

Divine Mercy Sunday
April 12, 2026



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April 11, Saturday - Saturday within the Octave of Easter

5:30PM

- For All Priests, Deacons, Religious & Seminarians
- For Paul, Linda & Families
- For Living & Deceased Members of Drozdowski Family
- For Madison Drozdowski (B'Day)
- For Roddy & Gjonaj Families
- For Mary Richards
- For Sylvester Wilkins (10th B'Day) req. Family

April 12, Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

7:30 AM

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

9:30 AM

- For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

11:30 AM (Slovak)

- For All Priests, Deacons, Religious & Seminarians
- For Fr. Ben
- For Paul, Linda & Families
- For Michael Schornak req. Gary & Annette Rudzewicz
- For Janine Burzynski req. Gary & Annette
- +Fr. Val G.
- + Mark Dedvukaj

8:30 PM

- For Tommy, Angela & Family
- For the Hanna Family
- For Amy Shamoon
- For Christopher Langlois req. Langlois Family
- For Lou Persichetti & Family
- +Paul & Geri Buss
- +Fahmi Naoum

April 13, Monday - Memorial of Saint Martin I

9:00 AM

For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

12:00 PM

- For Larry & Cassie Giroux & Family
- For Paul, Linda & Families
- For Lisa & Family
- For Danielle M. Brown & Family

April 14, Tuesday

6:00 AM

- For Brigid Loster (B'Day)
- For Joanna Smiech
- For Emily Ratchford (B'Day)
- For Jeffery Drozdowski

12:00 PM

- For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

April 15, Wednesday

9:00 AM

- For Nardi Gjekaj
- +Fahmi Naoum
- +Matthew Margiewicz req. Family
- +Walter Lobur req. Family

April 15, Wednesday

12:00 PM

- For Fr. Juraj Nuota (B'Day)
- For Annette Rudzewicz
- For Roddy & Gjonaj Families
- +Germaine Evely

April 16, Thursday

6:00AM

- For Anna Fuller
- For Emma Timmerman B'Day
- For Gerald Sadecki
- + Gladys Langlois req. Langlois Family

April 16, Thursday (cont.)

12:00PM

- For Christian & Jackie & Family
- For Slvana & Nawar Awshana & Sebastian Bahoda
- For Lourdes Shamoon
- +Sultana Mashkooor

7:00 PM

- For Jillian Haio
- +Barbara Zolnierczak req LD
- +Barbara Weipert req. Frances Bronzetti & Delyse McAllister
- +Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany and Family

April 17, Friday

6:00AM

- For Dorian Wood req. Langlois Family
- For Annette Rudzewicz
- +Pjeter & +Fila Dedvukaj
- +Adnan Khami

12:00 PM

- For the Intentions of the Rosary Makers & Families
- For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
- + Mary Manning & Sons
- +Ronald Petrilla

April 18, Saturday

9:00 AM

- For the Intentions of the Rosary Society
- For the Members of Our Lady Mother of Mercy, Carmelites
- For Thaeer & Anne Haio (Ann.)
- +Hermiz Mashkooor

5:30PM

- For Teri Drensek B'Day (T. Drensek)
- For Living & Deceased Members of Drozdowski Family (Lorraine Drozdowski)
- For Victoria Chandler (B'Day) (Lorraine Drozdowski)
- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG - (R. Michael Guarnieri)
- For Steve & Sandy Murzen (Mary Richards)
- For Marie Lama req Deacon Phil & Jan McCown (Jan McCown)
- +Beverley Bonk req Husband (Robert Bonk)

April 19, Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 AM

- For Renee Dzieciolowski (Stephanie Fayad)
- + Fred Schultz (Annette Rudzewicz)
- +Geri & +Jeffrey Maci (Lorraine Drozdowski)
- +Mary Agius (Rebecca Schwartz)
- +Shawn Lechner (Moury)
- +Slavo Trzok req Brenda Groleau
- +Helene Maciag req Irene (Irene Maciag)

9:30 AM

- For the Intentions of the Easter Novena

11:30 AM (Slovak)

- For Fr. Libor & Fr. Juraj (Stephanie Fayad)
- For Kola Peter Gojcaj
- For June (Betty abate)
- +Lois & Barbara Wemier (Shawn Batche)
- +Roger Sr. & Roger Jr. Farrier (Shawn Batche)
- +Diane (Annette Rudzewicz)
- +Walter & Michael Couet req. Family (Christina Couet)

8:30 PM

- For Monir & Alia Korkis and Family (Alia Korkis)
- For Amy Shamoon req Wnek Family (Jacqueline Wnek)
- For Sr. Cynthia Obidike (B'Day) req Anne (Anne Haio)
- +Gerald O'Neill Jr req Ushers' Club (Frank Moran)
- +Doda Mucli req Marie, Dedee & Djela (Djela)
- +Frank and Lucille Malendowski (Tim Buss)
- +Fahmi Naoum (Vicki Babbie)

Welcome

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 Father Juraj Nuota, Priest in Solidum • jnuota@saintcyrils.church
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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.

Prayer for Peace with Pope Leo XIV

Lord of Life,

you shaped every human being in your image and likeness. We believe you created us for communion, not for war, for fraternity, not for destruction. You who greeted your disciples saying, "Peace be with you," grant us the gift of your peace and the strength to make it a reality in history.

Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy. Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation.

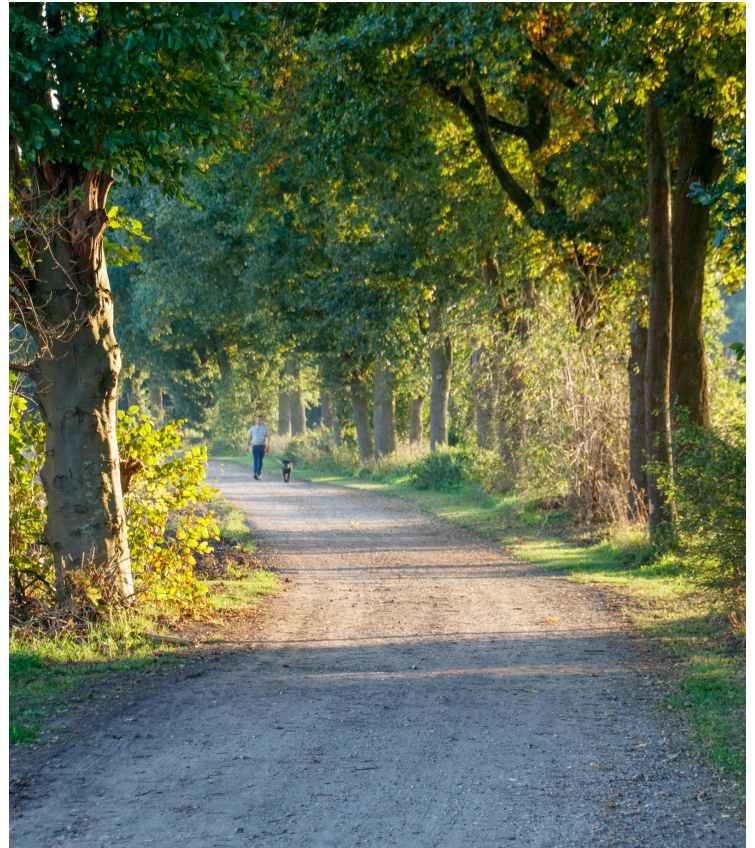
Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.

Lord, enlighten the leaders of the nations, so they may have the courage to abandon projects of death, halt the arms race, and place the lives of the most vulnerable at the center. May the nuclear threat never again dictate the future of humanity.

Holy Spirit, make us faithful and creative builders of daily peace: in our hearts, our families, our communities, and our cities.

May every kind word, every gesture of reconciliation, and every choice for dialogue be seeds of a new world.

Amen.



Homily of Pope Leo XIV



Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today all of creation is resplendent with new light, a song of praise rises from the earth, and our hearts rejoice: Christ is risen from the dead, and with him, we too rise to new life!

This Easter proclamation embraces the mystery of our lives and the destiny of history, reaching us even in the depths of death, where we feel threatened and sometimes overwhelmed. It opens us up to a hope that never fails, to a light that never fades, to a fullness of joy that nothing can take away: death has been conquered forever; death no longer has power over us!

This is a message that is not always easy to accept, a promise that we struggle to embrace, because the power of death constantly threatens us, both from within and without.

From within, this power threatens us when the weight of our sins prevents us from “spreading our wings” and taking flight, or when the disappointments or loneliness we experience drain our hope. It likewise looms over us when our worries or our resentments suffocate the joy of living, when we are sad or tired, or when we feel betrayed or rejected. When we have to come to terms with our weakness, with the sufferings and the daily grind of life, we can feel as if we have ended up in a tunnel with no end in sight.

From without, death is always lurking. We see it present in injustices, in partisan selfishness, in the oppression of the poor, in the lack of attention given to the most vulnerable. We see it in violence, in the wounds of the world, in the cry of pain that rises from every corner because of the abuses that crush the weakest among us, because of the idolatry of profit that plunders the earth’s resources, because of the violence of war that kills and destroys.

In this reality, the Passover of the Lord invites us to lift our gaze and open our hearts. It continues to nourish the seed of the promised victory within our spirit and throughout the course of history. It sets us in motion, like Mary Magdalene and the Apostles, so that we may discover that Jesus’ tomb is

empty, and therefore in every death we experience there is also room for new life to arise. The Lord is alive and remains with us. Through the cracks of resurrection that open up in the darkness, he entrusts our hearts to the hope that sustains us: the power of death is not the final destiny of our lives. We are all directed, once and for all, on the path to fulfilment, because in Christ we also have risen.

With heartfelt words, Pope Francis reminded us of this in his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, affirming that the resurrection of Christ “is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit” (n. 276).

Brothers and sisters, Easter gives us this hope, as we remember that in the risen Christ a new creation is possible every day. This is what today’s Gospel tells us, as it clearly describes the event of the resurrection as taking place on “the first day of the week” (Jn 20:1). The day of Christ’s resurrection thus takes us back to that first day when God created the world, and at the same time proclaims that a new life, stronger than death, is now dawning for humanity.

Easter is the new creation brought about by the Risen Lord; it is a new beginning; it is life finally made eternal by God’s victory over the ancient enemy.

We need this song of hope today. It is ourselves, risen with Christ, who must bring him into the streets of the world. Let us then run like Mary Magdalene, announcing him to everyone, living out the joy of the resurrection, so that wherever the specter of death still lingers, the light of life may shine.

May Christ, our Passover, bless us and give his peace to the whole world!

Read more from Pope Leo XIV online:

Angelus/Regina Cœli

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



Homilies

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/homilies/2026.index.html>



ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Archdiocesan Restructuring



The Archdiocese of Detroit began a season of intentional renewal in November 2025 through a two-year journey of discernment and planning. This March, we enter **Phase 2: Listening and Refinement**. More than 400 Listening Sessions will take place across the Archdiocese of Detroit offering parishioners the chance to review draft models, share feedback, and help shape the future of their parish and Planning Area. Your voice and prayerful input are essential to this process. Beginning in July 2027, different groups of parishes will form pastorates led by a single pastor and his team. While some communities may merge or buildings may change in purpose, no decisions have been made in advance; outcomes will be shaped by the collective wisdom of the faithful. You are invited to participate, listen, and journey with us as we discern a mission-focused future for our Church in Detroit.

Phase 1: Kickoff and Discernment

AUGUST 2025 TO MARCH 2026

- Parish, curia, and ministry data collected and analyzed
- Consultation and feedback with priests, deacons, and parish leaders
- Restructuring initiative announced to the public (Nov. 17, 2025)
- Criteria developed for pastorate models
- Parishes grouped into “planning areas” to begin discernment
- Priests meet to develop draft pastorate models (January 2026)



Pastorate Discernment Modeling Sessions (Jan 14-16)

170+ priests gathered for three days to pray, discuss, and discern new models for the structure of our parishes.

Phase 2: Listening and Refinement

APRIL 2026 TO DECEMBER 2026

- Parish workbooks (data & demographics) posted on restructuring website
- **Each parish holds two listening sessions open to public (Spring 2026)**
- Curia holds listening session
- Priest assignment process discernment begins
- Pastorate models refined and presented for Archbishop Weisenburger’s consideration

What’s NEXT?

LISTENING SESSIONS THIS SPRING

After Easter, you will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft models at your local parish listening sessions. There will be more than 400 across the archdiocese. **Dates and instructions for registration can be found at [RESTRUCTURING.AOD.ORG](https://restructuring.aod.org) beginning in mid-March.**

Phase 3: Preparation for Implementation

JANUARY 2027 TO JUNE 2027

- Archbishop Weisenburger announces pastorate decisions
- Priest assignments announced
- Curia realignment announced

Phase 4: Implementation

JULY 2027 TO JULY 2028

- New pastorates and priest assignments begin

How Can I Get Involved?

First and foremost, join us in prayer. You can view the Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring on our website. You can also sign up to receive specific prayer intentions each month, so you can include them in your personal prayer, or as part of your parish's intercessory prayer team. During spring of 2026, all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Detroit will have the opportunity to share their feedback on various drafts models. Each model proposes a different option for grouping parishes together into pastorates. Each Parish will host two listening sessions at which you can learn more about the plans and share your feedback. Within a few weeks of your Listening Session, every parishioner will be provided and opportunity to share additional feedback in an online survey. Every piece of feedback will be discerned and considered as valuable contribution to this process.

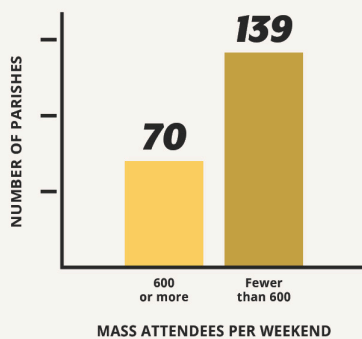
When Are My Local Parish Listening Sessions?

Every Parish will host two listening sessions, beginning in mid-April, through the month of June 2026. In total, more than 400 listening sessions will be hosted across the archdiocese. You can find information about your Parish listening Session and RSVP at restructuring.aod.org beginning in mid-March.

Why Does the Archdiocese of Detroit Need to Restructure?

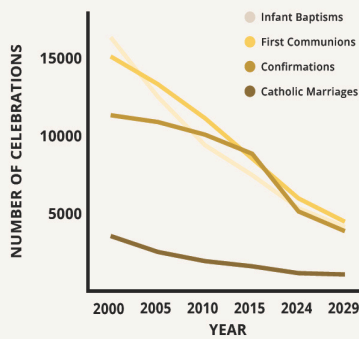
THIS INITIATIVE IS ROOTED IN OUR MISSION TO BRING CHRIST MORE FULLY INTO THE LIVES OF THE FAITHFUL AND TO STRENGTHEN SPIRITUAL AND COMMUNAL BONDS ACROSS OUR ARCHDIOCESE.

Over recent decades, we've seen significant shifts: fewer Catholics attending Mass, declining participation in the sacraments, and an ever-shrinking number of priests due to aging and retirement. Once serving 1.5 million Catholics, we now minister to approximately 900,000 — with fewer than half attending Mass regularly. At the same time, we've struggled to maintain buildings, structures, and ministries designed for a much larger Church, and that's left us stretched thin — making it harder to fully serve where people need us most.



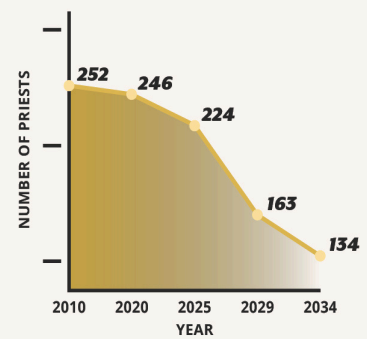
Mass Attendance

Today, 67% of parishes have fewer than 600 weekly Mass attendees. In the next five years, more than three-quarters of parishes are projected to shrink.



Sacraments

In the past 25 years, we've seen a dramatic decline in Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmations, and a steady decline in marriages.



Fewer Priests

Most active priests are 50 and older, and the total number of priests is projected to decline by 40% in the next 10 years.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers Meeting April 17th

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



HEART'S DEEPEST LONGING

We continue moving forward in learning about fully uniting our wills with Gods, and desiring Him alone above all people and things. Know that if we keep to ourselves any portion of ourselves, i.e., our secret desires, hidden wants/shared affections, etc. we will not be able to reside in His Most Sacred Heart. We will not be able to fully taste the sweetness of His love either. Moreover, we place ourselves on the edge of a cliff, so-to-speak, which is always tempting us to jump off and give into sin. God is a jealous God (Ex. 20:5) and He desires our whole and entire selves. What is dangerous is there are many who keep for themselves affection for someone or something through self-love. Is almighty God not enough for you? We were created by love, to love, and to be loved. God, being the source of love, contains within Himself all that our hearts truly desire. Knowing this we ought not to look elsewhere. For what can be more fulfilling? God satisfies. Creatures and things may give a momentary glimpse of happiness but it soon disappears and always disappoints. Yet, because of our weakened nature, we tend to always cling to repeating this over and over. Our Lord's arms are outstretched towards us and ready to embrace us. The question is, do you believe Him and all that He can do and provide for you?



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, April 14th

Time: 7:00–9:00 PM

Room: Overflow Room.

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



Catechism Corner Class Schedule

- Wednesday, April 15th at 6:15 pm - Class
- Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:15 pm - Class
- Wednesday, April 29th at 6:15 pm - Class for all (Rehearsal for 8th Grade Confirmandi)
- Thursday, April 30th at 5:30 pm - First Confession/First Communion Rehearsal

If you have any questions, please contact:

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



N.O.W. and EDGE Teen Youth Ministry

N.O.W. Night will be held on:
April 13th, 20th, and 27th

EDGE Nights will be held on:
April 16th, 23rd, and 30th



Ss. Cyril & Methodius has Adoration each week from Thursday at 1:00PM until Fridays at 12:00PM (until 7:00PM on First Fridays). Please consider this opportunity to come and spend time with Our Lord. He really wants to see us because He loves us. In the silence of Adoration, He speaks to us.

If would like to commit to spending just one hour each week in Adoration with our Lord, we need you. The following time slots are available Thursdays 5-6 pm, Fridays 2-3 am, 7-8 am, 8-9 am, 9-10 am, & 10-11am. Please give me a call. God bless all of you, Annette Rudzewicz, (586) 247-7214

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