

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, September 3, 2023



SAINTS CYRIL AND  
METHODIUS PARISH

FARNOSŤ SVÄTÝCH  
CYRILA A METODA



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



”WHOEVER WISHES TO COME AFTER ME MUST DENY HIMSELF, TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME. FOR WHOEVER WISHES TO SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT WHOEVER LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE WILL FIND IT.”

– MT 16:24B-25

# MASS Intentions

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## September 2, First Saturday - Prva Sobota

### Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Rosary Society  
❖ For Loretta Miscavish  
❖ †David Chupa req. Wife  
❖ †Lawrence Livernois Family Members
- 5:30PM For Mary Louis (B'Day) ❖ For Emilia Rafaidus  
❖ For Aiden Reynolds req. Grandparents  
❖ †Charles & Isabella Varchetti  
❖ †Charles J. Celusnak req. Ken & Mary Ann Warner  
❖ †Mary Ackerman ❖ †Louis Allawerdi

## September 3, Sunday - Nedela

### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

- 7:30AM For Quinn Schuller req. Grandparents  
❖ For Emmanuel, Hollya & Gabriel Asmar req. HA  
❖ †Alan Janette req. Marinello Family  
❖ †George & Helen Emmendorfer  
❖ †Thomas Dudka req. Enrico Vennettilli  
❖ †John Maciag req. Wife ❖ †Hartley Vezina
- 9:30AM For Deacon Jim & Joann Gennette & Family  
❖ For the Louis Family  
❖ For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG  
❖ For Michelle Jones (B'Day) req. Mom  
❖ For Michael & Megan Sobolic req. Prusak Family  
❖ †Jethro Buiza ❖ †Lou, Michael, John Roy  
(Slovak) For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 11:30AM For Samantha, Patrick, & Ibtisam (B'Days)  
8:30PM ❖ For Dr. Kimberly McKanders Phipps req.  
Sharon Brown ❖ For Samantha Monsoor req. Vicki  
❖ For Michael & Cecelia Gracey (50th Wed. Ann.)  
❖ For Bob & Rosemary Warner (50th Ann.)  
❖ †Mary Rita Gracey ❖ †Marion McGrath

## September 4, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For Al & Ann Varchetti  
❖ For Melissa Smyly req. Bernadette  
❖ †Charles J. Celusnak req. Mike & DeAnne Shea
- 12:00PM For a Special Intention ❖ For Vicki & Samantha Babbie  
❖ For Patrick, Ibtisam & Samantha  
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family

## September 5, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Robert Mitchell Jr. req. Mother  
❖ †Wally & +Ida Atkinson  
❖ †Charles J. Celusnak req. Mike & DeAnne Shea  
❖ †Stephanie Varchetti
- 12:00PM For a Special Intention req. Cindy Galea  
❖ For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz & Fam. req. Anne Haio  
❖ For Lindsey, Brian & Family  
❖ †Gene Kucharek req. Wife

## September 6, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM (Latin) For Fr. Libor Marek (B'Day)  
❖ For the Varchetti Grandchildren  
❖ †Beth Scott Ty req. Hasenauer Family  
❖ †Cora Olinzock (B'Day)
- 12:00PM For the Foley Family ❖ For the Accomando Family  
❖ †Dominic Bologna  
❖ †Emilia Rafaidus req. Jay & Stefani Marmer

## September 7, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For Nevin Louis (B'Day)  
❖ For Greg Langlois req. Langlois Family  
❖ For Tom Abbott (Bap. Ann.) req. Family  
❖ †Gertrudes Isip Atienza req. Family
- 12:00PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For Robert, Carrie & Laura & Families  
❖ For Elizabeth & +James Misko (Wed. Ann.)  
❖ †Larry Asker (B'Day)
- 7:00PM For the Haio Grandchildren  
❖ †Nancy Bobola ❖ †Thomas Saccaro ❖ †Ramon Flores

## September 8, Friday - Piatok

### Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:00AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. Denise  
❖ For Hana Frances ❖ For the Family of Shirley Bates  
❖ †Alina Cucinella req. Regina Wolicky
- 12:00PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For Lucaj & Dushaj Families  
❖ For Matthew Abro (B'Day) req. Family  
❖ †Charles J. Celusnak req. Ann Venglar

## September 9, Saturday - Sobota

### Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

- 9:00AM For the Members of O.L. Mother of Mercy  
Secular Discalced Carmelites ❖ For Mia Debczak  
❖ †Eric and Linda Brynolfson ❖ †Leo McGrath (Ann.)
- 5:30PM For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family  
❖ For Owen Brady (B'Day) ❖ For the Pashka Gjonaj Family  
❖ †Thomas, Jennifer & Lauren Gallas & Family  
❖ †Edwin Small req. Dianne ❖ †Dorothy Emmendorfer  
❖ †Charles J. Celusnak req. Mark & Susan Wietchy

## September 10 Sunday - Nedela

### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

- 7:30AM For the Menard & Daniel Families  
❖ For Alexandra Schultheis ❖ For Eleanor Wittstock  
❖ †Dorothy Emmendorfer ❖ †Mildred Hines  
❖ †Pat Harding ❖ †Annie Callahan
- 9:30AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG  
❖ For the Intentions of the Knights of Columbus-  
St. Nicholas Council & their Families  
❖ For Monir Korkis (B'Day)  
❖ For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz  
❖ For Charles G. Shermetaro req. Family  
❖ †Rafael Drensek ❖ †Anna Apazeller req. Friends & Fam.
- 11:30AM (Slovak)  
For a Special Intention Samantha Babbie  
❖ For Fr. Libor Marek  
❖ For Michael & Megan Sobolic req. Prusak Family  
❖ For Living & Deceased Members of Plzak Family  
❖ †Charles J. Celusnak req. Dymit Family  
❖ †Emilia Rafaidus req. Prusak Family
- 8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

**Wednesday, September 6:**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. LIBOR!**  
**May God Bless You!**



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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 (OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023)**  
**TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: 11:00AM - 5:00PM**  
**WEDNESDAYS: 11:00AM - 2:00PM**  
**\*Office is closed during 12:00PM Holy Mass**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS: 1:00PM - 7:00PM** (See Page 7)



**Parish Picnic**

**Sunday, October 8, 12:30 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.**

An old-fashioned parish picnic is being planned for Sunday, October 8, 12:30—7:00 p.m. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers and guláš/goulash with plans for additional food. There will be old-time games and fun, such as sack races, balloon toss, three-legged races, and more, plus games for children and teens. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this parish community get-together. Further details will follow in future bulletins.

Questions, please contact: *Greg Wolf*, (248) 321-6845



# OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.

## WHO IS OCIA FOR?

If you have never been Baptized, Confirmed, received First Holy Communion and want to: or if you have, but just want to know more about what the Catholic Church teaches, now is your time to act!

**O.C.I.A. CLASSES BEGIN THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14  
AND TAKE PLACE EVERY THURSDAY FROM 7:00PM - 9:00PM**  
For more information or to register, please contact:  
The Parish Office, (586) 726-6911, or email: [ocia@saintcyrils.church](mailto:ocia@saintcyrils.church)

### EDGE & Life Teen Youth Ministries

EDGE and Life Teen provide a place for youth to come together to find their faith and to go deeper with the understanding that they are loved by our Lord. We strive to offer a place for today's youth to establish a beautiful relationship with Jesus Christ—only He can transform them by His love for who they are. Teens will discover how they are members of the Body of Christ. It is our desire that the youth form profound friendships with each other and, through that, discover how they're vital members of the community. In turn, they will each find ways to become more active in the life of the Church.

It is our mission that each adult COR volunteer member, helps to build these relationships and to meet the youth where they currently are in their lives. Our aim is to help youth summit on their current journey towards holiness and to take what they've learned into the next stages of their lives.

Ss. Cyril & Methodius' EDGE and Life Teen welcomes teens from any parish. New teens are always encouraged to register and join us year-round.



September through May:  
*Prayer • Talks • Snacks • Games  
Hikes • Sports • Retreats*

Interested? Questions? Please contact:  
*Heidi Normile, Youth Minister, (586) 641-7672*  
[edge@saintcyrils.church](mailto:edge@saintcyrils.church) or  
[lifeteen@saintcyrils.church](mailto:lifeteen@saintcyrils.church)

### Regina Caeli Classical Homeschool Tour • September 7

Classical Pre-K through 12th Grade Homeschool Hybrid for Catholic Families Touring Day on Thursday, September 7, 10:00AM. 42259 Hayes Road, Sterling Heights. [RCAHYBRID.ORG](http://RCAHYBRID.ORG)

For more information, please contact

*Mrs. Jeanne Baltrinic, (989) 402-5109, [mjbaltrinic.det@rcahybrid.org](mailto:mjbaltrinic.det@rcahybrid.org)*

### Catholic Service Appeal Update



Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to CSA. Thanks to your generosity we are at \$66,842 or 62% 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 you have not yet contributed to the CSA, please prayerfully consider how you can help. Donations to CSA on behalf of our Parish can be made online using the QR code ABOVE or simply write a check to "Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA" and drop it in the collection basket. *Thank you for your consideration!*

### 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).

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 Detroitškú Arcidiecézu prostredníctvom koordinátora pre pomoc obetiam na tel. číslo 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).



### Attention Catechism Families

September is here, the catechism books have been ordered and the teachers are in place anxiously awaiting the first week of class. Mark your calendars as Catechism Classes will begin Wednesday, September 13, 2023 (6:15- 7:30PM).

If we have your paperwork, you should have received a packet with your child's teacher, room assignment, calendar, and program notes.

Packets were mailed to all 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Families over the summer with testing information. If you did not receive a packet of information, we do not have your registration forms.

Questions, please contact: *Carroll Schuller* at [cschuller@saintcyrils.church](mailto:cschuller@saintcyrils.church) or (586) 726-6911, ext. 112

May God Bless You, *Paul & Carroll Schuller*



# US FLAG RETIREMENT

CEREMONY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 6:30PM

The Knights of Columbus Blessed Virgin Mary Assembly #1839 will hold its Annual "Flag Retirement Ceremony" this Friday, September 8! The ceremony will be held in the back parking lot at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church, beginning at 6:30PM. After the ceremony, hot dogs, apple pie, chips and beverages will be served. Please join us at this patriotic event!

A bin for your retired flags is located in the vestibule. Drop off your retired flags before September 8 or bring them to the ceremony.

For more information, please contact:  
Joseph White, Faithful Navigator, (586) 556-2122

## PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Lord on this Labor Day,  
we thank You for the blessing of work.  
We ask for strength to complete each day.  
We ask for rest when we are weary.  
We ask Your guidance  
for everyone seeking employment,  
and we ask that  
You be with those whose faces  
we might never see  
but who work tirelessly each day  
for the good of us all.  
Amen. (Our Sunday Visitor)



### Do you Like to Sing? Choir Practice Begins Thursday, September 14

Our parish is abundantly blessed with musical talent. Please consider this a personal invitation to YOU. Please consider joining the choir at Ss. Cyril & Methodius this fall. Nomusical training is necessary, and singers of all backgrounds and skill levels are welcome. We sing a variety of styles of sacred music, from traditional to modern. All we sing is dedicated to God's Glory and is appropriate for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The "Christus Regnat" choir sings at 9:30AM on Sundays at Holy Mass, as well as for special liturgies throughout the year. We rehearse during the week immediately following the 7:00PM Mass on Thursdays (about 7:45PM), with warm up and call time at 9:00AM Sunday immediately before Mass. Please do not let scheduling for evening rehearsals be a barrier to participation, and talk to me if you have any questions.

The Children's Choir sings at the 9:30AM Mass on the second Sunday of the month, and rehearses following the 9:30AM Mass on Sundays. I am still looking for one or two additional volunteers to coordinate this group. Many thanks to those who have already stepped forward!

Rehearsals will begin for the 9:30AM Choir Thursday, September 14, and on Sunday, October 10, for the Children's Choir, so now is the perfect time to prayerfully decide if this ministry might be a good fit for you! We also have opportunities for individuals to volunteer to assist with maintaining our music libraries. Adult music ministry volunteers will be required to complete a background check and VIRTUS Safe Environments training. Thank you for all you do to make music at Ss. Cyrils beautiful.

If you are interested in joining us or if you have any questions, please contact either:

The Parish Office, at (586) 586-726-6911 or  
Joe Long, Music Minister, at  
(810) 882-1806, or jlong@saintcyrils.church

**American Red Cross Blood Drive • September 28**  
**11:00AM - 5:00PM ~ Please Sign Up Today!**  
[www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)



### Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life • September 12 A Study on the Life of Jesus Christ

The marvelous treasures of the Catholic Faith—the Eucharist, Mary, the saints, and the Creed—are all centered on a single figure: Jesus Christ. Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us already know a lot about him, how well can we say we really know him?

With Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri filming on location in the Holy Land, *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life* is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who He is, what He is really like, what He taught, and what He did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life on him as you come to know and love him in an ever-deeper and more intimate way.

Register for a 10-week class that begins on Tuesday, September 12, from 10AM - 12PM. Cost: \$33 (payable on the 1st day of class).

Questions and to Register:  
Marge Lewandowski, (586) 822-7902

## RAFFLE WINNERS

The 33rd Annual Parish Raffle drawing took place Sunday, August 27, following the 11:30AM Holy Mass. This year's winners are:

- \$5,000 1st Place: **Michael DiGregorio**, Ticket #007813
- \$1,000 2nd Place: **Joan Orłowsky**, Ticket #023735
- \$ 500 3rd Place: **Linda Hliebav**, Ticket #012840
- \$ 300 4th Place: **G. Mitchell**, Ticket #021439
- \$ 100 5th Place: **Diana Doyle**, Ticket #008123

Thank you to all the parishioners and friends who bought or sold tickets for the 2023 raffle. Your support of this, the parish's largest fundraiser, is greatly appreciated!

Fr. Libor Marek & Ben Rybicki, Ticket Chair

# Safe Environments at Ss. Cyril & Methodius(update!)

As you probably have already read, **all adults** who volunteer in any capacity in our parish must receive Safe Environments training in a workshop called “Protecting God’s Children” or “PGC”. This training is provided through a website called Virtus at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

**If you have already attended a PGC workshop**, that means you already have a Virtus account (even if you don’t remember having one). You do have a User ID and a Password for your account (even if you don’t remember what those are). If your workshop was completed prior to Jan 2020, you will need **Recertification Training** – which is a 2-hour, which you can pause, self-directed Online Training Module. This online training must be accessed through your account to be applied to you. **If you need help to get into your account** (email me at [pmccown@saintcyrils.church](mailto:pmccown@saintcyrils.church) or Rob Avery [ravery@saintcyrils.church](mailto:ravery@saintcyrils.church) – or you may go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org), click on the blue “I Need Login Help” box under the login box (see image to the right) to try and recover your User ID and/or Password. Please do not create a new, duplicate account – that just complicates things... Thank you!

**If you have never attended a PGC workshop in the past**, you will need to create an account and complete training. Here is a step-by-step guide to that process:

- Go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org)
- Click on First-Time Registrant box
- Begin the Registration Process
- Select “Detroit, MI Archdiocese”
- Have you previously registered with VIRTUS Online? - No
- Create User ID (be sure to write down and save)
- Create Password (be sure to write down and save)
- Click on Continue
- Add in your information – all red \* cells are required
- Select where you volunteer, work, etc.: Ss. Cyril & Methodius
- Select your primary role (Volunteer) with check mark
- Are you associated with any other location – Yes or No
- Do you interact with minors? Yes or No
- Do you interact with vulnerable adults? Yes or No
- Do you manage or oversee others on behalf of this organization? Yes or No
- Here you will be presented with a Volunteer Code of Conduct – read through, check the box stating, “I hereby represent that I have downloaded, read, and understand this document.” Then fill in your full name and today’s date (this counts as an electronic signature)
- Have you already attended Protecting God’s Children? – No
- Select session you wish to attend – the ones listed are the ones you can take to be compliant with the mandate.



**Question:** How do I know which module to take?

**Answer:** During the registration process above, you have responded to the above questions regarding your role or ministry. The Virtus system will automatically determine the required training options available you. If the online training module is an option, that training module is immediately assigned and can be completed within a two-week period – but prior to serving in ministry. If a live (in-person or Zoom) session is required, the system will point you in that direction. Live sessions are generally assigned for staff, catechists, coaches, babysitters—anyone who is in direct and continued contact with children.

**All Teens (ages 14 – 17)** who volunteer at Ss. Cyril & Methodius must create a Virtus account in the same way as adults using the guide above. They will be assigned the “Healthy Relationships” workshop – which is a 35-minute, online workshop.

Let me know if I can be of assistance,  
Deacon Phil McCown, Local Virtus Administrator

If you do not have a computer but would like to take the training, please contact the Parish Office:  
(586) 726-6911

# CAN YOU

## *Spend an hour with Me?*

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Ss. Cyril & Methodius, In 2022, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops initiated the National Eucharistic Revival, which is a three-year initiative to restore understanding and devotion to the great mystery of Eucharistic Adoration by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

To reinvigorate this devotion in our parish, we hope to extend our current Adoration hours so that more people can come to visit Jesus and spend time with Him. Currently our Adoration hours are from 1:00pm to 7:00pm every Thursday. Our hope is to continue beyond 7:00pm, until 12:00 noon, Friday, the next day. In this way we can make 23 hours of Adoration available, allowing those people who are working or those who can't attend during the current hours to be able to visit with Jesus.

For this to happen, we need adorers to commit to all the time slots. We would require two adorers for each hour (except during Mass). There are 21 hours needing coverage, so we need 42 total adorers. We are a very faith-filled people here at Ss. Cyril & Methodius and I know we can do this. So please consider this opportunity to come and spend time with our Lord. He really wants to see us because He loves us. In the silence of Adoration, He speaks to us. Our Blessed Mother Mary wants us to be closer to her Son. This is the best way to really get to know Him.

If you can come for just one hour each week, please sign up on the sheets in the vestibule or you can call me and let me know the times you are available. Thank you ahead of time. I pray that we can extend our beautiful Adoration schedule in this way.

God bless all of you. *Annette Rudzewicz*, (586) 247-7214

