

The Ascension of the Lord
May 17, 2026



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May 16, Saturday

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 Cshipet & 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

May 18, Monday - Memorial of John Paul I, Pope and Martyr

9:00 AM

- For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

12:00 PM

- For Stephanie Fayad
- For Sam, Brandon, Simon & Eli
- +Maurice & Irma Borton req Daughter
- +Estrella Rybicki req. Family

May 19, Tuesday

6:00 AM

- For Donna Hand (B'Day)
- For Jude Haio (B'Day)
- For Marilyn Funk req. Langlois Family
- For Timmy Roddy & Family

12:00 PM

- For the Intentions of the Mother's Day Novena

May 20, Wednesday - Memorial of Saint Bernadine of Siena

9:00 AM

- In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
- For Joe Fuller
- For Nardi Gjekaj
- For Diana Tella & Family

12:00 PM

- For Sam & Amy Shamoon (Ann.)
- For Roddy & Gjonaj Families
- For Toma & Marko & Families
- +David Chupa req. Family

May 21, Thursday

6:00AM

- For Matthew Desser (B'Day)
- For Lawrence Hines III (B'Day)
- For Gary Rudzewicz
- For Brett & Anastasia Newcomb req. Mom

May 21, Thursday

12:00PM

- For Krista M Brown (B'Day) req. Sharon Brown & Family
- For The Noel Nelson Family
- For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
- For Ibtisam Babbie

6:00 PM - ROSARY

7:00 PM

- For Lorraines's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
- For Chad Hudson (B'Day)
- For Hayley Reynolds & Family
- +Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany & Family

May 22, Friday - Memorial of Saint Rita Cascia, Religious

6:00AM

- For the Hanna Family
- For Marie Laconi
- For McKinley Zabawa req. Langlois Family
- For Gary Rudzewicz

12:00 PM

- For Ron, Claire & Families
- For Linda
- For Daniella Joseph
- +Harvey C. Leininger (23rd Ann.)

May 23, Saturday

9:00 AM

- For Anthony Maya B'Day
- For Loyal Frangie B'Day
- For Zena Sarraf B'Day
- +Jack Hand

*7:00PM - **Penetcost Vigil**

- For Poor Souls in Purgatory req. Honce Family
- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- For Mike & Beth Drozdowski (Wed. Ann.)
- For Kate Drozdowski (B'Day)
- For Daniel Giannone (Bap. Ann.) req. Family
- For Al & Ann Varchetti
- +Phyllis Gemellaro

May 24, Sunday - Pentecost

7:30 AM

- For Tim Fuller
- For the Hanna Family
- For James Yates B'Day req. Family
- +Mary Emma Rickett req. Karen & Ralph Basile
- +Stefanie Bak
- +John Maciag req. Wife
- +Asberry Davis

9:30 AM

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

11:30 AM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Kola Peter Gojcaj
- +John Chasney III req. Mazurkiewicz Family
- +Thomas J Ferenc req. Family
- +Elena Slamka req. Ivin Family
- +Marge Robine req. Family
- +Walter & Michael Couet req. Family

8:30 PM

- For John Paul Mansour
- For Samantha Kassab & Joseph
- For Jacqueline, Krystian & Emmanuel
- For Samantha & Adonis Sabbagh
- For Frank, Tarik, Malik & Roman
- +Vera Zelenak req. Chominski Family
- +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!

UPCOMING EVENT

Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ reminds us that Christ is always present among us and continually seeks a relationship with people and with the world. When we participate in the liturgy—through the readings, prayers, chanting, postures and movements, and through walking in the Eucharistic procession—we encounter the living Christ, who abides among us and transforms our lives.

More than that, Jesus also seeks a relationship with the world around us. He chooses to work through us so that others may come to know him. This happens not only during the Eucharistic procession, but even more through the witness of our daily lives.

Fr. Libor Marek

Requests

Corpus Christie Reception: Sunday June 7th

There will be a reception in the Fr. Mikuš Hall after the Corpus Christie Holy Mass. The Rosary Society requests that you please bring your donation of dessert finger foods (on disposable platters) to the Fr. Mikus Hall prior to the 10:00AM Holy Mass. If would like to help at the Corpus Christie Reception, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule or call the Parish Office.

Thank you! The Rosary Society



Catechesis of Pope Leo XIV



Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium* 2. The Church, a Visible and Spiritual Reality

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today, we will continue our exploration of the Conciliar Constitution *Lumen gentium*, a dogmatic Constitution on the Church.

In the first chapter, which is primarily intended to answer the question of what the Church is, she is described as a “complex reality” (no. 8). Now we ask ourselves: what does this complexity consist of? Some might answer that the Church is complex in that she is ‘complicated’ and therefore difficult to explain; others might think that her complexity derives from the fact that she is an institution steeped in two thousand years of history, with characteristics that differ from any other social or religious group. In Latin, however, the word ‘complex’ indicates rather the orderly union of different aspects or dimensions within the same reality. For this reason, *Lumen gentium* can affirm that the Church is a well-organized body, in which the human and divine dimensions coexist without separation and without confusion.

The first dimension is immediately perceptible, in that the Church is a community of men and women who share the joy and struggle of being Christians, with their strengths and weaknesses, proclaiming the Gospel and becoming a sign of the presence of Christ who accompanies us on our journey through life. Yet this aspect – which is also evident in its institutional organization – is not sufficient to describe the true nature of the Church, because it also has a divine dimension. The latter does not consist in an ideal perfection or spiritual superiority of its members, but in the fact that the Church is generated by God’s plan for humanity, realized in Christ.

Therefore, the Church is at the same time an earthly community and the mystical body of Christ, a visible assembly and a spiritual mystery, a reality present in history and a people journeying towards heaven (LG, 8; CCC, 771).

The human and divine dimensions integrate harmoniously, without one overshadowing the other; thus, the Church lives in this paradox. She is a reality that is both human and divine, which welcomes the sinful man and leads him to God.

To illuminate this ecclesial condition, *Lumen gentium* refers to the life of Christ. In fact, those who met Jesus along the roads of Palestine experienced his humanity, his eyes, his hands, the sound of his voice. Those who decided to follow him were moved precisely by the experience of his welcoming gaze, the touch of his blessing hands, his words of liberation and healing. At the same time, however, by following that Man, the disciples opened themselves to an encounter with God. Indeed, Christ’s flesh, his face, his gestures and his words visibly manifest the invisible God.

In the light of the reality of Jesus, we can now return to the Church: when we look at her closely, we discover a human dimension made up of real people, who sometimes manifest the beauty of the Gospel and other times struggle and make mistakes like everyone else. However, it is precisely through her members and her limited earthly aspects that Christ’s presence and his saving action are manifested. As Benedict XVI said, there is no opposition between the Gospel and the institution; on the contrary, the structures of the Church serve precisely for the “realization and concretization of the Gospel in our time” (Address to Swiss Bishops, 9 November 2006). An ideal and pure Church, separated from the earth, does not exist; only the one Church of Christ, embodied in history.

This is what constitutes the holiness of the Church: the fact that Christ dwells in her and continues to give himself through the smallness and fragility of her members. Contemplating this perennial miracle that takes place in her, we understand ‘God’s method’: He makes himself visible through the weakness of creatures, continuing to manifest himself and to act. For this reason, Pope Francis, in *Evangelii gaudium*, exhorts us all to learn “to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other (cf. Ex 3:5)” (no. 169). This enables us still today to build up the Church: not only by organizing its visible forms, but by building that spiritual edifice which is the body of Christ, through communion and charity among ourselves.

Indeed, charity constantly generates the presence of the Risen One. “If only we could all just let our thoughts dwell on the one thing, charity! It’s the only thing, you see, which both surpasses all things, and without which all things worth nothing, and which draws all things to itself, wherever it may be” (Sermon 354, 6, 6).

Scan the QR code
to read the
Constitution:



2026 May Crowning

The Rosary Society would like to thank all their members who volunteered their time over three days for the Parish's May Crowning reception by plating finger foods, set-up hall, and clean-up. Also, thank you to the American Heritage girls who assisted at the reception.

We really appreciate the great variety of finger foods/treats donations. All together we had a successful event. We have a great parish community.

MANY THANKS!!
The Rosary Society



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!

**The Permanent Diaconate Office
of the
Archdiocese
of Detroit**

You Are Invited!

Join us for an in-person Vocation Awareness Information Night at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Macomb, MI for men discerning a call to the Diaconate.

Come learn more about the vocation of the Permanent Diaconate, the formation process, and what it means to serve the Church in this special ministry.

For married men, wives are strongly encouraged to attend.

Check-in: 6:30 p.m.
Presentation: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

SCAN ME



Legion of Mary Spring Luncheon

For all Legionaries, Auxiliary Legionaries and Guests
Thursday, June 4, 2026

Gazebo Banquet Center: 31104 Mound Road, Warren MI
11:30AM
\$30.00

Make checks payable to and mail to Deborah Heintz,
40650 Kraft, Sterling Heights MI 48310

Legionary Volunteers Contact:
Margaret Volund 586-295-1749



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, learning, 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!

NOW and EDGE News

- EDGE Dates: 21nd and 28th
- NOW Dates: June 1st - Senior Send Off



Parish Listening Sessions

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>

or use the QR code:



St. Cyril's and Methodius Young Adult Ministry Presents

Bring Your Own Chili + Board Game!

For Adults Age 21-40

Bring your favorite board game and a pot of chili or a dish to pass! Meet other Catholic young adults in the area and have some fun with a new or old favorite game!

May 23rd at 6 pm in the Parish Hall at St Cyril and Methodius Slovak Catholic Church

RSVP with the QR Code



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