

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 19, 2023



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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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MASS Intentions

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March 18, Saturday - Sobota

Memorial of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 9:00AM For Patrick Hines (B'Day)
❖ For Eli Mansoor ❖ For Mark Varchetti
❖ For Linda Addy req. Cathy Bye
- 5:30PM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For Ken Warner (B'Day)
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Douglas Langlois req. Langlois Family
❖ For Lucio Persichetti ❖ For Viktor & Prela
❖ † Ben Bieszki

March 19, Sunday - Nedela

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- 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41
- 7:30AM For the Menard & Daniel Families
❖ For Bushra & Nicholas Yaldo
❖ For Living & Deceased Members of
Romeo & Nellie Families
❖ For Michael Richard Lossia, Jr. (1st B'Day) req.
Grandparents ❖ For Gary, Patrick & Matthew
❖ † Ray Long ❖ † John Maciag req. Wife
- 9:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 11:30AM (Slovak) For a Special Intention
❖ For Simon Jozef Kopil req. Godparents
❖ For Steven Piskorowski req. RCIA Class
❖ † Ray Long
❖ † Mary Douglas req. Hildegard Ivin & Daniela Grisak
- 8:30PM For Josephine Moradian (B'Day)
❖ For Marissa & Family ❖ For Amy & Sam
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ For Tony Robins
❖ † Donald Clark req. Mike MacDonald
❖ † Juanita Garcia

March 20, Monday - Pondelok

Solemnity of Saint Joseph,

Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00AM For Sam & Amy & Family
❖ For Yelda & Napoleon
❖ For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family
❖ † Germaine Evelyn
- 12:00PM For a Special Intention ❖ For the Louis Family
❖ For Curt & Martha Misko & Family req. Vera Lucaj
❖ † Gulia Danielle req. Shamoon Family

March 21, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For a Special Intention ❖ For Sam & Amy & Family
❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
- 12:00PM For Elizabeth req. Grammie & Papa ❖ For Lou-Em Clan
❖ † Michael & Margaret Shamon
❖ † Albert Tisch (10th Ann.) req. Family

March 22, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM (Latin) For Sam & Amy & Family
❖ For Carl & Alyssia Varchetti & Family
❖ For Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖ † Edward Chester Duda req. Nephew

- 12:00PM For Lourdes & Bernadette Shamoon
❖ For Bernadette Shamoon req. Family
❖ † Peter Catcho & Family ❖ † Barbara Patrell req. Sister

March 23, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For a Special Intention ❖ For Thomas Desser (B'Day)
❖ For James & Grete Varchetti
❖ † Lawrence Hines, Jr.
- 12:00PM For Living & Deceased Members of the Laszlo & Ilona
Families ❖ For Lynn Shaouni (B'Day)
❖ For Vic Winiarski (B'Day) req. Brother, Steve
❖ † Audrey Bustillo (B'Day) req. Parents
- 7:00PM For Nadhira Bahoura ❖ For the Pate Family
❖ For the Farrier Children req. Mom
❖ † Yokahan Rayis

March 24, Friday - Piatok

- 6:00AM For Firas Joseph (B'Day) ❖ For Issam Pattah
❖ For Maisy Grace req. Terry North
❖ † Charles & Isabella Varchetti
- 12:00PM For Steven Funk req. Langlois Family
❖ For Akhlas Gappy ❖ For Abitsam Babbie
❖ † Richard Branch req. Family

March 25, Saturday - Sobota

Solemnity of the Annunciation

- 9:00AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Victoria Chandler
❖ † Louis Allawerdi
❖ † Peter MacDonald
- 5:30PM For Fr. Michael Lenz req. Mirka Plzak
❖ For the Intentions of the St. Monica Sodality
❖ For Yvonne Persichetti
❖ For Victor Gjonaj
❖ For Nancy Bobola
❖ † George & Helen Emmendorfer
❖ † Mary Douglas req. Vince & Barb Garrisi

March 26, Sunday - Nedela

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
- 7:30AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Ibtisam Gill
❖ For Al & Ann Varchetti
❖ † Pamela VanMarter req. Broski Family
❖ † Donald Clark req. Mike MacDonald
❖ † Bob Lasky
❖ † Danny Joe Moses
❖ † Anastasia & Joseph Tymn
- 9:30AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For Andrew Dubon (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Steven Piskorowski req. Friend
❖ † Joanna Ballacomo req. Mike MacDonald
❖ † James Misko req. Mark & Laura Bosca
❖ † Joyce Saradziaski req. Curell Family
❖ † Rafael Drensek
- 11:30AM (Slovak)
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM In Thanksgiving req. Vickie
❖ For the Bellei Family
❖ For Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖ For Issam Pattah
❖ For Jocelyn Hababag (B'Day) req. Jimenez Family



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Holy Mass Schedule

SATURDAY: 9:00AM & 5:30PM

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

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY: 9:00AM & 12:00PM

TUESDAY & FRIDAY: 6:00AM & 12:00PM

THURSDAY: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM

Confession Schedule

1/2 HOUR BEFORE EACH WEEKDAY HOLY MASS & SATURDAYS FROM 8:30AM-9AM

Lenten Projects (See Page 7 for Complete Details):

FOOD COLLECTION (for St. Christine's Christian Services Food Bank): **THIS WEEKEND ONLY, March 18-19**

BABY ITEM COLLECTION (for Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center): **NEXT WEEKEND ONLY, March 24-26**

EASTER BASKET COLLECTION (for St. Dominic's): **NEXT WEEKEND ONLY, March 24-26**

BABY SHOWER (for Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center): **Sunday, March 26, 10:30AM**

BABY BOTTLE RETURN (for Mary's Mantle): **APRIL 1-2**

LENT EVENTS:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Wednesdays at 11:30AM & Fridays at 6:30PM

FISH FRY (*Dine in or Carry out from 4:00—7:00PM*): Fridays, March 24 & 31 (See Page 6 for details)

"WALKING with MOMS IN NEED" PRESENTATION (*Kathleen Wilson*): Sunday, March 26 (See Page 5 for details)

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, April 4, 11:00AM - 5:00PM (See Page 6 for details)

EASTER CONFESSIONS (*with many priests*): Monday, April 3: 10:00AM - 12:00PM and 6:00PM - 9:00PM

(NOTE: No Confessions will be heard on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday or Easter Tuesday)

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY: Tuesday, April 4, 1:00PM - ?

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE:

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6:

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

Church & Chapel: 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 EASTER BASKETS after the following 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 Mass at 8:30PM

Church & Tomb in Chapel:

Open for Prayer on Holy Saturday: 8AM-8PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9:

Holy Masses:

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

NOTE: Traditional Rite of Resurrection with Eucharistic Procession to the Outdoor Cross will take place at 12:30PM on Easter Sunday!

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 in the vestibule, with personal challenges and sacrifices, designed to help you to grow in holiness. You may 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 to be included in a Raffle that will take place after Easter.

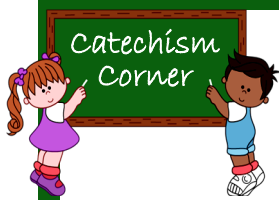
Easter Novena Mass Cards

Our Easter Novena will begin on Easter Monday, April 10. Mass Cards are for living or deceased relatives and friends and are available in English and in Slovak. Available after Masses on weekends or in the Parish Office on weekdays!

Suggested Donation: \$10 each

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





Catechism Corner Class Schedule

In accordance with the AOD Guidelines, I will be overseeing the Circle of Grace Training on March 22, during class for K - 8th grades. There will be different talks accommodating the students' maturity level. "Circle of Grace is the approved safe environment training program for elementary through high school students enrolled in religious education in the Archdiocese. The goal of the Circle of Grace program is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.

Circle of Grace is the love and goodness of God that surrounds us and all others. It is the recognition that God is with us always and is there to help us in difficult situations. Through the Circle of Grace Program, adults assist children and youth to recognize God's love by understanding that each of us lives and moves within a Circle of Grace. The Circle of Grace program teaches children and young people to seek help from a trusted adult, reinforcing God's presence in their real life struggles.

If you decide that your wish is for your **child not to attend**, please fill out the '**Opt Out Form**' sent home February 8th or contact your child's teacher to receive another copy. So it is not confusing, if you choose for your child to attend, you do nothing but bring them to class. The students whose parents are opting out will go to another classroom during the lesson and return when it is over. All students please report to their normal classrooms that evening. Of course, if you have any questions you are free to contact me at (586) 726-6911 or cschuller@saintcyrils.church. I would like to once again share something that happened a few years ago during the Circle of Grace Training. When the 7 year olds were asked if they were approached by a man at a park to help him find his lost puppy, would they go, one sweet young man answered yes. With beautiful compassion, this young boy wanted to help someone. He learned from his wonderful Catholic parents to help others (Works of Mercy). You understand that I was hoping for a "no, tell him to ask an adult". I explained that we do want to help others but we must also know when it is appropriate. We must trust God's Grace and the funny feeling in the stomach the Holy Spirit gives us when something just isn't right; that message from Him telling us to run to a trusted adult for help. The reason I share this is that I feel if one child learns from this program to help preserve their innocence and wellbeing, it is well worth one week's inconvenience to our class schedule. May God Bless You and Your Families, *Carroll Schuller*

Catechism Calendar:

March 22, 6:15PM - 7:30PM: (Circle of Grace Curriculum for All Grades)

March 29, 6:15PM - 7:30PM: Class for All & Benediction

April 5: No Class (Holy Week)

April 12: No Class (Easter Week)

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

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

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

Catholic Relief Services Collection • March 18 & 19

Thank you for your contributions to Catholic Relief Services this weekend. Your donations will help to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States.

Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, March 20

**TOPIC: "Relate - A Night Focusing on
How to Relate to One Another"**

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 how we can relate to one another, the Holy Spirit, apologetics, being open to one another, being body and soul, and death and eternal life.

EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, March 23

**TOPIC: "Sooner Than You Think -
Discussing Different Vocations"**

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 the uniqueness of Catholicism, vocation, why we should look up to Saints, our identity as sons and daughters, the necessity of sacraments in our lives, and how to know God's voice.

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

Northland Family Prayer News • April 1

As our Lenten journey continues, we know the Lord's passion is drawing near - when He shed all His blood to save us and reconcile us back to God the Father. May we draw closer to Christ and become more aware of brothers and sisters who are struggling around us or even facing persecution - especially the vulnerable and unborn. Please consider fasting and/or adding pro-life prayers into your day (perhaps a rosary or chaplet). If you wish to pray with others, please consider the following items:

- The monthly prayer and witness event outside the Northland Family Planning Clinic, 3810 17 Mile Rd. (west of Ryan Rd.) takes place Saturday, April 1, from 11:30AM - 12:30PM. Bring your friends, family, rosary and weather gear. Park in the shopping center lots nearby - no parking is allowed at the clinic. Prayer events usually last an hour, but may be shortened due to the weather, and you can also pray nearby from your car.

- The 40 Days for Life campaign runs daily until April 2. People can pray on the public sidewalk in front of the clinic or nearby from their vehicles during daylight hours (typically 7AM to 7PM). Once again, no parking is allowed at the clinic. Prayer groups invite you to join them on Tuesday's from 9:45AM to 11:15AM and Thursday's from 10AM to 11AM.

A Pro-Life rosary is usually prayed each Saturday at church. The Joyful and Luminous Mysteries are prayed before Mass, starting at 8:10AM, and the Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries are prayed after 9AM Mass, starting around 9:45AM. Schedule is subject to change.

If you would like more info concerning the Saturday rosary at church or clinic prayer, please contact:

Anne Marie at (586) 873-2004

Walking with
Moms in Need



**Walking with Moms in Need
General Information Presentation**

Sunday, March 26, 1 p.m.

SS Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church
41233 Ryan Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Guest speaker: Kathleen Wilson
Archdiocese of Detroit Pro-life Coordinator and
Project Rachel Coordinator

Light refreshments will be offered.

Attend the March 26 presentation to learn about how you can help. Our Family of the Good Shepherd Walking with Moms in Need committee will talk about their short term and long term actions to create, strengthen, and promote the local support networks for moms and families in need.

For more information, and to ensure you receive news and updates, contact Betty Abate, babate@saintcyrls.church. Scan the QR code to learn more about Walking with Moms in Need.



**PRESENTER
KATHLEEN WILSON**



St. Monica Sodality Mass • Saturday, March 25

The Via Matris - The Way of Our Sorrowful Mother is a reflection on the life of our Lady from the infancy of Jesus to His death and burial. The third station is the search for Jesus lost in Jerusalem which happened when Jesus was 12 years old and the Holy Family had gone to celebrate Passover. While the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph searched diligently for Jesus for three days, before finding Him in the Temple, they did not understand His reaction "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk 2:49). If we are truly honest, most people know what it's like to be lost or to be concerned about others who are. May we entrust ourselves and our loved ones to the care and protection of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph - and especially Jesus, who came into this world to seek the lost.

The next St. Monica Sodality Holy Mass takes place next Saturday, March 25, at 5:30PM. After Mass we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the St. Monica Sodality Prayer. The prayer location (most likely the Church) will be posted on a signboard in the vestibule and mentioned during the Mass announcements.

Please note - the April St. Monica Mass also takes place on Saturday at 5:30PM. Upcoming Mass details are noted on the petition box and in parish bulletins.

For more information, please contact: Anne Marie, (586) 873-2004

GENTLEMEN: USHERS NEEDED

If you can assist with ushering at any of the weekend Holy Masses, please contact the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911

BABY SHOWER



**Next Weekend:
March 25 & 26**



Before all the Holy Masses next weekend, we will be collecting new baby clothing and baby care items for the Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center.

After the 9:30AM Holy Mass on Sunday, March 26, during our regular Fellowship in the Parish Hall, pro-life representatives and Joseph Monte, Director of Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center, will host a Baby Shower and be available to provide information and to answer questions.

See the Lenten Projects article on Page 7 for a list of most requested items. This is a great way to support women who have chosen Life for their babies!



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



Pray: The Story About (Venerable Rev.) Patrick Peyton

MOVIE: Friday, April 14, 1:00PM & 7:00PM in the Fr. Mikus Hall

"PRAY: The Story of (Venerable Father) Patrick Peyton" is an inspiring documentary about a poor, uneducated Irish immigrant who sets sail for America in 1928 with nothing but his faith and dreams of becoming a millionaire. Arriving in Pennsylvania and unable to find work, he accepts the position as a janitor at the cathedral, which rekindles his long-lost desire to become a priest and changes the course of his life. Nearing ordination, his life takes a radical turn when he is stricken with tuberculosis. Facing certain death, he sinks into despair. A visit from his mentor, who delivers a simple message to pray, lifts the darkness. Taking his advice to heart, Patrick prays fervently to Mary, the Mother of Christ, for her intercession and he experiences a miraculous recovery. Feeling deep gratitude, he dedicates his life to telling all the world about the power of prayer and encourages families everywhere to bring prayer into their homes. Never taking "No" for an answer, he convinces Hollywood's biggest stars to help him spread the message, "The family that prays together stays together," through the power of mass media including radio, television, and film. Father Peyton's fame spreads around the world and audiences in the millions flock to his public prayer rallies. This is the story of a tireless missionary, an unlikely hero and one of history's greatest advocates for family prayer.

Plan to attend this special movie event on Friday, April 14, at either 1:00PM or 7:00PM, in the Fr. Mikus Parish Hall.

To watch the PRAY trailer, visit: https://youtu.be/zt_r5GWpOqs

Enjoy the Best Fish Fry in Town

Fridays, March 24 & 31

4:00PM - 7:00PM

MEAL MENU:

- Battered Cod (2 pcs.) with French Fries, Cole Slaw & Roll (\$13)
- Battered Cod (2 pcs.) with Mac 'N Cheese, Cole Slaw & Roll (\$13)
- Butterfly Shrimp (6 pcs.) with French Fries, Cole Slaw & Roll (\$12)
- Butterfly Shrimp (6 pcs.) with Mac 'N Cheese, Cole Slaw & Roll (\$12)
- Blackened or Grilled Salmon with Rice & Roll (\$13)
- Battered Cod (3 pcs.) with French Fries, Cole Slaw & Roll (\$15)
- Battered Cod (3 pcs.) with Mac 'N Cheese, Cole Slaw & Roll (\$15)

SIDE ORDERS AVAILABLE:

- Joe's Home-made Clam Chowder (\$5), Mac 'N Cheese (\$4)
- Grilled Cheese (\$3), French Fries (\$3), Rice (\$2) & Cole Slaw (\$1)

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**Dine In
OR
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Do You Like to Sing?

Our parish is abundantly blessed with musical talent. I hear so much wonderful singing at Mass, and I know there are many gifted singers in our church. If you can sing,

WE NEED YOU! Please consider trying out our choir at Ss. Cyril and Methodius. No formal musical training is required, and singers 16 and older are welcome. As St. Augustine says, when we sing we pray twice!

We sing a variety of styles of sacred music. All we sing is dedicated to God's glory and is appropriate for the Mass. If you've sung with us in the past, please come back. Bring a friend or two! We need male voices too.

The choir sings at 9:30AM Sunday Mass, as well as for special liturgies throughout the year. We have one rehearsal during the week immediately following 7:00PM Mass on Thursdays (around 7:30PM) and finishing by 9:00PM. We also have a brief warmup before Mass on Sundays at 9:00AM. We take the summer off to give everyone a break.

If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact either the Parish Office or our Music Minister, *Joe Long*, (512) 878-3665 or jlong@saintcyrils.church.

Try it out and see if the choir is a good fit for you. We appreciate everything you already do to make music at St. Cyrils beautiful! Whether you sing in the choir or sing from your pew, please keep using your voices to praise God in song.

Blood Drive • Tuesday, April 4

Our next Blood Drive is during Holy Week on:
Tuesday, April 4, from 11:00AM—5:00PM.

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 on the schedule in the vestibule, or visit:
www.redcross.org/give.html/find-drive OR 1-800-RED-CROSS or call the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

2023 Parish Lenten Projects

This weekend is the St. Joseph's Table food drive and next weekend, March 24-26, is the Baby Shower and Easter Basket collection. Donations can be dropped off at designated spots at both church entrances on these weekends. Volunteers are needed to help with the collection as well as to deliver the donations. Details about these collections, including the items most needed, and how to volunteer are included below.

St. Joseph's Table/Non-perishable Food Collection for St. Christine's Christian Services is THIS WEEKEND ONLY, March 18-19. 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 church next weekend. 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: *heartysoups (such as Progresso brand), jelly, pancake mix and syrup, and toilet paper.*

Baby Shower for Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Centers: Celebrate Life! at the parish Baby Shower/Fellowship **NEXT 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 NEXT WEEKEND, 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.*

Easter Baskets for Children at St. Dominic's Outreach Center: If you signed up to provide an Easter Basket for children whose families are assisted by St. Dominic's in Detroit, we will be **collecting the baskets before all Holy Masses NEXT WEEKEND, March 24-26.** Please remember to wrap the basket with cellophane for easy transport to St. Dominic's.

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".

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 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.

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.

Give the Gift of your Time: If you are thinking of helping with one of the Lenten collections, we are still in need of drivers and helping hands to deliver Easter Baskets to St. Dominic's in Detroit on **Tuesday, March 28, at 10:00AM.** 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 this week, March 24-26. To sign up, email Erin Rybicki christianservice@saintcyrls.church or contact the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911, today!

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.

FOOD COLLECTION

**THIS WEEKEND ONLY
BABY ITEM & EASTER BASKET
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NEXT WEEKEND
MARCH 24-26
BABY SHOWER
MARCH 26
BABY BOTTLE RETURN
APRIL 1-2**

