

Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026



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March 7, First Saturday - Memorial of Saints Perpetua and Felicity

9:00 AM

- For Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For the Intentions of the Rosary Society
- For Constance & +Herman Beste req. Family
- +Diana Doyle req. Laura Warman

5:30 PM

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

March 8, Sunday - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 AM

- For the Menard & Daniel Families
- For Kevin Swan
- For Al & Ann Varchetti
- For Amy Sorisho
- +Shawn Lechner
- +James David Weil Sr.
- +Jessica Hanna (B'Day)

9:30 AM

- For the Intentions of all Parishioners
- For Sam
- For Ariel Ponce req. Heller Family
- For Joe & Sonia Honce req. Family
- +Alonso Theodore Cummings req. Family
- +Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family
- +Theresa Nguyen Thi Xuan Lan req. Ho Thuor

11:30 AM (*Slovak*)

- For Oliver Drabant
- For Leona & Erik
- For Amanda AhHee (B'Day) req. Parents
- +Eliska Karrumi req. Sobolic Family
- +Marge Robine req. Family
- +Walter & Michael Couet req. Family

8:30 PM

- For Mansour Family
- For Hollya Asmar
- For Natalie Edmunds
- For Metri, Johnathan, Samara & Family
- +Bert Scheller
- +Evonne's Mother
- +Lamei, +Jamil, & Parents Salmo

March 9, Monday - Memorial of Saint Frances of Rome

9:00 AM

- For Wayne Funk req. Langlois Family
- For Jagoda Jagustin
- For Geri Dennison
- For Meghan Mitchell & Family

12:00 PM

- In Thanksgiving for Lily Mansoor
- For Marash Dedvukaj req. Antonina Albino
- For Valentin
- In Thanksgiving req. Michael Zoma

March 10, Tuesday

6:00 AM

- For Sarah Hanna
- For Abby Drabant
- +Nabil, +Maureen & +Fred
- + Charles & Isabella Varchetti

March 3, Tuesday (Cont.)

12:00 PM

- For Roddy & Gjonaj Families
- For John-Paul Mansour req. Family
- For Vesko Nucullaj
- +Rick Litten

March 11, Wednesday

9:00 AM

- For Poor Souls in Purgatory req. Clara Rayes
- For Opal Timmerman B'Day
- For John Dennison
- +George & Helen Emmendorfer

11:30 AM

- Stations of the Cros

12:00 PM

- For Fadia & Liliana Frangie (B'Days)
- For David Fontana req. Mother
- For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
- For Eli & Samantha

March 12, Thursday

6:00 AM

- In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojaj
- For Andrew Dennison
- For Mary Mutti
- +Ernest & Maria Gaiera

12:00 PM

- For Eric Loster (B'Day)
- For Talal (B'Day)
- For Rema Yousef
- For Claudette Casab

7:00 PM (LATIN)

- For Lorraines's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
- For Kola Peter Gojaj
- +Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany & Family
- +Diana Doyle req. Elaine

March 13, Friday

6:00 AM

- For Claire Hanna (B'Day)
- For Patricia Kornelis B'Day
- For Carol Oliveria
- For Donna Smiech (B'Day)

12:00 PM

- For Danielle M Brown & Family req. Sharon Brown & Family
- For Jillian Haio
- For Viktoria Drozdowski
- For Stacey Lawler req. Friend

6:30 PM

- Stations of the Cross

March 14, Saturday

9:00 AM

For the Members of Our Lady Mother of Mercy Secular Discalced Carmelites

- For John Loster (B'Day)
- For Luke Cavins req. Langlois Family
- +Robert Stout, Sr. req. Family

5:30 PM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- For Lalyana (B'Day)
- For JD Dennison
- +James Robert Thomas III req. Mike MacDonald
- +David Bird req. Mike MacDonald
- +Beverly Bonk req. Husband
- +Carl Kuretich req. Mary Minjeur

Welcome

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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.

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

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.

Stations of the Cross Schedule

Wednesdays at 11:30am

Fridays at 6:30pm

March 6: Friday Stations at 6:30pm

Holy Week Celebrations

Monday of Holy Week

Easter Confessional Day

10:00am – 12:00 noon

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil on the Holy Night at 8pm
followed by Blessing of the Food

Pope at Angelus: This Lent, make your life a unique masterpiece



During his Angelus address on the first Sunday of Lent, Pope Leo XIV says the Lenten season offers the faithful the opportunity to let the Lord cleanse them, cooperate better with God, and, in doing so, craft their lives as unique masterpieces.

Let the Lord cleanse you, purify you and transform you into a unique masterpiece, Pope Leo XIV told the faithful on this first Sunday of Lent during his midday Angelus address in the Vatican.

In his address, the Pope recalled the day's Gospel reading according to St. Matthew, in which Jesus enters the desert and is tempted by the devil (cf. Mt 4:1-11). After fasting for forty days, the Pope noted that physically, through hunger, and morally, through the devil's temptations, Christ feels the weight of his humanity.

"He experiences the same struggle we all face on our journey," Pope Leo recognized. Yet, he marveled, "by resisting the evil one, He demonstrates how we, too, can overcome the devil's deception and snares."

Luminous path of Lent to purify and blossom

Reflecting on the Lord's personal experience in this episode, the Holy Father said the day's liturgy "invites us to view Lent as a luminous path."

"By means of prayer, fasting and almsgiving," the Pope continued, "we can renew our cooperation with the Lord in the crafting of our lives as a unique masterpiece."

"This involves allowing Him to cleanse the stains and heal the wounds of sin, as we commit to letting our lives blossom in beauty until they attain the fullness of love — the only source of true happiness."

Nothing else satisfies

Pope Leo acknowledged that this certainly is a demanding journey, and that the risk always remains of getting discouraged or of being drawn to easier paths to satisfaction.

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Penance purifies

"For this reason, Saint Paul VI taught that penance, far from impoverishing our humanity," the Pope said, "enriches, purifies and strengthens it, as we move toward a horizon that has as its aim love and surrender to God."

Indeed, while penance makes us aware of our limitations, it also grants us the strength to overcome them and to live, with God's help, in deeper communion with Him and with one another.

Let's turn off technology, meditate on God, and connect with others

"In this time of grace," Pope Leo said, "let us practice penance generously, alongside prayer and works of mercy."

"Let us create space for silence by turning off televisions, radios and cell phones for a while," the Pope stressed, instead suggesting we "meditate on the Word of God, approach the Sacraments, and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit who speaks to us in our heart."

Saying we ought to listen to one another in our families, workplaces and communities, the Pope urged everyone to pay special attention to those who are alone, especially the elderly, the poor and the sick.

Entrusting Lenten journey to Blessed Mother

The Pope also noted that by giving up what is superfluous, we can share what we save with those in need.

In doing so, as Saint Augustine taught, the Augustinian Pope highlighted, our prayer offered in this way will reach heaven and give us peace.

The Holy Father concluded by imploring the Virgin Mary, "who always assists her children in times of trial," to help us in our Lenten journey.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/angelus/2026/documents/20260222-angelus.html>



Parish Life

Right to Life – LIFESPAN's 37th Annual Baby Shower



Benefiting local Pregnancy Help Centers will take place at our parish the weekend of March 21–22. More than 30 churches across Metro Detroit are participating this year. Our parish collection will support Wee Care, which is in urgent need of the following new items:

- Lightweight sleepers & short-sleeved onesies (sizes 3, 6, & 9 months)
- Baby wash
- Pacifiers (binkies)
- Receiving blankets

Gift cards to Meijer and Walmart are welcome. Checks may be made payable to Wee Care.

Collections will take place after all Holy Masses from Saturday morning through Sunday evening.

Saturday morning: Gallery area near the parish hall (during Be the Change training)

All other Masses: Vestibule by the parish office

This is a beautiful opportunity to show our love for both mothers and their babies—to truly walk with moms on their journey of motherhood.



Blood Drive

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**Tuesday, March 31, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

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- 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)

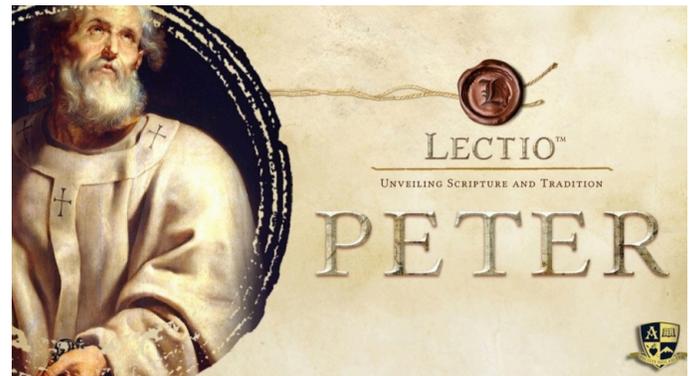
SIDE ORDERS AVAILABLE:

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

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Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism

The character of St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the "rock" upon which Jesus would build his Church? Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, classical art, and personal insights, Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter that is immediately informative and relevant to our lives. After all, if Jesus could bring out the very best in someone like Peter, then there is hope for the rest of us.

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

2026 Parish Lenten Projects



During this sacred season of Lent, as we purify our hearts through prayer and fasting, we are called to complete our journey through almsgiving—turning our renewal outward in concrete acts of charity and solidarity. At St. Cyril's Parish, we are blessed with several meaningful opportunities to embrace this third pillar of Lent, coming together as a community to serve our neighbors in need.

01 ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE: NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION MARCH 14-19

In honor of the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19), we will renew the tradition of bringing food to be blessed and shared with those in need. Donations of non-perishable items may be dropped off March 14–19 in the large boxes in the vestibule and gallery.

On March 19, the food will be blessed and delivered to Sr. Marcine Food Pantry at St. Veronica Parish in Eastpointe, which serves 70–80 families each month.

02 EASTER DINNER BASKETS MARCH 19-22

Help families in need celebrate Easter! Our parish is collecting Easter Dinner “Baskets” for 25 families.

Each basket (for a family of 5) should include:

- Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned vegetables
- Mac & cheese
- Dinner rolls
- Dessert mix
- Kroger or Walmart gift card (for ham and perishables)
- Optional: Easter-themed disposable plates, napkins, or tablecloth.

Please pack items in a sturdy box or reusable bag (not a basket).

Return before any Mass the weekend of March 21–22, or drop off at the Parish Office March 19–20.

Sign up in the vestibule or contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@saintcyrils.church or Raffaella D'Alio at (734) 276-1834 or christianservice@saintcyrils.church.

Thank you for your generosity!



03 RTL/LIFESPAN BABY SHOWER TO BENEFIT WEE CARE MARCH 21-22:

Once again the parish will be participating in the RTL/Lifespan Annual Baby Shower collection of items to support mothers and their children. See upcoming bulletins for more details.

04 CHRISTIAN SERVICE FUND LENTEN MONETARY PROJECTS

During this holy season of Lent, your generous gifts to St. Cyril's Christian Service Fund will support two meaningful parish initiatives that strengthen faith and share Christ's love.

- Youth Ministry Pilgrimage to Rome – May 2026

Help send our parish teens on a life-changing journey to the heart of the Church. This pilgrimage will offer opportunities for prayer, spiritual growth, and encounters with the universal Church at sacred sites such as St. Peter's Basilica and Vatican City.

- Community Easter Outreach – Inviting Neighbors to Church

We will reach out to families in our surrounding neighborhoods with warm invitations to join us for Easter Mass. Donations will help purchase supplies for candy bags with treats and thoughtful invitation cards. Our Youth Ministry teens, along with adult volunteers, will assemble and hand-deliver these bags, offering a simple yet powerful gesture of welcome to those who may feel distant from the Church.

Heart's Deepest Longing

We're talking about doing God's will and freely choosing to serve Him and not the world. One thing we must always keep in our mind is that God is not a tyrant or a harsh Master. He is, rather, a loving Father who is near to His children, who are submissive to Him, that He may help them. God is love, and it is love that is His service; and love finds all things easy. Even His commandments are not heavy, and to those with love they are exceedingly light and sweet. He begs us to just try and taste how pleasant it is to serve Him; how delightful it is to enjoy His sweetness; how good to gain possession of the very fountain of all good things. The thing is, far too many people today refuse to give God a shot. They're initial inclination is that God is severe and His commandments are too difficult and require too much change. However, our hearts true delight and satisfaction can only be found and satiated in Him through obedience. The pleasures of the world are either empty or insidious. But God's consolations surpass, beyond comparison, all the delights of the earth. They are so great at times that we can feel a foretaste of heaven itself. He who serves God is not a slave to this world. Who toils to gather for himself treasures on earth, and in the end, finds his hands empty. But he who lays up for himself treasures in heaven saves not only his very life, but everything he worked for over the years. It is eternal. All the wealth of earth, compared with the treasures of heaven, is only dust and nothingness.



The 2025–26 OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Team invites all parishioners who desire to learn more about the richness of the Catholic faith and how to live it in everyday life to attend our weekly sessions. Feel free to bring a family member or friend.

When: Tuesday

Time: 7:00–9:00 PM

Room: Overflow Room.

Topic: The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell

For questions, please see Fr. Juraj or contact Paul Ray:
stpolycarp77@yahoo.com

Our Lady's Rosary Makers Meeting

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



Date: Friday, March 20th
Room #113
Time: 1:00-3:00PM

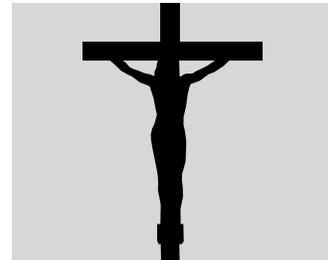


Catechism Corner Class Schedule

- Wednesday, March 11 at 6:15 PM – Class
- Wednesday, March 18 at 6:15 PM – Class
- Saturday, March 21 at 10:00 AM -2:00 PM (Confirmation Retreat for 7th & 8th Grades)
- Wednesday, March 25 at 6:15 PM - Class

If you have any questions, please contact:

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



N.O.W. and EDGE Teen Youth Ministry

**N.O.W. Nights will be held on:
Monday, March 16th and 23rd**

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, March 12th, 19th, and 26th**

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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