

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 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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May 9, Saturday

5:30PM

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

May 10, Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM

- For Living & Deceased Members of the Laszlo & Gail Families
- For Russ Hadley (B'Day)
- For Catherine Miller
- For Joseph Desser (B'Day)
- For Charlotte Marya Guarnieri req. Son
- +John Maciag req. Wife
- +Ann M. Pullis req. Family

9:30 AM

- For the Intentions of All Mothers (Natural & Spiritual)

11:30 AM

- *Na úmysel všetkých matiek*

8:30 PM

- For Roddy & Gjonaj Families
- +Pasqua, Mauro & Maria DiCicco req. Salvatore & Family
- +Toby Balano
- +Jessica Hanna req. Family
- +Doda Mucli req. Marie, Dedee & Djela
- +Manuel, Amira & Robert Qasguargis req. Family
- +Anna Nguyen thi Chin req. Ho Thu

May 11, Monday

9:00 AM

- For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

12:00 PM

- For Beth Sier (B'Day) req. Family
- For Jennifer & Family
- For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
- For Bernadette & Lourdes Shamoon

May 12, Tuesday - Memorial of Saint Pancras, Martyr

6:00 AM

- For Nardi Gjekaj
- For Kola Peter Gojcaj
- For Caerl & Alyssia Varchetti & Family
- +Patrick O'Shea req. Family

12:00 PM

- For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

May 13, Wednesday - Our Lady of Fatima

9:00 AM

- For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

12:00 PM

- For the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima
- For Danielle M Brown & Family
- For Hana Frances
- For Judy Pawlowski

May 14, Thursday - Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

6:00AM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For the Hanna Family
- For Melissa & Steve Mazurkiewicz Jr (Ann.) req. Family
- +Josephine Davis req. Family

12:00PM

- For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

7:00 PM (LATIN)

- For Jillian Haio
- For Living & Deceased Members of Drozdowski Family
- For Cecelia Ratchford (B'Day)
- +Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany & Family

May 15, Friday - Memorial of Saint Isidore

6:00AM

- For Samuel Hines B'Day
- For Denise Pepin B'Day
- +Matthew Margiewicz req. Family
- +David Davis

12:00 PM

- For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

May 16, Saturday

9:00 AM

- For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

5:30PM

- For John & Sandi Brady & Family
- For Carol, Paul & Families
- For Lorraine Drozdowski
- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- +Rafael Drensek req Drensek Family
- +Robert Stout, Sr. re.q. Family
- +Jerry & Louise Hand (Wed. Ann.)

May 17, Sunday - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

7:30 AM

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

9:30 AM

- For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

11:30 AM

- For Anthony Schuller & Family
- For Fr. Libor Marek req. Rosary Society
- For Mary Renkola req. Shawn Batche
- For the Living & Deceased Members of the Cspiet & Agi Families
- For Rewon, Rafal & Luka
- +Eliska Karrumi req. Sobolic Family
- +Walter & Michael Couet req. Family

8:30 PM

- For Michael Louis (B'Day)
- For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
- For Nadine Nelson (B'Day)
- For James & Greete Varchetti
- For Tuyen req. Family
- For Amy Shamoon
- +Doda Mucli req. Marie, Dedee & Djela

Welcome

SS. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Parish

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

Protecting God's Children Update

We have a number of volunteers that are due for an updated background check. Background checks are required every two years for volunteers. Virtus has updated their system to allow for everyone to sign the background check authorization electronically directly in Virtus. If you are currently volunteering and have not yet logged into Virtus to sign the electronic form, please do so at your earliest convenience. That way if you are already due or still volunteering when you are due for a new background check, Deacon Phil can go ahead and run your updated background check. We are also approaching the 3rd anniversary of the updated protocol for Protecting God's Children and Background Checks.

As such there will be a large percentage of volunteers that will be required to take the refresher course online since it is required every three years. You should receive an email from Virtus when the course is automatically assigned to your account for you to login and complete the course. They have rolled out a new version of the recertification course that is self-paced and takes approximately 30 min to complete. Volunteers must complete the recertification within 30 days of the three-year mark of the original course completion. If not completed within 30 days they must then take the full version of the class again in order to continue volunteering.

Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to notify everyone individually as they become due for new training so please take a look at your Virtus account to see when your three years are up so you know when you need to be on the lookout for the new course. Your Virtus account can be accessed at Virtus.org. If you would like to have the recertification course assigned to you early so you can check that off the list when you have some extra time, please send an email to business@saintcyrils.church.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who do so much to help our parish. Your continued assistance in making sure we are in compliance with Protecting God's Children and Background Check protocol to keep our environment as safe as possible for our children and vulnerable adults is greatly appreciated!

May Crowning In Honor of Our Blessed Mother

May 3rd at the 10:00 Mass, we honored Our Blessed Mother with our annual May Crowning. A spiritual bouquet to all the many parishioners whose helping hands assisted in making this a memorable tribute to Our Heavenly Mother.

Our appreciation to the Rosary Society and Legion of Mary for continuing their tradition of assisting us by exemplifying dignity and honor to Our Lord's Mother.

The colorful procession also included the First Communicants as the Children of Mary and any other children of the parish who wanted to honor Mary. This year's Confirmation students composed the Crowning Court.

Those participating included:

Crowners:

Genevieve Normile & Meredith Lawler

Crowning Companion: Lorelei Koziol



Court & Honor Guard

Christina Aldib, Alaina Brannigan, Alyssa Brink, Jianna Cruz, Jason Czach, Carolyn Dimoff, Adam Giroux, Jozef Hayden, Sofia Isunza, Sarah Judy, Lorelei Koziol, Meredith Lawler, Delainey Mahoney, Thomas Muglia, Alesandra Nedelcu, Isadora Noechel, Genevieve Normile, Genevieve Schaub, Hope Simon, Alexander Szczerba, and Natalia Tkac

Children of Mary

Harrison Bules, Clara Bunao, Simon Dailey, Sebastian Francis, Karolina Hirjak, Brantley Hreno, Ella Kopil, Dorian Mullen, Jewel Sorisho, Freddy Stephenson, Suzanna Stone, Alessandra Szilagyi, Leticia Vela-Ramirez, Mercy Simon and Emma Wanagat

Catechesis of Pope Leo XIV



Dogmatic Constitution Lumen gentium

1. The mystery of the Church, sacrament of the union with God, and the unity of all humanity

Dear brothers and sisters,

When the Second Vatican Council, whose documents are the focus of our [series of] catecheses, wanted to describe the Church, it was concerned first and foremost with explaining where her origins lie. In order to do so, in the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*, approved on 21 November 1964, it drew the term “mystery” from the Letters of Saint Paul. By choosing this word, it did not intend to say that the Church is something obscure or incomprehensible, as is commonly thought when the word “mystery” is heard. It is exactly the opposite: indeed, when Saint Paul uses the word, especially in the Letter to the Ephesians, he wishes to indicate a reality that was previously hidden and is now revealed.

It refers to God’s plan, which has a purpose: to unite all creatures thanks to the reconciliatory action of Jesus Christ, an action that was accomplished through his death on the cross. This is experienced first of all in the assembly gathered for the liturgical celebration: there, differences are relativized, and what counts is being together because we are drawn by the Love of Christ, that broke down the wall of separation between people and social groups (cf. Eph 2:14). For Saint Paul, the mystery is the manifestation of what God wanted to achieve for the whole of humanity, and it is made known in local experiences, which gradually expand to include all human beings and even the cosmos.

The condition of humanity is one of fragmentation that human beings are unable to repair, even though the tendency towards unity dwells in their heart. Jesus Christ’s action enters into this condition, and through the Holy Spirit, he overcomes the powers of division and the Divider himself. Gathering together to celebrate, having believed in the proclamation of the Gospel, is experienced as an attraction ex-

erted by the cross of Christ, which is the supreme manifestation of God’s love. It is feeling called together by God: this is why the term *ekklesía* is used, that is, an assembly of people who recognise that they have been summoned together. So, there is a certain connection between this mystery and the Church: the Church is the mystery made perceptible.

Precisely because it is brought about by God, this convocation cannot be limited to a group of people, but rather is destined to become the experience of all human beings. Thus, at the beginning of the Constitution *Lumen gentium*, the Second Vatican Council states: “The Church is in Christ like a sacrament or as a sign and instrument both of a very closely knit union with God and of the unity of the whole human race” (no. 1). With the use of the term “sacrament” and the consequent explanation, it is intended to indicate that, in the history of humanity, the Church is an expression of what God wants to accomplish. By looking at the Church, therefore, to some extent we can grasp God’s plan, the mystery. In this sense, the Church is a sign. Moreover, the term “instrument” is added to the term “sacrament”, precisely to show that the Church is an active sign. Indeed, when God works in history, he involves the recipients of his action in his activity. It is through the Church that God achieves the aim of uniting people to himself and reuniting them with one another.

Union with God is reflected in the union of human beings. This is the experience of salvation. It is not a coincidence that point 48 in Chapter 7 of the Constitution *Lumen gentium*, dedicated to the eschatological nature of the pilgrim Church, describes the Church as a sacrament, with the specification “of salvation”: “Christ, having been lifted up from the earth has drawn all to Himself (cf. Jn 12:32). Rising from the dead (cf. Rom 6:9) He sent His life-giving Spirit upon His disciples and through Him has established His Body which is the Church as the universal sacrament of salvation. Sitting at the right hand of the Father, He is continually active in the world that He might lead men to the Church and through it join them to Himself and that He might make them partakers of His glorious life by nourishing them with His own Body and Blood”.

This text enables us to understand the relationship between the unifying action of the Pasch of Jesus, which is the mystery of the passion, death and resurrection, and the identity of the Church. At the same time, it makes us grateful to belong to the Church, the body of the risen Christ and the one people of God on pilgrimage through history, that lives as a sanctifying presence in the midst of a still fragmented humanity, as an effective sign of unity and reconciliation among peoples.

Knights of Columbus

Save the Date: Sunday, May 17th - 1:00 PM

You're warmly invited to an afternoon of community and generosity!

Join the St. Nicholas Council #7011 Knights of Columbus for "The Drive to Save Lives" on Sunday, May 17 at Ss. Cyril & Methodius in Fr. Mikus South Hall. Doors open at 1:00 PM; the program runs from 1:30-4:00 PM, ending with a raffle for an electric bike.

This event supports The Friends of the Congo in building a maternity clinic in Yassa. Enjoy food and refreshments, hear inspiring updates, and celebrate our parish community.

All are welcome—bring your family and friends!

Graduates 2026

Save the Date: Sunday, May 24th - 9:30 Mass

Attention Parish Families with 2026 High School Graduating Seniors. We will be honoring our parish high school seniors with a Mass and Fellowship after this mass.

A photo board with each senior will be displayed on the wall outside of the church proper. Please drop off or mail a 4x6 picture of your senior to the parish office by May 10, 2026. Include an easy-to-read spelling of your child's first and last name, and the school from which he or she is graduating. Make sure that it is marked "Grad Pic" so it gets to the right person. Thank you.

We hope each of you will be able to attend this Mass as we observe this wonderful accomplishment. Attire for the Mass will be modest Sunday Best (no cap and gown required) and there will be no assigned seating for the graduates...they will sit with their families.

We look forward to seeing each of you then. Until then, finish strong, Seniors!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

June 22-26, 2026

Daily Children's Mass: 9 am

Camp: 10 am - 1 pm

Ss Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church

41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights

"Are you ready?" Call/Text Mrs. Moe to register.

KDG - 7th grade

1st Child in Family: \$55

Additional Children: \$45

Volunteer Meetings (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm):

Tuesday, May 5, (room 112) Wednesdays, May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10

Mock VBS (7:00 pm-9:00 pm): Monday June 15 (hall)

Set-up begins after 9:30 am mass: Sunday June 21

Questions, please contact: Moe Jones (586)219-6678

VBS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Donations requested this year include:

- Mother Mary/Saint Statues**
- Plastic tablecloths**
- Gently-used Beach/Bath Towels**
- Miraculous Medals**
- Brown Scapulars**
- Shoe boxes**

GIFT CARDS:

- Gordon Food Store**
- Aldi**
- Sam's Club**
- Dollar Tree**

CHECK BACK NEXT WEEK FOR MORE ITEMS!

Please return items to parish office.

The children of VBS thank you for your generosity!

THE SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS ROSARY SOCIETY WARMLY WELCOMES YOU
TO THE 4TH ANNUAL RETREAT: "MARY, QUEEN OF ANGELS"



**You're invited to a beautiful day of faith,
earning, and fellowship!**

Save the Date:

Saturday, July 25, 2026

Time: Following the 9:00 AM Holy Mass

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Fr. Mikus Hall

Featured Speakers:

Fr. Matthew Hincks,

a priest of the Order of Canons Regular of the Holy Cross,
currently serving in the Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio

Deacon Gerald Smigell

Enjoy uplifting music, engaging Q&A, and tasty refreshments
throughout the day.

Cost: \$15.00

Tickets available starting May 26, 2026

at the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish Office

We hope you'll join us for this special retreat!

Our Heart's Deepest Longing

Over the past few weeks we have been discussing the negative aspects of what happens when allowing ourselves to be distracted by the world, the flesh, and the devil and losing our primary focus on the Heart of Christ. This week we'll begin to equip ourselves in ways to remain focused and truly dedicated to our Lord. For starters, we must keep watch over all the avenues of our heart; this brings forth self-recollection, something vital in the spiritual life. We ought to always approach Christ generously and converse with Him familiarly. Being self-aware and in communion with God brings about peace within our soul. We forget about being weary and numb because God meets us where we're at. While we're inwardly recollected with Christ we make progress in virtue and, in spite of every obstacle, He quickens our way to perfection (Mt. 5:38). With the help of God's grace do not let your spirit grow scattered on account of everything you're going through or what is happening in your life. Turn your attention to what it is your heart is feeling and where it is trying to lead you but preserve in that inward peace you're in. The more you know yourself and your tendencies, the better. Our hearts and mind ought always to remain with Christ no matter what we're doing. When we enter our home we hang up our coat and go about our business and think little to nothing about it until we need the coat again. God, on the other hand, we cannot "hang up" and think little to nothing about Him as we do our business. He comes with us

everywhere and is part of everything we do. We cannot "take Him off" like we would a coat. By doing this we will maintain our union with Him all that we do.

NOW and EDGE News

- EDGE Dates: May 14th, 21nd and 28th
- NOW Dates: May 11th - Freshmen Welcome & June 1st - Senior Send Off

Parish Listening Sessions – Coming Soon!

The next step in the Archdiocesan Restructuring process is for every parish in the Archdiocese to host two parish listening sessions. At these sessions, we will review potential models and provide feedback. Our parish listening sessions will be:

- Monday, May 18, 2026 from 7 to 9pm
- Wednesday, May 20, 2026 from 7 to 9pm

Please, be sure to register here

[https://www.cognitofirms.com/
ArchdioceseOfDetroit2/
ParishListeningSessionRegistration](https://www.cognitofirms.com/ArchdioceseOfDetroit2/ParishListeningSessionRegistration)

or use the QR code:

