

4th Sunday Of Easter  
Sunday, April 21, 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 good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” -Jn 10:14-15

## April 20, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For James & Family  
 ❖ For Joseph Pawlowski ❖ For Brooklyn Hebert  
 ❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Family
- 5:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

## April 21, Sunday - Nedela

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
- 7:30AM For Ss. Cyril & Methodius Altar Servers  
 ❖ For Carl & Alyssia Varchetti & Family  
 ❖ For Sage Anne Barbat (1st Holy Communion)  
 req. Family ❖ †Doris Stinga req. Mary Kessler  
 ❖ †Patricia Mroczka req. Dianne Marine  
 ❖ †John Maciag req. Wife  
 ❖ †Dianne Shekell req. Lewandowski Family
- 9:30AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG  
 ❖ For Members of Group 16 Slovak Catholic SOKOL  
 ❖ For Debbie Konowalski (B'Day) req. Family  
 ❖ For Catherine Simpson  
 ❖ For Andrew Melnyk req. Mom  
 ❖ For Anne Simoneau req. Joe & Sonia Honce  
 ❖ †Bill Melnyk req. Wife
- 11:30AM (Slovak) For Fr. Libor Marek ❖ For Fr. Juraj Nuota  
 ❖ For Lucia Tomkova req. Plzak Family  
 ❖ For Sofia Filickova req. Plzak Family  
 ❖ For Katarina Drabova req. Plzak Family  
 ❖ †Magdalena Bojova req. Rodina Labasova  
 ❖ †Jessica Hanna
- 8:30PM For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family  
 ❖ For Living & Deceased Members of Beni Family  
 req. Marie Louisa Potempski  
 ❖ †Tawitha Farida ❖ †Arthur Miruzzi req. Family  
 ❖ †June Brennan req. Stefani Family  
 ❖ †Linda Gauci req. Family ❖ †Gloria Jean Mosed

## April 22, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For Meg Hintzsche ❖ For Nazar  
 ❖ For Bernard Hornbacher (B'Day) req. Family  
 ❖ For James & Grete Varchetti
- 12:00PM For Fr. Michael Lenz  
 ❖ For Christina Kovacs & Family  
 ❖ For Alanna Maria Korkis (B'Day) ❖ For Lourdes & Eli

## April 23, Tuesday - Utorok

### Memorial of Saint George, Martyr

- 6:00AM For the Fuller Family  
 ❖ For Gerald Sadecki  
 ❖ For Thomas Fuller  
 ❖ †Charles & Isabella Varchetti
- 12:00PM For Sr. Rose Ndimele req. Anne Haio  
 ❖ For Sr. Cynthia Obidike req. Anne Haio  
 ❖ For Sr. Maria Helena req. Anne Haio  
 ❖ For Lourdes & Eli

## April 24, Wednesday - Streda

### Memorial of Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

- 9:00AM (Latin) For the Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 ❖ †Jessica Hanna ❖ †George & Helen Emmendorfer  
 ❖ †Vivian, Steve & Norman Haisha req. Family

- 12:00PM For Sr. Mary Andrea RSM ❖ For Lourdes & Eli  
 ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
 ❖ †Ashberry Davis

## April 25, Thursday - Štvrtok

### Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist

- 6:00AM For Pope Francis ❖ For Fr. Mark Desser  
 ❖ For the Vitale & Monsu Families  
 ❖ For Brad Chasney (B'Day) req. Family
- 12:00PM For Dominic Bihar (B'Day) req. Family  
 ❖ For Lourdes & Eli  
 ❖ †Mr. James (Jimmy) Davis Jr. req.  
 Sharon Nash Brown & Family  
 ❖ †Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany
- 7:00PM For a Special Intention  
 ❖ For Al & Ann Varchetti ❖ For Samantha & Paul  
 ❖ For Living & Deceased Members of Schnapp Family  
 req. Marie Louisa Potempski

## April 26, Friday - Piatok

- 6:00AM For Special Intention req. Sophia ❖ For Jenson  
 ❖ For Andy Gappy ❖ †Stephanie Varchetti
- 12:00PM For the Ledford Family ❖ For Lourdes & Eli  
 ❖ For Ryan & Jen Ambrosio req. Dan & Jan Atkinson  
 ❖ †Earl John Schick req. Hasenauer Family

## April 27, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM 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 \*Baptism: Delainey Ann Mahoney
- 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
- 11:30AM (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



Welcome

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Fr. Libor Marek, Priest in Solidum • [lmarek@saintcyrils.church](mailto:lmarek@saintcyrils.church)  
Fr. Juraj Nuota, Priest in Solidum • [jnuota@saintcyrils.church](mailto:jnuota@saintcyrils.church)  
Deacon Phil McCown • [pmccown@saintcyrils.church](mailto:pmccown@saintcyrils.church)  
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Parish Office • [parishoffice@saintcyrils.church](mailto:parishoffice@saintcyrils.church)

**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:**

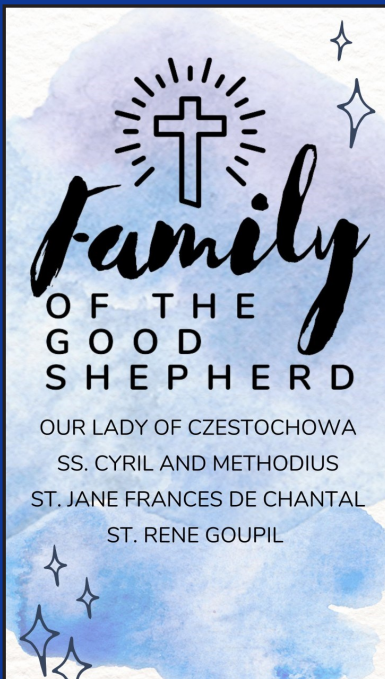
MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM  
TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 5:30AM-6:00AM & 11:30AM-12:00PM  
THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 5:30AM - 6:00AM, 11:30AM - 12:00PM & 6:30PM-7:00PM  
SATURDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM

**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)



**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

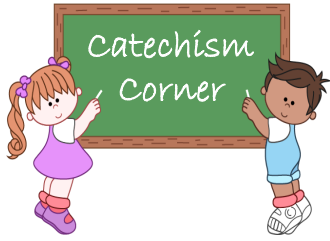
**St. Rene Goupil**

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





## Catechism Corner Class Schedule

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

**Wednesday, May 1, 6:15PM:**

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

**Thursday, May 2, 6:15PM:**

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@saintcyriils.church*

## Life Teen Ministry • Monday, April 22

**TOPIC: "Showing Mercy to Others and to Ourselves"**

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

Jesus calls us to love other people as we love ourselves. While it may sound like a very tall order, it is really necessary to do not just what feels good, but what is good. We owe it to others and to 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@saintcyriils.church or lifeteen@saintcyriils.church*

## EDGE Youth Ministry • Thursday, April 25

**TOPIC: "Virtues"**

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

The way to God and with God may seem strenuous, but good habits – virtues make it much easier. They require exercise and repetition, but the reward is great. 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.

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. Register for the night with the QR code below.

Scan to  
register!



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*edge@saintcyriils.church or*

*lifeteen@saintcyriils.church*

## Heart of St. Joseph Men's Fellowship • April 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 this Wednesday, April 24, from 6:30PM-7:20PM in the Overflow Room adjacent to the sanctuary. We will be discussing our individual invitation to discipleship: How will we respond to Christ's call? 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 try enter through the doors by the Fr. Mikus hall.

To receive email notices and for any questions or concerns:

*clifford\_haynes@hotmail.com*

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!

## St. Monica Sodality Mass • Sunday, April 28

While we are truly blessed with our wonderful parish family, we all have loved ones who do not join us for Mass or share our faith. The St. Monica Sodality is a prayer ministry, for all those that are concerned about this issue, that comes together for Mass and prayers usually on the fourth weekend of each month. Whenever you are at church, please stop by the St. Monica box (located at the main church entrance near the St. Michael statue) for some prayer info and petition slips. List the names of individuals or families you need prayers for and drop the completed slip in the box - these slips are placed in a covered album in front of the altar during the monthly Mass. Especially during this Easter Season, we pray that everyone knows that they are loved by God and that we all return or draw closer to Him!

Please join us for the St. Monica Sodality Holy Mass next Saturday, April 27, at 5:30PM and the prayers that take place immediately after the final hymn. We will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the St. Monica Sodality Prayer and perhaps one other prayer. The prayer location (most likely the chapel) will be posted on a sign board in the vestibule and mentioned during the Mass announcements.

Note - The St. Monica Mass will remain on Saturday's at 5:30PM for several months. Check the bulletin or St. Monica box for the upcoming Mass schedule.

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

## GENTLEMEN: USHERS NEEDED AT EVERY MASS

If you can assist with ushering at ANY of the weekend Holy Masses, please speak to an usher at the Mass you attend or contact the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911

## May Crowning † Sunday, May 5

### **MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE**

On 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*



### **Total 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 on Sunday, April 28, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on May 31, the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "Preparation for Total Consecration" books are available in the Parish Office for \$10.

Questions or to REGISTER to make (or renew) Consecration.

### **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

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov). More information about the AOD's efforts to address abuse may be found at [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org).

### *Mother's Day Novena*



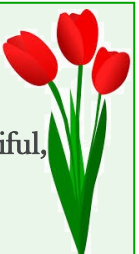
Don't forget the special lady in your life with the perfect gift — a beautiful Mother's Day Novena card for mothers, grandmothers, Godmothers, mother-in-laws, stepmothers, wives, aunts, sisters, friends or any woman who has kindly nurtured you with a special motherly love. Mass cards will be available 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.*

## 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**

### HEART'S DEEPEST LONGING

Simply put, if we want to enter into the intimacy of the Sacred Heart we must cleanse our heart from every evil. For how can there be union between our heart and His if ours aren't carefully purified? How can we say that our heart is clean when the same heart makes us conscious of the opposite? Look inside of yourself. Aren't we born in sin; an abode where evil spirits can dwell? Are we not defiled and disfigured by so many stains of sin from our past? Aren't we strongly drawn to evil and sadly estranged from supernatural good? Don't we have so many ill-regulated (disordered) affections? Are we not the fruitful source of sin, full of itself and of the world; accustomed to have itself in all things for its ultimate object and end in life? It's a wonder how God, with such a Heart as His, desires to reside in amid such uncleanness. Jesus desires a pure heart where all His delight can dwell. Whoever even loves cleanness of heart will enjoy His presence. It will experience the tenderness and sweetness of His Heart. Let us not deceive ourselves and think all is well with us. We take good care of our outward appearance but Jesus looks at the heart. For what is it to your advantage if by your outward appearance, you are pleasing to others but inward you are displeasing to God? Place God above all and be willing to sacrifice anything that could possibly attempt to replace Him. Life will be made fully alive!

- 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 (need 2 adorers), 4-5AM & 8-9AM**

**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 23, 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.virtus.org).

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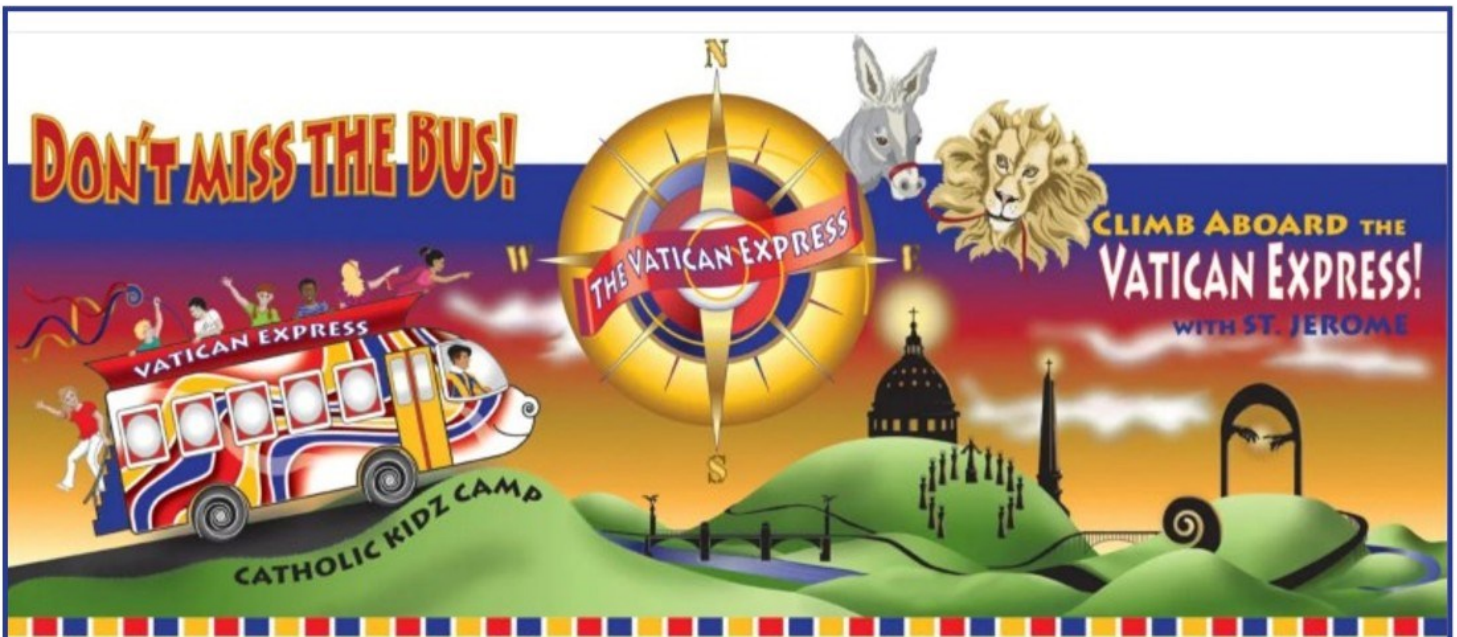
**Questions, please contact:**

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](mailto: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