

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 15, 2024

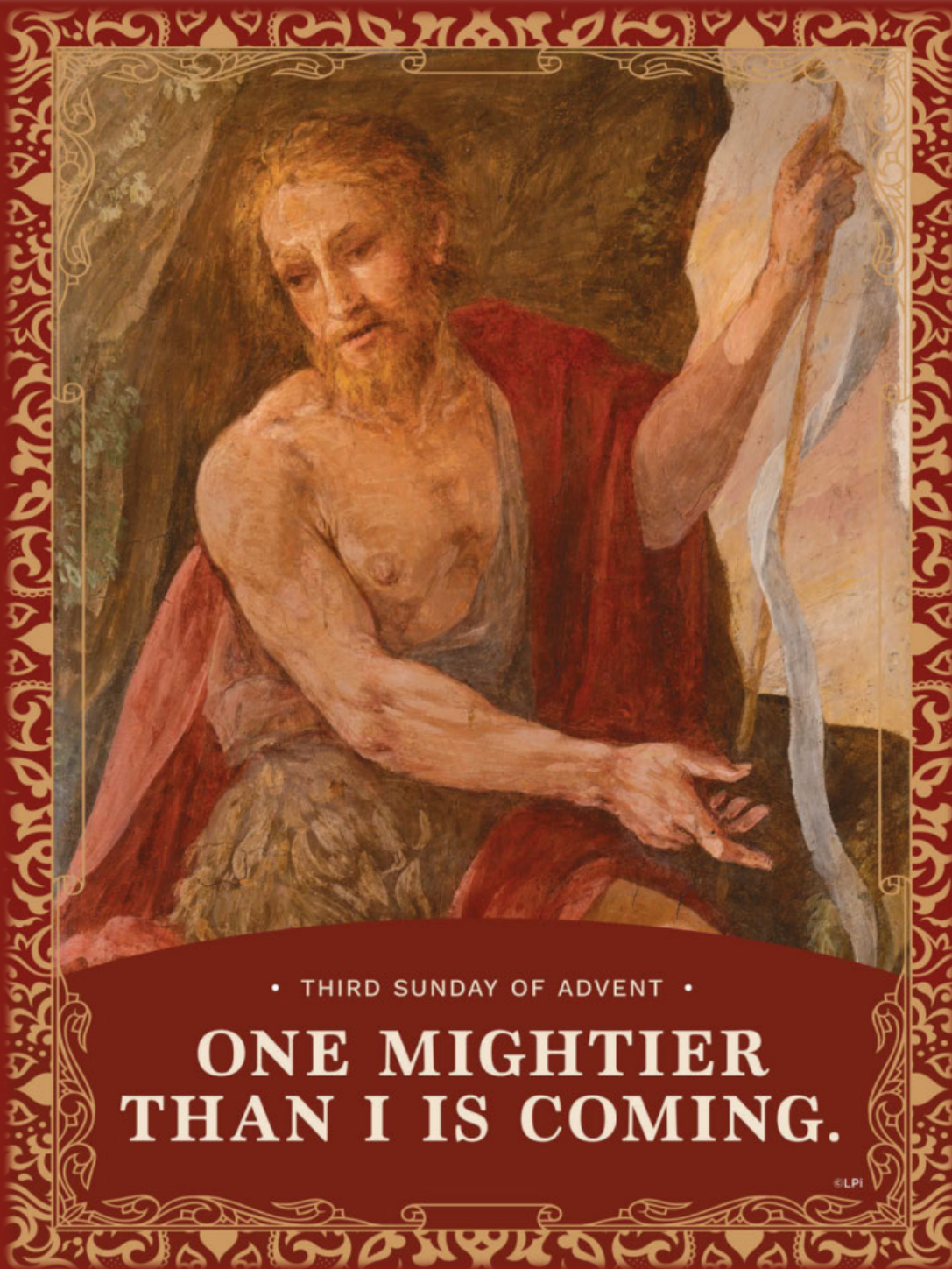


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December 14, Saturday - Sobota

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 Lantzy req. Family
❖ For Jeanette Eastburn req. Family
❖ †Akram Danial req. Wife
❖ †Kenneth Nowak req. Mother

December 15, Sunday - Nedela

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- 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 Aqrawie
❖ 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

December 16, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM In Thanksgiving ❖ For Amal Sarraf
❖ For Eman & Firas Joseph (Ann.)
❖ †Al Laszczak req. Family
- 12:00PM For Bernadette & Lourdes ❖ For the Mansour Family
❖ For Derek Chandler ❖ For Katie Baird req. Friend

December 17, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For a Special Intention ❖ For Meredith Parker
❖ For Frank & Bev Moran (Wed. Ann.)
❖ †Paul & Wanda Szwarc
- 12:00PM For Scott Brady (B'Day)
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ For Annette Rudzewicz
❖ For Hayley & Ryan Reynolds & Family

December 18, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM (Latin) For Clare Cavins
❖ For the Nino Abate Family
❖ For Rose Valenti req. Sister
❖ †Barbara Badiha Gerios req. Patricia Edwards

- 12:00PM For Bernadette & Lourdes ❖ For Eli & Samantha
❖ For Mansour Family
❖ †Richard Davis

December 19, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
❖ For William Parker
❖ For Mary Kessler (B'Day)
❖ †Paul & Wanda Szwarc
- 12:00PM For Janet & +Danny Sullivan
❖ For Sam & Amy ❖ For Vicki Babbie req. Friend
❖ †Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany
- 7:00PM For Sr. Mother Mary Elizabeth & the Carmelite Sisters
of St. Therese req. Haio Family
❖ For John Santi (B'Day) ❖ For Marian Santi
❖ †Henry Korzeniewski req. Warman Family

December 20, Friday - Piatok

- 6:00PM In Thanksgiving req. Lulgjuraj Family
❖ For Kaleigh Zabawa ❖ For Lucas Piatek
❖ †Anthony Rybicki req. Family
- 12:00PM For Ave, Eli, Lily & Theresa ❖ For Eli & Samantha
❖ For the Mansour Family
❖ For Kylie req. Friend

December 21, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For a Special Intention req. Alia Korkis
❖ For Sophia Skrocki & Family
❖ †John & Phyllis Edwards req. Daughter
❖ †Paul Truchan req. Family
- 5:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

December 22, Sunday - Nedela

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
- 7:30AM For the Hines & Desser Families
❖ For Joseph Ivers (70th B'Day) req. Wife
❖ For Marge Lewandowski
❖ †Michael Kripl req. Mike MacDonald
❖ †Barbara Lemker req. Lewandowski Family
❖ †Barbara Badiha Gerios req. Patricia Edwards
❖ †Gene Kucharek (14th Ann.) req. Wife
- 9:30AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For the Intentions of the Members of the
St. Monica Sodality ❖ For Donald Trump & Family
❖ For the Dailey & Konowalski Families
❖ †William J Carry req. Mike MacDonald
❖ †Donald George req. Louis & Joseph Families
❖ †Kostika Fushi
- 11:30AM (Slovak) In Thanksgiving req. Vickie Babbie
❖ For Fr. Joseph Marcel Porttelli, Bernard & Lucy Portelli
req. Anne Haio ❖ For Ausher Aqrawie
❖ For Carroll Schuller req. Friend
❖ For Living & Deceased Members of Lopatka Family
❖ For Living & Deceased Members of Nadasky Family
❖ For Maria Duque req. Anne Haio
❖ For Martin Labas (B'Day) req. Family
❖ †Ivana Machackova req. Mirka Plzak
- 8:30PM For a Special Intention ❖ In Thanksgiving
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Robert Lulgjuraj
❖ †Lucas Garbarino ❖ †Mike
❖ †Sabria Pattah Ateeq req. Family



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

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.

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 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.

COOKIE WALK & BAKE SALE~THIS WEEKEND

2024 Parish Advent Giving Projects

The remaining Advent Giving Projects are outlined below.

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

Erin Rybicki at 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

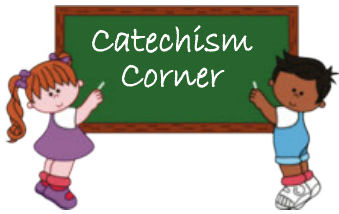
Our Christmas Novena begins on Thursday, December 26, and cards are available in either English or Slovak in the Parish Office on weekdays and after Masses on weekends.

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.



Catechism Corner

CLASS SCHEDULE

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

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."

The final N.O.W. night for 2024 IS A Christmas Party and takes place this Monday, December 16, from 7:00PM-8:45PM in the Fr. Mikus Hall.

Questions about N.O.W. Ministry:

Heidi Normile, (586) 859-0194

EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry

EDGE offers 6th, 7th, and 8th graders a variety of ways to deepen their relationship with God through weekly youth group meetings called "EDGE Nights."

EDGE Nights will resume on Thursday, January 16!

Questions about EDGE Ministry:

Heidi Normile, (586) 859-0194

Going Deeper into What the Catholic Church Teaches

Tuesday, December 17 • 7PM-9PM • Overflow Room

TOPIC: God's Plan in Human Sexuality

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!

Our Lady's Rosary Makers • Friday, December 20

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet on Friday, December 20, in Room #113 from 1:00-3:00PM. We welcome new members and are in need of someone who could dye cord for us. No experience is necessary.

We also repair rosaries and accept donations of rosaries and rosary parts.

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

Overnight Eucharistic Adoration

Hearts Deepest Longing

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

until 7:00PM on FIRST FRIDAYS ONLY

In the Third Sunday of Advent's Holy Mass Readings we read of rejoicing and what will bring us joy. In the First Reading from Zephaniah (3:14-18a) we hear the song of joy being encouraged to the people in Israel because the Lord is in their midst, a mighty Savior. The Responsorial Psalm echoes this enthusiasm and tells us to cry out with joy because the Holy One of Israel is among them. St. Paul's letter to the church in Philippi in the third reading takes it one step further. He reminds us that our kindness must be known to all (ask yourself, is yours?), and that we should have no anxiety at all (tell me, do you?). All of this promised by God to us when we humbly come to Him. St. John the Baptist, in the Gospel reading, shows us some examples of how to actively lead a righteous life. To share, to give freely, and to be satisfied with what you have. An entire book could be written on today's readings. We are in the process of awaiting the coming of our Lord at Christmas. We too can and should rejoice and cry out in exaltation for what God has done for us by giving us His Son. When we have anxiety or don't feel like being kind (especially to one who wronged us) know that-that is our own will at work and not God's. That's what's causing the struggle within. When we just let God be God in our lives we will experience the peace of God that surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:7).

- Paul A. Ray

Can You Spend One Hour with Our Lord?

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.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTED ADORERS NEEDED!

Additional adorers are needed during all night hours, but one more Committed Adorer is especially needed on:

Fridays: 3:00AM-4:00AM

Questions, Please call: *Annette*, (586) 247-7214

Can You Help Serve Your Church?

Anyone who consistently attends a weekend Holy Mass, please consider that you could help your Church as a Lector or Usher!

LECTORS

If you would like to read the Word of God, lectors are needed at each Holy Mass. Please talk to a lector at the Mass you attend or call the Parish Office at (586) 726-6911.

USHERS

Gentlemen who would like to meet and greet parishioners and/or help with collections during the Holy Mass, your assistance is needed and appreciated.

Please talk to an usher at Mass or call:

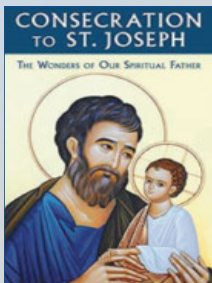
Frank Moran, (586) 254-6534, *Lou Persichetti*, (248) 561-1240

or the *Parish Office*, (586) 726-6911

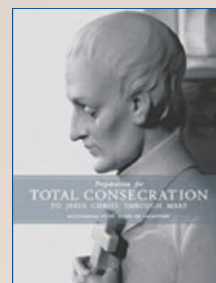


PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Our Sick Parishioners, Those who have Died, Family Members & Friends, Those who Serve in the Military



CONSECRATION TO JESUS THRU MARY & CONSECRATION TO JOSEPH



Prep Begins: Sunday, December 22

(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 (until Friday, December 20) 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 (until Friday, December 20) 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

Learn About the Liturgy

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 10:00AM

You have been told that the Holy Mass is the summit of our Catholic faith. You know that the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of our Lord, but do you understand what the liturgy is? What place does the liturgy have in the spiritual life? Do you know the meaning behind the prayers, gestures, motions, and actions of the priest and people throughout the Mass? Do you know how to participate in the celebration?

Explore the depths of the mystery of liturgy with Father Juraj. Father will guide you through the world of liturgy in order to better understand why the priest, deacon, altar servers, and the people of God do what they do, say what they say, and participate as they do in the liturgical rites of the Mass and in other sacraments. It will help you as well to consciously join in the celebration. There will also be time for questions and answers.

Join Father Juraj and your fellow parishioners in the Overflow Room on the 4th Saturday of each month. The next session takes place on Saturday, December 28, immediately following the 9:00AM Holy Mass.

Bring a friend and take this opportunity to deepen your faith and truly appreciate the gift that is at the center of our Catholic life!

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