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Sunday, February 16, 2025



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MASS Intentions

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February 15, Saturday - Sobota

Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00AM For Living & Deceased Members of the Beni Family
❖ †Theo Hanson req. Cousin Karen
❖ †Matthew Margiewicz
❖ †Filippo Marrocco req. Family
- 5:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For Fr. Michael Lenz req. Mirka Plzak
❖ For Fr. Steve ❖ For the Vitale & Monsu Families
❖ For Karen Brannigan & Family req. Dailey Family
❖ †Dave Covington
❖ †Mary Wais req. Mike MacDonald

February 16, Sunday - Nedela

Solemnity of Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

- Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
- 7:30AM For Issac Louth
❖ For Karam & Marlean Jarbo
❖ †Henry & Olga Toenjes
❖ †Daniel J. Ballew req. Mike MacDonald
❖ †Gene Kucharek req. Wife
- 9:30AM In Thanksgiving req. Sam Babbie
❖ For the Members of the Knights of Columbus -
Council 7011 & Assembly 1839
❖ For Matthew Dailey (B'Day) req. Papa & Grandma
❖ For Living & Deceased Members of
the Schnapp Family
❖ †Eranie Nash House req. Nash Brown Family
❖ †Dr. Matthew Holden Jr. req. Nash Brown Family
❖ †Ronald B. Neal req. Michael MacDonald
- 11:30AM (Slovak) For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Jerjosa Family
❖ For Manjola
❖ For Brandon Mendoza
❖ †Ellen Komer
❖ †Laurene O'Donnell
❖ †Clare Bosscher req. Family

February 17, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For Therese Stout req. Karen Rockholt
❖ For Randa Shasha
❖ For Lina Zetouna
❖ For Living & Deceased Members of the Branko Fam.
- 12:00PM For Jini & Billy Yousif
❖ †Bridget McAinsh
❖ †Margaret Biserka Babich req. Grandson
❖ †Lucila Evangelista

February 18, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Special Intention req. Vickie Babbie
❖ For Theodore Hines (B'Day)
❖ For Patrick Fayad (B'Day)
❖ For Living & Deceased Members of the D'Are Family
- 12:00PM For Lucio Persichetti (85 B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Jonathan Haio (B'Day) req. Family
❖ †James Persichetti req. Family
❖ †Josephine Signorello (B'Day) req. Family

February 19, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM (Latin) For Simon & Renee Hamandi
❖ For Rosalie Borrillo req. Lisa
❖ †Luke Timmerman
❖ †Bill Manfredro
- 12:00PM For Najeeba Yaldo ❖ For Gjekaj Family
❖ For Dolly, Linda & Isaac Yousif
❖ For Tony Robin

February 20, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00AM In Thanksgiving
❖ For Joseph Crittenden req. Langlois Family
❖ †Cecilia Nguyen Thi Lan Hop req. Ho Thu
- 12:00PM For Jacob Dailey (16th B'Day) req. Grandma & Papa
❖ †Diane Helen Sadowski req. Bob & Cindy Hasenauer
❖ †Hank & Audrey Cain
❖ †Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany
- 7:00PM For the Ledford Family
❖ For Rima Yousef
❖ For Tony & Beatris Haddad req. TMPG
❖ For Sue Puwal req. TMPG

February 21, Friday - Piatok

- 6:00AM For a Special Intention req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖ †Sebastiano Abate (Ann.)
- 12:00PM For Jennifer Swantec-Brady (B'Day)
❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
❖ For Charly, Tala & Tony Chiha
❖ †Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany

February 22, Saturday - Sobota

Feast of the Chair of Peter the Apostle

- 9:00AM For a Special Intention req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
❖ For Sam & Sally
- 5:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For the Intentions of the Members of the
St. Monica Sodality
❖ †Rose Beltran req. Laqui Family
❖ †Peggy Suwinski req. Laqui Family
❖ †Dennis Kerry req. Marie & Bob
❖ †Daniel J Ballew req. Mike MacDonald
❖ †Mary Wais req. Mike MacDonald

February 23, Sunday - Nedela

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30AM For Joseph req. Meme & Papa
❖ For Adnan & Hala Koka
❖ †Major Robert A. Hamilton
❖ †Judy Engel req. Mike MacDonald
❖ †John Maciag req. Wife
- 9:30AM In Thanksgiving req. Sam Babbie
❖ †Mae Joyce Redfearn req. Nash Brown Family
❖ †Mrs. Laura E Smith req. Sharon Brown & Family
❖ †Doris McCarville req. Newell Family
❖ †Maristella D' Alio req. Newell Family
❖ †Cindy Zitny req. Friend
❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family
- 11:30AM (Slovak) †Jindrich Plzak req. Family
❖ †Andrew Jones req. Carol Slabienski
❖ †Jerry Slabienski req. Wife
- 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**

OVERNIGHT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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



Learn About the Liturgy

SATURDAY, February 22, 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, February 22, 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!



Catechism Corner

Volunteer(s) Needed – We are looking for a volunteer hobbyist or professional photographer to take photos of this year's First Holy Communion Mass (Saturday, May 3rd at 1:00PM) and/or Confirmation Holy Mass (Friday, May 2, at 7:00PM). In the past, we were blessed with a wonderful photographer who for many years volunteered her time and talents to take pictures during the Holy Masses and as each child presented to receive the Holy Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. Please let us know if you can assist us and our catechism families in seeing that once again the memory of this beautiful day will be captured with reverence and little to no distraction. Please let us know if you are interested in helping or have any questions. **Class Schedule**

Wednesday, February 19: NO CLASS (Mid-winter Break)

Wednesday, February 26, 6:15PM: Class

Saturday, March 1: 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Wednesday, March 5: NO CLASS (Ash Wednesday)

If you have any questions about Catechism, please contact: *Paul or Carroll Schuller* at (586) 685-1069 or cschuller@saintcyrils.church

N.O.W. Teen Ministry • Monday, February 17

TOPIC: "Scrupulosity"

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 and 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 topic for our next N.O.W. night is "Scrupulosity": Is it really not that bad? And what if it is even worse? We often ask ourselves these questions, as we ponder our actions and wonder how good or how bad we did. Without guidance, we easily slip into seeing our guilt everywhere and just ruminating on our faults. Our sense of guilt can easily grow out of proportion.

The next N.O.W. night takes place this Monday, February 17, from 7:00PM - 8:45PM, in the Fr. Mikus Hall.

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

EDGE Middle School Youth • Thursday, February 20

TOPIC: "Mercy"

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 Talks, Prayer Time, Games & Social Time and lots of Fun!

The next EDGE Night takes place this Thursday, February 20, from 7:00PM - 8:45PM, in the Fr. Mikus Hall. The topic is on mercy and will discuss how Jesus is merciful with us and we are called to be merciful as well. Mercy is not a one-time deal, but a repeated decision: we must decide over and over again.

Questions about EDGE Middle School Ministry:

Heidi Normile, (586) 859-0194

CHILDREN'S HOLY HOUR • Friday, February 21

Families are invited to spend an hour with Jesus this Friday, February 21, from 7:00PM-8:00PM. This is an opportunity for children to gather closer to Jesus, and to enjoy music and be involved in Guided Scripture and Picture Study. After Holy Hour, a short social time will take place with Fr. Labor running a small game for the kids in the Fr. Mikus Hall.

For more information: *Heidi Normile*, (586) 859-0194



Eucharistic Adoration

HEART'S DEEPEST LONGING

If we sincerely desire to know God's will in our lives we ought to spread knowledge of the Divine Will. Once we have become accustomed to the operations of the Holy Spirit in our lives we ought to let others know about it. This is being a witness to Jesus Christ. This entails letting others (especially our spiritual director if we have one) know what has been going on in our lives and how the Spirit of God directed you during these instances. In time and through practice you'll be able to better decipher who's inspiring you and who's bring you down. The war is waged within in our minds and not from without.

In other words, every action begins with a thought, the question is who gave us that thought? The Spirit of God speaks through others, even a word of correction, but so does the evil spirit and we must be able to know the difference.

As part of our Catholic faith we know that God has created us for a specific purpose that only we can fulfill. It's up to us to live that life out on earth (Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven). However, so many are preoccupied with worldly affairs and their own will that they pay no heed to what God's saying or doing.

But once you begin to take God seriously, things will change and you'll be able to see His divine hand at work in everything you do and everything that happens. Spread this knowledge!

Doing God's will is the most fulfilling aspect in life, it was why we were created to begin with. It's where lasting happiness and love reside. And the more you spread knowledge the more you yourself are encouraged.

- 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 COMMITTED ADORERS ESPECIALLY NEEDED:

THURSDAY: 10:00PM - 11:00PM

THURSDAY: 11:00PM - 12:00AM

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S HOLY HOUR • Friday, February 21

Going Deeper Into What the Catholic Church Teaches

Tuesday, February 18 • 7:00PM-9:00PM • Overflow Room

TOPIC: SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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 ~



FAMILY EVENT: Tuesday, February 18 Ice Skating at Dodge Park

Come meet Fr. Libor and fellow friends at Dodge Park in Sterling Heights for an evening of ice skating this Tuesday, February 18, from 6:00PM - 8:30PM.

Sterling Heights Residents:

Free with valid ID

Non-Residents: \$5 per person

Skate Rentals: \$4 per person



Calling All Parishioners! The Knights Need your Help Once Again This Lent!

When you think of Lent, you may be thinking about giving up

your favorite food or the things of comfort that you might sacrifice in preparation for Easter. But when you think of Fridays in Lent, you probably think about the best tasting Fish Fry in the Detroit area! The Knights of Columbus are proud to announce that we will once again be hosting Lenten Fish Frys for 2025 in partnership with Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish.

To make all of this happen, we need the help of selfless volunteers to set up, serve, clean up and keep our great Fish Frys going every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday). If you are an adult or teen parish member, will you help for one Friday, all Fridays or anything in between?

Fish Frys take place on March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11. We need help from 3:00PM to 8:00PM each of those days. If you can assist in serving our fellow parishioners and neighbors, please contact St. Nicholas Council's Chancellor, Joseph White, at chancellor7011@gmail.com or call him at (586) 556-2122. You can also leave your name and contact information plus your availability dates with the ladies in the Parish Office. We'd love to have you join us.

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REMINDER: Adult Volunteers: If you haven't taken the Protecting God's Children training yet, please sign up at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). A background check must also be completed through Ss. Cyril & Methodius. Background Check forms are available on the table in the vestibule or at: [www.saintcyrils.church](http://www.saintcyrils.church). Please turn your complete form into the Parish Office for Deacon *Phil McCown*. Teen Volunteers (ages 14-17) must complete a 35-minute Empowering God's Children: Healthy Relationship for teens workshop through [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).



## Total Consecration to Jesus thru Mary

**Preparation Begins: February 20 for Consecration: March 25**

The Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary is a beautiful exercise to increase our spirituality and ability to truly serve our Lord Jesus Christ. The basic premise set forth by St. Louis de Montfort is that Jesus came into the world through Mary and that for us to always be assured of being close to Jesus, even closer than ever before, we should go through Mary.

St. Louis de Montfort (1673 – 1716) developed a 33-day devotion consisting of various prayers and readings to help us to grow in holiness and increase our faith and love for our Lord. It will help us to detach ourselves from the world and bond ourselves more closely with Christ through the example and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Consecration to Jesus is for anyone, who is old enough to understand the love of Jesus and Mary. The preparation is intended to prepare our hearts and minds by praying and meditating.

The next preparation begins on Thursday, February 20, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on Tuesday, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord.

"Preparation for Total Consecration" books are available in the parish office for \$10.

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

### Our Lady's Rosary Makers Meeting • Friday, February 21

Our Lady's Rosary Makers will meet in Room #113 this Friday, February 21, 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, February 22

For those new to our parish and those not familiar with our ministry, the St. Monica Sodality is a group that comes together to pray for those who are struggling with or away from the Catholic Faith. Our monthly Masses take place on Saturday evenings at 5:30PM and after Mass we usually gather for 15-20 minutes in the Chapel for prayer. We have a wooden box located in between the double doors at the main church entrance that contains prayer information and petition slips. You can list the names or initials of all your loved ones on a slip and place it into the box. All petition slips go into a covered album that is placed in front of the altar during our Masses. We also encourage you to say the St. Monica Sodality Prayer for your loved ones every day. St. Monica prayed for her son Augustine for almost 20 years, and her prayers were heard and answered. He became a bishop and Doctor of the Church.

We hope you can join us at the next St. Monica Sodality Mass on Saturday, February 22, at 5:30PM and for prayers in the Chapel after Mass (the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and St. Monica Sodality Prayer). See the church bulletin or the St. Monica box for future Mass dates and times.

For more information, contact:  
*Anne Marie*, (586) 873-2004

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





## WELCOMES ARCHBISHOP-ELECT BISHOP EDWARD J. WEISENBURGER

(Currently Bishop of the Diocese of Tucson)  
AS THE SIXTH ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT

### INSTALLATION MASS:

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2:00PM**



### **Archbishop-elect Weisenburger in Detroit: 'This is home, and I'm blessed'**

**Detroit Catholic, Michael Stechsulte, February 11, 2025**

DETROIT—In Scripture, St. John the Baptist is described as the voice of one “crying out in the desert” to make straight the paths of the Lord.

On February 11, Pope Francis called a new shepherd from the desert to serve as the sixth archbishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit, charged with a similar mission: to proclaim Jesus in all things.

The pope’s appointment of Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, 64, the current bishop of Tucson, Arizona, to be Detroit’s next chief shepherd came as somewhat of a surprise — even to him.

“Those who know me know that I am very, very seldom speechless,” Archbishop-elect Weisenburger said during an introductory press conference Tuesday morning at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. “But when the nuncio called me, I tried to stammer twice, and then he began laughing. As I eventually was able to talk, he said, ‘Just say yes.’

“I have been doing my best now for 37 years to say ‘yes,’ and it’s been a wonderful journey thus far, and I think it will be a wonderful journey ahead,” Archbishop-elect Weisenburger said. “This is home, and I am blessed to be here.”

Archbishop-elect Weisenburger joked about the cold Michigan winter, quipping that “I left weather in the 80s to come here,” but noted “it has been a very, very warm welcome from the hearts of those who’ve greeted me from the time I arrived.”

Archbishop-elect Weisenburger will succeed current Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, 76, whose resignation was accepted by the pope. Diocesan bishops are required by canon law to offer their resignation upon the age of 75, which Archbishop Vigneron did on October 21, 2023.

Archbishop Vigneron, who will serve as apostolic administrator of the Archdiocese of Detroit until Archbishop-elect Weisenburger’s installation Mass on March 18 at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit, introduced his successor Tuesday morning.

“It is my great honor, my blessing, to be able to welcome Archbishop Weisenburger to his new home,” Archbishop Vigneron said during the livestreamed media event from Sacred Heart’s Cardinal Mooney Parlor. “I’m so happy that he has agreed to come to serve this local Church, especially, Archbishop, that you come in the middle of our jubilee year as a pilgrim of hope to help all of us on our pilgrimage of hope — you are most welcome.”

Archbishop Vigneron said the entire Archdiocese of Detroit has “been praying for you, even though we didn’t know who you would be.”

After opening the press conference in prayer, Archbishop Vigneron gave Archbishop-elect Weisenburger a gift — a Pewabic tile depicting Blessed Solanus Casey, Detroit’s native saint — on behalf of the archdiocese, saying it “is a pledge that you come to a Church that has produced great holiness.”

Archbishop Vigneron noted that Archbishop-elect Weisenburger is “a son of the same Church (in Oklahoma) that produced Blessed Stanley Rother, the great martyr who gave up his life in Latin America rather than desert his flock,” referencing the new Detroit archbishop’s time as pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Okarche, Oklahoma, Blessed Rother’s home parish.

Archbishop-elect Weisenburger also served as promoter of justice for Blessed Rother’s canonization cause, and as pastor in Oklahoma, got to know the Rother family, including his sister, Adorers of the Blood of Christ Sr. Marita Rother.

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“And so we know the stuff you come from, and we’re very grateful that you bring that same apostolic courage to our community,” Archbishop Vigneron said.

Archbishop-elect Weisenburger returned Archbishop Vigneron’s praise, saying he’s humbled to follow in the longtime Detroit archbishop’s footsteps.

“I really can’t say anything of credibility without beginning by saying how wonderfully this local Church has been led in these years under such a faithful shepherd,” Archbishop-elect Weisenburger said.

Archbishop-elect Weisenburger noted the Archdiocese of Detroit under Archbishop Vigneron’s leadership, especially Sacred Heart Major Seminary, “seems to specialize in the new evangelization,” adding, “I’m deeply, deeply committed to new forms of evangelization.”

The press conference kicked off a whirlwind day of introductions and welcome for the new archbishop-elect, which included a meet-and-greet with Detroit’s seminarians in Sacred Heart’s chapel, an introduction via Zoom with priests of the Archdiocese of Detroit, meetings with curia and archdiocesan leaders, and brief tours of the archdiocesan Chancery building and the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

As the sixth archbishop and 10th ordinary of Detroit, Archbishop-elect Weisenburger will assume pastoral responsibility for more than 900,000 Catholics over 3,903 square miles in six counties of southeast Michigan.

At the press conference, Archbishop-elect Weisenburger said that growing up, “priests were my heroes.”

“Priests were friends of my family. Priests were in my home. I admired what they did, and I wanted to join them, and I never looked back,” he said. “It’s been a wonderful journey.”

Reflecting upon his experience as a priest in Oklahoma City, then as a bishop in Salina, Kansas, from 2012-17, where his mother is from and where he had lived as a child, Archbishop-elect Weisenburger said he thought “that’s where I would end my days,” adding, “I own a cemetery plot there.”

Getting the call to go to Tucson in 2017, however, “was just marvelous,” and “seven years there have really been joyful for me.”

Archbishop-elect Weisenburger said he’ll miss Tucson, and “contrary to my opening statement, it won’t really be about the weather. It will be the wonderful, wonderful people I’ve gotten to know there.” The Spanish-speaking archbishop-elect said the Hispanic community in Arizona “especially has lifted me up in wonderful ways.”

After being asked a question about the state of immigration in the United States, and his message for immigrant families, Archbishop-elect Weisenburger said the Church in Tucson has managed “an immense amount” of documented asylum seekers, with the government bringing “about 1,400 people per day” to the Church for help.

“When you actually go and encounter these people, and you talk to them and what they’ve been through, (you hear about) the incredible suffering — sometimes having witnessed murders, people desperately struggling just to keep their children alive, trying to hope for employment.”

“The truth is, when you really study it, most people want to stay home, but they’re driven to migrate,” Archbishop-elect Weisenburger said, noting many die in the desert while attempting to migrate.

“They’re struggling, and we have to be able to see Christ in those people,” the archbishop-elect continued. ”

While acknowledging “every nation has a right to monitor its borders” and regulate its immigration processes, he said if programs that seek to aid migrants are dismantled, “millions will starve and die, and hundreds of millions will be plunged into abject poverty in our culture.”

The archbishop-elect acknowledged the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ statements on immigration, adding that the U.S. immigration system is “profoundly broken.”

“When we don’t have to see that person — when we don’t have to see that crisis — we can kind of close our minds to it, but I don’t think a Christian can do that,” Archbishop-elect Weisenburger said. “I think we have to keep it in our minds.”

Fittingly, Archbishop-elect Weisenburger’s episcopal motto is “Behold the Lamb of God,” taken from the Baptist’s prophetic words about the savior of the world.

“John is clearly recognizing in Jesus that this is the Lamb; this is the messiah,” Archbishop-elect Weisenburger said. “Spiritually, I chose that motto because I feel that’s really our task. Our task, much like the Baptist, is to look at every human being created in the image of God and say, ‘Ecce Agnus Dei’ — ‘Behold the Lamb.’

“When we do that, we really reverence the people we meet. And it’s important that we also reverence those we will never meet,” he continued. “It makes us look at humanity in a different way.”

While the Diocese of Detroit was established in 1833 by Pope Gregory XVI, its history goes back much further than that. The city’s oldest parish, the Basilica of Ste. Anne, was founded on July 26, 1701, two days after French explorers arrived via waterway to establish the “city by the straits.”

In 1937, Pope Pius XI elevated Detroit to an archdiocese, with Archbishop (later Cardinal) Edward A. Mooney as its first archbishop.

Today, the Archdiocese of Detroit is home to 213 parishes, 81 Catholic schools, two Catholic colleges, a seminary, and countless ministries and apostolates spanning Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, St. Clair and Lapeer counties. Detroit is the metropolitan see of the Catholic Church’s province of Michigan, which also includes the dioceses of Lansing, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Kalamazoo, Gaylord and Marquette.

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