The Baptism of the Lord Sunday, January 12, 2025



SAINTS CYRIL AND FARNOSŤ SVÄTÝCH METHODIUS PARISH CYRILA A METODA

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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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MASSIntentions

January	11, Saturday - Sobota	Ja
Blessed V	/irgin Mary	9:0
9:00AM	For the Members of Our Lady Mother of Mercy	
	Secular Discalced Carmelites	10
	For Nick G. req. Kola Peter Gojcaj	12:
	🛠 🕇 Karim Atalla req. Family	
	♦ †Zef Lulgjuraj	
11:00AM	*Baptism: Damien Campbell	Ja
5:30PM	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG	ја 6:0
	❖For Conan Sier (B'Day) req. Family	0.0
	For Carl & Alyssia Varchetti & Family	
	For Marie Kerry req. Friend	12:
	♦ † Mary Wais req. Mike MacDonald	
	♦†Emil Benoit	
	♦ † Harry, Grace & Bruce Normander	7:0
January	12, Sunday - Nedeľa	
Feast of t	he Baptism of the Lord	
	Is 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22	
7:30AM	For Eddie & Nancy Abro (Wed. Ann.)	Ja
	For the Menard & Daniel Families	Μ
	❖For James & Grette Varchetti	6:0
	†Cindy Zitny req. the Callaghan's	
	🛠 🕇 Robert Babensee req. Bieniek Family	
	♦ †Helene Maciag ♦ †Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Nelson	12:
9:30AM	For a Special Intention	
	✤For Jenny Nosis req. Ken Pullis	
	♦ †David & Mary Stander req. Mike MacDonald	Ja
	♦ †Rafael Drensek req. Family	Bl
	Nicholas Podkowa *†David Brown	9:0
	♦ †Karen Cypoth req. Dubon Family	
11:30AM	(Slovak)	
	*Baptism: Luke David Vibert	
	For the Intentions of All Parishioners	5:3
8:30PM	For a Special Intention req. Peter Kola Gojcaj	
	 For Bobby Hesley For Bobba & Dalia Thermion 	
	✤For Bahha & Dalia Thewainy✤For Sam & Amy Shamoon & Family	
	 For the Sitto Family 	
	✤ For Kama & Torres Families	
	*†Mary deManigold req. Paul Wojnar	
January	13, Monday - Pondelok	Ja
9:00AM	For Ann Kroetsch	Se
	✤For Linda Chase req. Husband	50
	♦ For the Staff of Ss. Cyril & Methodius	7:3
	♦ †John Lechner	7.0
12:00PM	For Danielle Brown req. Sharon Brown & Family	
	❖For Jenson & Tina	9:3
	❖For Tom G. req. Kola Peter Gojcaj	
	♦ †George & Alice Downey	
January	14, Tuesday - Utorok	
6:00AM	For Paul Wojnar 💠 For Sam Louis (B'Day)	
	♦ †Christopher Heider	
	Charles and Isabella Varchetti	11:
12:00PM	For the Mansour Family	
	 For Casey & Annie Cain For Devel & Connell Schedlag & Foreile 	
	For Paul & Carroll Schuller & Family	

†Janice Heasley req. Bob & Cindy Hasenauer

nuary 15, Wednesday - Streda DOAM For Constance Beste +Hani Gorgees & Family +George & Helen Emmendorfer MQ00 For A. L. req. Kola Peter Gojcaj *†Matthew Margiewicz * † Ronald Doolan req. Terry North tEsther Beski (24th Ann.) req. Daughter nuary 16, Thursday - Štvrtok For the Poor Souls in Purgatory 00AM ✤For Zinah Hanna (B'Day) ♣For Al & Ann Varchetti For Sebastian & Cinthia Abate :00PM For Sandi Brady *†Fr. Dennis Conway req. Vickie Ralph & Anna Terintino +Laureano Atienza reg. Family DOPM For Mario & Zef Palushaj req. Family For Marko & Anton Lulgjuraj reg. Family For Drita Palushaj (B'Day) ❖ For Sharon Brown req. Friend nuary 17, Friday - Piatok emorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot 00AM For Leonarda Abate Hani Gorgees & Family * Nelson Melo Stephanie Varchetti req Family 00PM In Thanksgiving req. Nancy ✤For a Special Intention req. Peter Kola Gojcaj ✤For the Mansour Family ♣For Akhlas Gappy & Family nuary 18, Saturday - Sobota essed Virgin Mary 00AM For the Krahala Family & Friends For Anthony Nelson (10th B'Day) ✤For the Terry Reed Family *†Ken Bishop req. Family OPM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG ✤For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family ❖ For Ken and Mary Ann Warner req. Friend ✤For Michael Guarnieri reg. Friends ♦ †Mary Wais req. Mike MacDonald *†Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family nuary 19, Sunday - Nedeľa cond Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11 For Stephanie Lechner �For Zena Kalla MAO *†Ronald B. Neal req. Michael MacDonald Gene Kucharek reg. Wife < †John Maciag reg. Wife</p> BOAM For the Von Kama Family �For the Tom D'Alio Family For Jillian Marie Haio req. Mom & Dad

- ◆For Ava Haio (B'Day) req. Family
 ◆For the Long Family req. Friends
 ◆†Cindy Zitny req. Bieniek Family
- *†David & Rebecca Brown & Family
 (Slovak) For Fr. Juraj *For Joseph Christensen
 *For Carolina Long & Family req. Mirka Plzak
- ☆†Henry Plzak req. Family☆†Berta & Steve Venglar req. Family
- 8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

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SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: SATURDAYS: 9:00AM & 5:30PM (Vigil) SUNDAYS: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (in Slovak) & 8:30PM MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 9:00AM & 12:00PM TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 6:00AM & 12:00PM THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM

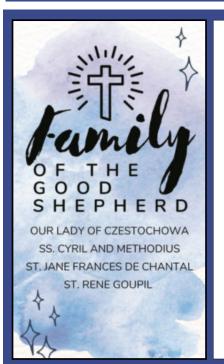
Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

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

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

<u>OVERNIGHT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION</u>: THURSDAYS, 1:00PM - FRIDAYS, 12:00PM (until 7:00PM on First Fridays)



FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES:

<u>Our Lady of Czestochowa</u> 3100 18 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, 586-977-7267 SATURDAY (Vigil Masses): 4:00PM (Polish) & 5:30PM (English) SUNDAY (All Polish): 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM & 7:00PM

> <u>St. Jane Frances De Chantal</u> 38750 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, 586-977-8080 SATURDAY (Vigil): 4:00PM SUNDAY: 9:00AM & 11:30AM

> > <u>St. Rene Goupil</u> 35955 Ryan Road, 586-939-7500 SATURDAY (Vigil): 4:00PM SUNDAY: 8:30AM, 10:30AM & 5:30PM

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

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





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Catechism Corner Class Schedule

Wednesday, January 15, 6:15PM: Class Wednesday, January 22, 6:15PM: Class Wednesday, January 29, 6:15PM: Class Wednesday, February 5, 6:15PM: Class

If you have any questions about Catechism, please contact: Paul or Carroll Schuller, cschuller@saintcyrils.church

N.O.W. Teen Ministry • Monday, January 13 TOPIC: "Turtle Power"

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." They include teaching & testimony, spiritual formation, games, snacks, small group discussions, and prayer time. We ask that teens have turned 14 years old before December 1 of last year and be at least a freshmen to attend.

The next N.O.W. night takes place this Monday, January 13, from 7:00PM - 8:45PM, in the Fr. Mikus Hall. The topic is *"Turtle Power"*: Standing up for what you believe in. Finding the strength to do what's right.

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

EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry • Thursday, January 16 TOPIC: "Baptism"

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." They include teaching and testimony, prayer & social time, games, snacks and fun!

The next EDGE Night takes place this Thursday, January 16, from 7:00PM - 8:45PM, in the Fr. Mikus Hall. The topic is "Baptism": The first Sacrament that we receive that defines our identity. We are loved by God and chosen by Him.

Questions about EDGE Middle School Ministry:

Heidi Normile, (586) 859-0194

Student Pro-Life Poster Contest DEADLINE EXTENDED THEME: "EVERY LIFE: WHY WE MARCH"

The Knights of Columbus Council 7011 has extended the deadline for the 2024 Pro-life Poster Contest to Tuesday, January 14. Application forms and the list of rules are available in the vestibule and on our website. Posters must be submitted to the Parish Office not later than 4:00PM on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. The posters will be returned to students in time to take them on the March for Life in Washington in January, 2025.

Going Deeper Into What the Catholic Church Teaches

Tuesday, January 14 • 7:00PM-9:00PM • Overflow Room <u>TOPIC:</u> THE TEN COMMNANDMENTS: (Commandments 6-10)

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 ~

Overnight Eucharistic Adoration Hearts Deepest Longing THURSDAYS, 1:00PM - FRIDAYS, 12:00PM until 7:00PM on FIRST FRIDAYS ONLY

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Instead of the typical New Year's Resolution what I desire to do to start out this Jubilee Year 2025 is to offer something that will last not only for the time being, but eternally. All of us



Baptized Catholics have made a choice to want to follow our Lord Jesus Christ in our lives. Sometimes, these desires fade or wear off over time due to many factors. One of which is we simple plateaued; we've reached our limit of understanding how God works, works in our lives personally and in the world He created. We forget or never pursue to go deeper in knowing Him, even (and more-so) the intimate level to which He calls us. In the coming months ahead I will offer practical, everyday things we can do to foster a deeper intimacy with Him and be able to recognize His voice and the Holy Spirit operating in our lives and the world. We pray in the Lord's Prayer"...Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven". How can this be? How can we on earth live like those already in heaven? Well, the following rhythm in life will ultimately help lead us to do God's Will on earth like it is in heaven. There are 19 practical things we can do to achieve this; the doing of God's Will. Each week I'll take one point and address it. By applying these things in your lives, and through working along with God's grace and honesty, we will come to realize the power and clarity of life. They are: We must 1) strive to be in continual conversation with Jesus: all day, every day. 2) Strive to do everything as an Act in the Divine (God's) Will. 3) Ask for the gift of living in the Divine Will every day. 4) Grow in virtue every day. Live the Beatitudes, be a saint! 5) Spread knowledge of the Divine Will; what it's like to live according to God's precepts. 6) Consecrate yourself to Jesus through Mary. 7) Wear a crucifix, Miraculous Medal, and Brown Scapular. 8) Evangelize to everyone in conversation. 9) Attend Mass and receive Communion daily if you can. 10) Pray the Holy Rosary daily (20-25 min.). 11) Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet everyday (10-15 min.). 12) Go to confession at least once a month. 13) Never waste suffering. Love every cross God sends you. 14) Make sure you are doing everyday works of mercy. 15) Do a daily or weekly Holy Hour. 16) Try to set aside at least 15 minutes per day for Mental Prayer. 17) Do spiritual reading every day. i.e., Scripture, Magisterial encyclicals, letters, the writings of the saints, Liturgy if the Hours. 18) Fast each Wednesday and Friday as you deem yourself called. 19) Ensure that your house is a holy place. All of these will be discussed in the weeks to come!

~ 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. **If you are able to commit to spend one hour with Our Lord EACH WEEK**, please contact: Annette, (586) 247-7214

Additional adorers are needed during all night hours, but one more Committed Adorer is especially needed on: Fridays: 1:00AM-2:00AM & 2:00AM-3:00AM

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Freedom Rangeman Award

Hello: my name is Andrew Lawler, and I am a member of Trail Life Troop MI-0214 and an altar server at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish. I am constructing a Pavilion (diagram below) for our parish, to serve as a place of fellowship, a place for prayer, and for the youth groups. This service project is a requirement to earn my Freedom Rangeman Award which is the highest Award in Trail Life.

In order for my project to be successful, I am asking for help fundraising for my project. To the right is a OR code to GoFundMe if you would like to support my efforts.



Thank you for your prayers and support. God Bless you, Andrew Lawler



Our Lady's Rosary Makers Meeting • Friday, January 17

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet in Room #113 this Friday, January 17, 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

St. Monica Sodality Mass • Saturday, January 18

This article runs on the weekend of the Baptism of the Lord so let's pray for all the baptized, those preparing for baptism and all teachers of the Catholic Faith - even you and me. May we help bring Christ to everyone we come in contact with.

We continue to pray for those struggling with or away from the faith, and we invite everyone to join us at the next St. Monica Sodality Mass on Saturday, January 18, at 5:30PM and for prayers afterward in the Chapel (the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and St. Monica Sodality prayer).

See the church bulletin or the St. Monica petition box for future Mass dates and times.

> For more information, please contact: Anne Marie. (586) 873-2004

Family Event: Ice Skating at Dodge Park • January 21



Come meet Fr. Libor and fellow friends at Dodge Park in Sterling Heights for an evening of ice skating on Tuesday, January 21, from 6:00PM - 8:30PM.

> **Sterling Heights Residents:** Free with valid ID Non-Residents: \$5 per person Skate Rentals: \$4 per person

Tax Statement Request for 2024

If you made a single donation of \$250 or more in 2024, you will automatically be issued a tax statement per government requirements. Those that have used Pushpay or have given us an email address to enter into our database in the past will receive a tax statement automatically. If we have your email address before the third week in January, the email will come directly from a Pushpay email and not from the church email so please be aware of this when looking for the email. If your email address is received after the third week of January the email will likely come from a parish email.

If you are not sure if we have your current email address and would like to receive a tax statement via email you can go to our website, www.saintcyrils.church, to complete the tax statement request form there or contact the Parish Office to ensure your correct address is in our database.

If you would like a paper tax statement for your 2024 tax deductible contributions, please complete the form on our website or fill out the form located in the vestibule and place it in the collection basket or drop it off in the Parish Office.

Emailed tax statements should go out by January 22nd and paper statements will be available by the end of January.

> Questions, please contact: Rob Avery, (586) 726-6911 or business@saintcyrils.church

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Please send a statement for tax deductible contributions made to Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish

during 2024 to:

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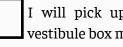
Address: _____

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Email ______

Date of Request:

Please mail my Contribution Statement when it is available.



I will pick up my sealed Statement in the vestibule box marked "Tax Statements".

1/12/25

Please email my tax statement.



Celebrate with Us as the

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Rosary Society Celebrates 100 Years!

As the current president of the Rosary Society, it is with gratitude to God and to our Blessed Mother, that I happily share with you that 2025 marks 100 years of existence for the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Rosary Society. It was in May of 1925, that the Slovak parishioners of Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church in Detroit founded the organization.

For the last century we have stayed true to the mission and purpose of the organization established at the beginning — dedication to the patronage of Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, promoting daily devotion to our Blessed Mother and providing fundraising activities to advance the needs of the Parish. Through the years there have been thousands of Rosaries prayed and multitudes of events that the Rosary Society has organized for the benefit of our members, parishioners, and Parish. As the longest-running Parish organization, we strive to continue to be a beacon for our Parish and a source of support for our priests. As president, I stand on the shoulders of all of the past presidents, board members, and members of the Rosary Society, both past and present, in progressing with our mission.

I joined the Rosary Society in the early 2000's, although I have been attending Ss. Cyril's off and on since I was a child, the first attendance being at the church in Detroit. I am a first-generation American of Slovak descent. Why did I join the Rosary Society? I wanted to feel more a part of the Parish, to support the Parish, to help keep the Slovak heritage alive, and to grow in faith. What I have gained in being a member is more than I could have imagined.

In addition to feeling good about taking part in the fundraising projects and the other events we sponsor, and the joy of the many friendships I have formed, the biggest benefit for me has been in hearing from other members about their faith journey, or their practices and devotions, that have been reaffirming and inspirational to me. It has helped me to grow in my faith and devotion to Mary. It seems that every few meetings, someone will say something that touches my heart and inspires me. Ladies of the Parish, we invite you to start the New Year with a new devotion to the Blessed Mother and to our Parish by joining the Rosary Society.

In future articles, we hope to share with you some of the history of the Rosary Society, the events we have sponsored, and the perspectives of others on what the Rosary Society means to them. In December, we heard from a former parishioner and Rosary Society member who wrote, "I miss the Rosary Society and the friendship of so many ladies. Believe me, after church hopping, there is no Rosary Society out there to match what St. Cyril's Rosary Society does!"

On that note, we will celebrate all year what the Rosary Society does and what it has done over these last 100 years, but our main celebration will take place on Saturday, May 17. It will begin with Holy Mass at 4:00PM, followed by a dinner reception afterward. More details to come. We invite all parishioners and friends of Ss. Cyril and Methodius to mark their calendars and to join us for this celebration. The Rosary Society would not be here without your support throughout the years.

Wishing each of you a Happy and Healthy New Year filled with God's Blessings.

Kathy Holka

President, Ss. Cyril & Methodius Rosary Society

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Saturday, January 18

10AM-1PM

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For more information and to register, please visit aod.org/end-of-life-workshop or call 248-350-1900 Learn from priests and Detroit's most experienced Catholic funeral professionals about Rites of Christian Burials, Catholic Teaching on cremation, Services provided at Funeral Home, Hospice Care, Trust and Wills, Senior Living, Planned Giving and more.



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