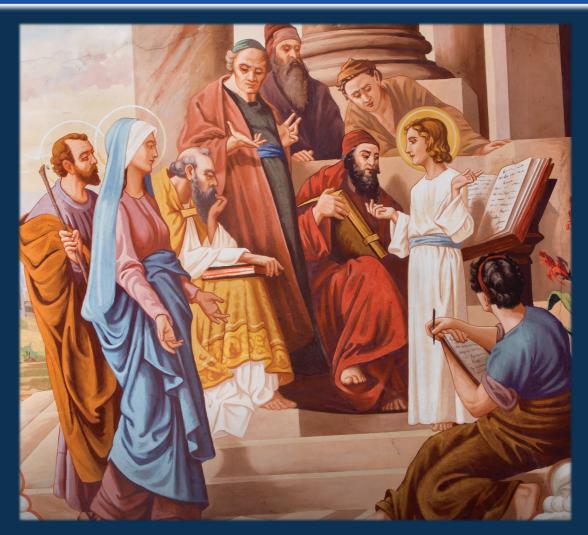
Third Sunday of Easter Sunday, May 1, 2022



SAINTS CYRIL AND FARNOSŤ SVÄTÝCH METHODIUS PARISH CYRILA A METODA

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ... He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. - Lo 4:18

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3rd Sunday of Easter • May 1, 2022

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 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 THURSDAY & 1st FRIDAY: 5:30AM - 6:00AM, 11:30AM - 12:00PM & 6:30PM-7:00PM SATURDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM

OFFICE HOURS

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: THURSDAYS, 1:00PM - 7:00PM

t is a well-known devotion, to consecrate to most holy Mary the month of May, as the most beautiful and florescent month of the whole year. This devotion has long prevailed throughout Christendom; and it is here common in Rome, not only in private families, but as a public devotion in very many Churches. Pope Pius VII, in order to animate all Christian people to the practice of a devotion so tender and agreeable to the most blessed Virgin, and calculated to be of such great spiritual benefit to themselves, granted, by a Rescript of the Segretaria of the Memorials, March 21, 1815 *(kept in the Segretaria of his Eminence the Cardinal-Vicar),* to all the faithful of the Catholic world, who either in public or in private should honor the Blessed Virgin with some special homage or devout prayers, or other virtuous practices.

(Taken from the Raccolta, a publication of prayers published in the mid-19th century.)

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In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month after establishing the feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31st. After the Second Vatican Council, this feast was moved to August 22, while May 31st became the feast of the Visitation of Mary.

Bilingual (Slovak/English) Rosary First Friday, May 6, 6:00PM

n 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 on Friday, May 6.

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*

<u>Prayer requests may be submitted no later than Wednesday. May 4th.</u> by sending an email to: **100rosary@gmail.com** or calling/texting: **(586) 413-4050**

Catechism Corner Class Schedule

<u>Wednesday, May 4</u>: CLASS & Confirmation Confessions & Rehearsal at 6:00PM <u>Saturday, May 7</u>: Confirmation Holy Mass at 1:00PM <u>Wednesday, May 11</u>: CLASS (Last Week of Catechism) Catechism Questions: *Paul or Carroll Schuller*, DREs cschuller@saintcyrils.church or (586) 726-6911

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. The next Life Night takes place on Monday, May 9. Some of the topics we'll be covering include the Holy Spirit, and our senior send-off night.

Questions or to be added to the mailing list, please contact: *Alexandria Collins*, (586) 641-7672 or lifeteen@saintcyrils.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. The next EDGE Night takes place on Thursday, May 12. Some of the themes we'll be covering are the virtue of prudence, fear, and temperance.

Questions about Life Teen or EDGE, please contact: *Alexandria Collins*, (586) 641-7672 or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

Legion of Mary Spring Luncheon • Thursday, May 5

The Legion of Mary Spring Luncheon is this Thursday, May 5 at the Gazebo Banquet Center, 31104 Mound Road, in Warren. Doors open at 11:30AM, program begins at 12:00PM with lunch, Legion prayers and rosary and guest speaker, Dr. Robert Fastiggi. Tickets are \$22 payable at registration (NO walk-ins please)!

Contact: Marge Lewandowski, (586) 822-7902

Rosary Society Meeting • Saturday, May 7

Join us at the next Rosary Society meeting to hear our plans for 2022 of Blessed Mother devotions and of fundraising events for the Parish.

We will meet on Saturday, May 7, at approximately 10:15AM in the Fr. Mikus Hall. (The meeting will begin after the 9:00AM Holy Mass and Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.)

ALL women and men of the parish are welcome to the meeting. Prayerfully consider joining the Rosary Society as we continue our 97-year-old mission of devotion to the Blessed Mother and of support to the Parish.

Questions, contact: *Kathy Holka*, (586) 703-4043 or kholka@aol.com

Northland Pro-Life Prayer News • Saturday, May 7

Please join us for the following Pro-Life events:

- The monthly prayer and witness event outside the Northland Family Planning Clinic, 3810 17 Mile Road, takes place Saturday, May 7, from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. Bring your friends, family, and rosary. Park in the shopping center lots nearby - no parking is allowed at the clinic. Prayer events usually take place regardless of weather. You can also pray nearby from your car.

- A Pro-Life rosary is prayed each Saturday at church. The Joyful and Luminous Mysteries are prayed before Mass, starting at 8:10AM, and the Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries are prayed after 9:00AM Holy Mass, starting around 9:45AM - schedule may change due to parish events.

For those interested in periodically leading a mystery of the Saturday rosary or in weekday prayer at the clinic,

please contact: Anne Marie at (586) 873-2004

RTL-Lifespan Mother's Day Carnations • May 7 & 8

Happy Mother's Day to ALL our mothers! After all Holy Masses next weekend, May 7 & 8, RTL-Lifespan will be offering beautiful carnations as a small way to say THANK YOU to our mothers. Volunteers will be near the buckets of flowers outside the main entrance overhang. Donation cans will be available for free-will offerings to help with pro-life work in Macomb and Oakland counties. Suggested donation is \$1 each. Thank you to Fathers Libor and Juraj for permitting Lifespan to offer carnations again at Ss. Cyril & Methodius and thank you to all who chose to give a donation.

Betty Abate, Lifespan Representative

Mother's Day Novena Begins • Monday, May 9

Don't forget the special lady in your life with the perfect gift—a beautiful Mother's Day Novena Mass card for mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, mother-in-laws, stepmothers, wives, aunts, sisters, friends or any woman who has kindly nurtured you with a special motherly love.

Mass cards are now available on weekends after all Holy Masses and on weekdays in the Parish Office. These

cards are available for living or deceased relatives and friends in either English or in Slovak for \$10 each.

The 9-day Novena will begin on Monday, May 9. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

is the most precious gift anyone can receive.

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Fundraising for Summer Missionary Work

My name is Elizabeth Scarchilli and I am excited to share that this summer I will be serving as a missionary at the Apostolate for Family Consecration's (AFC) "Catholic Familyland". Starting May 15, for three months I will be helping the AFC host "Family Fests", which are week-long retreats for families that are filled with spiritual nourishment and lots of fun. Especially during this time when the family is being attacked, these "Fests" provide a place for families to be rejuvenated and strengthened. Due to the nature of the work, I need to fundraise to cover my missionary expenses. I humbly ask you to consider donating to help me serve families this summer. Donations can be made by a check made out to "The AFC" with "Ministry to Families: Elizabeth Scarchilli" in the memo (Mailing address: The AFC, %: Ministry to Families, 3375 County Road 36, Bloomingdale, OH, 43910) or they can be made online at https://rootfunding.com/campaigns/elizabeth-scarchilli-afc-ministry-to-families-2022.

Thank you so much for your support! You will be in my prayers. Elizabeth Scarchilli, (586) 431-3039 or ekscarchilli@gmail.com



Pro-Life News

You will soon see people in public places asking you to sign a petition for a ballot proposal called Citizens to Support Michigan and Children (November 2022 ballot) that would AMEND the Michigan State Constitution to allow for unlimited abortions in our state. No restrictions of any kind—full nine months of pregnancy, no reasons, no limits of any kind. No protective laws for women and their babies. No counseling for young women faced with an unplanned pregnancy. The absolute deception here is clear in the very title of the proposal, "support women and children"! This is designed to destroy unborn children, not support them! DO NOT SIGN THE PETITION.

For more information, call: Right-to-Life-LIFESPAN, (248) 816-1546 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS • June 20-24

ACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS • JUNE 20-2 Donations Needed

We are now preparing for VBS and are in need of the following items (they can be <u>gently used</u>): *Broken rosaries, individual beads, and wooden picture frames* (preferred size is 5x7 and 4X6). **Please place your items in the box marked "VBS" in the vestibule.** We are also looking to <u>borrow flags from many countries</u> (Canada, France, Poland, Slovakia, Italy, Spain, Portugal, etc.). See the poster in the vestibule for other needs. Also, please drop off *gift cards* and monetary donations (labeled VBS) to the church office or slide under the office door if the office is closed.

Volunteer Meetings

Scheduled on the following evenings: (Mondays) May 2 & 9, (Wednesdays) May 18, May 25, June 1, June 8, and June 15. Please attend as many meetings as possible to help with the planning. June 15 is mandatory! If you are unable to attend, please contact Mrs. Moe Jones.

If you would like to volunteer, please attend the meeting on May 2.

VBS's theme is CatChat's Cathletics! Training to be Champions for Christ, June 20- June 24. Keep reading the bulletin for new information.

REGISTRATION FORMS ON-LINE:

https://form.jotform.com/sscyrilVBS/vbs-registration Thank you and God Bless You! *Michelle Jones*, (586)219-6678

Help Ukraine

My friend, Ivanna, is from Ukraine and while her kids and grandkids are here in the USA, she still has many friends and extended family back in Ukraine. To help her homeland, Ivanna's family packs up large donated used suitcases with items that are personally delivered to Ukraine by two or three men when they get a load together. These men usually take around 60-70 suitcases by plane (paying the extra \$150 or so charge per bag).

Ivanna's garage is full of medical and military equipment that is ready to go to Ukraine. However, sometimes they don't have enough suitcases to transport the equipment. So, if you have any large old suitcases to donate, I would be happy to collect them to give them to Ivanna for this purpose.

Please contact me (text, call or email) for more information. I know they will appreciate anything you do - especially prayers.

God bless you,

Renée Muter, (248) 379-9992 or ReneeMuter@aol.com

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. 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.

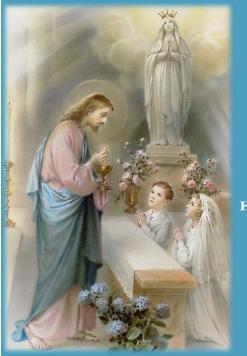
More information about the AOD's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

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Detroitská Arcidiecéza povzbudzuje jednotl ivcov, ktorí by vedeli o prípadoch sexuálneho obťažovania mladistvých zo strany kléru, aby ich ohlásili bez ohľadu na to, kedy sa tieto prípady vyskytli. Jednotlivci môžu kontaktovať orgány činné v trestnom konaní, alebo upovedomiť Detroitskú Arcidiecézu prostredníctvom koordinátora pre pomoc obetiam na tel. čísle 866-343-8055, alebo emailom 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.

Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícií na adrese protect.aod.org.

Congratulations to our First Communicants † April 30, 2022



Communion Prayer

My Lord Jesus Christ, I firmly believe that I am about to receive, in Communion, Your Body, Your Blood, Your Soul and Your Divinity! I believe it because You have said it, And I am ready to give my life to maintain this truth. Amen.

Prayer for the First Communicants

Sacred Heart of Jesus ever present in our lives, Hear our prayer as our communicants receive their First Holy Communion. Grant them, Our Lord, Loving Grace And help still their hearts with mindful prayer and worship As they receive at the Table of Our Lord The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit shine a guiding light Throughout the course of their lifetimes Always leading them one step closer to the Kingdom of Heaven! Amen.

May God Bless all the students who received their First Holy Communion at our parish on Saturday, April 30th. As they begin their newfound personal relationship with Our Lord, we pray that they will always receive the Holy Eucharist with great faith, love, reverence, and devotion!

We extend our gratitude to their teachers for their patience, diligence, and handwork in preparing each and every student to receive not only Our Lord's Body & Blood but also His grace and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance. On behalf of the Communicants' parents and parish family, we would like thank their teachers: *Kimberly Ambrosio* and *Emily Chudy* for their dedication to the Faith.

Those who received the Sacrament include:

Grace Avery, Josie Bailey, Giuliana Candela, Matthew Dailey Maristella D'Alio, Jacob Fuller, William Fuller, Sophia Kandiah Foster Kramer, Lukas Kovac, Vincent Locicero, Teresa Long Mary Louis, Alex Margilaj, *Johnny Opatik and Gabriella Perera

*Received Jesus on an earlier date but joined his classmates on their special day to be in communion with them.



Little White Guest

You have come to my heart, dearest Jesus, I am holding You close to my breast; I'm telling You over and over, You are welcome, Little White Guest.

I love You, I love You, my Jesus, O please do not think I am bold; Of course, You must know that I love You, But I am sure that you like to be told. And now that You've come, dearest Jesus, To nestle so close to my breast, I whisper, "I love You, my Jesus", You are welcome, O little White Guest. I'll whisper, "I love You, my Jesus," And ask that we never may part; I love You, O kind, loving Jesus, And press You still nearer my heart. And when I shall meet You in Heaven, My soul then will lean on Your breast; And You will recall our fond meetings, When You were my Little White Guest.

'(Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." John 6:54

In Honor of Our Blessed Mother

On Sunday, May 1st, at the 10:00AM Holy Mass, we honored Our Blessed Mother with our annual May Crowning. A spiritual bouquet to all the many parishioners whose helping hands assisted in making this a memorable tribute to Our Heavenly Mother.

Our appreciation to the Rosary Society and Legion of Mary for continuing their tradition of assisting us by exemplifying dignity and honor to Our Lord's Mother. The colorful procession also included the First Communicants as the Children of Mary and any other children of the parish who wanted to honor Mary. This year's Confirmation students composed the Crowning Court.

Those Participating Included:

Crowner: Bridget Docken Pillow Bearer: Anya Dopke

Court & Honor Guard:

Braju Bahri, Joseph Baltrinic, Jayden Cruz, Carmello D'Alio, Kaylee Delaney, Alison Doka Humberto Gonzalez-Corral, Samson Haynes, Eleanor Irwin, Thomas Jaynes, Camryn Jones Alexa Krause, Andrew Lawler, John Louis, Nikolas Margilaj, Tia Natzke, AnaMaria North Claire O'Brien, Charles Propson, Juraj Prusak, Gilberto Rodriguez, Arianne Seno Maximillian Stanczak, Aiden Stec, Benjamin Varchetti, and Sara Yousif

Children of Mary:

Grace Avery, Josie Bailey, Giuliana Candela, Matthew Dailey, Jacob Fuller William Fuller, Sophia Kandiah, Foster Kramer, Lukas Kovac, Vincent Locicero Teresa Long, Mary Louis, Alex Margilaj, Johnny Opatik, and Gabriella Perera

May Crowning Essay - Crowner

Bridget Docken

I would like to crown the Blessed Mother at the May Crowning because Mary is such an important part of our Catholic faith. By her saying "yes" to becoming the mother of God, Jesus was able to come into the world and free us from our sins. What makes Mary so special and honored above all the other saints, is that she lived a life of perfect love and obedience to God. The Scriptures even say in Luke 1:48, "...For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed." She suffered temptations just as we do, but was able to overcome them through her love and devotion to God. She suffered so much in her life, knowing the burden her Son would have to carry, and although she did not want to see her Son suffer the way he did, she allowed God's will to be done.

I greatly look up to Mary. She is the perfect example of how we should live our lives. Over this past year I have grown much closer to Mary, learning more about her life and love for us, her children. It would be such a privilege to be able to crown Mary, and honor her in this way.

May Crowning Essay - Pillow Bearer

Anya Dopke

I would like to crown the Blessed Mother at the May Crowning because when I was little, I would always come to the May Crowning and wonder why the girls are standing in the line and the one girl was crowning Mary, but as I grew older, I finally realized what it meant and what they were doing. You see, when I was little and I was at that Mass not really understanding what was going on I still thought to myself that I want to put the crown on her head. I've always looked up to Mary because knowing her story and watching the movies dedicated or about her always inspired me to look up to her and pray. I would love to crown her at the May Crowning because I have always wanted to do it and she's always inspired me so this would be a great opportunity for me or whoever gets picked.

