

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 17, 2023



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

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MASS Intentions

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December 16, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Menard & Daniel Families
 ❖ For Sophia Skrocki & Family
 ❖ For Robert & Leigh Smigielski (Ann.)
 ❖ †Frank Obelnicki (B'Day)
- 5:30PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Bridget Pietro
 ❖ For Jack Reynolds & Family
 ❖ For Andrea Kasneci (B'Day) req. Mom
 ❖ For Samantha Babbie
 ❖ For Danny & Janet Sullivan & Family
 ❖ †Mary Costanza req. Bob & Marie
 ❖ †Kenneth Nowak req. Mom

December 17, Sunday - Nedela

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- Is 61:1-2A, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
- 7:30AM For Scott Brady (B'Day)
 ❖ For Joe Ivan req. Marge
 ❖ †Jane Desser ❖ †Pat Harding
 ❖ †Annie Callahan ❖ †Walter Dolmat
 ❖ †Jean & Jack Babenko
- 9:30AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
 ❖ For the Intentions of the St. Monica Sodality
 ❖ For Meredith Parker req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For RoseAnn Lebioda req. Family
 ❖ For Elizabeth & +James Misko
 ❖ †Maryann Vanover ❖ †Jacqueline Kania
 ❖ †Estrella Rybicki
- 11:30AM (Slovak) For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Sam Babbie
 ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
 ❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
 ❖ For Zarif Dalal req. Daughter
 ❖ For Bernard, Kristina & Valentina Gjokaj
 ❖ For Dr. Matthew Holden, Jr. req. Nash Brown Fam.
 ❖ †Anansa Bakko req. Mom

December 18, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For Clare Cavins req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For Carl & Alyssia Varchetti
 ❖ For Ed & Mary Hernandez req. Leo & Diane
 ❖ †Tom Hasenauer
- 12:00PM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Sam Babbie
 ❖ For Lourdes Shamoon req. Family
 ❖ For Imelda Foley req. Anne Haio
 ❖ For Dale Robert Ruth req. Rita

December 19, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For William Parker req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For James & Greete Varchetti
 ❖ For Anna Fuller
 ❖ †Paul & +Wanda Szwarc
- 12:00PM For Amy Shamoon
 ❖ For Marliean Shamoon
 ❖ For O'Brien, Ryan & Foley Families
 ❖ †Michael Foley

December 20, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM (Latin) For Kaleigh Zabawa req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For Andy & Steven Gappy
 ❖ For Marge Lewandowski
 ❖ †Karim Yatooma req. Daughter

- 12:00PM For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
 ❖ †Anthony Rybicki req. Family
 ❖ †Gene Kucharek (13th Ann.) req. Wife
 ❖ †Paterno Pablo

December 21, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Valentina
 ❖ For Al & Ann Varchetti
 ❖ For Jordan Ma
 ❖ For Martin Lulgjuraj req. Aunt Dijela
- 12:00PM In Thanksgiving
 ❖ For O'Brien, Ryan & Foley Families
 ❖ †Severino Palaganas Sr.
 ❖ †Paul Truchan
- 7:00PM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Sam Babbie
 ❖ For Fr. Michael Lenz req. SFF
 ❖ For Bernard, Kristina & Valentina Gjokaj
 ❖ †Vivian Haisha & Family (1st Ann.)

December 22, Friday - Piatok

- 6:00AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For Timothy Knauss ❖ For Joseph Vitale
 ❖ For George Nukulaj req. Family
- 12:00PM For the Deceased Members of Sandubrae Family
 ❖ †Kostika Fushi req. Family
 ❖ †Caroline Kalisch
 ❖ †Dan & Janet Sullivan req. Wife

December 23, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For Paul & Samantha req. Vicki
 ❖ For Mark Nikollaj req. Uncle Dan & Aunt Jan
 ❖ †Lazar & +Alamma Pathrose
 ❖ †Mark & +Ryan Ledford req. Mom
- 5:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

December 24, Sunday - Nedela

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
- 7:30AM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Valentina
 ❖ For the Schuller Family
 ❖ For Bruce Herriman
 ❖ For Tom & +Jane Desser
 ❖ †Audrey Bustillo req. Parents
 ❖ †John Maciag req. Wife ❖ †Louis Brady
- 9:30AM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
 ❖ For John Dushaj (B'Day) req. Vera
 ❖ For Glenn Wilkins Family
 ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
 ❖ †Bill Green ❖ †Rafael Drensek
 ❖ †Anna Apazeller req. Friends & Family
- 11:30AM (Slovak) For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Sam Babbie
 ❖ For Nikoleta Surinova req. Andrew Moynihan
 ❖ For Maria Nukulaj req. Family
 ❖ For Yousif Khalid req. Niran Kassab
 ❖ For Sabrina, Zelig, & Selena Kray
 ❖ †Charles J. Celusnak req. Marsha Schoener
 ❖ †Emilia Rafaidus req. Stefan & Marta Sobolic
- 4:00PM (Christmas Vigil Holy Mass)
 For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- MIDNIGHT For the Holy Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Okama Family
 ❖ For Paul & Samantha req. Vicki
 ❖ For Tony & Vicki ❖ For the Brady Family
 ❖ For Eddie McIlhargie req. Rita ❖ For Leo



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Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS HOLY MASS SCHEDULE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18:

Saturday, December 16: 9:00AM & 5:30PM (Vigil) & Sunday, December 17: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak) & 8:30PM
Monday, December 18, & Wednesday, December 20: 9:00AM & 12:00PM
Tuesday, December 19, & Friday, December 22: 6:00AM & 12:00PM
Thursday, December 21: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM
4th Sunday in Advent & Nativity of the Lord Mass Schedule: See Schedule Below!

Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

TUESDAY, December 19: Christmas Confessions (with many priests): 10AM - 12PM & 6PM - 9PM
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday This Week: Regular Confession Schedule
No Confessions will be heard December 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31 & January 1, 2 & 3
The regular Confession Schedule will resume Thursday, January 4, with Confessions heard
1/2 hour before each weekday Holy Mass and on Saturdays from 8:30AM - 9:00AM.

OFFICE HOURS WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2023 - JANUARY 3, 2024:

Monday, December 18: 10:00AM - 5:00PM
Tuesday, December 19, & Thursday, December 21: 11:00AM - 5:00PM
Wednesday, December 20, & Friday, December 22: 11:00AM - 2:00PM
*Office is CLOSED during 12:00PM Holy Mass & from December 25, 2023, until January 3, 2024.

OVERNIGHT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

THURSDAYS, 1:00PM - FRIDAYS, 12:00PM (On First Fridays, Adoration continues until 7:00PM)

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Big Christmas Confession Day:

Tuesday, December 19: 10:00AM - 12:00PM & 6:00PM - 9:00PM

**Mass Schedule Changes:*

4th Sunday in Advent:

Saturday, December 23: 5:30PM

Sunday, December 24: 7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM (Slovak)

Nativity of the Lord:

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve: 4:00PM (with Living Nativity) & Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak) & 5:30PM

***NOTE: The 4th "week" of Advent is only one day, December 24. As a result, the Catholic faithful have an obligation to attend Mass twice between the afternoon of December 23 and December 25, to participate in one Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent, and one Mass for Christmas (see above schedule).**

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS † Tuesday, December 19

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR ADULTS

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- Do I give God time every day in prayer? • Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
- Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult?
 - Do I seek to surrender myself to God's word as taught by the Church?
 - Have I ever received communion in the state of mortal sin?
- Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?
 - Are there other "gods" in my life? Money, Security, Power, People, etc.?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly? • Have I been angry with God?
- Have I wished evil upon any other person? • Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
- Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest? • Do I do needless work on Sunday?

4. Honor your father and your mother.

- Do I honor and obey my parents? • Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
 - Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
- Have I given my family good religious example? • Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?

5. You shall not kill.

- Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped anyone to have an abortion? • Have I physically harmed anyone?
 - Have I abused alcohol or drugs? • Have I participated in or approved of euthanasia?
 - Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading him or her into sin?
 - Have I been angry or resentful? • Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
- Have I mutilated myself through any form of sterilization? • Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?
- Have I engaged, in any way, in sins against human life such as artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
 - Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?
- Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control in my marriage?
 - Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?
- Have I been guilty of masturbation? • Do I seek to control my thoughts and imaginations?
- Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as mere objects?
 - Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
- Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, actions? • Am I careful to dress modestly?

7. You shall not steal.

- Have I stolen what is not mine? • Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
- Do I waste time at work, school, and home? • Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
 - Do I pay my debts promptly? • Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?
- Have I cheated anyone out of what is justly theirs, for example creditors, insurance companies, big corporations?

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- Have I lied? Have I gossiped? • Do I speak badly of others behind their back?
- Am I sincere in my dealings with others? • Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential? • Have I injured the reputation of others by slanders?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

- Have I consented to impure thoughts? • Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, television, conversation or curiosity?
 - Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?
- Have I behaved in an inappropriate way with members of the opposite sex: flirting, being superficial, etc.?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

- Am I jealous of what other people have? • Do I envy the families or possessions of others?
 - Am I greedy or selfish? • Are material possessions the purpose of my life?

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PREPARE FOR A GOOD CONFESSION

Additional Guides for a Good Confession can be found at: www.saintcyrius.church for:

Younger Children: <https://saintcyrius.church/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Guide-for-a-Good-Confession-for-Children.pdf>

Older Children: <https://saintcyrius.church/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Guide-for-Confession-for-Children.pdf>

Adults: <https://saintcyrius.church/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Guide-for-a-Good-Confession-2018-Adult.pdf>

PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION

O most merciful God! Prostrate at your feet, I implore your forgiveness. I sincerely desire to leave all my evil ways and to confess my sins with all sincerity to you and to your priest. I am a sinner, have mercy on me, O Lord. Give me a lively faith and a firm hope in the Passion of my Redeemer. Give me, for your mercy's sake a sorrow for having offended so good a God. Mary, my mother, refuge of sinners, pray for me that I may make a good confession. Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

COOKIE WALK, BAKE SALE & QUILT RAFFLE ~ THIS WEEKEND



2023 Parish Advent Giving Projects

*The remaining Advent Giving Projects are outlined below.
If you have questions about any of the projects, contact:
Erin Rybicki at ChristianService@saintcyrls.church or
Sandi Brady in the Parish Office.*

Christian Service Fund: *Donations made to the parish Christian Service Fund* during Advent will be divided between **Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Centers** and **St. Vincent de Paul Society chapter at St. Jane de Chantal Parish**. You can contribute to this fund online using PushPay or place a check made payable to Ss. Cyril and Methodius in a white Advent Giving envelope and put it in the collection basket by December 25, 2023.

† **Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Centers** - Women experiencing a crisis pregnancy find friendly and much needed assistance at Image of God's three centers. The centers help women set goals and provide for their own and their baby's needs from pregnancy through the baby's first 2 years. Our donation will help Image of God's operational costs so they can continue their lifesaving and life affirming mission in 2024.

† **St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) chapter at St. Jane de Chantal Parish** - During the past year our Parish Office called upon the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Jane's to assist a parishioner and a local family that were experiencing great need. SVdP promptly stepped in and provided for both of these situations. As a next step in partnering with SVdP in the Family of the Good Shepherd, this donation will help them fund services such as assistance with rent or utilities, household or emergency needs to individuals in our local community.

Donations to the Christian Service Fund can be made online via PushPay; or place cash or a check made out to Ss. Cyril & Methodius in a white Advent Giving envelope and put it in the Sunday collection basket by **December 25.**

SLOVAK SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS: The seminary in Bratislava, which we have assisted with individualized sponsorships for many years, is currently undergoing major renovations. The students are now at the seminary in Nitra, making a combined total of 70 seminarians in formation. This larger number of students makes it unreasonable for our parish to sponsor them individually for a \$300 donation as we have in the past. Instead, parishioners who wish to support the future priests in Slovakia may make a donation in any amount to a seminary scholarship fund. Our monetary gift will help support seminarians with financial needs, at the rector's discretion. To contribute to the scholarship, place your donation in a blue Advent Giving envelope and place it **in the Sunday collection basket by December 25.** Note: per the IRS, this international donation is not tax deductible. A group photo of the seminarians is posted in the vestibule and gallery. Please continue to pray for the seminarians, their instructors, mentors and all priests.



Christmas Novena Begins Tuesday, December 26

**Cards are Available in English and Slovak in the
Parish Office on Weekdays and after Masses on Weekends!**

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

Catechism Corner

Class & Benediction Schedule

Wednesdays, December 20 & 27: No Classes

Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for All

Wednesday, January 10, 6:15PM: Class

Wednesday, January 17, 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for All

Wednesday, January 24, 6:15PM: Class

Wednesday, January 31, 6:15PM: Class & Benediction for All

To quote Mother Teresa,

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart?"

Well warm hearts were found at this year's Catechism Christmas Party. Thank you to all the many volunteers who helped this year. There are too many to mention by name, but you know who you are and we were extremely grateful to have you. We are grateful that St. Nicholas could once again stop by and share in the celebration of our Lord Jesus' Birthday. At the end of the party, parents picking up their children stayed and worked harmoniously with our teachers and Confirmandi to leave our parish hall in perfect condition. Whether you cleaned up the garbage, helped stack chairs, or ran the vacuum cleaner, we were overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness (and warm heart). Thank you all for working hard to make this year's party a success. One last thank you to the Knights of Columbus who once again, like every Wednesday, looked out for the safety of all the children and their families. May God bless them for their dedication and hard work especially during the cold months to come.

At the party, like we do every year, we sang Happy Birthday to Jesus. We hope in all the excitement on Christmas Morning, you remind your children that Our Lord, Jesus Christ is "the True Reason for the Season"!!!

With our most sincere gratitude, *Paul & Carroll Schuller*

We'll see all the children back for class on January 3rd, 2024!

Catechism questions, please contact:

Paul & Carroll Schuller, (586) 726-6911

p_schuller@yahoo.com or cschuller@saintcyrils.church

Life Teen Night • Monday, December 18

TOPIC: "God" Reaches Man: The Birth of His Son"

6:45PM - 8:45PM

God reaches us where we are and does whatever it takes to bring us to Himself. The night includes: proclaim and witness, games, social time, snacks and prayer time. Bring a friend with you. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

EDGE Ministry

NO EDGE NIGHTS UNTIL 2024!

Edge Nights include: proclaim and witness, games, social time, snacks and prayer time. If you would like more information, please see contact information below.



TO REGISTER FOR LIFE TEEN or EDGE,

PLEASE SCAN CODE ON LEFT

Questions? Please contact:

Heidi Normile, Youth Minister, (586) 859-0194

edge@saintcyrils.church or

lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

USHERS NEEDED!

If you are a gentleman who would like to help at the Mass you attend, please talk to an usher or call the Parish Office.

Church Cleaning Day

Wednesday, December 20

Sparkle & Shine

Help is needed to make our church beautiful & "sparkle & shine" for the Nativity of Our Lord. If you are available to help clean the church THIS Wednesday, December 20, after the 12:00PM Holy Mass, please sign up on the sheet on the table in the vestibule or just come and help!

After the work is done, plan to enjoy pizza and beverages together! *"Many hands make light work!"*

If you have any questions, please contact: *Marie, 248-259-9201*

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. 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. More information about the AOD's efforts to address abuse may be found at 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 Detroitškú Arcidiecézu prostredníctvom koordinátora pre pomoc obetiam na tel. čísle 866-343-8055, alebo emailom 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. Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícii na adrese protect.aod.org.

### **Ss. Cyril & Methodius Keepsakes – In the Parish Office**

**Cookbook – \$15**



**Clear or Blue Bead Rosary – \$25**



**4 1/2" x 7 1/4"**  
**Wooden Church Replica**  
**\$20**





## Adoration ~ Come Let Us Adore Him



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAY, 1:00PM - FRIDAY, 12:00PM**  
**COMMITTED ADORER NEEDED (FIRST FRIDAYS ONLY) FROM 5:00PM - 6:00PM**

### A HEARTS DEEPEST LONGING

I want to stick with how Jesus taught us to pray in this week's edition of the Heart's Deepest Longing. I do so because in order to bring about the transformation of mind needed to recognize Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, is we need to foster communication, just as communication is mandatory in all relationships and conversations with other people. Prayer is nothing less than conversation with God. We tell Him what's on our mind and heart and He responds.

Christ gave us the Lord's Prayer when His disciples asked Him how to pray (Luke 11:1). In this prayer, Jesus centers around the adoration of God and on His kingdom, and then petitions Him for what we need in order to receive and collaborate with that kingdom. Finally, it links our forgiveness of our neighbor. If we look beyond the meaning of what Jesus prayed for and, instead, look at the circumstances of what prompted the discipleS to ask Him how they ought to pray, we find the very thing we ourselves need to find inside of us when approaching Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

To set the scene, Jesus was praying in a certain place and when He had stopped, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray." What was it that the disciple saw that gave him the desire to pray? This is a question with which we must discover in ourselves as well. The Catechism says that "By contemplating and hearing the Son, the Master of prayer, the children (disciples) learn to pray to the Father" (par. 2601)."

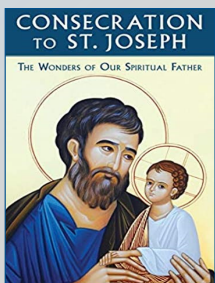
What we need to know about this, that is the disciples, and us, is we need to contemplate about ourselves and about God. Contemplation is the simple intuition of divine truth which produces love. In other words, the disciples recognized Christ as speaking truth and felt pulled to unite themselves with Him out of love for Him and the truth He spoke. Therefore, when we approach Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist we must truly and sincerely want to know truth and love, which is through Him, with Him, and in Him. This will open the floodgates of our prayer life and make Him more alive and active within our heart, soul, and mind. In this way the Real Presence will be manifested to us in an undeniable way.

- Paul A. Ray

**If you have questions about Eucharistic Adoration, please contact: Annette Rudzewicz, (586) 247-7214**

## Consecration to Jesus thru Mary & Consecration to St. Joseph

### Prep Begins: Friday, December 22



#### (Private) Consecration Date:

**January 23 (Performed Privately)**

Mary is our spiritual mother, and St. Joseph is our spiritual father. The spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph is extremely important for our spiritual growth. Everything we have given to Jesus and Mary can also be given to St. Joseph. The hearts of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph are one.

**Program Overview:** Consecration to St. Joseph emulates the tried-and-true preparation method employed by St. Louis de Montfort in his Marian consecration, highlighting many of St. Joseph's titles, privileges, and heroic virtues. The program of preparation and consecration takes 33 days. You'll spend about 20-30 minutes a day on a short exposition on one of the invocations in the powerful Litany of St. Joseph, followed by a reading on St. Joseph, concluding with the recitation of the Litany of St. Joseph. If you miss a day, just make it up and continue your preparation. On the day of your consecration, feel free to use whichever act of consecration you like best; you can also make up your own, if you like.

A limited number of books are available in the Parish Office for \$15.

### Prep Begins: Sunday, December 31

#### Consecration Date:

**Presentation of the Lord • February 2**

The next 33-day preparation for the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, St. Louis de Montfort, begins on Sunday, December 31, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on February 2, the Presentation of the Lord. Once you make the consecration, it is for life. It can then be renewed annually.

This is a formal consecration to Our Lady, like a vow. 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 and that she may use you as a holy instrument in her battle with Satan. 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.

"Preparation for Total Consecration" books are available in the Parish Office for \$10.

Questions about making your Total Consecration, or to register to make (or renew) your Total Consecration, please contact: the Parish Office: (586) 726-6911

