

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026



SAINTS CYRIL AND
METHODIUS PARISH

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August 22, Saturday - Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM

- For the Intentions of the Assumption Novena

5:30 PM- VIGIL

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

August 23, Sunday - Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM

- For Those discerning the Priesthood
- For Molly Manor req. Langlois Family
- For Peter Desser (B'Day)
- For Renee Dzieciolowski
- +Michelle Gietzen req. Anne Taros
- +John Maciag req. Wife
- +Margaret Joan Scheier req. Theresa Drensek Family

9:30 AM

- For the Intentions of the Assumption Novena

11:30 AM

- For Elizabeth Laconi
- For Kevin Davis
- For Anthony Schuller & Family
- For Dan Zelenak req. Rosary Society
- For the Gietzen Family
- +Chuck Spindler req. Sophie
- + Carrie Cruz

8:30 PM

- For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
- For Gjon Gjeshaj
- For Bob Broderdorf Jr.
- For Manuel Qasguargis & Family
- For Jan & Dan Atkinson
- + Michelle Gietzen
- + Sonia Bihar req. Lucaj Family

August 24, Monday - Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

9:00 AM

- For Elise Fuller
- For Jack Shubnell req. Langlois Family
- For Kevin Davis
- + Vera Matrizi

12:00 PM

- For Jan Atkinson req. Bernadette
- For John Shkreli (B'Day) req. Family
- For Wisniewski Family
- +Alex Gorman
- +Gjyste Franja Gjonaj

August 25, Tuesday

6:00 AM

- For James Fulton Parker req. Langlois Family
- For Larry and Mary Hines (47th Ann.)
- For Anne Desser (B'Day)
- For Elizabeth Laconi

12:00 PM

- For Jan Hand (B'Day)
- For Roy & Eleanor Trembley
- For Roddy & Gjonaj Families
- For Lucas Dailey (B'Day) req. Grandma & Papa

August 26, Wednesday

9:00 AM

- For Scott & Jennifer Brady (Wed. Ann.) req. Family
- For Erik & Leona Schroeder
- For Thomas Funk req. Langlois Family
- +Paul Daudlin req. Langlois Family

12:00 PM

- For Denise Hooshier (B'Day)
- For Mirko S.
- +Fr Nicholas Zukowski req. Jim & Barb Wisniewski
- +Ben Drozdowski

August 27, Thursday - Memorial of Saint Monica

6:00 AM

- For Marie Laconi
- For Giovanni David Franzese req. Langlois Family
- For Renee & Matthew Dzieciolowski (Wed. Ann.)
- +Mildred Hines

12:00 PM

- For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality
- For Matthew & Renee Dzieciolowski (Wed. Ann.)
- +Paul Schoener
- +Ernesto Cayetano (Ann.)

6:00 PM - ROSARY

7:00 PM - LATIN

- For Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren req. LD
- For Lorraine Drozdowski
- For Lauren Knobelsdorf (B'Day)
- +Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany & Family

August 28, Friday - Memorial of Saint Augustine

6:00 AM

- For Jerry Trancik
- For Mirko S
- For Luke Laconi
- For Mr. & Mrs. Peter Batche

12:00 PM

- For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality
- For Lorraine Drozdowski
- For Michele Abbott (B'Day) req. Family
- For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family

August 29, Saturday - Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist

9:00 AM

- For Ken Keil (B'Day) req. Sharon Brown & Family
- For Rachel Hinds req. Langlois Family
- For Annette Rudzewicz
- + Steven Timko

5:30 PM - VIGIL

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality
- For Olivia Chandler (B'Day)
- For Gino Dattore req. Mike MacDonald
- For Joshua & Molly & Baby
- For Kathleen McPherson
- +Living and Deceased Members of Louis & Anna Zelenak Family

August 30, Sunday - Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

9:30 AM

- In Thanksgiving req. Antonina Albino
- For Catherine Gott (B'Day)
- For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz (Wed. Ann.)
- For Donna Mazurkiewicz req. Jones Family
- +Donna Pangalangan req. Moury Family
- +Michelle Gietzen req. Moury Family
- +Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family

11:30 AM

- For Fr. Juraj Nuota req. Mirka
- For Libor Marek req. Mirka
- For Anezka Macevicova (B'Day) req. Mirka
- +Stefan & +Anna Sobolic req. Sobolic Family
- +Vladimir & +Terezia Krizik req. Sobolic Family
- +Simon Palushaj
- +Walter & Michael Couet req. Family

8:30 PM

- For the Pope, Priests & Religious
- For Stephanie Brady (B'Day)
- For Stacy Gjeshaj
- For Krista & Russell Reed
- For Carroll Schuller & Family
- +Jessica Hanna req. Family
- + Hope Renee Shouneyia

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.

Letter from Fr. Libor Marek

Dear Parish Family,

As we continue to navigate the changes taking place within the Archdiocese of Detroit, we are also looking for ways to strengthen our parish community and create greater opportunities for families, especially those who may be new to our parish so they can become involved and connected.

Beginning this fall, we will be making some changes to our Youth Ministry schedule. Our Middle School Youth Ministry will meet on Monday evenings, alternating Mondays with our High School Youth Ministry. This new schedule will allow both groups to continue receiving dedicated time while providing greater flexibility within our parish calendar.

Another benefit of this change is that it will allow us to offer more “pop-up” parish events and activities throughout the year. These opportunities will bring together our youth, families, and parish community for fellowship, service, faith formation, and fun.

As our parish welcomes new families and individuals during this time of restructuring in the Archdiocese of Detroit, we want to make sure there are many opportunities for people to meet one another, become involved, and find their place within our parish family.

We are excited about these changes and the possibilities they bring. Thank you for your continued support of our young people and for helping us build a vibrant, welcoming, and faith-filled parish community.

May God bless our parish and all of our families.

Fr. Libor

Bulletin Reminder

To ensure the timely publication of our parish bulletin, all announcements must be submitted to the bulletin email by **Tuesday at 6:00 PM** prior to the following Sunday's bulletin. Announcements received after the deadline cannot be published that week.

After your announcement has been submitted, you will only be contacted if clarification or additional information is needed. This allows us to prepare the bulletin efficiently and on schedule.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us serve our parish community!

Bulletin email: bulletin@saintcyrils.church

American Red Cross



Every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood.
Help save lives.

Give blood.

Blood Drive

Ss. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church

41233 Ryan Road
Sterling Heights

Tuesday, September 22, 2026
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter
sponsor code: stcyril or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting
RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health
history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®

**Fall into the habit of donating! Get a \$15 e-gift card
when you come to give blood Sept. 21-Oct. 18.**



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Pilgrimage

From September 23-25, you are welcome to join Prayer Pilgrimages as we plan to attend the Beatification Mass for Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen in St. Louis, along with extended visits to the museum in his honor, his burial site, & a Cathedral Thanksgiving Mass in his honor which are all located in nearby Peoria. We are staying for two nights at an established hotel only nine miles from Peoria. Deluxe motorcoach pickup/returns from Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church in Sterling Heights and St. Stephen Church in New Boston. Price per person is \$695 (single), \$505 (double), \$440 (triple), \$405 (quad): which includes round trip transportation, hotel lodging for two nights, & Beatification Mass ticket (which is required). To reserve and/or more information: Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005 or visit www.prayerpilgrimages.com.

Trail Life Troop Annual Join the Trail

Gearing up for the Next Year of Trail Life Adventure!!

Join us for our annual Join the Trail information night on Tuesday, August 25, from 7:00–8:30 PM!

We will meet outside on the hill, weather permitting, or inside Fr. Mikus North Hall if needed. This evening is a great opportunity for new families and anyone who would like to learn more about Trail Life USA. The kids will enjoy ice cream and games while parents learn more about the program.

The TRAIL LIFE USA motto is: "To guide generations of courageous young men to honor God, lead with integrity, serve others, and experience outdoor adventure."

Come join us for a year of adventure, faith, leadership, service, and outdoor exploration! We welcome boys ages 5–18, with age-appropriate programming for each group.

When: Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 PM

Where: Ss. Cyril & Methodius

Who: Boys ages 5–18

We hope you'll come and see what Trail Life is all about!

Questions?

Chris Delaney, Troopmaster

chris@delaneyfamily.info

(248) 270-8940

Attention!!! Mary's Mantle Baby Bottle Return

We greatly thank all parishioners who contributed to Mary's Mantle, a home for expectant mothers in need, by returning your baby bottles with donations. We distributed 400 bottles, but sadly, there are still 200 bottles that have not yet been returned.

Please, please, please don't forget! There is still time to return your bottle. If you still have one at home, please remember to bring it to the parish office when you can.

Every donation makes a difference and helps support mothers and their babies in need.

Gratefully yours,

Gino Vitale

Knights of Columbus Council 7011

Pro-Life Chairman

Saints Cyril and Methodius to Host Life Chain

Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 4, from 2:00–3:30 p.m. Together, we will stand in prayer for our communities, state, and country, asking God to help build a culture where abortion becomes unthinkable and every human life is valued and protected. We will pray for the protection of precious lives in the womb, for mothers who may be facing difficult circumstances, and for the dignity and well-being of every person. We pray that mothers and families receive the support, care, and love they need, and that every human life, created by our God and Father, is recognized as having inherent dignity and a unique purpose. Everyone is welcome! Families, couples, individuals, and adults of all ages are encouraged to participate. Right to Life LIFESPAN will provide Life Chain signs for all participants. If you need to sit during the Life Chain, please bring a chair.

For questions, please text Lynn Gura at 248-495-9563 and mention that you are inquiring about Life Chain. Thank you for standing together in prayer and witness for the dignity of every human life.

Have a blessed week!

Lynn Gura

LIFESPAN Youth Director

Rosary Society

Dear SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church Family,

We hope you have had a chance to attend one of our events since December 2025. The Rosary Society would like to thank you for supporting and providing donations for the fundraising events along with attending and donating to the church receptions.

Our Rosary Society members worked hard in planning, set-up, working the events and clean-up to put together an incredible ineup. A special shout out to all the ladies who chaired an event. The events included so far:

- 2025 Christmas Cookie Walk and Bake Sale Fundraiser
- Rosary Society Easter Bake Sale Fundraiser May Crowning Reception
- Corpus Christie Reception
- 4th Annual Retreat "Mary, Our Mother, Queen of Angels"
- Support Annual Charter for American Heritage Girls
- Launching Outreach Project
- More events to come

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING- Come Join us on September 5th

The Rosary Society will meet on Saturday, September 5, 2026 at approximately 10:15 am in the Fr. Mikus Hall. The meeting will begin after the 9:00 am Holy Mass and Rosary. All women of the parish are welcome to the meeting. Meet new people and support our Parish. We entered our 101st year in our mission of Devotion to the Blessed Mother. See you there. Bless you.

Rosary Society.

INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

Course Description – A survey of the historical, wisdom, and prophetic books of the Old Testament as seen as a preparation for the New Testament era. Includes the revelatory stages of salvation history, the importance of Biblical typology, and the function of fulfilled prophecy.

**Tuesdays from September 15th to November 17th
10am at Ss. Cyril & Methodius**

Classes run by Deacon Phil and Janice McCown

Your own bible required. Optional book: *Walking with God: A Journey through the Bible*, by Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins. Purchase through Amazon or Ascension Press.

Registration by September 7th.

Questions – Deacon Phil or Janice McCown 248-376-2223



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Diaconate Vocation Awareness

INFORMATION NIGHT

The Permanent Diaconate Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit will be hosting an in-person Vocation Awareness Information Night for all who are discerning a call to the Diaconate. Please pass along the following information if you know of any interested men or would like to encourage someone you know.

For married men, wives are highly encouraged to attend.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15, 2026
Check-in: 6:30 p.m.
Presentation: 7-8:30 p.m.

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Detroit, MI 48206



St. Monica Sodality Masses • August 27th – 29th

The St. Monica Sodality has several Mass intentions this month - we hope you can join us for some or all. The Masses take place on Thursday, August 27th (Memorial of St. Monica) at 12:00PM and Friday, August 28th (Memorial of St. Augustine) at 12:00PM. The regular monthly Mass takes place on Saturday, August 29th at 5:30PM. Prayers after all three Masses will include the Divine Mercy Chaplet, St. Monica Sodality Prayer and the Triduum Prayer in Honor of St. Monica – they take place in church during the week and in the chapel on Saturday. Please see this week's church bulletin for copies of the two powerful St. Monica prayers.

Note - The St. Monica petition slips received between August 2025 and July 2026 are in the process of being delivered to Rome. More info on this will be provided next month. New petition slips will go into the covered album placed in front of the altar during the Masses. St. Monica, pray for us! For more information, please contact: Anne Marie, (586) 873-2004

St. Monica Sodality Prayer

Recite this prayer DAILY for your intentions and in union with all those also praying this prayer

Eternal and merciful Father, I give You thanks for the gift of Your Divine Son who suffered, died and rose for all mankind. I thank You also for my Catholic Faith and ask Your help that I may grow in fidelity by prayer, by works of charity and penance, by reflection on Your Word, and by regular participation in the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist. You gave Saint Monica a spirit of selfless love manifested in her constant prayer for the conversion of her son Augustine. Inspired by boundless confidence in Your power to move hearts, and by the success of her prayer, I ask the grace to imitate her constancy in my prayer for [name(s)] who no longer share in the intimate life of Your Catholic family. Grant through my prayer and witness that (he/she/they) may be open to the promptings of Your Holy Spirit, and return to loving union with Your Church. Grant also that my prayer be ever hopeful and that I may never judge another, for You alone can read hearts. I ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Tridium Prayer in Honor of St. Monica

FIRST DAY: Prayer for Faith (August 27th - Feast Day/Memorial of St. Monica)

O glorious St. Monica, transfixed with sorrow when you saw your beloved child Augustine living in the dark and gloomy abyss of error and vice, and straying far from the right path which leads to true felicity in the possession of God and His holy grace, hear our prayer, O afflicted mother. By that cruel sorrow, which with so much patience you did bear, and by those earnest sighs and bitter tears with which you did appeal to God to change the heart of your prodigal son, and by your wondrous confidence in God, which was never shaken, O grant to us, your children, that we may, like you, place all our trust in God, and in our trials and troubles be ever resigned to His holy will. While we ask you, O glorious mother St. Monica, to supply for us our special needs, we here earnestly ask you to pray for the erring children of Jesus, so many Augustines, straying from God and hurrying to ruin. Let that earnest prayer of yours go forth once more for us and for sinners, that we may live in the light of divine grace and be united again thereafter to bless the bounty of a loving God for eternity. Amen.

LET US PRAY. O God, look graciously down upon your children who sigh in this valley of tears. With hope we pray for our daily bread, for the forgiveness of our sins, for the never-failing help of Your grace, and for the faithful fulfillment of Your promises; to find life everlasting and a happy abode with You in heaven, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. May God, through the merits and intercession of Saint Monica, increase our faith, strengthen our hope, and enkindle the fire of charity in our hearts. Amen.

Our Father. . . Hail Mary. . . Glory Be. . . Saint Monica, pray for us.

SECOND DAY: Prayer for Hope (August 28th - Feast Day/Memorial of St. Augustine)

O glorious mother, St. Monica, although the many means you employed to accomplish the conversion of your son Augustine seemed fruitless, and for a long time God Himself appeared deaf to your earnest prayer and unmoved by your ever-flowing tears, you never lost confidence in obtaining the long-sought grace for Augustine. You lovingly and tenderly admonished your erring son; you watched over him ever with all a mother's love, and fearless of danger and heedless of fatigue, followed him from place to place in his weary and wayward wanderings. In a word, all that a mother's tender love could suggest, all that a mother's anxious solicitude could inspire, all that a wondrous prudence and true wisdom could dictate, you, O great St. Monica, cheerfully did to effect the return to God of your firstborn and darling child. By all these generous efforts, so happily crowned in the end, hear, O mother, the petitions we make to you. Pray for us, too, and pray especially for those who are unmindful of and ungrateful to God. To you, O dearest mother, we are especially dedicated; look upon us, then, as your children, and win for us the grace we need. Regard mercifully the most destitute among us, that sin being diminished, the number of the faithful may increase, and greater glory may be given to Him who is the best of friends, the truest of benefactors, our first beginning and last end, the source of all our hope, our Savior, our God. Amen.

LET US PRAY. . . Our Father. . . Hail Mary. . . Glory Be. . . Saint Monica, pray for us.

THIRD DAY: Prayer for Charity (August 29th)

O glorious mother St. Monica, who can conceive the consolation that abounded in your heart, so long the home of brooding sorrow, when you saw your child Augustine rising in the light of grace and giving himself generously to God. When you folded your converted son in your arms and tears of every joy streamed forth to tell the glowing jubilee of your heart, O how in that moment God in his mercy recompensed your years of sorrow and anxiety, your long and weary days of racking suspense. It was impossible that a child of tears like yours should perish and when your son Augustine heard the call of God, he obeyed it, and his life and his deeds flung a luster all their own on you, St. Monica. O fortunate mother, twice mother of your child, deign to listen to our prayers and present our petitions to God. Look lovingly, and with all a mother's interest on us assembled here, under your protection, to honor you. We love you and let us become, as St. Augustine of old, the objects of your maternal love. Pray that we, too, like St. Augustine, may have strength to cling to God, and triumph over sin and temptation. By your prayers break the fetters of sin that hold in cruel bondage the souls of your sinful children in this world. O mother, pray that the miracle of grace in the heart of Augustine may again and again be repeated in these days of universal sin, and that the erring children of Jesus may be led back to the fold so that united here on earth, we may securely go through the dangers of life and be united with you, our mother, in heaven forever. Amen.

LET US PRAY. . . Our Father. . . Hail Mary. . . Glory Be. . . Saint Monica, pray for us.