

Trinity Sunday  
Sunday, May 26, 2024



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METHODIUS PARISH

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



## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19

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# MASS Intentions

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## May 25, Saturday - Sobota

### Blessed Virgin Mary of Saturday

- 9:00AM In Thanksgiving req. DiCicco Family  
❖ For the Vitale & Monsu Families  
❖ †Stefanie Bak ❖ †Grace Normander
- 5:30PM For the Intentions of the Members of the  
St. Monica Sodality ❖ For Jeffery Drozdowski  
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family  
❖ For Dorthea Rigney req. Connie Beste  
❖ †Margaret DeLorme req. Trombley Family  
❖ †Alonso Cummings req. Parents  
❖ †Hank Parafinowicz

## May 26, Sunday - Nedela

### Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

- Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20
- 7:30AM For Fr. Philip Ching & All Priests  
❖ For Matthew Desser (B'Day)  
❖ For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family  
❖ For Sr. Megan Gibboney req. Zach  
❖ For Lucille Zreliak req. Louise Martin  
❖ For Ruwaid & Mervet Kashat  
❖ †Lisa Johnston req. Jim & Toni Gauthier
- 9:30AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG  
❖ For the High School Graduates of the Class of 2024  
❖ For Regina Caeli Academy 2024 Graduates  
req. Baltrinic Family  
❖ For the Intentions of the Knights of Columbus -  
St. Nicholas Council & Families  
❖ For Jo Marie Nardi (B'Day) req. Bernadette Mikowski  
❖ †Frances Maiorano ❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Family
- 11:30AM (Slovak) For Fr. Libor Marek  
❖ For Fr. Juraj Nuota  
❖ For Ron Potemski req. Wife  
❖ †Magdalena Bojova req. Rodina Labasova  
❖ †Marge Robine req. Family ❖ †Baby Tommy  
❖ †Vera Zelenak req. Chominski Family
- 8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

## May 27, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For Melissa Mazurkiewicz (B'Day) req. Family  
❖ For Carl & Alyssia Varchetti & Family  
❖ †Jessica Hanna & Hanna Family  
req. Delayla Hilanto ❖ †Joe Dushaj
- 12:00PM For Jillicia Wagner req. Nana  
❖ †Nancy V. Souva-Bambach req. Mom  
❖ †Charles Lesko ❖ †Rebecca Pullis

## May 28, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
❖ For Fr. Michael Sullivan ❖ For Thomas Fuller  
❖ For James & Greete Varchetti
- 12:00PM For Sam Shamoan req. Vickie ❖ For Valentin Vacaj  
❖ †Anna Marie Livo req. Family  
❖ †Clorita req. Toni Najor & Tom Buick

## May 29, Wednesday - Streda

### Memorial of Saint Paul VI, Pope

- 9:00AM (Latin) For the Krahala Family & Friends  
❖ For Elizabeth Timmerman ❖ For the Abate Family  
❖ †Kay Waldecker

- 12:00PM For Andy Gappy req. Vicki ❖ For the Mansour Family  
❖ For Chester & Ann Smigielski (Wed. Ann.) req. Mother  
❖ †Jessica Hanna req. Delinda Yousif

## May 30, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For a Special Intention req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
❖ In Thanksgiving req. Alia ❖ For Cinthia  
❖ †Charles & Isabella Varchetti
- 12:00PM For Thomas Hanna ❖ For DJ  
❖ For Ave Monsoor (B'Day)  
❖ †Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany
- 7:00PM For Anne Marie Krahala ❖ For Madison Drozdowski  
❖ †Fr. Dan Jones req. Jim & Barb Wisniewski  
❖ †Lucina Augustin req. Baltrinic Family

## May 31, Friday - Piatok

### Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 6:00AM For a Special Intention req. Alia ❖ For Mary Hannish  
❖ For Violet Potemski req. Potemski Family  
❖ †George & Helen Emmendorfer
- 12:00PM For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
❖ For Ndue & Maria Vacaj ❖ For Andy Gappy req. Vicki  
❖ †Marion McGrath

## June 1, First Saturday - Prva Sobota

### Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr

- 9:00AM For Fr. Joseph Marcel Porttelli, Bernard & Lucy Portelli  
❖ For the Intentions of the Rosary Society  
❖ For Jeff Pawlowski  
❖ For the Godchildren and Confirmation Children of  
the Prusak Family
- 5:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG  
❖ For Special Intentions req. A.L.  
❖ In Thanksgiving req. Alia  
❖ †Harold Lee Sampson Jr. ❖ †Renee Sawicki  
❖ †Mary Lou Shackett & Family  
❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family

## June 2, Sunday - Nedela

### Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

- Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16,22-26
- 7:30AM For Fr. Juraj & All Priests & Seminarians  
❖ For the Daniel & Menard Families  
❖ For Paul, Linda & Families  
❖ For Paul & Joan Moses (Wed. Ann.)  
❖ †John Maciag req. Wife ❖ †David Davis  
❖ †Gene Kucharek req. Wife
- 10:00AM \*Corpus Christi Holy Mass with Eucharistic Procession  
For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM For Kola Peter Gojcaj ❖ For Mary Petruzzello (B'Day)  
❖ For the Kama & Torres Families  
❖ For Timothy Roddy, Sr. & Jr.  
❖ †Rheo Grenier req. Newell Family  
❖ †Jimmy Rotunda req. Melanie Bruss  
❖ †Mary Ann Wasik req. Susan Nowak



**May God Bless our  
Fallen Heroes  
and those who  
Serve in the Military**





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**Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**SATURDAY, June 1: 9:00AM & 5:30PM (Vigil)**

**SUNDAY, June 2: 7:30AM, 10:00AM & 8:30PM (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule is 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)**

**NEXT *Sunday*, JUNE 2**

**Corpus Christi Mass & Procession**



**MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE**

**The 9:30AM & 11:30AM Holy Masses on Sunday, June 2, will be combined and begin at 10:00AM!**

**FLOWER PETALS FOR THE PROCESSION**

**Flower petals are needed for the Procession that follows the 10:00AM Holy Mass.**

**Please bring your flower petals to the coatroom prior to the 10:00AM Holy Mass.**

**RECEPTION AFTER MASS & PROCESSION**

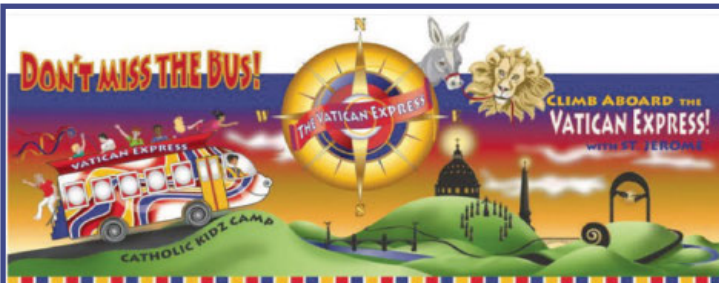
**Our Corpus Christi Reception will follow the 10:00AM Holy Mass.**

**Please bring finger-food desserts (on disposable platters) to the Fr. Mikus Parish Hall prior to the Holy Mass.**

**Thank you,  
The Rosary Society**



If you would like to help at the Corpus Christi Reception, please call the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911



## 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 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**

## Life Teen Ministry

We are committed to help teens come to understand that they are deeply loved by their Heavenly Father and know they are called into a relationship with Him. We invite all teens, from any parish to come explore our faith with us. Our goal at Life Teen is to help the youth of today and tomorrow summit the path of holiness, which means entering into a deeper, more profound relationship with Christ. By doing this, the youth learn that they are the Church. Their calling right here, right now is to meet Christ in their neighbor. If you have questions about Life Teen, please contact:

*Heidi Normile, Youth Minister (see contact info below)*

### **EDGE Youth Ministry • Thursday, May 30**

**TOPIC: "Send Off & Fun Night"**

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

Join us for the final night of the year. Fun with friends but also a moment of recollection before the long-awaited summer. The night includes: a final talk, games and fun, social time, snacks and prayer time. Register for the night with the QR code to the left:



**Questions about Life Teen or EDGE?**

**Please contact:**

*Heidi Normile, Youth Minister, (586) 859-0194*  
edge@saintcyrils.church or lifeteen@saintcyrils.church

## Donations Needed for Vacation Bible School

### Good Day to All Parishioners:

The week of VBS is quickly approaching and we need your help.

**First**, 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 me, *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.

**Second**, below is a list of all our current needs. Please check back each week to see how our needs change. The children who attend VBS thank you in advance for your generosity!

- ◆ **Craft:** Teacup saucers, Peg dolls, Yellow, red, or blue plastic tablecloths, Berets (hats for volunteers to wear), Glue sticks, Stickers, Thin markers, Glitter/washi tape, Joann Fabrics or Michaels Gift Cards
- ◆ **Faith Room:** St Joseph statue and as many saint statues as we can find.
- ◆ **Fun and Games:** Large exercise balls, Water balloons, Bandanas (red, yellow, or blue), Caution tape, Pool noodles, Hula hoops, Playground balls
- ◆ **Snack Needs:** Gift cards to Aldi, GFS, monetary donations to help with food costs
- ◆ **Decorations:** Yellow, red, blue streamers, Artificial flowers

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, *Moe Jones*, (586) 219-6678

## Rosary Society Meeting • Saturday, June 1

This Saturday, June 1, 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 upcoming church events that the Rosary Society organizes and participates in:



- ◆ **Corpus Christ Reception** (June 2)
- ◆ **Marian Retreat** (July 27)

We will also be setting up for the special Corpus Christi Reception that takes place next Sunday, June 2 (see page 3 for details). Please bring your dessert finger foods to the meeting or to the Fr. Mikus Hall before the 10:00AM Corpus Christ Holy Mass next Sunday.

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, June 1

As we prepare to celebrate Corpus Christi, we pray for people to believe in and receive Jesus' Body and Blood with reverence and thanksgiving - loving Him and others as he commands us. Let's also thank God, our Heavenly Father, for the gift of life He has given to us. May God's grace and protection be upon all fathers and spiritual fathers! Please consider joining us for the following Pro-life prayer event:

We will gather for prayers on the public sidewalk in front of the Northland Family Planning Clinic, 3810 17 Mile (just west of Ryan Road) on Saturday, June 1, from 11:30AM to 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, please contact *Anne Marie, (586) 873-2004*



**Eucharistic Adoration • Hearts Deepest Longing**  
**THURSDAY, 1:00PM - FRIDAY, 12:00PM**  
**until 7:00PM on FIRST FRIDAYS ONLY**

It is an unfortunate task to have to discuss the reality of sin, especially the sin in our own lives. Sin is unpopular and embarrassing. We avoid the topic seemingly at all costs yet know that we possess it nevertheless. However, coming face-to-face with our sins before ourselves and God is mandatory in order to grow in intimacy with Christ and His Most Sacred Heart. But how can we come face-to-face with something we're not very familiar with? Consider this a learning opportunity and a stepping stone to happiness. We start by defining sin itself. What exactly does the Church mean when she says "Sin"? St. Augustine of Hippo put it the best: *"[sin is] a word, deed or desire in opposition to the eternal law"*. What is the Eternal Law? The eternal law is the plan of divine wisdom, insofar as it directs all the actions and events of the universe. It is, therefore, the unchangeable effective decree of God binding the whole of creation to the fulfillment of its purpose, and to the use of such means for attaining this purpose, and to the use of such means for attaining this purpose as are adapted to each nature. In layman's terms this means God created everything for a specific purpose and if we speak contrary to, desire outside of, or do something opposite of what God created it for, we sin. Doing so offends God. Sin can be broken down even more specifically, which we will look into in the next article. A lot to absorb? Yes it is, but knowing our faith is the beginning of living our faith.

*(Paul A. Ray)*

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

**Please Remember to Pray for**  
**Our Sick Parishioners,**  
**Family Members & Friends and**  
**Those who are Serving in the Military**

**Father's Day Novena Begins June 17**

Father's Day is Sunday, June 16, and our Father's Day Novena will begin on Monday, June 17. Novena Mass cards are available after all Holy Masses on weekends and in the Parish Office on weekdays.  
 Suggested Donation: \$10.



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**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).

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Detroitská Arcidiecéza povzbudzuje jednotlivcov, ktorí by vedeli o prípadoch sexuálneho obťažovania mladistvých zo strany kleru, aby ich ohlásili bez ohľadu na to, kedy sa tieto prípady vyskytli. Jednotlivci môžu kontaktovať orgány činné v trestnom konaní, alebo upovedomiť Detroitškú Arcidiecézu prostredníctvom koordinátora pre pomoc obetiam na tel. čísle 866-343-8055, alebo emailom [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). Úrad generálneho prokurátora v Michigane možno kontaktovať na bezplatnom telefónnom čísle 844-324-3374 (od pondelka do piatku, od 8:00 do 17:00), alebo emailom

***Family Sports Night with Barbeque • Friday, May 31***

Don't miss our Family Sports Night Kick-Off this Friday, May 31, beginning at 6:30PM. Come and join a night of fun, sports, a barbeque, and fellowship with friends and peers at our upcoming Family Sports Night. Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball will be waiting for everyone and we will even have a barbeque this Friday to Kick-Off our Summer Family Sports Nights! Bring additional games like cornhole, frisbee or board games if you would like. There will be a bonfire too!



**UPCOMING FAMILY SPORTS NIGHTS - FRIDAYS**  
**May 31 (Kick-Off with Barbeque), June 14 & 28**



**Pictures from Family Sports Night**  
**May 10, 2024**

## Growing in Faith



Each year our Confirmation Students are asked to write essays to the Bishop sharing a bit of what they have learned in their preparation for this second Sacrament of Initiation. Each student was asked to write two essays:

† **Embracing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit- What kind of Catholic Man or Woman do I envision myself to be?**

† **Why I have chosen the Saint Name of \_\_\_\_\_.**

We want to thank each and everyone of the students for writing essays that show their desire after Confirmation to be a witness to Christ, proclaim their faith courageously, defend it against those who hate it, continue to study and deepen their faith, and spread it wherever possible. We received many essays and unfortunately can't share each and everyone with you but we will share some during the month of May so others can appreciate their hard work as much as we do.

May God Bless You, *Paul and Carroll Schuller*

### **What kind of Catholic woman do I envision myself to be? - By: Adelina Bahri**

Dear Bishop Quinn: In answer to how I see myself living my Catholic Faith...

When I envision myself in the future, I see myself deeply rooted in my faith, finding strength in prayer and devoted to the teachings of the church. I hope to be a woman seeking to make a positive impact on my community. I want to contribute to my faith by engaging in charitable activities and helping those in need. This includes participating in church events, supporting fellow parishioners, and helping to create unity and love within my community. I hope to be the person for someone to say that I helped them grow closer to God. When I get older, I want to be married and have kids. When I have kids, I will help them grow closer to God and take them to church every Sunday. I will teach them to praise God not only on Sundays but every day. I want my kids to look up to me and when they have a questions about our faith to ask me so I can teach them. I will continue to spread the Gospel whenever I can. After Confirmation I will continue to learn and grow in my faith. I will do regular prayers, seek a deeper understanding of scripture, and actively participate in the sacraments. I want to learn a lot more about my faith and get a better understanding. I will allow God's love to guide my actions and decisions, and to become a source of support for others in their faith journey. In serving others as a Catholic woman, I aim to mirror Mother Teresa, offering help and support to others in need. By being active in my community, I hope to volunteer at local shelters, organize food drives, and go to nursing homes to help out. This is how I envision myself in the future as a Catholic women.

### **What kind of Catholic man do I envision myself to be? - By: Ramsey Bontomasi**

Dear Bishop Quinn: In answer to: What kind of Catholic Man I envision myself to be?

I believe I will be a firm follower of the faith, never wavering from the word or gospel of the Lord. I intend to defend my beliefs until I die. Whether it's through debates, writing, or just speaking out against those who are confused, I will try my hardest to help them and lead them toward the one true God. I wish to be confirmed for this reason: to be closer to our God, the Virgin Mary and Jesus, who died for us and our sins. I find that in my everyday school life, I defend my faith more often than others. I have another Catholic friend whose beliefs are different. He claims I am not because I do not wear a cross, or practice the same way he does. His way is very physically public, with a lot of symbols. I defend my form of faith from him and others who claim my faith is wrong and I am bad at it. I am always seeking more information about my religion. My mom was taught by her priest that faith without questions isn't really faith. She encourages me to seek answers to my questions but my faith doesn't waiver. Where I am looking for answers from the Saint's lives, or even the Bible, I am always trying to find the truth in my life and to share. Lately I find myself drifting from people I once called friends. I now realize they were against my faith and were trying to force me to turn from it. I have since found new people with whom we encourage each other in our beliefs and religious practices.

I tried to always and forever state my beliefs firmly, especially when it comes to those who cannot defend themselves, like the unborn. I am not yet 15 and personally, I do not think God has sent me the message that I should be in the Holy Order, nor do I think it is where God wants me to serve Him. However, if I later feel that is my place, I will serve with strength and vigor using the word of God to defend my faith and those who have yet to be born unto the world. I also do not know if my future place is as a father, let alone whether I am called to married life. If my faith does lead me into it, however, I will pray and hope for wisdom in order to be a faithful and helpful father and husband. I will never lead my family astray, I will teach them and guide them towards the light of the church. At this time, I feel called to be a good son, student and friend. I will continue to lead my friends and those around me, towards God. So many of my friends come from homes with no faith at all. I strive to lead them towards a closer life with Christ through my actions, my speech and my willingness to stand up for my Catholic beliefs.

### **Why I have chosen the Saint Name of Saint Sebastian - By: Sean Malachi Sebastian O'Brien**

Dear Bishop John Quinn: I have chosen the saint name of Saint Sebastian for my Confirmation. I am a cross country runner and swimmer. He is the patron saint of athletes. This helped me to take an interest in learning about him. He is known for his physical strength and endurance, as well as his unwavering faith in the face of persecution.

He had an energetic way of spreading and defending the faith. My family says that I am a very energetic boy and I hope I can be encouraged by him so that I can spread and defend my faith as I grow to become a man. He is known for the virtues of strength, stamina, perseverance, courage, and justice in the face of adversity. I hope to master all these virtues and make them a part of my life. His feast day is January 20th and he died in 288AD.





Catholic Services Appeal 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of the most profound ways we, as a local Church, help share the love of Christ is through responding to the material and spiritual needs of individuals and families. Through the Catholic Services Appeal, more than one hundred services, programs, and ministries provide real and tangible evidence of the power of faith and how keeping one's eyes fixed on Jesus can help overcome obstacles.

When we look back through the history of Christianity—from the Apostles and martyrs of the early Church to our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents who accomplished so much to build up the kingdom of God in southeast Michigan—we see countless examples of people who persevered in “running the race” (Hebrews 12:1) while keeping their “eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith” (Hebrews 12:2).

I am grateful for the many ways in which you have contributed to this work in the past. Please prayerfully consider renewing your support this year. It is time for us to run this race as a community of believers with eyes fixed on Jesus, so that future generations may know Jesus Christ and share in the same confident faith with which we have been so richly blessed.

Entrusting you to the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, Blessed Solanus Casey, and St. Anne, our patroness, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron  
ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT

**O GOD, ALMIGHTY FATHER,**

**Grant us the grace to persevere  
with our eyes fixed on Jesus.**

As we share Jesus Christ, the Savior whom You offer, with every human being, we recognize evangelization is a love affair.

It is you who invite all to encounter Jesus and let their hearts be captured by Him.

Help us to be generous in assisting the Catholic Services Appeal.

We ask that the Holy Spirit ignite the fire of generosity so that the Church of southeast Michigan might continue to serve Your mission and bring Your love to the many in need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**

It is once again time for the launch of a new Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) campaign. The CSA collection funds many diocesan-wide projects and services that benefit all parishes and help to spread the faith. CSA funds are used to fund the seminary, immigration legal services for clergy, parish services which supports our parish in many ways, youth ministry support services, Pro-Life ministries and so much more. CSA not only supports the Archdiocese, but provides for services that our parish could not survive without. Our contribution to the CSA makes a difference in the lives of many people and is also a great way to strengthen the parish finances. Our goal for 2024 is \$96,611. If we are able to exceed the goal, anything collected for CSA over and above the \$96,611 will be returned to the parish tax free.

The Archdiocese of Detroit did a direct mailing campaign on the parishes' behalf as they did in 2023. Due to some scheduling conflicts our formal kick off at the parish level was slightly delayed, but parishioners should have already received their packets in the mail. The direct mailing from, and the handling of the majority of payments by, the AOD takes much of the burden of administration off the parish.

If you did not receive a packet in the mail from the Archdiocese you can call (800) 348-2886, go online to [cyrils.csaod.org](http://cyrils.csaod.org) or use the QR code above to donate. You can also use the green envelope in the May/June donation envelope packets or simply write a check to “Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA and drop it in the collection basket.

*Thank you for your donations that support our Parish!*



# MANDZIUK & SON FUNERAL DIRECTORS



Mandziuk Family Parishioners  
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Warren Chapel  
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