

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, January 21, 2024



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



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“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”  
- Mk 1:17

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# MASS *Intentions* ©JPPC

## January 20, Saturday - Sobota

### Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

- 9:00AM For Sr. Rose Ndimele req. Anne Haio  
 ❖ For Simon Jezef Kopil req. Godparents  
 ❖ †George & Helen Emmendorfer  
 ❖ †Georgette Hamameh req. Leona
- 5:30PM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG  
 ❖ For Al & Ann Varchetti  
 ❖ For Bev & Frank Moran  
 ❖ For Chantia Harden req. Mendoza Family  
 ❖ For Mary Minjeur  
 ❖ †Paquito Firmalo req. Mendoza Family  
 ❖ †Maria Salvacion Garza req. Mendoza Family

## January 21, Sunday - Nedel'a

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
- 7:30AM For Mark Varchetti  
 ❖ For John & Bridget Hines  
 ❖ †Irene & +Henry Toenjes  
 ❖ †John Michael Schwab req. Mike MacDonald  
 ❖ †Michael Stivaletti, Jr.  
 ❖ †Jane Desser req. Al & Ann Varchetti  
 ❖ †John Maciag req. Wife
- 9:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners  
 11:30AM (Slovak)  
 For Za Zosnuleno Jana Lopatku & Rodiny req.  
 Nadaska a Lopatkova  
 ❖ For Marissa Rakowski req. Grandparents  
 ❖ For Genivere Winiarski req. Grandparents
- 8:30PM In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
 ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family  
 ❖ For Fabian & Samantha Gammo  
 ❖ †Nancy Giannnone (Ann.) req. Family

## January 22, Monday - Pondelok

### USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

- 9:00AM For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
 For Lilliana & Family req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
 ❖ †Stephanie Varchetti  
 ❖ †Stefanie Bak
- 12:00PM For Alex (B'Day)  
 ❖ For Bernadette Shamoon  
 ❖ For Fallon & Jamie Scheller  
 ❖ For Maria Gorial

## January 23, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Jack Fischer (B'Day) ❖ For Alan Kalinowski  
 ❖ †Mark & Lena Pepaj ❖ †Rajaa Hamed req. HA
- 12:00PM For Sam & Amy Shamoon ❖ For Lourdes Shamoon  
 ❖ †Dolores Smylnycky ❖ †Stephen Orlowsky

## January 24, Wednesday - Streda

### Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 9:00AM (Latin)  
 For a Special Intention  
 ❖ For Suzanne & Family req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
 ❖ For Sandi Brady  
 ❖ †Leo & +Marion McGrath

- 12:00PM For Michael Fuller  
 ❖ For Sam & Amy Shamoon  
 ❖ For Lourdes Shamoon  
 ❖ †Diane Goodmurphy req. John & Tonia Reinhard

## January 25, Thursday - Štvrtok

### Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

- 6:00AM For the Beste & Brady Families  
 ❖ †Ryan & Jen Ambrosio & Family
- 12:00PM For the Living & Deceased Members of the  
 Buckley Families  
 ❖ For Bernadette Shamoon  
 ❖ For Lourdes Shamoon  
 ❖ For Brandon & Samantha Mansoor
- 7:00PM For Sr. Rose Ndimele req. Anne Haio  
 For Zariaf Dalal req. Daughter  
 ❖ †Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany  
 ❖ †Rose Green req. Rita Battaglia

## January 26, Friday - Piatok

### Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

- 6:00PM †Lisa Yanik
- 12:00PM For Deacon Gerald Smigell (B'Day)  
 ❖ For Mary Ann Wilkins & Sylvester  
 ❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family  
 ❖ †Carel Minjeur req. Bernadette Milkowski

## January 27, Saturday - Sobota

### Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

- 9:00AM For Sr. Cynthia Obidike req. Anne Haio  
 ❖ For Al & Ann Varchetti  
 ❖ †Aley Luka req. Daughter
- 5:30PM For Linda Dushaj req. Vera Lucaj  
 ❖ For Gail Lajiness req. Beste Family  
 ❖ †Ryan & Jen Ambrosio & Family  
 ❖ †Toni Serrano req. Emmy

## January 28, Sunday - Nedel'a

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
- 7:30AM For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family  
 ❖ For Alex Rolling  
 ❖ For Marge Lewandowski req.  
 St. Rene Scripture Group  
 ❖ †Thomas Hines  
 ❖ †Jeanette Simonson  
 ❖ †John Michael Schwab req. Mike MacDonald  
 ❖ †Edward Little
- 9:30AM For the Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG  
 ❖ For a Special Intention req. Nahla  
 ❖ For the Intentions of the Members of the  
 St. Monica Sodality  
 ❖ For Korkess Sesi req. Nahla  
 ❖ †Lou Giacomia  
 ❖ †Marilyn Smith req. John & Elizabeth Curell  
 ❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family
- 11:30AM (Slovak)  
 For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM For Jason Jarbo req. Nahla  
 ❖ For the Vitale & Monsu Families  
 ❖ †Agatha Mangano req. 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**

**WE STAND FOR**



**Walking with Moms in Need Committee Project**  
**Volunteers Needed**

Gianna House is a maternity home for young adult women who need a safe place to stay during their pregnancy and during the first year of the baby's life. They also provide local mothers with diapers, formula, clothing, and baby supplies when they come to Gianna House for parenting classes and counseling.

Last winter, Gianna House had a devastating flood which damaged their basement. While the physical damage has been repaired, they now have hundreds of boxes of cleaned and sanitized clothing and supplies to unpack and organize.

**Volunteers Needed**—Our Family of Parishes' Walking with Moms in Need committee has volunteered to unpack the boxes and organize the Gianna House "baby boutique." We need people who can help us unpack, sort, and organize. We also need folks with basic carpentry skills to build storage shelves for off-season clothing, diapers, formula, etc.

The unpacking and organizing phase will begin on Monday, January 29, at 9:00AM in the Gianna House basement, 21357 Redmond, Eastpointe, MI 48021. We will continue to meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning, between 9:00AM until noon until the work is completed. We expect it will take several weeks to get the basement boutique fully functional. Whether you can volunteer for one morning or several, your help will be greatly appreciated.

NOTE: All adult volunteers must complete the AOD's Protecting God's Children program through [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and a background check must be completed through Ss. Cyril & Methodius. Background Check forms are available on the table in the vestibule or at: [www.saintcyrils.church](http://www.saintcyrils.church). Please turn completed forms into the Parish Office for Deacon Phil McCown.

To volunteer to help at Gianna House, stop by the Walking with Moms in Need Committee information table after Mass next weekend, **January 27-28**, or email [babate@saintcyrils.org](mailto:babate@saintcyrils.org).

Use Signup Genius to Volunteer  
For the dates and times you are available:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2x8qglfq>



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





# Adoration ~ Come Let Us Adore Him



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAY, 1:00PM - FRIDAY, 12:00PM**

**Until 7:00PM on FIRST FRIDAYS ONLY**

## A HEARTS DEEPEST LONGING

We are progressing in our understanding and practice of what our Lord had taught us. By doing so, we will reap the fruit which He has promised us. What is the fruit? The fruit is rest for our soul. It is nothing less than to find that with which we may repose, filled and satisfied; without any need to seek for more, without fear of ever losing it, against our will. Whoever finds this rest will be calm and happy. However, whoever does not find it will forever be restless and unhappy.

We are all created by nature to long for blissful repose. We don't even have to give it a thought in order to desire it. It's a great blessing that God placed this desire within us, and we do all in our power to achieve and pursue what it is that will make us happy. Since we have free will we often choose to pursue it through its means without considering its source. Christ the Lord, our God, who gave us this desire in our souls, would not give it without an object He wants us to pursue. Moreover, He has also given us the ability to attain it. He shows us here where we should seek, and how we may find the true object.

"Learn from Me because I am meek and humble of heart, and you will find rest." He makes no distinction, no exception: we will then find true rest, unalloyed happiness. The reason why so many people cannot find this source is because they continue to look for it here below, on earth, in things created rather than in the Creator. We cannot complete our rest in anything other than Him. In Him it will be real as has been experienced by numberless saints, who were meek and humble disciples of the meek and humble Jesus. - Paul A. Ray

### Dear Parishioners & Friends of Ss. Cyril & Methodius:

In an effort to strengthen our current extended Adoration schedule at St. Cyril, we would like to expand the current number of committed adorers to FOUR for each hour instead of TWO. This number will help keep Jesus well covered each hour. It also allows us to include more people who would like to spend an hour with our Lord during these difficult times, especially with the election coming up this year and with Lent right around the corner. At Gethsemane Jesus said to the apostles, "Couldn't you watch with me even one hour? Keep watch and pray so that you will not give into temptation. For the spirit is willing but the body is weak". (Matt 26:40-42) Our Lord is calling you to stay with Him for one hour. Please sign up on the posters in the vestibule. Thank you and may God bless you.

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

### Life Teen Night • Monday, January 22

**TOPIC: "Healing: Lord I Am Not Worthy,  
but Say the Word and my Soul will be Healed"**

**6:45PM (Doors Open) - 8:45PM**

No one can save himself, but we are not left alone. God comes to our aid.

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.

To register, please scan code below.

Questions? Please contact:

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

edge@saintcyrils.church or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

### EDGE Night • Thursday, January 25

**TOPIC: "Confession: We are Called into  
Relationship with Him"**

**6:45PM (Doors Open) - 8:45PM**

God sees us face to face and He is not scandalized. He embraces us even in our brokenness.

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.

To register, please scan code on left.

Questions? Please contact:

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### Catechism Corner Class & Benediction Schedule

**Wednesday, January 24, 6:15PM: Class**

**Wednesday, January 31, 6:15PM:**

Class with Safe Environment Lesson. Information packets were sent home with the children on January 10.

Catechism questions, please contact:

Paul & Carroll Schuller, (586) 726-6911

p\_schuller@yahoo.com or cschuller@saintcyrils.church

### Heart of St. Joseph Men's Fellowship • January 24

Men of Faith, Unite! Please join us as we strengthen each other in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. The Bible is a divine gift given to strengthen us, to train us in righteousness and to bring us to salvation. Inspired by God through the Holy Spirit, the words of Scripture communicate the very Word of God to us! It is an indispensable weapon on our everyday battlefields.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 24, from 6:30PM-7:20PM in the Overflow Room. For these sessions, please enter the church through the main doors closest to the sanctuary and find the room at the end of the hallway. Catechism will be in session, so please drive safely in the parking lot and heed the posted signs. DO NOT enter through the doors by the Fr. Mikus hall.

Subsequent meetings to be listed in future bulletins. For any questions or concerns please contact:

clifford\_haynes@hotmail.com

Take-home study materials are provided free of charge at the meeting. All men of the parish are welcome to join us! We look forward to seeing you there!

Scan to  
register!



**St. Monica Sodality Mass • Sunday, January 28**

Our prayer at the beginning of the year is for an epiphany of the Lord, an increase of our faith and a revelation on how to share this gift with others. We continue to pray for all those struggling with or away from the Catholic Faith, and we know that nothing is impossible for God. Saul of Tarsus, once a very zealous persecutor of Christians, followed the promptings of the Lord and became one of the greatest saints - St. Paul.

St. Paul, please pray for us!

Please join us for the St. Monica Sodality Holy Mass next Sunday, January 28, at 9:30AM and the prayers that take place immediately after the final hymn. The prayer location (most likely the chapel) will be posted on a sign board in the vestibule and mentioned during the Mass announcements. Don't forget to submit your prayer petitions.

NOTE: The St. Monica Mass remains at 9:30AM through February. Check the bulletin or St. Monica box for the upcoming Mass schedule.

For more info, please contact: *Anne Marie*, (586) 873-2004

**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. On the left is a QR code to GoFundMe or drop off donations in the Parish Office.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

God bless you, *Dominic Lawler*

**Calling on All Parishioners!****The Knights Need Your Help This Lent!**

When you think of Lent, you may think of the things of comfort that you might give up. But when you think of Fridays in Lent, you probably think of the best tasting Fish Fry in the Detroit area! The Knights of Columbus are proud to announce that we will again be hosting Lenten Fish Frys for 2024 in partnership with Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish.



To make all of this happen, we need the help of selfless volunteers to set up, serve, clean up and keep our great Fish Frys going every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday). If you are an adult or teen parish member, can you help for one Friday, all Fridays or anything in between?

Fish Fry Fridays take place on February 16 & 23, March 1, 8, 15 & 22. We need help from 3:00PM to 8:00PM each of those days. If you can assist in serving your fellow parishioners and neighbors please contact: St. Nicholas Council's Chancellor, *Joseph White*, at chancellor7011@gmail.com or call him at (586) 556-2122. You can also leave your name and contact information plus your availability dates with the ladies in the Parish Office.

We'd love to have you join us.

Adult Volunteers: If you haven't taken the Protecting God's Children training yet, please sign up at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). A background check must also be completed through Ss. Cyril & Methodius. Background Check forms are available on the table in the vestibule or at: [www.saintcyrils.church](http://www.saintcyrils.church). Please turn your completed form into the Parish Office for Deacon Phil McCown. Teen Volunteers (ages 14-17) must also complete a 35-minute online workshop through [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

## THE EUCCHARIST



— The Heart of the Christian Life —

**THE EUCHARIST: THE HEART OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

Group Study ♦ 12 weeks beginning Tuesday, February 6 ♦ 10:00AM - Noon

The Eucharist distinguishes Catholic life more than anything else, providing the foundation for sacred worship and belief in Christ's living presence within the Church. This 12-week video-based course will lay out the teaching of the Catholic Church on the Eucharist and the Mass and how they lead into a robust expression of the Christian life in the world. The Eucharist forms the soul in the holiness of Christ, which inspires believers to work for the transformation of the world through the spiritual power it bestows.

The Eucharist gives shape to the Christian life, forming a whole way of life, or culture, that flows from the grace it bestows. The encounter with Jesus at the Mass should make our own lives a continuation of His enfleshed presence in the world. The believer becomes a tabernacle of Christ, being transformed ever more into His image and likeness so that all our actions flow from His presence within us. This enables Christians to spread their faith, serve the needy, transform work and family life into an offering to God, and extend Christ's presence everywhere into society. The Eucharist changes the world from the inside out, becoming an oasis of truth, beauty, and love in a fallen world.

Using the great Saints of the Church, Dr. Staudt will guide you through a systematic study of the Eucharist, not only in its biblical foundations, but also, it's centrality in the lives of the saints, art, culture, the devotions and prayers of the Church, and how to live in holy communion in an unbelieving world.

Cost: \$35 (payable on 1st day of class)

QUESTIONS AND TO REGISTER:

Marge Lewandowski, (586) 822-7902

R. JARED STAUDT, PHD



# Mary's Mothers Group

Calling mamas of all ages and stages, wiggles and giggles!

My name is Katy Berryman; I am a new mother of the sweetest little boy, and I want to create fellowship among the mothers of St. Cyril's by starting an official mom's group. There is power in holy friendships—we can change the world with our prayers, but more importantly, we can share the gospel with each other, others, and even ourselves. Let's seek to be Titus 2 women, gathering mothers of all walks to share wisdom and fellowship.

All mothers are welcome in this group—pregnant mothers, bereaved mothers, empty nesters, mothers of many, stay-at-home moms, working moms. Everyone!

For initial meetings, I will be opening up my home to you all. As the group grows, we can change locations and plans based on our needs. The first meeting will be on Saturday, February 10, at 11:00AM. Children are obviously welcome at all meetings.

I look forward to meeting you moms and serving each other!

Contact me for more information: [kaitberryman@gmail.com](mailto:kaitberryman@gmail.com)



## 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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## World Marriage Day

A day of marriage enrichment that includes dinner and dancing  
February 18, 2024 from 2:30-6:30pm at San Marino Club in Troy MI



Embracing Marriage as a Joyful Adventure  
Dr. Tim & Karen Hogan

Fr. Julius Milton



*Makes a perfect Valentine's Day gift!*

\$400 for a Table Reservation (5 couples, \$80 per couple)



\$85 per couple-Through Jan. 1, 2024

\$95 per couple-After Jan 1st, 2024

Final day to register is Feb 12th, 2024

Register at: [www.worldmarriageday.org](http://www.worldmarriageday.org)

## Please Remember to Pray for:

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

Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS SLOVAK CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIS  
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REGISTER  
TODAY

# — FAITH — IN THE FIRE OF THE *Holy Spirit*

JANUARY 26 & 27

A LIFE CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH THE LOVE  
OF THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

*Sponsored by:*

*Fr. Jim Lowe, Companions of the Cross Seminarians,  
Little Flock Prayer Group, and  
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*Find new Life in the Spirit and  
experience the power and love of God!*

This retreat is a perfect opportunity to come as you are and leave transformed through an encounter with God's love and mercy. The retreat includes Spirit-filled praise and worship led by Companions of the Cross seminarians, inspiring talks with Fr. Jim Lowe and the seminarians, testimonies, small group discussions, Eucharistic Adoration, shared meals and experiential activities.

Register in advance by clicking the following link: <https://bit.ly/Faithinthefire>

FRIDAY, January 26, 2024 - 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM &  
SATURDAY January 27, 2024 - 8:30 AM TO 8:00 PM.

Cost \$40 paid by cash or check at the door. Continental breakfast, lunch, dinner are included. Bring your own meals if you have a special diet.

Pre-register at QR code to the right or call Jim or Shirley!

For additional information or to register:

*Jim or Shirley, (586) 419-0278*

