

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 16, 2023



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

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



Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

- Jn 20:29

MASS Intentions

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April 15, Saturday - Sobota

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena
5:30PM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For Fr. Juraj Nuota (B'Day)
❖ For Paul & Linda & Families
❖ For Living & Deceased Members of the Raymond & Antoinette Families
❖ †Stefania Bak
❖ †Greg & Mary Manning & Family
❖ †Matthew Margiewicz

April 16, Sunday - Nedela

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

- 7:30AM For all Ss. Cyril & Methodius Priests, Deacons, Families & Loved Ones
❖ For the Members of the Rosary Society
❖ For the Hanna Family ❖ For Anna Fuller
❖ For Paul & Linda & Families
❖ For Emma Timmerman (B'Day)
❖ †Gladys Langlois
9:30AM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena
11:30AM (Slovak)
For all Priests, Religious, Deacons & Seminarians
❖ For George Rafaidus
❖ †Patricia Rybinski req. Whetstone Family
❖ †Ray Long req. Linda Whetstone
❖ †Grandparents of Dalila Zeya & Families
❖ †Mary Douglas req. Daniela Grisak
❖ †Marie, Molly, Donald Obrieht
8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

April 17, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena
12:00PM For Paul & Linda & Families ❖ For Lourdes
❖ For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz
❖ †Preka Miliiaj

April 18, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Donald Trump
❖ For Roz Gietzen req. Schuller Family
❖ For Rachel Jimenez (17th B'Day) req. Family
❖ †Lesh Dushaj

- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

April 19, Wednesday - Streda

(Latin)

- 9:00AM For Roz Gietzen req. Schuller Family
❖ For Nancy Bobola
❖ †Lesh Dushaj
❖ †Helene Maciag
12:00PM For Lourdes ❖ For Terry & Anne Haio
❖ For Lubica Zobian (40th B'Day) req. Prusak Family
❖ †Renee Dzieciolowski

April 20, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For Brooklyn Hebert req. Langlois Family
❖ For Joanna Smiech ❖ For John Santi
❖ †Preka Miliiaj

- 12:00PM For Joseph Pawlowski
❖ For James & Family
❖ For Lourdes
❖ †Rafael Drensek

- 7:00PM For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ For Jeff Drozdowski (B'Day)
❖ For Valerie Laidler
❖ For Viktoria Drozdowski

April 21, Friday - Piatok

Memorial of Saint Anselm,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 6:00AM For Donald Trump
❖ †Lesh Dushaj
12:00PM For the Rosary Makers & Families
❖ For Abitsam Babbie
❖ †Anna Sovikova
❖ †Al & Stacey Fedak

April 22, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Members of O.L. Mother of Mercy Secular Discalced Carmelites
❖ For the Menard & Daniel Families
❖ For Bernard Hornbacher (B'Day) req. Family
❖ †Larry Asker
5:30PM In Thanksgiving
❖ For the Intentions of the St. Monica Sodality
❖ For Alanna Maria Korkis (B'Day)
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Meg Hintzsche req. Langlois Family
❖ For Christina Kovacs & Family
❖ For Yvonne Persichetti

April 23, Sunday - Nedela

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

- 7:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
9:30AM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For the Intentions of the Knights of Columbus-St. Nicholas Council & Families
❖ For Thomas Fuller
❖ For Gerald Sadecki
❖ †Rafael Drensek
❖ †Breslin & Stefanick Families
❖ †Anna Apazeller req. Friends & Family
11:30AM (Slovak)
For Grace S.
8:30PM For All Ss. Cyril & Methodius Priests, Deacons & Families & Loved Ones
❖ For Joanne Macayaon (18th B'Day) req. Jimenez Family
❖ For Stanczak Family
❖ For Tessie Kowalski req. Catherine Alexandria Thomas
❖ †Karin Ryder
❖ †Irma Persichetti req. Lou & Yvonne
❖ †Lesh Dushaj

SATURDAY, APRIL 15
MAY GOD BLESS FR. JURAJ NUOTA
ON HIS BIRTHDAY AND ALWAYS!



Welcome

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

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

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

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

*"My Lord
and
My God!"*



St. Thomas the Apostle

Catholicdailyreflections.com

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." John 20:24-25

It's easy to be critical of St. Thomas for his lack of belief reflected in his statement above. But before you allow yourself to think poorly of him, think about how you would have responded. This is a difficult exercise to do since we know clearly the end of the story. We know Jesus did rise from the dead and that Thomas ultimately came to believe, crying out "My Lord and my God!" But try to put yourself in his situation.

First, Thomas probably doubted, in part, out of extreme sadness and despair. He had hoped that Jesus was the Messiah, he had dedicated the last three years of his life to following Him, and now Jesus was dead...so he thought. This is an important point because very often in life when we encounter some difficulty, disappointment or painful situation, our faith is tested. We are tempted to allow despair to draw us into doubt and when this happens we make decisions based more upon our hurt than upon our faith.

Second, Thomas was also called to deny the physical reality that he witnessed with his own eyes and believe something that was completely "impossible" from an earthly perspective. People simply do not rise from the dead! This simply doesn't happen, at least from an earthly perspective alone. And even though Thomas had seen Jesus perform such miracles before, it took much faith to believe without seeing with his own eyes. So despair and an apparent impossibility went to the heart of Thomas' faith and extinguished it.

Reflect, today, upon two lessons we can take from this passage: 1) Do not ever allow despair, disappointment or hurt to be the guide of your decisions or beliefs in life. They are never a good guide. 2) Do not doubt the power of God to be able to do anything and everything He chooses. In this case, God chose to rise from the dead and so He did. In our own lives, God can do anything He wills. We must believe that and know that what He reveals to us in faith will come to be if we but trust in His provident care.

St. Thomas, Pray for us!

LADIES of the PARISH



Would you kindly take a few minutes of your time to fill out a brief survey for the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Rosary Society? As the longest-established Parish organization, we are trying to determine the needs of our parishioners today and we need your help.

Surveys are located on our website: www.saintcyrils.church, by the posters in the vestibule and gallery or scan the QR code on the right.



Please complete online surveys, or return completed surveys to the Parish Office, by Sunday, April 30.

Thank You! The Rosary Society

Reporting Sexual Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others – no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing: vac@aod.org. In addition the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM) or by email at: aginvestigations@michigan.gov. More information about the AOD's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

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Detroitská Arcidiecéza povzbudzuje jednotlivcov, ktorí by vedeli o prípadoch sexuálneho obťažovania mladistvých zo strany kleru, aby ich ohlásili bez ohľadu na to, kedy sa tieto prípady vyskytli. Jednotlivci môžu kontaktovať orgány činné v trestnom konaní, alebo upovedomiť Detroitškú Arcidiecézu prostredníctvom koordinátora pre pomoc obetiam na tel. číslo 866-343-8055, alebo emailom [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). Úrad generálneho prokurátora v Michigane možno kontaktovať na bezplatnom telefónnom čísle 844-324-3374 (od pondelka do piatku, od 8:00 do 17:00), alebo emailom [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov). Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícii na adrese [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org).



### Pancake Breakfast • April 23

Trail Life Troop MI-0214 is hosting another great Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, April 23, after each of the 7:30AM, 9:30AM and 11:30AM Holy Masses.

#### **Breakfast Includes:**

*homemade buttermilk pancakes, fresh scrambled eggs, baked red-skin potatoes, sausage links, toast, orange juice and coffee*

#### **Cost:**

Children (12 and under): \$6  
Adults (over 12 years old): \$9  
Immediate Family Maximum: \$40

### Collecting Stories of Miracles

#### Unexplained Happenings for a Parish Book

I am collecting stories of miracles, supernatural happenings, times when God unexplainably touched your, a relative's, or other's lives and let you know that God's really there. Whether it happened to you or someone you know (dad, cousin, uncle, etc.), if you could please have that person write down the story (or help them), I would like to gather them and put them into a book. The book could be placed in a public space where others might pick it up to rekindle their faith, or perhaps it may bring back to the Faith a family member who has gone astray. Please keep your story as family friendly as possible. They will all appear anonymously and should include a title for the table of contents.

Please email stories to [StCyrilstories@gmail.com](mailto:StCyrilstories@gmail.com) or hand write and leave for me in the parish office. I can also write them down for you if necessary. Please contact me at the email address above. Thank you so much *Peter Kanan*

#### Thank You for Your Blood Donation

The American Red Cross thanks everyone who donated blood at the recent Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 4. There were 48 total donors, four Power Red donors and four FIRST-TIME DONORS! The blood collected can help up to 144 Hospital patients - since every blood donor can save three lives! Each donor really made a huge difference in the lives of those in need- thank you for being a HERO to the community! These units were so desperately needed to prevent dangerous blood shortages! Thank you for making the WORLD a BETTER PLACE caring for those in need. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated.

*The Staff at the American Red Cross*

## SPRING

*If you like the outdoors and have an interest in keeping our church grounds beautiful,*





**LIFE TEEN**  
Leading Teens Closer to Christ



# Car Wash & Car Blessing Saturday, April 22

**10AM-2:30PM**  
**Church Parking Lot!**  
**Free-will Offering!**  
**Life Teen Fundraiser!**  
**Fr. Libor will be happy to bless all cars!**



## 2,000 Crosses to Stand Against Abortion • April 13–27

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish display of 2,000 white crosses in front of the Parish will be in place until April 27. Each cross represents 800 children that will die from abortions in 2023. This is another pro-life project that St. Nicholas Council 7011 supports. Please pray for an end of abortion in our time.

## 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, this 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 [hhcycgroup@gmail.com](mailto:hhcycgroup@gmail.com)

## Our Lady's Rosary Makers • Friday, April 21

The Rosary Makers meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 1:00-3:00PM in Room 113. Our next meeting will take place this Friday, April 21.

Please plan to join us. Newcomers are always welcome.

For more information, please call: *Jo Ann*, (586) 979-1078

## St. Monica Sodality Mass • Saturday, April 22

Many readings at the beginning of the Easter Season describe various encounters with the Risen Lord. Thomas' reaction is priceless. He does not believe the reports of the other disciples until he sees and touches the wounds of Our Lord. After his confession of faith, Jesus tells him "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." We are thankful to God for our faith and for those that have come into the Church at the Easter Vigil - may God strengthen and increase our faith. We continue praying for those struggling with or away from the faith - that one day they will place their trust in Jesus - the Way, the Truth and the Life.

The next St. Monica Sodality Holy Mass takes place next Saturday, April 22, 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 - in May the St. Monica Mass transfers to Sunday at 7:30AM. Upcoming Mass details are noted on the petition box and in parish bulletins.

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

## More Love than Skill: A Saint and his Fiddle • April 22

This one-man, one-act musical tells the story of Capuchin Franciscan Blessed Solanus Casey in a way he would surely approve of: through song and music! More Love than Skill: A Saint and His Fiddle is the creation of Brother Al Mascia, OFM, a Franciscan Friar from another generation. Through original music and fiddle tunes that Casey would have known and played on his violin, Br. Al tells the story of a saint whose passionate love of music sets him apart as a true minstrel of the Lord! Although Br. Al has been a professional musician and singer-songwriter for many years, he had never picked up a violin. That is, until now! More Love than Skill: A Saint and his Fiddle will be performed at St. James Parish, 46325 West 10 Mile Road in Novi on Saturday, April 22, at 5:00PM.

## Vacation Bible School • June 19–23

Are you ready for a fabulous time? 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. The dates for VBS are June 19-23. This year's theme is "A Radical Ride on the Wings of a Prayer."

Registration begins now. Planning meetings will be on: April 20, & 27; May 4, 11, 17, 25, & 31; and June 7 & 12. All meetings will begin at 7:00PM and run until 9:00PM.

Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/221497037041148>

Questions: *Michelle Jones*, (586) 219-6678 or [moeprays@gmail.com](mailto:moeprays@gmail.com)

## Mother's Day Novena



Don't forget the special lady in your life with the perfect gift — a beautiful Mother's Day Novena card for mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, mother-in-laws, stepmothers, wives, aunts, sisters, friends or any woman who has kindly nurtured you with a special motherly love. Mass cards will be available this week in the Parish Office. The 9-day Novena will begin Monday, May 15. \$10

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

## Catechism Corner Class Schedule

### Catechism Calendar:

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

**April 26, 6:15-7:30PM:** Class for All & 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

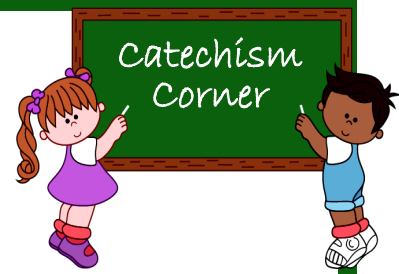
**Sunday, April 30, 10:00AM:** May Crowning Holy Mass

**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: *Carroll Schuller*, (586) 726-6911, [cschuller@saintcyrils.church](mailto:cschuller@saintcyrils.church) or *Paul Schuller*, (586) 254-9212, [p\\_schuller@yahoo.com](mailto:p_schuller@yahoo.com)



### Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, April 17

*“Let’s Talk – A Night Focusing on*

*How to be Open and Inviting Towards Others”*

**6:45PM - 8:45PM**

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.

Our Life Teen Night’s this month will focus on being open to one another, being body and soul, death and eternal life, our senior send off night and the freshman welcome night.

Questions or to be added to the mailing list, please contact:

*Alexandria Collins*, (586) 641-7672 or [lifeteen@saintcyrils.church](mailto:lifeteen@saintcyrils.church)

### EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, April 20

*“Romans 8:15 – A Night Centered on*

*Knowing our Identity as Sons and Daughters of God:*

**7:00PM – 8:45PM**

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 Night’s this month will focus on, our identity as sons and daughters, the necessity of sacraments in our lives, and how to know God’s voice.

Questions or to be added to the mailing list, please contact:

*Alexandria Collins*, (586) 641-7672 or [edge@saintcyrils.church](mailto:edge@saintcyrils.church)

### The Knights of Columbus Thanks Ss. Cyril & Methodius ‘For All You Do for the Community’

The St. Nicholas Council #7011 of the Knights of Columbus wishes to offer our sincere thanks to the parishioners of Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church for your wholehearted support of all of our programs, especially the just-completed Lenten Fish Fry and our annual Baby Bottle Program, which provides funding for the Pro-Life activities of local Michigan-based pregnancy centers. Thanks to your continued generosity, the Knights will be able to award gifts to noble causes, like Gianna House and Mary’s Mantle, two worthy organizations that support pregnant and new Moms and their babies, as well as our other charity pillars, all operating right here in the Detroit area.

Further, we wish to offer heartfelt thanks for your help throughout the past six weeks of the Fish Frys, both for your patronage and for your help behind the counter. We asked for volunteers before Lent began and you delivered! We had more help this year than ever before, with some people coming back to assist for all six weeks. And through your efforts and support, it was a big success! The proceeds from this project go to support Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish, the Rosary Society, Trail Life, the American Heritage Girls and the charitable devotions of our K of C Council for the balance of 2023. All of this would have been impossible if not for your loving selflessness and commitment. Many thanks for all you have done for us.

As always, if any Catholic gentleman over 18 is interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus, please contact the office here at Church or talk with any Knight. We can quickly and easily qualify you and welcome you into the Order.



Sterling Heights’ ‘Finest’ came out to try our Fish



## 10 QUOTES ON DIVINE MERCY FROM THE DIARY OF ST. FAUSTINA

1. "Tell souls not to place within their own hearts obstacles to My mercy, which so greatly wants to act within them. My mercy works in all those hearts which open their doors to it. Both the sinner and the righteous person have need of My mercy. Conversion, as well as perseverance, is a grace of My mercy." (1577)
2. "Let Souls who are striving for perfection particularly adore My mercy, because the abundance of graces which I grant them flows from My mercy." (1578)
3. I received a deeper understanding of divine mercy. Only that soul who wants it will be damned, for God condemns no one. (1452)
4. "I have opened my Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust. Sinners will attain justification, and the just will be confirmed in good. Whoever places his trust in My mercy will be filled with My Divine peace at the hour of death." (1520)
5. And I understood that the greatest attribute of God is love and mercy. It unites the creature with the Creator. This immense love and abyss of mercy are made known in the Incarnation of the Word and in the Redemption [of humanity], and it is here that I saw this as the greatest of all God's attributes. (181)
6. "Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. My daughter, write about My mercy towards tormented souls. Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask. I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in My unfathomable and inscrutable mercy. Write: before I come as a just judge, I first open wide the door of My mercy. He who refuses to pass through the door of My mercy must pass through the door of My justice..." (1146)
7. "The flames of mercy are burning me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause Me when they do not want to accept them!" (1074 – paragraph 2)
8. "Tell My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls." (1074 – paragraph 4)
9. "There is no misery that could be a match for My mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted-it increases. The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I myself take care of it." (1273)
10. "Today the Lord said to me, Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls." (1602)

### Walking with Moms in Need

Several RTL Macomb County Northwest board members participated in organizing a Walking with Moms in Need education event on Sunday, March 26. The event coincided with a baby shower by parishioners of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church.

**For a list of helpful resources for moms and families in need, <https://nwmacomb4life.org/pregnancy-help>**



Guest speakers, Kathleen McNulty Wilson is the Gospel of Life and Project Rachel Ministry (Abortion Healing) Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Detroit (2nd from right) and Sharon Gill, Walking with Moms in Need Leader, St. Lawrence, Utica (3rd from right) pose with members of the newly formed Walking With Moms in Need Committee.