

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, July 9, 2023



SAINTS CYRIL AND  
METHODIUS PARISH

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



## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I  
will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

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# MASS *Intentions* ©JPCC

## July 8, Saturday - Sobota

### Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

9:00AM For Members of O.L. Mother of Mercy Secular Discalced Carmelites ❖ For Cathy Shakespeare (B'Day)  
❖ For Brittany Wright (B'Day) req. Family  
❖ †Mary Ackerman

5:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

## July 9, Sunday - Nedela

### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9,11-13; Mt 11:25-30

7:30AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. DZ  
❖ For the Menard & Daniel Families  
❖ For Jane Desser (B'Day) ❖ For Greg Schwark  
❖ For Alexander & Olivia Szpytman  
❖ †Hiline Lawand req. DZ  
❖ †John Maciag req. Wife

9:30AM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG  
❖ For the Intentions of the Knights of Columbus-  
St. Nicholas Council & their Families  
❖ For Ruslana Gala (B'Day) req. Family  
❖ For Bridget Abbott (Bap. Ann.) req. Family  
❖ †David Stander ❖ †Rafael Drensek  
❖ †Mary Rivera req. Honce Family

11:30AM For Yelda Daniel ❖ For Ashur Akrawi  
❖ †Mark Shakkuri ❖ †Gjyle Dedaj req. Daughter  
❖ †Patricia Norris ❖ †Emilia Rafaidus req. Maria Balaz  
❖ †Zofia Grisakova req. Grisak Family

8:30PM For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family  
❖ †Brandon Grose ❖ †Pauline Janes  
❖ †June Barnhart ❖ †Aln Ishoo Khoshaba  
❖ †Cassie Gularski req. Family  
❖ †Najeeba Bachuwa & +Joseph Aboona

## July 10, Monday - Pondelok

9:00AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. DZ  
❖ For Patrick Zabawa req. Langlois Family  
❖ †Hiline Lawand req. DZ  
❖ †Paul Grivas

12:00PM For Gabriella Hanna (B'Day)  
❖ For Janine Burzynski (B'Day)  
❖ †Steven Orlowsky  
❖ †Catherine & Tommy Balowski req. Karen Kucharek

## July 11, Tuesday - Utorok

### Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

6:00AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. DZ  
❖ Christina (Milkowski) Bernards (B'Day)  
❖ For Joan Nardi req. Bernadette  
❖ †Hiline Lawand req. DZ

12:00PM For Renee, Matthew, Emma, & Grant, Noah  
❖ For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz  
❖ For Patrick, Stephanie, Michael & Joshua  
❖ †Gene Kucharek req. Wife

## July 12, Wednesday - Streda

(Latin)

9:00AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. DZ  
❖ For Enam Babbie  
❖ For Carol Steinbock req. Mary Anne  
❖ †Hiline Lawand req. DZ

12:00PM For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
❖ For Nancy MacDonald  
❖ For Simon & Rosemary Shadda  
❖ For Bernadette Shamoon

## July 13, Thursday - Štvrtok

6:00AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. DZ  
❖ †Hiline Lawand req. DZ  
❖ †Mark Shakkuri ❖ †Patricia Norris

12:00PM For the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima  
❖ For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz ❖ For Amy Shamoon  
❖ †Rolando Romero

7:00PM For Special Intention of Dalal  
❖ For Enam Babbie ❖ For Amy Shamoon  
❖ For Members of Living Waters

## July 14, Friday - Piatok

### Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

6:00AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. DZ  
❖ For Mark Hintzsche req. Langlois Family  
❖ †Hiline Lawand req. DZ  
❖ †Gregoria & Anastacio Isip req. Family

12:00PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For Lourdes Shamoon (B'Day)  
❖ †Mary Leininger req. Daughter ❖ †Aloysius Keena

## July 15, Saturday - Sobota

### Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00AM For Owen Dailey (B'Day)  
❖ For Sophia Skrocki & Family  
❖ For Martin Szollosi  
❖ †Matthew Margiewicz

5:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. DZ  
❖ For Angelique Smith (B'Day)  
❖ For the Francis Family req. Kevin & Stacy Francis  
❖ †Hiline Lawand req. DZ  
❖ †William Gentz req. Mr. & Mrs. James Jaczkowski  
❖ †Roy Greg Duzey  
❖ †Francesca Russo req. Daughter

## July 16, Sunday - Nedela

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

7:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

9:30AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG  
❖ For Michelle Cruz  
❖ For Eman Louis & Family req. Beth Ledford  
❖ For Donald John Trump req. American Families  
❖ †Estrella Rybicki ❖ †David Stander  
❖ †Mary Ann O'Shea req. Rybicki Family

11:30AM For all Clergy & Religious  
❖ For Nikoleta Surinova req. Andrew Moynihan  
❖ For Tidel Mansoor  
❖ †Joseph Bender Jr. ❖ †Conrado Punzalan Sr.  
❖ †Emilia Rafaidus req. Ann Venglar ❖ †John Mazak

8:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. DZ  
❖ For Mary Shamon req. Mom  
❖ For Cynthia Czach ❖ For Daniel R. Siciliano  
❖ †Michael Shamon req. Mom  
❖ †Hiline Lawand req. DZ  
❖ †Richardz Niemyjski req. Marilou & Gus



# Welcome Bp. Christopher Ndizeye Nkoronko

## Bishop of Holy Family Parish

### Our Sister Parish in Kagongwa, Tanzania



You may have already had the opportunity to meet Bishop Christopher Ndizeye Nkoronko, Bishop of the Diocese of Kahama, (left) who is visiting our parish until mid-July. Bishop Christopher's responsibilities include the spiritual care of Holy Family Parish, our Sister Parish in Kagongwa. (Right: Bishop Christopher with villagers.)

This weekend, Bishop Christopher will update us on some of the progress that has been made in Kahama due to the prayers and generosity of the parishioners of Ss. Cyril & Methodius and he will also to share his vision for upgrading St. Ann Dispensary, the source of health care for the local population, including the local priests and the Bishop.



Among Bishop Christopher's top priorities to help the people of Kahama is to upgrade the local Dispensary, St. Ann Dispensary, to a Health Center. His vision includes three building initiatives:

First, because the current buildings are inadequate and in disrepair, a new building must be constructed. There are three existing buildings, two buildings that are in need of repair and an old one that is in need of replacement.

Second, new equipment and medical devices would need to be purchased.

Third, staff would have to be hired to serve the needs of the people. Currently, St. Ann Dispensary operates 24/7 with only two nuns working full time, all week long. Two part-time assistants, provided by the government, also help out on occasion, and a government doctor visits infrequently.

Once the Health Center is built and operational, the villagers who have government insurance will be allowed to use it for treatment. Currently, government insurance is not allowed at the Dispensary.

Also, according to government rules, services for children under five years of age, the elderly and some treatments for pregnant mothers must be provided for free.

Please consider these critical needs and keep Bishop Christopher and our Tanzanian brothers and sisters in your prayers. With the 4th of July still fresh in our memories, we can be thankful for all of the good things our Lord has done for us, and the wonderful country in which we live. Not everyone has had it so easy, or is so fortunate. Our brothers and sisters in Tanzania remind us that many people in this world still have a long journey ahead, where obstacles and challenges abound.



#### St. Ann Dispensary

**Left:** Waiting Room

**Right:**

Patient Room in "Newer" Building

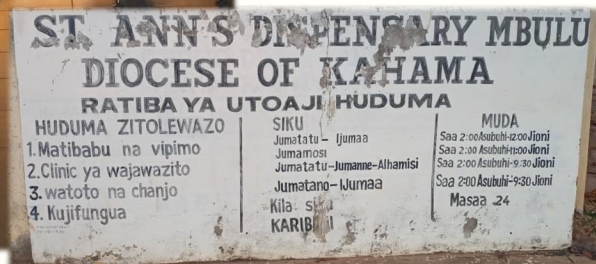
**Below Center:**

Sign for St. Ann Dispensary

**Below Right:**

Three Current Structures:

Building on left needs replacement  
Center & Right Buildings need repair





**Discussion**  
with a humanitarian worker on the front lines of Ukraine, Marek Janiga

+ A brief documentary about Marek's team will take you on a humanitarian mission to the Donbas region

 **Caritas**

Sunday July 16, 7pm  
Slovak Catholic Church

## Marek Janiga

**SUNDAY, JULY 16 • 7:00PM**

In April, 2022, Marek Janiga, Slovak concert pianist, performed a benefit concert at Ss. Cyril & Methodius, the proceeds from which were to help provide basic needs for Ukrainian families who were fleeing their homes in the midst of war. Upon returning home to Slovakia last year, Marek joined the front lines in Ukraine on a humanitarian mission.

Plan to attend a brief documentary about his mission as Marek joins us next Sunday, July 16, at 7:00PM in the Fr. Mikus Hall. Q&A follows.

## Our Lady of Fatima Procession • Thursday, July 13

On the 13th of each month, from May thru October, join in a very special Holy Mass and procession in honor of the apparitions of Our Blessed Mother to three Shepherd Children in 1917 in Fatima, Portugal. (Please note, a procession will not take place in August this year since it falls on a Sunday.)

The Rosary is prayed before Mass. Confessions are heard beginning one half hour before Holy Mass if it is on a weekday. Each Holy Mass concludes with a procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima from the Church to the outdoor Grotto, chanting Marian Hymns and Prayers to Our Lady of Fatima. Please join in this special day to honor Our Blessed Mother!

The procession this month takes place this Thursday, July 13, after the 12:00PM Holy Mass.

For complete information, visit:

<https://saintcyriils.church/fatima-procession/>

Our Lady of Fatima Prayers:

<http://www.fatimacentennial.com/fatima-prayers>

## Consecration to Jesus Through Mary

### Preparation Begins July 13 for Consecration on August 15

St. Louis de Montfort (1673 – 1716) had a profound and deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and wrote extensively on the virtues of Our Lady, what true devotion to her consists of, and how the faithful need to turn to her as the way to her Son, Jesus Christ. He recommends that the faithful formally consecrate themselves to the Blessed Mother. For this end he developed a specific 33-day program consisting of various prayers and readings to help the faithful detach themselves from the world and bond themselves more closely with Christ through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Louis de Montfort stands in a long tradition of saints completely devoted to Our Lady, and his work has been influential in the lives of many other saints, one of the most famous among them is Pope St. John Paul II, who took his papal motto, "Totus Tuus" (Totally Yours) from de Montfort. This "Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary" consists of an initial 12-day preparation followed by a period of three consecutive weeks, each week focusing on a different theme. It is recommended that the consecration be done on a major feast day of Our Lady, meaning that the preparation would begin 33 days prior. That is, after the 33-day program is completed, the formal Act of Consecration is made on a Marian feast day. Once you make the consecration, it is for life. It can then be renewed annually. Keep in mind that this is a formal consecration to Our Lady, like a vow. Through this 33-day program you are giving Mary ALL of yourself - your heart, your mind, and your soul - in order to bring you closer and help you be more faithful to her Son, Jesus Christ. Also, that she may use you as a holy instrument in her battle with Satan—i.e. this consecration allows her the free reign in your life to make you holy (she assists you, through the Holy Spirit, to conform to her virtues) and to use your prayers, sacrifices, and sufferings for the greater glory of God.

The next preparation begins this Thursday, July 13, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on Tuesday, August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "Preparation for Total Consecration" books are available in the Parish Office for \$10.

Questions/Register, please contact: Parish Office: (586) 726-6911

## KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

Child and Youth Protection



The Archdiocese of Detroit (AOD) will soon be coming out with an update to the Protecting God Program. This update will require recertification for all who work or volunteer at Ss. Cyril & Methodius. Detailed information about the recertification process is not available at this time but is expected soon. Recertification will be required for anyone whose original Protecting God's Children certification took place prior to January 1, 2020. It is possible that registered users on [virtus.org](http://virtus.org) will be notified on/or after June 26th if you need to recertify.

At this time, no action is necessary. Detailed information will be available soon and posted in the bulletin to assist those who will need recertification.

*Deacon Phil McCown*



# LIFE TEEN Summer Nights

**Life Teen • Monday, July 10, 6:45PM - 8:45PM • PRAYER ~ SPORTS ~ MUSIC ~ ADVENTURE**

This night will be filled with outdoor games and a bonfire. As a group, we will have Lectio Divina which is a contemplative way to spend time praying with the gospel. Fr. Libor will be available for Confessions. Special Guest: Bp. Christopher Nkoronko from the Diocese of Kahama (our Sister Parish), Tanzania. If you play a musical instrument, please share your talents with us!

**Life Teen • Monday, July 24, 6:45PM - 8:45PM • PRAYER ~ SPORTS ~ MUSIC ~ ADVENTURE**

**EDGE • Thursdays, July 13 & 27, 7:00PM-8:45PM**

Nothing to do on Thursday night July 13? Middle schoolers are welcome to join our Summer Park Night with Lectio Divina, a Bonfire, outdoor games, snacks and a lot of fun. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Questions about Summer Nights for EDGE & Life Teen:**

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

## Catechism Corner

### Registration & 7th & 8th Grade PARENT MEETINGS

Catechism registration will continue through the end of August however tuition rates go up after July 31st.

Please see the website for details and forms:

<https://saintcyrils.church/catechism-registration-for-2020-2021-school-year/>

or contact Carroll Schuller in the parish office 586-726-6911.

**Also there will be mandatory meetings for the parents of Confirmation Students:**

**8th Grade Parents - July 19 at 6:30PM**

**7th Grade Parents - July 26 at 6:30PM**

Please see that your children are signed up before the parent meeting so we will have your handouts ready. The meeting will take place in the Fr. Mikus Hall.

Thank you! *Carroll & Paul Schuller*, Directors of Catechism



## Catholic Young Adult Singles Swing Dance Friday, July 14, 7:00PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Parish Hall

280 E. Square Lake Rd, Troy MI

Ages 21 - 35

Appetizers, Drinks (beer + wine included)

Door prizes, dance lessons, and more!

Registration Required // \$10 Admission //

Access link below or scan QR code above

<https://hotandholyticketspice.com/swing-dance>

After-party location: Joe Kool's Bar & Grill, Troy

If you have any questions, email us:

hhcyagroup@gmail.com



## American Red Cross Blood Drive

**Ss. Cyril & Methodius**

**Tuesday, July 25 • 11AM-4PM**

**[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)**

**DONORS  
NEEDED!**

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Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to donate blood on Tuesday, July 25. In order to have the best experience during your donation, please begin preparing now:

- 1) **Eat plenty of iron-rich foods** (red meat, fish, poultry, beans, broccoli, spinach, raisins, prunes, iron-fortified cereal),
- 2) **Eat foods rich in Vitamin C** (citrus fruits help your body absorb the iron you eat)
- 3) **Drink extra fluid** (water is helpful but limit caffeinated products)
- 4) **Sleep well** (get at least 8 hours of sleep per night).

If you have not signed up yet, **please sign up today**. Without the proper amount of blood on-hand, patients (perhaps even our family members or friends) may not have blood available for necessary operations or emergencies. Please consider:

**I Gave my Blood; Christ Gave His.**

**I Gave a Pint; He Gave All.**

**The Needle is Sharp and Small;**

**The Nails were Large and Blunt.**

**The Bed is Soft and Restful;**

**The Cross was Rough and Painful.**

**The Nurses are Kind and Gentle;**

**The Soldiers were Cruel and Tough.**

**Humanity Applauds my Sacrifice;**

**The Crowds He Passed Reviled Him.**

**My Blood is O Positive; His is Positively for All.**

**Mine will Prolong Life for Awhile; His Will Save Forever!**

Please sign up today!

### Please Remember to Pray for:

- ◆ Our Sick Parishioners
- ◆ Those who have Died
- ◆ Family Members & Friends
- ◆ Those who Serve in the Military

## PARISH SLOVAK FESTIVAL NEWS

### August 25, 26 & 27



Inquiries and questions; please contact: **Greg Wolf**, Festival Chair, (248) 321-6845

#### Festival Meeting ~ Tuesday, July 11

Festival Chairs and anyone who would like to learn more about our upcoming Festival, please plan to attend the next Festival Meeting:

Tuesday, July 11 ~ 6:30PM ~ Overflow Room



#### 2023 Parish Festival Raffle Tickets

Tickets for this year's Festival Raffle have been mailed to all registered parishioners. Five cash prizes are being offered, with a **grand prize of \$5,000**. The winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday, August 27, 2023.

Please note: there will not be any Early Bird Drawings this year. Dates for last year's Early Bird Drawings were inadvertently printed on some of this year's tickets. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

*Ben Rybicki*, Parish Festival Raffle Ticket Chairman



#### Festival Chairs Needed - Kitchen - Maintenance



Our **SLOVAK KITCHEN** area, which serves food in the Fr. Mikus Hall during the Festival is in need of a **CHAIRPERSON(S)**. If you love to cook, would you consider chairing the kitchen at the Festival? Responsibilities include: Preparing Slovak food for diners in the Fr. Mikus Hall, maintaining a clean, safe kitchen operation and coordinating volunteers.

We are also in need of a **MAINTENANCE CHAIRPERSON(S)** who can keep the Festival grounds neat, tidy and stocked! Responsibilities include: Coordinating volunteers with cleaning activities, maintaining a safe environment by bussing tables and cleaning up trash and keeping certain food items stocked.



If you are interested in one of the Chair positions, please contact **Greg Wolf**, Festival Chair, (248) 321-6845

## 33rd Annual Parish Slovak Festival

### August 25, 26 and 27, 2023

### Festival Booklet Ads

- Order your business or personal ad today
- Price is \$300 for a full page ad (5 ½ x 8 ½)
- Half page ad is \$150, and a ¼ page ad is only \$75
- Separate pricing for inside cover, back of booklet, inside back page, and booklet center ads
- Limited space available. Make check payable to: **St. Nicholas Council 7011**
- Call today to place your ad or to get more information
- Please contact Joseph White PGK
- Text/Cell: 586.556.2122
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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**

### 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**

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA) 2023

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to CSA. Thanks to your generosity we are at \$ 46,720 or 43% of our \$107,853 goal already being pledged. Your CSA contributions are greatly appreciated since CSA contributions are the most beneficial way to donate to the Parish.

If we do not meet our goal, we have to pay the difference with donations that have already been assessed the 7% Archdiocesan tax. All contributions to CSA are not assessed the 7% and also are not counted when our CSA goal is determined for the following years. All other donations to the parish are not only assessed the 7%, but are also taken into account when determining our future CSA goals.

If you have not contributed to CSA yet, please consider making a donation. Your gift supports 80 Catholic Schools and 27,000+ students, more than 220 individuals being formed and equipped to serve as priests, deacons and lay ministers, 19 mission partners supporting women experiencing difficult or unintended pregnancies, 30 mission partners feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and serving the poor and much more. Your gift makes it possible for more than 170 ministries, services and programs to respond to the physical and spiritual needs of countless individuals and families in Southeast Michigan.

Donations to CSA on behalf of our Parish can be made online using the QR code to the right or you may 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 consideration!*

**GOAL**  
 \$107,853  
**PLEDGED**  
 \$ 50,620  
**47% of Goal**

