

The Feast of the Holy Family • Sunday, December 28, 2025



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MASS Intentions

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December 27, Saturday - Sobota

Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
 5:30PM For Poor Souls in Purgatory req. Menard Family
 ❖ For All Priests, Seminarians, Deacons & Religious
 ❖ For Joseph Hanna (B'Day)
 ❖ For Laura Izquierdo
 ❖ For Thomas James Langlois req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For Steve Forster (B'Day) req. Family
 ❖ †Michael Pullis

December 28, Sunday - Nedela

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

- Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
 7:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
 9:30AM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
 11:30AM (Slovak) For Jan Lopatka & Nadaska Lopatkova & Family
 ❖ †Vladimir & Terezia Krizik req. Sobolic Family
 ❖ †Stefan & Anna Sobolic req. Sobolic Family
 ❖ †Gjergje Nucullaj req. Fam.
 ❖ †Tone Nucullaj req. Family
 ❖ †Nikkola Lulgjuraj req. Family
 ❖ †Anna Magusin req. Mary Ellen Dembeck
 8:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
 ❖ For Living & Deceased Members of the Drozdowski Family
 ❖ For Jeff & Jenny Drozdowski (Wed. Ann.)
 ❖ For Mary Mutti
 ❖ For the Francis Family
 ❖ For Von Kama
 ❖ †Maria Ivezaj

December 29, Monday - Pondelok

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
 12:00PM For Laura Izquierdo
 ❖ For Marc, Jennifer & Family
 ❖ For Mark Hanna
 ❖ †Robleto Pablo
 ❖ †Maristella D'Alio req. Family

December 30, Tuesday - Utorok

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

*** No 6:00AM Holy Mass Today ***

- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena

December 31, Wednesday - Streda

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

*** No 9:00AM Holy Mass Today ***

- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
 5:30PM For the Nash-Brown Family
 ❖ For Paul, Catie & Family
 ❖ For Zac Cavins req. Langlois Family
 ❖ For Sylvester Wilkins
 ❖ †Zef Kol Doka Lulgjuraj req. Family
 ❖ †Paul & Anna Magusin req. Friends
 ❖ †Louis & Catherine Brady req. Family

January 1, Thursday - Štvrtok

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

- 7:30AM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For Rregjina Hila ❖ For the Louis Family
 ❖ For Kathy Fuller ❖ For Bevelyn Williams req. Amy
 ❖ †John Tatti ❖ †Barbara J. Farmer
 9:30AM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
 11:30AM (Slovak) For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
 ❖ For the Hanna Family
 ❖ For Gregory Johnson req. Family
 ❖ For Sam & Amy Shamoon & Family
 ❖ For the Living & Deceased Members of the Drozdowski Family
 ❖ For Kola Peter Gojaj

- 5:30PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

January 2, First Friday - Piatok

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

*** No 6:00AM Holy Mass Today ***

- 12:00PM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
 7:00PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
 ❖ For the Hanna Family
 ❖ For Austin Hammond req. Family

January 3, First Saturday - Sobota

Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Jesus

- 9:00AM For the Intentions of the Christmas Novena
 5:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory ❖ For Fadi Nassir
 ❖ For Alia Korkis & Family
 ❖ For Gigi Jones ❖ For Channel Gammo
 ❖ †Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Nelson
 ❖ †Arvidas "Harv" Bajercius req. Dan & Jan Atkinson

January 4, Sunday - Nedela

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Matt 2:1-12
 7:30AM For the Menard & Daniel Families
 ❖ For Rich & Rita Saigh
 ❖ For Phil & Irene Housey
 ❖ For Living & Deceased Members of the Ploeger & Nelson Families
 ❖ For Olivia Shubnell req. Langlois Family
 ❖ †Marge Lewandowski req. Adelaide Humbach
 ❖ †Gacalin Prendushi
 9:30AM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
 11:30AM (Slovak) For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For Misko & Megan Sobolic req. Mirka
 ❖ For Dominika & Daniel Liptak req. Mirka
 ❖ For Dwayne Fuller
 ❖ †Sam Kline req. Kathy Holka
 ❖ †Jan Pekarovic req. Mirka
 8:30PM For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 ❖ For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
 ❖ For Samantha, Lourdes, Rosemary & Bernadette
 ❖ For Kristina Daniel & Family ❖ For the Mansour Family
 ❖ For Jacob Emmanuel Lossia req. Grandparents



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Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church

❄ This Week's Holy Mass Schedule ❄

Monday, December 29: 9:00AM & 12:00PM

Tuesday, December 30: 12:00PM (No 6:00AM Holy Mass Today)

Wednesday, December 31: 12:00PM (No 9:00AM Holy Mass Today)

Wednesday, December 31

New Year's Eve:

5:30PM (Vigil)

Thursday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary,

Mother of God

(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

7:30AM

9:30AM

11:30AM (in Slovak)

5:30PM

First Friday, January 2:

(NO 6:00AM)

12:00PM

7:00PM

First Saturday, January 3:

9:00AM

5:30PM (Vigil)



Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday, January 3:

5:30PM (Vigil)

Sunday, January 4:

7:30AM

9:30AM

11:30AM (in Slovak)

8:30PM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

NO CONFESSIONS

WILL BE HEARD

THIS WEEK!

**REGULAR CONFESSION SCHEDULE
WILL RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 5,
1/2 hour before each weekday Holy Mass
and on Saturdays from 8:30AM-9:00AM**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Resumes Thursday, January 8, 1PM-Friday, January 9, 12PM

OFFICE CLOSED: Monday, December 29, through Friday, January 2, 2026

"Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever!"

Regular Mass Schedule Resumes Monday, January 5, 2026:

Saturdays: 9:00AM & 5:30PM (Vigil)

Sundays: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (in Slovak), & 8:30PM

Mondays & Wednesdays: 9:00AM & 12:00PM

Tuesdays & Fridays: 6:00AM & 12:00PM

Thursdays & First Fridays: 9:00AM, 12:00PM & 7:00PM

Tax Statement Request for 2025

If you made a single donation of \$250 or more in 2025, you will automatically be issued a tax statement per government requirements. Those that have used Pushpay or have given us an email address to enter into our database in the past will receive a tax statement automatically. If we have your email address before the third week in January, the email will come directly from a Pushpay email and not from the church email so please be aware of this when looking for the email. If your email address is received after the third week of January the email will likely come from a parish email.

If you are not sure if we have your current email address and would like to receive a tax statement via email you can go to our website, www.saintcyrils.church, to complete the tax statement request form there or contact the Parish Office to ensure your correct address is in our database.

If you would like a paper tax statement for your 2025 tax deductible contributions, please complete the form on our website or fill out the form located in the vestibule and place it in the collection basket or drop it off in the Parish Office.

Emailed tax statements should go out by January 22nd and paper statements will be available by the end of January.

Questions, please contact: *Rob Avery*,
(586) 726-6911 or business@saintcyrils.church

Tax Statement Request for 2025

Please send a statement for tax deductible contributions made to Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish during 2025 to:

Name: _____

Envelope #: _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email: _____

Date of Request: _____

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Please mail my Contribution Statement when it is available.

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I will pick up my sealed Statement in the vestibule box marked "Tax Statements".

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Please email my tax statement.

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Eucharistic Adoration • Heart's Deepest Longing

NO ADORATION ON: Thursday, January 1

ADORATION RESUMES: Thursday, January 8

Moving ahead in our look into why we must not follow the ways of the world; there are a few things which we must consider. First, we cannot trust in the smiles and applause that comes from the world. Its only desire is to deceive and destroy you but it masquerades as if it's something good and positive. Instead, listen to the invitations coming from the Heart of Christ; they long to spare us of empty applause and will save us. If we do not reject the ways of the world, the world will forsake us. When we're worn out and tired from trying to please everyone and the world, the world will laugh and mock us. And when we stand in need of help we will find ourselves alone and powerless. Therefore, we have to think frequently to ourselves which of these two we will choose to follow to enter eternity with. In other words, will we follow Christ, or will we follow the world? This is a choice we all must make now and not wait until it is forced upon us at the time of our death when all is said and done. We must apply ourselves to listen to and follow the Heart of Christ Jesus now while it's not too late. We have to tear ourselves apart from the love of earthly things. We must learn to triumph over it! Have confidence, Jesus already told us that He has overcome the world (Jn 16:33). If we are willing, we too can overcome the world as well. When we do, He will grant a special place within His Heart.

- Paul Ray

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.

Questions about making your Total Consecration, or to register to make (or renew) your Total Consecration, please email: parishoffice@saintcyrils.church

Our Lady's Rosary Makers • Friday, January 2

The Rosary Makers will meet in Room #113 this Friday, January 2, from 1:00PM-3:00PM. We welcome new members and are in need of someone who could dye cord for us. No experience is necessary. We also repair rosaries and accept donations of rosaries and rosary parts.

For more information, please contact:

Jo Ann, (586) 979-1078



First Friday Rosary • January 2

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 on Friday, January 2, 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 31, by sending an email to:

Betty Abate, babate@saintcyriels.church

Bottle & Can Drive • January 1-31

Turn your empties into something amazing! The N.O.W. Youth Ministry will be conducting a Bottle & Can Drive next month, from January 1-31! Donations will go towards the teens' 2026 Rome Pilgrimage. So, save your bottle and cans this Christmas Season and drop them off between January 1-31 at the drop off bin by the outside shed. Questions: Heidi, (586) 859-0194

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

Northland Family Prayer News • Saturday, January 3

This article runs as we prepare to celebrate The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. No matter what issues our families face, the Holy Family is a wonderful example and powerful intercessor. May they help us realize what a precious gift families are, and how much love they can generate. And as God blessed and guided the Holy Family so many years ago, may He also bless and guide all families and expectant parents today! 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 in front of the Northland Family Planning Clinic, 3810 17 Mile Road (just west of Ryan Road) on Saturday, January 3, 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. Let's gather in the parking lot across the street from the clinic so we can evaluate weather conditions and determine the optimal prayer location (the sidewalk or the car).

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.

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

Fellowship with Bagels & Coffee • Sunday, January 11



The Catechism students will be hosting Fellowship with bagels and coffee in the Fr. Mikus Hall on Sunday, January 11, after the 9:30AM Holy Mass.

Everyone is invited!

Catechism Corner

CLASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday: December 31 - NO CLASS

Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 6:15:

Class (First for New Year)

Sunday, January 11, 9:30AM: Commitment Mass

(for all 7th Graders & 8th Graders who didn't attend in 7th Grade)

If you have any questions, please contact: Carroll or Paul Schuller

at cschuller@saintcyriels.church or (586) 726-6911

N.O.W. Teen Youth Ministry

N.O.W. NIGHTS RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 12

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., 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, please contact: Heidi, (586) 859-0194

Winter Wonderland Daddy Daughter Dance • January 23

Daddies and Daughters: Mark your calendars for a beautiful night together with music, appetizers, dancing & unforgettable memories on Friday, January 23, from 7:00PM-10:00PM.

Cost: \$25 (per Dad & Daughters)

Please use the QR code on the right to sign up for this evening of fun.



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.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícii na adrese [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org)



# The 2025 Christmas Cookie Walk and Bake Sale ~ A Huge Success!



The Rosary Society thanks all the talented bakers and volunteers of the parish who contributed cookies, baked goods, and precious time to make this Cookie Walk and Bake Sale a very successful fundraiser for the parish. The cookie varieties were amazing and there were plenty to sell. The charcuterie boards crafted by Fr. Libor attracted much attention, and yes, all 23 sold! The Christmas music helped make the customers to be in a buying mood. The free coffee and hot chocolate attracted many people who have never before visited the parish. Many commented how lovely the church is and how accommodating the facilities were — and how welcoming the people were. The Rosary Society especially appreciated the help from the American Heritage Girls. The winners of the raffle of beautifully decorated Christmas cakes from Vito's Bakery included David B., Feyha, and Ann Mary, all of whom were overjoyed at being a winner and very appreciative. A special thank you to Don who helped set up the tables for the event.

Again, thank you to all who made this event a financial success! Merry Christmas and may the New Year entice new bakers, recipes, and volunteers for the next Christmas Cookie Walk and Bake Sale!

Peace and All Good! *Frances Schena, Chairperson*

## Please Join Us ~ January 3

Start the new year with a new devotion to our Blessed Mother and to our Church by joining the Rosary Society. The Rosary Society will meet on Saturday, January 3, at approximately 10:15AM in the Fr. Mikus Hall. The meeting will begin after the 9:00AM Holy Mass and Rosary.

All women of the parish are welcome to the meeting. Prayerfully consider joining the Rosary Society as we enter our 101st year in our mission of devotion to the Blessed Mother and our support to the Parish.

Happy New Year! We look forward to meeting you! *The Rosary Society*



On New Year's Eve, 1895-1896, St. Gemma Galgani wrote: *"During this new year I resolve to begin a new life. I do not know what will happen to me during this year, but I abandon myself entirely to You, my God, and my aspirations and all my affections will be for You. I feel so weak, dear Jesus, but with Your help I hope and resolve to live a different life, that is, a life closer to You."*

Writing to her spiritual director Gemma wrote: *"Father, do you know the latest idea that has come into my head? It is to become a saint at all costs."*

While 2026 comes with uncertainties about the future, the vocation and goal of each and every one of us remains the same - to become saints and strive for Heaven!

Let us, therefore, spend these final days of 2025 in fervent prayer asking the Holy Spirit to inspire us with what we must do to attain great holiness, thus becoming true saints!

### My 2026 New Year's Resolution!

1 virtue I would like to grow in: \_\_\_\_\_

1 sin I would like to eliminate: \_\_\_\_\_

1 book of Scripture I would like to read completely: \_\_\_\_\_

1 spiritual book I would like to read: \_\_\_\_\_


1 prayer I would like to learn: \_\_\_\_\_

1 way to improve my Sacramental Life: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Intention for 2026: \_\_\_\_\_

# THE CATHOLIC APPROACH TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:

A DAY CONFERENCE  
FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS,  
EDUCATORS, AND ADULTS



Join us for a full day exploring  
the Church's teaching  
on Artificial Intelligence,  
its effects on mental health,  
and practical guidance for  
navigating your family through  
this rapidly changing world.

Location:  
Ss. Cyril and Methodius  
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Date: January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
\$50 per couple  
\$30 for individuals

The Event will include:  
Speakers  
Prayer & Reflection  
Meals

To register, or for more information,  
please, use the QR Code.

