

Pentecost Sunday
Sunday, June 5, 2022



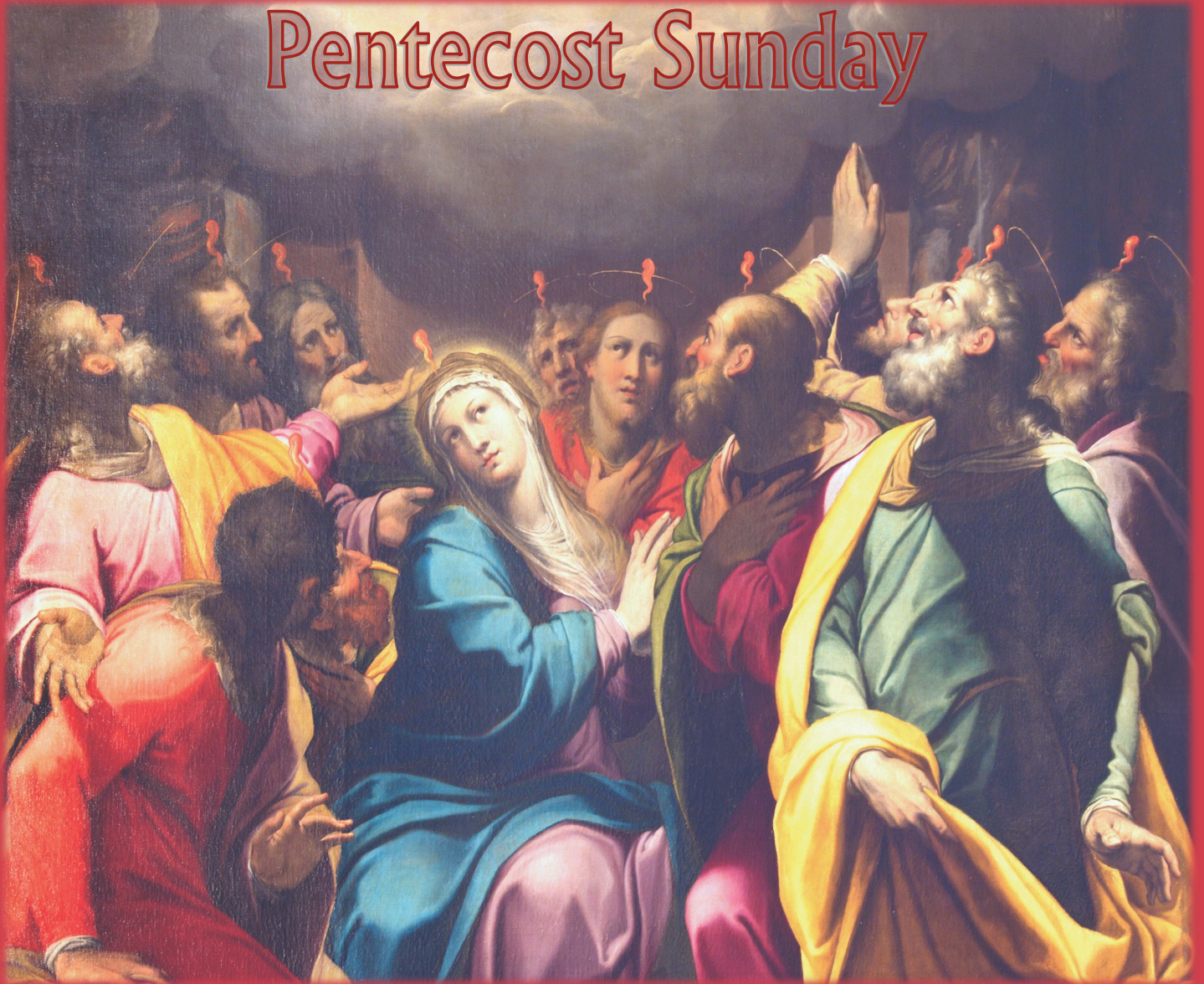
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A Personal Parish Established To Serve The Slovak Catholic Community In The Archdiocese Of Detroit

Pentecost Sunday



Jesus breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

- Jn 20:22-23

MASS Intentions

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June 4, First Saturday - Prva Sobota

9:00AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ Biz Laconi (B'Day)
❖ For the Intentions of the Rosary Society
**** NO 5:30 PM VIGIL HOLY MASS ****
7:00PM *** Vespers & Pentecost Vigil Holy Mass
For Maria Laconi ❖ †Mary & †Greg Manning & Family
❖ †Roland & †Gary Gasparski req. Barbara Gasparski
❖ †Natale Mangano req. Family ❖ †Marlene Acervo
❖ †Dorothy Binienda req. Daughter Vivian
❖ †Louis Allawerdi req. Zinnah Hanna

June 5, Pentecost Sunday- Nedela

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23
7:30AM For Nagham & Monir Korkis ❖ For Kola Peter Gojcay
❖ †Patrick Harding ❖ †Debbie Drabant
❖ †Charmaine Morad Daniel req. Sorisho Family
❖ †Agatha Mangano req. Family ❖ †John Maciag
9:30AM For the Graduating High School Seniors of 2022
❖ For Donna & Steve Mazurkiewicz (Wed. Ann.)
req. Family ❖ For the Vitale & Monsu Families
❖ For Maria Laconi ❖ †Chally Schanze
❖ †Rafael Drensek ❖ †Louis Allawerdi
❖ †Clemence & Agnes Milkowski req. Daughter
11:30AM (Slovak) For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Millie & †George Rafaidus (Wed. Ann.)
❖ For Mirka Plzak & Family req. Ledford Family
❖ For Regina Simone (94 years old) req. Gloria
❖ For Spindler Family ❖ †Paul & †Joseph Szwarc
❖ †Margaret Ferkovic req. Valerie/Edo/Eduard Schwarz
❖ †Eva Fleck (7th Ann.)
6:00PM (Latin Tridentine)
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
8:30PM For Sam & Amy Shamoon & Family
❖ For Rosemary & Simon Shadda req. Family
❖ For Brandon & Samantha Mansoor & Family
❖ For Margaret Shamoon req. Family
❖ For Lamei & Wassen Salmo
❖ For Sal & Christine Herfy & Family req. Mom
❖ †Julia Morin req. Michael Smigielski

June 6, Monday - Pondelok

9:00AM For Paul & Trish Brady (Wed. Ann.)
❖ For Mark Louis (B'Day)
❖ †Andrew Lebioda req. Wife
12:00PM For the Champion Sisters
❖ For Matt Drozdowski (B'Day)
❖ For Bernadette Shamoon req. Family

June 7, Tuesday - Utorok

6:00AM For Jeremy Langlois req. Langlois Family
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ For Emilia Rafaidus req. Rafaidus Family
12:00PM For Ed Prus, All Priests & Seminarians
❖ For Paul, Linda & Families ❖ †Gene Kucharek

June 8, Wednesday - Streda

9:00AM (Latin)
For Jon & Lindsay Fayad
❖ For James & Grete Varchetti
❖ †Antonieta Salgada req. Carmen Dubon
12:00PM For Mary Ann Warner
❖ †Helen Schanze
❖ †Luba Korytowsky req. Trathen Family

June 9, Thursday - Štvrtok

6:00AM †Kevin Schanze ❖ †Olga Piatek
❖ †Charles & Isabella Varchetti
12:00PM For Elizabeth Laconi
❖ For Emilia Rafaidus req. Rafaidus Family
❖ †Joan Laabs req. Broski Family
7:00PM For Lily & Family req. Kola Peter Gojcay
❖ †Roger & Lois Farrier, Sr. req. Daughter
❖ †Pilar Lorio req. Carmen Dubon

June 10, Friday- Piatok

6:00AM ❖ †Ed & Natalie Holowchak
❖ †Ardie Schanze ❖ †Anansa Bakko req. Mother
12:00PM For Viktoria Drozdowski (B'Day)
❖ For Living & Deceased Members of Raymond &
Antoinette Families
❖ †Herman Beste req. Family

June 11, Saturday - Sobota

9:00AM *** Anniversary of Dedication Holy Mass
❖ For Fr. Stephen Pullis (Ord. Ann.)
❖ For the Members of O.L. Mother of Mercy Secular
Disclaled Carmelites ❖ For John Hines (B'Day)
❖ †Anansa Bakko req. Mother
❖ †Arthur Schlachter req. Jeanette Eastburn
❖ †William C & †Rita Lantzy req. Family
❖ †Christina Loccrichio req. Lantzy Family
5:30PM For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Markos Family
❖ †Alger Baker ❖ †Tom Wittner
❖ †Philip Shawn Vivio req. Michael & Michele Vivio
❖ †Stanley F. Smigielski req. Rose Pieknik
❖ †David Chupa req. Family

June 12, Most Holy Trinity Sunday- Nedela

Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15
7:30AM In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcay
❖ For Thomas Piatak
❖ For James Mead
❖ For the Mother of Mark Calbus
❖ For Nagham & Monir Korkis
❖ †Anansa Bakko req. Mother
❖ †John Maciag req. Wife
9:30AM Forgotten Souls in Purgatory req. Maria Sinishtaj
❖ For Rosemary & Simon Shadda
❖ For Samantha & Brandon Mansoor
❖ For Sam & Amy Shamoon & Family
❖ Living & Deceased Member of Kalaj Family
req. Maria Sinishtaj
❖ †Rev. Val Rykowski req. Shirley Polakowski
❖ †Louis Allawerdi req. Lisa Nikprelaj
11:30AM (Slovak)
For Fr. Juraj Nuota (Ord. Ann.)
❖ For Emilia Rafaidus req. Rafaidus Family
❖ †Olga Piatek
❖ †Anna Badowski
❖ †Helena Osiewacz
❖ †Jindrich Plzak req. Ledford Family
❖ †Margaret Ferkovic req. Antoinette LoCicero
6:00PM (Latin Tridentine)
For the Shamoon Family
8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners



Pentecost Sunday • June 5, 2022

Jesus Christ, The High Priest

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HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS: 9:00AM & 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**

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



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is here. The CSA collection funds many diocesan-wide projects and services that benefit all parishes and help to spread the faith. Our contribution to the CSA makes a difference in the lives of many people and is also a great way to strengthen the parish finances.

Our goal for 2022 is \$124,037 which is a \$36,097 drop from the 2021 goal. The large decrease in our goal is an excellent opportunity for us to not only meet our goal, but hopefully exceed it. If we are able to exceed the goal anything collected for CSA over and above the \$124,037 will be returned to the parish tax free.

Parishioners should have already received a CSA packet from the Archdiocese of Detroit in the mail. The direct mailing from, and the handling of the majority of payments by, the AOD takes much of the burden of administration off the parish.

If you did not receive a packet in the mail from the Archdiocese you can call (888) 331-8695 or go online to givecsa.org to donate. You can also use the green envelope in the May/June donation envelope packets or simply write a check to "Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA" and drop it in the collection basket.

Thank you for your generosity and support to the CSA
and to Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish! *Fr. Libor*

YEAR OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

(June 4, 2022 - May 28, 2023)

*Heavenly Father, Lord of the Harvest,
call forth vocations to the priesthood
from our archdiocese and families.*

*Jesus, Eternal High Priest,
give us men willing to sacrifice and serve.
Make their hearts after your own Sacred Heart.*

*Holy Spirit, Everlasting Love between Father and Son,
strengthen, inspire, and set men on fire with divine charity.
Grant them the courage to say yes to their vocation.*

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, Mother of priests,
comfort and protect your sons as they discern their call.*

*With Saint Joseph,
may they know your love and companionship
as they deepen their relationship with Jesus.*

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

St. Anne, pray for us.

St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, pray for us.



Anniversary of the Dedication of Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church • Saturday, June 11, 9:00AM

In 1988, Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish moved from Detroit to Sterling Heights. Our present Church building was dedicated the following year on June 11, 1989. Now, 33 years later, we continue to praise and honor the Lord in our expanded House of worship and are forever grateful for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

Come celebrate the 33rd Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church on Saturday, June 11, at the 9:00AM Holy Mass. The liturgy of the Dedication of the Church includes several rites: blessing of the baptismal font and renewal of baptismal promises, blessing of the ambo, anointing of the altar and the walls of the church marked by twelve crosses with candles. Holy chrism is used for this anointing. These twelve candles are lit on the anniversary of the dedication every year.

Please join us in celebrating this special Solemnity on Saturday, June 11, at 9:00AM.

Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations Begins Saturday, June 4

At the Holy Thursday Chrism Mass, Archbishop Allen Vigneron announced that the Archdiocese of Detroit will engage in a Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations beginning on Saturday, June 4 (the Vigil of Pentecost) and concluding on May 28, 2023 (the Solemnity of Pentecost). This Year of Prayer will be a time for everyone in the Archdiocese—priests, deacons, religious and laity—to come to understand and embrace our need to be united in prayer, working toward a culture that fosters and celebrates vocations to the priesthood.

Archbishop Vigneron began this Year of Prayer with a Holy Hour on June 4 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. He invites all the faithful to pray for priestly vocations privately and publicly and for churches to recite the Prayer for Priestly Vocations (on page 3) after the Prayers of the Faithful at Holy Masses.

There are many additional ways to participate in the Year of Prayer through the available resources for men discerning, and for individuals who wish to join in prayer and work towards a culture that encourages young men to answer God's call to the priesthood.

Resources can be found at: <https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/year-of-prayer-for-priestly-vocations/>

Diaconate Vocation Awareness Night • Wednesday, June 8

Sacred Heart Major Seminary will be hosting a Diaconate Vocation Awareness Night for those in the Archdiocese of Detroit who are considering a call to the permanent diaconate. They and their wives are invited to attend the evening on Wednesday, June 8, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary from 7:00PM - 8:30PM. 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 and *Deacon Chris Beltowski* at beltowski.christopher@aod.org. For men who are interested and married: wives are strongly encouraged to attend.

Save the Date!

Slovak Festival

Friday, August 26, 6:00PM-11:00PM

Saturday, August 27, 3:00PM-11:00PM

Sunday, August 28, 12:00PM-8:00PM

CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED:

**INFLATABLES, INSIDE BAR
PUBLICITY, PHOTOGRAPHER**

**If you would like to chair an area, contact:
John Fournier, 248-410-5866**

FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING June 7, 2022— 7:00 PM

The **Parish Slovak Festival** is the largest fundraising event for our parish and it takes many individuals to plan for a successful event. Please join us at our next **Festival Planning Meeting** on **Tuesday, June 7, at 7:00PM**, in the **Overflow Room**.

We would love to have you:

◆ Volunteer for one of the festival areas in need of a chairperson:
Inflatables, Inside Bar, Photographer, Publicity

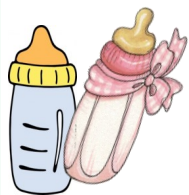
◆ You can simply attend the meeting to get more information about the festival and to hear what's being planned
Volunteering at the festival is a fun way to give back to the parish and to meet and work with fellow parishioners. ALL are welcome to the meeting!

For more information or if you have questions, please contact:

John Fournier, (248) 410-5866

Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Project • Baby Bottle Distribution • Next Weekend, June 11 & 12

After the Masses next weekend on June 11 & 12, volunteers from the Knights of Columbus St Nicholas Council #7011 will be distributing 600 baby bottles to be filled with loose change, currency or checks (made payable to St. Nicholas Council #7011). Your donations will be used to support Mary's Mantle, a Catholic residential program for homeless expectant women. They witness the love of Christ by promoting the dignity of Life.



Mary's Mantle provides a safe, faith-based, and caring environment that supports the transition into motherhood, including extended aftercare for continued personal growth and integration into the community.

Volunteers will collect the baby bottles on the weekend of June 25 & 26.

Thank you for your generous donations and care for these mothers and babies!

Questions, call or email Right-to-Life Chair for Council 7011: *Gino Vitale*, (586) 344-1150, ginovitale333@yahoo.com



HAPPY 46th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION FATHER MICHAEL LENZ, OFM † June 4, 2022

Catholic Biblical School of Michigan Info Night • June 15

Ever wonder about the Biblical roots of our faith? Start a journey through the entire Bible, guided by expert live teachers with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan's new classes starting this September at: St. Isidore, 18201 23 Mile Road, Macomb Twp. (Thursdays, 7:00-9:00PM) or online (any day/time).

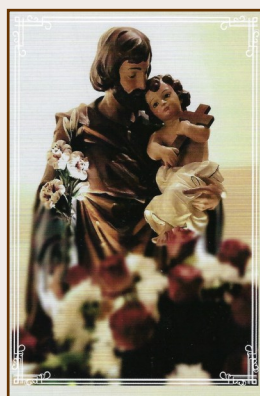
Find out more at the June Open House Info Night, on Wednesday, June 15, at 7:00PM at St. Isidore or Sunday, June 12, at 8:00PM online at cbsmich.org/infonights. Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all with 100% of requests for financial aid granted: cbsmich.org/join or call/text (586) 438-3085

Regina Caeli Academy - www.rcahybrid.org

Regina Caeli is a private, independent, University-Style Hybrid® operating in the Catholic tradition. Preschool - 12th grade students attend classical academic and extracurricular classes two days a week, and homeschool the remaining days following the plans provided by RCA. To learn more: admissions@rcahybrid.org
Regina Caeli Academy is hiring for the 2022-23 academic year! Formal teaching experience is not needed, but a love of the Catholic faith is required! Apply on-line: <https://rcahybrid.isolvedhire.com/jobs/>

Vacation Bible School News • June 20-24

VBS preparations are in full swing and we are still in need of the following items (they can be gently used): *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 borrow flags from many countries (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. The remaining volunteer meetings take place on Wednesdays, June 8 and June 15. The June 15 meeting is mandatory! If you are unable to attend, please contact Mrs. Moe Jones, (586) 219-6678



Father's Day Novena

Father's Day is Sunday, June 19, and our Father's Day Novena will begin on Monday, June 20. Novena Mass cards are available after all Holy Masses on weekends and in the Parish Office on weekdays.

*The Sacrifice of the Mass is the
Most Perfect Gift Anyone can Receive!*

Holy Happy Hour for Young Adult Singles • June 22

Young adult singles join other Catholic young adult singles for Holy Happy Hour on Wednesday, June 22, at 6:30PM, at Old St. Patrick in Ann Arbor. Rosary begins at 6:30PM, Adoration & Benediction from 6:30PM-8:00PM, Confession from 6:45PM-8:00PM and Happy Hour (Location: TBD) begins at 8:15PM.

For more details:

Instagram: @hot_and_holy

Facebook: @HHCYAGroup

Email: hncyagroup@gmail.com

Camp Sancta Maria • Camp for Boys & Camp for Girls

Have your best summer ever at Camp Santa Maria in Gaylord, MI. Sessions run mid-June through mid-August.

Zip Line / Daily Mass / Sports / Swimming / Archery Tag / Ropes Course / Archery / Canoeing / Rock Wall / Horseback Riding!

Visit: campsantamaria.org

A Tribute to Our Lord's Mother • July 23

Join us on Saturday, July 23, in the Fr. Mikus Hall for a retreat honoring Our Lord's Mother. The retreat begins at 10:30AM, following the 9:00AM Holy Mass. All those 16 years of age and older are welcome. This program will feature a light lunch, movie, encouraging words from Deacon Gerald Smigell, stimulating reflections, gifts, and comradery. Registration and cost of this event will be forthcoming.

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 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. číse 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).

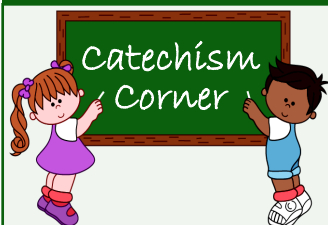
Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícii na adrese [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org).

## Catechism Corner

Our school year officially ended Wednesday, May 11th. Our sincerest gratitude to *Father Libor* for his guidance each and every Wednesday. Thank you to all of the teachers and other volunteers who helped make this a fantastic year; we were blessed to have you. Parents, please remind your children that although we have taken a vacation from catechism class, *we never take a vacation from God*. We recognize that we have wonderful parents in the program and are once again asking for your support. Please take your children to Mass every Sunday, stop by to visit with Jesus on Thursdays for Adoration and say prayers daily with them; they learn by your example.

Eighth Grade Confirmation Students - Please keep in mind that you must complete 12 Service Hours for our Parish during your 8th Grade Confirmation Year. There will be many opportunities to help at the Parish's Slovak Festival August 26-28th so keep an eye out for signup sheets to be posted over the summer. Mr. Schuller and I will be running the Bake Sale at the Festival again this year and will certainly appreciate any help you can give working along side us. We will keep your parents updated by email and they can reach out to us by:

Telephone: (586) 726-2911 or (586) 254-9212 hm, or Email: p\_schuller@yahoo.com or cschuller@saintcyrils.church  
Have a safe and happy summer! *Carroll & Paul Schuller*



### Catechism Registration 2022-2023 School Year

\$50 Per Student with \$150 Family Maximum

\$20 Home School Fee (during Sacrament Years)

#### Religious Education for Grades Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- ◆ Due to limited room availability, only registered parishioners can enroll at this time.
  - ◆ **Kindergartners'** tuition is free and must be age of five by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
  - ◆ Students with **Special Needs** do not have to be registered parishioners.
- ◆ Packets were mailed in April to families enrolled in the 2021-2022 School Year. If you did not receive your packet or were not in the program last year, please go to the parish website and print the catechism registration documents or contact *Paul or Carroll Schuller* at (586) 726-6911. Complete the information requested and mail to:

**Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Office, Attn: Carroll Schuller, 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI, 48314**

- ◆ The ideal method of payment is online through the parish's electronic method of payment, **PushPay**. Please be sure to select the drop down option for Religious Education and include the date, receipt number and authorization code on your registration form in the upper **LEFT-hand corner**. Don't forget to include the medical and media forms with the registration in your envelope.
- ◆ If necessary, tuition may be paid by check (payable to Ss. Cyril & Methodius) and mailed with all registration, media, and medical forms to the church address: Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Office, Attn: Carroll Schuller, 41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI, 48314.

#### Registration Directions:

When completing the forms, keep in mind that you need to **note the grade of your child for the next school year (2022-2023)**.

1. **Print clearly all family information or review all information if your form came preprinted.**
2. **Fill out Media Form and list all your students under Name – example John, Mary & Ann Smith**
3. **Fill out Medical Form in its entirety and if possible include copy of medical card.**

**Please assist us by registering your student no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>, so we can begin securing teachers, books and classrooms.**

**If tuition assistance is needed, please contact Paul or Carroll Schuller at (586) 726-6911 or (586) 254-9212, otherwise payment is expected at time of registration.**

#### Home School Program:

- ◆ **Only those who are home schooled for other academics may home school for religious education.**
- ◆ Home school students looking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2023 (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) and 2024 (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) must enroll at this time. The Confirmation Program is a two-year program. You must be enrolled both years to be eligible.
- ◆ Home school students looking to receive their First Holy Communion in 2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) must be enrolled at this time.

## Wanted: Bikes, All Sizes

**Is that bike your kids have outgrown still taking up space in your garage? Is it in really good condition? Would you consider donating it to St. Dominic's Outreach Center in Detroit? Each summer the Center hosts a Summer Fun Day for children ages 5-12 whose families are receiving assistance with food and other necessities. One of the highlights of the day is a bike raffle, when almost-new bikes, like yours, are the prizes.**

**If you would like to give a child the joy of riding your unused bike, or if you would like to donate a bike lock or a helmet, please call Christian Service Coordinator:**

***Erin Rybicki, at (586) 530-0547***





## *Pentecost and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit ~ by Fr. Chad Partain*

**T**he Easter Season is brought to a close as the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost. We invoke the Holy Spirit and call to mind that marvelous moment when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and the Blessed Mother in the upper room in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit filled the upper room with a mighty wind, which fell upon them like tongues of fire, and in that moment, their minds were enlightened, their hearts were enlarged, and their wills were strengthened so that they might go out and conquer the world for Christ. It is a marvelous moment which is not limited to history. We do not celebrate the Feasts of the Church in the same way we celebrate other anniversaries.

We celebrate the Fourth of July and Memorial Day, and it is a moment of remembrance and recalling to mind that which has occurred in the past. When we celebrate Feasts of the Church, it is not something static. It is not just a memorial or calling to mind of what once was. When we celebrate the Feasts of the Church, it is something dynamic because it is something eternal. As we enter into the celebration of Pentecost, we are not entering into a remembrance, but into the reality of Pentecost. We are able to do that through the Mystery of the Liturgy. When we participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we are not partaking in an event that is limited by time or space. The Holy Mass takes place within time, but it also has the power to transport us outside time. When we enter into the Mystery of the Mass, we enter into the rhythm of the Church's worship, and in doing so, we enter into Eternity. We step outside of time. This is the reason when we celebrate Pentecost, we are able to enter into the Mystery, not as a remembrance of things past, but we are able to enter into the actuality of that moment. We are called to take part in Pentecost.



As we celebrate this marvelous Feast, we need to remember that we are in the upper room with the Blessed Mother and the Apostles, the wind is blowing and tongues of fire are descending. What effect will it have upon us? This is an important question!

How do we know that God is alive and active in our hearts? How do we know that we are sharing in the gifts of the Spirit? How do we know that our relationship with God is alive? St. Paul tells us that there are certain "Fruits" by which we can see the effects of the Spirit in our lives. The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are twelve:

*Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience,  
Goodness, Kindness, Generosity  
Gentleness, Faithfulness, Modesty,  
Chastity, & Self-Control*

Are we modest? Are we chaste? Do we practice Self-control? The Holy Spirit comes to give us courage and fortitude so that we may not be ruled by our passions and desires. This is what we must desire: the life of the Holy Spirit within us. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit will give us the power to become the saints God has created us to be!



### ***Prayer to the Holy Spirit***

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may all be holy.*

*Act in me, O Holy Spirit,  
that my work, too, may be holy.*

*Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,  
that I love but what is holy.*

*Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,  
to defend all that is holy.*

*Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,  
that I always may be holy. Amen.*