_\_\_\_

I prayer I would like to learn: \_\_\_\_\_

I way to improve my Sacramental Life: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Intention for 2022: \_\_\_\_\_

### Choose a Patron Saint for 2022

*"There is a custom among us of drawing by lot, on New Year's Day, special Patrons for ourselves for the whole year."*  
(305 - Diary of St. Faustina)

*"Follow the saints, because those who follow them will themselves become saints."* (Pope Saint Clement I)

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After all Holy Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, all are welcome to take a saint card from the basket at the entrance of the church.  
The saint on the card you choose will be your special Patron for 2022!





*For unto us a Child is Born*  
*With performances by our own parishioners!*

Join us for an afternoon of beautiful  
Christmas solos, poetic recitations,  
and singing Christmas Carols together  
as we close the Christmas Season

*Solemnity of the Epiphany*  
*Sunday, January 2nd, 2022*  
*at 3:00pm*

*For more information, visit our website at:*  
[www.saintcyrils.church](http://www.saintcyrils.church)