

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, January 19, 2025

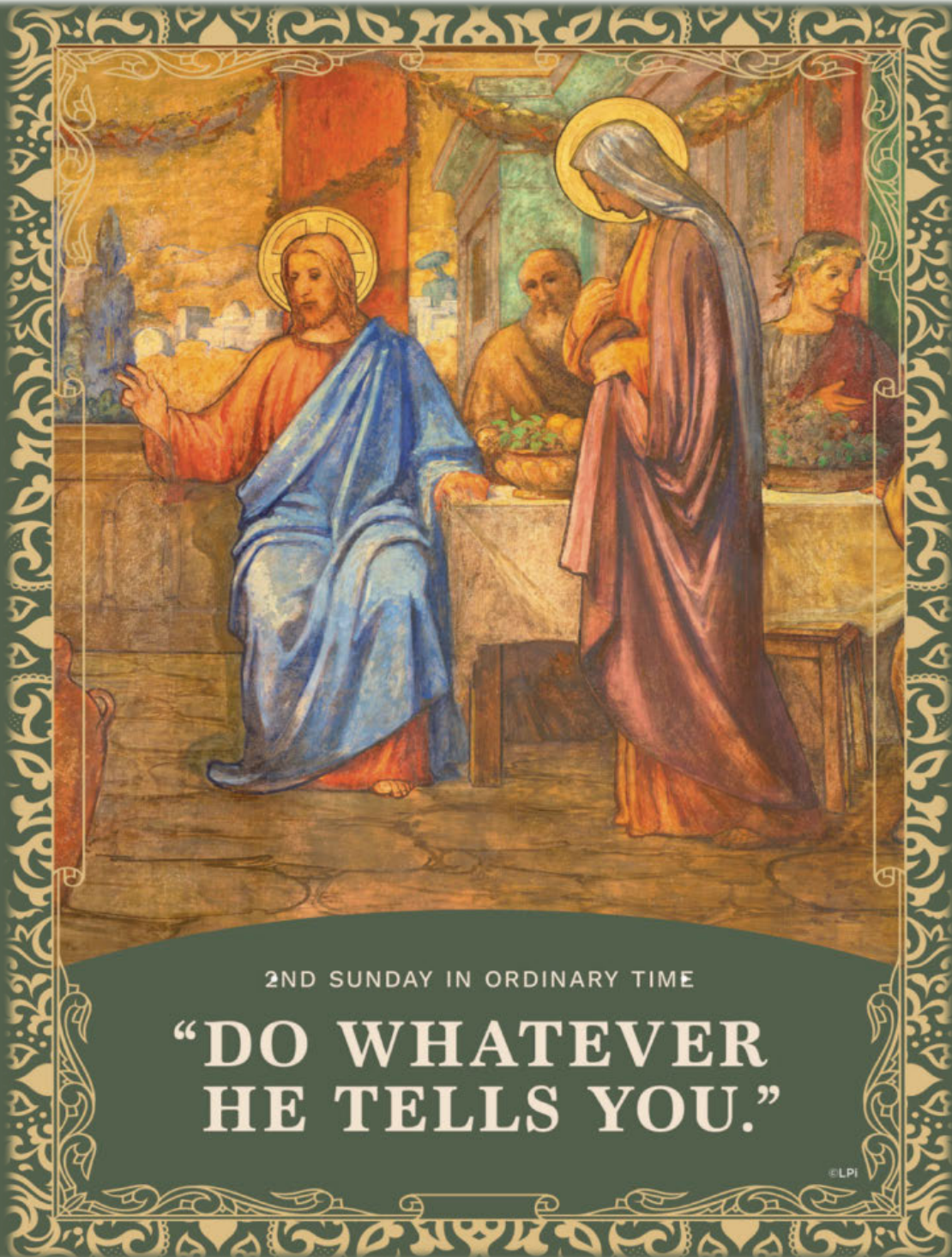


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A Personal Parish Established To Serve The Slovak Catholic Community In The Archdiocese Of Detroit



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“DO WHATEVER  
HE TELLS YOU.”**

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# MASS *Intentions*

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## January 18, Saturday - Sobota

### Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00AM For the Krahala Family & Friends  
❖ For Anthony Nelson (10th B'Day)  
❖ For the Terry Reed Family  
❖ †Ken Bishop req. Family
- 5:30PM 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 & Mary Ann Warner req. Friend  
❖ For Michael Guarnieri req. Friends  
❖ †Mary Wais req. Mike MacDonald  
❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family

## January 19, Sunday - Nedela

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

- 7:30AM For Stephanie Lechner  
❖ For Zena Kalla  
❖ For Steve Lechner req. Friend  
❖ For Anthony Schuller & Family  
❖ †Ronald B. Neal req. Michael MacDonald  
❖ †Gene Kucharek req. Wife  
❖ †John Maciag req. Wife
- 9:30AM 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
- 11:30AM (Slovak) For Fr. Juraj  
❖ For Fr. Joseph Christensen  
❖ For Fr. Joseph Galic (B'Day)  
❖ For Carolina Long & Family req. Mirka Plzak  
❖ For Kevin (B'Day) req. Family  
❖ †Henry Plzak req. Family  
❖ †Berta & Steve Venglar req. Family
- 8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

## January 20, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For All Government Officials  
❖ For Kola Peter Gojcaj  
❖ For Therese Stout req. Karen Rockholt  
❖ †Stephanie Varchetti req. Family
- 12:00PM For a Special Intention req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
❖ For the Mansour Family  
❖ For Jini & Billy Yousif  
❖ For President Donald Trump & Family

## January 21, Tuesday - Utorok

### Memorial of Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

- 6:00AM For a Special Intention req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
❖ For May & Selena Bauto  
❖ For Alex Rolling (B'Day)  
❖ †Irene & Henry Toenjes
- 12:00PM For the Mansour Family  
❖ For Casey & Annie Cain  
❖ For Al & Ann Varchetti  
❖ †Janice Heasley

## January 22, Wednesday - Streda

### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

- 9:00AM (Latin) For a Special Intention ❖ For Amy Shamoon  
❖ †George & Helen Emmendorfer  
❖ †Jule Robinson req. Family
- 12:00PM For the Atonement for Sins of Abortion & Contraception
- ## January 23, Thursday - Štvrtok
- 6:00AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory  
❖ For Jack Fischer (B'Day)  
❖ For Sophia Marcum (B'Day)  
❖ For Hend Maku & Family
- 12:00PM For Casey & Annie Cain req. Mother  
❖ For Kama & Torres Families  
❖ †Charles & Isabella Varchetti ❖ †Stephen Orłowsky
- 7:00PM For a Special Intention  
❖ For Sisters Maria Veronica, Zelig & Maria Teresa  
❖ For Lilliam & Family req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
❖ †Cindy Zitny

## January 24, Friday - Piatok

### Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 6:00AM For Fr. Joseph Galic  
❖ For James & Grette Varchetti  
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
❖ †Charles Cholewa
- 12:00PM For the Mansour Family  
❖ For Akhlas Gappy & Family  
❖ For Lily & Family req. Kola Peter Gojcaj  
❖ For Beth Ledford req. Janice McCown

## January 25, Saturday - Sobota

### Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

- 9:00AM For Living & Deceased Members of the Buckley Families  
❖ For Mike Drozdowski (B'Day)  
❖ For Patrick & Sophia Hines  
❖ For Mina Sarraf (B'Day)
- 5:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

## January 26, Sunday - Nedela

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Is 62:1-5, 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
- 7:30AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG  
❖ For Carl & Alyssia Varchetti & Family  
❖ For Anthony Schuller & Family  
❖ For John & Bridget Hines  
❖ For Bert & Jan Moore  
❖ †Daniel J Ballew req. Mike MacDonald  
❖ †Ronald B. Neal req. Michael MacDonald
- 9:30AM In Thanksgiving  
❖ For Deacon Gerald Smigell (B'Day)  
❖ For Sylvester Wilkins  
❖ For Natalie & Alan Giroux & Family  
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family  
❖ †Maristella D'Alio & Family  
❖ †Rafael Drensek (B'Day) req. Drensek Family
- 11:30AM (Slovak) ❖ †Magdaléna Bojova, req. family
- 8:30PM For Karam Kalla  
❖ For Ghanim & Najiba Kalla  
❖ †James Thibodeau req. Lucy Cousens  
❖ †Leon Skuratowicz req. Family



*Welcome*

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time • Sunday, January 19, 2025

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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:**

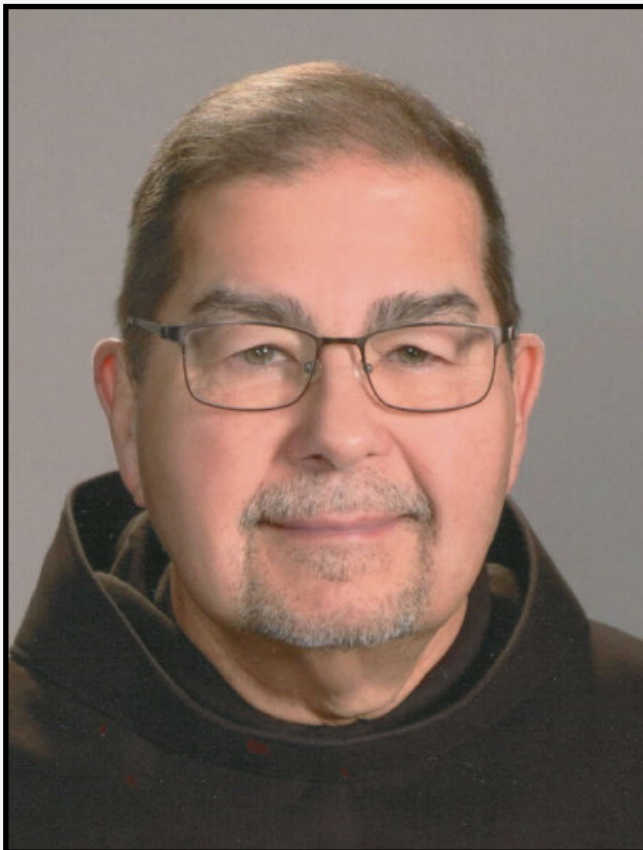
**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM**  
**TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS: 5:30AM - 6:00AM & 11:30AM - 12:00PM**  
**THURSDAYS & FIRST FRIDAYS: 5:30AM - 6:00AM, 11:30AM - 12:00PM & 6:30PM - 7:00PM**  
**SATURDAYS: 8:30AM - 9:00AM**

**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**

**OVERNIGHT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

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



*Thank You*  
*Father Michael Lenz, OFM*

If you've been attending Mass at Ss. Cyril's any time over the past ten years, you've undoubtedly met Fr. Michael Lenz. He has been assisting at Ss. Cyril & Methodius since 2015, presiding over Masses, hearing confessions, giving advice and helping Fr. Libor, Fr. Juraj and anyone who asked.

We are sad to learn that Fr. Michael will be heading into semi-retirement and is moving to the St. Anthony Friary in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the end of January. Fr. Michael's future home is a national shrine to St. Anthony of Padua. He will join ten other friars there and hopes to assist both at the Friary and at local Cincinnati area parishes, as well as to perform cemetery ministry.

It has been our great joy and our honor to have Fr. Michael with us these last ten years and we rejoice with him over his many years of service to the Franciscan Order and to all of us. Fr. Michael's final celebration of Mass at Ss. Cyril & Methodius will take place on Sunday, January 26, at 9:30AM. Please plan to attend Mass and join Fr. Michael in the Fr. Mikus Hall afterward for a Farewell Fellowship.

**MAY GOD BLESS FATHER MICHAEL!**

If you would like to make a gift to Fr. Michael, checks should be made out to: *Fr. Michael Lenz, OFM.*



## Catechism Corner

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We will once again be having our Safe Environment Program on Wednesday, January 29, to teach our young students how to seek help from a trusted adult. This year's topics are Boundaries and Secrets/Surprises/Promises. We must trust God's Grace and the funny feeling in the stomach the Holy Spirit gives us when something just isn't right; that message from Him telling us to run to a trusted adult for help.

If you decide that your wish is for your child not to attend, please fill out the 'Opt Out Form' that was sent home January 15 or contact your child's teacher to receive another copy. So, it is not confusing, if you choose for your child to attend, you do nothing but bring them to class. The students whose parents are opting out will go to another classroom during the lesson and return when it is over. All student please report to their normal classrooms that evening. Of course, if you have any questions, you are free to contact Paul or Carroll Schuller.

### Class Schedule

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 at (586) 685-1069 or [cschuller@saintcyrils.church](mailto:cschuller@saintcyrils.church)



### **N.O.W. Teen Ministry • Monday, January 20**

**TOPIC: "Unity of Christians"**

**TIME: 7:00PM - 8:45PM**

**LOCATION: Fr. Mikus Hall**

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 & Social Time
  - ◆ Snacks
  - ◆ 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 20, from 7:00PM - 8:45PM, in the Fr. Mikus Hall. The topic is "Unity of Christians". Jesus wished all of His followers to be one and yet we live in the reality of divisions. Being true to His words is challenging, but also rewarding.

Questions about N.O.W. Teen Ministry:

Heidi Normile, (586) 859-0194



### **EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry • Thursday, January 23**

**TOPIC: "Unity of Christians"**

**TIME: 7:00PM - 8:45PM**

**LOCATION: Fr. Mikus Hall**

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 Time
  - ◆ Games & Social Time
  - ◆ Snacks and Fun!

The next EDGE Night takes place this Thursday, January 23, from 7:00PM - 8:45PM, in the Fr. Mikus Hall.

The topic is "Unity of Christians". Jesus wished all of His followers to live in unity and have Him on the forefront of their mind. How, then, are we to interact with those who do not share our views?

Questions about EDGE Middle School Ministry:

Heidi Normile, (586) 859-0194



**FAMILY EVENT:  
Ice Skating at Dodge Park  
Tuesday, 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**

**Discernment Weekend • January 30–February 2**

Discernment Weekends are a unique experience for men feeling a call to the priesthood. Spending four days living at the seminary provides you with a first-hand opportunity to see what it's like from the inside and to discern with like-minded men.

Attending a Discernment Weekend is perfect for any man from the Archdiocese of Detroit (18 – 55 years old) who is discerning a vocation to the priesthood. These weekends provide you with more tools for proper discernment.

A large part of the Discernment Weekend focuses on the Aspects of Seminary Life and the Pillars of Formation (Spiritual, Human, Intellectual, and Pastoral). These four presentations are the foundation of the seminary formation program.

For more information, please contact us. Those interested must have a meeting with *Fr. Craig Giera*, Director of Priestly Vocations, before you are allowed to register.

Archdiocese of Detroit Office of Priestly Vocations  
(313) 237-5812

**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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**Going Deeper Into  
What the Catholic Church Teaches**

**Tuesday, January 21 • 7:00PM-9:00PM • Overflow Room**

**TOPIC:**

**PRAYER and COMMON CATHOLIC PRAYERS**

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 ~**

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)  
and the Blessing of Candles  
Sunday, February 2**



Ancient sources talk about The 40th Day of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Since January 6 was originally celebrated as the day of Christ's birth, the 40th day fell on February 14. Once the celebration of Christ's birth moved to December 25, the 40th Day fell on February 2. Eventually it received the name Feast of the Encounter (Greek: hypapante), or Feast of Purification (Roman liturgy kept the name Purification of Mary until the last liturgical reform).

The event celebrated on February 2 is captured in Luke 2:22-29. Following the prescriptions of the Old Testament, a mother is to visit the temple 40 days after the birth of a boy and to bring a sacrifice for purification. In addition, the first-born boy belongs to the Lord. He must be presented in front of the Lord and redeemed. Jesus' parents, upon visiting the Temple, encountered the prophetess Anna and the old Simeon. Both of them recognized Jesus as the Savior of Israel and thus give praise to God.

This feast was celebrated as early as the 4th century in Jerusalem with a light procession. It is also attested in Rome in the 5th century and eventually it spread to Gallia (8th century).

Catholic liturgy can implement a procession with candles from a chapel, or blessing of candles in the church. Liturgical texts talk about Christ who comes into his Temple. The traditional light procession led also to the name Candlemas.

Traditionally, people would take these blessed candles home and light them in moments of need (storms, epidemics, hour of death...).

**Everyone is encouraged to bring candles to be blessed at the following Masses:**

**Saturday, February 1, 5:30PM**

**Sunday, February 2, 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 8:30PM**

**Please make sure to bring your own candles as candles will not be available at the church. The candles you bring to church will be blessed and may be taken home to light in times of need.**

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





## Adoration ~ Come Let Us Adore Him

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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

### HEART'S DEEPEST LONGING

We begin this week on our journey to understand, and putting into practice, God's will in our lives. As a refresher, there are 19 things we can do to remain confident in God's love and build our trust in Him in order to know His will in our lives. We start this week with the first action: To strive to be in continuous conversation with God. All day, every day. St. Paul tells us to "Pray constantly" (1 Thess. 5:16). Praying is a given, but being in constant prayer throughout the day seems burdensome. Who has the time? Notice how we use the word "conversation" within this instruction, not prayer? Conversation is prayer. What's the difference? Conversation is the sharing of ideas. I have something in my mind that I want you to have and get your input. That's a conversation. We converse to God through prayer but approach it differently than how we converse with people. But the same idea stays the same: a sharing of what's on my mind. What I have I desire for you to have and vice versa. To remain in conversation with God all day, every day means talking to Him as you would another person. We don't have to stop everything we're doing in order to talk to God. We can talk to Him (and He to us) while we're taking care of our everyday duties. Taking care of the kids? Talk to God while taking care of them. At work? Talk to God while doing your work. Doing laundry, cleaning house, cooking ... talk to God while doing those things. Jesus was a human too. Talk to Him as if He's right next to you like you would a person. By doing this you'll develop sensitivity to His voice. You'll begin to see how He operates in your life and you'll know Him more and more. Just like a relationship with a human works. The more we talk with them, and talk to them, the more we get to know them and their ways. - Paul A. Ray

**If you have questions about Eucharistic Adoration,  
or would like to commit to one hour weekly with Our Lord, please contact:  
Annette Rudzewicz, (586) 247-7214 or the Parish Office or sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.**

## Learn About the Liturgy

**SATURDAY, January 25, 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, January 25, 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!



**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 QR code to GoFundMe if you would like to support my efforts.



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



Andrew will speak after all Masses next weekend, January 25 & 26, and be available to answer questions afterward.

**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](http://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](mailto:business@saintcyrils.church)

**Tax Statement Request for 2024**

Please send a statement for tax deductible contributions made to Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish during 2024 to:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail my Contribution Statement when it is available.

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

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**Memorial of St. Blaise • February 3  
Blessing of the Throats**

Saint Blaise, bishop & martyr of Sebaste in Armenia, is believed to have been martyred during the persecution of Licinius around

316AD. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop and is also venerated by the Eastern Church.

St. Blaise is associated with the healing of the throats because of an event that took place when a mother came to him with her young son who had a fish bone caught in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone.

For the blessing of the throats, candles are blessed first. The priest either holds the crossed candles in front of each person's throat or gives the blessing to all people at once by extending his hands without crossed candles, while saying the following prayer of blessing: *"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit. Christians feel and experience pain as do all other people; yet their faith helps them to grasp more deeply the mystery of suffering and to bear their pain with greater courage!

The Blessing of Throats will take place on Monday, February 3, at the 9:00AM and 12:00PM Holy Masses.



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