

5th Sunday Of Easter
Sunday, April 28, 2024



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

FARNOSŤ SVÄTÝCH
CYRILA A METODA



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



“**I** am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.”

-Jn 15: 1-2

MASS Intentions

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April 27, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM *Baptism: *Delainey Ann Mahoney*
For Sr. Veronica (B'Day) ❖ For the Nathan Meier Fam.
❖ For Sophia Skrocki & Family
❖ For Lindsay Fayad (B'Day)
- *11:00AM *Baptism: *Grace Elizabeth Cabeli*
- 5:30PM For the Intentions of the Members of the
St. Monica Sodality ❖ For Ricky Vennettilli
❖ For Breena Chupa (12th B'Day) req. Grandma
❖ For Carl & Maureen Varchetti
❖ For Michael W. Laurencelle
❖ †Raymond & Claire Legault
❖ †Mary Ann Wasik req. Susan Nowak

April 28, Sunday - Nedela

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
- 7:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 9:30AM *Baptism: *Ava Ruth MacFarland*
For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For Samantha Johnson (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For the Koziol Children req. Grandma
❖ †Andrea Tisch req. Donna Lesko
❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family
❖ †Thomas Langlois ❖ †Rosie Davis
(Slovak) ❖ For Fr. Juraj Nuota
❖ For Ladislav Cimbalista req. Plzak Family
❖ †Carol L. Langowski req. Daniela Grisak
❖ †Lucia Tomkova req. Plzak Family
❖ †Sofia Filickova req. Plzak Family
❖ †Katarina Drabova req. Plzak Family
❖ †Alberto Pertusi req. Family
- 8:30PM For Mark Russell req. Ed Feys ❖ For Fred Clark
❖ For Theo ❖ †Arthur Miruzzi req. Family
❖ †June Brennan req. Sean & Renee Lamb
❖ †Linda Gauci req. Family ❖ †Jessica Hanna

April 29, Monday - Pondelok

Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

- 9:00AM For Andy Parker ❖ For Henry Miller (B'Day)
❖ For Michael Desser (B'Day) ❖ †Jessica Hanna
- 12:00PM For Luke Pawlowski
❖ For Lourdes & Eli ❖ For Samantha & Paul
❖ †Fern Wasil req. Sharon Nash Brown & Family

April 30, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Claudua Bihar (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Living & Deceased Members of Weidmann Family
req. Marie Louisa Potempski
❖ †Jessica Hanna ❖ †Ron Schmidt
- 12:00PM For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ For Valentin Vacaj ❖ For Pavlin Vacaj
❖ For Nikoleta Vacaj

May 1, Wednesday - Streda

Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker

- 9:00AM (*Latin*) For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
❖ For Matthew Dzieciolowski
❖ For Mary & Ken req. Feys Family
❖ †Jessica Hanna

- 12:00PM For Noah M. Pablo (B'Day) ❖ For Maria & Desho & Sam
❖ †Yousif Arabbo ❖ †Stella Orłowski

May 2, Thursday - Štvrtok

Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 6:00AM For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ †Jessica Hanna ❖ †Linda Gauci req. Family
❖ †Arthur Miruzzi req. Family
- 12:00PM For Elena req. Meme & Papa ❖ For Samantha Debczak
❖ †Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany
❖ †Ron L. Souva (B'Day) req. Mom
- 7:00PM For a Special Intention req. Dalal
❖ For Brian & Lisa Koziol & Family req. Family
❖ †Gary Shango req. Haio Family
❖ †Julia Najor req. Haio Family

May 3, First Friday - Prvý Piatok

Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

- 6:00AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
❖ †Peter Piatek ❖ †Paul Szwarc ❖ †Cynthia Yanik
- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Rosary Makers & Families
❖ †Mary & +Greg Manning and Family
❖ †Caroline Kalisch ❖ †Carolyn V. Polega req. Rita
- 7:00PM *Confirmation Holy Mass
For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
❖ For the Confirmation Candidates & their Families
❖ For Gammo & Scheller Grandchildren
❖ †Gary Shango req. Haio Family

May 4, First Saturday - Prva Sobota

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Rosary Society
❖ For the Intentions of the Members of the
St. Monica Sodality
❖ For Maxine Watkins
❖ †Louis Allawerdi
- 1:00PM *First Holy Communion Mass
For the Intentions of the First Communicants
- 5:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Matthew Dubon (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For R. Michael Guarnieri req. Friend
❖ †Margaret DeLorme req. Trombley Family
❖ †Anam Shina & +Edward Hana req. Daughter
❖ †Jessica Hanna

May 5, Sunday - Nedela

Sixth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 JN 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17
- 7:30AM For the Daniel & Menard Families
❖ For Lucy Timmerman (B'Day)
❖ For Violet Timmerman (B'Day)
❖ For Sophie Chanko (B'Day) req. Family
❖ †Cindy Desser ❖ †John Maciag req. Wife
❖ †Gene Kucharek req. Wife
- 10:00AM *May Crowning*
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM For Mar Mari Emmanuel ❖ For Mr. Curley req. Sam
❖ For Jazleen & Sabri Yousif req. Sam
❖ For Victor Gjonaj
❖ †Jessica Hanna ❖ †Arthur Miruzzi req. Family
❖ †Linda Gauci 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 (until 7:00PM on First Fridays)

May Crowning † Sunday, May 5

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Next Sunday, May 5, the 9:30AM and 11:30AM (Slovak) Holy Masses will be combined into one *May Crowning Mass*, beginning at 10:00AM!

MAY CROWNING RECEPTION

There will be a Reception in the Fr. Mikus Hall after the May Crowning Holy Mass.

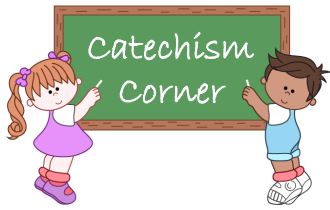
The Rosary Society requests that you please bring your donation of dessert finger foods (on disposable platters) to the Father Mikus Hall prior to the 10:00AM Holy Mass.

If you would like to help at the May Crowning Reception, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule or call the Parish Office!

Thank you! The Rosary Society

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Catechism Corner Class Schedule

Wednesday, May 1, 6:15PM:

Class for K-7th Grades. Also:
MAY CROWNING and
CONFIRMATION REHEARSALS
for 8th Grade Students Only.

Thursday, May 2, 5:00PM:

First Confessions & First Communion Rehearsal

First Friday, May 3:

Confirmation Holy Mass 7:00PM (Arrive at 6:00PM)

Saturday, May 4:

First Holy Communion Holy Mass 1:00PM (Arrive by 12:30PM)

Sunday, May 5:

May Crowning Holy Mass at 10:00AM (Arrive by 9:30AM)

Wednesday, May 8, 6:15PM:

Last Class (All Grades K-8th)

Catechism Questions, please contact:

Paul & Carroll Schuller, (586) 726-6911

p_schuller@yahoo.com or cschuller@saintcyrils.church

Life Teen Ministry • Monday, April 29

**TOPIC: "Pornography and Chastity:
Learning to Forgive Ourselves"**

6:45PM - 8:45PM in the Fr. Mikus Hall

Even if we run away from ourselves, we can find Christ. He waits for us and loves us there. We need to learn to forgive ourselves.

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.

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. Register for the night with the QR below.

Questions about Life Teen or EDGE? Contact:

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

edge@saintcyrils.church or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

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 thru May, in the Parish Hall from 7:00PM – 8:45PM.

Questions about Life Teen or EDGE? Contact:

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lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

Lenten Projects ~ Thanks

Thank-you to all the parishioners and friends who contributed to the parish Lenten projects. Because of your sacrifices and generosity St. Dominic's Outreach Center provided beautiful Easter baskets to 28 families and children. Our donations helped stock the shelves in the Baby Boutique at Image of God Pregnancy Centers, providing much needed items for moms and babies will into the Easter season. Thank you also to everyone who helped collect and deliver the Easter baskets and baby items. The gift of your time is greatly appreciated!

In the coming months the Knights' baby bottle collection and the monetary donations to Camp Ozanam and to the Malta Medical/Dental Clinic will provide assistance to many that will make memories and beautiful smiles that will last a lifetime.

Thanks to Ss. Cyril & Methodius for the Lenten Fish Fry

The St. Nicholas Council #7011 of the Knights of Columbus wants to thank our fellow Ss. Cyril & Methodius parishioners for always having our backs and for your solid support of all our programs, especially for the Lenten Fish Fry and our annual Baby Bottle Program, which provides funding for the Pro-Life activities of local Michigan-based pregnancy centers. Your patronage helped us to finish the Fish Frys with our most successful year ever.

Thanks to you, the Knights will award gifts to noble causes like Mary's Mantle, a great Catholic organization that supports pregnant and new Moms and their babies. We will also present thank you gifts to the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Rosary Society, Trail Life Boys and the American Heritage Girls. As a new benefit for 2024, the Knights also hosted 50/50 drawings to help fund future events for EDGE and Life Teen. We even collected advance donations for our MI Drive, to benefit those in our community who face physical and mental challenges.

We also owe a great debt to Fr. Libor and Fr. Juraj. Fr. Libor not only allowed us to use the hall and kitchen facilities, but he was with us every week to greet visitors and solicit for the 50/50 raffle, giving a big boost to future events that will benefit the parish youth. Fr. Juraj often made appearances among the volunteers in the serving line and kitchen area, offering encouragement and thanking the volunteers for their efforts and the guests for their support.

Further, we wish to offer heartfelt thanks to our ever-growing team of volunteers for your help throughout all six weeks of the Fish Frys in the hall, in the kitchen and behind the counter. We asked for volunteers, and we prayed for adequate help to get us through Lent without disappointing anyone. The result: we had more help this year than ever before, with many families coming back to assist for all six weeks. We literally couldn't have done it without you.

Any Catholic gentleman over 18 is welcome to become a Knight of Columbus. Please contact the Church office, talk with any Knight about joining. We can quickly and easily qualify you and welcome you to join our Order, with over Two Million Knights around the world.

If you have any questions about joining the Knights, please contact: *Joseph White*, (586) 556-2122



Scan to register!



Consecration to Jesus thru Mary

Preparation Begins: April 28

Consecration: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary is a beautiful exercise to increase our spirituality and ability to truly serve our Lord Jesus Christ. The basic premise set forth by St. Louis Marie de Montfort is simply that Jesus came into the world through Mary and that for us to always be assured of being close to Jesus, even closer than ever before, we should go through Mary. St. Louis de Montfort (1673 – 1716) developed a 33-day devotion consisting of various prayers and readings to help us to grow in holiness and increase our faith and love for our Lord. It will help us to detach ourselves from the world and bond ourselves more closely with Christ through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Consecration to Jesus is for anyone, who is old enough to understand the love of Jesus and Mary. The preparation is intended to prepare our hearts and minds by praying and meditating.

The next preparation begins this Sunday, April 28, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on May 31, the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Questions or to REGISTER to make (or renew) Consecration, please contact the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911.

Parish Families: 2024 High School Graduation Seniors

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 26, 9:30AM Holy Mass

Please mark your calendars to attend a Mass with intentions for all of our parish high school seniors (public, private, co-op and homeschool) on Sunday, May 26, at 9:30AM. There will be a special Fellowship following this Holy Mass.

A photo board with each senior will be displayed on the wall in the vestibule. Please plan to include your graduating senior by dropping off or mailing a 4" x 6" picture of your senior to the Parish Office by Monday, April 29. Include an easy-to-read spelling of your child's first and last name, and the school from which he or she is graduating. Make sure to mark on the envelope "Grad Pic" so it gets to the right person. Thank you.

We hope each of you will be able to attend this Mass as we observe this wonderful accomplishment. Attire for the Mass will be modest Sunday Best and there will be no assigned seating for the graduates. They will sit with their families. We look forward to seeing each of you then. Until then, finish strong, Seniors!

Questions, please contact: *Stacey Lawler*, (248) 227-0885

Mother's Day Novena



Don't forget the special lady in your life with the perfect gift — a beautiful Mother's Day Novena card for mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, mother-in-laws, stepmothers, wives, aunts, sisters, friends or any woman who has kindly nurtured you with a special motherly love. Mass cards will be available this week in the Parish Office. The 9-day Novena will begin Monday, May 13. \$10

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

Rosary Society Members & Ladies 18 and Up



First Saturday, May 4, the next Rosary Society Meeting will take place. The meeting follows the 9:00AM Holy Mass and Rosary and will begin at approximately 10:15AM in the Fr. Mikus Hall. All ladies of the parish, 18 years and up, are invited to join us as we discuss the following church events that the Rosary Society organizes and participates in:

- ◆ **May Crowning Reception** (May 5)
- ◆ **Diaconate Formation Luncheon** (May 11)
- ◆ **Corpus Christi Reception** (June 2)
- ◆ **Marian Retreat** (July)

We will also be setting up for the special May Crowning Reception that takes place on Sunday, May 5. Please bring your dessert finger foods to the meeting or to the Fr. Mikus Hall before the 10:00AM May Crowning Holy Mass on May 5. If you have any questions about the Rosary Society or would like more information about how you can be involved, please contact: *Kathy Holka*, 586-703-4043 or kholka@aol.com

Northland Family Prayer News • Saturday, May 4

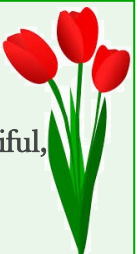
Sometimes it's hard to stay focused on something long term if we don't see the results. Thanks to God for His help and for all those who participate in various pro-life activities. The recently completed 40 Days for Life campaign has reported that six facilities have permanently closed, four abortion facility workers have left their jobs and at least 504 babies have been saved! Regardless of what you are working on, persevere and remember that with God, nothing is impossible! We hope you will consider joining us for the following Pro-life 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, May 4, from 11:30AM - 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. 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

SPRING

If you like the outdoors and have an interest in keeping our church grounds beautiful,
WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Please contact the Parish Office.
Thank You!





Adoration ~ Come Let Us Adore Him

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

THURSDAY, 1:00PM - FRIDAY, 12:00PM until 7:00PM on FIRST FRIDAYS ONLY

HEART'S DEEPEST LONGING

Do you think your heart is stainless? If so, you would be completely pure. But the heart is where we have our evil thoughts: greed, pride, jealousy, lust, fraud, presumption, anger, love of money and all sorts of evil. We must purify our heart, therefore, and nothing will hinder us from uniting our heart with Christ's. But if we only outwardly turn away from evil we do not root out the sin in our heart. In this state we will never be free from vices. We will appear to others as if we stand firm, but inwardly we will sink beneath the weight of our inward evils. We must prepare a neat dwelling place for Christ in our heart. We must keep chipping away at the hardness of evil that has been stored up in our hearts over the years. In doing so, we rid ourselves of evil and make more room for Christ to dwell within us. Doing this work we may feel no true joy until we finish entirely. For fear of trouble hinders many from perfectly purifying their hearts. Do not listen to the enemy of our souls but pray for divine grace to withstand. Set about this work bravely and you will see that all difficulties vanish before your greatness of spirit. And, to your astonishment, you will find that where you used to expect the greatest hardships, you will now find the greatest consolations.

- 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..

Weekly Committed Adorers are needed during the following times:

FRIDAYS: 3-4AM & 4-5AM

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.



Vacation Bible School (VBS) VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

TIME: 7 Pm - 9 pm

LOCATION: Fr. Mikus Parish Hall

DATES: • TUESDAYS: April 30 & May 7

• **WEDNESDAYS: May 15, 22, 29, June 5 & 12**

• **MONDAY: June 17 - Mock VBS**

• **SUNDAY: Set Up (1:00 pm)**

• **VBS: June 24-28 (See page 7 for details)**

Reminder:

ADULT VOLUNTEERS: If you have not taken the Protecting God's Children training yet, please sign up at www.virtus.org.

A background check must also be completed through Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish. Background Check forms are available on the table in the vestibule and also at: www.saintcyriels.church. Please turn your completed form into the Parish Office for Deacon Phil McCown.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS (Ages 14 - 17 years old): Teen volunteers, ages 14 - 17 years old, must also complete a 35-minute online workshop through www.virtus.org.

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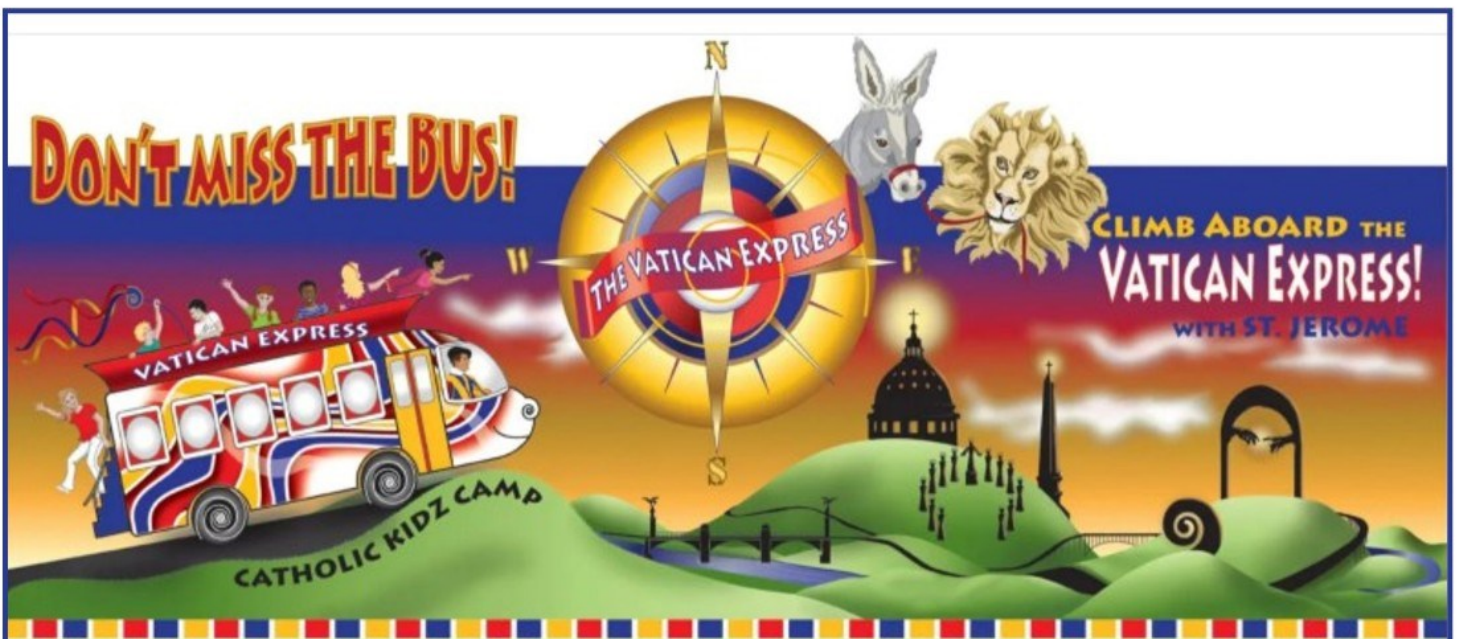
**Questions, please contact:**

Deacon Phil McCown, [pmccown@saintcyriels.church](mailto:pmccown@saintcyriels.church) or Rob Avery, [ravery@saintcyriels.church](mailto:ravery@saintcyriels.church) or the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911

**Don't have a computer or need assistance taking the Protecting God's Children Class, please contact:**

Parish Office, (586) 726-6911

**Questions about VBS or Volunteer Meeting, please contact: Moe Jones, (586) 219-6678 or [moeprays@gmail.com](mailto:moeprays@gmail.com)**



# VBS

## Vacation Bible School

**WHEN:** June 24 - 28, 2024  
9 am - 1 pm

**WHERE:** Ss. Cyril & Methodius  
41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights

### FEATURING:

- St. Peter's Square • St. Peter's Basilica •
- Sistine Chapel • Early Church History •
- St. Peter • Pope Francis • St. Jerome •



### OPEN TO

KINDERGARTEN - 7th GRADE

### REGISTRATION (QR Code)

(before May 22):

1st Child in Family: \$35

All Other Children: \$25

(after May 22):

1st Child in Family: \$45

All Other Children: \$35

### QUESTIONS

Moe Jones

586-219-6678 or

moeprays@gmail.com

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you are entering 8th grade  
this Fall or higher, you are  
welcome to volunteer.

### ALLERGIES

All snacks provided by VBS  
will be peanut free