

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 7, 2023



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"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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MASS Intentions

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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 Berryman*
- 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

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- Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
- 7:30AM For the 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 Karen & 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

May 8, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For Katie Shubnell req. Langlois Family
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ For Frank Nacelewicz (B'Day)
❖ † Ann Rudzewicz
- 12:00PM For Raymond req. Grandma & Papa
❖ For Maria Soave req. Lucio & Yvonne Persichetti
❖ † Christine & Clair Branch req. Family
❖ † Miguela Romero

May 9, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Jordan Zabawa req. Langlois Family
❖ For Catherine Miller
❖ † Aida Koja & Thamer Asmaro
❖ † Anna Rudzewicz
- 12:00PM For Emmanuel Korkis (B'Day)
❖ For Michael req. Grandma & Papa
❖ † Natalie, Orest, Wally, Don Duzey
❖ † Francesca Russo req. Daughter

May 10, Wednesday - Streda

Memorial of Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

- (Latin)
- 9:00AM For Joseph Desser (B'Day) ❖ For Mark Varchetti
❖ † Emilia Rafaidus req. Valeria Schwarz
❖ † Ana Nguyen Thi Chin req. Ho Thu
- 12:00PM For the Living & Deceased Members of the Laszlo & Gail Families ❖ For Simon & Rosemary Shadda
❖ † Elia & Afefa Jazrawi
❖ † Ann M. Pullis

May 11, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For a Special Intention req. Maria Laconi
❖ For Idrees Hormiz & Family
❖ For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family
❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
- 12:00PM For Beth Sier (B'Day) ❖ For Jennifer & Family
❖ For Nicole Dailey (B'Day) ❖ For Eli Monsoor
- 7:00PM For Lourdes Shamoon
❖ For Tessie Kowalski req. Catherine Alexandria Thomas
❖ † Roger & Lois Farrier req. Daughter
❖ † Roger Farrier, Jr., req. Sister

May 12, Friday - Piatok

- 6:00AM For Nora Jerjosa & Family req. Dalila
❖ For Carl & Alyssia Varchetti & Family
❖ † George & Helen Emmendorfer
❖ † Anthony M. Yanik req. Yanik Family
- 12:00PM For Audie Axalan (B'Day) req. Jimenez Family
❖ † Sam and Marlene Jabbour req. Daughter Denise
❖ † Hermiz Babbie
❖ † Patrick O'Shea req. Rybicki Family

May 13, Saturday - Sobota

Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

- 9:00AM For the Members of O.L. Mother of Mercy
Secular Discalced Carmelites ❖ For Judy Pawlowski
❖ For Samuel Hines (B'Day)
❖ For Vince Laconi (B'Day)
- 5:30PM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For All Priests ❖ For Hana Frances
❖ For the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima
❖ For Michael & Megan Sobolic
❖ † Drane Dushaj ❖ † James Misko

May 14, Sunday - Nedela

Sixth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21
- 7:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 9:30AM For Intentions of All Mothers (Natural & Spiritual)
- 11:30AM (*Slovak*)
Na úmysel všetkých matiek
- 8:30PM For Stephanie Fayad (B'Day)
❖ For Melissa & Steve Mazurkiewicz Jr. (Ann.) req. Family
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ † Josephine Davis
❖ † Joe Olson ❖ † Matthew Margiewicz
❖ † Ruben Axalan (2nd Ann.) req. Jimenez Family

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

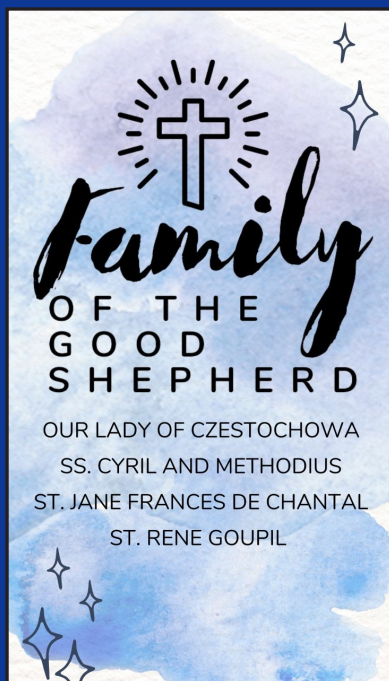
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAY: 8:30AM - 9:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 5:30AM-6:00AM & 11:30AM-12:00PM
THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 5:30AM - 6:00AM, 11:30AM - 12:00PM & 6:30PM-7:00PM
SATURDAY: 8:30AM - 9:00AM

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



FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES:

Our Lady of Czestochowa

3100 18 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, 586-977-7267
SATURDAY (Vigil Masses): 4:00PM (Polish) & 5:30PM (English)
SUNDAY (All Polish): 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM & 7:00PM

St. Jane Frances De Chantal

38750 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, 586-977-8080
SATURDAY (Vigil): 4:00PM
SUNDAY: 9:00AM & 11:30AM

St. Rene Goupil

35955 Ryan Road, 586-939-7500
SATURDAY (Vigil): 4:00PM
SUNDAY: 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 5:30PM

Congratulations to our First Communicants + April 29, 2023

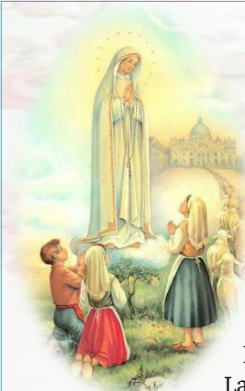


Those who received the Sacrament include:

**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
Jacob Nguyen, Cormac Normile, Scarlett Schaub, Charlotte Stec, Alexander Szilagyi
Roksana Szymd, Sophie Trajkovski, and Lucia Wey**

Please pray for these children, that they remember that they will always find
Jesus in the Eucharist, in His Word and in others.

Thank you! Paul & Carroll Schuller, Catechism Directors



May 13th—First Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima **Saturday, May 13—Marian Procession & Devotions after the 5:30PM Noon Holy Mass**

During World War I, Pope Benedict XV made repeated but forlorn pleas for peace, and finally in May 1917, made a direct appeal to the Blessed Mother to intercede for peace in the world. Soon, Our Lady began to appear at Fatima, Portugal to three shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos, age 10, and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, ages 9 and 7. Fatima was a small village about 70 miles north of Lisbon.

May 13, 1917: On May 13, 1917, the three children took their flocks out to pasture in the small area known as the Cova da Iria (Cove of Peace). After lunch and the Rosary they suddenly saw a bright flash of something like lightning, followed quickly by another flash in the clear blue sky. They looked up to see, in Lucia's words, "A lady, clothed in white, brighter than the sun, radiating a light more clear and intense than a crystal cup filled with sparkling water lit by burning sunlight." The children stood there amazed, bathed in the light that surrounded the apparition as the Lady smiled and said: "Do not be afraid, I will not harm you." Lucia, as the oldest, asked her where she came from.

The Lady pointed to the sky and said: "I come from heaven." Lucia then asked her what she wanted. "I have come to ask you to come here for six months on the 13th day of the month at this same hour. Later, I shall say who I am and what I desire. And I shall return here yet a seventh time." Lucia then asked if they would go to heaven and was told "yes," she and Jacinta would go to heaven, but Francisco would need to say many rosaries first. The Lady then said: "Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He wills to send you as an act of reparation for the conversion of sinners?" Lucia, speaking for all three, readily agreed. "Then you are going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort." Lucia recounted that at the same moment she said these words the Lady opened her hands and streamed a "light" on the children that allowed them to see themselves in God. The Lady finished with a request: "Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of the war." With that she began to rise into the air, moving towards the east until she disappeared. The children got together and tried to think of ways they could make sacrifices as the Lady had asked, resolving to go without lunch and to pray the full Rosary. Francisco and Jacinta received more support from their parents than Lucia, but the attitudes of the local inhabitants ranged from skepticism to utter contempt, and the children thereby suffered many insults. They would have much to suffer, just as the Lady had told them.

Catechism Corner Class Schedule

Catechism Calendar:

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

Catechism Questions: *Carroll or Paul Schuller,*

(586) 726-6911, cschuller@saintcyriels.church

Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, May 8

"Jesus Wept - A Night Discussing Death & Eternal Life"

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 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@saintcyriels.church

EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, May 11

"Voice in my Head - A Night Talking about How to Know God's Voice"

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 how to know God's voice and our end-of-the-year messy game night.

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

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Collecting Stories of Miracles

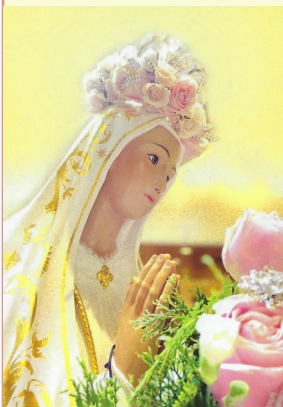
Unexplained Happenings for a Parish Book

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

Mother's Day Novena Begins May 15



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.



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 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.

RTL-Lifespan Mother's Day Carnations • May 13 & 14

Happy Mother's Day to ALL of our mothers! RTL-Lifespan will again be offering beautiful carnations for our Moms on May 13 & 14 after Saturday and Sunday Holy Masses EXCEPT the 8:30PM Holy Mass. Volunteers will be outside the main entrance overhang. Donation cans will be available for free-will offerings to help with pro-life work in Macomb and Oakland counties. The suggested donation is \$1 each. Thank you to Father Libor for permitting RTL-Lifespan to offer carnations at Ss. Cyril & Methodius and thank you to all for your support.

Betty Abate, RTL-Lifespan Representative

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 southeastern 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

Growing in Faith

Each year our Confirmation Students are asked to write essays to the Bishop sharing a bit of what they have learned in their preparation for this second Sacrament of Initiation.

Each student was asked to write two essays:

- † ***Embracing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit- What kind of Catholic Man or Woman do I envision myself to be?***
- † ***Why I have chosen the Saint Name of _____.***

We want to thank each and everyone of the students for writing essays that show their desire after Confirmation to be a witness to Christ, proclaim their faith courageously, defend it against those who hate it, continue to study and deepen their faith, and spread it wherever possible. We received 52 essays and unfortunately can't share each and everyone with you but each week in the month of May we will share a sampling so others can appreciate their hard work as much as we do.

May God Bless You, *Paul and Carroll Schuller*, Directors of Catechism

What kind of Catholic woman do I envision myself to be? - By: *Jaslyn Nguyen*

Dear Bishop Robert Fisher: My name is Jaslyn Nguyen, and I would like to embrace the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and become the kind of Catholic woman that can continue to support and follow the precepts of the Church. To begin, when I was between the ages of 9 and 12, I did not understand what being a Catholic really meant. I always complained about being forced to go to church and how going to Catechism was pointless. I didn't always listen to what my Catechism teachers taught me, causing me to neglect my faith and my relationship with God. Another thing that blocked my relationship with God was my desire to fit into my school group. Going to a public school, I learned about topics that I shouldn't have. The students at my school had broken families, fake friends, and harmful relationships. Some students took their problems and shared them with others, affecting me, and the students around me as well. They made their reputation and situation seem normal and cool, causing other students to follow after them and admire them. Growing up with strict parents, I didn't get to hang out with my friends unless it was a special event or a birthday. The students at my school had parents that didn't care for their child's school life and let them grow up with negligence. This affected me into thinking that if I can't fit in with the people around me outside of school, then I have to try harder during school. I wanted to meet expectations that seemed like a "good image," and forced myself to wear different clothes and talk differently. Because of the desire to be seen as "cool" and "mature," my relationship with God continued to sink. I put the people in my school, who told me that not being the best version of myself was okay, above God, who truly and unconditionally loved me for the best version of myself. Thankfully, I became aware of how wrong the mindset my friends and I had and decided to actually act on this awareness. I reflected on what true friends meant, and it had me thinking if having these types of friends was really good for me and the relationships I had with the people I sincerely cared about. I recognized that I was losing myself for the satisfaction of others. I also noticed how far my relationship with God was and decided to start changing my perspective of my worth. As I went into 7th grade, I started to notice what my Catechism teacher, Mr. Giroux, talked to his class about. He told us about his experiences and how he got out of his bad habits. Listening to his stories got me thinking more about my faith and resulted in me listening to and exploring Catholicism deeper. I started to pay attention in class more. I started to ask myself what I thought about being a Catholic and if I really believed in it. I researched more about saints and realized that they made many wrong decisions in their lives, but in the end, they repented and devoted themselves to God. I learned that day that our mistakes are engraved and scarred into our minds, but if we truly regret our past, God shall help us to get back on the right path for us again. We will forgive ourselves, as well as forgive and apologize to the people whose relationship with us had been broken. As I went into middle school, I was more aware of the people around me and chose whom I hung out with care. I went into 8th grade with a more positive perspective and took Catechism much more seriously, as I was preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation that would alter my life. The Decision Point book made very good points that helped me learn more about the processes, history, and parts of our faith. Reading this book made me gain knowledge of how special the Church is. Even now, I have doubts and questions about my faith, but I know that a part of faith is having the courage to believe in God without having scientific evidence. To conclude, I am still not certain about my vocation on if I want to lead a single life or a married life, but what I do know is that I want to continue to grow in my faith and support the church and follow the precepts of the Church as much as possible, regardless of which vocation I choose.

Why I have chosen the Saint Name of Saint John the Evangelist - By: *Conrad Schaub*

Dear Bishop Robert Fisher: Why I have chosen Saint John the Evangelist is because whenever I hear someone say what Saint name are you going to choose, I think of Saint John the Evangelist. I'm not sure entirely why, but part of it is because he is the patron Saint of loyalty, authors, and friends. I want to stay loyal to the Catholic Church and I want to make new friends and help my friends get to heaven. I don't really like talking to people so it can be hard to make new friends. I'm hoping to get over my shyness and be more open to the world.

I also want to stay loyal to the Catholic Church and be with God forever and not convert to a different religion. Another reason I chose Saint John the Evangelist is because he did not hide when Jesus was being crucified. He was there with the Blessed Virgin Mary when all the other apostles went to hide. That took bravery, courage, and loyalty. These are the reasons I have chosen Saint John the Evangelist.



Sacrament of Confirmation † May 6, 2023



Congratulations to all students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 6, at the 5:30PM Holy Mass. May each student open their heart to the Holy Spirit in order that He moves them to be a person of resignation to their faith. They have all worked very hard to prepare for this day. Let us pray that they embrace the fruits and gifts given them and find the strength to continue to grow and spread their knowledge of God's truths.

Through their commitment and hard work, the children were able to receive the wonderful Sacrament of Confirmation. Their parents, mentors & sponsors gave them encouragement and should be applauded for that. Most importantly, we must not forget their teachers for their tireless efforts in preparing and supporting each and every student. Our sincere appreciation to them for their dedication and commitment to the children's faith formation. Thank you to the Confirmation teachers, *Vickie & Michael Rolling, Mary & Larry Hines, Cassie & Larry Giroux, Keith Bolda, and Ben Langlois* for being exemplary role models for our young people. Also, thank you to *Jeanne Langlois, Barbara Garissi, Kathleen McPherson, Lisa Yarbrough, Peter Kanan and Eleanor Irwin* who too played important roles in the students Confirmation preparation.

Those who received the Sacrament include:

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, Mary Grace Propson, Elizabeth Roddy, John Roddy, Conrad Schaub Joy Simon, Emilia Stewart, Joyce Thuemmel, Christian Valli, Gabrielle Valli, Xavier Wey, Andrew Wiegand, and Marvin Louis (Blessing Only)
Klara Labasova was confirmed on April 23rd. Please include her in your prayers.
Thank you, *Paul & Carroll Schuller*, Catechism Directors

In Honor of Our Blessed Mother May Crowning - April 30, 2023



Crowners:
Klara Labasova
(Crown)
Mary Propson
(Bouquet)

