

Pentecost Sunday  
Sunday, May 28, 2023



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



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

“Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.”  
- Jn 7:37b

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# MASS Intentions

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## 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 Jordan Henning  
❖For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family  
❖For Isaac Brink ❖For Donna Lesko ❖†John Maciag  
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  
(Slovak) For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖For Nikoleta Surinova req. Andrew Moynihan  
❖For Pavlin Vacaj & Fam. ❖For Angela Aslivo & Fam.  
❖†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 Dominic Antonelli  
❖For Emmanuel & Hollya Asmar & Family  
❖†Izzat Babbie ❖†Dennis Francis req. Mila Flores  
❖†Irma Persichetti req. Lou & Yvonne

## May 29, Monday - Pondelok

### Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

9:00AM For Elizabeth Timmerman ❖For Senaa Dallo  
❖For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family ❖†LeRoy Carhart  
12:00PM For Samantha Babbie ❖For Amy Shamoon  
❖For the Scarcelli & Fekin Families  
❖For Jenson & Ashley Thottathil req. Mom

## May 30, Tuesday - Utorok

6:00AM For Carl & Alyssia Varchetti & Family  
❖For Pavlin Vacaj & Family  
❖†Paul Szwarc ❖†George & Helen Emmendorfer  
12:00PM For Fr. Libor & All Priests, Deacons & Seminarians  
❖For Ave Monsoor (B'Day) ❖For Eli Monsoor  
❖For Thomas Hanna (B'Day)

## May 31, Wednesday - Streda

### Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00AM (Latin) For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖For Riwan & Rafal Hormiz  
❖†Agatha Mangano req. Family ❖†Marion McGrath  
12:00PM For Jordan Wisniewski  
❖For Simon & Rosemary Shadda  
❖For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
❖†James Misko

## June 1, Thursday - Štvrtok

### Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr

6:00AM For James & Grete Varchetti  
❖For Sana Dallo ❖For Jordan Henning  
❖†Olga & Peter Piatek

12:00PM For Jeffrey Pawlowski ❖For Tony & Vickie  
❖†Thomas Simpson req. Fabina Family  
❖†Emilia Rafaidus req. Scott & Geri Medawar  
7:00PM For the Godchildren & Confirmation Children of the  
Prusak Family ❖For Lourdes Shamoon  
❖For Peter Batche req. Wife ❖For Matthew LaPorte

## June 2, First Friday - Prvý Piatok

6:00AM For Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖For a Special Intention req. Maria Laconi  
❖†Charles & Isabella Varchetti  
❖†Cynthia Yanik req. Yanik Family  
12:00PM For the Rosary Makers & Families  
❖Paul & Joan Moses (50th Wed. Ann.)  
❖†David Davis  
❖†Robert Stout, Jr.  
7:00PM For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
❖For the Francis Family req. Kevin & Stacy Francis  
❖†Ray Long req. Pardington & Curell Families  
❖†Larry Asker

## June 3, First Saturday - Prva Sobota

### Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

9:00AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖For the Intentions of the Rosary Society  
❖†Louis Allawerdi  
❖†Eva Fleck req. John & Linda Whetstone  
5:30PM For Deacon Phil & Janice McCown req. Warman Family  
❖For Paul & Family  
❖For Lucio & Yvonne Persichetti (62nd Wed. Ann.)  
❖For the Meldrum Family req. AnnMarie Meldrum  
❖For RoseAnn Lebioda req. Meldrum Family  
❖For Peter & Mary Carreon (Wed.) req. Jimenez Family  
❖†Al & Stacey Fedak

## June 4, Sunday - Nedela

### Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18  
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 the Louis Family  
❖For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
❖†Rafael Drensek  
❖†Greg & Mary Manning & Family  
❖†Anna Apazeller req. Friends & Family  
11:30AM (Slovak)  
❖For Father Libor  
❖For Nikoleta Surinova req. Andrew Moynihan  
❖For Rosalind Gietzen req. Family  
❖†Fran, †Mary, †Marlene & †Irene  
❖†Iluminada & Petronilo Figueroa req. Family  
❖†Clarence Dass ❖†George & Emilia Rafaidus  
1:30PM \*Baptisms: June Rose Fleck, Emmett Weil & Ellie Weil  
8:30PM For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family  
❖For Biz Laconi (B'Day) ❖For Ibtisam Babbie  
❖For Jarian Santos req. Jimenez Family  
❖For Al & Ann Varchetti  
❖For Celina Czach  
❖†Natale Mangano req. Family



*Welcome*

**Pentecost Sunday • Sunday, May 28, 2023**

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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 (Closed on Memorial Day, May 29)  
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

*Rite of*

# ORDINATION OF PRIESTS

*for the Archdiocese of Detroit*



On Saturday, May 27, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron celebrated the Rite of Ordination of Priests for the Archdiocese of Detroit at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

This joyous occasion included the ordination of five men to the priesthood (L to R): Father Richard Dorsch Jr., Father Jeremy Schupbach, Father Michael Selvaraj, Father Andrew Smith, and Father Ryan Walters.



### 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 and the theme is:

"A Radical Ride on the Wings of a Prayer."

Register before May 31 at:

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

Planning meetings take place on May 31, June 7 & 12 from 7-9PM.

Questions, please contact: *Michelle Jones*

(586) 219-6678 or moeprays@gmail.com

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov). More information about the AOD's efforts to address abuse may be found at [protect.aod.org](http://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 Detroitскую Arcidiecézu prostredníctvom koordinátora pre pomoc obetiam na tel. čísle 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).



### Father's Day Novena Begins June 19

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. Suggested Donation: \$10.

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

### Bilingual Rosary • First Friday, June 2

Our special Bilingual Rosary will be prayed on First Friday, June 2, at 6:00PM. We will be praying the Joyful 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 31, by emailing [babate@saintcyrils.church](mailto:babate@saintcyrils.church) or calling (586) 726-6911.

Organized by: *Maria Lamerova & Betty Abate*



### Our Lady's Rosary Makers • First Friday, June 2

The Rosary Makers meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. The next meeting is this Friday, June 2, from 1:00-3:00PM in Room #113. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Newcomers are always welcome.

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

### Rosary Society Meeting • First Saturday, June 3

Ladies of the Parish: Please join the Rosary Society at our next meeting on Saturday, June 3, as we discuss plans for upcoming church and Rosary Society events. We will meet in the Fr. Mikus Hall after the 9:00AM Holy Mass and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. The meeting begins at approximately 10:15AM.

This month we will discuss:

- ◆ **Corpus Christi Reception**
- ◆ **Parish Slovak Festival**
- ◆ **Marian Retreat**

All ladies are welcome! Prayerfully consider joining the Rosary Society as we continue our mission of devotion to the Blessed Mother and of support to the Parish.

Questions: *Kathy Holka*, (586) 703-4043 or [kholka@aol.com](mailto:kholka@aol.com)

### Northland Family Prayer News • Saturday, June 3

June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We place all fathers and spiritual fathers within the Sacred Heart so that He can care for, protect and transform them into the fathers He created them to be. 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 Road (just west of Ryan Road), takes place Saturday, June 3, 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* at (586) 873-2004.

### Have a BLESSED MEMORIAL DAY!

Blessed is the Nation  
whose God is the Lord

Psalms 33:10-22





## Calling All 2023 Senior High School Graduates

Hi my name is Donna Mazurkiewicz and I am inviting all public, private and homeschooling 2023 Senior High School Graduates to attend the 9:30AM Holy Mass next Sunday, June 4! One of the intentions for the Holy Mass will be for the graduates! Please have the graduates come in their cap and gowns. Please contact me at (586) 295-2131 to let me know if your son or daughter is interested in participating so that we may reserve the proper number of pews for the graduates.

Also, I will be collecting photos of your young adult whether it is a professional or a nice casual photo with a short caption with his/her name, name of the school graduating from and his/her future plans. Please leave the picture with the caption in the Parish Office by Thursday, June 1. The pictures will be displayed on a poster at the bagel Fellowship after the Mass.

One last thing, I would like to get a group picture in church immediately following the Mass so please go to the front of the church at the end of Mass. Thank you and God bless you, *Donna Mazurkiewicz*



### Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) 2023

As you probably know, the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) campaign has begun. 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 completed 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 have received their packets in the mail. 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 did not receive a packet in the mail from the Archdiocese you can call (800) 348-2886, go online to [cyrils.csaad.org](http://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!*

### Fellowship • Sunday, June 4

Fellowship with bagels and coffee will take place in the Fr. Mikus Hall next Sunday, June 4, after the 9:30AM Holy Mass. Everyone is invited! (Please see article for High School Graduates above.)

### Car Wash & Car Blessing • June 10

The Life Teen Youth Ministry is sponsoring a Car Wash & Car Blessing fundraiser on Saturday, June 10, from 10:00AM - 2:30PM in the SS. Cyril & Methodius parking lot for a free-will offering! Fr. Libor will be happy to bless all cars.

If you would like to contribute to the Youth Ministry at SS. Cyril & Methodius, feel free to use the QR code to the right to help continue and grow this beautiful ministry. Thank you!



### 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. We will meet in the summer for park nights on June 10 (High School Day Retreat-see page 7 for details), June 19, and July 10 & 24!

### 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. We will meet in the summer for park nights on June 15 & 29 and July 13 & 27!

Questions about Life Teen or EDGE:

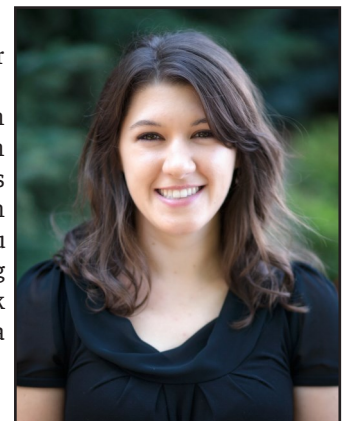
*Alexandria Collins or Heidi Normile, [edge@saintcyrils.church](mailto:edge@saintcyrils.church)*

### Thank You Alex Collins, Youth Minister

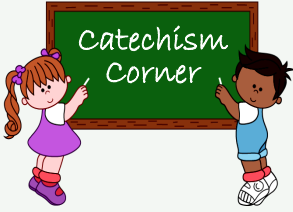
Dear Alex: First and foremost, on behalf of SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, Fr. Juraj and myself, thank you for everything. Your dedication to the Parish and in particular to the youth ministry was exceptional. Starting with EDGE middle school ministry some nine years ago and then extending your care to high schoolers in Life Teen, your time as youth minister at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish was filled with encounters, activities, prayers, nights for the teens, meetings with the core members, retreats, talks, trips and so much more. You were able to navigate through the times of Covid, got married, celebrated the birth of your first child..., but most importantly, you made a positive difference in many young people's lives. You accompanied them in their joyful moments, but also during their struggles. You assisted numerous young people in their journey through their formative years, preparing them for the next stages, be it college, work or married life. Seeing them advance in maturity, grow in faith and their closeness to God was always a source of humble pride and satisfaction for their parents, the Parish, myself, and certainly for you as well.

May the Lord always remember your generosity in serving the people of our parish and the Church.

*Fr. Libor*



# Registration for the 2023-2024 Catechism Year Has Begun



Packets were handed out or mailed to families that were enrolled in the program for the 2022-2023 year. If you did not receive your packet, guidelines and forms can be found on the parish website:

<https://saintcyrils.church/catechism-registration-for-2020-2021-school-year/>  
New families may check this page for registration instructions as well.

Please contact us if you need help with completing the forms or if you have any questions.

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

## *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: Mia Stewart**

Dear Bishop Robert Fisher:

In answer to: Embracing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit - What kind of Catholic Women do I envision myself to be in the future?

As a Catholic Woman in the future, I envision myself still being a practicing Catholic who goes to Mass every Sunday and tries her best to follow the Ten Commandments. I see myself being a witness to Christ by proclaiming his Word courageously, defending it, continuing to study how I can be more like Jesus and helping others become more like Jesus with me. I will spread it whenever and whenever possible. I will try to be the best version of myself and try my best to be a good example for others.

These are some of the reasons why I want to be confirmed. I will follow the Precepts of the Church by volunteering. I want to keep my faith going in the coming future by going to Mass on Sundays and seek out more after Confirmation. I will read books, pray the rosary more, and attend retreats to become closer to God. I will use what I have learned from Matthew Kelly's Decision Point to become the best-version-of-myself, become closer to God and to always stand up for my faith. I will be a soldier of Christ by expressing my faith fearlessly. I will defend the Catholic Faith, the rights of the unborn, and the right to life for all.

### **Why I have chosen the Saint Name of Saint Dymphna - By: Anonymous**

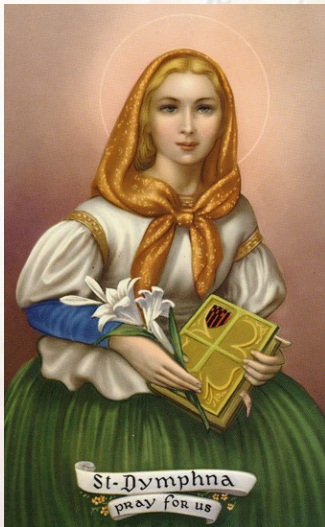
I chose Saint Dymphna because I relate to the people that she helps and cures. She has helped so many people that struggle on the daily with mental health and mental illnesses ranging from suicidal people to people that struggle with domestic abuse/violence. Her story is just amazing she came a long way.

Saint Dymphna cares so much about others and puts others above herself as I do myself. She built a hospice there for the poor and sick of the region. The only thing that was blocking her way from helping others was her selfish father who wanted her to go back to Ireland to be his new queen. But because Dymphna is such a caring soul she fought back and told her father she did not want to go back. But that obviously did not go well.

We can learn many things from Saint Dymphna. But some might ask What can we learn that other Saints don't help us learn? 1. Dymphna kept faith even in grief. We all know how grief challenges our faith. Not only did Dymphna lose her mother, but she also had to thread the impossible tightrope of consoling her father while recognizing that his sickness was warping him. This had to of torn her heart, but she did not stop hoping in God's providence. 2. Dymphna chose the path of unknowing and vulnerability. By fleeing to Geel, Dymphna took a major-league risk and rejected the familiarity of her

native land. Yes, she was momentarily safe from the king – but incredibly vulnerable as a foreigner and refugee.

My favorite thing that I learned from her was that she perfected her own authority and freedom to choose. In standing up to Damon, Dymphna inspires all of us who face temptation and all who face oppression from those who misuse their power. Not only did Dymphna preserve her vows of chastity, but she also avoided another, -acceptance of a false crown. That is why I chose St. Dymphna.





SS. Cyril and Methodius  
LIFE TEEN  
HIGH SCHOOL DAY  
RETREAT

car wash fundraiser • prayer  
talks • BBQ • bonfire

JUNE 10  
9:30am – 9:00pm

REGISTER HERE

Questions?

Contact: Heidi Normile  
lifeteen@saintcyrils.church



Welcoming all high school teens: incoming freshmen, current, and outgoing seniors.

\*All teens must be 14 years old, by December 1st, 2023