

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 14, 2025



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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending
my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way
before you." - Mt 11:10

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MASS Intentions

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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

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- 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
(Slovak) For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- 11:30AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- 8:30PM ❖ 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

December 15, Monday - Pondelok

- 9:00AM For Napolian Daniel
❖ For Rose & Andrew Easho req. Family
❖ For Yuram Eliya & Haifa Dawood
❖ †Mare & Drane Juncaj
- 12:00PM For Sebastian & Cinthia Abate (1st Ann.)
❖ For Anthony Pietras req. Mercy
❖ †Mansoor Yaldo
❖ †Matthew Margiewicz

December 16, Tuesday - Utorok

- 6:00AM For Andrea & Joseph Kasneci
❖ For Toma Gojcaj & Family
❖ †Gjok Ulaj ❖ †Paul Szwarc
- 12:00PM For Alara Manni (B'Day) ❖ For Napolian Daniel
❖ For Members of the St. Mark Bible Study Group
❖ For Emmy Evangelista req. Friend

December 17, Wednesday - Streda

- 9:00AM For Scott Brady (B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Meredith Parker req. Langlois Family
❖ For Ronnie & Carolyn & Family
❖ †Adam Serra
- 12:00PM For Hayley & Ryan Reynolds (9th Ann.) req. Family
❖ For Napolian Daniel
❖ †Nancy (Curtis) Souza req. Terri North
❖ †Esmaeel Yokana

December 18, Thursday - Štvrtok

- 6:00PM For Clare Cavins req. Langlois Family
❖ For Teresa & Jay Carreon (25th Ann.)
❖ For Amy Shamoon
❖ For Rosemary Shadda
- 12:00PM In Thanksgiving req. Alia Korkis
❖ For Mary Ann Wilkins & Family req. Anne Haio
❖ For Jindar Yalda & Family
❖ †Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany
- 7:00PM For Ethan Drozdowski
❖ For Sue Kattula & Family
❖ †Mary & Amy Dickow req. Haio Family
❖ †Lucy Portelli req. Haio Family

December 19, Friday - Piatok

- 6:00AM For William Parker req. Langlois Family
❖ For Emanuel Palushaj (7th B'Day) req. Family
❖ For Gjoka Lulgjuraj Birthday req. Family
❖ For Diana Harimz Graduation req. Family
- 12:00PM For Ss. Cyril & Methodius Rosary Makers req. Rosary Society
❖ For JoAnn Traczynski
❖ For Mary Bann
❖ For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz req. John & Mary Ann

December 20, Saturday - Sobota

- 9:00AM For Kaleigh Zabawa req. Langlois Family
❖ For the Glenn Wilkins Family
❖ †Steve Sandelands req. Plzak Family
❖ †Anthony Rybicki
- 5:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
❖ For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality
❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
❖ For Hikmat Saco req. Daughter
❖ For Paul & Carroll Schuller & Family
❖ †Charles Spindler & Family
❖ †Kenneth Nowak req. Mom

December 21, Sunday - Nedela

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Matt 1:18-24
- 7:30AM For the Hines & Desser Families
❖ For Marvin Shaina & Grandfather
❖ †Age Dushaj
❖ †John Mangano req. Schena Family
❖ †Marge Lewandowski req. M/M Eugene Tomaszewski
❖ †Nicholas Vitale
❖ †Gene Kucharek (15th Ann.) req. Wife
- 9:30AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. M/M Steve Mazurkiewicz
❖ For the Vitale & Monsu Families
❖ For Zach Gala
❖ For Nathan & Rena, Nathan Jr. & Christian Abrihem
req. Edmunds Family
❖ For Marie & Danny Hollerud
❖ †Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family
❖ †Paul Truchan req. Family
- 11:30AM (Slovak) For Ss. Cyril & Methodius Priests & Staff
❖ For Jan Lopatka & Nadaska Lopatkova & Family
❖ For Stacey Gjeloshaj req. Friend
❖ For Richard Litten req. Daughter
❖ For Viktoria Drozdowski
❖ For Martin Labas (B'day) req. Parents
❖ †Eliska Karrumi req. Stefan Sobolic & Family
❖ †Anna Magusin req. Stefan & Marta Sobolic
- 8:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners



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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)

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Big Christmas Confession Day:

Monday, December 22:

10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. & 6:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

(No Confessions heard from December 23 through January 4.)

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 24:

4:00p.m. (with Living Nativity), 12:00a.m. Midnight

Thursday, December 25:

7:30a.m., 9:30a.m., 11:30a.m. (Slovak), 5:30p.m.

No Adoration: December 25 or January 1

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS † Monday, December 22

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR ADULTS

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- Do I give God time every day in prayer? • Do I seek to love Him with my whole heart?
- Have I been involved with superstitious practices or have I been involved with the occult?
 - Do I seek to surrender myself to God's word as taught by the Church?
 - Have I ever received communion in the state of mortal sin?
- Have I ever deliberately told a lie in Confession or have I withheld a mortal sin from the priest in Confession?
 - Are there other "gods" in my life? Money, Security, Power, People, etc.?

2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- Have I used God's name in vain: lightly or carelessly? • Have I been angry with God?
- Have I wished evil upon any other person? • Have I insulted a sacred person or abused a sacred object?

3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation?
- Have I tried to observe Sunday as a family day and a day of rest? • Do I do needless work on Sunday?

4. Honor your father and your mother.

- Do I honor and obey my parents? • Have I neglected my duties to my spouse and children?
 - Do I try to bring peace into my home life?
- Have I given my family good religious example? • Do I care for my aged and infirm relatives?

5. You shall not kill.

- Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped anyone to have an abortion? • Have I physically harmed anyone?
 - Have I abused alcohol or drugs? • Have I participated in or approved of euthanasia?
 - Did I give scandal to anyone, thereby leading him or her into sin?
 - Have I been angry or resentful? • Have I harbored hatred in my heart?
- Have I mutilated myself through any form of sterilization? • Have I encouraged or condoned sterilization?
- Have I engaged, in any way, in sins against human life such as artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization?

6. You shall not commit adultery.

- Have I been faithful to my marriage vows in thought and action?
 - Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?
- Have I used any method of contraception or artificial birth control in my marriage?
 - Has each sexual act in my marriage been open to the transmission of new life?
- Have I been guilty of masturbation? • Do I seek to control my thoughts and imaginations?
- Have I respected all members of the opposite sex, or have I thought of other people as mere objects?
 - Have I been guilty of any homosexual activity?
- Do I seek to be chaste in my thoughts, words, actions? • Am I careful to dress modestly?

7. You shall not steal.

- Have I stolen what is not mine? • Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
- Do I waste time at work, school, and home? • Do I gamble excessively, thereby denying my family of their needs?
 - Do I pay my debts promptly? • Do I seek to share what I have with the poor?
- Have I cheated anyone out of what is justly theirs, for example creditors, insurance companies, big corporations?

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

- Have I lied? Have I gossiped? • Do I speak badly of others behind their back?
- Am I sincere in my dealings with others? • Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others?
- Do I keep secret what should be kept confidential? • Have I injured the reputation of others by slanders?

9. You shall not desire your neighbor's wife.

- Have I consented to impure thoughts? • Have I caused them by impure reading, movies, television, conversation or curiosity?
 - Do I pray at once to banish impure thoughts and temptations?
- Have I behaved in an inappropriate way with members of the opposite sex: flirting, being superficial, etc.?

10. You shall not desire your neighbor's goods.

- Am I jealous of what other people have? • Do I envy the families or possessions of others?
 - Am I greedy or selfish? • Are material possessions the purpose of my life?

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PREPARE FOR A GOOD CONFESSION

Additional Guides for a Good Confession can be found at: www.saintcyrils.church for:

Younger Children: <https://saintcyrils.church/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Guide-for-a-Good-Confession-for-Children.pdf>

Older Children: <https://saintcyrils.church/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Guide-for-Confession-for-Children.pdf>

Adults: <https://saintcyrils.church/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Guide-for-a-Good-Confession-2018-Adult.pdf>

PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION

O most merciful God! Prostrate at your feet, I implore your forgiveness. I sincerely desire to leave all my evil ways and to confess my sins with all sincerity to you and to your priest. I am a sinner, have mercy on me, O Lord. Give me a lively faith and a firm hope in the Passion of my Redeemer. Give me, for your mercy's sake a sorrow for having offended so good a God. Mary, my mother, refuge of sinners, pray for me that I may make a good confession. Amen.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

COOKIE WALK & BAKE SALE~THIS WEEKEND

2025 Parish Advent Giving Projects

*The remaining Advent Giving Projects are outlined below.
If you have questions about any of the projects, contact:
Raffaella D'Alio, (734) 276-1834 or Sandi Brady in the Parish Office.*



Gift Cards (DUE THIS WEEKEND ONLY):

- † **St. Dominic's Outreach Center** has requested \$25 or \$50 gift cards from Walmart or Kroger for the children and seniors in their community.
- † **Mary's Children Family Center** has requested \$25 or \$50 gift cards from Costco, Gordon Food Service (GFS), Meijer or Kroger. These will be used to purchase birthday and Christmas gifts, supplies and materials needed for their students and programs.

Local Monetary Donations – White Envelopes or PushPay for these donations (until December 25):

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 – Blue Envelope for these donations (until December 25):

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.

Christmas Novena Begins December 26

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.

On back of picture (Luke 2:11-14): "For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is the Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God saying:

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Suggested Donation: \$10 each

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





Eucharistic Adoration Heart's Deepest Longing

We have already spoken about understanding ourselves in view of self-mastery over our interior enemies, i.e., our sinful inclinations, evil tendencies, our weaknesses and trends. This week we start our look at the other enemy of our soul: the world. In our day-in-age, the ways of the world are inescapable. They infiltrate all aspects of society and the very things that surround us every day. What makes the world so toxic to our soul? It is because the ways of the world favor every vice within us whether they are openly or secretly. The Heart of Christ, on the other hand, breathes nothing except what is holy, right, and true. Woe to the heart that clings to the world's allurements and vanities! It is not enough to cast Satan out of our hearts; we must also cast the world out as well. We have three enemies of our soul: The World, the Flesh, and the Devil. All of which vie for the capture of our soul and its attention. Therefore, if we inwardly still cherish the world and continue to strive to live according to the will of God we will gain very little. The world will continue to infect our heart, pervert it, and finally betray us into its power, which is into the power of demons. What is the "world" then? The ways of the world are what the enemy uses get us to accept, and to adhere to, an inordinate or perverse love of pleasure, riches, honors; by these things we corrupt ourselves and others around and associated with us. We will continue our look into the ways of the world in the weeks to come and see how we can combat them in striving to unite ourselves fully to God's will in our lives.

- 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.

Student ProLife Poster Contest • DUE Monday, December 15

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 this 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.

Catechism Corner

CLASS SCHEDULE

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 15
CHRISTMAS PARTY • 7:00PM-8:45PM • Fr. Mikus Hall
Christmas Sweaters are Encouraged!**

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

EDGE NIGHTS RESUME THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

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

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.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers • Friday, December 19

The Rosary Makers will meet this Friday, December 19, 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

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!



St. Monica Sodality Mass • Saturday, December 20

We are in the last half of Advent, and the emphasis of these two weeks is joy and love. May the world joyfully approach Jesus, just like the shepherds so many years ago and realize more fully the love that God has for each of us, His children.

The next St. Monica Sodality Mass takes place this Saturday, December 20, at 5:30PM. Please join us. After Mass we'll head to the Chapel for about 15 minutes of prayer (Chaplet of Divine Mercy, St. Monica Sodality Prayer and perhaps another short prayer) for the return of our loved ones to the full practice of the Catholic faith.

Note: If your loved ones are away from the Faith, list their names on a petition slip and drop it in the St. Monica box by the statue of St. Michael in the entryway when you can so they can be remembered at our Holy Masses. St. Monica prayers are also recited after the Noon weekday Holy Masses.

For more info about future Mass dates, please see the church bulletin, the St. Monica box or contact: *Anne Marie*, (586) 873-2004.

Consecration to St. Joseph

Prep Begins: Monday, December 22

Consecration (Performed Privately): January 23

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.

Consecration to Jesus thru Mary

Prep Begins: Wednesday, December 31

Consecration on the 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

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.

Highlights from St. Mark's Bible Study

On Tuesday, we were scheduled to cover Mark 15:23-16:8 but due to the bad weather, the class was rescheduled to Tuesday, December 16. We will study the details surrounding the Death of Jesus. "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" From Psalm 22 was the response of Jesus to the mocking chief priests. It wasn't a cry of despair, but a firm confidence and trust that the Father will vindicate Jesus. No one mocked Jesus after He said this. We also will learn that the veil in the temple was 50 feet tall and torn from top to bottom, indicating it was a Divine action. This is a sign that God's presence would now be available to all. Lastly, we are encouraged to have greater courage and confidence to proclaim the Good News that Jesus is the Son of God.

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

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.

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