



The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 4, 2026

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January 3, Saturday -**Memorial of The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

5:30 PM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- In Thanksgiving Alia Korkis & Family
- For Gigi Jones
- For Channel Gammo
- For Fadi Nassir
- +Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Nelson
- +Arvidas "Harv" Bajercius req. Dan & Jan Atkinson

January 4, Sunday - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30AM

- For the Menard & Daniel Families
- For Rich & Rita Saigh
- For Phil & Irene Housey
- For Living & Deceased Members of Ploeger & Nelson Families
- For Olivia Shubnell req. Langlois Family
- +Marge Lewandowski req. Adelaide Humbach
- +Gacalin Prendushi

9:30 AM

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

11:30 AM (Slovak)

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Michal & Megan Sobolič req. Mirka
- For Dominika & Daniel Lipták req. Mirka
- For Dwayne Fuller
- +Sam Kline req. Kathy Holka
- +Ján Pekarovič req. Mirka

8:30 PM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
- For Samantha, Lourdes, Rosemary & Bernadette
- For Kristina Daniel & Family
- For Jacob Emmanuel Lossia req. Grandparents
- For Mansour Family

January 5, Monday -**Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop**

9:00 AM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Living & Deceased Members of Slemmer & Weiss Families

- For Paul Varchetti & Family
- +Luigi Guidotti

12:00 PM

- For Sam & Amy Shamoon
- For Alia Korkis & Family
- For Ava Haio B'Day
- For John Mangano

January 6, Tuesday

6:00 AM

- For The Nelson Family
- For Tracy Crawford

12:00 PM

- For Patrick Korkis
- +Mark & Lena Pepaj req. Family
- +Mariano David
- +Arnetta O Nash req. Sharon Brown & Family

January 7, Wednesday

9:00 AM

- For Julie Schuster (B'Day) req. Family
- For Mary Ketchum
- For Vera
- For Jack

12:00 PM

- For Patrick Korkis

- For Gjyste Pepaj req. Family
- For Beth Ledford & Family
- +David Chupa req. Family

January 8, Thursday

6:00 AM

- For the Nelson Family
- For Kola Peter Gojaj
- For Seth Phipps
- For John & Bridget Hines

5:30 PM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. Clara Mansour
- For Kiersten Loster (B'Day)
- For Gjok Pepaj Family
- For Lourdes & Bernadette Shamoon

7:00 PM (Latin)

- For Morgan, Naevi & Valon Dushaj
- For Zinah Hanna
- +Joe Olson
- +Theresa Nguyen Thi Xuan Lan req. Ho Thu

January 9, Friday

6:00 AM

- For Daniel Fuller
- For The Nelson Family
- +Cynthia Sousa

12:00 PM

- For Paul & Alex Pawlowski
- For Theresa Chieminsky (B'Day)
- +Mary Manning & Sons
- +Oscar Tena (B'Day)

January 10, Saturday

9:00 AM

- For the Members of Our Lady Mother of Mercy Secular Discalced Carmelites
- For the Intentions of the Rosary Society
- For Bob Sedlak
- +Lionor Cayetano (Ann.)

5:30 PM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- For Living & Deceased Members of Scarcelli & Fekin
- For Lorraine Curtis req. Dan & Jan Atkinson
- For the Living & Deceased Members of the Drozdowski Family
- For John Paul Mansour req. Mother
- +Barbara Clouse req. Ken & Mary Ann Warner

January 11, Sunday - FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

7:30AM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Conan Sier (B'Day) req. Family
- For Ericka Phipps
- For Christine Sanders req. Broski Family
- For John Mangano & Family

9:30 AM

- For the Members of the Knights of Columbus - Council 7011 & Assembly 1839
- For the Sean Gardiner Family
- For Hayley Strobel req. VBS
- For William Jaynes req. Uncle Dan & Aunt Jan
- +Ranzy Kizy req. Amira Kizy
- +Fran Ujkaj req. Daughter
- +Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family

11:30 AM (Slovak)

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

8:30 PM

- For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family
- For Emanuela & Aleksander req. Family
- For Mansour Family

Welcome

SS. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Parish

Father Libor Marek, Priest in Solidum • lmarek@saintcyrils.church
 Father Juraj Nuota, Priest in Solidum • jnuota@saintcyrils.church
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Regular Mass Schedule:

Saturdays:

9:00am & 5:30pm (Sunday's Vigil)

Sundays:

7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Slovak) & 8:30pm

Mondays & Wednesdays:

9:00am & 12:00pm

Tuesdays & Fridays:

6:00am & 12:00pm

Thursdays & First Fridays:

6:00am, 12:00pm & 7:00pm

Overnight Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays–Fridays: 1:00pm–6:00am

First Fridays: extended until 7:00pm

Adoration is interrupted during the celebration of Mass.

Regular Confession Schedule

Mondays & Wednesdays:

8:30–9:00am & 11:30am–12:00pm

Tuesdays & Fridays:

5:30–6:00am & 11:30am–12:00pm

Thursdays & First Fridays:

5:30–6:00am & 11:30am–12:00pm & 6:30–7:00pm

Saturdays:

8:30–9:00am

Regular Office Hours

Mondays: 10:00am–5:00pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: 11:00am–5:00pm

Wednesdays: 11:00am–2:00pm

The office is closed during the celebration of Mass.

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	
Env #	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please mail my Contribution Statement when: it is available.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I will pick up my sealed Statement in the vestibule box marked "Tax Statements".
<input type="checkbox"/>	Please email my tax statement.

Eucharistic Adoration Heart's Deepest Longing



We stick with our look into the world and what it offers us this week. It cannot be stressed enough in our day-in-age since everywhere we turn the world's allurements entice us to follow it. First, when we say "The World" we mean the "ways of the world". St. John reminds us: "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world (1 Jn. 2:15-16)". The world is very deceitful. It allures the unaware into its claws and devours them to their ultimate ruin. It holds out to us pleasures, honors, and riches; and with all these things says to us, "All of these I will give to thee if you serve me." Through the hope of these pleasant things, it brings our spiritual zeal beneath the cruel tyranny of our disorderly passions. These, when adhered to, leads us to ceaseless torture under the pangs of conscience. Moreover, have you ever seen someone who follows the ways of the world whose heart was in every way satisfied? The world indeed promises "good things" but in reality bestows true evil only. It is masterful in making evil appear as good, and good appear as evil (read Romans 1:18-31). All-in-all, the world makes us wicked, and hinder us from truly being happy.

Paul A. Ray

Can You Spend One Hour with Our Lord?

At Gethsemane, Jesus said to the apostles,
*"Couldn't you watch with me even one hour? Keep
watch and pray so that you will not give into
temptation. For the spirit is willing but the body is
weak."*

(Matthew 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

Catechism Corner Class Schedule

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21 & 28 - 6:15pm - Class

Please pray that the children of the program continue to strive to be saints by working hard to know, love, and serve God in this world and the next. Please keep the teachers and volunteers in your prayers as well. We would like to thank the volunteers from the Knights of Columbus, who are acting as Guardian Angels and generously giving of their time as traffic facilitators, in looking over the children and families as they go to and from their cars. Please follow their instructions as they are looking out for the safety of all of our children!

Parents – Please watch your speed in and around the church parking lots. We have many students and at any time one could dart in front of your vehicle. Although we have many eyes watching, you know how fast something can change. Please maintain a speed limit of less than 10 MPH. Do your part to see that your child does not wander from you. Students should remain on the sidewalks while waiting to be picked up.

N.O.W. Teen Youth Ministry

N.O.W. Nights resume on 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 Pope (586) 859-0194

EDGE Middle School Youth Ministry

EDGE Nights resume on 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 Pope (586) 859-0194

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
41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights, MI
48314

Date: January 10th, 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.





Homily of Pope Leo XIV

On the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord December 24, 2025

Dear brothers and sisters,

For millennia, across the earth, peoples have gazed up at the sky, giving names to the silent stars, and seeing images therein. In their imaginative yearning, they tried to read the future in the heavens, seeking on high for a truth that was absent below amidst their homes. Yet, as if grasping in the dark, they remained lost, confounded by their own oracles. On this night, however, “the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined” (Is 9:2). Behold the star that astonishes the world, a spark newly lit and blazing with life: “To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord” (Lk 2:11). Into time and space – in our midst – comes the One without whom we would not exist. He who gives his life for us lives among us, illuminating the night with his light of salvation. There is no darkness that this star does not illumine, for by its light all humanity beholds the dawn of a new and eternal life.

It is the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel. In the Son made man, God gives us nothing less than his very self, in order to “redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own” (Titus 2:14). Born in the night is the One who redeems us from the night. The hint of the dawning day is no longer to be sought in the distant reaches of the cosmos, but by bending low, in the stable nearby.

The clear sign given to a darkened world is indeed “a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger” (Lk 2:12). To find the Savior, one must not gaze upward, but look below: the omnipotence of God shines forth in the powerlessness of a newborn; the eloquence of the eternal Word resounds in an infant’s first cry; the holiness of the Spirit gleams in that small body, freshly washed and wrapped in swaddling clothes. The need for care and warmth becomes divine since the Son of the Father shares in history with all his brothers and sisters. The divine light radiating from this Child helps us to recognize humanity in every new life.

To heal our blindness, the Lord chooses to reveal himself in each human being, who reflect his true image, according to a plan of love begun at the creation of the world. As long as the night of error obscures this providential truth, then “there is no room for others either, for children, for the poor, for the stranger” (Benedict XVI, Homily, Christmas Mass during the Night, 24 December 2012). These words of Pope Benedict XVI remain a timely reminder that on earth, there is no room for God if there is no room for the human person. To refuse one is to refuse the other. Yet, where there is room for the human person, there is room for God; even a stable can

become more sacred than a temple, and the womb of the Virgin Mary become the Ark of the New Covenant.

Let us marvel, dear brothers and sisters, at the wisdom of Christmas. In the Child Jesus, God gives the world a new life: his own, offered for all. He does not give us a clever solution to every problem, but a love story that draws us in. In response to the expectations of peoples, he sends a child to be a word of hope. In the face of the suffering of the poor, he sends one who is defenseless to be the strength to rise again. Before violence and oppression, he kindles a gentle light that illumines with salvation all the children of this world. As Saint Augustine observed, “human pride weighed you down so heavily that only divine humility could raise you up again” (Saint Augustine, Sermon 188, III, 3). While a distorted economy leads us to treat human beings as mere merchandise, God becomes like us, revealing the infinite dignity of every person. While humanity seeks to become “god” in order to dominate others, God chooses to become man in order to free us from every form of slavery. Will this love be enough to change our history?

The answer will come as soon as we wake up from a deadly night into the light of new life, and, like the shepherds, contemplate the Child Jesus. Above the stable of Bethlehem, where Mary and Joseph watch over the newborn Child with hearts full of wonder, the starry sky is transformed into “a multitude of the heavenly host” (Lk 2:13). These are unarmed and disarming hosts, for they sing of the glory of God, of which peace on earth is the true manifestation (cf. v. 14). Indeed, in the heart of Christ beats the bond of love that unites heaven and earth, Creator and creatures. For this reason, exactly one year ago, Pope Francis affirmed that the Nativity of Jesus rekindles in us the “gift and task of bringing hope wherever hope has been lost,” because “with him, joy flourishes; with him, life changes; with him, hope does not disappoint” (Homily, Christmas Mass during the Night, 24 December 2024). With these words, the Holy Year began. Now, as the Jubilee draws to a close, Christmas becomes for us a time of gratitude and mission; gratitude for the gift received, and mission to bear witness to it before the world. As the Psalmist sings: “Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all the peoples” (Ps 96:2–3).

Brothers and sisters, contemplation of the Word made flesh awakens in the whole Church a new and true proclamation. Let us therefore announce the joy of Christmas, which is a feast of faith, charity and hope. It is a feast of faith, because God becomes man, born of the Virgin. It is a feast of charity, because the gift of the redeeming Son is realized in fraternal self-giving. It is a feast of hope, because the Child Jesus kindles it within us, making us messengers of peace. With these virtues in our hearts, unafraid of the night, we can go forth to meet the dawn of a new day.

Winter Wonderland

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US
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DATE:

JANUARY 23, 2026

TIME:

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

LOCATION:

SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS
41233 RYAN ROAD
STERLING HEIGHTS, MI

COST:

\$25 PER DAD & DAUGHTERS

