

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 24, 2024



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HOLY
THURSDAY



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FRIDAY



HOLY
SATURDAY

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March 23, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM †Thomas Desser (B'Day)
❖ †Lawrence Hines, Jr.
❖ †Ronald Bickley ❖ †Audrey Bustillo req. Parents
- 5:30PM For the Intentions of the Members of the
St. Monica Sodality
❖ For the Living & Deceased Members of the
Laszlo & Ilona Families
❖ For Lynn Shaouni (B'Day)
❖ For Dylan Najor ❖ †Saad Hamama
❖ †Sosamma Thomas req. Laqui Family
❖ †Duane Van Pamel req. Loving Family

March 24, Sunday - Nedela

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47
- 7:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 9:30AM For Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For Steven Funk
❖ For Firas Joseph (B'Day)
❖ For Maria Janiv
❖ †Joyce & +Pat req. Renee Mohan
❖ †Andrea Tisch req. Rybicki Family
❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family
- 11:30AM (Slovak)
For Fr. Libor Marek
❖ For Fr. Juraj Nuota
❖ Za Zosnuleno Jana Lopatku & Rodiny
req. Nadaska a Lopatkova
❖ †Magdalena Bojova
- 8:30PM For Sam & Karen Kassab req. Terri
For Edward Milez req. Dan & Jan Atkinson
❖ For Samantha Babbie
❖ For Brandon Vulal (B'Day)
❖ †Filippo Marrocco req. Family
❖ †John Michael Cabrera req. Family
❖ †Richard Branch req. Family

March 25, Monday - Pondelok

Monday of Holy Week

- 9:00AM For Bishop Christopher (B'Day)
❖ For the Priests & Staff of Ss. Cyril & Methodius
❖ For Nua Dedvukaj
❖ †Christine Accomando
- 12:00PM In Thanksgiving req. Bashar, Amal & Zena Sarraf
❖ For Samantha & Eli Mansoor req. Family
❖ For Khanna & Yelda & Family
❖ For Bernard Figlan req. Dan & Jan Atkinson

March 26, Tuesday - Utorok

Tuesday of Holy Week

- 6:00AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Prisoners in Jail
❖ For Samantha Babbie
❖ †Anansa Bakko
- 12:00PM For the Ledford Family
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ For Khanna & Yelda & Family
❖ †John Barber (1st Ann.)

March 27, Wednesday - Streda

Wednesday of Holy Week

- ***NO CONFESSIONS TODAY***
- 9:00AM (Latin) For Leart Prendushi
❖ For Joseph & Alma Giannone (Bapt. Ann.) req. Family
❖ Ava Anne Lossia (1st B'Day) req. Family
❖ †Christine Accomando
- 11:30AM *Stations of the Cross
- 12:00PM For Fr. Michael Prieur & All Priests & Seminarians
❖ For Christopher Hanna ❖ For Khanna & Yelda & Fam
❖ †Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany

March 28, Holy Thursday - Zelený Štvrtok

Thursday of Holy Week

- ***NO CONFESSIONS TODAY***
- 7:00PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
Church & Chapel:
Open for Prayer on Holy Thursday until Midnight

March 29, Good Friday - Veľký Piatok

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

- ***NO CONFESSIONS TODAY***
- 2:00PM *Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 3:00PM *Liturgy of Good Friday
- 7:00PM *Stations of the Cross
Church & Tomb in Chapel:
Open for Prayer on Good Friday until Midnight

March 30, Holy Saturday - Biela Sobota

- ***NO CONFESSIONS TODAY***
Church & Tomb in Chapel:
Open for Prayer on Holy Saturday: 8:00AM - 8:00PM
- 8:00PM Easter Vigil Holy Mass
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
*Blessing of Easter Baskets: After Easter Vigil Holy Mass

March 31, Easter Sunday - Veľkonočná Nedela

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9
*Blessing of Easter Baskets
After 7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM Holy Masses
- 7:30AM For the Noel Nelson Family
❖ For Justin Langlois req. Family
❖ For Andrew Dubon (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Annette & Gary Rudzewicz req. Ashley Rozanski
❖ For Joseph Hines (B'Day)
❖ For Miriam Miller (B'Day)
❖ †John E. Bazger (12th Ann.) req. Family
- 9:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 11:30AM (Slovak) For Fr. Libor Marek ❖ For Fr. Juraj Nuota
❖ For the Hanna Family ❖ For Daniel Feliciano
- *12:30PM: *Traditional Rite of Resurrection with
Eucharistic Procession to the Slovak Cross after Holy Mass
- 8:30PM For Alia Korkis (B'Day) ❖ For the Louis Family
❖ For Samantha Babbie ❖ For Tony & Vicki
❖ †Luca Dushaj req. Niece
❖ †Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany
❖ †Paolo Persichetti

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:
Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Monday

Welcome

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Fr. Libor Marek, Priest in Solidum • lmarek@saintcyrils.church
Fr. Juraj Nuota, Priest in Solidum • jnuota@saintcyrils.church
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Deacon Gerald Smigell • vgsmigell6@gmail.com
Parish Office • parishoffice@saintcyrils.church

Holy Week Schedule



HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Big Easter Confession Day:

Monday, March 25: 10:00AM - 12:00PM and 6:00PM - 9:00PM (See Page 4)

NO Confessions will be heard on:

*Wednesday (3/27), Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday,
Easter Sunday, Easter Monday or Easter Tuesday).*

The regular Confession Schedule will resume Easter Wednesday, April 3.

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday, March 28:

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM

The Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed on Holy Thursday
Church & Chapel: Open for Prayer on Holy Thursday until Midnight

Good Friday, March 29:

Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2:00PM

Liturgy of Good Friday at 3:00PM

Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM

Church & Tomb in Chapel: Open for Prayer on Good Friday until Midnight

Blessing of the Easter Baskets (after the following Holy Masses):

Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday, March 30, 8:00PM & Easter Sunday, March 31, 7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM

Holy Saturday, March 30:

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00PM

Church & Tomb in Chapel: Open for Prayer on Holy Saturday from 8:00AM - 8:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31:

Holy Masses: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (in Slovak), & 8:30PM

NOTE: *Traditional Rite of Resurrection with
Eucharistic Procession to the Outdoor Slovak Cross will take place at 12:30PM on Easter Sunday!*

ADDITIONAL HOLY WEEK EVENTS:

Church Cleaning (in preparation for the Easter Triduum: Tuesday, March 26, after 12:00PM Holy Mass

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Tuesday, March 26, 11:00AM - 4:45PM

Stations of the Cross: Wednesday, March 27, at 11:30AM & Friday, March 29, at 7:00PM

Lenten Challenge: Turn in completed sheets to the Parish Office during Easter Week

OFFICE CLOSED:

Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Monday

EASTER CONFESSIONS † THIS Monday, March 25

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.saintcyrils.church for:

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

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

Adults: <https://saintcyrils.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.

EASTER BAKE SALE ~ THIS WEEKEND

BABY BOTTLE RETURN

THIS WEEKEND,
MARCH 23 & 24

Baby Bottle/Change Collection for Mary's Mantle: Members of the Knights of Columbus, St. Nicholas Council, will be collecting our filled baby bottles on Palm Sunday weekend, March 23-24. The proceeds will be donated to Mary's Mantle, a local Catholic residence for homeless pregnant women. You can also make a donation to Mary's Mantle directly on their website: marysmantle.net or use the code on the right.



Monetary Donations to the Parish Christian Service Fund: Help local organizations serve local people in need with a monetary gift. Donations made to the parish Christian Service fund during lent will be divided between: **The Malta Medical Dental Clinic**, a clinic that provides medical and dental needs to those who lack medical insurance and to **St. Vincent de Paul Camp Ozanam**, a summer camp that has been providing joy, excitement and adventures for children-in-need for over 100 years.



Make a monetary Lenten donation to the parish Christian Service Fund: online (www.saintcyrils.church) using PushPay or check made payable to *Ss. Cyril & Methodius* and use a white Lenten Offering envelope located on the table in the vestibule. Place your envelope in the Sunday collection basket by Easter Sunday, March 31. Donations will be divided between The Malta Medical Dental Clinic and St. Vincent DePaul Camp Ozanam.

Questions about our Lenten projects, please contact: *Erin Rybicki*, ChristianService@saintcyrils.church or the Parish Office



Blood Drive • Tuesday, March 26

Our next Blood Drive is during Holy Week on Tuesday, March 26, from 11:00AM—5:00PM. Please sign up today on the schedule in the vestibule, or visit: www.redcross.org/give.html/find-drive OR 1-800-RED-CROSS or call the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911.

Consider:

I Gave my Blood, Christ Gave His.

I Gave a Pint, He Gave All.

The Needle is Sharp and Small,

The Nails were Large and Blunt.

The Bed is Soft and Restful,

The Cross was Rough and Painful.

The Nurses are Kind and Gentle,

The Soldiers were Cruel and Tough.

Humanity Applauds my Sacrifice,

The Crowds He Passed Reviled Him.

My Blood is O Positive,

His is Positively for All.

Mine will Prolong Life for Awhile,

His Will Save Forever!

The American Red Cross' blood supply is critically low. Without the proper amount of blood on-hand, patients (perhaps even our family members or friends) may not have blood available for necessary operations or emergencies.

Church Cleaning Day for Easter • Tuesday, March 26

Help is needed to make our church beautiful for Easter Sunday. Help is needed to make our church beautiful for Easter Sunday. If you are available to help clean the church on Tuesday, March 26, after the 12:00PM Holy Mass, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule or contact the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911.

Thank you!

2024 Parish Lenten Projects

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.

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.

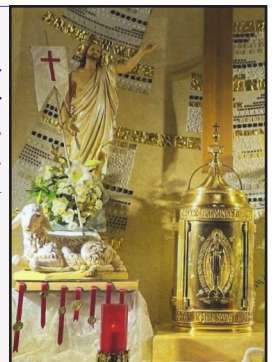
Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícii na adrese protect.aod.org.

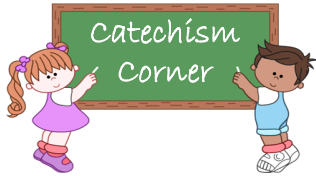
Easter Novena Begins April 1

Our Easter Novena will begin on Easter Monday, April 1. Mass Cards are for living or deceased relatives and friends and are available in English and in Slovak. Available after Masses on weekends or in the Parish Office on weekdays!

Suggested Donation: \$10 each

*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
is the most precious gift
anyone can receive.*





Catechism Corner Class Schedule

Wednesday, March 27:

No Class - Holy Week

Wednesday, April 3, 6:15PM:

Class with Benediction

Wednesday, April 10, 6:15PM: Class

Wednesday, April 17, 6:15PM: Class with Benediction

Wednesday, April 24, 6:15PM: Class

Catechism Questions, please contact:

Paul & Carroll Schuller, (586) 726-6911

p_schuller@yahoo.com or cschuller@saintcyrils.church



Calling All Men - You Are Needed!

The Knights of Columbus is looking for men who want to help this world be a better place and make themselves better men. The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic order who supports unborn children and their mothers, the mentally and physically impaired, our priests and deacons and seminarians, our veterans and our communities at large. You must be a practicing Catholic man over the age of 18 (or 17.5) to join the order. Our council, 7011, is having an entrance exemplification on Monday, April 1, at 5:30PM in the Fr. Mikus Hall. This event will last about 30 minutes, and will be immediately followed by our family night, which is a dinner and fellowship open to all members of the Council. Your wife and children are invited to join you and watch you make one of the best decisions of your life. Questions? Please call Grand Knight, *Eric Suchland*, at (614) 571-0791 or GK7011@MIKOF.C.ORG or visit KOF.C.ORG. Please scan the QR code and use the code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to join and get 12 free months of membership.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 24-28, 2024

Life Teen Ministry • OFF for Holy Week

Life Teen offers high schoolers a variety of ways to deepen their relationship with God through weekly youth group meetings called "Life Teen Nights." They include games, snacks, spiritual formation, small group discussions, and prayer. We ask that teens have turned 14 years old before December 1 of last year and be at least freshmen to attend.

Life Teen Nights take place every Monday (except the first Monday of each month) from September through May, in the Parish Hall from 6:45PM – 8:45PM. For more information:

<https://saintcyrils.church/discover/youth-programs/life-teen/>

EDGE Youth Ministry • OFF for Holy Week

EDGE offers 6th, 7th, and 8th graders a variety of ways to deepen their relationship with God through weekly youth group meetings called "EDGE Nights." They include games, snacks, spiritual formation, small group discussions, and prayer. EDGE also seeks to complement Ss. Cyril's Catechism program by giving teens a place to discuss and practice what they learn about at Catechism. Teens benefit from being part of both. For more information:

<https://saintcyrils.church/discover/youth-programs/edge/>
EDGE Nights take place every Thursday (except the first Thursday of each month) from September through May, in the Parish Hall from 7:00PM – 8:45PM.

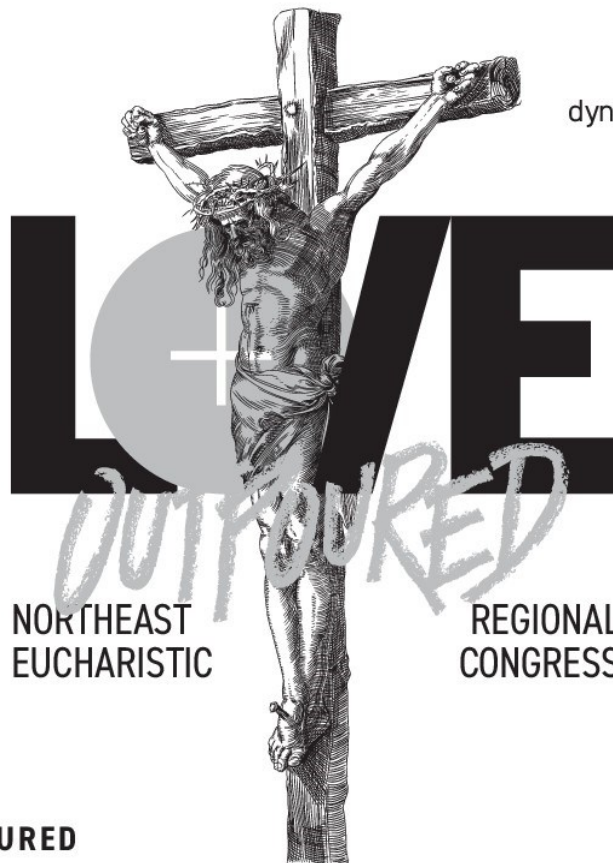
Questions about Life Teen or EDGE? Contact:

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

edge@saintcyrils.church or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Our Sick Parishioners, Family Members & Friends and Those who are Serving in the Military



Hosted by North Macomb Family 1, this day will include dynamic speakers, amazing music, time in prayer, and more.

Celebrant:

Bishop Robert Fisher
Congress Mass

Speaker:

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
English Keynote

Speaker:

Antonio Guzmán-Díaz
Español Keynote

Date / Time / Location

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 6, 2024

St. Kieran, 53600 Mound Rd
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Learn more and RSVP:

AOD.ORG/LOVE-OUTPOURED



Adoration ~ Come Let Us Adore Him

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION THIS THURSDAY! SEE PAGE 3 FOR SCHEDULE.

A HEARTS DEEPEST LONGING

In this article I would like to print a prayer; a prayer which can be said before the Blessed Sacrament. Go before Jesus, and say the following with sincerity of heart, openness of mind, and honestly: "O eternal salvation of the soul! You alone are necessary. Why am I in this world if not to save my soul? Why was I redeemed, why was I given so many things, and loaded with divine favors in my life? Is it not that I might, with greater ease and pleasure, secure my salvation and my happiness? But woe is me! I did not use what has been given to me for the reason why I was placed in this world. I was ransomed, I sold myself again and again into a more disgraceful slavery to sin, and threw away my every blessing which was granted to me for my eternal salvation. I placed the created above the Creator. O Lord my God, You could've easily and justly punished me forever to suffer that unending agony created for the devils and his angels. For I would have deserved it. Yet, since the infinite goodness which is Your Heart did not permit this, by a new and exceedingly greater blessing, You created within me a true value and love for the salvation of my soul. I will no longer be ungrateful; I will no longer expose my soul to that which can lead me to everlasting punishment. I resolve and promise to cooperate with Your Heart's most sweet designs for saving my soul, and render her forever happy. AMEN." - Paul A. Ray, stpolycarp77@yahoo.com

Can You Spend One Hour with Our Lord? 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. **If you are able to commit to spend one hour with Our Lord EACH WEEK**, please contact:

Annette, (586) 247-7214. **One additional adorer is needed for the following hours:**

Thursdays: 5-6PM and Fridays, 2-3AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM, 8-9AM, 9-10AM, 10-11AM

PLENARY INDULGENCE on DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY • April 7 Begin Novena • Good Friday, March 22

**All Holy Masses on Sunday, April 7, are Divine Mercy Masses.
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited after each Holy Mass.**

HOW SHOULD WE PREPARE FOR THIS GREAT FEAST of MERCY?

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened". (Diary 699) Our Lord made a great promise to all those souls who would go to Confession and then receive Him in Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy - the Sunday after Easter, which is now called Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699). To observe this feast, we should commence a Novena to the Divine Mercy on Good Friday. The Novena includes special intentions for each day and is concluded with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Thus, to fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should...

- Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter
- Come to Jesus with a humble and contrite heart, repenting of all your sins. Go to confession (with a priest) 20 days before or after the feast, as approved by the Church.
- Receive Holy Communion on the Day of the Feast of Divine Mercy. (D 1072)
- Venerate the image of Divine Mercy on the Feast of Divine Mercy. (Diary 47, 48 & 49)
- Be merciful as God is merciful. Practice works of Mercy, physically by helping others or spiritually by your prayers of intercession.
- Be open to receive a Plenary Indulgence as Jesus promised: that of forgiveness of all sin and punishment; which is available to you on the Feast of Divine Mercy. (D 699). In simple terms this means that if we go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, we can obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and their due punishment. This means we would go straight to Heaven!
- To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents — in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.

In His revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Jesus made mention of His desires concerning the Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) on 14 different occasions. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in entry 699 of the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

