

Ascension of the Lord
Sunday, May 21, 2023



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MASS Intentions

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May 20, Saturday - Sobota

Memorial of Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena
5:30PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For Patrick Blenman (Ordination) req.
Grandparents, John & Marian Santi
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Joe Fuller
❖ For Martin Szollosi
❖ For Sam & Amy Shamoon (Wed. Ann.)
❖ †Donald, Marie & Molly Obriecht

May 21, Sunday - Nedela

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

- 7:30AM For the Menard & Daniel Families
❖ For Krista Keil (B'Day) req. Nash Brown Family
❖ For the Noel Nelson Family
❖ For John & Sandi Brady & Families
❖ For Matthew Desser (B'Day)
❖ For Lawrence Hines III (B'Day)
❖ †Amparo Fernando req. Family
9:30AM For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena
11:30AM (Slovak)
For Valerye Sierra (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For George Zubian (45th B'Day) req. Prusak Family
❖ For Lydia Kamensky (70th B'Day)
req. Prusak Family
❖ †Emil Liptak
❖ †Emilia Rafaidus req. Mary Jacko
❖ †Felicia Baginski req. Linda Whetstone
❖ †Vera Zelenak req. Chominski Family
8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

May 22, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena
12:00PM For Fr. Juraj & All Priests, Deacons & Seminarians
❖ For the Louis Family
❖ For McKinley Zabawa req. Langlois Family
❖ For Ron & Clare & Families

May 23, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Anthony Maya (B'Day)
❖ For Gary Rudzewicz
❖ †Souraya Nehro Moses req. Daughter
❖ †Christine B. Branch req. Family
12:00PM For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

May 24, Wednesday - Streda

(Latin)

- 9:00AM For James Yates (B'Day) req. Family
❖ †Stefania Bak
❖ †Dan Sullivan req. Wife Janet
❖ †Emilia Rafaidus req. Rose Magy
12:00PM For Tim Fuller ❖ For Gary Rudzewicz (B'Day)
❖ †Asberry Davis
❖ †Wasyl & Anastasis Tymchyshyn

May 25, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For Emad Youkhana ❖ For Senaa Dallo
❖ †Stephanie Varchetti ❖ †Carl (Hank) Parafinowicz
12:00PM For Annette Rudzewicz
❖ For Maddalena DiCicco (B'Day)
❖ †Stefania Bak
❖ †Anna Apazeller req. Friends & Family
7:00PM For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ For Lourdes Shamoon
❖ †John & Anna Farrier req. Granddaughter
❖ †Peter & Netti Zurvella req. Great Granddaughter

May 26, Friday - Piatok

Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest

- 6:00AM For Paul Varchetti & Family
❖ For Michael Fayed req. Grandma & Grandpa
❖ For John Kidnie
❖ †Mariam Youkhana
12:00PM For Jo Marie Nardi req. Bernadette Mikowski
❖ †Baby Tommy ❖ †Francis Maiorano
❖ †Anastasia & Joseph Tymn

May 27, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For Krahala Family & Friends
For Melissa Mazurkiewicz (B'Day) req. Family
❖ †Rebecca Pullis
❖ †Charles Lesko
7:00PM *Vespers & Pentecost Vigil Holy Mass
For the Intentions of All Parishioners

May 28, Sunday - Nedela

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

- 7:30AM For the Intentions of the St. Monica Sodality
❖ For Mark Varchetti
❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
❖ For Isaac Brink ❖ For Donna Lesko
❖ For Jordan Henning
❖ †John Maciag req. Wife
9:30AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For the Intentions of the Knights of Columbus-
St. Nicholas Council & their Families
❖ For the Brady Family ❖ For Anita Axalan
❖ For Clos Jimenez ❖ †Joe Olson
❖ †Mr. Pablo Paulino req. Sharon Nash Brown & Family
11:30AM (Slovak)
For The Holy Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Nikoleta Surinova req. Andrew Moynihan
❖ For Pavlin Vacaj & Family
❖ For Angela Aslivo & Family
❖ †Marie Swan req. Mike MacDonald
❖ †Emilia Rafaidus req. Prusak Family
❖ †Marge Robine req. Family
8:30PM For Sam & Amy Shamoon & Family
❖ For Kathy Cusumano
❖ For Emmanuel & Hollya Asmar & Family
❖ For Dominic Antonelli
❖ †Izzat Babbie
❖ †Dennis Francis req. Mila Flores
❖ †Irma Persichetti req. Lou & Yvonne



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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

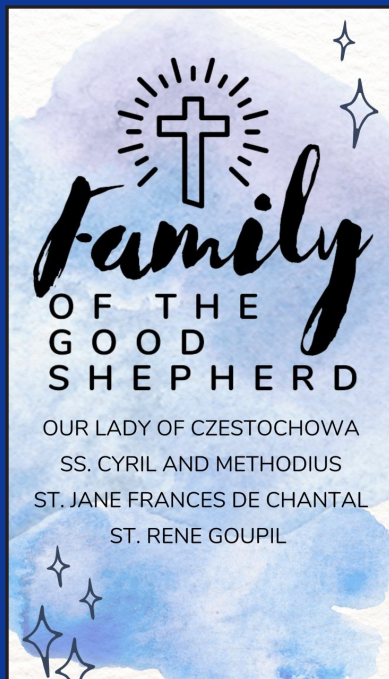
3100 18 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, 586-977-7267
SATURDAY (Vigil Masses): 4:00PM (Polish) & 5:30PM (English)
SUNDAY (All Polish): 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM & 7:00PM

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





It is once again time for the launch of a new Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) campaign. The CSA collection funds many diocesan-wide projects and services that benefit all parishes and help to spread the faith. CSA funds are used to fund the seminary, immigration legal services for clergy, parish services which supports our parish in many ways, youth ministry support services, Pro-Life ministries and so much more. CSA not only supports the Archdiocese, but provides for services that our parish could not survive without. Our contribution to the CSA makes a difference in the lives of many people and is also a great way to strengthen the parish finances. Our goal for 2023 is \$107,853. If we are able to exceed the goal anything collected for CSA over and above the \$107,853 will be returned to the parish tax free.

The Archdiocese of Detroit will do a direct mailing campaign on the parishes' behalf as they did in 2022. Due to some scheduling conflicts our formal kick off at the parish level will be delayed slightly, but parishioners should be receiving their packets in the mail this week if you have not already received them. The direct mailing from, and the handling of the majority of payments by, the AOD takes much of the burden of administration off the parish.

If you do not receive a packet in the mail from the Archdiocese you can call (800) 348-2886, go online to cyrils.csaad.org or use the QR code above to donate. You can also use the green envelope in the May/June donation envelope packets or simply write a check to "Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA and drop it in the collection basket.



Thank you for your donations that support our Parish!

Pentecost Vigil Holy Mass Begins with Evening Prayer (Vespers) Saturday, May 27, 7:00PM

Similar to the Easter Vigil, the Vigil of Pentecost can be celebrated in a way that preserves its rich traditions.

Fifty days after the high feast of Easter, the Church comes together to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is one of the principal feasts of the year and marks the end of the Easter season. Historically the feast of Pentecost was given a greater emphasis and its vigil the day before was connected to the Easter Vigil in many ways.

In recognition of the ancient tradition, the current Roman Missal has revived this extended vigil.

Evening Prayer (Vespers)—Prior to the start of Mass, it is an option to begin the celebration with the recitation of Evening Prayer (Vespers). This includes three Psalms and ends right before the Liturgy of the Word during Mass.

Liturgy of the Word—Similar to the Easter Vigil, there are **four readings** from the Old Testament that are read. The priest will pray before these readings, which summarizes the overall "spirit" of the Pentecost Vigil.

The readings reflect various prefigurements of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost starting in Genesis, and ending in the book of Joel. Each reading has its own proper prayer, which brings out the truths revealed in the ancient texts.

After the fourth reading and its Psalm is completed, the Gloria is sung with great jubilation. Then a reading from Romans is recited, which recalls how the Holy Spirit helps us in our need.

The **Gospel** is then proclaimed and Mass continues as usual.

After the Gospel, the homily is recited and the Vigil continues with the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Magnificat from the Vespers will continue after distribution of Holy Communion.

Mass is concluded with the solemn dismissal, "Go forth, the Mass is ended, Alleluia, Alleluia." **Pentecost marks the last use of the Easter season double Alleluia.**

After Pentecost, the Easter season officially concludes.

(By Philip Kosloski, Aleteia)

Next Saturday evening, May 27, the eve of the Solemnity of the Sending of the Holy Spirit, we will celebrate the Pentecost Vigil. Instead of our usual Mass time of 5:30PM, the celebration will begin at 7:00PM. Like the Apostles with the Mother of God, we await the descent of the Holy Spirit by keeping vigil in the Upper Room with prayer, the Word of God and the Eucharist.

This Vigil includes the Evening Prayer of the Church - Vespers, a rich Liturgy of the Word, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The solemn homily will be presented by Fr Mykhailo Solianyk, Pastor of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Clinton Township, MI. All are invited to participate in the sacred assembly of the Church in this special Liturgy.

Pentecost Sunday Holy Masses: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak), 8:30PM



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 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 oeprays@gmail.com



Fr. Richard Clancy with FOCUS

This weekend, Father Richard Clancy is glad to have the opportunity to visit our parish on behalf of Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). Fr. Clancy is incardinated in the Archdiocese of Boston. He was the Director of Campus Ministry

for the Archdiocese from 2002 to 2015 as well as Priest Chaplain for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) from 2006 to 2015. Since June of 2015, he has been Pastor of St. Marguerite Parish Dracut, St. Mary Magdalen Parish Tyngsboro and St. Rita Parish Lowell. FOCUS is a national organization serving college students at more than 216 campus/locations including eight international locations, 23 parish venues and 10 digital expansion campuses. More than 860 FOCUS missionaries invite college students into a relationship with Christ and His Church, while equipping them for a lifetime of Catholic evangelization. Fr. Clancy is excited to be with you soon and share the hope of the New Evangelization! To learn more, please visit www.focus.org.

Life Teen High School Ministry • Monday, May 22

*"Freshmen Welcome - A Night Dedicated to
Welcoming our Incoming Freshmen!
All Current 8th Graders Welcome"*

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 last Life Teen Night before summer will be our freshman welcome night. We will meet in the summer for park nights! (See page 6)

EDGE Middle School Ministry • Thursday, May 25

"Bless This Mess - A Night Full of Messy Games & Fun"

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 last Edge Night will be our end-of-the-year messy game night. We will meet in the summer for park nights! (See page 6)

Questions about Life Teen or EDGE:

Alexandria Collins or Heidi Normile, edge@saintcyrils.church

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 on the bulletin board in the vestibule 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.

St. Monica Sodality Mass • Sunday, May 28

How fortunate we are that the May St. Monica Sodality Mass falls on Pentecost Sunday. We pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit's graces, blessings and gifts to be upon: those who do not believe - that they may believe, those who are doubtful or confused - that they may understand, and those who are lukewarm or indifferent - that they may be transformed.

The next St. Monica Sodality Holy Mass takes place next Sunday, May 28, at 7:30AM. After Mass we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the St. Monica Sodality Prayer and a prayer to the Holy Spirit (time permitting). The prayer location (Church or Chapel) will be posted on a signboard in the vestibule and mentioned during the Mass announcements.

Future Mass details are noted on the petition box and in parish bulletins. Note - If you cannot attend a monthly Mass, your submitted prayer petitions are still included, and if you attend the Noon weekday Holy Mass, the Chaplet and St. Monica Prayer are recited after the final hymn.

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

Alleluia! He has Risen! Blessings for Eastertide!

Thank you so much for all you do for us! We deeply appreciate your parish and everything you do for us.

The non-perishable items you collected and delivered for us was phenomenal! We were able to give it all out on Tuesday, April 11. We are now serving over 240 families per week, representing over 600 individuals. We try to provide for a family of four each week, including fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, milk, bread and desserts. As you know, food costs are exceptionally high. We can only imagine what it's like with limited income.

In humblest gratitude, for all of you; and for all that the Ss. Cyril and Methodius parishioners do for us,

Maggie Segal, Executive Director, St. Christine Christian Services

Ruth Remus, Pantry Coordinator

Thank You from RTL-Lifespan

Last weekend, Right to Life-Lifespan offered carnations for Mother's Day at four of the Holy Masses. We were blessed to receive donations in the amount of \$1000 for RTL-Lifespan.

Thank you to Father Libor, Father Juraj, staff, volunteers and to all the parishioners and visitors who supported this project! Your generosity is a witness to the respect for the gift of human life! It is always fun to see the excitement of everyone picking flowers for special women in their lives and the joy of the women receiving the flowers. God bless everyone.

Betty Abate, RTL-Lifespan Parish Representative



Summer Nights

LIFE TEEN

June 10 (Community Retreat Day)

June 19 - Life Night

July 10 & 24 - Life Nights



June 15 & 29

July 13 & 27

Questions: Heidi Normile, Youth Minister
lifeteen@saintcyrils.church or edge@saintcyrils.church

Thank You!

To everyone who donated to Life Teen and Edge: Thank You! Your donations has made it possible to keep building on the beautiful ministry we have here at SS. Cyril and Methodius. This ministry is a vital part of our parish, so your donations will help further grow this ministry.

If you missed the opportunity to donate: we are always accepting donations! Feel free to use the QR code below if you feel called to support our ministry.

We will be praying for you
and your families!

Thank you again for your support!

God Bless,
Heidi Normile
Youth Minister



SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS

LIFE TEEN FUNDRAISER



CAR Wash & Car Blessing

Saturday, June 10
10AM – 2:30PM

SS. Cyril and Methodius Parking Lot
Free- will offering!

Fr. Libor will be thrilled
to bless all cars.



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

I AM

the GOOD SHEPHERD,
and I know Mine and Mine know Me,
just as the Father knows Me
and I know the Father;
and I WILL LAY DOWN MY LIFE
for the sheep.

(John 10:14-15)

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Father's Day Novena

Father's Day is Sunday, June 18, and our Father's Day Novena will begin on Monday, June 19. Novena Mass cards are available after all Holy Masses on weekends and in the Parish Office on weekdays.

*The Sacrifice of the Mass is the
Most Perfect Gift Anyone can Receive!*



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: *Anonymous*

Dear Bishop Robert Fisher:

To answer the question, "What kind of Catholic woman do I envision myself to be?", I would say first and foremost, I want to live for Jesus with the gift of Piety. I love him with all my heart, and I want to have a burning love for him the way the saints did through the gift of the Fear of God. I also want to be a witness to Christ with the gift of Fortitude and continue to study and deepen my faith in Him through the gifts of Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding. Right now, I envision myself as a single layperson, but I am open to accepting any other calling Jesus has for me through the gift of Counsel. I want to do more for Jesus, as well as other people. Finally, I want to participate in Daily Mass, pray a daily Rosary, help donate to charities and the Church, and receive the Sacraments more often.

I want to be a more faithful Catholic by taking part in daily Mass more often than I usually do. Although I don't have a car, I can still ask and encourage my parents and older brother to take me and the rest of my family to Mass more often. We already go three times a week, but I want to increase this even more. I also want to pray a daily rosary. I have said this many times, but never actually keep up with it. I will probably fall short to say a daily rosary again, but I will continue to ask the Holy Spirit for help and guidance.

As my Confirmation Saint, St. Teresa of Calcutta, I also have a strong desire to help the poor, the sick, and the homeless. As a young Catholic woman, I have the aspiration to help make food for homeless people and donate money to food banks. Once again, I cannot drive yet to get supplies, but I can always ask my parents to help me with these projects.

Finally, as I grow into a young woman, I want to cultivate a devotion to the Sacraments more often than I currently do. I normally go once a month to confession, maybe two months, but I want to go once every two weeks, or even once a week! I also have a strong passion to want to receive the Holy Eucharist more often. The Eucharist is a very powerful sacrament that will help me grow in holiness and I am privileged to be able to receive it.

I know all these acts of Piety are challenging and difficult to aspire to, but I will rely on God's Grace and the gift of Fortitude to continue to persevere and try. When I fall short or struggle to fulfill these things, I will ask the Holy Spirit to help guide me through the gifts of Wisdom, Knowledge, and Understanding. Although I envision myself as a single layperson, I am still very much open to God's plan for whatever vocation he calls me to live as I discern through the gift of Counsel. Whether it be receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony and having kids or joining a religious order, I am happy to let God's Will be done and I trust that He will do whatever He thinks is best for me. "For the Fear of the Lord is the beginning of all Wisdom."

Why I have chosen the Saint Name of Saint Stephen - By: *Andrew Wiegand*

I chose St. Stephen because he was a very noble and brave deacon. One day, the apostles told the disciples to select seven deacons, and Stephen was the first one chosen. The apostles decided to do this so that they would have more assistance in preaching and caring for the poor. Stephen soon proved himself to be an amazing and effective speaker by letting the Holy Spirit speak through him, but some people who renounced Christianity accused him of speaking against the Law of Moses and against God. With his admirable courage, he was dragged to court, where he even preached to everyone there. Along the way, he boldly claimed to see Heaven along with the Glory of God. People could also see around his head a shining halo, and his face was like that of an angel. After daringly sharing the Good News of Jesus, the court officials condemned him to death by stoning.

St. Stephen was taken outside the city and brutally stoned. While he was suffering, he prayed that God would not hold his murderers' sins against them. As he died, he rendered, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Following his death, Stephen received the crown of martyrdom, which as Catholics we believe is an immediate merit of one's sanctity. Stephen was the first of many to sacrifice his life for Christ.

Furthermore, Stephen was the perfect example of a noble soldier for Christ who possessed the virtues of fortitude, patience amid suffering, and love for God. He knew whatever suffering he had to endure, Heaven would be worth it. Stephen desired to preach the Word of God everywhere he went, and he even did it when he took his last breath on earth. He tried to share his happiness with everybody, but even though he was rejected, he still died happily. He knew that temporary suffering and proclaiming Jesus Christ as God were worth his gaining eternal salvation with the one, true God—his Creator and Redeemer!

St. Stephen inspires me to follow in his footsteps to know that Heaven will be worth any humble suffering experienced on earth. I only hope to live his virtues and qualities and fulfill God's plan for my life. St. Stephen, please pray for me.