

Solemnity of Ss. Cyril & Methodius
Sunday, February 13, 2022



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



Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Solemnity of Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Patron Saints of our Parish

MASS *Intentions*

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February 12, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Members of O.L. Mother of Mercy Secular
Discalced Carmelites ❖ For Roeby & Beth Ledford
& Family ❖ †Henrietta & Norbert Ugorowski
- 5:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

February 13, Solemnity of Ss. Cyril & Methodius

Acts 13:46-49; Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Luke 10:1-9

- 7:30AM For Drew Manor req. Langlois Family
❖ For the Menard & Daniel Families
❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
❖ For Roeby & Beth Ledford & Family
❖ †Wasył & Anna Tymchysyn
❖ †Charlene Femminineo req.
Corinne Zgliczynski
❖ †Cynthia Sherrit req. Walker Family
- 9:30AM Alan & Christine Gielegem (12th Wed. Ann.)
❖ †Robert Klein req. Jimenez Family
❖ †Mrs. Janiczewski ❖ †Wayne Sunman
❖ †Marion Chapman-Freemire
❖ †Mae Ann Noullet ❖ †Ann Rudzewicz
- 11:30AM *(Slovak)*
For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. Plzak Family
❖ For Fr. Viktor Kuciak ❖ For Roeby & Beth Ledford
& Family req. Plzak Family ❖ †George Rafaidus
❖ †Linda Slamka req. Daniella Grisak
❖ †Jarmila Mizigarova req. Plzak Family
❖ †Marge Robine req. Family
- 6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:* For Margaret Voland req. Sister
- 8:30PM For Roeby & Beth Ledford & Family
❖ For Dalila Zeya & Family req. Noora
❖ For Jerjosa Family req. Noora
❖ For Nooria Yousif Family req. Noora
❖ For Haidor, Fowad, Fadi & Forat Bachi req. Sister
❖ For Hikmat, Sarmad, Samir, Ray, Noor & Fams.
❖ †Pete Nikprelaj req. Greg Brock

February 14, Monday - Pondelok -

Feast Day of Ss. Cyril & Methodius

- 9:00AM For John Desser ❖ For the Hines & Desser Families
❖ For Rooney & Kaly Families ❖ For Prene Lulgjuraj
req. Son ❖ For Roeby & Beth Ledford & Family
❖ For Sharon Brown req. Friend ❖ †Charlene
Femminineo req. Nancy & Joseph Tolkacz
- 12:00PM For Mark & Renee Dabrowski & Family
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ †Mark & †Ryan Ledford ❖ †James & †Margaret
Rayes ❖ †Aida Koja & †Thamer Asmaro
❖ †Marion Chapman-Freemire req. Family
❖ †Theresa McAdams req. Sister

February 15, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Maria Laconi (B'Day)
❖ For Carl & Alyssia Varchetti & Family
❖ †Charlene Femminineo req. Corinne Zgliczynski
- 12:00PM For Roeby & Beth Ledford & Family
❖ †Fr. Demetrius OSBM
❖ †Matthew Margiewicz req. Parents

February 16, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM *(Latin)* For Ed Stelzer ❖ For Issac Louth (B'Day)
❖ †Philip J. Perrone
- 12:00PM For Casey & Annie Cain ❖ For James & Greete
Varchetti ❖ †Katherine Mikulak req. Daughter

February 17, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For All People in the World ❖ For Ed Waldecker
❖ †Charlene Femminineo req. Corinne Zgliczynski
- 12:00PM For Terence J. Flores ❖ For Patrick Fayad (B'Day)
❖ †Charles & Isabella Varchetti
- 7:00PM For Seminarian Patrick Blenman req. Grandparents
❖ Pjerin & Edmond Lulgjuraj ❖ †Nazhat Tobia

February 18, Friday - Piatok

- 6:00AM For Theodore Hines (B'Day)
❖ For George & Helen Emmendorfer
❖ †Charlene Femminineo req. Corinne Zgliczynski
- 12:00PM For Joyce Davenport (B'Day)
❖ For Patrick Fayad (B'Day) ❖ For Annie & Casey Cain

February 19, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For Eleanor Weathers (B'Day)
❖ For Rosario Flores ❖ †Bill Manfredo
- 5:30PM For Pope Benedict XVI ❖ For the Intentions of the
Knights of Columbus-St. Nicholas Council & Families
❖ For Al & Ann Varchetti ❖ †Luke Timmerman
❖ For Bernard Finlan (80th B'Day)
❖ †Charlene Femminineo req. Corinne Zgliczynski
❖ †Stanley F. Smigielski req. Rose Pieknik

February 20, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nedela

1 Sam 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

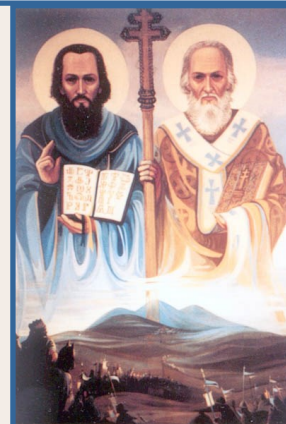
- 7:30AM In Thanksgiving ❖ For Col. Kimberly Hamilton
❖ †Jean Pennington req. Moira Smith
❖ †Mark Ledford ❖ †Ryan Ledford
❖ †Charlene Femminineo req. Corinne Zgliczynski
❖ †Stephanie Varchetti
- 9:30AM For James Wilkins req. Family
❖ For Debbie DeSantis req. Lynne Rekowski
❖ For Patrick DeSantis req. Lynne Rekowski
❖ †Matthew Pepe ❖ †Anthony Rybicki req. Family
❖ †Peggy (Cenkner) Fennelley req. Dave & Sandy
Cenkner
❖ †Cecilia Nguyen Thi Lan Hop req. Ho Thu
- 11:30AM *(Slovak)* For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. Plzak Fam.
❖ For Roeby & Beth Ledford & Family req. Plzak Family
❖ †Anna & John Badowski
❖ †Margaret Ferkovic req. George Svoren
❖ †Joseph Venglar req. Family
❖ †Delphine Wietchy req. Daniella Grisak
❖ †Marge Robine req. Robine Family
- 6:00PM *(Latin)-Tridentine:*
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM For Fr. Ron Victor ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Dennis Zitny req. Moira Smith
❖ For Beatris & Tony Haddad
❖ †Claire Bosscher req. Family
❖ †Margaret McIntyre req. Family
❖ †Edwin Hahn req. Wife

Ss. Cyril & Methodius (Patrons of our Church)

The Slovaks who started to gather in the early 20th century in the east side of Detroit with the purpose of having a place for the community, for living their faith, and for instructing their children in their mother tongue chose Saints Cyril and Methodius, the apostles of the Slavs, as patrons of the new church.

Now, more than 100 years later, Saints Cyril and Methodius are still venerated as the patrons of the Parish which is home to many Slovak Catholics and many Catholics of all ethnic backgrounds.

Although their Feast Day is Monday, February 14, it is celebrated as a Solemnity in our Church this weekend.



Saint Cyril & Saint Methodius

Valentine's Day is not just a day of wonder and joy for lovers and florists. February 14th is also the Feast Day of two Greek saints from Thessaloniki, the missionaries, linguists and diplomats Cyril and Methodius. [1] In 863, more than 1155 years ago, these Apostles to the Slavs set out on a journey, armed with an invention that would prove to be one of Christianity's richest and most civilizing contributions to European culture: an alphabet.

In the preceding centuries, tribes of Slavs had been migrating around south eastern Europe. In those border territories of Byzantium, both the Greek and Slavonic languages were in common use. But the Slav peoples had no alphabet or literary culture of their own. By the middle of the ninth century Prince Rastislav was the ruler of Great Moravia, in what is now the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Keen to build up the Great Moravian Church and to resist the control of the Frankish bishops and clergy, who looked upon Moravia as territory that properly belonged to their jurisdiction, Prince Rastislav wrote to the Byzantine Emperor, Michael III, asking him to send teachers who could lay before his people the truth of the Christian faith in their own language. Cyril and Methodius were chosen. They invented an alphabet, so that they could translate the Scriptures and the Liturgy into Slavonic.

When we think of the impact of the Christian religion on the culture of Europe, we might perhaps think of the vital influence of remote monasteries that, as Sir Kenneth Clark famously claimed, enabled civilization to survive by the skin of its teeth during the dark ages. Or perhaps our minds would turn to the building of the great cathedrals of Europe or the gorgeous sacred art of the renaissance. Some might even think of the famous icons of Orthodox Russia, the sublime unity of the figures of Andrei Rublev's Old Testament Trinity or the unutterable tenderness of the Vladimir Mother of God, cheek to cheek with her divine child. But we might wonder how many of us, when reading Tolstoy or Dostoevsky or Chekhov, would remember that the very Cyrillic letters those great literary giants wrote down on their paper are the Christian Church's gift to the Slav peoples and the world?

The life of St. Cyril relates that when Emperor Michael asked Cyril and Methodius to make that missionary journey to Moravia the letters of the Slavonic alphabet were revealed to them in answer to prayer. They set out on their mission and took with them a letter from Michael to Prince Rastislav, saying of their alphabet, 'Receive this gift, which is more precious and greater than all silver and gold and precious stones and all magnificent wealth'. Surely here is a set of hagiographical superlatives that can be regarded as no exaggeration.

The mission of Cyril and Methodius was not welcomed by the Frankish Archbishops of Salzburg and Passau, who did not take kindly to the idea of the Greek brothers disturbing, with their new-fangled Slav alphabet, the ecclesiastical life what they considered to be their own territory and jurisdiction. They held that God was properly to be worshipped in just three languages, Hebrew, Greek and Latin, after Pilate's superscription on the Cross. Fortunately for Cyril and Methodius, for the Slav peoples then and ever since, and for the culture and civilization of Europe and the world, Pope Adrian II disagreed with them. The heresy of trilingualism was condemned. The Pope blessed the Slavonic books, which were laid upon the altar of the Basilica of St Mary Major and Cyril and Methodius celebrated the liturgy in Slavonic in the Church of St Peter and in other Roman churches. It was in Rome that St Cyril died. He is buried in the Basilica of San Clemente, one of the most beautiful churches in the city. Meanwhile, Methodius was named Archbishop of Pannonia and returned to his mission among the Slavs.

From those days, before the Great Schism that was to divide the Church, East from West, Cyril and Methodius stand as true paradigms of European Christian culture. They were people who were able to step beyond their own Byzantine cultural idiom to embrace and transform beyond all imagining another culture, that of the Slavs. The sheer brilliance of their learning, the depth of their faith and the geographical scope of their missionary activity and of their heritage is what led John Paul II in 1985 to name Cyril and Methodius co-patrons of Europe, along with St. Benedict.

It is also extraordinary to think that more than 1155 years ago these two saints so readily grasped what seems to us a very contemporary truth: the need for people to teach and hand on the faith in a comprehensible language. As Pope Benedict comments, 'Cyril and Methodius are in fact a classic example of what today is meant by the term "inculturation": every culture must integrate the message revealed into its own culture and express its saving truth in its own language.' To this day, Old Church Slavonic is the liturgical language of all the Slav Churches of Eastern Europe. And the peoples of Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Croatia, Serbia, Ukraine, Russia and the other Slav nations all regard the two brothers from Thessaloniki as the fathers of their literary culture. [3]

Credit to Fr Tim Pike CMP, governor of St Stephen's House theological college in Oxford, United Kingdom

[1] The last general revision of the General Roman Calendar from 1969 celebrates February 14th as a "Memorial of Saints Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop." In Europe, this day is celebrated as a Feast.

[2] The Castle of Nitra is located on top of a hill where an old, Slavonic fortified settlement once stood. The first written reference to the settlement dates back to the times of the mission of SS. Cyril and Methodius (871) and it mentions a consecration of the ruler's church in 828. In 880 the city became the center of the newly founded Nitra Bishopric. The city of Nitra hosts an annual Slovak national pilgrimage on July 5th to honor SS. Cyril and Methodius.

[3] Roman Catholic Solemnity of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Slavic Missionaries: Slovakia – July 5th; The Czech Republic – July 5th; Slovenia – July 7th.



Snowball Dance

Next Saturday, February 19

*All 14-19 year olds are invited to enjoy a fun night of
dancing, food & friends!*

WHEN: NEXT SATURDAY, February 19, 6:00PM – 11:00PM

DINNER: 6:30PM with DANCING: 7:00PM

WHERE: Fr. Mikus Hall

***TICKETS: \$15**

(Price covers dinner, beverages, desert and DJ)

PAYMENT can be made:

thru PushPay on the Ss. Cyril & Methodius

website: www.saintcyrils.church -or-

by Cash, Check or Credit Card in the Parish Office

or at the door!

ATTIRE: Formal / **Ladies: Dresses & **Gentlemen: Must wear ties

****Modest attire enforced. **NO tight fitting or revealing clothes.**

QUESTIONS: Felicity O'Brien, (586) 250-6868



The Knights & the Fish Frys Need Your Help!

For the 2nd season, the St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus Council will be partnering with Ss. Cyril & Methodius to host Fish Frys every Friday (except Good Friday) in Lent in the Fr. Mikus hall beginning Friday, March 4. To enable us to offer this great meatless meal to our parishioners and visitors, we will need a lot of adult and teen volunteer help. Fish Frys start at 4:00PM and close at 7:00PM, each week.

We will be offering take out and dine in options and have a need for help in the kitchen, servers, clean-up and food preparation people. As in years past, we will offer cod, salmon, shrimp, mac n' cheese, coleslaw, fries and, of course, Joe's Famous Chowder.

If you can help on any or all the Fridays in Lent – except Good Friday – please contact:

- ◇ St. Nick Council's Grand Knight, *Joseph White*, at GK7011@mikofc.org, call him at (586) 556-2122, or
- ◇ leave your name and dates of availability with the ladies in the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Office and they will pass it along. Please join in this labor of love.

Bagels & Coffee • Sundays after 9:30AM Holy Masses

Bagels & Coffee will be available after the 9:30AM Sunday Holy Masses in February and March! Plan to come to the Fr. Mikus Hall to enjoy bagels and coffee with your family and friends ... and to meet new friends too!

Calling All Blood Donors

The American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis – its worst blood shortage in over a decade, posing a concerning risk to patient care. Doctors have been forced to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products become available. Blood and platelet donations are critically needed to help prevent further delays in vital medical treatments.

Please Make your Blood Donation Appointment Today:

www.redcross.org/give.html/find-drive OR

1-800-RED-CROSS

Mark your Calendar: If you make a whole blood donation by February 15, you will be eligible to donate at the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Blood Drive on April 12.

VBS 2022
June 20 - 24, 2022

Catechism Corner

Class Schedule

Wednesday, February 16, at 6:15PM:

Class & Benediction for All

Wednesday, February 23:

NO CLASS—Mid-Winter Break

Wednesday, March 2: NO CLASS—Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 9, at 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for All

Saturday, March 12, at 10:00AM:

7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Questions about Catechism:

Paul or Carroll Schuller, Directors of Religious Education
cschuller@saintcyriels.church or (586) 726-6911 or (586) 254-9212

Life Teen Ministry • Monday, February 14

TOPIC: *Back to the Garden -*

How to be a Holy Friends and What Friendship Looks Like

6:45PM—8:45PM

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.

Some of the topics we'll be covering this semester include being a holy friend, the issue of pornography, making Lent a priority and what our purpose is.

To be added to the email list, please contact:

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

EDGE Youth Group • Thursday, February 17

TOPIC: *How Do I Know What is Right?*

Discussing the Virtue of Prudence

7:00PM—8:45PM

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. Some of the themes we'll be covering this semester are what is virtue, the virtue of prudence, how to avoid distractions during prayer, Lent and the Psalms.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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

Diaconate Vocation Awareness Night • February 15

The Archdiocese of Detroit is hosting a Diaconate Vocation Awareness Night for those in the Archdiocese who are considering a call to the permanent diaconate. They and their wives are invited to attend the evening from 7:00PM - 8:30PM this Tuesday, February 15, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit.

If you know of anyone who is discerning the call or would like to learn more about the Diaconate Vocation, please have them RSVP for the event to: *Erin Dewimille* at Dewimille.erin@aod.org

Catholic Young Adult Singles • February 18

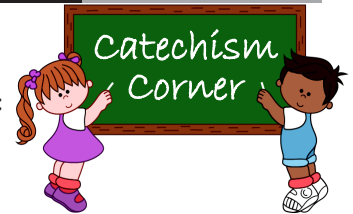
Let's Get Trivial - "Trivia with a Twist"

Do you like trivia and minute-to-win-it games? Come hang with us and other Catholic young adult singles on Friday, February 18, as we put a twist on trivia night. If so, join us at Catholic Church of the Holy Family (Activity Center), 24505 Meadowbrook Road, Novi. Check-in + Social - 6:30PM with Trivia - 7:00PM—9:00PM

RSVP with name + email + age

Email: hhcyagroup@gmail.com

Instagram: @hot_and_holy or Facebook: @HHCYAGroup





Priestly Vocations
Wednesday, March 23



Evening Prayer *and* Dinner

with Archbishop
 Allen H. Vigneron

Solemn Evening Prayer and Dinner with the Archbishop is a high impact, low pressure experience to begin or continue the conversation about vocation and priesthood. Men (16-55 years old) from the Archdiocese of Detroit, contact Fr. Libor or Fr. Juraj if interested in attending.

For more information:

<https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/evening-prayer-and-dinner/>.

P A R O U S I A

10-WEEK CLASS - NEW START DATE: Tuesday, March 1

T H E B I B L E A N D T H E M A S S

Where do we find the Mass in the Bible?

What is the relationship between the two?

In ten beautifully produced lessons, **Parousia: The Bible and the Mass** answers these questions and more. The class will be held on TUESDAY mornings in Room 112 at 10:00AM for ten weeks beginning Tuesday, March 1.

Host **Scott Hahn** uncovers how and why all of God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass. Cost for the workbook is \$25 payable on the first day of class. Thank you for your interest. To register for the class so the proper number of workbooks can be ordered, please call: Marge Lewandowski, (586) 822-7902



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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 and Holy Days. The next livestream is March 6.)

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

Total Consecration to Jesus thru Mary

33-Day Preparation Begins: February 20 • Consecration on March 25, Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord

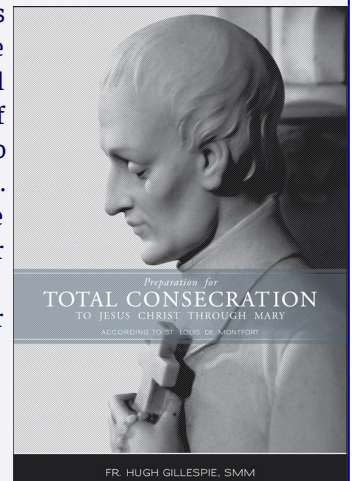
St. Louis de Montfort (1673 – 1716) had a profound and deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and wrote extensively on the virtues of Our Lady, what true devotion to her consists of, and how the faithful need to turn to her as the way to her Son, Jesus Christ. He recommends that the faithful formally 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 Sunday, February 20, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on Friday, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord.

"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



FR. HUGH GILLESPIE, SMM