

The Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday, December 31, 2023



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



THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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December 30, Saturday - Sobota

Sixth Day within the Octave of Nativity of the Lord

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
 5:30PM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
 ❖ For Fr. Ben Kosnac & Fr. Luigi Gabris req. Friend
 ❖ For Mark Hanna (B'Day) ❖ For Carol Bozena (B'Day)
 ❖ For Zac Cavins req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For John & Marian Santi (67th Wed. Ann.)
 ❖ †Fr. John Hardon, SD

December 31, Sunday - Nedela

Sunday of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

- 7:30AM In Thanksgiving req. Nash - Brown Family
 ❖ For Louis Family
 ❖ For Sylvester Joachim Wilkins req. Family
 ❖ For Alexandra Nukulaj req. Family
 ❖ For Martin Lulgjuraj req. Aunt Dijela
 ❖ †Jane Desser req. Marge ❖ †Catherine Brady
 9:30AM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
 11:30AM (Slovak) For Madison Trinity req. Grandparents
 ❖ For Nick Nukulaj req. Family
 ❖ †Carel Minjeur req. Gino & Paula Vitale
 ❖ †Alan Issac
 ❖ †Charles J. Celusnak req. Stefan & Marta Sobolic
 ❖ †Joseph Rimarcik req. Julie Celusnak & Family
 ❖ †Emilia Rafaidus req. Hildegard Ivin
 5:30PM For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
 ❖ For Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Richardson & Family
 ❖ For Willard & Kathleen Braniff req. Leo & Diane
 ❖ For Amanda Nukulaj req. Family
 ❖ For Dianna Dusevic req. Mom
 ❖ †Nikola & Dijela Dusevic
 ❖ †Paul Curcydlo req. Emmy

January 1, Monday - Pondelok

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*** NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR ***

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
 12:00PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

January 2, Tuesday - Utorok

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

- 6:00AM For Jan & Luigi Guidotti
 ❖ For the Hanna Family
 ❖ For Michael Abu
 ❖ For Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany
 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena

January 3, Wednesday - Streda

Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 9:00AM (Latin)
 For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
 12:00PM In Thanksgiving req. Alia
 ❖ For Steven & Andy Gappy
 ❖ For Mary Ann Wilkins req. Anne Haio
 ❖ †Ann M. & Michael Pullis

January 4, Thursday - Štvrtok

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

- 6:00AM For a Special Intention ❖ For Maria Vitale
 ❖ For Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren req. Grandma
 ❖ For Julie Ketchum & Ali
 12:00PM For a Special intention req. Renee Mohan
 ❖ For Anna Vitale
 ❖ †Robert & Joyce Rosol req. Daughter
 ❖ †John Mohan req. Wife & Son
 7:00PM For a Special Intention
 ❖ For the Haio Family ❖ For Monica Vitale
 ❖ †Lawrence Fares

January 5, First Friday - Prvý Piatok

Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

- 6:00PM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
 ❖ For All Living & Deceased Members of the Ploeger & Nelson Families ❖ For Mercy Vitale
 ❖ †Cynthia Yanik
 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Rosary Makers & Families
 ❖ For the Hanna Family
 ❖ †Gerard Simoneau req. Plzak Family
 ❖ †Carel Minjeur req. Family
 7:00PM For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
 ❖ For Sr. Patricia Whalen req. Rita Bacik
 ❖ For Gammo & Scheller Grandchildren
 ❖ For Ava Haio (B'Day)

January 6, First Saturday - Prva Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Rosary Society
 ❖ For the Hanna Family ❖ For Michael Abu
 ❖ †Arnetta O. Nash req. Nash-Brown Family
 5:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

January 7, Sunday - Nedela

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

- Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
 7:30AM For the Daniel & Menard Families
 ❖ For Julie Schuster (B'Day)
 ❖ For Kathy Fuller ❖ For Paul Varchetti & Family
 ❖ †John Maciag req. Wife ❖ †Gene Kucharek req. Wife
 ❖ †Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Nelson
 9:30AM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
 ❖ For Paulina Kray
 ❖ For Sabrina Kray
 ❖ For Celina Kray
 ❖ For Zelig Kray
 ❖ †Denny Campbell req. John & Elizabeth Curell
 ❖ †Edward Little
 11:30AM (Slovak) For June ❖ For the Bellei Family
 ❖ †Ferdinand & +Emilia Sakala
 ❖ †Frantisek & +Kazimira Bacik
 ❖ †Gerald Slabienski req. Wife
 ❖ †Laura Slabienski req. Carol
 8:30PM For Sebastian Abate ❖ For Mary Ketchum (B'Day)
 ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
 ❖ For Fabian & Samantha Gammo
 ❖ For Olivia Shubnell req. Langlois Family
 ❖ †Raymond Kudzia req. John & Tonia Reinhard
 ❖ †Louis Allawerdi



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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:

No Confessions will be heard on 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.

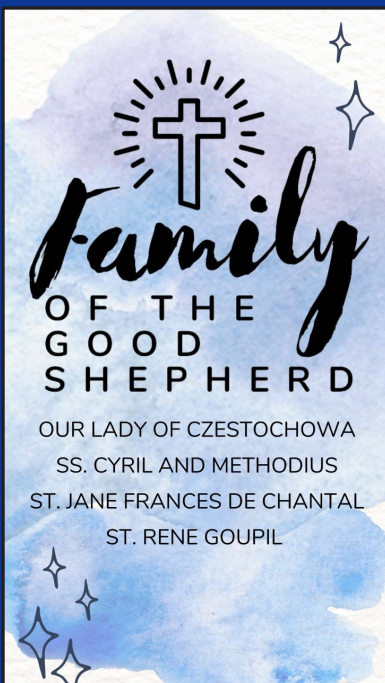
OFFICE HOURS WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2023 - JANUARY 3, 2024:

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 25, through Tuesday, January 2, 2024.
The Parish Office will reopen on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, from 10:00AM - 2:00PM.
Office hours:

Thursday, January 4, & Friday, January 5, are 11:00AM - 5:00PM

OVERNIGHT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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



FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES:

Our Lady of Czestochowa

3100 18 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, 586-977-7267

SATURDAY (Vigil Masses): 4:00PM (Polish) & 5:30PM (English)

SUNDAY (All Polish): 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM & 7:00PM

St. Jane Frances De Chantal

38750 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, 586-977-8080

SATURDAY (Vigil): 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 9:00AM & 11:30AM

St. Rene Goupil

35955 Ryan Road, 586-939-7500

SATURDAY (Vigil): 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 5:30PM

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

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





ROSARY SOCIETY

Gratitude and Looking Forward

On the eve of the New Year, the Rosary Society is looking back on 2023 with gratitude and looking forward to 2024 with hope. We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their prayers and support of our sponsored events this past year, including the Marian retreat, bake sales and cookie walk, quilt raffle, and the parish-wide receptions after the May Crowning and Corpus Christi Holy Masses. We also want to thank Fr. Libor and Fr. Juraj for their guidance and support.

It has been a year of rebuilding for the Rosary Society. Following the feedback we received from our April survey, we have increased membership and look forward to the New Year with hopes and plans as to how we can further our devotion to the Blessed Mother and serve the Parish. We also intend to keep you informed of who we are and what we do.

With this article we are introducing our new logo. The use of the logo will hopefully more easily identify all of the events as well as projects in which the Rosary Society is involved. Our fellow parishioner, Bill Callaghan, designed the logo for us and we cannot express our gratitude enough to Bill for his time and effort. His contribution has been a true blessing.

On Saturday, January 6, 2024, a new Board of Directors will be installed at the 9:00AM Holy Mass. We are excited for the New Year. The Rosary Society's two main purposes are to promote daily devotion to our Blessed Mother and to provide fundraising for the Parish's needs. Ladies of the Parish, will you consider joining the Rosary Society as a New Year's resolution? Find out more about joining and learn what we do by attending our next meeting in the Fr. Mikus Hall on Saturday, January 6. The meeting begins after the 9:00AM Holy Mass and Rosary (at approximately 10:15AM).

In closing, we pray that you are all enjoying a most Happy and Blessed Christmas Season and wish you all the best in the New Year — good health, happiness and filled with God's blessings.

Questions: Kathy Holka, 586-703-4043 or kholka@aol.com

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, after the 9:00AM HOLY MASS and ROSARY (approx. 10:15AM)



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 shift my perspective on the Holy Eucharist this week, and in the weeks to come, from disbelievers to believers. If you still doubt the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, I encourage you to read (or re-read) the articles I posted since the beginning of this Eucharistic journey. However, now is the time to foster and build up our belief in the Real Presence and raise our knowledge of what we have before us.

I would like to begin this sector of our journey with the help of 19th century priest and author Fr. Peter J. Arnouldt, S.J. A Belgium Jesuit, Father Arnouldt lived from 1811-1865 and is known for, "Imitation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus" (written by 1846 and first approved and published in Rome in 1863). This book offers to the reader a full school of true Christian holiness and the means and exercises necessary to attain sanctity. It is not simply pious rhetoric and comfy thoughts, but a real, easy to comprehend and digestible spiritual truths that are practical for any serious Catholic today. Reflecting on these spiritual maxims before the Blessed Sacrament will serve us gratuitously in our own path to know, love and serve God in our own lives.

Jesus said to us, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am gentle (meek) and lowly (humble) in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden light. (Matthew 11:28-30). And this is where we'll begin. Always call to mind these words of our Lord each time you enter into Eucharistic Adoration or Holy Mass. Approaching our Savior with the right frame of mind and purpose is the beginning of union with Him.

- Paul A. Ray

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

Total Consecration to Jesus thru Mary • December 31**Preparation Begins December 31****Next Consecration • Presentation • February 2**

Preparation for the next Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary begins on Sunday, December 31. The Consecration will take place on the Presentation of the Lord, February 2.

Preparation takes 33-days. The Parish Office is closed until Wednesday, January 3. Please register for the Consecration by emailing: parishoffice@saintcyrils.church.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers • First Friday, January 5

The Rosary Makers meet on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. The next meeting is this Friday, January 5, from 1:00-3:00PM in Room #113. Newcomers are always welcome.

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

First Friday Rosary • First Friday, January 5

In honor, appreciation and service to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, everyone is invited to join us to pray a public rosary in the church on the First Friday of the month. The next rosary takes place this Friday, January 5, beginning at 6:00PM before the 7:00PM Holy Mass.

All are invited to send in special prayer requests or intentions which will be read and offered before each Holy Rosary. Please submit prayer requests no later than Wednesday, January 3, by sending an email to: babate@saintcyrils.church

Questions, please contact: Betty Abate, (586) 726-6911

Northland Family Prayer • Saturday, January 6

Some people make New Year's resolutions and give up on them by the end of January, however, perhaps we should reflect on who we really wish to be and set some firm but realistic plans for growing in our faith. Lord, help us to trust in Your providence and while we prepare our resolutions, let us also reflect on the past year. We thank You for all Your blessings including life, love, family, friends, our parish and the support of our ministry.

Please join us for prayers outside the Northland Family Planning Clinic, 3810 17 Mile Rd. (just west of Ryan Rd.) on Saturday, January 6, from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. Bring your friends, family, rosary and weather gear. Park in the shopping center lots nearby - parking is not allowed at the clinic. The prayer event (rosary, chaplet and other prayers) lasts about an hour but may be shortened due to weather - you can also pray nearby from your car.

For more info concerning the Saturday rosary at church or clinic prayer, please contact: Anne Marie, (586) 873-2004.

Catechism Corner**Class & Benediction Schedule**

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

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 & EDGE Youth Ministries

Life Teen & EDGE provide opportunities for youth to come together to socialize while learning to proclaim and witness our faith, play games, and enjoy snacks and prayer time. Feel free to bring a friend to Life Nights on Mondays and EDGE Nights on Thursdays. Dates for the nights are published in the Parish Bulletin or contact Heidi Normile for more information.

We are looking forward to seeing you in 2024!

Questions? Please contact:

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

edge@saintcyrils.church or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

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](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).

**Women and Families in Need**

Abortion is now legal in Michigan at an unprecedented level and the Archdiocese of Detroit is committed to accompanying women and families in need, with greater resolve than ever. In the AOD, we do this largely through Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, our charitable arm, and through the Archdiocese's Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship Department. In particular, *Walking with Moms in Need* (WWMIN) is a ministry to help parishioners identify and create local resources that provide assistance to pregnant and parenting moms in need, and Project Rachel is an important ministry for individuals who have been harmed by abortion.

For more information and to get involved in these ministries, visit:

[aod.org/walking-with-moms-in-need](http://aod.org/walking-with-moms-in-need) and [evangelicalcharity.org](http://evangelicalcharity.org).





## January 1<sup>st</sup> - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

*The Feasts of the Blessed Virgin ~ by St. Francis de Sales*

**T**he days upon which the Blessed Virgin Mary shows herself bountiful of her favors, are the feasts celebrated in her honor; and if we desire to profit by them, we must sanctify them fervently. Let us approach the Sacraments on those days, and propose to practice some particular virtue of the Blessed Virgin, adapted to the mystery of the day. For instance, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, let us propose to practice purity of intention; on that of her Nativity, a renewal of fervor, banishing all tepidity from our soul; on that of the Presentation, detachment from those desires which require to be mortified; on the Feast of the Annunciation, of the Visitation, on the Feast of the Purification, obedience to Superiors; and on the Feast of the Assumption, preparation for death. Such was ever the practice of all the true servants of Mary.



On New Year's Eve, 1895-1896, St. Gemma Galgani wrote: *"During this new year I resolve to begin a new life. I do not know what will happen to me during this year, but I abandon myself entirely to You, my God, and my aspirations and all my affections will be for You. I feel so weak, dear Jesus, but with Your help I hope and resolve to live a different life, that is, a life closer to You."*

Writing to her spiritual director Gemma wrote: *"Father, do you know the latest idea that has come into my head? It is to become a saint at all costs."*

While 2024 comes with uncertainties about the future, the vocation and goal of each and every one of us remains the same - to become saints and strive for Heaven!

Let us, therefore, spend these final days of 2023 in fervent prayer asking the Holy Spirit to inspire us with what we must do to attain great holiness, thus becoming true saints!

### My 2024 New Year's Resolution!

I virtue I would like to grow in: \_\_\_\_\_

I sin I would like to eliminate: \_\_\_\_\_

I book of Scripture I would like to read completely: \_\_\_\_\_

I spiritual book I would like to read: \_\_\_\_\_

I prayer I would like to learn: \_\_\_\_\_

I way to improve my Sacramental Life: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Intention for 2024: \_\_\_\_\_

### Choose a Patron Saint for 2024

*"There is a custom among us of drawing by lot, on New Year's Day, special Patrons for ourselves for the whole year."*  
(305 - Diary of St. Faustina)

*"Follow the saints, because those who follow them will themselves become saints."* (Pope Saint Clement I)

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After the 9:AM & 12PM Holy Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, all are welcome to take a saint card from the basket at the entrance of the church.
The saint on the card you choose will be your special Patron for 2024!

Tax Statement Request for 2023

If you made a single donation of \$250 or more in 2023, you will automatically be issued a tax statement per government requirements. Those who have used PushPay or have given us an email address to enter into our database in the past will receive a tax statement automatically via email. If we have your email address before the third week in January the email will come directly from a PushPay email, not from the church email so please be aware of this when looking for an email. If your email address is received after the third week in January, the email will likely come from a parish email.

If you are not sure if we have your current email address and would like to receive a tax statement via email you, please go to our website: www.saintcyrils.church to complete the tax statement request form there or fill out the form below to ensure your correct address is in our database.

If you would like a paper tax statement for your 2023 tax deductible contributions, please complete the form on our website or fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or drop it off in the Parish Office.

Emailed tax statements should go out around January 22 and paper statements will be available by the end of January.

Any questions, please contact: Rob Avery,
(586) 726-6911 or business@saintcyrils.church

Tax Statement Request for 2023

Please send a statement for tax deductible contributions made to Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish during 2023 to:

Name: _____

Envelope #: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email: _____

Date of Request: _____

☐ Please mail my Contribution Statement when it is available.

☐ I will pick up my sealed Statement in the vestibule box marked "Tax Statements".

☐ Please email my tax statement.

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FEBRUARY

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