

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2026



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**May 2, First Saturday - Memorial of Saint Athanasius**

5:30PM

- In Thanksgiving req. Kola Peter Gojcaj
- For Our Military Troops
- For Sage Anne Barbat (10th B'Day) req. Grandparents
- For Paul Varchetti & Family
- +Ann & John Farrier
- +William Atkinson req. Dan & Jan Atkinson
- +Bernadine Nowinski req. Connie Beste

**May 3, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

7:30 AM

- For the Menard & Daniel Families
- For Matthew Dubon (B'Day) req. Family
- For James Dailey (1st B'Day)
- For John Paul Mansour req. Family
- For Betty
- +Fr. Brian Kenny
- +Helene Maciag

10:00AM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- For the Members of the Knights of Columbus - Council 7011 & Assembly 1839
- For Landon Allenbaugh
- For All Mothers of the Drozdowski Family
- For Jemma Chandler
- For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
- +Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family

8:30 PM

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

**May 4, Monday**

9:00 AM

- For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality
- For Violet Timmerman (B'Day)
- For Jonathan Mansour
- +Lois & Roger Farrier

12:00 PM

- For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
- For Bernadette & Lourdes Shamoon
- For All Families
- +Walter & Michael Couet req. Family

**May 5, Tuesday**

6:00 AM

- For Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Sophie Chanko (B'Day) req. Family
- For Mark Varchetti
- +Maryann Hepee

12:00 PM

- For Ibtisam Babbie
- For Mercy Vitale req. Friends
- For Nardi Gjekaj
- +Nancy Giannone req. Family

**May 6, Wednesday**

9:00 AM

- For Mansour Family
- For Glen & Amy Varchetti & Family
- For Angelo & Jacob Stegner
- For Soad Rofa & Foud Yaldo

12:00 PM

- For Roddy and Gjonaj Families
- For Nua Dedvukaj
- For Deceased Members of the North Family req. Terry North
- For Ave, Eli, Lily, Teresa & Celine

**May 7, Thursday**

6:00AM

- For Claire Mazurkiewicz (B'Day) req. Family
- For Nate & Theresa Robinson & Family
- For Ann Marie & Bill req. Mom
- + Anna Rudzewicz

12:00PM

- For Paul, Linda & Families
- For Nua Dedvukaj (B'Day)
- For Rosemary, Samantha, Lourdes, Bernadette
- +Ndue Vacaj

7:00 PM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- For Lorraines's Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren
- For Living & Deceased Members of Drozdowski Family
- +Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany & Family

**May 8, Friday**

6:00AM

- For Katie Shubnell req. Langlois Family
- For Nua Dedvukaj
- For Nicole Dailey
- + Ann Rudzewicz

12:00 PM

- For Raymond req. Grandma & Papa
- For Santiago Jude Brown (B'Day) req. Sharon Brown & Family
- + Mary Manning & Sons
- +Theresa Nguyen Thi Xuan Lan req. Ho Thu

**May 9, Saturday**

9:00 AM

- For the Members of Our Lady Mother of Mercy Secular Discalced Carmelites
- For Michael req. Grandma & Papa
- For Emmanuel Korkis (B'Day)
- For Jordan Zabawa req. Langlois Family

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

# Welcome

## SS. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Parish

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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.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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 God bless all the students who received their First Holy Communion at our parish on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. As they begin their newfound personal relationship with Our Lord, we pray that they will always receive the Holy Eucharist with great faith, love, reverence, and devotion! We extend our gratitude to their teachers for their patience, diligence, and handwork in preparing each and every student to receive not only Our Lord's Body Blood but also His grace and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Penance. On behalf of the communicant's parents and parish family, we would like to thank Father Libor for his leadership and guidance and their teacher. Thank you to Joseph and Christopher Baltrinic for giving of their time each Wednesday to mentor the students.



Congratulations to all students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the 7:00 pm Holy Mass. May each student open their heart to the Holy Spirit in order that He moves them to be a person of resignation to their faith. They have all worked very hard to prepare for this day. Let us pray that they embrace the fruits and gifts given them and find the strength to continue to grow and spread their knowledge of God's truths.

Through their commitment and hard work, the children were able to receive the wonderful Sacrament of Confirmation. Their parents, mentors & sponsors gave them encouragement and should be applauded for that. Most importantly, we must not forget their teachers for their tireless efforts in preparing and supporting each and every student. Our sincere appreciation to them for their dedication and commitment to the children's faith formation. Thank you to the Confirmation teachers, Mary and Larry Hines, Keith Bolde, Eleanor Irwin, Cassie and Larry Giroux, for being exemplary role models for our young people in their students Confirmation preparation.

Thank you, Paul and Carroll Schuller, Catechism Directors



## *First Communion Class of 2026*

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

## *Confirmation Class of 2026*

*Alaina Brannigan  
Alyssa Brink  
Jason Czach  
Carolyn Dimoff  
Adam Giroux  
Jozef Hayden  
Sofia Isunza  
Sarah Judy  
Loralei Koziol  
Meredith Lawler  
Delainey Mahoney  
Thomas Muglia  
Alessandra Nedelcu  
Genevieve Normile,  
Genevieve Schaub,  
Hope Simon  
Alexander Szczerba  
Natalia Tkac*

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



**Knights of Columbus**

**Save the Date: Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 PM**

You're warmly invited to a special afternoon of community, generosity, and celebration! Join the St. Nicholas Council #7011 of the Knights of Columbus for "The Drive to Save Lives" on Sunday, May 17th at Ss. Cyril & Methodius in Fr. Mikus South Hall. Doors open at 1:00 PM, with the program beginning at 1:30 PM and concluding with a raffle drawing at 4:00 PM—featuring a chance to win an electric bike! This meaningful event supports The Friends of the Congo, helping fund a maternity clinic in Yassa, a small village in the Democratic Republic of Congo—making a real difference for mothers and babies in need. Throughout the afternoon, you'll also: Celebrate with our parish and ministries as they are recognized for their service Hear inspiring updates on Right to Life initiatives, our seminarians, and the ongoing work in the Congo. Learn more about the mission and brotherhood of the Knights of Columbus. Enjoy food and refreshments provided by the Knights (free-will offering appreciated) and spend time connecting with fellow parishioners and friends. All are welcome, please bring your family, invite a friend, and come be part of something truly impactful.

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

Save the Date:

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 Catholic 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!

**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!!!

## HEART'S DEEPEST LONGING

We continue our look into remaining in the Sacred Heart and how to avoid being drawn back into the world, the flesh, and the devil. An ongoing watchfulness is required on all our parts to not be enticed into lukewarmness and simply “living just to get by”. In our lives we will encounter misery after misery which are unavoidable; it’s part of living in a fallen world. Some of which on account of others, and some on account of ourselves. Since it is impossible (or if we are simply unwilling) to remove them, we can remove their causes and the effects will cease. What is needed on our part is a constant reminder of living in the presence of God, and frequent prayer. Our very nature is ever-changing, prone to vanity and seeks attention and validation anywhere and/or with anyone. We (perhaps even unaware) seek self-first and strive to gratify our senses. All of this is trifling and useless. When we feel this tendency toward self-move within us what we can do is we ought to tune everything around us and in our mind out and imagine being alone in the world with only Jesus by our side. We have to study ourselves; know ourselves and our tendencies and weaknesses in order to stay self-collected. When we have acquired this habit of self-presence of the mind it will bring its own reward. For it is a boundless treasure offered to us by God.

## Mother's Day Novena

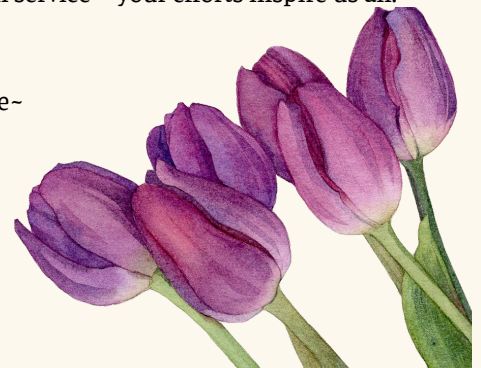
The Mother's Day Novena starts on May 11-19. This is the perfect gift for mothers, grandmothers, mother-in-laws, stepmothers, wives, aunts, sisters or friends. Mass cards are available in the Parish Office and after weekend Holy Masses. Suggested Donation: \$10.



## Thank You!!!

A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the St. Joseph's Table food collection. Your donations of food items were blessed on March 19 and delivered to the Sr. Marcine Food Pantry at St. Veronica Parish in Eastpointe. We also extend deep appreciation for the Easter dinner baskets you prepared and donated for the St. Dominic Outreach Center in Detroit. These thoughtful baskets provided families with everything needed for a special Easter meal, bringing hope and Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in the inner city. A special shout-out goes to our wonderful N.O.W. Teen Youth Ministry! Your enthusiastic help in loading and organizing the food made the entire process a breeze. Thank you for living out your faith through service—your efforts inspire us all.

Sincerely,  
Raffaella D'Alio  
-Christian Service-



## LIFESPAN NEWS

Dear Mothers, Grandmothers, Godmothers, Aunts, and all women who are like mothers in the lives of others, Happy Mother's Day blessings to you all!

Right to Life-LIFESPAN will be offering beautiful carnations after Holy Mass on Saturday evening and at all Masses on Sunday as a small way to honor and thank you.

Teens and young adults are invited to help distribute carnations after the 7:30 AM, 11:30 AM, and 8:30 PM Masses on Sunday, May 10. If your child would like to help, please text 248-495-9563.

Donations for the carnations are appreciated. Proceeds will support LIFESPAN's pro-life efforts in Macomb and Oakland Counties, including initiatives such as the Crosses Memorial Display on our parish grounds and participation in the Life Chain each October during Respect Life Month.

For more information about LIFESPAN, please call: 248-816-1546.

Thank you for your continued support of LIFESPAN and for helping care for mothers and their preborn babies in need.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

**June 22-26, 2026**

**Daily Children's Mass: 9 am**

**Camp: 10 am - 1 pm**

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**41233 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights**

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

**KDG - 7<sup>th</sup> grade**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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



**Catechism Corner  
Class Schedule**

Wednesday, May 6th at 6:15 - Last Class with Benediction for all students

If you have any questions, please contact:

Carroll or Paul Schuller:

cschuller@saintcyrils.church

or 586-685-1069

**NOW and EDGE NEWS**

EDGE Dates: May 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

NOW Dates: May 11<sup>th</sup> - Freshmen Welcome

June 1<sup>st</sup> - Senior Send Off

**Parish Listening Sessions—Coming Soon!**

The next step in the Archdiocesan Restructuring process is for every parish

in the Archdiocese of Detroit 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.cognitiforms.com/ArchdioceseOfDetroit2/ParishListeningSessionRegistration>

or use the QR code



**OCIA**

**Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

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, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Time: 7:00–9:00 PM

Room: Overflow Room.

For questions, please see Fr. Juraj or contact Paul Ray:

stpolycarp77@yahoo.com

**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**
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- 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!*

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