

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2026



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**June 13, Saturday**

5:30 PM - VIGIL

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

**June 14, Sunday - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM

- For Paul, Linda & Families
- For Cecilia Fuller
- For Donna Lesko (B'Day)
- For Marie Laconi
- For Diana Langlois req. Langlois Family
- For Zelig Parker req. Langlois Family
- +Michelle Gietzen

9:30 AM

- For Jillian Haio
- For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
- For Judy McGrath
- For Jan Smith-Nash-Montgomery Family
- +Mary Emma Rickett req. Karen & Ralph Basile
- +Idali & Carlos Camacho req. Honce Family
- +Susan Verble

11:30 AM - SLOVAK

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Patrick Korkis
- +Elena Slamka req. Ivin Family
- +Paulína Korčeková req. Stefan & Family
- +Eliška Karrumi req. Sobolič Family
- +Walter & Michael Couet req. Family
- +Charles J. Celusnak (B'Day) req. Family
- +Anna Klamová (121st B'day) req. Klamo Family

8:30 PM

- For Lourdes Shamoon (B'Day)
- For Peter & Gary Batche req. Shawn Batche
- For Sammie & Linda Herfy & Family
- For Ghanim & Najiba Kalla
- For Pashk & Zoja Deda
- For Randy & Fallon Families
- +Clovis Nash req. Nash Brown Family

**June 15, Monday**

9:00 AM

- For Harry Thomas Doone Jr. (B'Day) req. Family
- For John Paul Mansour
- For Gjok & Zoja Gjokaj
- +Matthew Margiewicz req. Family

12:00 PM

- For Jillian Haio
- For Roddy & Gjonaj Families
- For Jon & Lindsay Fayad
- +Doda Mucli req. Marie, Dedee & Djela

**June 16, Tuesday**

6:00 AM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Elizabeth Desser (B'Day)
- For Randy Gammo
- For Kathleen McPherson req. Friend

12:00 PM

- For Tom & Barb (Wed. Ann.)
- For Emma Dzieciolowski (B'Day)
- For the Mansour Family
- +Marcia Kessler

**June 17, Wednesday**

9:00 AM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Aaron Gott (B'Day)
- For Emma Dzieciolowski
- For Anthony Schuller & Family

12:00 PM

- For Rosalia Louis (B'Day)
- For Stephanie Korkis (B'Day)
- For Tom Abbott (B'Day) req. Family
- +Isabel Cano (Ann.) req. Daughter

**June 18, Thursday**

6:00AM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Andy Gappy
- For Fabian Gammo
- +Rocco, Giacomina & Vincenzo Simone req. Maddalena DiCicco & Family

12:00PM

- For Deacon Phil McCown (B'Day)
- For Don Hand (B'Day)
- For Ralph Loster (B'Day)
- +Albert Tisch (B'Day) req. Family

7:00 PM

- For Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren req. LD
- For Violet & Gianna Chandler (B'Days)
- For Amal & Bashar Sarraf (Wed. Ann.)
- +Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany & Family

**June 19, Friday - Memorial of Saint Romuald, Abbot**

6:00AM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Benjamin Langlois req. Langlois Family
- For Desirae Langlois req. Langlois Family
- +Gerald O'Neill Jr req. Knights of Columbus

12:00 PM

- In Thanksgiving req. Ibtisam Babbie
- For Angie & Families
- For Jacob Davenport & Katrina Plaskon req. Davenport Family
- +Dave Montana req. Leslie Demarco

**June 20, Saturday - Memorial of the of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM

- For the Toma and Marko & Families
- For Renee Dzieciolowski
- For Mr. & Mrs Pete Batche
- +Marilyn Tudman req. Diane Mitchell

5:30 PM - VIGIL

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- In Thanksgiving
- For Blake White
- For Mr. & Mrs. Peter Batche
- +Jeffrey Kaspari req. Mike MacDonald
- +Beverley Bonk req. Husband
- +Louis Novak (2nd Ann.) req. Drensek Family

**June 21, Sunday - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 AM

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

9:30 AM

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

11:30 AM

- Na úmysel všetkých otcov

8:30 PM

- For Fr. Mark Livingston & All Priests & Seminarians
- For Paul, Linda & Families
- For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
- For Charles Loster (B'Day)
- For William Anthony Guarnieri req. Son
- +Manuel, Amira and Robert Qasguargis req. Family
- +Ferdinando & Giovanna DiMambro req. Maddalena DiCicco & Family

# 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.

### Reporting Sexual Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others – no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing: [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). In addition the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM) or by e-mail at: [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

More information about the AOD's efforts to address abuse may be found at [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org).

Detroitská Arcidiecéza povzbudzuje jednotlivcov, ktorí by vedeli o prípadoch sexuálneho obťažovania mladistvých zo strany kleru, aby ich ohlásili bez ohľadu na to, kedy sa tieto prípady vyskytli. Jednotlivci môžu kontaktovať orgány činné v trestnom konaní, alebo upovedomiť Detroitškú Arcidiecézu prostredníctvom koordinátora pre pomoc obetiam na tel. číslo 866-343-8055, alebo emailom [vac@aod.org](mailto:vac@aod.org). Úrad generálneho prokurátora v Michigane možno kontaktovať na bezplatnom telefónnom čísle 844-324-3374 (od pondelka do piatku, od 8:00 do 17:00), alebo e-mailom [aginvestigations@michigan.gov](mailto:aginvestigations@michigan.gov).

Viac informácií o snahe Detroitskej Arcidiecézy predchádzať zneužívaniu je k dispozícii na adrese [protect.aod.org](http://protect.aod.org)

### 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!

Encyclical Letter  
**MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS**



**POPE LEO XIV**

*On Safeguarding The Human Person  
 In the Time of Artificial Intelligence*

On the 135th anniversary of *Rerum novarum*, Pope Leo XIV releases his first encyclical, *Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*, appealing for human dignity, truth, the dignity of work, social justice, and peace.

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*Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together.*

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Signed on May 15—the 135th anniversary of Leo XIII's *Rerum novarum*—and published May 25, the encyclical is a social document addressing one of the age's principal challenges: artificial intelligence. Across five chapters, its premise is that technology is neither antagonistic to humanity nor inherently evil, but "never neutral, because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate, and use it." Pope Leo XIV urges people to build "for the common good" and to "remain human".

**Church's social doctrine**

The first chapter traces the Church's social teaching through recent magisterium and Vatican II, stressing its "dynamic character". Rather than a fixed handbook, it is a "theology of communion in history" read in light of the Gospel. From Pius XII—first to use the term "Social Doctrine of the Church" (1950)—to Pope Francis, and back to Leo XIII's *Rerum novarum* (1891), each successor of Peter has illuminated a single heritage: the dignity of the person, the value of work, the universal destination of goods, solidarity and subsidiarity, care for creation, and peace and fraternity.

**Safeguarding human dignity**

The second chapter sets out the foundations and principles of social doctrine. The first foundation is human dignity, rooted in being made in God's image—a dignity "neither acquired nor earned, nor does it need to be justified", which ideologies and powerful interests can reduce to mere usefulness. The second is the inviolability of human rights, above all the right to life "from conception to its natural end"; the Pope calls induced abortion, killing of the innocent, and euthanasia "gravely wrong". The third is the rights of minorities, with particular attention to women through concrete decisions in law, work, and education.

**'Gravely immoral' to subjugate a nation**

The Pope then names five principles. The first, the common good, is "the social expression of the dignity recognized in every person"; any plan to eliminate or subjugate a nation is "gravely immoral and therefore unacceptable".

The second principle, the universal destination of goods, leads the Pope to insist that technologies not be concentrated among a few, widening the gap between the digitally included and excluded. The third, subsidiarity, calls for shared responsibility over paternalistic management. The fourth, solidarity, is "a principle and a virtue" opposed to indifference and mindful of future generations.

The fifth principle, social justice, requires fair access to opportunity, protection of the vulnerable, combating hatred and disinformation, and public oversight of technology so the guiding principle is dignity, not profit. Migrants, refugees, and the displaced are a "litmus test": how society treats them reveals whether its justice is driven by fear or fraternity. The Pope urges safe legal routes, dignified welcome, integration, and addressing the "root causes" of migration.

These principles apply to the Church herself, which must examine its conscience—purifying its structures of inequality, opacity, and abuse, listening to victims of spiritual, economic, institutional, sexual, and power-based abuse, and pursuing acknowledgment, reparation, and prevention.

**An ethical code for AI**

The third chapter calls for vigilance toward AI. The Pope warns of the "technocratic paradigm" that reduces every choice to efficiency and profit; the most powerful technology is not necessarily the best, and AI can simulate the person without possessing moral conscience, empathy, or spiritual capacity. He urges clear responsibility and accountability at every stage—sound policy, legal frameworks, independent oversight, and user education—and, above all, an ethical code grounded in shared standards of justice, since "a more moral AI is not eno-

ugh if that morality is determined by a few". He also flags the heavy energy and water demands of these technologies.

AI must be "disarmed" to free it from military, economic, and cognitive competition. "To disarm does not mean rejecting technology, but preventing it from dominating humanity". He critiques transhumanism and posthumanism: human limits are not defects to eliminate but a constitutive dimension, since "humanity flourishes not despite limitations, but often through them".

Eliminating human limits would cause "anthropological regression." Humanity "must never be replaced or surpassed"; technology may ease suffering but must not deny our "capacity for relationship and love". The real choice, the Pope says, is between progress that serves people and progress that subjects them to the mentality of power.

### Communication, work, and freedom

The fourth chapter calls for an "ecology of communication" based on truth: transparency in content selection, data protection, serious verified journalism, and critical use of digital tools. The Pope warns that "perfect machines" must not extinguish the young's "desire to ask questions", and champions schools as places to "seek and love the truth".

In this "fourth industrial revolution," systems must center the person, not just performance. New ways of working "are not necessarily better"; AI often forces workers to match machines rather than the reverse. It should free people from burdensome tasks without causing unemployment for the sake of profit. The Pope hopes for renewed labor organizations

He urges moving beyond GDP toward dignity of work, shared prosperity, reduced inequality, and environmental care, with finance serving work and international cooperation favoring the most vulnerable, since prosperity aids peace "only if it is widespread, inclusive, and sustainable". He upholds the family—founded on the union of a man and a woman—as a "primary social good" and "irreplaceable cell" of community needing supportive labor policies.

Digital platforms designed to capture attention and exploit vulnerabilities threaten interior freedom; profiling and directing behavior is "a new form of power" that can discriminate against the weakest, amplified by an "architecture of visibility." AI also breeds new slavery—the "scarred, injured, and worn down" bodies extracting rare earth elements. The Church renews its condemnation of slavery and trafficking, warns that tolerance makes one complicit, and the Pope "sincerely asks forgiveness" for the Church's past delay in condemning slavery. Exploiting personal data, he adds, is a new colonialism making the digital world a "space of exploitation".

### Overcoming 'just war' theory

The fifth chapter turns to war, which the digital revolution is reshaping. A "culture of power" normalizes war and fuels rearmament, while polarizing media and a "loss of historical memory" leave people without long-term vision—reducing peace to an interval between conflicts. While preserving legitimate defense in the strictest sense, the Pope says "just war" theory must be overcome in favor of dialogue, diplomacy, and forgiveness.

He criticizes the arms industry, the nuclear race, and armed actors—including jihadist groups—who profit from conflict, and warns that "there is no algorithm that can make war morally acceptable." AI only makes conflict faster and more impersonal, lowering the threshold for violence and reducing victims to data. "Any technology that facilitates attacks without seeing the face of human beings lowers the moral threshold of conflict"

A "disorderly and conflict-ridden multipolarism" has replaced the rule of law with the law of the strongest; the Pope hopes for "profound reforms" of the UN. "Hybrid" wars on economic, financial, and cyber fronts use disinformation to make rising military spending seem the "only response"—an irresponsible Realpolitik and "false realism" that treats war as inevitable and peace as utopia, and may even use conflict to distract from domestic problems.

Christians are called to build "the civilization of love." Saints and "oft-forgotten peacemakers" show that grace inspires active resistance to evil. The Pope names five paths: disarming words by speaking truth; building peace in justice; siding with victims, since some conflicts make neutrality unjust; cultivating "a healthy realism"; and relaunching dialogue. "Interreligious dialogue" is decisive—"those who use the name of God to legitimize terrorism, violence or war betray his true nature"—and the Holy See's diplomacy adopts the Gospel's mercy as a criterion for action, with prayer at its heart since peace comes above all from God.

### Grandeur of humanity

In closing, Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to navigate this technological era by the light of the Gospel, in "a sober yet demanding program of Christian life," so that even in the age of AI "we may bear witness to the grandeur of humanity, in which God has made His dwelling."

Source: *Vatican News*

Read the encyclical online:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals/documents/20260515-magnifica-humanitas.html>



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Registration for the 2025-2026 Catechism Year Has Begun!

Packets were handed out or mailed to families that were enrolled in the program for the 2025-2026 year.

If you did not receive your packet, guidelines and forms can be found on the parish website:

<https://saintcyrils.church/category/religious-education/>

New families may check this page for registration instructions as well. Please contact us if you need help with completing the forms or if you have any questions.

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### Thank You from the Knights

The St. Nicholas Council #7011 of the Knights of Columbus extends our heartfelt thanks to everyone at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish for helping make our Drive to Save Lives event on May 17 a tremendous success. Whether you purchased a raffle ticket, attended the event, donated to the Friends of the Congo, volunteered, enjoyed the food and fellowship, or kept us in your prayers, your generosity and support made this event possible. We were honored to present donations to Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish, the Rosary Society, American Heritage Girls, Trail Life Boys, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, several Macomb County schools serving students with special needs, and the Friends of the Congo.

Congratulations to Adam Giroux, winner of the Lectric E-bike raffle. Thank you again to all who participated. We look forward to seeing you at next year's event!

### "MARY, OUR MOTHER, QUEEN OF ANGELS"

**Retreat**  
**Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

Everyone loves Angels!

However, what do we really know about them?

Join us to learn more?

Please SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday July 25, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM following the 9:00 AM Holy Mass to be hosted in the Fr. Mikus Hall where Sts. Cyril & Methodus Rosary Society will present

"Mary, Queen of Angels," the 4th Annual Retreat to honor Our Blessed Mother, to give recognition to the Angels, and to glorify GOD.

Featured Speakers will be Fr. Matthew Hincks, a Catholic priest belonging to the Order of Canons Regular of the Holy Cross. He is currently based in the Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio and with our own Deacon Gerald Smuggle.

Music, Q & A, and tasty refreshments will be provided.

The cost is \$15.00. Ticket sales will begin on May 18, 2026 in the Sts. Cyril & Methodius church office.

### Our Lady's Rosary Makers Meeting Friday, June 19th

Location: Meeting in Room #113

Time: 1:00-3:00PM

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:

Jo Ann (586) 979-1078

### Right to Life - LIFESPAN Father's Day Candy Bar Sale June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

Right to Life - LifeSpan will be offering candy bars after all the Holy Masses on Father's Day weekend.

In case anyone wants to give donations that weekend, there will be a collection jar. The donations will then be given to LIFESPAN to help with their pro-life work in Macomb and Oakland Counties.

Happy Father's Day!

Right to Life wants to wish all fathers, grandfathers, Godfathers, uncles, and any other male figure in your life who has been like a father a very blessed Father's Day! Your care, protection, guidance, strength, and love are greatly appreciated.

### Heart's Deepest Longing

Beginning this week we embark on a topic that isn't spoken of often or even reflected upon my most our mortality, death. It's a reality no one can escape. It's inevitable. But it's something we, as Christians, should not fear. Sacred Scripture tells us that, "...it is appointed for men to die once, and after that come judgment (Heb. 9:27)." We can do what we will here on earth but death is always unavoidable. God has fixed the bounds of our lives, beyond which none can pass. Once we reach that bound there is nothing we can do to stop it. While life endures there is nothing more certain than death, yet there is nothing more hidden in uncertainty than our time of death and what surrounds it. We do not know when we will die, but know this for certain: we will die yet we think of it very little if at all. Whether we will see the end of this year or the end of this day we don't know. There are many who, thinking they'll have a long life, regardless of making preparations for death, dream of all the things they want to do in the future. Yet at any time all of this could be taken away from them and they will be dragged into eternity (see Luke 12:16-21). Whether we die at home or abroad, of sickness or by violence, whether we were strengthened with the Sacraments or deprived of their soothing comforts all this lies hidden in the mystery of the unknown. This series on death is not meant to frighten you, or cause you alarm. I will simply rely on the Church, Sacred Scripture, the Fathers and the Saints in order to help prepare ourselves for the inevitable with love and humility.