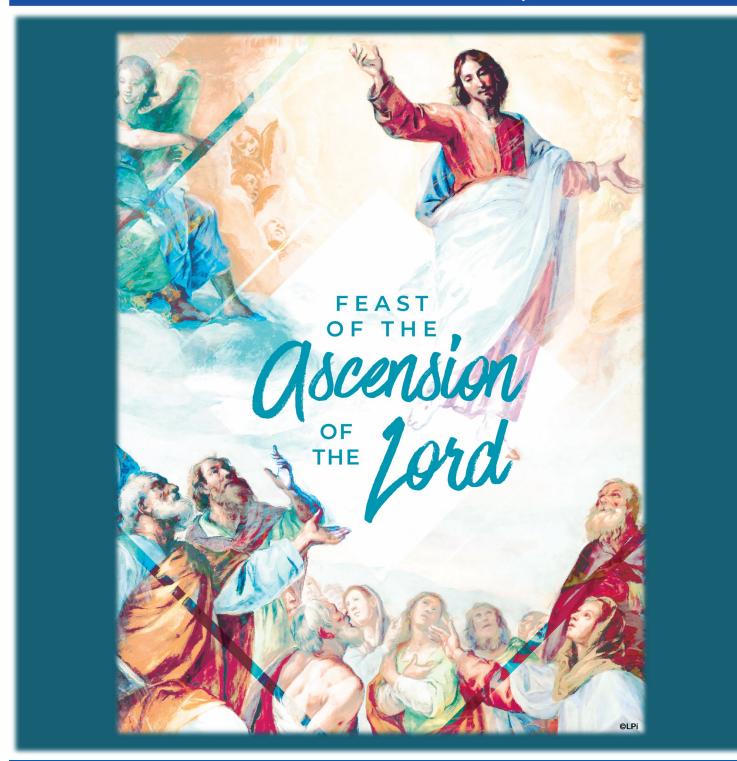




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MASS Intentions

May 11, Saturday - Sobota

9:00AM For the Members of Our Lady Mother of Mercy

Secular Discalced Carmelites

For Joseph Desser

❖ For Sophia Skrocki & Family

♦ † Marjorie Desser

5:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG

❖ For Jennifer & Family❖ For Beth Sier (B'Day)❖ For Emily Ratchford

❖ For Living & Deceased Members of the

Drozdowski Family

♦ † Margaret DeLorme req. Trombley Family

♦ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family

May 12, Sunday - Nedeľa

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:11-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

7:30AM For Danielle Brown

♦ † Derrick Powell

❖†Patrick O'Shea req. Family

†Savera DiCicco†Antonia Pacitto†Louis Allawerdi†Matthew Margiewicz

9:30AM For Intentions of All Mothers (Natural & Spiritual)

11:30AM (Slovak)

Na úmysel všetkých matiek

8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

May 13, Monday - Pondelok

Memorial Our Lady of Fatima

9:00AM For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena 12:00PM For the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima

❖ For Judy Pawlowski❖ For Jillian Haio

❖†Anthony M. Yanik req. Tony Yanik

May 14, Tuesday - Utorok

Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

6:00AM For Stephanie Fayad (B'Day)

❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family❖ † Estrella Rybicki req. Family

❖†Josephine F. Davis

12:00PM For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

May 15, Wednesday - Streda

Memorial of Saint Isidore
9:00AM (Latin)

For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

12:00PM For Denise Pepin (B'Day)

❖ For the Ledford Family❖ † Sr. Mary King, IHM❖ † David Davis

May 16, Thursday - Štyrtok

6:00AM For Sandi, John & Families

❖ For Carol, Paul & Families

❖ For Melissa & Steve Mazurkiewicz Jr. (Wed. Ann.)

req. Family

♦ †Robert Stout Sr. req. Family

12:00PM For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

7:00PM For +Gerald & Louise Hand Wed. Ann.

❖ For John & Sandi Brady (Wed. Ann.)❖ For Jude Haio (B'Day) req. Grandparents

❖†Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany

May 17, Friday - Piatok

6:00AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

❖ For the Nadine Nelson Family❖ For Michael Louis (B'Day)

♦ †Alan Janette

12:00PM For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

May 18, Saturday - Sobota

9:00AM For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

*7:00PM *Vespers & Pentecost Vigil Holy Mass

For the Intentions of All Parishioners

May 19, Sunday - Nedel'a Solemnity of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

7:30AM For Holy Souls in Purgatory req. RMG

❖ For Amelia req. Meme & Papa

❖ For Samuel Hines

❖ For Paul Varchetti & Family

For Rita Lopiccolo

❖†Maurice & +Irma Borton req. Family

❖ †John Maciag req. Wife

9:30AM For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

11:30AM (*Slovak*)

In Thanksgiving req. Marie Kerry

❖ For a Special Intention req. Marie Kerry

❖ For Matthew Guerra

❖ For C. Parisi req. Danny Patrona

❖ For Judy

❖†Kathy Stout req. Dan & Jan Atkinson

8:30PM For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family

❖ For Jazleen & Sabri Yousif req. Sam

❖ For Warda Jeberaeel

❖ For Amy & Lourdes Shamoon

❖ For Mar Mari Emmanuel

♦ †Olufemi Abejide

❖ †Adedayo Fayomi



Lord God, we lift up all mothers to You. Grant them the strength to face the daily challenges with courage and the wisdom to guide their children towards a life of faith and service. Encourage them when they are weary and inspire them when they feel overwhelmed. Bless them with Your peace and love, now and forever. Amen



Ascension of the Lord • Sunday, May 12, 2024

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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)

Pentecost Vigil Holy Mass Begins with Evening Prayer (Vespers) † Saturday, May 18, 7:00PM

Similar to the Easter Vigil, the Vigil of Pentecost can be celebrated in a way that preserves its rich traditions.

Fifty days after the high feast of Easter, the Church comes together to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It is one of the principal feasts of the year and marks the end of the Easter season. Historically the feast of Pentecost was given a greater emphasis and its vigil the day before was connected to the Easter Vigil in many ways.

In recognition of the ancient tradition, the current Roman Missal has revived this extended vigil.

Evening Prayer (Vespers)—Prior to the start of Mass, it is an option to begin the celebration with the recitation of Evening Prayer (Vespers). This includes three Psalms and ends right before the Liturgy of the Word during Mass.

Liturgy of the Word—Similar to the Easter Vigil, there are *four readings* from the Old Testament that are read. The priest will pray before these readings, which summarizes the overall "spirit" of the Pentecost Vigil.

The readings reflect various prefigurements of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost starting in Genesis, and ending in the book of Joel. Each reading has its own proper prayer, which brings out the truths revealed in the ancient texts.

After the fourth reading and its Psalm is completed, the Gloria is sung with great jubilation. Then a reading from Romans is recited, which recalls how the Holy Spirit helps us in our need.

The Gospel is then proclaimed and Mass continues as usual.

After the Gospel, the homily is recited and the Vigil continues with the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Magnificat from the Vespers will continue after distribution of Holy Communion.

Mass is concluded with the solemn dismissal, "Go forth, the Mass is ended, Alleluia," Pentecost marks the last use of the Easter season double Alleluia.

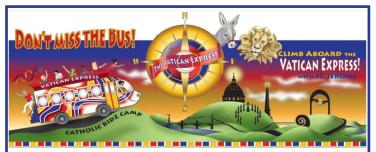
After Pentecost, the Easter season officially concludes.

(By Philip Kosloski, Aleteia)

Next Saturday evening, May 18, the eve of the Solemnity of the Sending of the Holy Spirit, we will celebrate the Pentecost Vigil. Instead of our usual Mass time of 5:30 PM, the celebration will begin at 7:00 PM. Like the Apostles with the Mother of God, we await the descent of the Holy Spirit by keeping vigil in the Upper Room with prayer, the Word of God and the Eucharist. This Vigil includes the Evening Prayer of the Church - Vespers, a rich Liturgy of the Word, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. All are invited to participate in the sacred assembly of the Church in this special Liturgy.

The Pentecost Vigil will take place on Saturday, May 18, at 7:00PM.

Pentecost Sunday Holy Masses: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak), 8:30PM



Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 24–28, 2024, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

OPEN TO: KINDERGARTEN - 7th GRADE REGISTRATION (before May 22):

1st Child Child in Family: \$35 All Other Children: \$25 REGISTRATION (after May 22):

1st Child in Family: \$45 All Other Children: \$35

QUESTIONS: Moe Jones 586-219-6678 or moeprays@gmail.com PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parent volunteers are need in order to provide a safe environment for the campers.

ALLERGIES

All snacks provided by VBS will be peanut free.

VOLUNTEER MEETINGS:

TIME: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

LOCATION: Fr. Mikus Parish Hall

DATES: WEDNESDAYS: May 15, 22, 29, June 5 & 12

MONDAY: June 17 - Mock VBS SUNDAY: Set Up (1:00 pm) REMINDER for VOLUNTEERS:

Must take Protecting God's Children & Complete a Background Check

VBS NEWS

Dear Parishioners: Vacation Bible School needs YOU. VBS is short on parental figure volunteers this year, which makes it difficult to conduct a safe week. If you are available the week of June 24-28 and would like to volunteer your time, please contact *Moe Jones*. If we do not get enough parental volunteers, we will not be able to have as many campers like we have had in previous years. We are looking for volunteers in the areas of group guides. VBS has its first fundraising opportunity to help keep costs down. Inflation is trying to hold us back but I won't let it. I strive to continue serving your children the delicious food that has been prepared for them in years past. I am dedicated to giving them a full meal each day at VBS. They play hard and we will keep them nourished. There are two ways you can help.:

- **First**, you can sign up to volunteer for a shift or two at the biannual Selfridge Air Show. We need volunteers on Friday, June 6, and Sunday, June 8, to help run concessions. Please contact Moe for more information.
- **Second,** you can remove a label from the VBS poster boards located in the vestibule and gallery. More items will be added as planning continues. Also, any monetary donation is appreciated. No amount is too small.

Thank you and God bless, Moe Jones, (586) 219-6678

Catechism Corner

Our Catechism Year officially ended May 8. Our sincerest gratitude to Father Libor and Father Juraj for their continued guidance. Thank you to all of the teachers and other volunteers who helped make this a



fantastic year; we were blessed to have you. Our appreciation to the Knights of Columbus for acting as our 'Guardian Angels' seeing that all the children were safe coming to and from their cars.

Parents, please remind your children that although we have taken a vacation from catechism class, **we never take a vacation from God.** We recognize that we have wonderful parents in the program and are once again asking for your support. Please take them to Mass every Sunday (visit masstimes.org for locations and times when you're away from home), stop by to visit with Jesusfor Adoration and say prayers daily with them, they learn by your example.

We are always looking for volunteers to help on Wednesday Evenings so please let us know if you are interested. Watch the bulletin for updates regarding Family Sports Night on Fridays. Bring your children if you can so they can continue to form bonds with peers in their parish community.

Please see the Confirmation photo on Page 7. Stay tuned for a First Holy Communion photo which will be published as soon as we receive them from the photographer.

May God Bless You, Paul & Carroll Schuller, (586) 685-1069

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 6:45 PM - 8:45 PM. Register for the night with the QR below.

EDGE Youth Ministry • Thursday, May 16 TOPIC: "Relationship with God Beyond Feelings" 6:45PM - 8:45PM in the Fr. Mikus Hall

Feeling good about our relationship with God is good, but... what if the feelings are not there? Does it mean we are doing something wrong? How and why should we build our friendship with God if we the good feelings are missing?

The night includes: talks & small groups, games, social time, snacks and prayer time.

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 to the right:

Questions about Life Teen or EDGE? Contact:

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

edge@saintcyrils.church or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

Family Sports Night • May 24

Family Sports Nights have begun! Come and join a night of fun, sports and fellowship with friends and peers at our upcoming Family Sports Night. Soccer, Basketball and volleyball will be waiting for everyone at our next Sports Night that takes place on Friday, May 24, at 6:30PM in the back parking lot.

Bring additional games like cornhole, frisbee or board games if you would like. Feel free to bring food and snacks for yourself and/or to share with friends and hang around the bonfire too!

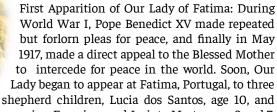
Mother's Day Movena Begins May 13



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-inlaws, stepmothers, wives, aunts, sisters, friends or any woman who has kindly nurtured you with a special motherly love. Mass cards are available after Mass this weekend. The 9-day Novena will begin Monday, May 13. \$10

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

Our Lady of Fatima • Monday, May 13 12:00PM Holy Mass followed by Marian Procession & Devotions



her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, ages 9 and 7. Fatima was a small village about 70 miles north of Lisbon.

May 13, 1917: On May 13, 1917, the three children took their flocks out to pasture in the small area known as the Cova da Iria (Cove of Peace). After lunch and the Rosary they suddenly saw a bright flash of something like lightning, followed quickly by another flash in the clear blue sky. They looked up to see, in Lucia's words, "A lady, clothed in white, brighter than the sun, radiating a light more clear and intense than a crystal cup filled with sparkling water lit by burning sunlight." The children stood there amazed, bathed in the light that surrounded the apparition as the Lady smiled and said: "Do not be afraid, I will not harm you." Lucia, as the oldest, asked her where she came from.

The Lady pointed to the sky and said: "I come from heaven." Lucia then asked her what she wanted. "I have come to ask you to come here for six months on the 13th day of the month at this same hour. Later, I shall say who I am and what I desire. And I shall return here yet a seventh time." Lucia then asked if they would go to heaven and was told "ves," she and Jacinta would go to heaven, but Francisco would need to say many rosaries first. The Lady then said: "Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He wills to send you as an act of reparation for the conversion of sinners?" Lucia, speaking for all three, readily agreed. "Then you are going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort." Lucia recounted that at the same moment she said these words the Lady opened her hands and streamed a "light" on the children that allowed them to see themselves in God. The Lady finished with a request: "Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of the war." With that she began to rise into the air, moving towards the east until she disappeared. The children got together and tried to think of ways they could make sacrifices as the Lady had asked, resolving to go without lunch and to pray the full Rosary. Francisco and Jacinta received more support from their parents than Lucia, but the attitudes of the local inhabitants ranged from skepticism to utter contempt, and the children thereby suffered many insults. They would have much to suffer, just as the Lady had told them.

Pancake Breakfast NEXT Sunday, May 19

The St. Nicholas Council 7011 Knights of Columbus will host a **Pentecost Pancake Breakfast** next Sunday, May 19, after the 7:30AM, 9:30AM, and 11:30AM Masses in



the Father Mikus Hall. The menu will consist of: Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Roasted Rosemary Potatoes, French Toast, Orange Juice, Coffee - Regular & Decaf, and Toast with Butter or Jelly. There is no cost (FREE). A free-will offering will be collected at the breakfast will be donated to charity after paying food costs. Any charity proceeds raised will support the Knights four-fold ministries which are: Service to the Poor; Aid the Mentally Impaired (MI); Support of Priests and Seminarians; and Support Right-to-Life (RTL). Thank you for your support.

PENTECOST SUNDAY • MAY 19 • 8:00AM - 1:00PM FR. MIKUS HALL

COST IS A FREE-WILL OFFERING

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help serve and cook. Please, give us an hour or two if you are able after Mass. Please sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DAAA629A0FFC43-49292805-knights.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers • Friday, May 17

The Rosary Makers will meet this Friday, May 17, in Room #113 from 1:00PM—3:00PM.

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

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

If you have questions about Eucharistic Adoration: *Annette Rudzewicz*, (586) 247-7214 or the Parish Office

Walking With Moms in Need

Abortion is now legal in Michigan at an unprecedented level and the Archdiocese of Detroit is committed to accompanying women and families in need, with greater resolve than ever. In the AOD, we do this largely through Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, our charitable arm, and through the Archdiocese's Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship Department. In particular, *Walking with Moms in Need* (WWMIN) is a ministry to help parishioners identify and create local resources that provide assistance to pregnant and parenting moms in need, and Project Rachel is an important ministry for individuals who have been harmed by abortion.

For more information and to get involved in these ministries, visit:

aod.org/walking-with-moms-in-need and evangelicalcharity.org. For WWMIN Ministry at Ss. Cyril & Methodius, please contact:

Betty Abate, babate*@saintcyrils.church*

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





This year we were blessed to have three ladies help to crown Our Lady during our special May Crowning Mass on Sunday, May 5. Below are each of their heartfelt essays about "Why would I like to Crown the Blessed Mother. May God Bless You, *Paul and Carroll Schuller*

Why would I like to Crown the Blessed Mother? - By: Ella Bunao

I would like to crown the blessed mother at the May Crowning because, all of my life, I have always looked up to my beloved grandmother, Maria Salvacion, who was a loving and caring mother to all who knew her—just like our Blessed Mother. Ever since I could remember, I always saw our Blessed Mother in my grandmother's motherly presence. When my older sister and I were younger, my grandmother flew to Michigan from the Philippines to take care of us when our parents were both at work. I remember the very first day when my mom went back to work after I was born. It was a very difficult adjustment for me. I really missed my mom but somehow because my grandmother was with me and my older sister, she comforted me by telling me stories from the Bible about Jesus' life with our Blessed Mother - I felt so comforted that I forgot that my mom was away. She comforted me just as our Blessed Mother Mary comforts the children of God. It was truly a blessing that she took care of me and my older sister because she was able to watch us grow up with her. My family in Michigan would go back home to the Philippines many times to visit her. My grandmother would always recall those fond memories of being with us. As a dedicated teacher, community volunteer, faithful parishioner, and an ardent Marian devotee, my grandmother touched many lives with her kindness, motherly love, generosity, and compassion, just like Mother Mary is to all of us. My grandmother's sincerity, empathy, and kindness always shone through in all her actions. My grandmother considered her children the greatest gift from above, which reminded me of Mother Mary, who loves every one of us as her children. I always saw Mother Mary within my grandmother because they are both truly caring mothers for everyone and are the biggest role models in my life. They both inspire me to embody the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit in everything I do: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. My grandmother sadly passed away in December 2023, after Christmas, which has brought so much sadness into my family's hearts. I feel so blessed that I was able to fly home when my beloved grandma passed away. I remember whispering to her at her wake how much I will miss her and how much I treasure and cherish the moments I shared with her. Her strong influence on me inspires me to go recite my prayers and go to Sunday Mass. She loved that I am an acolyte at my church and sing at the church, and it is my promise to her that I will continue to do so because I know it will make her very happy. I know that she will always be watching us from heaven, and I know that I can always pray to her for guidance and encouragement. It would bring me so much joy and comfort if I am given the opportunity to crown our Blessed Mother at the May Crowning to honor my dearest grand mother, who is the greatest role model in my life.

Why would I like to Crown the Blessed Mother? - By: Clara Hammond

I would like to crown Mary because I love all the artist's depictions of her – she's always very calm and serene, and the pictures are always so peaceful to look at. I love thinking about Mary as the calm in the middle of all the craziness in the world. She's been a loving safe place for me to go to when everything else goes wrong, and I want to be able to add to her serenity by crowning her during Mass.

I've also always loved watching all the Confirmation girls go up and crown her with beautiful flowers while I went up through the Catechism grades. They always seemed so beautiful and calm. They seemed like Mary's servants and wanted to follow in her footsteps to get closer to Jesus, and I've always admired that. I'd like to be able to show others girls going through Catechism what a perfect example Mary is of true beauty, and that she's the best way to Jesus.

Many of my favorite saints have beautiful devotions to Our Lady, and I've always admired how much they wanted to follow her. I think that as Confirmation students and to grow closer to our saints as well, it is a really good way to show that we want to follow them and grow close to Mary.

Finally, I always hear that Mary is the best route to Jesus, and I think that crowning her as her servant will help me grow closer to Jesus through her. I think that it is a beautiful way for the Confirmation girls to show Jesus how much they love and respect His Mother. "Then He said to the disciples, "Here is your mother." (John 19:27)

Why would I like to Crown the Blessed Mother? - By: Louisa Irwin

As this May Coronation is coming up, I would greatly appreciate the privilege of crowning our Holy Mother because it commemorates the Fifth Glorious Mystery, pleases our Heavenly Father, and glorifies Mary. I have a deep devotion and love for her when we pray the Fifth Glorious mystery in the Rosary, the Coronation, we can also think about the May Crowning. While we did not crown Mary, and Jesus did, we are commemorating the beautiful event that took place that day. The Fifth Glorious Mystery also has the promise of our following glory. Through our daily trials, it is good to keep in mind Mary and her accomplishments as an example and as hope.

By crowning Mary, our Mother, it also pleases our Heavenly Father, "And a great sign appeared in Heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." (Revelation 12). We are commemorating what He, as God Our Father did. Jesus loved His Mother very much. One can see that at the cross when He had John the Beloved take care of His Mother. He knew she was in good hands. When a procession is put together for His Beloved Mother, it must make Him very happy, for His Mother, and for the ones crowning her.

It glorifies Mary as queen of Heaven and Earth. Mary is our intercessor, in John 2:1-6 at the marriage in Cana, Mary tells the servants: "Do whatever He tells you to do." Thus she is almost in a sense, telling Jesus what to do, just like if we were to pray to Mary. She will give our intentions up to Jesus, her son. When we crown her we are essentially saying we trust in her to bring our prayers to God. It is a simple thought that she deserves of course, to be crowned. She faithfully said yes to God and raised Jesus, knowing very well He must die for the sins of this world. In all of human history, no woman has ever been granted to have the same honor as Mary.

In conclusion, I think that crowning Our Blessed Mother will be spiritually uplifting and I will be greatly honored by being able to crown her. She deserves all of our love and praise, this May, and always.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi 1 May 3, 2024



Those who received the Sacrament include:

Maria Aguero, Ivan Blaski, Ramsey Bontomasi, Anne Brown Ella Bunao, Benjamin Czach, Grace Giroux, Clara Hammond Maria Hayden, Louisa Irwin, Sawyer Jones, Jianna Leon, Renata Martinez-Garcia Mary Muglia, Tu Nguyen, Sean O'Brien, Dominic Pearson, Dominik Piatkowski Brett Suchland, Matteo Vitale, Julia Weil, Ambrose Wey, and Aaron Wiegers Carla Aldib and Adelina Bahri (Blessing Only)

Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Haly Spirit, grant me:

The gift of wisdom to see the world through your eyes, The gift of counsel to make difficult decisions,

The gifts of knowledge and understanding to use my mind to know you and to love you, The gift of fortitude to have the courage to live in the faith despite the difficulties and disppointments, The gift of piety to be able to express my special love and commitment to you, And the right kind of awesome fear that makes me pause to wonder and revere God's Love. Amen.

A Special Thank You to:

Bishop John Quinn for coming to Ss. Cyril & Methodius to celebrate the special sacrament of Confirmation this year, to Deacon Phil McCown for his assistance during Mass and to Father Libor Marek & Father Juraj Nuota for celebrating at this Special Holy Mass and their daily ongoing support, spiritual guidance and leadership.