

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 8, 2024

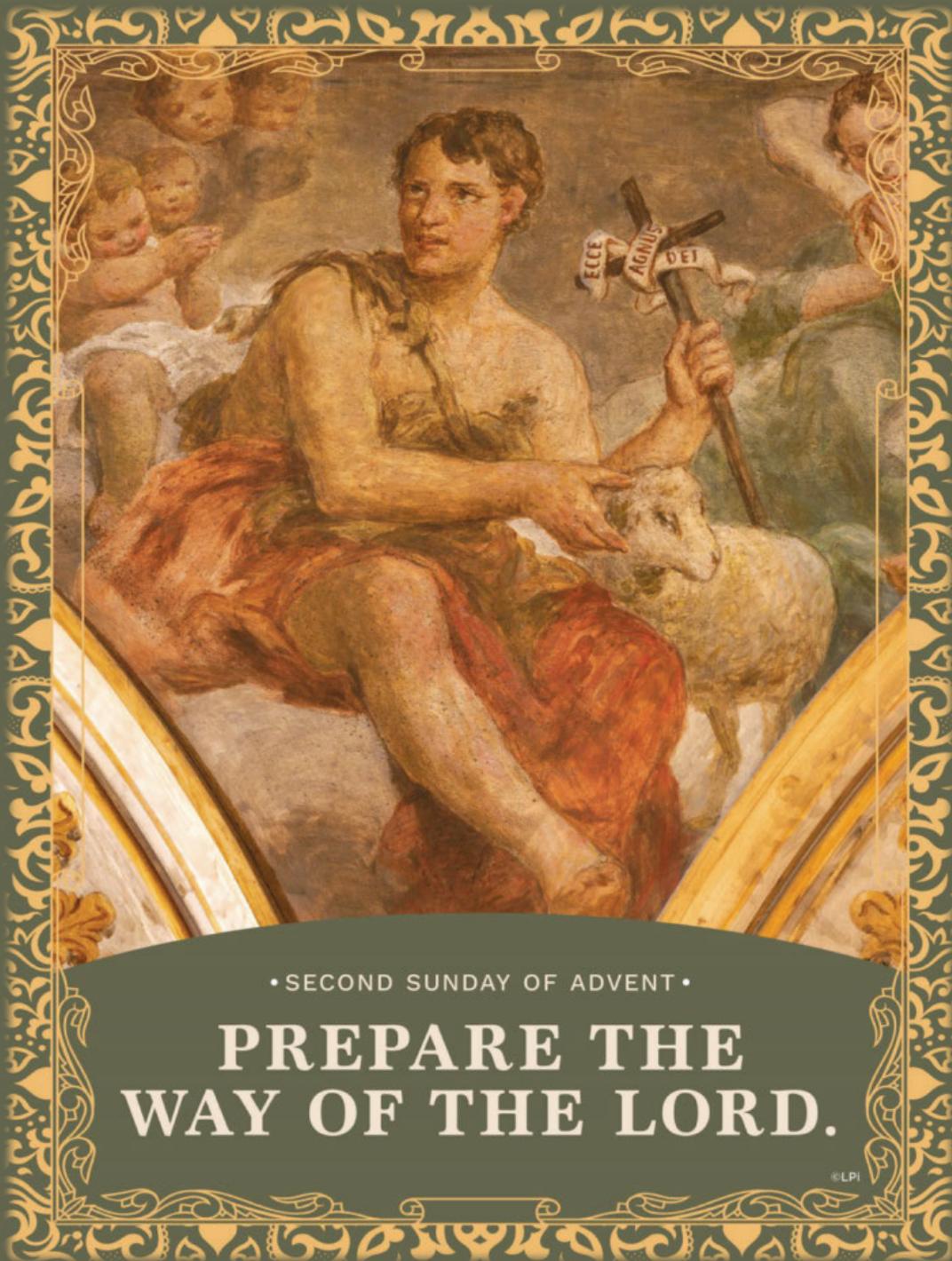


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• SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT •

**PREPARE THE
WAY OF THE LORD.**

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MASS Intentions

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December 7, First Saturday - Prvá Sobota

Memorial of Saint Ambrose,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 5:30PM For Fr. Michael Lenz req. Anne Haio
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Brenna Chandler
❖ For Mike MacDonald req. Karen & Ralph Basile
❖ †Josephine Signorello req. Joan Lantzzy
❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Fam. ❖ †Jean Grubby

December 8, Sunday - Nedela

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Bar 5:1-9, Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

- 7:30AM For Margaret Manor ❖ For Adam Brady (B'Day)
❖ For Joseph Zetouna req. Mother
❖ For Eleanor Whitstock
❖ For the Drozdowski Family
❖ †Michael Kripl req. Mike MacDonald
❖ †Robert Edwards req. Sister
- 9:30AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For the Intentions of the Knights of Columbus-
St. Nicholas Council & Families
❖ For Michael Pablo (B'Day)
❖ †William J. Carry req. Mike MacDonald
❖ †David Chupa req. Wife ❖ †Loretta Kuligowski
❖ †Eleanor Stout req. Family
- 11:30AM (Slovak) For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM For Victor Gjonaj (B'Day)
❖ †Anna & John Farrier req. Granddaughter
❖ †Roger & Lois Farrier req. Daughter
❖ †Leonardo Ljuljduraj ❖ †Jean Grubby
❖ †Steve & Vivian Haisha & Family
❖ †Theresa Nguyen Thi Xuan Lan req. Ho Thu

December 9, Monday - Pondelok

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00AM In Thanksgiving ❖ For Eman Louis (Bapt. Ann.)
❖ For Megan Stevenson ❖ For Azhar Zetouna & Family
- 12:00PM For the Shamoona Family ❖ For the Hanna Family
❖ For Ruwaid & Mervet Kashat ❖ †Paola Persichetti

December 10, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Aaron Chupa req. Mother
❖ †Marcelino & Nati Alicea req. Honce Family
❖ †Deceased Members of Anastacio Isip Family
❖ †Medardo Maroto req. Rose
- 12:00PM For Khanna & Yelda & Family
❖ For Napoleon Daniel ❖ For Annette Rudzewicz
❖ †Mary Ann O'Shea req. Family

December 11, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM (Latin) In Thanksgiving req. Annette
❖ For Samuel Manor ❖ For Sean Hines (B'Day)
❖ †Martin Lorgan
- 12:00PM For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ For Catherine Bueche
❖ †Michael Keenan ❖ †Nicole Chupa req. Mother

December 12, Thursday - Štvrtok

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 6:00AM For the Nino Abate Family ❖ For Abby Hebert
❖ For Zoe Hebert ❖ †Mitchell Bak

- 12:00PM For Mary Hanna ❖ For Charlie Shubnell
❖ †Olga Truchan req. Family ❖ †Ann M. Pullis
- 7:00PM For the Krahala Family & Friends
❖ For Fahmie & Talal
❖ For Jonathan & Genelle Haio & Family
❖ †Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany

December 13, Friday - Piatok

Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

- 6:00AM For a Special Intention
For Tommy Kassab (B'Day) req. John
❖ †Deceased Members of Pedro Santos Family req. Family
❖ †Joseph Jr. & Mary Honce req. Family
- 12:00PM For Danielle M. Brown req. Nash-Brown Family (B'Day)
❖ For Pacitto & DiCicco Families
❖ For Eli & Samantha
❖ †Marie Martorana req. Family

December 14, Saturday - Sobota

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 9:00AM For the Members of Our Lady Mother of Mercy
Secular Discalced Carmelites ❖ For Edward Debczak
❖ For Nicole Dykstra (B'Day) req. Parents
❖ For Tommy Kassab (B'Day) req. Family
- 11:00AM *** Baptism: Lucian Eric Strahn ***
- 5:30PM In Thanksgiving ❖ For Diana
❖ For Lindsay & Jordan Henning & Family
❖ For Joan Lantzzy req. Family
❖ For Jeanette Eastburn req. Family
❖ †Akram Danial req. Wife
❖ †Kenneth Nowak req. Mother

December 15, Sunday - Nedela

Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

- 7:30AM For Brittney Turnpaugh req. Terri North
❖ †Mike ❖ †Matthew Margiewicz
❖ †Barbara Badiha Gerios req. Patricia Edwards
❖ †Michael Kripl req. Mike MacDonald
❖ †Lisa Johnston req. MoJo
❖ †Walter Dolmat
- 9:30AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For Sebastian & Cinthia (Wed.)
❖ For Jillicia Wagner req. Nana
❖ For Bernadette Mikowski req. Dan & Jan Atkinson
❖ For Aaron Chupa req. Mother
❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family
❖ †Donald George req. Louis & Joseph Families
- 11:30AM (Slovak) For Ausher Aqravie
❖ For Living & Deceased Members of Lopatka Family
❖ For Living & Deceased Members of Nadasky Family
❖ For Maria Korcek (80th B'Day) req. Family
❖ †Ivana Machackova req. Mirka Plzak
❖ †Vladimir & Terezia Krizik req. Sobolic Family
❖ †Stefan & Anna Sobolic req. Family
- 8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

Wedding Banns!

December 15, 2024: Sebastian Abate & Cinthia De La Rosa Feliz

Welcome

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Fr. Libor Marek, Priest in Solidum • lmarek@saintcyrils.church

Fr. Juraj Nuota, Priest in Solidum • jnuota@saintcyrils.church

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Big Christmas Confession Day:

Tuesday, December 17:

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24:

4:00 p.m. (with Living Nativity), 12:00 a.m. Midnight

Wednesday, December 25:

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. (Slovak), 5:30 p.m.

Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS REGULAR 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 FRIDAY: 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 FRIDAY: 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: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

*Office is closed during 12:00PM Holy Mass

OVERNIGHT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

THURSDAYS, 1:00PM - 12:00PM (until 7:00PM on First Fridays)



Christmas Cookie Walk & Bake Sale NEXT WEEKEND Saturday & Sunday, December 14 & 15

COOKIE CONNOISSEURS

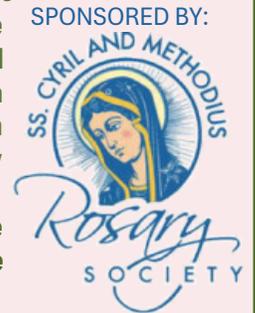
Come shop the wonderful variety of homemade cookies & baked goods after all Holy Masses next weekend, while the goodies last! Plan to stroll through the Cookie Walk & Bake Sale in the Gallery and visit with your friends and fellow parishioners.

BAKERS

Thank you to the bakers who have already signed up to help make our Christmas Cookie Walk & Bake Sale a success! So far, we have a variety of cookies being made like Russian Tea Cakes, Grinch Christmas Kisses, Ginger Snaps, Coconut Macaroons, Snowballs, Peanut Butter Kisses, Snickerdoodles, Molasses, Kolaczki, Sesame, Oatmeal Shortbread Christmas Trees, Chocolate Chip, Butter Cookies, Sugar Cookies, Spritz Cookies, Hot Cocoa Cookies & more!

Do you have a special Christmas Cookie or traditional baked good that you bake each year? Or do you want to make one from the list of suggested types of cookies that are included on the Sign-up Poster in the vestibule? Please consider baking it for the Cookie Walk next weekend where cookies will be sold by weight! Here are the details: *Bake 10 dozen of the same cookie (a lesser amount is okay, too) *Drop your cookies off Thursday or Friday, December 12th or 13th * Tell us the name of your cookie, and add a note if it contains nuts * Bring to church in a sturdy container (we will plate the cookies).

This event is organized by the Rosary Society with all the proceeds going to the church. It will also be a traditional-type Bake Sale. All homemade baked goods are welcome!



Chaired by: *Donna Lesko, Mirka Plzak & Gisela Tisch*

Consecration to Jesus thru Mary & Consecration to St. Joseph

Prep Begins: Sunday, December 22

**CONSECRATION
TO ST. JOSEPH**

THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER



(Private) Consecration Date:

January 23 (Performed Privately)

Mary is our spiritual mother, and St. Joseph is our spiritual father. The spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph is extremely important for our spiritual growth. Everything we have given to Jesus and Mary can also be given to St. Joseph. The hearts of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph are one. **Program Overview:** Consecration to St. Joseph emulates the tried-and-true preparation method employed by St. Louis de Montfort in his Marian consecration, highlighting many of St. Joseph's titles, privileges, and heroic virtues. The program of preparation and consecration takes 33 days. You'll spend about 20-30 minutes a day on a short exposition on one of the invocations in the powerful Litany of St. Joseph, followed by a reading on St. Joseph, concluding with the recitation of the Litany of St. Joseph. If you miss a day, just make it up and continue your preparation. On the day of your consecration, feel free to use whichever act of consecration you like best; you can also make up your own, if you like. A limited number of books are available in the Parish Office for \$15.

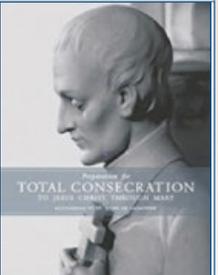
Prep Begins: Tuesday, December 31

Consecration Date:

Presentation of the Lord • February 2

The next 33-day preparation for the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, St. Louis de Montfort, begins on Tuesday, December 31, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on February 2, the Presentation of the Lord. Once you make the consecration, it is for life. It can then be renewed annually. This is a formal consecration to Our Lady, like a vow. You are giving Mary ALL of yourself - your heart, your mind, and your soul - in order to bring you closer and help you be more faithful to her Son, Jesus Christ and that she may use you as a holy instrument in her battle with Satan. She assists you, through the Holy Spirit, to conform to her virtues and to use your prayers, sacrifices, and sufferings for the greater glory of God. "Preparation for Total Consecration" books are available in the Parish Office for \$10.

Questions about making your Total Consecration, or to register to make (or renew) your Total Consecration, please contact: the Parish Office: (586) 726-6911





Catechism Corner

CLASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 11, 6:15PM:

Class

Wednesday, December 18, 6:15PM:

Class & Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 25: NO CLASS (Christmas)

Wednesday, January 1, 2025: NO CLASS (New Years Day)

If you have any questions, please contact:

Carroll or Paul Schuller at

cschuller@saintcyriels.church or (586) 726-6911

N.O.W. Teen Ministry • December 9

Christmas Caroling

N.O.W.-Navigating our World with Christ-offers high schoolers a variety of ways to deepen their relationship with God through weekly youth group meetings called "N.O.W. Nights."

Christmas celebrations make us understand how blessed we are from God. In turn, we are called to share the blessings with others. This time, on Monday, December 9, we will share our joy with seniors who live at Oakmont Senior Home, less than one mile from the Church. Sharing joy generates more joy. Doors open at 6:45PM and the night goes from 7:00PM until 8:45PM. Bring a friend with you. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Questions about N.O.W. Ministry: *Heidi Normile*, (586) 859-0194

EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry • December 12

Christmas Party

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."

This Thursday, December 12, come join us for the celebration of the birth of our Savior. Christ was born so that we have communion with Him and among ourselves.

The night includes games & fun, prayer and social time! Bring a friend with you. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday from 7:00PM - 8:45PM, in the Fr. Mikus Hall.

Questions about EDGE Ministry: *Heidi Normile*, (586) 859-0194

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on Monday, December 9, this year. While this is a Holy Day of Obligation, Archbishop Vigneron has dispensed the faithful from this obligation for this year. Monday, December 9, remains a great solemnity to celebrate the Blessed Mother, the patron of our beloved country. Therefore, the faithful are still encouraged to attend Mass on that day.

Consecration to Jesus thru Mary: For anyone who has signed up to make their Consecration to Jesus through Mary, or if you would like to renew your Consecration, the Consecration will take place on Sunday, December 8, after the 9:30AM Holy Mass.

Going Deeper into What the Catholic Church Teaches

Tuesday, December 10 • 7PM-9PM • Overflow Room

TOPIC: The Sacraments of Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick

All are welcome to join the OCIA sessions to learn more about what we believe as Catholics. Whether you've already been Baptized and Confirmed doesn't matter.

Simply come to listen and learn.

Church Cleaning Day for Christmas • Friday, December 20

Help is needed to make our church beautiful & "sparkle & shine" for the Nativity of Our Lord. If you are available to help clean the church on Friday, December 20, after the 12:00PM Holy Mass, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule or just come and help!

Eucharistic Adoration ~ Hearts Deepest Longing

THURSDAYS, 1:00PM - FRIDAYS, 12:00PM

until 7:00PM on FIRST FRIDAYS ONLY

This week's Holy Mass Gospel has us reflect on the annunciation of the birth of St. John the Baptist (Lk. 3:1-6). However, I want to direct your attention to the second reading from St. Paul from his letter written to the church in Philippi (*Phil. 1:4-6, 8-11*). Here, St. Paul was writing from prison. And far from being a stereotypical prisoner, St. Paul writes about joy and encouragement. This is a testament to how we ought to be in life. Even under the most uncomfortable of circumstances God can and will fill us with joy. See how earnestly St. Paul prays for his fellow believers, even from prison (v. 4-5). This joy is available to all of us, not just the saints. The Christians in Philippi were still learning about the Gospel at the time. St. Paul is confident that God will continue to teach them until the end as spoken of in last week's Gospel. He prays specifically that, "[their] love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception. (v. 9-10). Why this? "To discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ (v. 10)" The more we come to know and serve God with sincerity of heart and mind the more we will grow in love. It is the knowledge of God (through study, prayer, and life experience) and perception (our new outlook on life from God's perspective lived out daily). When we combine these things we will be "filled with the fruits of righteousness (v. 11). For what reason? "for the glory and praise of God (v. 11)". Take the time from your busy days and do just that. It will be far more rewarding than doing what's keeping you so busy!

~ Paul A. Ray

COMMITTED ADORER NEEDED: FRIDAYS, 3AM-4AM

Questions or to become an Adorer: please call:

Annette, (586) 247-7214

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. 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. More information about the AOD's efforts to address abuse may be found at 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 [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícii na adrese [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org).



## 2024 Parish Advent Giving Projects

Donations of Food for St. Dominic's and Paper Products for Mary's Children are being collected **THIS WEEKEND ONLY!** Please leave your donations on one of the carts in the vestibule when you come to Mass this weekend. Giving Tree Gifts can also be dropped off before the Saturday evening and all Sunday Masses or brought to the office on Monday, December 9.

Thank-you for generously supporting these local and essential organizations!

*The remaining Advent Giving Projects are outlined below.*

*If you have questions about any of the projects, contact:*

*Erin Rybicki at [ChristianService@saintcyrils.church](mailto:ChristianService@saintcyrils.church) or Sandi Brady in the Parish Office.*

### Monetary Donations to Local Ministries

During the month of December, donations to the parish Christian Service Fund will be distributed between these ministries:

**Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Centers:** Women experiencing a crisis pregnancy find friendly and much needed assistance at Image of God's three centers, one of which is in nearby Madison Heights. The centers help women set goals and provide for their own and their baby's needs from pregnancy through the baby's first 2 years. Our donation will help cover Image of God's operational costs so they can continue their lifesaving and life affirming mission in 2025.

**St. Christine's Christian Services:** Located in the Brightmoor neighborhood of Detroit, the soup kitchen and food pantry at St. Christine's currently feeds 500 people each week. Our donation to their general fund will go toward purchasing fresh foods, paying utility bills or wherever is most needed.

Donations to the Christian Service Fund can be made online via PushPay; or place cash or a check made out to Ss. Cyril & Methodius in a **white** Advent Giving envelope and put it in the Sunday collection basket by December 25.

### International Monetary Donations

**Slovak Seminary Donation:** Future priests from all five Slovak dioceses are currently studying at St. Gorazd Seminary in Nitra. This year 50 theology students are in formation at St. Gorazd. This annual donation from our parish is a small way for us to support the church in Slovakia. Rather than a direct sponsorship, our donation will be used at the rector's discretion to provide financial assistance or to help fund retreats or other formation events.

**Catholic Medical Clinic in Kahama, Tanzania:** The town of Kahama, home of our sister parish Holy Family, desperately needs a medical clinic that cares for each patient's heart and soul, as well as their immediate medical concerns. It needs a Catholic medical clinic. Since his visit to our parish last spring, Bishop Christopher has started construction a building for this clinic. However, funds have run low and the project is at a stand-still. Our donation will allow construction to continue and move closer to providing this loving and essential resource to the people of Kahama.

To donate to either or both of these projects, place your donation in a **blue** Advent Giving envelope, indicate the amount of your donation for the program(s) you wish to donate to, and place it in the Sunday collection basket by **December 25**.

Note: per the IRS, this international donation is not tax deductible.



## Christmas Novena Begins December 26

Our Christmas Novena begins on Thursday, December 26, and cards are available in either English or Slovak in the Parish Office on weekdays and after Masses on weekends.

Suggested Donation:  
\$10 each

*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
is the Most Precious Gift  
Anyone can Receive!*

### Pope John XXIII's Christmas Prayer

*O sweet Child of Bethlehem,  
grant that we may share with all our hearts  
in this profound mystery of Christmas.  
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace  
for which they sometimes seek so desperately  
and which You alone can give to them.  
Help them to know one another better,  
and to live as brothers and sisters,  
children of the same Father.  
Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity.  
Awaken in their hearts  
love and gratitude for Your infinite goodness.  
Join them all together in Your love.  
And give us Your heavenly peace.  
Amen.*

# CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS † Tuesday, December 17

## EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR ADULTS

### 1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- Do I give God time every day in prayer? • Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
- Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult?
  - Do I seek to surrender myself to God's word as taught by the Church?
  - Have I ever received communion in the state of mortal sin?
- Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?
  - Are there other "gods" in my life? Money, Security, Power, People, etc.?

### 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly? • Have I been angry with God?
- Have I wished evil upon any other person? • Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

### 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
- Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest? • Do I do needless work on Sunday?

### 4. Honor your father and your mother.

- Do I honor and obey my parents? • Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
  - Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
- Have I given my family good religious example? • Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?

### 5. You shall not kill.

- Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped anyone to have an abortion? • Have I physically harmed anyone?
  - Have I abused alcohol or drugs? • Have I participated in or approved of euthanasia?
    - Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading him or her into sin?
    - Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
- Have I mutilated myself through any form of sterilization? • Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?
- Have I engaged, in any way, in sins against human life such as artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization?

### 6. You shall not commit adultery.

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
  - Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?
    - Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control in my marriage?
    - Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?
- Have I been guilty of masturbation? • Do I seek to control my thoughts and imaginations?
- Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as mere objects?
  - Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
- Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, actions? • Am I careful to dress modestly?

### 7. You shall not steal.

- Have I stolen what is not mine? • Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
- Do I waste time at work, school, and home? • Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
  - Do I pay my debts promptly? • Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?
- Have I cheated anyone out of what is justly theirs, for example creditors, insurance companies, big corporations?

### 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- Have I lied? Have I gossiped? • Do I speak badly of others behind their back?
- Am I sincere in my dealings with others? • Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential? • Have I injured the reputation of others by slanders?

### 9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

- Have I consented to impure thoughts? • Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, television, conversation or curiosity?
  - Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?
- Have I behaved in an inappropriate way with members of the opposite sex: flirting, being superficial, etc.?

### 10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

- Am I jealous of what other people have? • Do I envy the families or possessions of others?
  - Am I greedy or selfish? • Are material possessions the purpose of my life?

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## PREPARE FOR A GOOD CONFESSION

Additional Guides for a Good Confession can be found at: [www.saintcyrils.church](http://www.saintcyrils.church) for:

**Younger Children:** <https://saintcyrils.church/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Guide-for-a-Good-Confession-for-Children.pdf>

**Older Children:** <https://saintcyrils.church/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Guide-for-Confession-for-Children.pdf>

**Adults:** <https://saintcyrils.church/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Guide-for-a-Good-Confession-2018-Adult.pdf>

## PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION

O most merciful God! Prostrate at your feet, I implore your forgiveness. I sincerely desire to leave all my evil ways and to confess my sins with all sincerity to you and to your priest. I am a sinner, have mercy on me, O Lord. Give me a lively faith and a firm hope in the Passion of my Redeemer. Give me, for your mercy's sake a sorrow for having offended so good a God. Mary, my mother, refuge of sinners, pray for me that I may make a good confession. Amen.

## ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

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