

Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 2, 2023



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“ **B**lessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”
- Mt 21:9

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MASS Intentions

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April 1, First Saturday - Prva Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Rosary Society
❖ For Alia Korkis ❖ For Rita MacDonald
❖ †David Chupa

- 5:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

April 2, Palm Sunday - Kvetná Nedela

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

- 7:30AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Ibtisam Gill
❖ For Lourdes ❖ For the Brown & Keil Families
❖ For Hannah Mills
❖ For Kathleen Wilson & Family
❖ †Ron Cox
❖ †Teddy Kochan
- 9:30AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For the Louis Family
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ For Cathy Bye & Family
❖ For Debra Konowalski & Family
❖ For Danielle M. Brown & Family
❖ †Joyce Saradziaski req. Curell Family
- 11:30AM (Slovak)
For Jaroslav Cibik req. Krajcovic family
❖ †Ray Long req. Touch of Mary Prayer Group
❖ †Vladimir & Terezia Krizik req. Sobolic Family
❖ †Stefan & Anna Sobolic req. Family
❖ †Miroslav Kollar req. Mary Jacko
❖ †Mary Douglas req. Ann Venglar
- 8:30PM For Hollya & Emmanuel Asmar
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Eli Mansoor
❖ For Samantha Babbie
❖ For Stanczak Family
❖ For Zena Kalla
❖ For Tony Arapaj req. Mom

April 3, Monday - Pondelok

Monday of Holy Week

- 9:00AM For Therese Stout req. Connell Family
❖ For Dr. H. Talasila req. Tony's Mom
❖ For Jessica Hanna
❖ †Tonja Rochelle Johnson req. Nash Brown Family
- 12:00PM For Eman Louis & Family
❖ †Roger & Lois Farrier req. Daughter
❖ †Christopher Palushaj req. Family
❖ †Iluminada I & Petronilo Figueroa req. Family

April 4, Tuesday - Utorok

Tuesday of Holy Week

- 6:00AM For Hana Frances
❖ For All Prisoners
❖ †Paul & Joseph Szwarc
❖ †N.F. Varghese
- 12:00PM For Lawrence MacDonald
❖ For Lourdes ❖ For Lina Toma
❖ †Members of the Family of
Maria & Constantino Quiboloy

April 5, Wednesday - Streda

Wednesday of Holy Week

(Latin)

- 9:00AM For Fernan Siwa & Family req. Jun Siwa
❖ †Andrew Ventimiglia
❖ †Ron Cox
- 11:30AM *Stations of the Cross
- 12:00PM For Amelia req. Meme & Papa
❖ For Hayleen Okana (11th B'Day) req. Mom
❖ For Alicia Lavisky (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Mary Richards

April 6, Holy Thursday - Zelený Štvrtok

NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

- 7:00PM *Mass of the Lord's Supper*
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
Church and Chapel Open for Prayer:
After Holy Mass until Midnight

April 7, Good Friday - Veľký Piatok

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

- 2:00PM *Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 3:00PM *Liturgy of Good Friday
- 7:00 PM *Stations of the Cross
Church & Tomb in Chapel Open for Prayer:
After Good Friday Liturgy until Midnight

April 8, Holy Saturday - Biela Sobota

NO CONFESSIONS TODAY

- Church & Tomb in Chapel Open for Prayer:
8:00AM– 8:00PM
- 8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
**Blessing of Easter Baskets : After Easter Vigil Holy Mass*

April 9, Easter Sunday - Veľkonočná Nedela

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20,1-9

*Blessing of Easter Baskets

After 7:30AM, 9:30AM, & 11:30AM Holy Masses

- 7:30AM For the Louis Family
❖ For Marjorie Bellows
❖ For Leo Soave
❖ For Jennifer & Christopher Bellows
❖ †John Maciag req. Wife ❖ †Helene Maciag
❖ †Ray Long & Family
- 9:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 11:30AM (Slovak)
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For Regina Simone (94th B'Day)
❖ †Bernard Ivin req. Ivin Family
- *12:30PM: *Traditional Rite of Resurrection with
Eucharistic Procession to the Slovak Cross after Holy Mass
- 8:30PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For the Hanna Family
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ For Dalila Zeya & Family
❖ †Katrina, Aggoubi & Jimmy Salmo
❖ †Paolo Persichetti req. Lucio & Yvonne Persichetti
❖ †Aln Ishoo Khoshaba

Welcome

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Jesus Christ, The High Priest

Fr. Libor Marek, Priest in Solidum • Imarek@saintcyrils.church

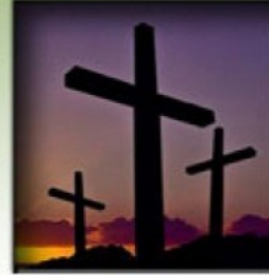
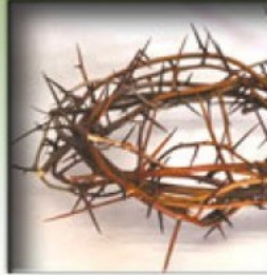
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Holy Week Schedule



HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Big Easter Confession Day:

Monday, April 3: 10:00AM - 12:00PM & 6:00PM - 9:00PM

NO Confessions will be heard on:

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday or Easter Tuesday

Regular Confession Schedule will resume on Easter Wednesday, April 12

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday, April 6:

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM

Chapel & Church Open for Prayer on Holy Thursday until Midnight

Good Friday, April 7:

Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2:00PM

Liturgy of Good Friday at 3:00PM

Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM

Church & Tomb in Chapel - Open for Prayer on Good Friday until Midnight

Blessing of the Easter Baskets (after the following Holy Masses):

Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday, April 8, 8:30PM & Easter Sunday, April 9, 7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM

Holy Saturday, April 8:

Easter Vigil Holy Mass: 8:30PM

Church & Tomb in Chapel - Open for Prayer on Holy Saturday from 8:00AM - 8:00PM

Easter Sunday, April 9:

Holy Masses: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak), & 8:30PM

Note: Traditional Rite of Resurrection with Eucharistic Procession to the Outdoor Cross at 12:30PM on Easter Sunday

ADDITIONAL HOLY WEEK EVENTS:

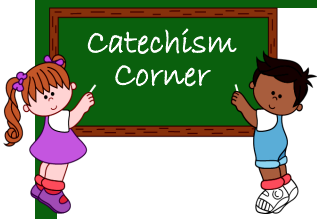
CHURCH CLEANING (in preparation for the Easter Triduum): Tuesday, April 4, after 12:00PM Holy Mass

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, April 4, 11:00AM - 5:00PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Wednesday, April 5, at 11:30AM & Friday, April 7, at 7:00PM

OFFICE CLOSED:

Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Week! Office Reopens on Monday, April 17



Catechism Corner Class Schedule

Catechism Calendar:

April 5: No Class (Holy Week)

April 12: No Class (Easter Week)

Wednesday, April 19, 6:15PM - 7:30PM: Class for All & Benediction

April 26, 6:15PM - 7:30PM:

Class for All and May Crowning Rehearsal for 8th Grade Confirmation Students

Friday, April 28, 6:00PM: First Confession & First Holy Communion Rehearsal

Saturday, April 29, 1:00PM: First Holy Communion

Sunday, April 30, 10:00AM: May Crowning Holy Mass

Wednesday, May 3, 6:15PM - 7:30PM: Class for All & Rehearsal & Confession for Confirmation

Saturday, May 6, 5:30PM: Confirmation Holy Mass with Bishop Robert Fisher

Wednesday, May 10, 6:15PM - 7:30PM: Class for All (Last Class)

Questions, please contact: *Carroll Schuller*, (586) 726-6911, cschuller@saintcyrils.church or

Paul Schuller, (586) 254-9212, p_schuller@yahoo.com

Blood Drive • Tuesday, April 4

Our Blood Drive is this **Tuesday, April 12, from 1:00PM—6:45PM.**

Consider:

I Gave my Blood, Christ Gave His.

I Gave a Pint, He Gave All.

The Needle is Sharp and Small,

The Nails were Large and Blunt.

The Bed is Soft and Restful,

The Cross was Rough and Painful.

The Nurses are Kind and Gentle,

The Soldiers were Cruel and Tough.

Humanity Applauds my Sacrifice,

The Crowds He Passed Reviled Him.

My Blood is O Positive,

His is Positively for All.

Mine will Prolong Life for Awhile,

His Will Save Forever!

Please sign up today. The Red Cross' blood supply is critically low.

www.redcross.org/give.html/find-drive OR 1-800-RED-CROSS

Lenten Challenge

Have you finished your Lenten Challenge worksheet? If you have not yet finished, there is still time. It's not too late!

Once your worksheet is complete, drop it in the drum in the vestibule or drop it off in the Parish Office. Each entry will be included in a Raffle that will take place after Easter.

Vacation Bible School • June 19—23

Vacation Bible School (VBS) - Get onboard Cat.Chat Airlines and take off on a Radical Ride around the world with Amazing Angels and Super Saints. Buckle up as you prepare to soar through awesome lessons about prayer and how to put it into action. Please consider volunteering. Adults needed; the planning and registration process will begin after Easter.

Questions, please contact: *Michelle Jones*, (586)219-6678

Life Teen High School Ministry & EDGE Middle School Ministry

All high school teens are welcome to Life Teen any time during the year. Middle school teens (6th, 7th and 8th grade) are welcome to EDGE Nights. Life Nights will resume on Monday, April 17, from 6:45PM - 8:45PM and EDGE Nights will resume on Thursday, April 20, from 7:00PM - 8:45PM.

To be added to the email list or questions about Life Teen or EDGE:

Alexandria Collins, (586) 641-7672 or

lifeteen@saintcyrils.church or edge@saintcyrils.church

Church Cleaning for Easter • Tuesday, April 4

Help is needed to make our church beautiful for Easter Sunday. If you are available to help clean the church on Tuesday, April 4, after the 12:00PM Holy Mass, please sign up on the form in the vestibule or contact the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911. *Thank you!*



Catholic Young Adult Speed Dating (with a twist!)

The next Young Catholic Adult activity takes place at St. Irenaeus, 711 Old Perch Road, Rochester Hills, on Friday, April 21. Doors open at 6:00PM. Register Via TicketSpice by Wednesday, April 19. April Speed Dating (ticketspice.com). \$10+ cover online. Appetizers + Drinks (beer/wine) Provided. Post-social: TBA

Questions? Contact hhcyagroup@gmail.com

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

Easter Novena Mass Cards

Our Easter Novena begins on Easter Monday, April 10. Novena Mass Cards are for living or deceased relatives and friends and are available in English and in Slovak.

(Suggested Donation: \$10 each)

Novena Holy Mass Cards are available on weekdays in the Parish Office and after Holy Masses on weekends.

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



EASTER CONFESSIONS † THIS Monday, April 3

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 guilty 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?

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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.

2023 – Parish Lenten Projects

BABY BOTTLE RETURN

THIS WEEKEND

APRIL 1-2

Baby Bottle/Change Collection for Mary's Mantle: Members of the Knights of Columbus are collecting filled baby bottles this weekend, April 1-2. The proceeds will be donated to Mary's Mantle, a Catholic residence for homeless expectant women. (Checks for the baby bottle project should be made payable to: "St. Nicholas Council 7011".

Monetary Donations to Parish Christian Service Fund: Help local organizations serve local people in need with a monetary gift. Donations made to the parish Christian Service fund during lent will be divided between: **Gianna House**, a local residence for pregnant teens & **St. Vincent de Paul Camp Ozanam Camper Scholarships**, summer camp for children whose families are struggling. **Make a donation to the Christian Service fund online using PushPay or place your cash donation or check made payable to Ss. Cyril & Methodius in a white Lenten offering envelope** and put it in the Sunday collection basket by Easter Sunday, April 9. If you prefer, you can **give directly to Gianna House** at giannahouse.org or mail a check to: Gianna House, 21357 Redmond Ave., Eastpointe, MI 48021 or **give directly to St. Vincent de Paul** at stvdetroit.org or mail a check (memo: camp) to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul Detroit, 3000 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, MI 48207.

International Project: Slovakia Helps Ukraine: Help students at Slovakia's Catholic University help Ukrainian refugees in Ruzomberok, a city in south central Slovakia. The refugees are having difficulty finding jobs and supporting themselves. Many experienced trauma at home and now must adapt to a new culture and language. In the past year, the students have assisted 200 families with food, humanitarian aid and many activities to help them adjust. Lenten donations from our parish will go toward providing a community-building family fun day for Ukrainian and Slovak families, as well as assisting mothers with children, seniors, and the disabled; assisting those who are struggling to find work; and providing a community-building family fun day for Ukrainian and Slovak families. You may make a direct contribution by scanning the QR code on the right.



Please remember to include in your Lenten prayers all the people who will be assisted by our donations as well as the staff and volunteers of the ministries caring for them.

PLENARY INDULGENCE on DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY • Begin Novena • Good Friday, April 7

All Holy Masses on Sunday, April 16, are Divine Mercy Masses.
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited after each Holy Mass.

HOW SHOULD WE PREPARE FOR THIS GREAT FEAST of MERCY?

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened". (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy - the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699). To observe this feast, we should commence a Novena to the Divine Mercy on Good Friday. The Novena includes special intentions for each day and is concluded with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Thus, to fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should ...

- Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter
- Come to Jesus with a humble and contrite heart, repenting of all your sins. Go to confession (with a priest) 20 days before or after the feast, as approved by the Church.
- Receive Holy Communion on the Day of the Feast of Divine Mercy. (D 1072)
- Venerate the image of Divine Mercy on the Feast of Divine Mercy. (Diary 47, 48 & 49)
- Be merciful as God is merciful. Practice works of Mercy, physically by helping others or spiritually by your prayers of intercession.
- Be open to receive a Plenary Indulgence as Jesus promised: that of forgiveness of all sin and punishment; which is available to you on the Feast of Divine Mercy. (D 699). In simple terms this means that if we go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, we can obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and their due punishment. This means we would go straight to Heaven!
- To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents — in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.

In His revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Jesus made mention of His desires concerning the Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) on 14 different occasions. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in entry 699 of the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.



FREE MOVIE: Friday, April 14, 1:00PM & 7:00PM

PRAY

THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON

SEE THE FILM PARISH SCREENING EVENT

You'll be inspired and want to join the PRAY TOGETHER NOW Campaign and pledge to pray daily with your family and those you love most! See how family prayer can draw you and your family closer to God.



Family Theater Productions creates family and faith-based media that inspires, entertains and educates.

"The family that prays together stays together."

– Venerable Patrick Peyton

Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH
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Friday, April 14, 1:00PM & 7:00PM
FREE MOVIE EVENT

The inspiring true story of a poor Irish immigrant who sets sail for America in 1928 with dreams of becoming a millionaire but, with the help of the most iconic celebrities of Hollywood, ends up spending his life championing the message, "The family that prays together stays together."

To watch the trailer:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGeG0meSX3E>

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