

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 30, 2023



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"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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MASS Intentions

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April 29, Saturday - Sobota

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena,

Virgin and Doctor of the Church

- 9:00AM For Luke Pawlowski ❖ For Michael Desser (B'Day)
❖ For Henry Miller (B'Day) ❖ For Martin Szollosi
- 1:00PM **First Holy Communion Mass*
For the Intentions of the First Communicants
- 5:30PM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For Dcn. Phil & Janice McCown req. Warman Family
❖ For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
❖ For the Sick & Suffering
❖ For Lorraine Drozdowski
❖ For Andy Parker req. Langlois Family
❖ †Stephanie & Walter Duzyj

April 30, Sunday - Nedela

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- Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10,1-10
- 7:30AM For Claudia Bihar (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Cara Hups ❖ †James Harris req. Mila Flores
❖ †Kenneth O'Keefe ❖ †Dennis Rafferty
❖ †Lesh Dushaj ❖ †John Maciag req. Wife
- 10:00AM **May Crowning**
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM For Amy Shamoon ❖ †Hana, Sabriya, Iman Al Boutany
❖ †Dennis Francis req. Gus & Marilou
❖ †Bruce Wasikowski ❖ †Theodore K. & Joe R
❖ †Irma Persichetti req. Lou & Yvonne ❖ †Joe Olson

May 1, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For Matthew Dzieciolowski ❖ For Martin Dushaj
❖ For Tom & Helen Gajewski (80th. Wed. Ann.)
❖ †Ray Long req. Pardington & Curell Families
- 12:00PM For Noah Pablo (B'Day)
❖ †Denzin Family Members
❖ †Stella Orlowsky ❖ †Anna Tymn

May 2, Tuesday - Utorok

Memorial of Saint Athanasius,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 6:00AM For Hollya Asmar & Family req. Cousin
❖ †Catherine Asahak ❖ †Lesh Dushaj
❖ †James Oliver Harris req. Sharon Brown
- 12:00PM For Samantha Debczak ❖ For Elena req. Meme & Papa
❖ For Sage Anne Barbat (B'Day) req. Grandparents
❖ †Gene Kucharek req. Wife

May 3, Wednesday - Streda

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

(Latin)

- 9:00AM For Martin Asmar & Family req. Friend
❖ †Sr. Mary Mother Angelica & Rhoda Wise
❖ †Youkhanna Georgis Rayes ❖ †Lesh Dushaj
- 12:00PM For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis
❖ For Simon & Rosemary Shadda
❖ †James Misko

May 4, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM In Thanksgiving ❖ For Violet Timmerman (B'Day)
❖ For Jonathan Allto & Family
❖ For Robert, Carrie, Laura & Families

- 12:00PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Eli Monsoor ❖ For Samantha Babbie
❖ For Hank Korzeniewski
- 7:00PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For the Intentions of the St. Monica Sodality
❖ For Our Country ❖ For Lourdes Shamoon

May 5, First Friday - Prvý Piatok

- 6:00AM For a Special Intention req. Maria Laconi
❖ For Sophie Chanko (B'Day) req. Family
❖ †Fr. John Hardon, SJ ❖ †Cynthia Yanik req. Yanik Fam.
- 12:00PM For Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For the Rosary Makers & Families
❖ For Abitsam Babbie
❖ †Greg & Mary Manning & Family
- 7:00PM For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
❖ †James Misko ❖ †Larry Asker
❖ †Nancy Elizabeth Giannone req. Family

May 6, First Saturday - Prva Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
❖ For the Intentions of the Rosary Society
❖ For George Downey & Family
❖ †Fiaza Younan req. Zina & Gabe Gabriel
- 11:00AM **Baptism - Lucius Elijah Berry*
- 5:30PM **Confirmation Holy Vigil Mass*
For Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For the Confirmation Candidates & Families
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For The Touch of Mary Prayer Group
❖ For Tony & Vickie
❖ †Louis Allawerdi
❖ †Joan Dostine req. Terezija Drensek

May 7, Sunday - Nedela

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
- 7:30AM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For Paul & Linda & Families
❖ For RoseAnn Lebioda req. Meldrum Family
❖ For Nadine Matti & Family
❖ †Maurice & †Irma Borton req. Daughter
❖ †John Maciag req. Wife ❖ †David Chupa
- 9:30AM For the Louis Family
❖ For Matthew Dubon (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Claire Mazurkiewicz (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Dr. James Mick, MD req. Roddy Family
❖ †Mark Collins req. Family ❖ †Rafael Drensek
❖ †Joyce Saradziaski req. Curell Family
- 11:30AM (Slovak)
For Kathy Holka req. Mirka ❖ For Paul Varchetti & Family
❖ For David Urda & Lenka Kovacova req. Prusak Family
❖ †Jerry, Emile & Michael ❖ †Emil Liptak req. Mirka
❖ †Emilia Rafaidus req. Plzak Family
❖ †Vladimir Pospisil req. Plzak Family
- 1:00PM **Baptism: Genevieve Anne Dailey*
- 8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

Wedding Banns!

May 13, 2023: Megan Wolf & Michael Sobolic



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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: 10:00AM - 5:00PM
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: 11:00AM - 5:00PM
WEDNESDAYS: 10:00AM - 2:00PM
***Office is closed during 12:00PM Holy Mass**

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

May is the Month of Mary

It is a well-known devotion, to consecrate to most holy Mary the month of May, as the most beautiful and florescent month of the whole year. This devotion has long prevailed throughout Christendom; and it is here common in Rome, not only in private families, but as a public devotion in very many Churches. Pope Pius VII, in order to animate all Christian people to the practice of a devotion so tender and agreeable to the most blessed Virgin, and calculated to be of such great spiritual benefit to themselves, granted, by a Rescript of the Segretaria of the Memorials, March 21, 1815 (*kept in the Segretaria of his Eminence the Cardinal-Vicar*), to all the faithful of the Catholic world, who either in public or in private should honor the Blessed Virgin with some special homage or devout prayers, or other virtuous practices.
(Taken from the *Raccolta*, a publication of prayers published in the mid-19th century.)

In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month after establishing the feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31st. After the Second Vatican Council, this feast was moved to August 22, while May 31st became the feast of the Visitation of Mary.





ROSARY SOCIETY SURVEY

The Rosary Society is asking all ladies of the parish to please take a few minutes to complete a brief survey of just four questions. As the longest-running Parish organization, we hope to continue our ministry by trying to determine the needs of parishioners and we want to hear from you!

Surveys are located on our website at www.saintcyrils.church, by the posters in the vestibule and gallery, or by scanning the QR code above. Please share your thoughts with us, even if submitted after the April 30th deadline.



Thank You! The Rosary Society

Catechism Corner Class Schedule

Catechism Calendar:

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)

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

Life Teen High School Ministry

All high school teens are welcome to Life Teen. Life Nights are dynamic youth gatherings including snacks, games, small group discussions, and an opportunity for teens to learn more about the Catholic faith with their peers. Our Life Teen Night's this month will focus on death and eternal life, our senior send off night and the freshman welcome night. The next Life Night is on Monday, May 8, from 6:45PM - 8:45PM.

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

Alexandria Collins, (586) 641-7672 or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

EDGE Middle School Ministry

All middle school teens (6th, 7th and 8th grade) are welcome to our Edge Nights. Edge Nights are dynamic youth gatherings including snacks, games, small group discussions, and an opportunity for teens to learn more about the Catholic faith at a middle school level. Our Edge Night's this month will focus on how to know God's voice and our end-of-the-year messy game night. The next EDGE Night is Thursday, May 11, from 7:00PM - 8:45PM.

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

Alexandria Collins, (586) 641-7672 or edge@saintcyrils.church

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.*

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 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 or call me if you have any questions.

Thank you so much, *Peter*, (248) 250-4502

"A Father's Heart", Movie about St. Joseph • May 1

Joseph of Nazareth, the humble figure barely mentioned in the Bible, has attracted the attention of people all over the world. But why? What do we know about the real St. Joseph? In "A Father's Heart", the filmmakers searched over five continents for the people whose lives have been transformed by this mysterious man. Husband of Mary. Foster-Father of Jesus. Protector of the Church. Patron of the Dying. Terror of Demons. These are some of the titles attributed to this discreet and silent carpenter from Nazareth. The details of his earthly life may be a mystery, but the miracles that are attributed to him are life changing. "A Father's Heart" features the powerful testimonies of those who have seen authentic miracles brought forth through the intercession of St. Joseph. From radical conversions to impossible cures; from the rebuilding of broken marriages, to aid to the dying - this compelling documentary film reveals just who St. Joseph is and how he acts in the world today.

"A Father's Heart" is currently scheduled to only be shown on Monday, May 1, in a limited number of theatres. Book your ticket now. Perhaps more showings will be added if there is great interest: <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/A-Father's-Heart>

SPRING

*If you like the outdoors and have an
interest in keeping our church grounds beautiful,
please contact the Parish Office!*



Diaconate Vocation Awareness Night • May 3

Our goal of trying to target more specific regions for vocations to the Diaconate continues with our next Diaconate Vocation Awareness Night taking place Wednesday, May 3, at St. Therese of Lisieux in Shelby Township from 7:00PM - 8:30PM. If you know of anyone who is discerning the call or would like to learn more about the Permanent Diaconate Vocation, whether in the vicinity of the Northeast Region or beyond, please have them RSVP for the event to Erin Dewimille at dewimille.erin@aod.org or Dcn. Chris Beltowski at beltowski.christopher@aod.org. Even if the commute is too much this time around, we can gather their info and invite them to an info night closer to them, in the future. For men who are interested and married: wives are strongly encouraged to attend. Permanent Deacons in the Northeast Region are highly encouraged to accompany men they recommend to this event.

Bilingual Rosary • First Friday, May 5

Our special Bilingual Rosary will be prayed on First Friday, May 5, at 6:00PM. We will be praying the Glorious Mysteries, alternating decades in Slovak and English and end with a beautiful Slovak hymn.

Prayers intentions for our parish community are read before the rosary. If you have a request, we would love to pray for you. Please submit your prayer requests by Wednesday, May 3, by calling the Parish Office at (586) 726-6911 or emailing babate@saintcyrils.church.

Organized by: *Maria Lamerova & Betty Abate*

Northland Family Pro-Life Prayer News • Saturday, May 6

Our Lady of Fatima and Mother's Day take place the second weekend of May. We pray for Our Lady of Fatima's guidance and protection upon us and our families, our Church, our country and the world. Let us thank God for all mothers, spiritual mothers and especially our Blessed Mother. Holy Mary, help us to recognize that despite our many differences we are all brothers and sisters, and your precious children! Please join us for the following Pro-life prayer events:

The next prayer and witness event outside the Northland Family Planning Clinic, 3810 17 Mile (just west of Ryan Rd.) takes place Saturday, May 6, 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. The prayer event lasts about an hour and is not usually cancelled - you can also pray nearby from your car.

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 9:00AM Mass, starting around 9:45AM. This schedule is subject to change.

For more info concerning the Saturday rosary at church or clinic prayer, please contact: *Anne Marie*, (586) 873-2004.

Rosary Society Meeting • Saturday, May 6

The next Rosary Society meeting will take place on Saturday, May 6, and all ladies of the Parish are invited. Come join us to pray the Rosary after the 9:00AM Holy Mass, for some small refreshments, and to find out what we are all about! The meeting begins approximately at 10:15AM in the Fr. Mikus Hall.

If you have questions, please contact:

Kathy Holka at kholka@aol.com or (586) 703-4043



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: May 4, 11, 17, 25, & 31; and June 7 & 12. All meetings 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

VBS T-Shirts Available for Purchase

This year's VBS t-shirt design will include the saying "*Work as though Everything Depended on You ... Pray as though Everything Depended on God*" on the front of the shirt and "*Pray without Ceasing*" on the back. These shirts are available for anyone who is not participating in VBS. The shirt is on display in the Parish Office and is available in Neon Yellow, Red, Green, Teal, Dark Blue, Purple, Grey and Daisy Yellow. T-shirts are \$12 each (2XL=\$15), pre-paid. Orders are being taken in the Parish Office. Deadline to order shirts is Friday, May 26, and available for pick up after June 26.

Knights of Columbus • Sunday, May 7

Initiation Exemplification Made Public

The Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Council 7011 will hold an initiation exemplification for new members of the order on Sunday, May 7, directly following the 9:30AM Holy Mass in the Fr. Mikus Hall. Family, friends and parishioners are welcome to attend the exemplification ceremony as we welcome in our new Knights. Refreshments will be served immediately following the ceremony.

Heart of Joseph Men's Fellowship - Saturday, May 13

Men of Faith, Unite! Please join us as we strengthen each other in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. We will be focusing on Bishop Olmsted's exhortation, "Into the Breach," as we delve into what it means to be a man of faith in today's world. Bishop Olmsted's message is a call to action for Catholic men to take up the mantle of leadership in their families, communities, and the Church. It is a powerful reminder of the important role that men play in the world and the need for us to be courageous and faithful in our pursuits.

Our meetings are held in the Activity Center (enter at the south-eastern corner of the building). We will begin at 7:00AM with a fellowship breakfast, and the meeting will be held from 7:30AM-8:30AM. Subsequent meetings planned for the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

All men are welcome to join us! We look forward to seeing you there! For any questions or concerns please contact:

chancellor7011@gmail.com

Congratulations to our First Communicants 7 April 29, 2023



Communion Prayer

My Lord Jesus Christ,
I firmly believe that I am about to receive, in Communion,
Your Body, Your Blood, Your Soul and Your Divinity!
I believe it because You have said it,
And I am ready to give my life to maintain this truth. Amen.

Prayer for the First Communicants

Sacred Heart of Jesus ever present in our lives,
Hear our prayer as our communicants receive their First Holy Communion.
Grant them, Our Lord, Loving Grace
And help still their hearts with mindful prayer and worship
As they receive at the Table of Our Lord
The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.
May the Holy Spirit shine a guiding light
Throughout the course of their lifetimes
Always leading them one step closer to the Kingdom of Heaven! Amen.

May God Bless all the students who received their First Holy Communion at our parish on Saturday, April 29th. As they begin their newfound personal relationship with Our Lord, we pray that they will always receive the Holy Eucharist with great faith, love, reverence, and devotion!

We extend our gratitude to their teachers for their patience, diligence, and handwork in preparing each and every student to receive not only Our Lord's Body & Blood but also His grace and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance. On behalf of the Communicant's parents and parish family, we would like thank Father Libor for his leadership and guidance and their teachers: *Susan Lechner, Betty Abate, Sophia Baltrinic and Rebekah Giroux* for their dedication to our Faith.

Those who received the Sacrament include:

Carlos Aldib, Julian Bajorek, Rosalie Brancaleone, Olivia Camaj, Giada DeSimone, John Fortier
Catalina Gorial, Carlos Guzman-Hernandez, Gregory Hammond, Evona Hayden, Michael Judy
Alayna Kasgorgis, Luc Koziol, Nolan Logan, Rosalia Louis, Brinley McCarthy, Keira McCarthy
Sean McCarthy, Liam McDonough, Dash Mulawa, Aaron Mullen, Christopher Mullen
Cormac Normile, Scarlett Schaub, Charlotte Stec, Alexander Szilagyi
Roksana Szmyd, Sophie Trajkovski, and Lucia Wey

The following students are receiving Jesus with their catholic school class but were part of this year's First Holy Communion Class: *Jacob Nguyen & Anna Truong*. Please include them in your prayers. Thank you, *Paul & Carroll Schuller*, Catechism Directors

Little White Guest



You have come to my heart, dearest Jesus, I am holding You close to my breast;
I'm telling You over and over, You are welcome, Little White Guest.
I love You, I love You, my Jesus, O please do not think I am bold;
Of course, You must know that I love You, But I am sure that you like to be told.
And now that You've come, dearest Jesus, To nestle so close to my breast,
I whisper, "I love You, my Jesus", You are welcome, O little White Guest.
I'll whisper, "I love You, my Jesus," And ask that we never may part;
I love You, O kind, loving Jesus, And press You still nearer my heart.
And when I shall meet You in Heaven, My soul then will lean on Your breast;
And You will recall our fond meetings, When You were my Little White Guest.

In Honor of Our Blessed Mother

On Sunday, April 30th, at the 10:00AM Holy Mass, we honored Our Blessed Mother with our annual May Crowning. A spiritual bouquet to all the many parishioners whose helping hands assisted in making this a memorable tribute to Our Heavenly Mother. Our appreciation to the Rosary Society and Legion of Mary for continuing their tradition of assisting us by exemplifying dignity and honor to Our Lord's Mother. The colorful procession also included the First Communicants as the Children of Mary and any other children of the parish who wanted to honor Mary. This year's Confirmation students composed the Crowning Court.

Those Participating Included:

Crowners: *Mary Propson & Klara Labasova*

Court & Honor Guard:

Dominic Antonelli, Giuseppe Brasile, Isaac Brink, Celina Czach, Jacob Dailey, William Delaney Gabrielle Dickerson, Evelyn Dimoff, Matus Kovac, Kyle Mendoza, Chase Mulawa, Malina Mulawa Araletta Natzke, Jaslyn Nguyen, Elizabeth Roddy, John Roddy, Conrad Schaub, Joy Simon, Emilia Stewart Joyce Thuemmel, Christian Valli, Gabrielle Valli, Xavier Wey, and Andrew Wiegand

Children of Mary:

Carlos Aldib, Julian Bajorek, Rosalie Brancalone, Olivia Camaj, Giada DeSimone, John Fortier Catalina Gorial, Carlos Guzman-Hernandez, Gregory Hammond, Evona Hayden, Michael Judy Alayna Kasgorgis, Luc Koziol, Nolan Logan, Rosalia Louis, Brinley McCarthy, Keira McCarthy Sean McCarthy, Liam McDonough, Dash Mulawa, Aaron Mullen, Christopher Mullen, Cormac Normile Jacob Nguyen, Scarlett Schaub, Charlotte Stec, Alexander Szilagyi, Roksana Szmyd Sophie Trajkovski, Anna Truong, and Lucia Wey



May Crowning Essay - *Mary Propson*, Crowner

The Miracles of Mary: Miracles help us to have enduring faith. All my life, my family has been blessed with clear examples of Our Lady's intercession for my family. It helps to know that we can always go to her to intercede for us. Mary is a gentle mother, who loves the same way she loved her own son Jesus Christ.

My family has a special relationship with Our Lady of Lourdes. She is always someone we can go to intercede for us. For example, my sister Molly was given the blue scapular with Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette by a Carmelite priest. She wore the scapular for three years and prayed the scapular prayers daily, while asking the Blessed Mother if she would intercede so that my uncle would baptize his three children. He announced to our mom out of the blue one day that his three children were going to be baptized in the Catholic Church!

Once, when my parents lived in Indiana before I was born, a miracle occurred. Their friend, Father Kevin, planned to come to dinner and bless their house. While Father Kevin was driving, he realized that he did not have his holy water. When he stopped at a toll booth, the person working there recognized that he was a priest and randomly handed him a bottle of Holy water from Lourdes. Father Kevin then blessed our house with the miraculous water of Lourdes.

While my parents were selling their house in Indiana, a terrible flood occurred. The flood was so large and disastrous that you could drive a motor boat down the street! Once the flood was over, there were only two houses that did not completely flood on their street, and one of them was my family's. We then were able to successfully sell the house and buy our own in Michigan. We believe this was because of the miraculous water of Lourdes that Father Kevin had blessed our house with and beloved mother Mary.

This is why I picked Bernadette as my confirmation saint, because she had a special relationship with Our Lady of Lourdes. This is also why I would be honored to crown Mary, because she has done so much for my family and it would be an honor to show my love and gratitude for her in this way. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee!

May Crowning Essay - *Klara Labasova*, Crowner

May Crowning of the Blessed Mother: I would like to crown the Blessed Mother at the May Crowning because as a kid, I remember watching the May Crowning and always admiring the perfect lighting and its decorations, beautiful girls participating and the perfect abundance of roses. I remember just never taking my eyes off of it and truly watching something so wonderful. I even would wake up early every year to go watch. And I think just to heal my inner-self, I think it would be so wonderful to participate in something I love so much. Not only would my younger self enjoy this but my current and future self. It would be so nice to be able to look back on a day like the May Crowning and I would be so lucky to participate. I have always looked up to Mary, and even though it's silly, as a kid I would always imagine her life and how she would act. I've always thought Mary was so beautiful and I would be so grateful to participate even if I don't crown Mary but just to participate on such wonderful day.