

Easter Sunday  
Sunday, March 31, 2024



SAINTS CYRIL AND  
METHODIUS PARISH

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



## EASTER SUNDAY

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

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## March 30, Holy Saturday - Biela Sobota

\*\*\*NO CONFESSIONS TODAY\*\*\*

Church & Tomb in Chapel:

*Open for Prayer on Holy Saturday: 8:00AM - 800PM*

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 Nedeľa

### 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

## April 1, Monday - Pondelok

### Monday within the Octave of Easter

9:00AM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

12:00PM For Alia Korkis (B'Day)

❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family

❖ For Khanna & Yelda & Family

❖ † Mark & +Ryan Ledford

## April 2, Tuesday - Utorok

### Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:00AM For Paul Varchetti & Family

❖ For Geni & Rob req. Grandparents

❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family

❖ † Sam Pattah

12:00PM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

## April 3, Wednesday - Streda

### Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

9:00AM (*Latin*)

For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

12:00PM For Christopher Baltrinic & Eliezer Siwa (B'Days)

❖ For Rita Bacik (B'Day)

❖ For Gino & Paula Vitale req. Dan & Jan Atkinson

❖ † Iluminada I & Petronilo Figueroa req. Family

## April 4, Thursday - Štvrtok

### Thursday within the Octave of Easter

6:00AM For Mark Varchetti

❖ For Nino Abate

❖ † George & Helen Emmendorfer

❖ † For Deceased Members of Maria & Constantino

Quiboloy Family

12:00PM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

7:00PM For Hana Frances (B'Day) ❖ For McIntyre Family

❖ For Sandy & Darrell Simon ❖ For Barbara Flood

## April 5, First Friday - Piatok

### Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:00PM For Amelia req. Meme & Papa

❖ For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family

❖ For James & Grette Varchetti

❖ † Cynthia Yanik

12:00PM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

7:00PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

❖ For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

❖ For Gammo & Scheller Grandchildren

❖ † Tim Prieur

## April 6, First Saturday - Prva Sobota

### Saturday within Octave of Easter

9:00AM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

5:30PM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG

❖ For Paul & Linda & Families

❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family

❖ For Marceline Mills (1st B'Day)

❖ For Mary Richards req. Zofia

❖ For Mike Gray req. Joe & Sonia Honce

❖ † Louis Allawerdi

## April 7, Sunday - Nedeľa

### Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

7:30AM For All Priests, Religious, Deacons & Seminarians

❖ For the Daniel & Menard Families

❖ For Paul, Linda & Families

❖ For Patrick Miller (B'Day)

❖ † Casimir & Teddy Kochan

❖ † John Maciag req. Wife

❖ † Gene Kucharek req. Wife

9:30AM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

11:30AM (*Slovak*)

For the Intentions of All Parishioners

8:30PM For the Hanna Family ❖ For Valerie Laidler

❖ For Juliette & Charlotte Betts req. Paulina Kray

❖ For Jeana Saccaro req. Dad, Tom & Susan

❖ For Carl & Alyssia Varchetti & Family

❖ † John Michael Cabrera req. Family

❖ † David Chupa req. Wife

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:

Easter Monday, April 1

PARISH OFFICE REOPENS:

Easter Tuesday, April 2, 11:00AM



Welcome

Easter Sunday • Sunday, March 31, 2024

Fr. Libor Marek, Priest in Solidum • [lmarek@saintcyrils.church](mailto:lmarek@saintcyrils.church)  
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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 the 12:00PM Holy Mass

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
EASTER MONDAY, April 1!  
PARISH OFFICE REOPENS TUESDAY, APRIL 2!

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS: 1:00PM until FIRST FRIDAY: 7:00PM**

Easter Octave

**Easter Sunday: *Jesus' tomb is empty!*** (John 20:1-9, Luke 24:1-12)

Spiritual Essence: Death is not the end of the story!

**Easter Monday: *Jesus meets up with the Marys after He is risen!*** (Matthew 18:8-15)

Spiritual Essence: Our God is a God of Surprises!

**Easter Tuesday: *Mary Magdalene does not recognize Jesus!*** (John 20:11-18)

Spiritual Essence: Walk by faith and not by sight!

**Easter Wednesday: *Jesus meets two disciples on the road to Emmaus!*** (Luke 24:13-35)

Spiritual Essence: Always look for Christ in others!

**Easter Thursday: *Jesus shows His wounds to His disciples!*** (Luke 24:35-48)

Spiritual Essence: Look for Christ in the midst of the mess!

**Easter Friday: *Jesus helps His disciples fish and feed them!*** (John 21:1-14)

Spiritual Essence: Build your hopes on Christ!

**Easter Saturday: *Jesus tells His disciples to proclaim the Gospel!*** (Mark 16:9-15)

Spiritual Essence: True strength is sharing joy, love, hope & kindness!

**Divine Mercy Sunday: *Thomas puts his hand into Jesus' wounds***

**so that he may believe Christ is truly risen!** (John 20:19-31)

Spiritual Essence: Doubt is not an enemy of faith, but disengagement is!

He Is Risen! Easter Blessings!

Fr. Libor, Fr. Juraj, Deacons Gerald and Phil





### 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 KOFC.org.

Please scan the QR code and use the code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to join and get 12 free months of membership.



### Northland Family Planning Prayer News • Saturday, April 6

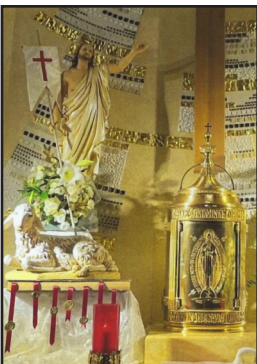
Happy Easter! Hoping that everyone had a fruitful Lent and that many hearts came closer to Our Lord. While the 40 Days for Life campaign is over, we continue to pray for all parents, expectant parents and those involved in Pro-Life work. We also pray for God's Divine Mercy to be upon all those who are suffering in any way! Please consider joining us for the events noted below:

We will gather for prayers on the public sidewalk in front of the Northland Family Planning Clinic, 3810 17 Mile Road (just west of Ryan Road) on Saturday, April 6, from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. Bring your friends, family, rosary and weather gear. Please 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.

Note: A small group also does clinic prayer each Tuesday, starting around 9:30AM.

For more info concerning the Saturday rosary at church or clinic prayer, please contact:

*Anne Marie*, (586) 873-2004



### 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 this weekend!

*Suggested Donation: \$10 each*

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

### Rosary Society Meeting • First Saturday, April 6

#### Ladies 18 and Older Welcome

All ladies of the parish are invited to join the Rosary Society members at our upcoming meeting in the Fr. Mikus Hall this First Saturday, April 6, at 10:15AM. You are also invited to join us at the 9:00AM Holy Mass on that day. After Mass, the Rosary Society will lead the Glorious mysteries of the Rosary before attending the meeting.

This month we will discuss our recent Easter Bake Sale and our upcoming events, including the receptions for May Crowning and Corpus Christi, a Deaconate Meeting, a Marian Retreat and other important events while socializing and enjoying treats and refreshments together.

If you are a lady, 18 years or older, and have been contemplating joining the Rosary Society or if you would like to just learn more about our group, please join us this Saturday.

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

#### Our Lady's Rosary Makers • First Friday, April 5

The Rosary Makers will meet this Friday, April 5, in Room #113 from 1:00PM—3:00PM. If you would like to learn how to make a rosary or have any questions, please feel free to join us.

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

#### Grief Support Group Returns to St. Jane

The St. Jane Frances de Chantal Grief Support Group will return for a five-week session beginning on Sunday, April 7, at 10:00AM, in Room B of the parish offices located at 38750 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights. Registration is not necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact:

*Barb Mezzapelle*, (586) 350-0335

#### Heart of St. Joseph Men's Fellowship • April 10

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.

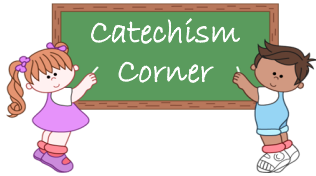
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, from 6:30PM - 7:20PM in the Overflow Room. We will be discussing Jesus as the resurrected Lord and asking ourselves, 'How has the resurrection changed everything?'. Please be sure to bring your Bible!

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 next to the cry room. 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.

Please contact: *clifford\_haynes@hotmail.com*. to receive email notices and for any questions or concerns.

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





### Catechism Corner Class Schedule

**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

### Life Teen Ministry

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 Fr. Mikus Hall from 6:45PM – 8:45PM. For more information:

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

### EDGE Youth Ministry

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

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: June 24-28, 2024

"Are you ready?" Billy Bad News wants to know.

**Volunteer Meetings (7:00PM - 9:00PM):**

Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7, Wednesdays, May 15, 22, 29 and June 5 & 12.

**Mock VBS (7:00PM - 9:00PM):**

Monday, June 17: 00PM - 9:00PM.

**Set-up (begins at 1:00PM):**

Sunday, June 23

**Vacation Bible School:**

Monday - Friday, June 24 - 28

Theme will be announced next week. Registration coming soon!

Questions, please contact: Moe Jones, (586) 219-6678

## Fellowships ~ April 7 & 21

BAGELS & COFFEE



Fellowship with Bagels & Coffee will take place in the Fr. Mikus Hall after the 9:30AM Holy Masses on Sundays, April 7 & 21.

Everyone is Invited!



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# 90'S TRIVIA NIGHT

APRIL 13TH,  
2024  
6-10 PM

FR. MIKUS HALL  
SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS  
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Cash Bar - Ages 21+



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### Thank You Blood Donors

Thank you to everyone who donated—or attempted to donate—blood on Tuesday, March 26. The American Red Cross expressed their great appreciation to all the donors and to Fr. Libor for allowing them to once again come to Ss. Cyril & Methodius to help replenish their blood supply.

It is especially fitting that so many people were able to donate during Holy Week. The same time that Jesus sacrificed ALL His blood to save all of us, we were able to sacrifice some of our own blood to possibly save the lives of some of our needy brothers and sisters.

God bless you and please remember that you are able to donate blood every 56 days. For anyone who was unable to donate on Tuesday, or to learn about upcoming Blood Drives, please call (313) 883-4440 or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

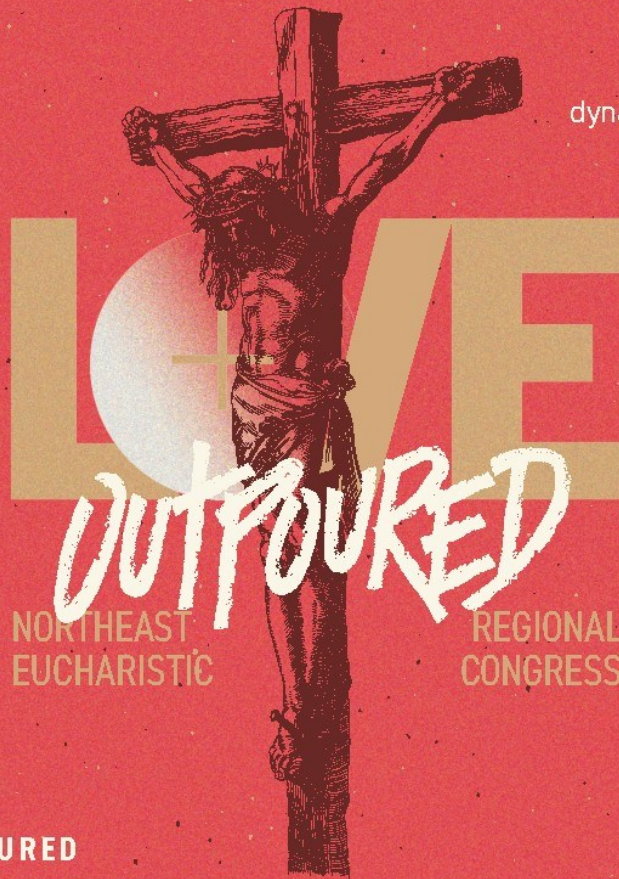
### Baby Bottle Returns

The Knights of Columbus St. Nicholas Council 7011 thanks everyone who returned their baby bottles last weekend. All donations will go to Mary's Mantle, a Catholic residence for homeless expectant women. If you did not return your bottles last weekend, please drop it off in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Thank you for helping these ladies and babies in need.

### 2,000 Cross to Stand Against Abortion • April 11-25

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish display of 2,000 white crosses in front of the Parish will be in place April 11-25. Each cross represents children that will die from abortions this year. This is another pro-life project that the Knights of Columbus, St. Nicholas Council 7001 supports. Please pray for an end of abortion in our time.





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](http://AOD.ORG/LOVE-OUTPOURED)



## *Adoration ~ Come Let Us Adore Him*

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAY, 1:00PM - FRIDAY, 12:00PM until 7:00PM on FIRST FRIDAYS ONLY**  
**A HEARTS DEEPEST LONGING**

Jesus told us, "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). It's a difficult command but still real. He would never command us the impossible. No, to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect is possible. How so? You see, all of our perfection consists in our resemblance to the Heart of Christ. His Heart is the standard of all virtues, which are necessary for our sanctification, and It is holiness itself. So whomever imitates Christ's Heart imitates God, his Savior, perfection itself. Jesus' Heart is the model of sanctity and the very source of every grace. What we learn from it depends on how much we really want it. We will receive only to the degree that we put into it. The more conformed we are to It, the more perfect we will be. The two virtues which are imperative to our perfection are humility and meekness. Humility is the foundation of true sanctity. It is the virtue by which all other virtues grow and thrive. If we don't learn from the humility that comes from Christ's Heart we will never have it. If we have another virtue in place of humility it will not be solid, 'it will be overthrown by the least breath of wind, and great shall be the fall. Meekness, moreover, is full of charity toward God and our neighbor; it is the perfection of holiness. Our heart will never be inflamed with love unless it is burning with the same fire which burns in Christ's Heart. Woe to us if we are enkindled with any love other than the love of Christ! We will burn indeed, but to our own destruction. - Paul A. Ray, stpolycarp77@yahoo.com

### **PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS: WE ARE IN NEED OF COMMITTED ADORERS**

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..

**One committed adorer is needed during the following times:**

**THURSDAYS: 5-6PM & FRIDAYS: 2-3AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM, 8-9AM, 9-10AM & 10-11AM**

**If you have questions about Eucharistic Adoration,**

**or would like to commit to one hour weekly with Our Lord, please contact:**

**Annette Rudzewicz, (586) 247-7214 or the Parish Office or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.**





# Happy Easter

THE SPIRIT OF EASTER IS ALL ABOUT  
Hope, Love and Joyful Living.



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*The resurrection asserts a truth which is by no means always written legibly for all men on the face of nature. It tells us that the spiritual is higher than the material; that in this universe spirit counts for more than matter.*



To You Reverend Pastor Fr. Libor, Associate Pastor Fr. Juraj and the Whole Parish Community of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish - Detroit

I wish you Joyful and Fruitful Easter Celebrations.

Thank you for your hospitality and generosity towards the realization of our project - St. Ann Dispensary in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kahama.

## Aleluya!

Yours in the Love of Risen Christ

# HAPPY Easter

+Christopher Ndizeye Nkoronko  
Bishop of Catholic Diocese of  
Kahama

