



The Baptism of the Lord  
Sunday, January 11, 2026

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



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**January 10, Saturday**

5:30 PM

- For the 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
- For Sophie Stelzer req. Barbara Sikora
- +Barbara Clouse req. Ken & Mary Ann Warner

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

7:30 AM

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

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
- For Alexandra Nukulovic & Family
- For the Womack Family
- For Vince Garrisi (80th B'Day) req. Wife
- For Simon Dushaj & Family

**January 12, Monday**

9:00 AM

- For Imad & Najla Abro (40th Ann.)
- For Eliana req. Aunt
- +Dennis Lichocki req. Son
- +Wally Orow

12:00 PM

- For Alex & Paul Pawlowski
- For Halah (B'Day)
- For Amira Kizy B'Day & Family
- +Cynthia Souza

**January 13, Tuesday -****Memorial of Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

6:00 AM

- For Bart Fuller
- For Mark Varchetti
- For Rob & Annie Avery

12:00 PM

- Fr. Nicholas Zukowski req. Dan & Jan Atkinson
- For Danielle M Brown & Family req. Sharon Brown & Family
- For Jillian Haio
- For the Mansour Family

**January 14, Wednesday**

9:00 AM (CANCELLED)

12:00 PM

- For the Souls in Purgatory req. Clara Mansour
- For Sam Louis B'Day
- For Don & Jennifer Sadowski & Family
- For Antonina Albino req. Dan & Jan Atkinson

- For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
- +Joann Lichocki req. Son

**January 15, Thursday**

6:00 AM

- In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojaj
- For All Priests
- For John Paul Mansour req. Mother
- +Alma Warman req. Family
- +Matthew Margiewicz req. Family
- +Aunt Rita & Uncle Tom

12:00 PM (CANCELLED)

7:00 PM

- In Thanksgiving req. Dan & Jan Atkinson
- For Sam, Simon, Brendan & Eli
- For Kimberly & Mario Genna & Family
- For Anna Vitale
- For Lorraines's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
- For Lorraine Drozdowski

**January 16, Friday**

6:00 AM

- For the Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- For Zinah Hanna (B'Day)
- For Kathy Fuller
- For the Intentions of the Rosary Makers & Families
- For Sandi Brady & Family
- For Lourdes & Bernadette Shamoon

12:00 PM (CANCELLED)

**January 17, Saturday - Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot**

9:00 AM

- For the Souls in Purgatory
- For Krahala Family & Friends
- For Frederick Hornbacher B'Day req. Family
- For Tommy Kassab & Family req. Friend

5:30 PM

- For Monir & Alia Korkis and Family
- For the Living & Deceased Members of the Drozdowski Family
- For Paul & Carroll Schuller & Family
- For Sophie Stelzer req. Barbara Sikora
- For George Nudulovic & Family
- For John Paul Mansour req. Mother
- +Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family

**January 18, Sunday - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM

- For Anthony Nelson (11th B'Day)
- For Gary Funk req. Langlois Family
- For Carl & Alyssia Varchetti & Family
- For Alex Rolling (B'Day)
- +John Maciag req. Wife

9:30 AM

- For Brett Suchland req. VBS
- For the Terry Reed Family
- For Sebastian & Cinthia Abate
- For the Orlosky Family
- For Alcantara Family req. Orlosky Family
- +Elias Jamila req. Amira Kizy
- +Ken Bishop req. Family

11:30 AM (Slovak)

- For Fr. Libor
- For Alison Doka req. Mirka
- For Jan & Natalie Plzák
- For Tim Fuller
- +Bohuslav Bačík req. Wife
- +Eliška Karrumi req. Hildegard Ivin

8:30 PM

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners
- Mansour Family

# Welcome

## SS. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Parish

Father Libor Marek, Priest in Solidum • [lmarek@saintcyrils.church](mailto:lmarek@saintcyrils.church)  
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Parish Office • [parishoffice@saintcyrils.church](mailto:parishoffice@saintcyrils.church)

### 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](http://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](mailto: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

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



## 2025 Parish Advent Giving Projects

Thank you to everyone who generously donated gifts this past Advent season. The staff and volunteers at St. Dominic's, Mary's Children, and Macomb County Community Mental Health were deeply grateful and excited to distribute the donations to the people and families they serve. We also extend our sincere appreciation for the generous monetary contributions that will support the vital work of: Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Centers, St. Christine's Christian Services, the Slovak Seminary, and the Catholic Medical Clinic in Kahama, Tanzania. Thank you also to all the parishioners who helped sort and deliver the donations!

## Catechism Corner Class Schedule

- **Sunday, Jan 11th at 9:30 am** - Commitment Holy Mass for 7th Grade Students and 8th Grade (Students who did not participate last year.)
- **Wednesday, Jan 14th at 6:15 PM** – Class w/Benediction for Grades K-4th
- **Wednesday, Jan 21st at 6:15 PM** – Class w/ Benediction for Grades 5th - 8th
- **Wednesday, Jan 28th at 6:15 PM** – Class w/Benediction for Grades K-4th
- **Wednesday, Feb 4th at 6:15 PM** – Class w/ Benediction for Grades 5th - 8th
- **Wednesday, Feb 11th at 6:15 PM** – Class w/Benediction for Grades K-4th
- **Wednesday, Feb 18th** - No Class (Ash Wednesday)
- **Wednesday, Feb 25th** - Class w/ Benediction for Grades 5th - 8th

If you have any questions, please contact:

Carroll or Paul Schuller at  
cschuller@saintcyriels.church  
or 586-685-1069

## N.O.W. and EDGE 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!

### 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 NOW and EDGE, please contact:

Heidi Pope (586) 859-0194

**NOW YOUTH MINISTRY**

# BOTTLE DRIVE



**DROP-OFF DATES**  
**JANUARY 1-31**

**DROP-OFF LOCATION:**  
**SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS**

THE DONATION AREA IS IN  
FR. LIBOR'S GARDEN

Turn your empties into something amazing!

ALL DONATIONS OF CANS AND BOTTLES GO TOWARDS THE TEENS' 2026 ROME PILGRIMAGE

**ASK: HEIDI POPE**

**NOW@SAINTCYRILS.CHURCH**



**FR. LIBOR'S**

## Ice Skating Outing

Everyone is welcome!

Put on your skates and join us for an evening of delightful community fun!

**Skate Nights:**  
January 30 \* February 20  
February 27

**6 PM - 9 PM**

 **40620 Utica Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48313**  
\*Sterling Heights Residents receive free entrance

**DODGE PARK ICE RINK** 

**\$5 ENTRANCE FEE + \$5 SKATE RENTAL**



**SILENT WEEKEND  
RETREAT FOR  
WOMEN, MEN, &  
COUPLES**



*A Lifetime of*  
**Blessedness**



**RETREAT ON  
THE BEATITUDES**



# ANTIQUA ET NOVA



## The Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence

In a Note on the relationship between artificial intelligence and human intelligence, the Dicasteries for the Doctrine of the Faith and for Culture and Education highlight the potential and the challenges of artificial intelligence in the areas of education, the economy, labour, health, human and international relations, and war.

In 117 paragraphs, “Antiqua et Nova” highlights challenges and opportunities of the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the fields of education, economy, work, health, relationships, and warfare. In the latter sphere, for instance, the document warns of the AI’s potential to increase “the instruments of war well beyond the scope of human oversight and precipitating a destabilizing arms race, with catastrophic consequences for human rights” [99].

### Dangers and progress

Specifically, the document lists not only the risks but also the progress associated with AI, which it encourages as “part of the collaboration of man and woman with God” [2]. However, it does not avoid the concerns that come with all innovations, whose effects are still unpredictable.

### Distinguishing between AI and human intelligence

Several paragraphs of the Note are devoted to the distinction between AI and human intelligence. Quoting Pope Francis, the document affirms that “the very use of the word ‘intelligence’ in connection to AI ‘can prove misleading’... in light of this, AI should not be seen as an artificial form of human intelligence, but as a product of it” [35]. “Like any product of human ingenuity, AI can also be directed toward positive or negative ends” [40]. “AI ‘could introduce important innovations’” [48] but it also risks aggravating situations of discrimination, poverty, “digital divide,” and social inequalities [52]. “the concentration of the power over mainstream AI applications in the hands of a few powerful companies raises significant ethical concerns,” including “the risk that AI could be manipulated for personal or corporate gain or to direct public opinion for the benefit of a specific industry” [53].

## War

With reference to war, “Antiqua et Nova” stresses that autonomous and lethal weapons systems capable of “identifying and striking targets without direct human intervention are a “cause for grave ethical concern” [100]. It notes that Pope Francis has called for their use to be banned since they pose “an ‘existential risk’ by having the potential to act in ways that could threaten the survival of entire regions or even of humanity itself” [101]. “This danger demands serious attention,” the document says, “reflecting the long-standing concern about technologies that grant war ‘an uncontrollable destructive power over great numbers of innocent civilians,’ without even sparing children” [101].

## Human relations

On human relations, the document notes that AI can lead to “harmful isolation” [58], that “anthropomorphizing AI” poses problems for children’s growth [60] and that misrepresenting AI as a person is “a grave ethical violation” if this is done “for fraudulent purposes.” Similarly, “using AI to deceive in other contexts—such as education or in human relationships, including the sphere of sexuality—is also to be considered immoral and requires careful oversight” [62].

## Health

The Note also dedicates ample space to the issue of healthcare. Recalling the “immense potential” in various applications in the medical field, it warns that if AI were to replace the doctor-patient relationship, it would risk “worsening the loneliness that often accompanies illness” [73]. It also warns that “the integration of AI into healthcare also poses the risk of amplifying other existing disparities in access to medical care,” with the risk of “reinforcing a ‘medicine for the rich’ model, where those with financial means benefit from advanced preventative tools and personalized health information while others struggle to access even basic services” [76].

## The relationship with God

Finally, the Note warns against the risk of humanity becoming “enslaved to its own work” [105]. Artificial intelligence, “Antiqua et Nova” insists, “should be used only as a tool to complement human intelligence rather than replace its richness” [112].

Scan the QR code  
to read the Note:

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2025/01/28/0083/01166.html#ing>



## *Notice of Confession and Mass Cancellations*

### **Wednesday Jan. 14th**

There will be no  
Confessions before  
the 9:00 AM Mass,  
and no 9:00 AM Mass

### **Thursday Jan. 15th**

There will be no  
Confessions before  
the 12:00 PM Mass, and  
no 12:00 PM Mass

### **Friday Jan. 16th**

There will be no  
Confessions before  
the 12:00 PM Mass, and  
no 12:00 PM Mass

## *Winter Wonderland*

### DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US  
FOR A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT OF MUSIC, APPETIZERS,  
DANCING, AND UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES!

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

