

Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 7, 2025



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

FARNOST' SVĚTÝCH
CYRILA A METODA



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



John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

-Mt 3:4

MASS Intentions

©JPPC

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 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

December 8, Monday - Pondelok

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

- 6:00AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For the Hanna Family ❖ For Michael Pablo (B'Day)
 ❖ For Lisa Jagoda ❖ For Firial Shukri
 ❖ For Charles & Frances Schena req. Sharon Brown & Fam.
 ❖ For Anne Avian req. Mom

*** NO 9:00AM HOLY MASS TODAY ***

- 12:00PM For all Citizens of the United States
 ❖ For the Touch of Mary Prayer Group
 ❖ †Teresa Nguyen Thi Xuan Lan req. Ho Thu
 ❖ †Eleanor Stout req. Family ❖ †Loretta Kuligowski
 ❖ †Jean Grubby ❖ †David Chupa req. Family
- 7:00PM For Margaret Manor req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For Adam Brady (B'Day) req. Family
 ❖ For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
 ❖ For Brian & Gillian Lee req. Family
 ❖ For Jacklin & Christian & Emmanuel & Family
 ❖ †Steve Haisha (B'Day)
 ❖ †Marge Lewandowski

December 9, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Jacklin & Christian ❖ For Anne Avian
 ❖ For Bassam & Sandra Asmar & Family
 ❖ †For Marko Gojcay & Family
- 12:00PM For Maria Duque (B'Day) ❖ For Napolian Daniel
 ❖ For Povolina & Family
 ❖ †Paolo Persichetti req. Family

December 10, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM In Thanksgiving req. Jenson & Tina
 ❖ For Cynthia Czach & Family
 ❖ †Dila & Mark Juncaj ❖ †Mary Ann O'Shea
- 12:00PM For Lorraine Drozdowski ❖ For Napolian Daniel
 ❖ †Charlie Kirk
 ❖ †Members of Anastacio Isip Family req. Family

December 11, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00PM For Samuel Manor req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For Sean Hines (B'Day)
 ❖ †Hubert Windelschmidt & Windelschmidt/Rampin Fam.
 ❖ †Blake K. Mooney
- 12:00PM For Napolian Daniel ❖ For Ilean Hajto req. Family
 ❖ †Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany
 ❖ †Nicole Chupa req. Family
- 7:00PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ †Charlie Kirk ❖ †Iryna Zarutka
 ❖ †Pashka Ivezaj req. Karen Endres

December 12, Friday - Piatok

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 6:00AM For Mary Hanna (B'Day)
 ❖ For Abby Hebert req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For Lindsay & Jordan Henning (Wed. Ann.) req. Family
 ❖ †Mitchell Bak
- 12:00PM For a Special Intention ❖ For All Americans
 ❖ †Olga Truchan req. Family ❖ †Ann M. Pullis

December 13, Saturday - Sobota

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

- 9:00AM For the Members of Our Lady Mother of Mercy
 Secular Discalced Carmelites
 ❖ For Danielle M. Brown req. Sharon Brown & Family
 ❖ For Jillian Marie Haio req. Mom & Dad
 ❖ †Members of Pedro Santos Family req. Family
- 5:30PM For Zoe Hegert req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For Charlie Shubnell req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For John & Sandi Brady & Family
 ❖ For Tommy Kassab req. Friend
 ❖ For Cindy Galea & Family
 ❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family
 ❖ †Benedetto, Elia & Rosa DiCicco

December 14, Sunday - Nedela

Third Sunday of Advent

- Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jam 5:7-10; Matt 11:2-11
- 7:30AM For Edward Debczak ❖ For the Menard & Daniel Families
 ❖ For Nicole Dykstra (B'Day) req. Parents
 ❖ For Hayden Hines
 ❖ †Marge Lewandowski req. M/M Eugene Tomaszewski
 ❖ †Walter Dolmat ❖ †Gene Kucharek req. Wife
- 9:30AM For Sebastian & Cinthia Abate (Ann.) req. Nash Brown Fam
 ❖ For Sarmad, Samir, Randa & Family
 ❖ For Maria Roksolana Gala req. Family
 ❖ For Gino & Paula Vitale ❖ For the North Family
 ❖ †Vito & Mary Gaglio & Family req. Mazurkiewicz Family
 ❖ †Lauradis Munoz Cardet req. Dubon Family
- 11:30AM (Slovak) For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 8:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
 ❖ In Thanksgiving req. Maryann Ivers
 ❖ For Amy Shamoon & Family ❖ For Tricia Carreon (B'Day)
 ❖ For Christina & Matt & Family
 ❖ †Ryan Shaffer req. Bianchi Family
 ❖ †Mary Douglas req. Bosscher



Second Sunday of Advent • Sunday, December 7, 2025

Fr. Libor Marek, Priest in Solidum • lmarek@saintcyrls.church

Fr. Juraj Nuota, Priest in Solidum • jnuota@saintcyrls.church

Deacon Phil McCown • pmccown@saintcyrls.church

Deacon Gerald Smigell • vgsmigell6@gmail.com

Parish Office • parishoffice@saintcyrls.church

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:

6:00AM

12:00PM

7:00PM

NOTE: NO 9AM Holy Mass Today

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





Eucharistic Adoration Heart's Deepest Longing

We're turning back to our self-examination. Purity of heart (last week's article) is what we're aiming at. With that in mind along with what we must disclose to our spiritual director (entrees prior to last week's article), a few other words of advice will be given. Recall that during these times of self-examination we must ask ourselves some serious, and oftentimes, painful questions in order to find the root cause of what holds us back from unity to the will of God. For instance, recall how we act when performing our daily duties for our state in life, those in our ordinary actions from day-to-day? What end do we have in view while doing them? What motives or principles do we apply? Are they in the order of nature or grace? What way do we interact with people? What is the disposition of our heart, and what (if anything) do we look for in return? A very important thing we need to ask ourselves of is how do we obey the inspiration coming from the Holy Spirit? In what ways do we cooperate with Him? How do we react to our love for God that's in our heart? Do we truly cherish it or take it for granted? All of this, if we perform it, will be rather easy, most useful, and full of consolations. We must always make sure we're humble and completely honest; hiding nothing. And God, who sees and knows all things, will reward us according to our hearts deepest longings. - 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.

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. 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. More information about the AOD's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

Detroitská Arcidiecéza povzbudzuje jednotlivcov, ktorí by vedeli o prípadoch sexuálneho obťažovania mladistvých zo strany kleru, aby ich ohlásili bez ohľadu na to, kedy sa tieto prípady vyskytli. Jednotlivci môžu kontaktovať orgány činné v trestnom konaní, alebo upovedomiť Detroitškú Arcidiecézu prostredníctvom koordinátora pre pomoc obetiam na tel. čísle 866-343-8055, alebo emailom vac@aod.org. Úrad generálneho prokurátora v Michigane možno kontaktovať na bezplatnom telefónnom čísle 844-324-3374 (od pondelka do piatku, od 8:00 do 17:00), alebo emailom aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícii na adrese protect.aod.org

Catechism Corner

CLASS SCHEDULE

Wednesdays: December 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

Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 6:15: Class (First for New Year)
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 • Monday, December 8

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!

Questions about N.O.W. Teen Ministry, please contact:

Heidi, (586) 859-0194

EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry • Thurs, 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.

Questions about EDGE Middle School Ministry, please contact:

Heidi, (586) 859-0194

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.





CHILDREN'S
Holy Hour (& Social Hour)
Friday, December 12th
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
LEAD BY:
Fr. Libor Marek & Gianna Kiminaia

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.

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

PRAYER FOR RESTRUCTURING THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known
as we restructure the parishes and ministries
of our Archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.

Help us hear your voice
in the quiet of our hearts,
in the wisdom of others,
and in the world around us.

We know you are with us in every step of the process.

Give us clarity, understanding, and direction

In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

St. Anne, pray for us.

Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.



For up-to-date information on the
Archdiocesan Restructuring,
use the QR code on the left or go to:
restructuring.aod.org

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!*



Highlights from St. Mark's Bible Study

This week we covered Mark 13:35-15:20. Jesus instructs us to be vigilant in four watch hours. 1) Evening hour (6-9) The Last Supper takes place in this watch. 2) Midnight hour (10-12). This was the hour that the Angel of Death came at the first Passover and the hour Judas betrayed Jesus. 3) Cockcrow hour (1-3am) Jesus' prophecy of Peter's denial of Jesus is fulfilled at the same time Jesus is being mocked and asked to prophecy. 4) Morning hour (4-6 am) Jesus is handed over. We discussed ways of being vigilant, and the importance of staying close to Jesus. We noticed that Peter was at a DISTANCE from Jesus when he denied Him. Lastly, we learned about how the world offers false solutions that promise happiness, peace, prosperity, and goodwill. The world leaves God entirely out of the picture as can be seen when they choose Barabbas over Jesus.

If you have any questions: *Deacon Phil & Janice McCown*

Fun for Everyone • Friday, December 12

Everyone is invited for a beautiful Christmas movie, “The Star”, after the 12:00PM Holy Mass this Friday, December 12. Join other parishioners and families for a movie, food and drinks, and a relaxing afternoon in the Father Mikus Hall.

Church Cleaning Day for Christmas • Monday, December 15

Help is needed to make our church beautiful & “sparkle & shine” for the Nativity of Our Lord. If you are available to help clean the church on Monday, December 15, after the 12:00PM Holy Mass, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule or just come and help.

Ice Skating Outing with Fr. Libor • December 19

Put on your skates and join Fr. Libor and fellow parishioners for a delightful evening of ice skating. The fun takes place at Dodge Park Ice Rink, 40620 Utica Road in Sterling Heights, on Friday, December 19, from 6:00PM - 9:00PM. The entrance fee is \$5 per person + \$5 skate rental!

Mark your calendars for additional Ice Skating Outings that are scheduled on January 23 & 30 and February 20 & 27. Everyone is welcome!

Important Dates to Note for Christmas

BIG CHRISTMAS CONFESSION DAY

(Reminder: Many priests will be available on this day)

Monday, December 28:

10:00AM-12:00PM & 6:00PM-9:00PM

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24:

4:00PM Christmas Vigil (with Living Nativity)

12:00AM Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25:

7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (Slovak), 5:30PM



Christmas Cookie Walk & Bake Sale NEXT WEEKEND Saturday & Sunday, December 13 & 14

COOKIE CONNOISSEURS: Come shop the wonderful variety of homemade cookies & baked goods next weekend: Saturday, December 13, from 10:00AM-7:00PM (or until sold out) and Sunday, December 14, from 8:30AM-8:30PM (or until sold out). Plan to stroll through the Cookie Walk & Bake Sale in the Gallery and enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee or hot chocolate in the Fr. Mikus Hall during the Cookie Walk & Bake Sale.

BAKERS: Thank you to the bakers who have already signed up to help make our Christmas Cookie Walk & Bake Sale a success! We have a variety of cookies being made but we could use a lot more! It's not too late to contribute your delicious homemade bake goods.

Do you have a special Christmas Cookie or traditional baked good that you bake each year? Or do you want to make one from the list of suggested types of cookies that are included on the Sign-up Poster in the vestibule? Please consider baking it for the Cookie Walk next weekend where cookies will be sold by weight! Here are the details:
*Bake 100 cookies of the same recipe in honor of the Rosary Society's 100th Anniversary (a lesser amount is okay, too)
*Drop off your cookies and baked goods in the Gallery after the 12:00PM Holy Mass on Friday, December 12, and no later than 12:00PM on Saturday, December 13
* Tell us the name of your cookie, and add a note if it contains nuts
* Bring to church in a sturdy container (we will plate the cookies).



This event is organized by the Rosary Society with all the proceeds going to the church. It will also be a traditional-type Bake Sale. All homemade baked goods are welcome!

Thank you! The Rosary Society

Questions, please contact: Frances, 586-381-1128



Consecration to Jesus thru Mary & Consecration to St. Joseph

Prep Begins: Monday, December 22

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER



(Private) Consecration Date:

January 23 (Performed Privately)

Mary is our spiritual mother, and St. Joseph is our spiritual father. The spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph is extremely important for our spiritual growth. Everything we have given to Jesus and Mary can also be given to St. Joseph. The hearts of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph are one. Program Overview: Consecration to St. Joseph emulates the tried-and-true preparation method employed by St. Louis de Montfort in his Marian consecration, highlighting many of St. Joseph's titles, privileges, and heroic virtues. The program of preparation and consecration takes 33 days. You'll spend about 20-30 minutes a day on a short exposition on one of the invocations in the powerful Litany of St. Joseph, followed by a reading on St. Joseph, concluding with the recitation of the Litany of St. Joseph. If you miss a day, just make it up and continue your preparation. On the day of your consecration, feel free to use whichever act of consecration you like best; you can also make up your own, if you like. A limited number of books are available in the Parish Office for \$15.

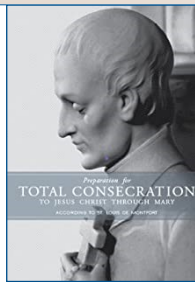
Prep Begins: Wednesday, December 31

Consecration Date:

Presentation of the Lord • February 2

The next 33-day preparation for the Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, St. Louis de Montfort, begins on Wednesday, December 31, for all who wish to make, or renew their Consecration on February 2, the Presentation of the Lord. Once you make the consecration, it is for life. It can then be renewed annually. This is a formal consecration to Our Lady, like a vow. You are giving Mary ALL of yourself - your heart, your mind, and your soul - in order to bring you closer and help you be more faithful to her Son, Jesus Christ and that she may use you as a holy instrument in her battle with Satan. She assists you, through the Holy Spirit, to conform to her virtues and to use your prayers, sacrifices, and sufferings for the greater glory of God. "Preparation for Total Consecration" books are available in the Parish Office for \$10.

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



2025 Parish Advent Giving Projects



The new liturgical year has begun and we are now into the Second Week of Advent.

To help us ensure that our Advent 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. Please remember that all GIFTS must be returned to the church NEXT WEEKEND. Deadlines for all projects are listed below:

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 THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**. Gift cards may be placed in the Sunday collection basket any weekend but **no later than NEXT 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

MANDZIUK & SON FUNERAL DIRECTORS



Mandziuk Family Parishioners
Jeff & Lila, Lic. Funeral Directors

Sterling Heights Chapel
3801 18 Mile Rd • 586-997-3838
Warren Chapel
22642 Ryan Rd • 586-757-3563

ALL ABOUT PLUMBING

(248) 542-7850
\$20.00 OFF any plumbing work

WE APPRECIATE OUR
ADVERTISERS!

St. Apollonia Dental

Charles Pearson, DDS
Yvonne Pearson, DDS



**Family, Cosmetic
& Implant Dentistry**

43158 Dequindre St., Sterling Heights
(located in Cambridge Park)
(586) 323-1320

Plumbing? Sewer? Drain Problems? ... We Can Help



\$20 OFF ANY SERVICE

586-501-8479

WaterWorkPlumbing.com

**24 HOUR
EMERGENCY
SERVICE**

Licensed & Insured
Master Plumber

A.J. DESMOND & SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Troy | Crooks Rd | 248.362.2500 | Troy | Rochester Rd | 248.689.0700 | Royal Oak | Woodward | 248.549.0500

www.AJDesmond.com



586 604 7542

paloodesign@gmail.com
interiors | doors & windows | handyman

Paul Louis Painting

*Celebrate with
Flowers*

VIVIANO
flower shop

800-VIVIANO

Paul & Caroline Viviano Parishioners
For all of Life's Celebrations

MARY MORASSO
ASSOCIATE BROKER
248-228-7401

M.Morasso@innetworkrealestate.com
linktr.ee/realtormarymorasso

38219 MOUND ROAD, SUITE 201, STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48310

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

833-287-3502

Z. PETER PURZYCKI, M.D. Internal Medicine

41400 Dequindre, Ste 121
STERLING HEIGHTS
586.843-3815

17000 E. 10 Mile Rd
EASTPOINTE
586.563-5555

(248) 883-8784

**THE LAW OFFICE OF
FRANCIS O. WEY, PLLC**
Attorney - Parishioner

Estate Planning • Probate
Guardianships & Conservatorships
Real Estate & Foreclosure
Adoption

francisw@weylawoffice.com
www.weylawoffice.com

**NEVER MISS
OUR BULLETIN!**

SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin emailed
to you every week.

Visit www.parishesonline.com

**Dental Health
& Wellness Center**

**Comprehensive Dental Care for
Adults & Children, Including Root Canals,
Orthodontics & TMJ Problems**

Most Insurances Accepted • New Patients Welcome

Teresa A. Gorski • D.D.S. Michael Szweczyk D.D.S. • Michelle Szweczyk D.D.S.
248-269-1600 • 755 W. Big Beaver #250, Troy

**SUPPORT
OUR PARISH**

**VITALE
WEALTH MANAGEMENT**
Your Trusted Guide for Retirement

JOSEPH VITALE
Owner & Investment Advisor Representative ~ Parishioner
(855) 756-5700
joe@vitalewealth.com
www.vitalewealth.com
44444 Mound Rd., Ste. 100
Sterling Hts., MI 48314

- Pension Rollovers
- 401k Rollovers
- Retirement Planning
- Retirement & Income Strategies

Investment advisory services offered through American Retirement Advisors, Inc., a Registered Investment Advisor in the state of Michigan. Insurance products and services offered through American Retirement Solutions, American Retirement Investment Advisor, Inc. and American Retirement Solutions of Michigan, Inc.

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging,
ad-supported
print and digital
newsletters to
reach your
community.

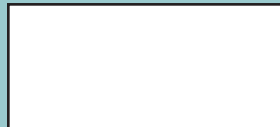


Scan to
contact us!



80 years **WEINGARTZ**
EVERYTHING FROM LAWN TO SNOW

WEINGARTZ.COM



**catholicmatch®
Michigan**

CatholicMatch.com/MI

**LET'S GROW
YOUR BUSINESS**

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME Craig Davis

cdavis@4LPi.com
(216) 325-6825 x6259

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • www.4lpi.com

15-0060