

Solemnity of Saints Cyril and Methodius
February 15, 2026



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

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A Personal Parish Established To Serve The Slovak Catholic Community In the Archdiocese of Detroit



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February 14, Saturday - Memorial of Saints Cyril and Methodius

9:00 AM

- For the Members of Our Lady Mother of Mercy Secular Discalced Carmelites
- For Chiara Bernadette Brown (B'Day) req. Sharon Brown & Family
- For Mark Hornbacher B'Day req. Family
- For John Desser (B'Day)

5:30 PM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Djela Dusevic & Family
- For the Womack Family
- For the Jebroo Family
- For Sandi Brady & Family req. Anne Haio
- For Carroll Schuller & Family req. Anne Haio
- For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family

February 15, Sunday - Solemnity of Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius

7:30 AM

- For Marie Laconi (B'Day)
- For Terri Combs
- For Al & Ann Varchetti
- For Zach Rymarz
- For the Pepaj Family
- +Matthew Margiewicz req. Family
- +Marge Lewandowski req. Family

9:30 AM

- In Thanksgiving
- For Nicole Dailey req. VBS
- For Nino & Betty Abate & Family
- For Bernadette Mikowski req. Sonia Honce & Mary Peterson
- For Ann Marie & Bill Meldrum req. Mom
- +Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family
- +Ursula Ridlon req. Pawcak Family

11:30 AM (Slovak)

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

8:30 PM

- For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
- For Gus & Marilou (Wed. Ann.)
- For Denis Vezina
- For the Abshara Family
- +Dr. Ken
- +Saed & +Nabeel Koja
- +Tom Nowakowski req. Daughter Amy

February 16, Monday

9:00 AM

- For Issac Louth B'Day
- For Jennifer Rymarz
- For Julie Celusnak 96th B'Day req. Family
- +Ernest & Maria Gaiera

12:00 PM

- For Timothy Mann req. Uncle Dan & Aunt Jan
- For James & Elsa Thottathil req. Family
- For Margaret Mary Elizabeth (B'Day) req. Family
- +Juan Orellana req. Family

February 17, Tuesday

6:00 AM

- For Rob Combs
- For Mark Varchetti
- For May Shaouni req. Nua
- +Edward & Mary Kelly

February 17, Tuesday (cont.)

12:00 PM

- For Roddy & Gjonaj Families
- For Renee Rymarz
- For Lindsay Schuller & Family
- For John Livingston req. Uncle Dan & Aunt Jan

February 18, Wednesday - Ash Wednesday

*6:00 AM

- For Noelle Combs
- For Theodore Hines (B'Day)
- For John Livingston req. Melanie Bruss
- +Josephine Signorello req. Daughter

12:00 PM

- For Jonathan Haio (B'Day)
- For Amy, Sam, Lourdes & Bernadette
- For Lorraine Drozdowski
- For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family

7:00 PM

- For the Womack Family
- For Patrick Fayad (B'Day)
- For the McCarthy Family
- For Nick Rymarz

February 19, Thursday

6:00 AM

- For Kola Peter Gojaj
- For Nstslee Combs
- +Luke Timmerman
- +Bill Manfredo

12:00 PM

- For Nathan Rymarz
- For Mark Wilkins req. Family
- For Amy Shamoon req. Zinah Hanna
- +Elia & Afifa Jazrawi & Family

7:00 PM

- For Viviana & David Dushaj
- +Anthony & Lorraine Battaglia req. Rita
- +Diana Doyle req. RTL North Macomb County
- +Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany & Family

February 20, Friday

6:00 AM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Joseph Crittenden req. Langlois Family
- For Nicole Combs
- +Cecilia Nguyen thi Lan Hop req. Ho Thu

12:00PM

- For Toma and Marko & Families
- For Jacob Dailey (B'Day) req. Grandma & Papa
- For Sarah Rymarz
- +Caroline Kalisch

February 21, Saturday - Memorial of Saint Peter Damian

9:00 AM

- For Donna Mazurkiewicz B'Day req. Family
- For Manfred Beni
- +Diana Doyle req. Laura Warman
- +Trudy Hand

5:30 PM

- For Jebroo Family
- For Jennifer Brady (B'Day) req. Family
- For Dave Rymarz
- For Samantha Sabbagh req. Mom
- For Hayley Schuller & Family
- +James Robert Thomas III req. Mike MacDonald
- +David Bird req. Mike MacDonald

Welcome

SS. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Parish

Father Libor Marek, Priest in Solidum • lmarek@saintcyrls.church
 Father Juraj Nuota, Priest in Solidum • jnuota@saintcyrls.church
 Deacon Phil McCown • pmccown@saintcyrls.church
 Parish Office • parishoffice@saintcyrls.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.

Bulletin Due Date

Dear Ministries and Parishioners,
 Bulletin submission deadlines are Monday evening
 at 6:00 PM, one week prior to the print date.
 Submissions received after this deadline will not be accepted.
 Thank you.
 Sincerely,
 Bulletin Editor

New Bathroom Policy

Bathroom Reminder:

Bathrooms are for restroom use only—no playing, running, or gathering. Parents should supervise young children. Please do not allow children to linger, play games, shout, or gather in or near the bathrooms. Report any messes or damage to a volunteer and remind children to wash hands and throw away paper towels properly.
 Thank you for helping keep our bathrooms clean, safe, and respectful for everyone.

ATTENTION!

Dear Parishioner,

We have been made aware of fraudulent emails claiming to be from parish leaders or clergy and requesting money, gift cards, or favors. Please note: these messages are not from SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish. Parish representatives will never request financial assistance in this way.

For your safety:

- Do not respond to unexpected requests for money or personal information.
- Do not click links or open attachments from suspicious emails.
- If you are unsure about an email's legitimacy, please call the parish at (586) 685-3046. All other parish business should continue to be directed to (586) 726-6911.

If you receive one of these messages, you may safely delete it.

Thank you for your vigilance and continued support of our parish community.

In Christ,

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry



Calling All Parishioners!

Lenten Fish Fry Volunteers Needed

The Knights of Columbus will again host Lenten Fish Frys in 2026 in partnership with Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish, and we need your help! Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, and clean up every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday). Adults and teens are welcome to help for one Friday or several.

Dates: Feb. 20 & 27; March 6, 13, 20 & 27
Time: 3:00–8:00 PM

To volunteer, contact Joseph White, Grand Knight, at GK7011@mikofc.org or (586) 556-2122, sign up in the church vestibule, or leave your information with the Parish Office.

Protecting God's Children training is required!
Please let us know if you need assistance.

Catechism Corner

SAFE ENVIROMENT PROGRAM



We will once again be having our Safe Environment Program on Wednesday, March 4th, to teach our young students how to seek help from a trusted adult. This year's topics are Being a Safe Friend/Feelings and Facts. We must trust God's Grace and the funny feeling in the stomach the Holy Spirit gives us when something just isn't right; that message from Him telling us to run to a trusted adult for help. If you decide that your wish is for your child not to attend, please fill out the 'Opt Out Form' sent home February 4th, or contact your child's teacher to receive another copy. So, it is not confusing, if you choose for your child to attend, you do nothing but bring them to class. The students whose parents are opting out will go to another classroom during the lesson and return when it is over. All student please report to their normal classrooms that evening. Of course, if you have any questions, you are free to contact :

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



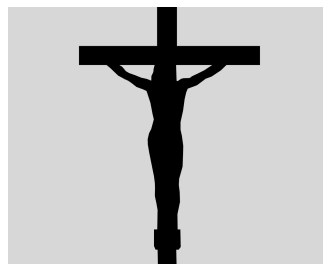
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Class Schedule

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@saintcyrils.church
or 586-685-1069



N.O.W. and EDGE Teen Youth Ministry

N.O.W. Nights will be held on:
Monday, February 16 and 23

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, February 19 and 26

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



MONTH 4 : "I had a Dream Today"

Thank you for continuing to pray for your spiritually adopted baby! We are now beginning the 2nd trimester. A brief review of the 1st trimester: Month 1: the baby's heart started beating by week 3. Month 2: All the internal and external organs started rapidly developing. Month 3: Formation of nails and fingerprints began, and the baby is now able to squint and swallow. By 9 weeks, the baby can even suck its thumb.

Month 4 highlights include: The baby's brain continues to develop, and this will continue until 14 years of age. Taste buds now function. Fine hair is growing on the head along with eyebrows and eyelashes. Rapid eye movement means the baby can now dream.

You can follow your baby's growth and development each month by checking the "WATCH ME GROW" posters in the vestibule.

Our daily prayer by Archbishop Fulton Sheen:

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much.

**I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby
that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.**

Our Lady's Rosary Makers Meeting

Date: Friday, February 20th

Location: Ss. Cyril and Methodius

Catholic Church

Room #113

Time: 1:00-3:00PM



We welcome new members who would like to join our group.

No experience is necessary. We also repair rosaries and accept donations of rosaries and rosary parts.

For more information,
Call: Jo Ann (586) 979-1078

HEART'S DEEPEST LONGING

We have been reflecting on our own sanctification. To be sanctified means to become holy. We all desire holiness whether we acknowledge it or not. Part of becoming holy – sanctified – is to cleanse ourselves from the "spirit of the world" (1 Cor. 2:12). The "spirit of the world" consist in the ways of sin; the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life (1 John 2:16). All of these forms present themselves to us in many and various ways. Our part is to not allow these idols to overtake our will. Those who live by them do not know the world and its deceitfulness. The world is a true tyrant. Those who serve it are as slaves. Just look at the amount of time, effort, and even sacrifice we pay toward the world only to "fit in" with everyone else. The whole while being filled with evils, sorrows, worry, anxieties, fear, concern, doubt, and despair. We, therefore, become slave to the world wretchedness and think little (if anything) of it. We willingly surrender body and soul for the here and now that we damn ourselves without complaint; leaving us only fit for hellfire. Yet, here we are. The ways of the world surround us and if we do not adhere to its demands we are considered as mad! If we only did half of what we do to serve this world but for Christ instead how much more happy will we be! Jesus said that His "yoke is easy, and His burden is light" (Matthew 11:30) if we only took His word for it and apply it to our everyday lives we would see a literal world of difference!

- Paul A. Ray

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

On February 14, we celebrate the Memorial of Saints Cyril and Methodius, two brothers who were known for their monumental work inventing the early form of the Cyrillic alphabet and translating the Bible into the Slavic language. Despite facing enduring opposition, they persevered faithfully in spreading the Gospel until their deaths.

Early life

Cyril and Methodius were born in Greek city of Thessalonica in the early 800s. At a young age, they pursued studies in the humanities at Constantinople, where they distinguished themselves with their sharp intellects. Methodius went on to join the monastery of Polychronius, and Cyril was given a special mission by the Byzantine Empress Theodora to bring Christianity to the Khazer tribes of the land beyond the Chersonese. On his way there, he discovered the remains of St. Clement I attached to an anchor and took them with him on the rest of his journey.

Cyril dedicated himself to studying the language and evangelizing to the Khazer. Striving to exemplify the Christian virtue of self-control, he rarely accepted gifts from the inhabitants, who in turn were moved by his teaching and piety to abandon their superstitions for the saving grace of Christ.

Cyril and Methodius go to Great Moravia

Following this mission, Cyril returned to Constantinople, where he joined the same monastery as Methodius. But shortly after, the brothers were selected for a new mission to Great Moravia (today's territory of Slovakia and Czechia). To this end, Cyril invented an alphabet for the Slavic language, the "Glagolitic" alphabet, more commonly known as Cyrillic, which had never had a written form before. This enabled him to translate the Bible into Slavic, making the Gospel more accessible to the people of Great Moravia. As a result of his efforts and evangelization, many of them turned to Christ.

Cyril and Methodius face opposition

News of the brothers' groundbreaking work spread throughout the provinces, and soon, Pope Nicholas I requested the presence of the brothers in Rome. They carried the remains of St. Clement with them, seeking to bring them to the basilica of the saint's home city. By the time they arrived, Pope Nicholas I had died, and his successor Adrian II met with them instead.

There, they were accused of flouting ancient customs and holy rites by preaching in the vernacular instead of the Latin liturgy. Fortunately, their strong defense convinced Adrian and the clergy of their goodwill and noble conduct, and he made them bishops.

Cyril dies and Methodius clashes with Svätopluk

Cyril passed away on February 14, 869, and was buried in the Basilica of St. Clement in Lateran. Following his death, Methodius returned to Great Moravia, where he served as archbishop and a teacher to Prince Svätopluk. However, when the young prince neglected his duties despite repeated warnings, Methodius excommunicated him.

The move incited Svätopluk's ire, and he cast Methodius into exile, but the exclusion didn't last long; after a time, Methodius was recalled and Svätopluk came to see his error, dedicating himself to a fresh life. Methodius continued to spread the Gospel across the continent, to the Liburnians, Serbians, Pannonians, Bulgarians, Dalmatians, and others.

Once again, Methodius faced accusations over use of the vernacular in the liturgy, and defended himself in Rome before Pope John VIII and a group of bishops and clergy in 880. Though he succeeded in convincing them of his innocence, the pope had to write many letters testifying to his good character before he was free to pursue his ministry again. He travelled to Bohemia, where he led Prince Bořivoj and his wife to Christ, and continued across Europe, spreading the Gospel and establishing episcopal Sees before he passed away in 884.

Popes writes about Cyril and Methodius

In September 30, 1880, Pope Leo XIII wrote the encyclical *Grande munus* (Great Duty) on Saints Cyril and Methodius. One hundred years later, on December 31, 1980, Pope St. John Paul II wrote the apostolic letter *Egregiæ virtutis* (Outstanding Excellence), proclaiming the saints Cyril and Methodius, along with Saint Benedict, as patrons of Europe.

Scan the QR code to read the Encyclical of
St. John Paul II - *Slavorum Apostoli*

https://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_19850602_slavorum-apostoli.html





Ss. Cyril and Methodius' Liturgical Lenten Schedule



Ash Wednesday

Masses at 6:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 7:00 PM

Lenten Season

• Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 6:30 PM

March 6th: First Friday

Stations at 6:30 followed by Mass at 7:00 PM



Holy Thursday

• Mass at 7:00 PM

Good Friday

• Liturgy at 3:00 PM

• Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM

Enjoy the Best Fish Fry in Town
Fridays, February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20 & 27
4:00PM - 7:00PM

MEAL MENU:

Battered Cod (2 pcs.) with French Fries, Cole Slaw & Roll (\$14)
Battered Cod (2 pcs.) with Mac 'N Cheese, Cole Slaw & Roll (\$14)
Butterfly Shrimp (6 pcs.) with French Fries, Cole Slaw & Roll (\$14)
Butterfly Shrimp (6 pcs.) with Mac 'N Cheese, Cole Slaw & Roll (\$14)
Blackened or Grilled Salmon with Rice & Roll (\$14)
Battered Cod (3 pcs.) with French Fries, Cole Slaw & Roll (\$16)
Battered Cod (3 pcs.) with Mac 'N Cheese, Cole Slaw & Roll (\$16)

SIDE ORDERS AVAILABLE:

Joe's Home-made Clam Chowder (\$6), Mac 'N Cheese (\$3)
NEW Grilled Cheese (\$3), French Fries (\$3), Cole Slaw (\$2) & Rice (\$1)

CASH, CHECKS & CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

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