



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



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<u> -େ}୍ର</u>

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

@LPi

MASS Intentions

Decembe	er 17, Saturday - Sobota	Decembe	er 22, Thursday - Štvrtok
9:00AM	For Meredith Parker req. Langlois Family	6:00AM	In Thanksgiving req. Lubna Sarraf ❖ For Maria Lulgjuraj
	❖†Jean & Jack Babenko		❖ For Mark Hornbacher req. Family
	❖†Miguela Romero	12:00PM	For a Special Intention For Annette Rudzewicz
5:30PM	For Scott Brady (B'Day) req. Family		❖†Kostika Fushi
	For the Intentions of the Knights of Columbus -	7:00PM	In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
	St. Nicholas Council & their Families		❖†Julie Wojas req Ben & Erin Rybicki ❖†Lillian Morga
	❖ Elizabeth Misko (B'Day) req. husband	Decembe	er 23, Friday - Piatok
	❖ For Sammie Babbie	6:00AM	For Gayle & Mark Hornbacher req. Family
	❖†Kenneth Nowak req. Mom		❖For Maria Lulgjuraj
	❖†Lillian Morgan		❖ For Staff & Students at Bishop Foley High School
_	❖†Julie Lynn Wojas req. Mary Peterson	12:00PM	For Tim & Victoria Roddy and Family
Decembe	er 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent- Nedeľa		❖ For Annette Rudzewicz ❖†Lillian Morgan
	Is 35:1-6a,10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11	Decembe	er 24, Saturday - Sobota
7:30AM	For Clare Cavins req. Langlois Family		*Christmas Eve* *Stedry Den*
	❖For Maria Lulgjuraj	9:00AM	For Maria Lulgjuraj
	❖ For Paul & Carroll Schuller		❖ For Mike & Gemma Pineda req. Jimenez Family
	♦†Anna Eichbauer ♦†Walter Dolmat		❖ †Audrey Bustillo (Ann.) req. Parents
	❖†John Maciag req. Wife	4:00PM	(Christmas Vigil Holy Mass)
	♦†Ralph & Janet Reising req. Miller Family		In Thanksgiving req. Samantha Babbie
9:30AM	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory req. Maria Sinishtaj		❖ For the Drozdowski Famly ❖ For Theresa Cusumano
	❖ For the Intention of the Members of the		❖ For John Agrusa & Family req. Paul & Carroll Schuller
	St. Monica Sodality		❖ For Johnny Dushaj req. Sister & Family
	❖ For the Members of Kalaj Family req Maria Sinishtaj		❖ For Robert & Carolyn & Families
	❖ For the Vitale & Monsu Families		♦†Louis Brady req. Family
	❖ For Sammie Babbie	MIDNIGH'	T For the Intentions of All Parishioners
	♦ †Anna Apazeller	Decembe	er 25, Sunday - Nedeľa
	❖†Louis Allawerdi		*Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord*
11:30AM	(Slovak)		Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
	For the Intentions of All Parishioners	7:30AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:30PM	For Special Intention req. Vickie Babbie	7.50AW	❖ For the Members of the Hanna Family
	❖In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gjocaj		❖ For Younan & Nahla Benamen
	❖For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family		❖†Paolo Persichetti req. Lucio & Yvonne Persichetti
	❖ For the Potemski Family		*†Helene Maciag *†John Maciag
	❖For Dalila Zeya & Family		❖ † Helene Macrag ❖ 130m Macrag ❖ †Adelbert & Mildred Novotny req. Miller Family
	❖For Hollya Asmar & Family	9:30AM	For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
	❖For Nora Jerjosa & Family	9:30AW	For Chester & Margaret Smigielski
Decembe	er 19, Monday - Pondelok		
9:00AM	In Thanksgiving		For Mary Ann Warner (B'Day) req. Lichocki Family
	❖ For William Parker req. Langlois Family		♦ For the Kasneci Family
	❖ For Manushage Vukaj & Family		*†Anna Apazeller req. Ken & Mary Ann Warner
12:00PM	For John Santi (B'Day) req. Marian	11 00 4 1/4	♦†Korkess Sesi ♦†Louis Allawerd
	❖ For Donald Trump	11:30AM	(Slovak) Holy Souls in Purgatory
	❖For Hank Korzeniewski		♦ In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
Decembe	er 20, Tuesday - Utorok		For Maria Lulgjuraj
6:00AM	In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gjocaj		
6:UUAM	♦ For Kaleigh Zabawa req. Langlois Family		❖†Vladimir & Terezia Krizik req. Sobolic Family
	❖ For Kaleigh Zabawa req. Langiois Fainily ❖ † Anthony Rybicki req. Family		❖†Stefan & Anna Sobolic req. Family
12.00pv/r		5:30PM	For the Intentions of All Parishioners
12:00PM	For Mazin		

♦ † Robleto Romero

December 21, Wednesday - Streda

♦†Paul Truchan

♦†Lillian Morgan

For Annette Rudzewicz

(Latin)

9:00AM

12:00PM

❖†Gene Kucharek (12th Ann.)

For Maria Lulgjuraj For Violet Potemski

❖†Vivian Smith & †Mrs. Kasgorgis req. Family





Fourth Sunday of Advent • Sunday, December 18, 2022

Fr. Libor Marek, Priest in Solidum • Imarek@saintcyrils.church
Fr. Juraj Nuota, Priest in Solidum • jnuota@saintcyrils.church
Deacon Phil McCown • wadephil@yahoo.com
Deacon Gerald Smigell • vgsmigell@gmail.com
Parish Office • parishoffice@saintcyrils.church



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19:

MONDAY, December 19, & WEDNESDAY, December 21: 9:00AM & 12:00PM
TUESDAY, December 20, & FRIDAY, December 23: 6:00AM & 12:00PM
THURSDAY, December 22: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM

SATURDAY, December 24: 9:00AM, 4:00PM Christmas Vigil (with Living Nativity) & 12:00AM Midnight Mass SUNDAY, December 25: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak) & 5:30PM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

MONDAY, December 19: Christmas Confessions (with many priests): 10AM - 12PM & 6PM - 9PM No Confessions will be heard December 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31 & January 1, 2 & 3

The regular Confession Schedule will resume Wednesday, January 4, with Confessions heard 1/2 hour before each weekday Holy Mass and on Saturdays from 8:30AM - 9:00AM.

OFFICE HOURS WEEK OF DECEMBER 19 & CHRISTMAS OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Office Hours this week are

Monday & Wednesday from 10AM - 2PM, Tuesday from 11AM - 2PM and Thursday from 11AM - 5PM.

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, December 23, through Monday, January 2, 2023.

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Adoration will not take place on December 22 or 29. Adoration will resume on Thursday, January 5, 2023.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS † Monday, December 19

10:00AM - 12:00PM & 6:00PM - 9:00PM

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR ADULTS

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- Do I give God time every day in prayer?
 Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
- Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult?
 - Do I seek to surrender myself to God's word as taught by the Church?
 - Have I ever received communion in the state of mortal sin?
- Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?
 - Are there other "gods" in my life? Money, Security, Power, People, etc.?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly?
 Have I been angry with God?
- Have I wished evil upon any other person? Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
 - · Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
- Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest?
 Do I do needless work on Sunday?

4. Honor your father and your mother.

- Do I honor and obey my parents? Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
 - Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
- Have I given my family good religious example? Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?

5. You shall not kill.

- Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped anyone to have an abortion?
 Have I physically harmed anyone?
 - Have I abused alcohol or drugs? Have I participated in or approved of euthanasia?
 - Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading him or her into sin?
 - Have I been angry or resentful?
 Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
 - Have I mutilated myself through any form of sterilization? Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?
 - Have I engaged, in any way, in sins against human life such as artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
 - Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?
- Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control in my marriage?
- Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?
- Have I been guilty of masturbation?
 Do I seek to control my thoughts and imaginations?
- Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as mere objects?
 Have I been quilty of any homosexual activity?
 - Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, actions? Am I careful to dress modestly?

7. You shall not steal.

- Have I stolen what is not mine? Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
- Do I waste time at work, school, and home? Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
 - Do I pay my debts promptly? Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?
 - · Have I cheated anyone out of what is justly theirs, for example creditors, insurance companies, big corporations?

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- Have I lied? Have I gossiped?
 Do I speak badly of others behind their back?
- Am I sincere in my dealings with others? Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential? Have I injured the reputation of others by slanders?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

- Have I consented to impure thoughts?
 Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, television, conversation or curiosity?
 Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?
 - · Have I behaved in an inappropriate way with members of the opposite sex: flirting, being superficial, etc.?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

- Am I jealous of what other people have? Do I envy the families or possessions of others?
 - Am I greedy or selfish? Are material possessions the purpose of my life? National Catholic Register

PREPARE FOR A GOOD CONFESSION

Additional Guides for a Good Confession can be found at: www.saintcyrils.church for:

Younger Children: https://saintcyrils.church/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Guide-for-a-Good-Confession-for-Children.pdf Older Children: https://saintcyrils.church/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Guide-for-Confession-for-Children.pdf

Adults: https://saintcyrils.church/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Guide-for-a-Good-Confession-2018-Adult.pdf

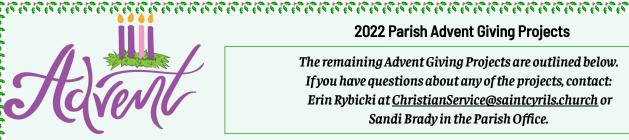
PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION

O most merciful God! Prostrate at your feet, I implore your forgiveness. I sincerely desire to leave all my evil ways and to confess my sins with all sincerity to you and to your priest. I am a sinner, have mercy on me, O Lord. Give me a lively faith and a firm hope in the Passion of my Redeemer. Give me, for your mercy's sake a sorrow for having offended so good a God. Mary, my mother, refuge of sinners, pray for me that I may make a good confession. Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.





2022 Parish Advent Giving Projects

The remaining Advent Giving Projects are outlined below. If you have questions about any of the projects, contact: Erin Rybicki at ChristianService@saintcyrils.church or Sandi Brady in the Parish Office.

Christian Service Fund: Donations made to the parish Christian Service Fund during advent will be divided between Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Centers and (Slovak Parish in Chicago). You can contribute to this fund online using PushPay or place a check made payable to Ss. Cyril and Methodius in a white Advent Giving envelope and put it in the collection basket by December 25, 2022.

- Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Centers: Now that abortion is unrestricted and unregulated in our state, now more than ever, women facing unplanned pregnancies must know there is a better choice. Crisis pregnancy centers partner with women to help them move from crisis to the confidence to care for their babies. Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center ministers to women at three centers in Detroit and one in Madison Heights. Our donation will help Image of God meet essential costs, such as rent, utilities, and a social media presence, so all four centers can continue caring for women and babies in 2023.
- Slovak Mission in Chicago: Did you know that Chicago is the new home to a small and thriving community of families that have recently moved from Slovakia to the United States? Much like our parish 100 years ago, they have a pastor from Slovakia, so Mass, the sacraments, and Christian formation are all available to them in their familiar Slovak language. Through their "Slovak School" they work diligently to hand on their language, faith and culture to their children. Also like St. Cyril's in its early years, the community hopes to find a church building of their own. This Christmas, we can show our solidarity with this "sister" community with a donation to their building fund.

Kahama Diocese Church and School Construction Projects: The Diocese of Kahama, where our sister parish is located, has recently welcomed its newly-consecrated bishop, Christopher Nkoronko (see page 3). As Bishop Nkoronko begins his tenure, he plans first to wrap up some of the building projects that Bishop Minde initiated. Among them are the completion of the roof of Ss. Simon and Jude Thaddeus Church in Busoko and the addition to Ss. Cyril and Methodius Primary School in Kagongwa. You can contribute to the Kahama diocese building fund online using PushPay or place a check made payable to Ss. Cyril and Methodius in a blue Advent Giving envelope and put it in the collection basket by December 25, 2022. This international donation is not tax-deductible, per the IRS.



Christmas Novena Begins December 26

Christmas Novena Holy Mass cards are now available (in Slovak & English) in the:

- Parish Office on weekdays or
- after weekend Holy Masses on weekends or
- on our website: www.saintcyrils.church

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

'Today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of Life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; Life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all." (-St. Leo the Great)

+ + +



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.

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.

Catechism Corner Class Schedule Wednesday, December 21:

NO CLASS (Have a Blessed Christmas!)

Wednesday, December 28:

NO CLASS (Have a Joyful New Year!)

Wednesday, January 4:

Class for All

As always, if you have any questions, please contact: Paul & Carroll Schuller, (586) 726-6911, ext. 112, or P_schuller@yahoo.com or cschuller@saintcyrils.church

Church Cleaning Day Juesday, December 20 Sparkle & Shine

Help is needed to make our church beautiful & "sparkle & shine" for the Nativity of Our Lord. If you are available to help clean the church this Tuesday, December 20, after the 12:00PM Holy Mass, please sign up on the form in the vestibule or just come and help! Thank you!

"Many hands make light work!"

Life Teen High School 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. We welcome new teens to join us in the coming year!

To be added to the email list, please contact: *Alexandria Collins*, (586) 641-7672 or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

EDGE Middle School Ministry

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 questions, please contact: Alexandria Collins at edge@saintcyrils.church or (586) 641-7672

Christmas Basilicas Pilgrimage • December 28-29

On Wednesday to Thursday, December 28-29, for two days & one night, you are welcome to join Prayer Pilgrimages as we plan to tour/visit New York's Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica; Our Lady of Fatima National Shrine & Basilica with Festival of Lights & over three hundred Nativity Displays; London, Ontario's St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica. Daily Holy Mass with Fr. Marcel Portelli, pilgrimage chaplain. Overnight stay at Super 8 in Niagara Falls with optional free time to see the Falls. Michigan deluxe motorcoach pickup/returns from Sterling Heights, Detroit, Saginaw, & Gladwin. Price per person is \$275 (single), \$235 (double), \$225 (triple), \$215 (quad). To reserve and/or more information: Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005 and/or visit:

https://prayerpilgrimages.com

CSA Update

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to CSA.

Thanks to your generosity we are at \$92,371 or 74% of our \$124,037 goal already being pledged. Your CSA contributions are greatly appreciated since CSA contributions are the most beneficial way to donate to the Parish.

If you have not contributed to CSA yet, but would like to you can return the pledge card that was mailed by the Archdiocese to all registered parishioners, use one of the blank pledge sheets found in the vestibule by the bulletin board, go to givecsa.org and select our parish or call (888) 331-8695. If you are not comfortable with those methods you can also write a check to "Archdiocese of Detroit - CSA" and drop it in the collection basket.

Thank you again for your generosity!







- Our Lady of Czestochowa
 - ♦ Ss. Cyril & Methodius
- St. Jane Frances de Chantal
 - ♦ St. Rene Goupil

It's a Family Affair! Commissioning Mass & Social Thursday, January 12

Everyone is invited to celebrate with members of each of our Families of Parishes at a special Commissioning Holy Mass, celebrated by Bishop Robert Fisher on Thursday, January 12, at 12:00PM at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish.

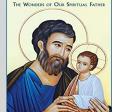
This special Holy Mass is an opportunity for members of all of our Families of Parishes to come together and formally witness as each priest takes his Oath of Fidelity during Mass, followed by a meet and greet with the Bishop, the priests and fellow attendees at a Social in the Fr. Mikus Hall after Holy Mass.

Mark your calendar so that you can attend this special event as our parish communities come together to pray and socialize as a family and as we celebrate as one.

Consecration to Jesus thru Mary & Consecration to St. Joseph

Prep Begins: Thursday, December 22

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER



(Private) Consecration Date: January 23 (Performed Privately)

Mary is our spiritual mother, and St. Joseph is our spiritual father. The spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph is extremely important for our spiritual growth. Everything we 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

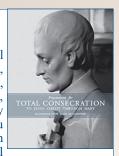
to St. Joseph emulates the tried-and-true preparation method employed by St. Louis de Montfort in his Marian consecration, highlighting many of St. Joseph's titles, privileges, and heroic virtues. The program of preparation and consecration takes 33 days. You'll spend about 20-30 minutes a day on a short 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. A limited number of books are available in the Parish Office for \$15.

Prep Begins: Saturday, December 31

Consecration Date:

Presentation of the Lord • February 2

The next 33-day preparation for the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, St. Louis de Montfort, begins on Saturday, December 31, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on February 2, the Presentation of the Lord. Once you make the consecration, it is for life. It can then be renewed annually. This is a formal



consecration to Our Lady, like a vow. 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 and that she may use you as a holy instrument in her battle with Satan. 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. "Preparation for Total Consecration" books are available in the Parish Office for \$10.

Questions about making your Total Consecration, or to register to make (or renew) your Total Consecration, please contact: the Parish Office: (586) 726-6911



Women and Families in Need

Abortion is now legal in Michigan at an unprecedented level and the Archdiocese of Detroit is committed to accompanying women and families in need, with greater resolve than ever. In the AOD, we do this largely through Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, our charitable arm, and through the Archdiocese's Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship Department. In particular, *Walking with Moms in Need* (WWMIN) is a ministry to help parishioners identify and create local resources that provide assistance to pregnant and parenting moms in need, and Project Rachel is an important ministry for individuals who have been harmed by abortion. For more information and to get involved in these ministries, visit: aod.org/walking-with-moms-in-need and evangelicalcharity.org.