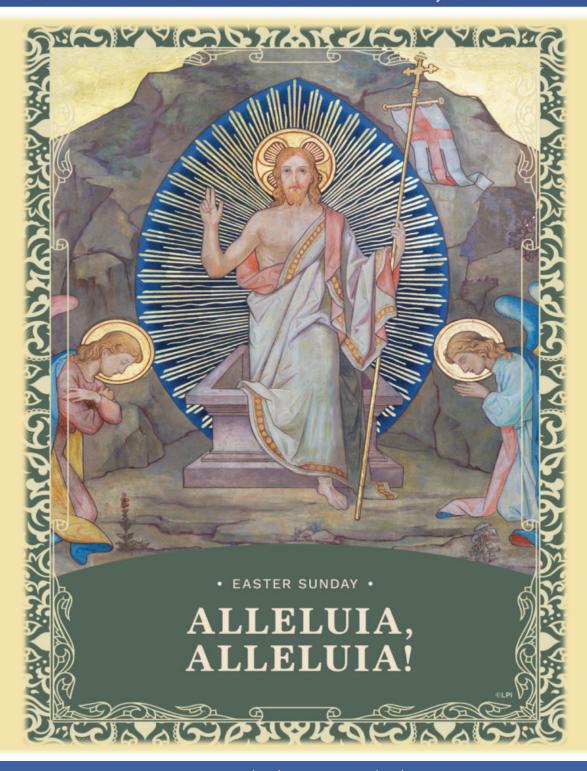




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April 19, Holy Saturday - Biela Sobota

*** NO CONFESSIONS TODAY ***

Church & Tomb in Chapel:

Open for Prayer on Holy Saturday: 8:00AM - 8:00PM

8:00PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

For the Intentions of All Parishioners

*Blessing of the Easter Baskets: After Easter Vigil Holy Mass

April 20, Easter Sunday - Veľkonočná Nedeľa

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a,37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9;

*Blessing of the Easter Baskets

After 7:30AM, 9:30AM & 11:30AM Holy Masses

7:30AM For the Liv. & Dec. Members of the Drozdowski Family

❖ For the Hanna Family

❖ For Brooklyn Hebert req. Langlois Family ❖ For Riley Rose Funk req. Langlois Family

❖ For Menard & Daniel Families

♦ †Helene Maciag

❖†John Maciag req. Wife

9:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

11:30AM (Slovak)

For Trisha Giza-Pietras & Family

❖For Jack Brady & Family

❖ For Erik Schroeder req. Abate Family❖ For Mirka Plzak & Family req. Friend

†Anna Magusin req. Charles & Frances Schena

♦†Lottie Ryan req. Family

❖†Dennis Francis & Family

*12:30PM *Traditional Rite of Resurrection with

Eucharistic Procession to the Slovak Cross after Holy Mass

8:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG

❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family

❖For Theresa Nikprelaj & Family

❖ For the Louis Families ❖ For Mr. & Mrs. Novara

†Paolo Persichetti req. Family

❖†James Persichetti req. Family

April 21, Monday - Pondelok

Monday within the Octave of Easter

*** NO CONFESSIONS TODAY ***

9:00AM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

12:00PM For James & Family ❖ For Jeff Drozdowski (B'Day)

❖ For Louis Parker req. Langlois Family

❖ For Juliette Langlois req. Langlois Family

April 22, Tuesday - Utorok

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

*** NO CONFESSIONS TODAY ***

6:00AM For Fr. Michael Lenz (B'Day) ❖ For Csipet & Agi

❖ For Christina Kovacs & Family

 ${\ensuremath{\bigstar}}$ For Meg Hintzsche req. Langlois Family

12:00PM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

April 23, Wednesday - Streda

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

9:00AM (Latin)

For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

12:00PM For Sr. Cynthia Obidike (B'Day)

❖ For Alanna Maria Korkis (B'Day)

For Tripp Hinds req. Langlois Family

❖ For Amelia Haio (B'Day) req. Family

April 24, Thursday - Štvrtok

Thursday within the Octave of Easter

6:00AM For Thomas Fuller

❖ For Kim & Bob Hamilton❖ †Msgr. James O'Shea

♦ †Asberry Davis

12:00PM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

7:00PM For Sr. Mary Andrea RSM

❖ For Joel & Alexandra Haio (Ann.) req. Family

❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family

❖†Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany

April 25, Friday - Piatok

Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:00AM For Pope Francis

❖ For Fr. Mark Desser❖ For All Ukranian People

❖ For Kim & Bob Hamilton

12:00PM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

April 26, Saturday - Sobota

Saturday within the Octave of Easter

9:00AM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

5:30PM For all Priests, Deacons & Religious & Seminarians

❖ For the Intentions of the Members of the

St. Monica Sodality

❖ For the Members of the Knights of Columbus

Council 7011 & Assembly 1839

❖ For Members of the Slovak Catholic SOKOL Group 16

❖ For Laura & Jeff Herfy (B'Days) req. Family

❖ For Renae Aikins (Bapt. Day) req. Mrs. Schuller

❖†Rafael Drensek reg. Drensek Family

April 27, Sunday - Nedeľa

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19; Jn 20:19-31

7:30AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG

❖ For all Priests, Deacons & Religious & Seminarians

For Paul. Linda & Families

❖ For Tommy, Angela & Family

❖ For the Nathan Meier Family

❖†Gene Kucharek req. Wife

❖†John Maciag req. Wife

9:30AM For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

11:30AM (*Slovak*)

For the Intentions of All Parishioners

8:30PM For the Hanna Family

❖ For Annie & Casey Cain req. Mother

❖ For the Louis Families

❖ For Theresa Nikprelaj & Family

❖ For Mr. & Mrs. Novara

❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family

❖ For Mercedes Vitale req. Monica Vitale

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:

Easter Monday, April 21

PARISH OFFICE REOPENS:

Easter Tuesday, April 22





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Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS 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 FRIDAYS: 6:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM

Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS REGULAR 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

THIS WEEK: NO CONFESSIONS—MONDAY OR TUESDAY

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAYS: 10:00AM - 5:00PM

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: 11:00AM - 5:00PM

WEDNESDAYS: 10:00AM - 2:00PM *Office is closed during the 12:00PM Holy Mass

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
EASTER MONDAY, April 21!
PARISH OFFICE REOPENS TUESDAY, APRIL 22!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: THURSDAYS: 1:00PM until FIRST FRIDAY: 7:00PM



Easter Sunday: Jesus' tomb is empty! (John 20:1-9, Luke 24:1-12)

Spiritual Essence: Death is not the end of the story!

Easter Monday: Jesus meets up with the Marys after He is risen! (Matthew 18:8-15)

Spiritual Essence: Our God is a God of Surprises!

Easter Tuesday: Mary Magdalene does not recognize Jesus! (John 20:11-18)

Spiritual Essence: Walk by faith and not by sight!

Easter Wednesday: Jesus meets two disciples on the road to Emmaus! (Luke 24:13-35)

Spiritual Essence: Always look for Christ in others!

Easter Thursday: Jesus shows His wounds to His disciples! (Luke 24:35-48)

Spiritual Essence: Look for Christ in the midst of the mess!

Easter Friday: Jesus helps His disciples fish and feed them! (John 21:1-14)

Spiritual Essence: Build your hopes on Christ!

Easter Saturday: Jesus tells His disciples to proclaim the Gospel! (Mark 16:9-15)

Spiritual Essence: True strength is sharing joy, love, hope & kindness!

Divine Mercy Sunday: Thomas puts his hand into Jesus' wounds so that he may believe Christ is truly risen! (John 20:19-31)

Spiritual Essence: Doubt is not an enemy of faith, but disengagement is

Re Ps Risen! Caster Blessings!

Fr. Dibor, Fr. Buraj, Deacons Gerald and Bhil



Easter Novena Begins Monday April 21

Our Easter Novena begins on Easter Monday, April 21. Mass Cards are for living or deceased relatives and friends. They are available in English and Slovak after Mass this weekend.

> Suggested Donation: \$10 each. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most precious gift anyone can receive.

Lenten Challenge

If you have not yet turned in your completed Lentercize worksheet, please drop it in the drum in the vestibule or drop it off in the Parish Office Easter week. Each entry will be included in a Raffle that will take place after Easter.

2,000 Cross to Stand Against Abortion • April 12-25

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish display of 2,000 white crosses in front of the Parish will be in place April 12-25. Each cross represents children that will die from abortions this year. This is another pro-life project that the Knights of Columbus, St. Nicholas Council 7001 supports. Please pray for an end of abortion in our time.

St. Nicholas Council Celebrates Seven Years of Pro-Life Contest Winners

The Knights of Columbus Council 7011 recently completed its seventh annual Pro-Life Contest, with the theme "Every Life: Why We March"!

The Pro-Life contests have engaged and involved more than sixty young pro-lifers over the years, many of whom have gone on to become repeat participants. With over \$2,800 in prizes awarded to the winners, these contests are a favorite annual event for the young people at Ss. Cyril & Methodius, the Council's host parish.

"Every year we have been impressed with the fervor and originality of the Pro-Life essay and poster entries. We firmly believe that our young people are the Pro-Life warriors of the future," said Gino Vitale, Pro-Life Chairman for the St. Nicholas Council. For each year the groupings, where applicable, were as follows: Group1was drawn from grades seven and eight, Group 2 came from grades nine and ten, and Group 3 consisted of grades eleven and twelve. The judges were drawn from among the Council's Knights. First place winners in each Group received \$100 cash. Second place winners received \$50 cash and third place winners received a \$20 gift certificate. Honorable Mentions in each group received a Participation Certificate and the thanks of the Knights.

On March 3, an awards ceremony was held to honor the recipient winners, with many students, family members and Knights in attendance. As always in the past, the Knights of the St. Nicholas Council are grateful to all the participants in the 2024 competition, especially the winners and their families for their continued support of this important contest. The Knights look forward to the Eighth Annual Pro-Life Contest in 2025.

This Pro-life contest for our youth are in addition to our Council's annual Baby Bottle Campaign (see next article) which over the same period provided approximately \$87,000, including approximately \$16,000 from the Supreme Council, to various pro-life organizations .

Mother's Day Novena Begins May 12

Our Mother's Day Novena begins May 12. Mass Cards are for living or deceased relatives and friends. They will be available this week in the Parish Office and after Masses next weekend..

> Suggested Donation: \$10 each. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most precious gift anyone can receive.



Baby Bottle Return • April 26 & 27 Baby Bottle/Change Collection for Mary's Mantle

Members of the Knights of Columbus, St. Nicholas Council 7011 will be collecting our filled baby bottles Divine Mercy weekend, April 26 & 27, before and after all Holy Masses. The proceeds will be donated to Mary's Mantle, a local Catholic Residence for homeless pregnant women. You may fill your baby bottles with coins, dollars or checks (made payable to: "St. Nicholas Council, 7011". Thank you for assisting these mothers in need.

St. Monica Sodality Mass • Sunday, April 26

Easter Blessings to you and your loved ones!

The next St. Monica Sodality Mass takes place on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday. Please submit your prayer petitions and join us for Mass next Saturday, April 26, at 5:30PM and for prayers in the Chapel after Mass (the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and St. Monica Sodality Prayer). For Day Nine of the Divine Mercy Novena, we'll pray for all those who have become lukewarm, and immerse them in the abyss of the Lord's mercy. See the church bulletin or the St. Monica box for future Mass dates and times.

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

Learn About the Liturgy • Saturday, April 26 You have been told that the Holy Mass is the summit of our

Catholic faith. You know that the bread and water are transformed d 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 last Saturday of each month. The next session takes place next Saturday, April 26, immediately following the 9:00AM

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!





Eucharistic Adoration Heart's Deepest Longing

It's Easter Sunday. Today we commemorate Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is the greatest of all Christian festivals, having the central place in the liturgical year; the "Feast of all Feasts". In fact, the resurrection of Jesus is so important for Christians that St. Paul tells us that,

"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." (1 Cor. 15:14) The resurrection of Jesus from the dead (which He did through His own power) was no mere work of fiction. St. Paul, again, shows us that "Jesus appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time." (1 Cor. 15:7) The eyewitnesses who saw Christ alive after His crucifixion and death were not seeing a ghost or phantom. Mass hallucination was just as rare (if not non-existent) in first century Israel as it is now throughout the world. Even more rare is a mass hallucination where everyone saw and heard the exact same thing at the same time and place. This is only one of many arguments proving the authenticity of Christ's resurrection from the dead. It is what makes Christianity stand above all other world religions. Only in Christianity has its founder raised themselves from the dead and appeared in the flesh to multitudes of people. It is a historical truth of which has not, and cannot, be debunked. For us Christians, and especially us Catholic Christians, this means we have been given an opportunity to get in right standing with God, all of our sins forgiven, and set on a path which will guide us through this life on earth in the happiness God desires for us that satisfies the heart's deepest longing. O' how blessed are we! All praise and thanksgiving be to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who reigns now and forever. -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.

<u>COMMITTED ADORER ESPECIALLY NEEDED ON:</u> Thursdays from 2:00PM - 3:00PM (each week)

If you are able to commit to spend one hour with Our Lord each week, please contact: *Annette*, (586) 873-1827

Attention Parish Families with High School Graduating Seniors

Save the Date: 9:30 Mass on Sunday, May 25, 2025

We will be honoring our parish high school seniors with a Mass and Fellowship after this Mass. A photo board with each senior will be displayed on the wall in the vestibule. Please drop off or mail a 4" x 6" picture of your senior to the Parish Office by April 28. Include an easy-to-read spelling of your child's first and last name, and the school from which he or she is graduating. Make sure that the envelope is marked "Grad Pic" so it gets to the right person.

We hope each of you will be able to attend this Mass as we observe this wonderful accomplishment. Attire for the Mass will be modest Sunday Best (no cap and gown required) and there will be no assigned seating for the graduates ... they will sit with their families. We look forward to seeing each of you then. Until then, finish strong, Seniors!





Wednesday, April 23: Class Wednesday, April 30:

Class (May Crowning & Confirmation Rehearsal) Thursday, May 1, 5:30PM:

First Confession & Holy Communion Rehearsal Friday, May 2, 7:00PM:

Confirmation Holy Mass with Bishop Fisher

<u>Saturday, May 3, 1:00PM:</u> First Holy Communion Mass

<u>Sunday, May 4, 10:00AM:</u> May Crowning

<u>Wednesday, May 7, 6:15PM:</u> Last Class (Benediction for All) If you have any questions about Catechism, please contact:

Paul or Carroll Schuller

(586) 685-1069 or cschuller@saintcyrils.church

N.O.W. Teen Ministry • EDGE Middle School Youth 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." They include Teaching & Testimony, Spiritual Formation, Games & Social Time, Snacks and Prayer Time.

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 & Testimony, Prayer Time, Games & Social Time, Snacks and Fun!

Questions about N.O.W. or EDGE Ministries, please contact: *Heidi Normile*, (586) 859-0194

Total Consecration to Jesus thru Mary Begins April 28 Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary • May 31

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 Marie de Montfort is simply 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 Monday, April 28, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on May 31, the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. "Preparation for Total Consecration" books are available in the parish office for \$10.

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

May Crowning • Sunday, May 4 Mass Schedule Change:

On Sunday, May 4, the 9:30AM and 11:30AM (Slovak) Holy Masses will be combined into one May Crowning Mass, beginning at 10:00AM.

May Crowning Reception:

There will be a Reception in the Fr. Mikus Hall after the May Crowning Holy Mass. The Rosary Society requests that you please bring your donation of dessert finger foods (on disposable platters) to the Fr. Mikus Hall prior to the 10:00AM Holy Mass. If you would like to help at the May Crowning Reception, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule or call the Parish Office.

Thank you! The Rosary Society

We are in the midst of our adoption journey and we humbly ask for your help again!
First and foremost, please continue to pray for us!
Secondly, please join us for an evening with dinner and prizes to help us reach our funding goal.



With love & gratitude,

Rob & Krista

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50/50 Raffle

> Silent Auction

Cost:

Free-will offering

Menu

Salad

Pasta with marinara

Pasta with meat sauce

GF spaghetti option

Bread sticks

Dessert

When:

Saturday, April 26 4:00 pm - 8:00pm

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish

Where:

Fr. Mikus Hall 41233 Ryan Rd Sterling Hts, MI 48314

To RSVP please sign up in the vestibule, or email Rob at Rob.Houbeck@gmail.com, or call/text (586) 742 2518

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Saturday, May 17, 2025

HOLY MASS: 4:00PM

DINNER & CELEBRATION: Fr. Mikus Parish Hall

DOORS OPEN: 5:00PM

DINNER: 5:30PM

PROGRAM: 6:45 — 7:30PM

DJ/DANCING: 7:30 - 9:30PM



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