

First Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, November 30, 2025



SAINTS CYRIL AND  
METHODIUS PARISH

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



## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake." - Mt 24:43

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# MASS Intentions

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## November 29, Saturday - Sobota

### Blessed Virgin Mary

- 9:00AM For the Krahala Family & Friends  
 ❖†Peter MacDonald  
 ❖†Ida Guidotti  
 ❖†Josephine Davis (10th Ann.)
- 5:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG  
 ❖For the Intentions of the  
 Members of the St. Monica Sodality  
 ❖For Audrey Hines (B'Day)  
 ❖For Vera Dedvukaj  
 ❖For Ethan Drozdowski  
 ❖†Zef Kol Doka Lulgjuraj req. Family  
 ❖†Fred & Shirley Ross req. Family

## November 30, Sunday - Nedela

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- Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Matt 24:37-44
- 7:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 9:30AM For Ruslana Gala req. Family  
 ❖For Bustamante & Szumski Families  
 ❖†Joseph Szeliga req. Knights of Columbus #7011  
 ❖†Joseph Houbeck req. Knights of Columbus #7011  
 ❖†Dan Nowakowski req. Knights of Columbus #7011  
 ❖†Josephine Davis ❖†Rosie Davis
- 11:30AM (Slovak) For Sandra Bertini & Family  
 ❖For Sonia Bihar req. Mazurkiewicz Family  
 ❖For Aurelio & Jaylin Hila req. Family  
 ❖For Luke  
 ❖For Angelica & Michael Welch req. Abate Family  
 ❖†Mark & Tereze Juncaj  
 ❖†Anna Magusin req. Slavo & Gabriela Liptak
- 8:30PM For the Asmar Family ❖For Samantha Sabbagh  
 ❖For Matthew & Ines Schack ❖For Marvin Yousif  
 ❖For Cindy Szuminski req. Dan & Jan Atkinson  
 ❖†Botros Hanna Akrawy  
 ❖†Charlie Kirk & Family req. Cindy G.

## December 1, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For Lidia Nikprelaj (B'Day)  
 ❖For Karl & Linda Chase  
 ❖For Rosalie Welch req. Sharon Nash Brown & Family  
 ❖†Mary Kuruvila req. Family
- 12:00PM For Rosemary & Simon Shadda & Family  
 ❖For Samantha & Brandon Mansoor & Family  
 ❖For Diane Mitchell req. Vitales  
 ❖†Richard Humbach req. Wife

## December 2, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory ❖For Hadar Farjo  
 ❖For Catherine Bueche req. Teri North  
 ❖†Sandi Odisho req. Sharon Brown & Family
- 12:00PM For Michael Fayad  
 ❖†Bill & Esther Norris req. Family  
 ❖†Gene Kucharek req. Wife  
 ❖†Clair W. Branch req. Family

## December 3, Wednesday - Streda

### Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

- 9:00AM For Mason Langlois req. Langlois Family  
 ❖For Jerson Jimenez (B'Day)  
 ❖†Iryna Zarutskya  
 ❖†Charlie Kirk

- 12:00PM For Livernois Family  
 ❖For Michale Fayad (B'Day) ❖For Ilene (B'Day)  
 ❖†Rosie Davis

## December 4, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00PM For Ellen Hines ❖For the McCarthy Family  
 ❖For Frank Kama (B'Day) req. Von  
 ❖†Kay Conely McDowell req. Jun Siwa
- 12:00PM For Napolian Daniel  
 ❖For Gjyste Pepaj req. Husband  
 ❖†Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany  
 ❖†Eleanor Stout req. Family
- 7:00PM For the Mansour Family ❖For Cindy Galea  
 ❖†Kalid Koreel ❖†Vincent George req. Sorisho Family

## December 5, First Friday - Prvý Piatok

- 6:00AM For the Hanna Family  
 ❖For David Funk req. Langlois Family  
 ❖†Khalid Koreel ❖†Cynthia Yanik
- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Rosary Makers & Families  
 ❖†Najeeba Yaldo ❖†Caroline Kalisch req. Julie  
 ❖†Greg & Mary Manning & Family
- 7:00PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 ❖For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
 ❖†Pashka Ivezaj req. Karen Endres  
 ❖†Zef Kol Doka Lulgjuraj req. Family

## December 6, First Saturday - Prvá Sobota

### Memorial of Saint Nicholas, Bishop

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Rosary Society  
 ❖For Laine Tovey req. Brenda Groleau  
 ❖For Wayne Groleau Sr. req. Brenda Groleau  
 ❖For Wayne Groleau Jr. req. Wife
- 5:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG  
 ❖For Deacon Phil & Janice McCown req. Mirka Plzak  
 ❖For the Hanna Family  
 ❖For Cindy Galea & Family  
 ❖For Robert & Carrie req. Mom  
 ❖For Natalie Frey ❖For Mary Peterson (B'Day)

## December 7, Sunday - Nedela

### Second Sunday of Advent

- Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Matt 3:1-12
- 7:30AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. Cindy  
 ❖For Kathy & Terry Stark & Family  
 ❖For Samuel Hines ❖For River Koehler  
 ❖†John Maciag req. Wife ❖†Marge Lewandowski  
 req. Jeanette & Eugene Tomaszewski  
 ❖†Lisa Johnston req. Family
- 9:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 11:30AM (Slovak) For Living & Deceased Members of the  
 First Catholic Slovak Union, Branch 743  
 ❖For Andy ❖For Nick & Groshe Lulgjuraj & Family  
 ❖For Jan Lopatka & Nadaska Lopatkova & Family  
 ❖†Eliska Karrumi req. Mary Jacko  
 ❖†Anna Magusin req. Marta Straka  
 ❖†Peter Noga req. Slovak Community
- 8:30PM For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family  
 ❖For Jason Jimenez (B'Day)  
 ❖For William (Bill) Bowden req. Connie Hooper-Bowden  
 ❖For the Kama & Torres Families  
 ❖For Sandra Bertini & Family  
 ❖†Mauricio Vinuya  
 ❖†Jean Grubby





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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)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
**(Holy Day of Obligation):**

*Solemnity of the*  
*Immaculate Conception*  
of the  
*Blessed Virgin Mary*  
(Patroness of the U.S.A.)

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**9:00AM**

**12:00PM**

**7:00PM**

**NOW YOUTH MINISTRIES:**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE**

**IMMACULATE**  
**CONCEPTION**

**DECEMBER 8TH**

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

Youth Ministry will start  
at the 7:00 PM Mass.

After Mass, Teens are  
welcome to join us for  
dinner in the Parish Hall.

Questions:

Ask : Heidi Pope

[now@saintcyrls.church](mailto:now@saintcyrls.church)





### Eucharistic Adoration Heart's Deepest Longing

**On First Fridays, Adoration takes place from Thursday, 1:00PM - First Friday, 7:00PM.**

This week in our learning about self-examination, having found a spiritual director, and a longing to unite our wills with God's. I desire to focus on a specific aspect of ourselves which is of the utmost importance in our advancing: Purity of Heart. We've heard Jesus' words, "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God" (Mt. 5:8) in the Beatitudes. But how does one discover if they're pure of heart or how to achieve its purity? The first step to achieve purity of heart is to settle and have a consistent determination to always trying to improve. The second, repeated mental (prayer from our heart) and vocal (set written prayers) prayer. The third, the pious and frequent use of the Sacraments. The fourth, the faithful practice of the three-fold self-examination, especially our particular examination with our spiritual advisor. The fifth, the candid disclosing of our interior life to them. Whoever makes the right use of these three-fold means will doubtless attain to as great a purity of heart as our Lord ordinarily desires and is required. If the Lord requires something from us that is extraordinary, He Himself will give us the means to attain it. No one is able to achieve purity of heart on their own, we need help, we need His grace and this is precisely how we get it. If we happen to grow lukewarm (which will normally happen), re-examine yourself from time-to-time and make known how you have cooperated with the grace God sent you and how you haven't. As long as you use these, even with ordinary diligence, you have within yourself the consoling sign: that you are on the right road which leads to perfection. - Paul 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)

**If you are able to commit to spend  
one hour with Our Lord EACH WEEK  
or if you have questions about Adoration,**  
please contact: Annette, (586) 247-7214

### Diaconate Vocation Awareness Night • December 3

The next Diaconate Vocation Awareness Night takes place this Wednesday, December 3, at St. Mary, Our Lady Queen of Families in Center Line from 7:00PM-8:30PM, with registration beginning at 6:30PM. Any baptized man is invited to attend. If married, wives are encouraged to attend as well.



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### Catechism Corner

#### CLASS SCHEDULE

Wednesdays: December 3 & 10, at 6:15:

Class

Wednesday: December 17, at 6:15PM:

Class, Christmas Party

**On December 17, please drop off your child in the Parish Hall a few minutes early so we can begin Benediction promptly at 6:15PM.**

Wednesdays: December 24 & 31 - NO CLASS

If you have any questions, please contact: Carroll or Paul Schuller  
at cschuller@saintcyrls.church or (586) 726-6911

### N.O.W. Teen Youth Ministry

**NEXT NOW NIGHT: MONDAY, December 8 (See Page 3)**

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 games, snacks, spiritual formation, small group discussions, and prayer. We ask that teens have turned 14 years old before December 1 of last year and be at least freshmen to attend. You're welcome to come and bring a friend too!

### EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry

**NEXT EDGE NIGHT:**

**THURSDAY, December 11 (Christmas Party)**

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 games, snacks, spiritual formation, small group discussions, and prayer.

EDGE Nights take place every Thursday (except the first Thursday of each month) from September through May, in the Parish Hall from 7:00 – 8:45PM. Meet with old friends and make new ones. Together, we are embarking on a journey towards Christ, where we all walk together.

**COLLECTING NEW or GENTLY-USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

**in Vestibule UNTIL MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 for  
St. Mary's Mission, Brilliant Detroit, Mother & Unborn Baby Care**

Questions about N.O.W. or EDGE, please contact:

Heidi, (586) 859-0194

### Our Lady's Rosary Makers • Friday, December 5

The Rosary Makers will meet this Friday, December 5, from 1:00PM—3:00PM in Room #113. We welcome new members who would like to join. No experience is necessary. We also repair and accept donations of rosaries and rosary parts.

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

### First Friday Rosary • First Friday, December 5

In honor, appreciation and service to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother, everyone is invited to join us to pray a public Rosary in the church on the First Friday of the month. The next rosary takes place this Friday, December 5, beginning at 6:00PM before the 7:00PM Holy Mass.

All are invited to send in special prayer requests or intentions which will be read and offered before each Holy Rosary. Please submit prayer requests no later than Wednesday, December 3, by sending an email to babate@saintcyrls.church

Questions, please contact: Betty Abate, (586) 726-6911

**For more information about the Archdiocesan Restructuring:  
Use the QR code on the left or go to: restructuring.aod.org**





## Student Prolife Poster Contest

**DEADLINE: Monday, December 15**

**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus (Council 7011) is pleased to announce their 2026 Prolife Poster Contest. The theme this year is:

**“LIFE IS A GIFT”**

The contest is open to all students in the following grades:

Group 1: Grades 7-8

Group 2: Grades 9-10

Group 3: Grades 11-12

Awards for each of the groups will be:

1st Prize: \$100 cash

2nd Prize: \$50 cash

3rd Prize: \$20 gift Certificate

All participants receive a Certificate of Participation

Complete instructions, contest guidelines and sign-up sheets are available on the table in the vestibule. **All posters must be submitted to the Parish Office no later than 5:00PM on Monday, December 15**

Posters will be judged and awards presented on Sunday, January 11, in the Fr. Mikus Hall. Posters will be returned in order for participants them to take them on the March for Life in Washington in January, 2026.

## Thank You from Right to Life-Lifespan

Dear Father Libor, Father Juraj, parishioners and visitors at  
Ss. Cyril & Methodius,

Thank you for participating in Right to Life-LIFESPAN's fundraiser for the Oakland/Macomb Chapter office by purchasing Christmas cards and giving donations to the organization. Your help is appreciated for LIFESPAN to continue its Wee Care program, an outreach in the Metro Detroit area that assists moms and dads and their precious preborn babies with baby items and monetary help, and to continue it's Generation Truth Youth program, an outreach that works to educate and engage students and young adults to be active Advocates for Life by going on the March for Life in Michigan and in DC, by offering our Be the Change "prolife apologetics" training, and by offering sponsorships for the Protect Life Michigan Life Intensive Training. Your help also is important for us to continue our 2000 Crosses display (a memorial for the preborn babies whose lives were lost to an abortion decision) that travels throughout the diocese during the spring/summer/fall months (schools and parishes sign up to put the display on their front lawns for one or two weeks), and our participation in the National Life Chain, among other things we do throughout the year.

May you all have a very blessed Advent season as we prepare our hearts and minds and souls to celebrate the immense joy of our LORD's birth on Christmas Day!

Lynn Gura, SSCM Pro-Life Ministry, RTL-LIFESPAN Youth Director

## Christmas Novena

Our Christmas Novena begins on Friday, December 26. Christmas Novena Holy Mass Cards are available (in Slovak and English) after all Holy Masses on weekends and in the Parish Office on weekdays.

Suggested Donation: \$10 each

*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the  
Most Precious Gift Anyone can Receive!*



## Northland Family Prayer News • December 6

This time of year, is typically filled with decorating, shopping, and meals with family and friends. However, Advent is a wonderful time of preparation and anticipation, so let's pause and make ready to receive the most perfect gift that God wishes to give, Jesus. And as God blessed and guided the Holy Family so many years ago, may He also bless and guide all families and expectant parents! Please join us in praying the rosary for life at church and/or in front the clinic whenever you can:

The monthly prayer event takes place on the sidewalk in front of the Northland Family Planning Clinic, 3810 17 Mile Road (just west of Ryan Road) on Saturday, December 6, from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. Bring your friends, family, rosary and weather gear. The prayer event consists of a rosary, chaplet, litany and perhaps some optional prayers. No parking is allowed at the clinic.

A Pro-Life rosary is also prayed every Saturday morning at church. The Joyful and Luminous Mysteries are prayed before Mass starting at 8:10AM - the Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries are usually prayed after Mass starting around 9:45AM.

Prayerfully consider if you and your family would periodically like to lead part of this rosary-new members are always welcome!

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

## Retirement Fund for Religious • December 6 & 7

Our senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Decades of caring for others with little or no pay have left many communities without sufficient retirement savings. Over 20,500 elderly religious depend on the Retirement Fund for Religious for health care, medication, and daily living expenses. Your gift helps ensure they receive the care they deserve. Please give back to those who have given a lifetime.

A collection for the retired religious will be taking next weekend, December 6 & 7. Envelopes are available on the table in the vestibule.

For more information: [retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

## Jubilee Year of Hope Local Pilgrimage

As we enter the last third of 2025 of this Jubilee Year of Hope (ends on the Feast of the Holy Family, 12/28), you are invited to grow in hope and share hope with others by taking advantage of the many Jubilee Year opportunities the Church offers. One way to grow in hope is through local pilgrimage to one of the 12 official Jubilee Year pilgrimage sites.

One site is St. Joseph Chapel & the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (400 South Blvd. West, Pontiac)—one of the six Marian Shrines of Michigan. We invite you to visit this little holy place. You can visit our miraculous statue of the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary in our Shrine-Grotto (the small building with the blue awning) and our signature statue, Our Lady of the Cape ("Notre Dame du Cap")-the Queen of Canada and Queen of the Most Holy Rosary-in the Chapel. It was thru one of her traveling statues that the Blessed Mother asked the pastor in 1947 at the Marian Congress in Ottawa, Canada, to start a shrine in Pontiac.

If you wish to visit with a group or to learn how to obtain a Jubilee Year pilgrimage Plenary Indulgence for yourself or a Poor Soul in Purgatory, just contact

Fr. Alex Kratz, OFM, text or call:

(313) 727-9784 or email: [abunaalex@yahoo.com](mailto:abunaalex@yahoo.com).

Open: every Wednesday, Friday & Saturday with 11:00AM Confessions and Noon Mass followed by the Rosary.

# BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS

## DECEMBER 6 ~ AFTER THE 9:00AM HOLY MASS

### INCLUDES:

PANCAKES, EGGS, FRENCH TOAST  
SAUSAGE, TOAST, ORANGE JUICE, COFFEE, ETC.

### ADVANCE TICKET PRICE:

\$10 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR  
SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE BY ST. NICHOLAS



# Bakers & Buyers

## Christmas Cookie Walk & Bake Sale

### BAKERS & BUYERS:

Can you help to make our Annual Christmas  
Cookie Walk & Bake Sale a great success?

The success of our Bake Sales show that we have some of the most passionate bakers in the AOD. Consider sharing your talent once more and make a batch of cookies for the Cookie Walk that will take place on Saturday and Sunday, December 13 & 14. The more bakers that participate, the lovelier the assortments will be to purchase. Remember, this is a cookie "walk" so the calorie count is cut in half :)

We need bakers who will commit to making **100 cookies of the same recipe** (but less is ok too) in honor of the **Rosary Society's 100th Anniversary!** You can make your own favorite, tried-and-true, Christmas Cookie recipe or choose from the varieties on our sign-up sheet that is located in the vestibule. Please sign up so we know how many varieties of cookies we will have and so that we know that we will have enough bakers to make our Cookie Walk a success.

### WANT TO USE THE CHURCH FREEZERS FOR YOUR HOMEMADE GOODIES?

If you are interested in making cookies in advance and would like to store your homemade goodies at the church, you are welcome to do so. Please contact the Parish Office, (586) 726-6911, for arrangements.

Otherwise, bring your cookies in a disposable container and baked goods to the Gallery on Friday, December 12, after the 12:00PM Noon Holy Mass but before Noon on Saturday, Please tell us the name of your cookie, and add a note if it contains nuts.

This will also be a traditional-type Bake Sale ♦ All homemade goods are welcomed!

### COOKIE CONNOISSEURS

Our Cookie Walk & Bake Sale is open to the public. Come shop the wonderful variety of homemade cookies & baked goods while they last! Complimentary coffee or hot chocolate with purchase on Saturday. Hours:

Saturday, December 13: 10:00AM - 7:00PM

Sunday, December 14: 8:30AM - 8:30PM  
(or until sold out)!

Thank you! *The Rosary Society*

Questions, please contact:

Frances, 586-381-1128

*Organized by the Rosary Society!  
All proceeds go to the church!*



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### SUGGESTED TYPES OF COOKIES:

Gingerbread  
Sugar Cut-out  
Snickerdoodles  
Macaroons  
Nut Cups  
Thumbprints  
Peanut Butter Kiss  
Peppermint  
Sesame Cookies  
Chocolate Chip  
Oatmeal Raisin  
Shortbread  
Candy Cane Cookie  
Grinch Small Heart  
Slovak Cookies:  
Russian Tea Cakes  
("Snowball")  
Koláče  
Vanilkové rožky  
**COOKIE OF  
YOUR CHOICE**

## 2025 Parish Advent Giving Projects

Today, on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the Church celebrates the culmination of the liturgical year. Very soon, the new liturgical year will begin with Advent, commemorating the dawn of Christ's restoration of justice and peace. To help us prepare for Advent and ensure that donations can be distributed before Christmas, the Giving Tree is now up and decorated with gift-request tags. The Giving Tree recipients, along with the other parish Advent projects, are listed here so each of us can plan how we would like to participate in the parish's Advent giving to the vulnerable and needy.



### **Giving Tree Gift Requests: These items go to individuals served by one of the following programs named below:**

Select a gift tag from the tree. Written on the gift tags are specific gift requests. Please attach the gift tag to the wrapped gift.

Please deliver **wrapped gifts** with the gift tag firmly attached and drop off before any weekend Holy Mass but no later than Monday, December 8. **Gift cards** may be placed in the Sunday collection basket any weekend but no later than Sunday, December 14 or drop them off in the Parish Office during regular office hours.

- † **Macomb County Community and Mental Health:** Children and families assisted by the county are the recipients of the request for Giving Tree specific gifts.
- † **We have Parish and Neighborhood Families in Need** that are the recipients of the request for specific gifts as well as requests for gift cards as noted on the tree gift tag.
- † **St. Dominic's Outreach Center** has requested \$25 or \$50 Walmart or Kroger gift cards for the children and seniors in their community.
- † **Mary's Children Family Center** requests gifts cards from Costco, Gordon Food Service (GFS), Meijer and Kroger in either \$25 or \$50 amounts. These will be used to purchase birthday and Christmas gifts, supplies and materials needed for their students and programs.

### **Monetary Donations to Local Ministries – White Envelopes or PushPay**

During the month of December, donations to the **Parish Christian Service Fund** will be distributed between these ministries listed below. Donations to the Parish 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 no later than December 25.

- † **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 2026.
- † **St. Christine's Christian Services** is located in the Brightmoor neighborhood of Detroit. Their soup kitchen and food pantry currently feeds 500 people each week. Our donation to their general fund will go toward purchasing fresh foods, paying utility bills or wherever most needed.

### **International Monetary Donations – Use the Blue Envelope for these donations.**

To donate to either or both of these projects, indicate the amount of your donation for the program(s) you wish to donate to, and place it in the Sunday collection basket no later than December 25.

Note: per the IRS, this international donation is not tax deductible.

- † **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 for immediate medical concerns. Since Bishop Christophe's last visit to our parish, construction of a building for this clinic started but additional funds are needed to complete this much-needed Catholic medical clinic. The incomplete project is currently at a stand-still. Our donations will allow construction to continue and move closer to providing this loving and essential resource to the people of Kahama that cares for each patient's heart and soul.

*May you have a Blessed Advent!*

If you have any questions regarding the Advent Projects, please contact:  
The Parish Office or Raffaella D'Alio, Christian Service Coordinator, (734) 276-1834



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