

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, January 25, 2026



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METHODIUS PARISH

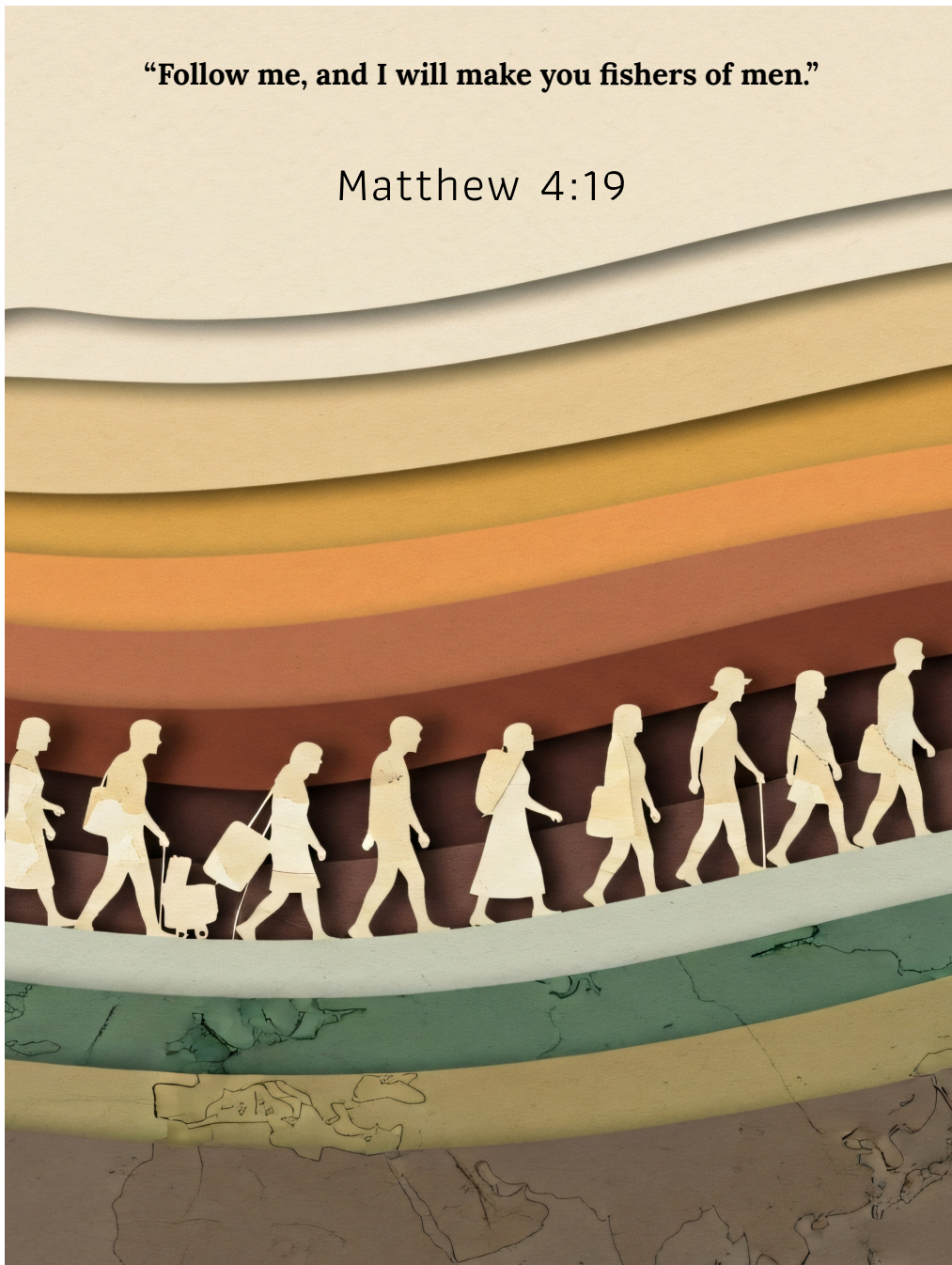
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**“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”**

Matthew 4:19



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**January 24, Saturday - Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales**

5:30 PM

- For the Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality
- For Michael Drozdowski (B'Day)
- For Sophie Stelzer req. Barbara Sikora
- For Maria Nuculovic & Family
- For Jebroo Family
- +Cheryl Lynn Barnick req. Mary

**January 25, Sunday - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

9:30 AM

- For the Living & Deceased Members of the Buckley Families
- For the Souls in Purgatory
- For Christopher Baltrinic req. VBS
- For Gerald Mazurkiewicz (B'Day) req. Family
- For Margaret Funk req. Langlois Family
- For Patrick & Sophia Hines
- +Karim Curioca req. Amira Kizy

11:30 AM (Slovak)

- For Fr. Juraj
- For Joe Fuller
- For Agnes Bawol req. Niece Amy
- +Anna Celusnak req. Julie Celusnak
- +Marie Horacek req. Mirka
- +Eliska Karrumi req. Daniela Grisak
- + Magdaléna Bojová, req. dcéra Renata s rodinou

8:30 PM

- For the Souls in Purgatory req. Hanna Family
- For Al & Ann Varchetti
- For Amanda Nuculovic & Family
- For Mina Allo B'Day
- For Jamila & Family
- For Mansour Family
- +Jacob Henning req. Parents

**January 26, Monday- Memorial of Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops**

9:00 AM

- For the Souls in Purgatory req. Clara Mansour
- For Daniel Fuller
- For Kola Peter Gojcaj
- +Ernest & Maria Gaiera

12:00 PM

- For Deacon Gerald Smigell (B'Day)
- For Anthony Fuentes
- +Maria Patricia Colindres & Family req. Cousin Janet
- +Rafael Drensek B'Day req. Drensek Family

**January 27, Tuesday- Memorial of Saint Angela Merici, Virgin**

6:00 AM

- For Elise Fuller
- For Claudia Markos req. Friend
- +Paul & Helen Szwarc
- +Edward & Mary Kelly

**January 27, Tuesday- Memorial of Saint Angela Merici, Virgin (Cont.)**

12:00 PM

- For Ann Marie Meldrum req. Mom
- For Roddy & Gjonaj Families
- For Scott Crawford
- For Robert Ector

**January 28, Wednesday - Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas**

9:00 AM

- For John Fuller
- For Paul Varchetti & Family
- +Agatha Mangano req. Daughter
- +Jeanette Simonson

12:00 PM

- For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
- For Womack Family
- For John Paul Mansour req. Mother
- +Alberto Pertusi req. Family

**January 29, Thursday**

6:00 AM

- For the Souls in Purgatory
- In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojaj
- For Michael Fuller
- For Rosemary Leonart

12:00 PM

- For Debbie Henderson
- +John Mark Fayad req. Jim & Barb Wisniewski
- +Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany & Family
- + Nora Carreon (Ann.)

7:00 PM

- For Austin & Family
- For Lorraines's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
- For Annie & Rob Avery req. Plzak Family
- +Anna Sovikova req. Family

**January 30, Friday**

6:00 AM

- For Tommy Fuller
- For Mark Varchetti
- For Charley & Anna Debczak
- For Jane Hines B'Day

12:00 PM

- For the Souls in Purgatory req. Clara Mansour
- For Anthony Schuller & Family
- For Rose
- +Leoncio Tena (Ann.)

**January 31, Saturday - Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest**

9:00 AM

- For Tim Schuster (B'Day) req. Family
- For Nellie & Family
- For Catherine Hanna (B'Day)
- For Thomas Simonson

# 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:

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<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.

## 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](mailto: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 e-mail at: [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov). More information about the AOD's efforts to address abuse may be found at [protect.aod.org](http://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. číslo 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 e-mailom [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)

## HEART'S DEEPEST LONGING

Furthering our look at the entrapments and dangers of living according to the world we must remember that if we cleave to the world it would be as if we would cease to exist. By doing so, we forget about all the possessions and privileges that belong to a Christian. After all, through our new birth in the waters of Baptism we made a solemn pledge before heaven and earth to renounce the world and its wickedness. And again, going along with the world proves that we are truly faithless and worse off than non-believers. For it is better to never have made this promise than to make the promise and turn our backs on it. If it were possible to ask the blessed in heaven what they thought of the world they would surely tell you their happiness began from the time they learned to despise the things of the world. To the ones in torment, they would reply to how they were deceived and ruined by the ways of the world. We will (make no mistake) one day be among one of these. Be timely now, therefore, while you can lest you feel the pain of sorrow when it's too late and it's of no use. Follow the example of the saints and withdraw your heart from the world and keep your attention away from its enticements. We must walk on this earth while our hearts are already in heaven. The more you distance yourself from the world the closer we will be to our Creator. O' how meaningless the world seems when we consider what awaits us in heaven!

- Paul A. Ray

## Catechism Corner Class Schedule

**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](mailto:cschuller@saintcyriels.church)  
or 586-685-1069

## N.O.W. and EDGE Teen Youth Ministry

**N.O.W. Nights will be held on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup>**

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!

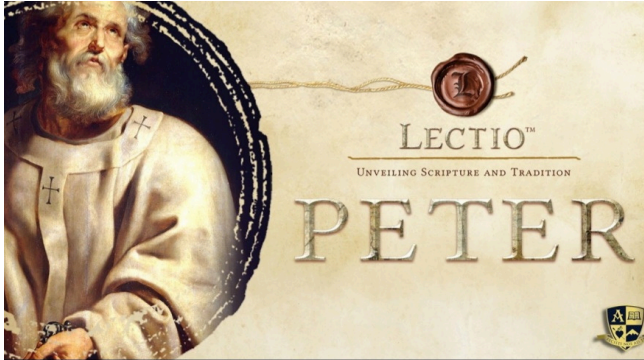
**EDGE Nights will be held on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

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






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**Class:** Tuesdays, 10AM - 11:30AM (March 31 - June 9)  
**Cost:** \$25 (for Study Guide)  
**Registration Deadline:** March 17  
 (so Study Guides can be ordered in time for the first class)  
**Registration & Questions:**  
 Janice McCown, (248) 376-2223



**Please join us in prayer for life**

Northland Family Planning Clinic

**Saturday, February 7th from 11:30AM,  
3810, 17 Mile Road  
(west of Ryan Road)**

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 to 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. All are welcome to participate.

For more info, please contact Anne Marie at 586-873-2004.

**NOW YOUTH MINISTRY**

# BOTTLE DRIVE



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

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

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"BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS! DO NOT FEAR NOR BE DISMAYED, FOR THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO."  
JOSHUA 1:9

# UNAFRAID RISE

**A GATHERING OF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**

**DATE:**  
Sunday, February 1 | 8:15 a.m. – 7:15 p.m.

**LOCATION:**  
Mercy High School, Farmington Hills

**FEATURING:**  
Chika Anyanwu

**MASS WITH:**  
Archbishop Weisenburger

[AOD.ORG/RISE](http://AOD.ORG/RISE)

## State of the World



### Address of Pope Leo XIV

To Members of the Diplomatic Corps Accredited to the Holy See

Dear Ambassadors,

Prompted by the tragic events of the sack of Rome in 410 AD, Saint Augustine wrote *De Civitate Dei*, The City of God. This is one of the most powerful of his theological, philosophical and literary works. As Pope Benedict XVI observed, it is an “impressive work crucial to the development of Western political thought and the Christian theology of history.”

It draws, as we would say in contemporary terms, on a “narrative” that was spreading, for “the pagans, still numerous at that time, and even quite a few Christians, thought that the God of the new religion and the Apostles themselves had shown themselves incapable of protecting the city. In the days of the pagan gods, Rome was *caput mundi*, the great capital, and no one could have imagined that it would fall into the hands of its enemies. Now, with the God of the Christians, this great city no longer seemed secure.”

### Amor Dei - The Love of God

Augustine interprets events and history itself according to the model of two cities. First, there is the city of God, which is eternal and characterized by God’s unconditional love (*amor Dei*), as well as love for one’s neighbor, especially the poor. Then there is the earthly city, which is a temporary dwelling place where human beings live until death. In our day, the latter includes all social and political institutions, from the family to the Nation State and international organizations. For Augustine, this city was epitomized by the Roman Empire. Indeed, the earthly city is centered on pride and self-love (*amor sui*), on the thirst for worldly power and glory that leads to destruction. However, this is not a reading of history that seeks to contrast eternity with the present, the Church with the State, nor is it a dialectic about the role of religion within civil society

## Our Responsibility for History

In Augustine’s view, the two cities coexist until the end of time. Each has both an external and an internal dimension, for they are to be understood not only in light of the external manner in which they are constructed throughout history, but also through the lens of the internal attitudes of each human being towards the realities of life and historical events. In this perspective, each of us is a protagonist and thus responsible for history. Moreover, Augustine emphasizes that Christians are called by God to dwell in the earthly city with their hearts and minds turned towards the heavenly city, their true homeland. At the same time, Christians living in the earthly city are not strangers to the political world, and, guided by the Scriptures, seek to apply Christian ethics to civil government.

### God’s City isn’t a Political Program

The City of God does not propose a political program. Instead, it offers valuable reflections on fundamental issues concerning social and political life, such as the search for a more just and peaceful coexistence among peoples. Augustine also warns of the grave dangers to political life arising from false representations of history, excessive nationalism and the distortion of the ideal of the political leader.

### Pride

Pride obscures both reality itself and our empathy towards others. It is no coincidence that pride is always at the root of every conflict. Consequently, as I recalled in my Message for the World Day of Peace, “we lose our sense of realism and surrender to a partial and distorted view of the world, disfigured by darkness and fear,” thus paving the way for the mentality of confrontation, which is the precursor to every war.

### Dialogue and Peace

This coming October will mark the eighth century of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi, a man of peace and dialogue, universally recognized even by those who do not belong to the Catholic Church. His life shines brightly, for it was inspired by the courage to live in truth, and the knowledge that a peaceful world is built starting with humble hearts turned towards the heavenly city. A humble and peace-loving heart is what I wish for each of us and for all who dwell in our countries at the beginning of this New Year.

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<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/speeches/2026/january/documents/20260109-corpo-diplomatico.html>







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### 2026 DATES

#### BOYS' CAMPS

##### 2-WEEK CAMPS

Ages 8-16 yrs

Session 1  
Sunday, June 21 - Sunday, July 5

Session 2  
Sunday, July 5 - Sunday, July 19

Session 3  
Sunday, July 19 - Sunday, August 2

##### 1-WEEK CAMPS

Ages 8-13 yrs

Mini Camp A  
Sunday, June 21 - Sunday, June 28

Mini Camp B  
Sunday, June 28 - Sunday, July 5

Mini Camp C  
Sunday, July 5 - Sunday, July 12

Mini Camp D  
Sunday, July 12 - Sunday, July 19

Mini Camp E  
Sunday, July 19 - Sunday, July 26

Mini Camp F  
Sunday, July 26 - Sunday, August 2

Mini Camp G  
Sunday, August 2 - Saturday, August 8

##### ROPES ADVENTURE CAMP

Ages 11-16 yrs

Sunday, August 2 - Saturday, August 8

##### HORSE CAMP

Ages 11-16 yrs

Sunday, August 2 - Saturday, August 8

#### GIRLS' CAMPS

##### 1-WEEK CAMPS

Ages 8-16 yrs

Sunday, June 14 - Saturday, June 20

Sunday, August 9 - Saturday, August 15

##### HORSE CAMP

Ages 11-16 yrs

Sunday, June 14 - Saturday, June 20

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For more information or to register visit us at  
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For questions, contact us at 248-822-8199 or  
[office@campsanctamaria.org](mailto:office@campsanctamaria.org).



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