

The Epiphany of the Lord  
Sunday, January 7, 2024



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



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering  
the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

- Mt 2:10

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# MASS *Intentions* ©JPPC

## 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  
 ❖ For Za Zosnuleno Jana Lopatku & Rodiny  
 req. Nadaska a Lopatkova  
 ❖ †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

## January 8, Monday - Pondelok

### Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

- 9:00AM In Thanksgiving req. Marie Kerry  
 ❖ For all Living & Deceased Members of Slemmer &  
 Weiss Families ❖ For Mark Varchetti  
 ❖ For Randy & Channel Gammo
- 12:00PM In Thanksgiving req. Caterina Persechini  
 ❖ For Rick Kray ❖ For Nicki Kray  
 ❖ For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family

## January 9, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Special Intentions  
 ❖ For Daniel Fuller  
 ❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family  
 ❖ For Daniella Joseph (Bapt. Ann.)
- 12:00PM In Thanksgiving  
 ❖ For Paul & Alex Pawlowski  
 ❖ For Samantha & Eli Mansoor req. Family  
 ❖ For Jennifer Grafatti

## January 10, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM (Latin) For the Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 ❖ For a Special Intention  
 ❖ For Carl & Alyssia Varchetti & Family  
 ❖ For Randy & Channel Gammo

- 12:00PM For a Special Intention req. Alia Korkis  
 ❖ For Samantha & Eli Mansoor req. Family  
 ❖ †Guido & Gea Pacifio req. John & Tonia Reinhard  
 ❖ †Dale Rice req. Marie & Bob

## January 11, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany  
 ❖ For James & Grette Varchetti  
 ❖ For Don & Karen Miller & Family
- 12:00PM For Conan Sier (B'Day)  
 ❖ For Samantha & Eli Mansoor req. Family  
 ❖ For Andy & Steven Gappy  
 ❖ †Charles & Isabella Varchetti
- 7:00PM For Fr. Antony Julius Maton req. Anne Haio  
 ❖ For Fr. Marcel Portelli req. Anne Haio  
 ❖ †Anthony, Lorraine & Anthony Jr. Battaglia  
 ❖ †Fr. Lawrence Fares

## January 12, Friday - Piatok

- 6:00PM For Victor Gjonaj  
 ❖ †George & Helen Emmendorfer
- 12:00PM For Alex & Paul Pawlowski  
 ❖ †Carel Minjeur req. Bernadette Milkowski  
 ❖ †Mary & +Greg Manning & Family  
 ❖ †Nicholas Podkowa Jr.

## January 13, Saturday - Sobota

### Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

- 9:00AM For a Special Intention  
 ❖ For the Members of Our Lady Mother of Mercy  
 Secular Discalced Carmelites  
 ❖ For Jillian Haio  
 ❖ For Sr. Faustina Hermiz req. Anne Haio
- 5:30PM For Living & Deceased Members of the Fekin &  
 Scarcelli Families  
 ❖ For Lou & Yvonne Persichetti  
 ❖ For Barb & Vince Garrisi  
 ❖ For Ken & Mary Ann Warner  
 ❖ †Margaret & +Casimir Jedd req. Bev & Frank Moran  
 ❖ †Patricia Mazur req. Ken & Mary Ann Warner  
 ❖ †Carel Minjeur

## January 14, Sunday - Nedela

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
- 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  
 ❖ †Sharon Mosier  
 ❖ †Lou Giacomia  
 ❖ †Marilyn Smith req. John & Elizabeth Curell  
 ❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family  
 ❖ †Denny Campbell req. John & Elizabeth Curell
- 11:30AM (Slovak)  
 For Za Zosnuleno Jana Lopatku & Rodiny req.  
 Nadaska a Lopatkova  
 ❖ For Martin Labas req. Parents  
 ❖ †Jan Lopatka req. Mirka Plzak & Family
- 8:30PM For Sam Louis (B'Day)  
 ❖ †Jackie Giermanski req. Prusak Family





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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 & WEDNESDAYS: 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

SATURDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM

### REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

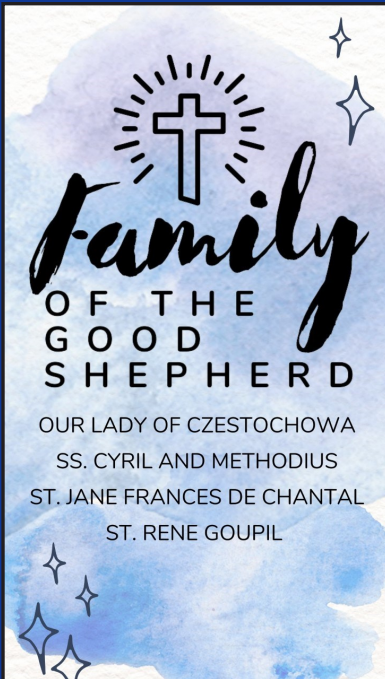
MONDAYS: 10:00AM - 5:00PM

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: 11:00AM - 5:00PM

WEDNESDAYS: 11:00AM - 2:00PM

\*Office is closed during 12:00PM Holy Mass

OVERNIGHT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS, 1:00PM - FRIDAYS, 12:00PM



### 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



**EDGE Night • Thursday, January 11****TOPIC: "Spiritual Goals: New Year—A Renewal of Spirit"****6:45PM (Doors Open) - 8:45PM**

God creates original and unique works. He breathes His Spirit into us so that we shine and excel.

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.

Questions? Please contact:

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

edge@saintcyrils.church or

lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

**Clothing and Household Goods Donations**

As we are cleaning our houses and closets in the new year, or when we purchase new things, many of us want to give those "gently used" items to local people who are in need. This is certainly an important work of mercy; and this is the mission of a number of agencies, including some run by the Catholic church. Unfortunately, our parish is not able to collect and distribute these items on a regular basis. We leave that work to groups that focus on this sort of outreach. If you have items to donate, please take them directly to one of these organizations. There are a number of agencies and locations throughout Metro Detroit that will gratefully accept your donations.

The Parish Office has a list of these local service agencies and the staff can help you find one that is convenient to you. Donating your items directly to an organization, such as St. Vincent de Paul, is the best way to help those who need them.

**Life Teen Night • Monday, January 15****TOPIC: "We are Claimed by Christ: Baptism & Repentance"****6:45PM (Doors Open) - 8:45PM**

Life Night will not take place this week but will meet again on Monday, January 15, to discuss how Christ claims us for Himself despite our imperfections. Responding to His invitation, we leave things behind and discover a fuller life.

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.

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**A Box of Joy THANK YOU!**

A huge thank-you to everyone who donated to our Advent projects in 2023. Our Box of Joy project was especially appreciated! Thanks to your generosity, 108 boxes made their way to Cross Catholic Outreach's warehouse in Miami where they were sorted and then shipped to mission programs in Central America in time for Christmas.

To view a video thank-you and photos of children receiving their Boxes of Joy last Christmas, scan the code below or

visit: <https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/boj-impact/>

*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**

Kneel or sit before the Blessed Sacrament. All is quiet and our minds scrambling. How should I approach Him? What should I say? How am I to act? Am I doing this right? Are others glaring at me as if I'm a fish out of water? Is that really Him?

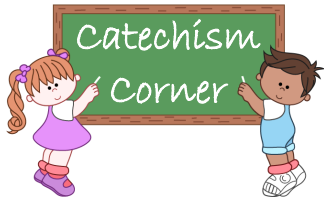
All of these are common questions we have when approaching Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We have to adjust ourselves to be able to gain the fruit of this experience. Put away the thoughts and concerns of this world for now. Just think about God, about Jesus, and about the reality that is right in front of you. Yes, that is Him.

The truth is before you, which surpasses all the arts and sciences of the world, who smooths the way not to some perishable wealth, some passing pleasure, or a short-lived renowned but to boundless riches, that do not cease, to indescribable delights, that are constant, to the highest honors that endure forever. Whatever Jesus has taught us to do, He reduced to one lesson: "Learn of Me because I am meek and humble of Heart"; this He adapted to all men, this He gives to all, that all may learn the same, the little as well as the greatest, knowing full well that is in this precept, if rightly understood and kept, are contained all things necessary in life.

Realize that Jesus' whole life was the application of this truth, which He began to practice, before He taught it to others. So, the method of learning from Him consists in action, which is performed in two ways: by studying and by practicing. We will dive into this precept come next week's article.

- Paul A. Ray

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



### Catechism Corner

#### Class & Benediction Schedule

**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

Catechism questions, please contact:

Paul & Carroll Schuller, (586) 726-6911

p\_schuller@yahoo.com or cschuller@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.

### 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. číslo 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.

### Mobile App

To download our Church App, you can either text "SSCyrilApp" to 77977 to receive a text with a link to the app or you can go to your Mobile App Store and download the "My Church by Pushpay" app and search for SSCyrilApp or you can select "Find my church by name" and search for SS Cyril. Through this App, you are able to access things like daily readings for Mass, a digital Bible, weekly bulletins and our electronic giving page.

### Online Giving

To give using your mobile device, simply text:

**SSCYRIL to 77977**

and a link to the giving page will be sent to you.

To give online, simply go to our website:

**www.saintcyrils.church**

and select "GIVE" on the homepage.

\*\*If you decide to use online giving and no longer need your envelopes, please send an email to business@saintcyrils.church requesting they be canceled.

### Communion to the Homebound

If you are bringing Holy Communion to the homebound, please keep in mind that you must have a pyx (lined with Gold, not plastic) as well as a burse. Once you have the Consecrated Host, the pyx and burse are not to be put into a pocket or purse, but must be worn around your neck to keep the Blessed Sacrament near your heart.

Once you have the Blessed Sacrament, you must go directly to the individual receiving Holy Communion.

A pyx and burse can be purchased at any local Catholic supply store. Questions, please contact: *Parish Office* at (586) 726-6911

### 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 and evangelicalcharity.org

For a current list of pregnancy resources:  
<https://ccsem.org/mom/>



## ROSARY SOCIETY INVITATION

Ladies of the Parish: It's not too late to consider joining the Rosary Society as a New Year's resolution! The two main purposes of the Rosary Society are to promote daily devotion to our Blessed Mother and to provide fundraising for the Parish's needs. We pray that you will be part of our group as we enter the New Year with hopes and plans as to how we can further our devotion to the Blessed Mother and serve the Parish.

To learn more about joining the Rosary Society and what we do, please contact:

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







# Freedom Rangeman Award

**Hello: My name is Dominic Lawler, and I am a member of Trail Life Troop MI-0214 and an Altar server at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish. I am constructing a new fire pit area along with benches for our parish, to serve as a place of fellowship, a quiet place for prayer, and for the youth groups. This service project is a requirement to earn my Freedom Rangeman Award which is the highest Award in Trail Life.**

**In order for my project to be successful, I am asking for help with fundraising for my project. Below is a QR code to GoFundMe to support my efforts. I will also be available after Holy Masses this weekend to answer questions,**

**Thank you for your prayers and support.**

**God bless you, *Dominic Lawler***



Concept Fire Pit & Benches

To Contribute:



## Knights of Columbus Pro-life Poster Contest Winners - 2024

The Knights of Columbus, Council 7011, is pleased to announce the winners of our 2024 Pro-Life Poster Contest for the year 2024. The theme for this year was: "CHOOSE LIFE THAT YOU AND YOUR DESCENDANTS MAY LIVE" from the book of Deuteronomy. There were three groups of participants: Group 1 (Grades 7/8), Group 2 (Grades 9/10), and Group 3 (Grades 11/12). First place winners in each Group received \$100 cash. Second place winners in each Group received \$50 cash. Third place winners in each Group received a \$20 Gift Certificate from

Faith@Work. The Fourth Place winner received a Participation Certificate.

The first place winners were **Louisa Irwin, Letta Natzke & Sophia Baltrinic** respectively. The second place winners were **Grace Giroux, Tia Natzke & Rebekah Giroux** respectively. The third place winners respectively were **Brett Suchland & Zander Natzke**. The Participation Certificate winner was **Tommy Abbott**.

An Awards Ceremony honoring all the winners was held December 10, 2023, with students, family members and Knights attending. We wish to thank all winners and their families for their participation and support for this important contest. We hope these and many more will participate next year. Thank you!

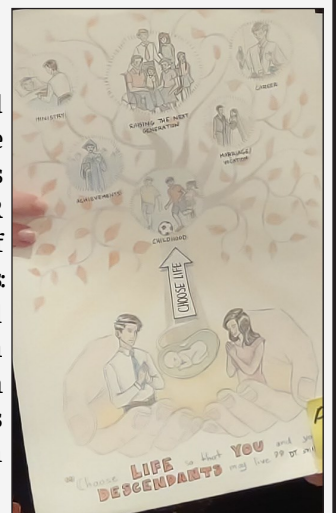
**Gino Vitale, Pro-life Chairman, K of C Council 7011**

Upper Left: *Eric Suchland*, KofC Grand Knight, & *Gino Vitale*, KofC Pro-life Chairman, present First Place Award (Grades 11/12) to *Sophia Baltrinic* at Awards Ceremony on December 10, 2023.

Upper Right: *Sophia Baltrinic*'s First Place Poster (Grades 11/12)

Left: *Letta Natzke*, First Place Winner (Grades 9/10)

Right: *Louisa Irwin*, First Place Winner (Grades 7/8)



**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](http://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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail my Contribution Statement when it is available.

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

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Please email my tax statement.

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## *Companions of the Cross Life in the Spirit Seminar*

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR**

**JANUARY 26, 2024 6:30pm - 9:00pm and**

**JANUARY 27, 2024 8:30am - 8:00pm at**

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**FEBRUARY**

**10TH, 2024**

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