Second Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 5, 2023



SAINTS CYRIL AND FARNOSŤ SVÄTÝCH METHODIUS PARISH CYRILA A METODA

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



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."

- Mt 17:5b

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March 4, First Saturday - Prva Sobota		12:00PM	For Jessica Hanna (B'Day)
Memorial of Saint Casmir			For Amanda AhHee (B'Day) req. Parents
9:00AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory		 For Vickie & Samantha Babbie Coorga Miaskai rag, Family
	For the Intentions of the Rosary Society	March 0 7	♦ + George Micakaj req. Family
	♦ †Louis Allawerdi	March 9, Thursday - Štvrtok	
5:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners			of Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
March 5.	Sunday - Nedeľa	6:00AM	For Jagoda Agustin * For Lourdes
Second Sunday of Lent			For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family
occondo	Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9	12:00PM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:30AM	For the Casillo Family		For Brandon & Samantha Mansoor & Family
7.504101	♦ †John Maciag req. Wife		♦ †Julio Isip req. Family ♦ †George Micakaj req. Family For the Usic Council with large rays Group days 6 Group days
	 ◆ †Donald Clark req. Mike MacDonald 	7:00PM	For the Haio Grandchildren req. Grandma & Grandpa
	✤ † Joanna Ballaccomo req. Mike MacDonald		 ◆For Anton req. Vicki ◆For Farrier Children req. Mom ◆†Bob Lasky
	*†Ray Long *†Lek Arapaj *†Age Arapaj	March 10	-
9:30AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG		Friday - Piatok
	For the Intentions of the Knights of Columbus -	6:00AM	For Lourdes For Carl & Alyssia Varchetti & Family
	St. Nicholas Council & Families	12.0001	♦ † George Micakaj req. Family For Sarah Hanna (B'Day)
	✤For the Louis Family	12:00PM	♦ TFr. Constantine, OSBM
	For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family		♦ TFI. Constantine, OSBM ♦ TChester Rudzewicz
	For Jackie Carmona req. Knauss Family		 Tohester Rudzewicz †Johnny Mapile req. Family
	For Bachi & Jerjosa Families	Marah 11	Saturday - Sobota
	🛠 🕇 George Micakaj req. Family	9:00AM	For the Members of O.L. Mother of Mercy Secular Dis-
11:30AM	(Slovak) 🔅 For Simon Kopil	9:00AM	calced Carmelites
	❖ For Zacharias Kopil		 For Opal Timmerman (B'Day)
	❖For Iveta Hirjakova		 ✤ For Martin Szollosi
	For Donna Zanner For Denise Zanner		 Tor Martin Szonosi †George Micakaj req. Family
	♦ † Rachel Petrelli	5:30PM	For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
	♦ † Mary Douglas req. Ann Venglar	0.001 11	✤ For Lisa req. Family
8:30PM	For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family		♦ For Lucio Persichetti
	For Mary Ann Wilkins For Eli Mansoor		♦ +Ben Bieszki
	For Rachel req. Grandma & Grandpa		†Mary Douglas req. Roxanne & Brittany Casper
	For Lucia Okana (4th B'Day) req. Mom		♦ † Mary Ackerman ♦ † Benita Pablo
	For Sami & Lamia Herfy & Family	March 12,	Sunday - Nedeľa
March	*†Mark Galicia	Third Sun	day of Lent
March 6, Monday - Pondelok			Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42
9:00AM	For Therese Stout req. Connell Family	7:30AM	For the Intentions of All Parishioners
	For Lourdes For Paul Varchetti & Family	9:30AM	For Liliana & Family req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
12:00PM	For Sam & Amy Shamoon		♦ † Donald Clark req. Mike MacDonald
	For Stephanie & Daniel Weil req. Family		*†Ray Long req. Hasenauer Family
	George Micakaj req. Family		🛠†Joanna Ballaccomo req. Mike MacDonald
	✤† Lou, Michael, John Roy		♦ †George Micakaj req. Family
March 7, Tuesday - Utorok			♦ †Gregoria & Anastacio Isip req. Family
Memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs			†Francesca Russo req. Daughter
6:00AM	For Lourdes �For Mark Varchetti	11:30AM	(Slovak)
	For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family		For the Living & Deceased Members of the First Catholic
	🛠 🕇 Peter & Olga Piatek		Slovak Union, Branch 743
12:00PM	For Eli Mansoor req. Mom		For President Petr Pavel req Mirka Plzak
	♦ † Fr. Constantine, OSBM		*†Marge Robine req. Family
	George Micakaj req. Family	8:30PM	For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
1 -	♦ †Gene Kucharek req. Wife		For Laura & Jeff Herfy Birthdays & Family
March 8,	Wednesday - Streda		◆For Lourdes
	Memorial of Saint John of God, Religious		For James & Greete Varchetti
	(Latin)	STATIO	ONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:
9:00AM	For Martin Dushaj (B'Day)		WEDNESDAYS: 11:30AM
	For Adam D. & Jessie O. req Grandma		
	 ✤ For Lourdes ✤ † Gjoka Dushaj req. Sister 		FRIDAYS: 6:30PM
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Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAYS: 9:00AM & 5:30PM (Vigil) SUNDAYS: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak) & 8:30PM MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 9:00AM & 12:00PM TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 6:00AM & 12:00PM THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM

Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS CONFESSION SCHEDULE

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAY: 8:30AM - 9:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 5:30AM-6:00AM & 11:30AM-12:00PM THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 5:30AM - 6:00AM, 11:30AM - 12:00PM & 6:30PM-7:00PM SATURDAY: 8:30AM - 9:00AM

OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 10:00AM - 2:00PM TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 11:00AM - 2:00PM THURSDAYS: 11:00AM - 5:00PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS: 1:00PM - 7:00PM



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Attention Men: You're invited to join the 2023 Men of Christ Conference: "*Living Your Vocation Courageously*", which will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and livestreamed to parishes across the country. The Conference will have both virtual and live elements for men to engage with. The Men of Christ Conference will feature well-known national catholic speakers, and include great fellowship. When: Saturday, March 11, 2023

Where: Ss. Cyril & Methodious Catholic Church - Fr. Mikus Parish Hall

Time: Doors open at 8:00AM for coffee and a continental breakfast (bagels, donuts & fruit). The Conference will begin at 8:45AM and end at approximately 2:00PM.

Register at <u>MenOfChrist.net</u> or for additional information, please contact: Darren O'Brien at <u>obrienwolfpack@yahoo.com</u> or (586) 737-7216

Catechism Corner Class Schedule <u>March 8, 6:15PM - 7:30PM</u>: Class for All <u>March 15, 6:15PM - 7:30PM</u>: Class for All & Benediction <u>March 22, 6:15PM - 7:30PM</u>: (Circle of Grace Curriculum for All Grades) <u>March 29, 6:15PM - 7:30PM</u>: Class for All & Benediction <u>April 5</u>: No Class (Holy Week) <u>April 12</u>: No Class (Easter Week) If you have any questions, please contact: *Carroll Schuller*, (586) 726-6911, cschuller@saintcyrils.church or *Paul Schuller*, (586) 254-9212, p_schuller@yahoo.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.

Life Teen High School Ministry • OFF THIS WEEK TOPIC ON MARCH 13: "Necessary - A Night Focusing on How Necessary the Sacraments are to Salvation" 6:45PM - 8:45PM in the Fr. Mikus Hall

All high school teens are welcome to Life Teen any time during the year. 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 guided by adult volunteers. Our Life Teen Night's this month will focus on the necessity of sacraments in our lives, how we can relate to one another, the Holy Spirit, apologetics, being open to one another, and being body and soul.

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

EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, March 9 TOPIC: "Cringe Conversations - A Guide on How to Have Spiritual Conversations with Everyone in your Life" 7:00PM - 8:45PM in the Fr. Mikus Hall

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. Our EDGE Nights this month will focus on how to have spiritual conversations, the uniqueness of Catholicism, vocation, why we should look up to Saints, and our identity as sons and daughters.

To be added to the email list or questions about EDGE: *Alexandria Collins*, (586) 641-7672 or edge@saintcyrils.church

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS BLOOD DRIVE TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 11AM - 5PM RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor: stcyril) 1-800-RED-CROSS or 586-726-6911



"Walking with Moms in Need" • Thursday, March 9 Core Team Volunteers Needed • Meetings March 9

Our parish is joining "Walking with Moms in Need," a nationwide initiative. We will undertake a year-long process to walk in the shoes of a pregnant woman in need and prayerfully consider how we can increase our outreach to mothers.

Mothers facing an unexpected or difficult pregnancy may have concerns about a lack of material and financial resources. Fear and anxiety can push women to believe that abortion is their only option. For a pregnant woman in need, the real, tangible support of others, and knowing that she is not alone, can allow her to open her heart to God's plan and choose life.

During the next few months, our Walking with Moms committee will be taking an inventory of the pregnancy resources currently available in our local area, identifying gaps, and planning parish responses to better serve mothers in need.

We need a few volunteers to help us during this research and planning phase. Our next meeting will be held this Thursday, March 9, at 7PM, at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church.

For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates

Joan Moses, (586) 306-7718, joanmoses14@gmail.com, or Betty Abate, (248) 848-0414, babate@saintcyrils.church To learn more about the nationwide initiative, visit:

www.walkingwithmoms.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-inneed and evangelicalcharity.org

Walking with Moms in Need **General Information Session** With Kathleen Wilson Sunday, March 26

If a woman with an unexpected or challenging pregnancy turned to you, would you know what help is available? Could a family or single parent struggling to care for young kids turn to your neighborhood Catholic church and find local assistance?



Kathleen Wilson

Through Walking with Moms in Need, our parishioners can help vulnerable women and families find support in welcoming and caring for their children.

Ss. Cyril & Methodius will host a Walking with Moms In Need -General Information Session on Sunday, March 26, at 1:00PM. The Guest Speaker is Kathleen Wilson, Archdiocese of Detroit Prolife Coordinator and Project Rachel Coordinator. Light refreshments will be offered.

How will the Family of the Good Shepherd participate? Our Walking with Moms in Need committee, with representatives from each of four parishes, Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Our Lady of Czestochowa, St. Jane Frances De Chantal and St. Rene Goupil, are compiling a catalog of available local resources for women who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances. After reviewing the results, the committee will identify ways our parishes can create, strengthen, and promote the local support networks for moms and families in need.

Please attend the March 26 session to hear more about how you can help and please pray for pregnant women, fathers, grandparents and families in need.

For more information,

and to ensure you receive news and updates, please contact: Joan Moses, 586-306-7718, joanmoses14@gmail.com, or Betty Abate, (248) 848-0414, babate@saintcyrils.church.

If you can bring finger-size appetizers and snacks, please send us a text or message.

For a current list of pregnancy resources: https://ccsem.org/mom/



SAVE THE DATE Adult Trivia Game Night Saturday, March 25, 6:00 - 10:00PM

DINNER - CASH BAR - SILENT AUCTION - AGES: 21+ \$40 per Ticket - \$300 for a Team Table of 8 All proceeds benefit Regina Caeli Academy

> **Questions:** Amy at ahastings.det@rcahybrid.org



REMEMBERING HIS SACRIFICE

2023 Parish Lenten Projects

The parish has several opportunities for us to assist others during this season of Lent. Please prayerfully consider joining your almsgiving efforts with your fellow parishioners by participating in one or more of the projects described below.

Baby Bottle/Change Collection for Mary's Mantle: Remember to gather up your loose change around your house or set aside savings from your Lenten sacrifices, and put them in your baby bottle. Members of the Knights of Columbus will be collecting our filled baby bottles on Palm Sunday 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".

Baby Shower for Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Centers: Celebrate Life! at the parish Baby Shower/Fellowship on Sunday, March 26, after the 9:30AM Holy Mass in the Fr. Mikus Hall. Show the moms and babies served by *Image of God CPCs* your love and care for them by helping to shower them with much needed baby items. Bring new baby items to the Parish Hall or drop them off before any Holy Mass from March 24-26. All donations are appreciated, but the most needed items include: *diapers sizes 4 & 5; baby bathtubs; boppy pillows; nursing coverups; diaper bags; baby grooming kits; hooded towels; lotion; baby monitors; potty chairs; crib sheets; snow suits.*

St. Joseph's Table/Non-perishable Food Collection for St. Christine's Christian Services: Join in this venerable Church custom of providing food for the poor on the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Drop off your donation of non-perishable food at one of the church entrances when you come to Holy Mass the weekend of March 17 -19. Fr. Libor will bless our donations on Monday morning and they will be delivered to St. Christine's Christian Services food bank in northwest Detroit. Any *non-perishable food (no glass jars, please)* is appreciated, however, items most needed at this time are: *hearty soups (such as Progresso brand), jelly, pancake mix and syrup, and toilet paper.*

Easter Baskets for Children at St. Dominic's Outreach Center: Each year, St. Dominic's Outreach Center provides the families they assist with everything they need for a special Easter dinner, including an Easter basket for each child. This year they have asked our parish to provide 50 baskets for the children. Each basket should include: *candy, a toy or stuffed animal, and a religious story book, coloring book, or puzzle.* Baskets should be wrapped with cellophane for easy transport to St. Dominic's. We will be collecting the baskets before all Holy Masses March 24-26. If you plan on donating a basket, please sign up on the list near the Lenten Giving Projects poster in the vestibule, email Erin Rybicki at ChristianService@saintcyrils.church or call the Parish Office by March 17.

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:** Disaster struck this local residence for pregnant teens on December 26. Near zero temperatures caused the pipes of the home's fire sprinkler system to burst, causing extensive damage to the entire building and rendering it temporarily uninhabitable. Most of the furnishings are a complete loss, as well as all the baby items that had been donated for the teen moms and for moms in the Gianna House neighborhood. Financial assistance is needed to help Gianna House recover from this catastrophe so they can return to providing a home to teens and support services for neighborhood moms.
- St. Vincent de Paul Camp Ozanam Camper Scholarships: A week at summer camp can be the highlight of the summer and a source of treasured memories, especially for children whose families are struggling. This summer, for the 100th year, St. Vincent de Paul Detroit will be offering five weeklong overnight camp sessions for boys and girls ages 8 to 14 at its Camp Ozanam, on Lake Huron. Daily Mass, prayer and catechesis are built in to the program along with swimming, crafts, sports and other outdoor fun. The campers all live in southeast Michigan, and the majority are from families in financial need. Some are in foster care, or have experienced emotional hardship such as the loss of a parent. All campers attend camp at no cost to their families.

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 to St. Vincent de Paul at stvdpdetroit.org or mail a check (memo: camp) to: Society of St. Vincent de Paul Detroit, 3000 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, MI 48207.

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2023 Parish Lenten Projects (Continued)

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 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. A QR code will soon be available for us to make individual, direct contributions for these initiatives.

Give the Gift of your Time: With our busy schedules, giving our time can truly be a sacrifice; and it is essential for the success of the baby shower, food drive, and the Easter baskets. Bring a friend or gather your family, and make delivering or collecting part of your Lenten sacrifices. Drivers and helping hands to deliver donations are needed on: Monday, March 20, at 10:00AM to deliver food to St. Christine's in northwest Detroit; Monday, March 27, at 2:00PM to deliver baby items to Image of God CPC in Madison Heights; and Tuesday, March 28, at 10:00AM to deliver Easter baskets to St. Dominic's in Detroit. Helpers who can collect the items that are dropped off before Mass and move them to a storage room are also needed before all weekend Holy Masses, including Friday evening, the weekends of March 17-19 and March 24-26. Sign up on the sheets near the Lenten giving poster in the vestibule. Or email Erin Rybicki christianservice@saintcyrils.church or contact the Parish Office at (586) 726-6911.

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.

Join the Ss. Cyril & Methodius LENTEN CHALLENGE

It's not too late to grow in holiness this Lenten Season by uniting with other parishioners in joining our Parish Lenten Challenge. Worksheets are located in the vestibule, with personal challenges and sacrifices, designed to help you to grow in holiness. Whether you choose to complete a challenge alone, or support one another by making it a family challenge, these worksheets are wonderful tools to help spiritually in your Lenten journey.

There are separate worksheets for Adults, Teens and Children. Once your worksheet is complete, drop it off in the Parish Office and you will be included in a Raffle that will take place after Easter.

"While Lent is a solemn season, it is not a somber one. The forty days are not structured to foster morbid gloominess and debilitating self-loathing; they are meant to thrust us into the heart of divine love." -The Little Way of Lent: Meditations in the Spirit of St. Therese of Lisieux)



Easter Novenas

Our Easter Navena will begin on Easter Monday, April 10. Novena Mass cards are for living or deceased relatives and friends and will soon be available in English and in Slavak after Holy Masses on weekends and in the Parish Office on weekdays for \$10 each.

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