

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026



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August 8, Saturday - Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

5:30 PM - SUNDAY VIGIL

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- For Terezja Drensek B'Day req. Drensek Family
- For Michelle req. Dan & Jan Atkinson
- For Edward Cassel req. Mike MacDonald
- +Victor Aguilera
- +Anna Tomajko (8th Ann.) req. Nieces and Nephews
- +Theresa Nguyen Thi Xuan Lan req. Ho Thu

August 9, Sunday - Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM

- For Cecelia Schultz
- For Elizabeth Laconi
- For Luke Laconi
- For Donna Mazurkiewicz
- +Drande Dodani
- +Nikolle Dodani
- +Michelle Gietzen req. Paula & Gino Vitale

9:30 AM

- For the Members of the Knights of Columbus - Council 7011 & Assembly 1839
- For Mary Ann Wilkins req. Family
- For Caleb & Lauren
- For Jarbo Family
- +Salam Farjo
- +Robert Schroeder
- +Manuel, Amira and Robert Qasguargis req. Family
- +Haley Strobel

11:30 AM (Slovak)

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

8:30 PM

- In Thanksgiving req. Tim
- For Monir & Alia Korkis (Wed. Ann.)
- For Annie & Casey Cain
- For Mr. & Mrs. Brett Newcomb
- For Nevaeh Nadhim
- For Krista & Russell Reed
- +Fr. Leo Pyle

August 10, Monday - Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

9:00 AM

- For William Dzieciolowski
- For Keisman Family req. Mariann Dedvukaj
- +John Fayad
- +Anna Apazeller (B'Day) req. Family

12:00 PM

- For Stefan Hand (B'Day)
- For Ephrem Loster (B'Day)
- For Tommy Abbott (B'Day) req. Family
- For Joshua Fayad (B'Day)

August 11, Tuesday - Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

6:00 AM

- For NIn Thanksgiving
- For Kevin Davis
- For Tony & Nicky Francis
- +Roger Farrier

12:00 PM

- For Mary Anne Olson
- For Roddy & Gjonaj Families
- For Joshua Fayad
- For Maria Vacaj

August 12, Wednesday - Memorial of Saint Francis de Chantal

9:00 AM

- For Mary Hines (B'Day)
- For James Wilkins req. Mom
- For Elizabeth Laconi
- +Dominic Giannone req. Family

12:00 PM

- For Kathy Keil (B'Day) req. Sharon Brown & Family
- For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
- For Jan Atkinson (B'Day) req. Husband
- +Louis A Brown Sr req. Sharon Brown & Family

August 13, Thursday

6:00 AM

- For Amy Wood req. Langlois Family
- For Jim Desser (B'Day)
- For Jon Fayad (B'Day)
- For Patrick & Stephanie Fayad

12:00 PM

- For the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima
- For Danielle M. Brown & Family
- For Hanna Family
- For Jillian Haio

6:00 PM - ROSARY

7:00 PM - LATIN

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- For Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren req. LD
- For John & Elizabeth Roddy & Family
- +Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany & Family

August 14, First Friday - Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

6:00 AM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Bart Fuller
- +Matthew Margiewicz req. Family
- +Robert & Mary Borst

12:00 PM

- For Lourdes & Bernadette
- For Patrick & Stephanie Fayad (Wed. Ann.)
- For Dan & Jan Atkinson (60th Wed. Ann.)
- For Lucia Goshaj req. Friend

August 15, Saturday - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM - Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption

- For the Intentions of the Assumption Novena

1:00 PM *Wedding: Joseph Jaynes & Vivian Viulet

5:30 PM - SUNDAY VIGIL

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Maryanne Hand (B'Day)
- For the Hanna Family
- For Sam, Amy, Bernadette, Lourdes & Family
- For Lorraine Drozdowski
- +Peter Dubon (Ann.) req. Family
- +Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family

August 16, Sunday - Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 AM

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- For Rhonda & Family
- For Evan Mazurkiewicz (B'Day) req. Family
- For John Paul Mansour & Family
- +Robert Borst
- +Helene Maciag
- +Charles Lesko

9:30 AM

- For the Intentions of the Assumption Novena

11:30 AM (Slovak)

- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For Roddy & Gjonaj Families
- For Hildegard Ivin B'Day req. Daniela
- For Luke Laconi
- For Kevin Davis
- +Elena Slamka B'Day req. Daniela
- +Walter & Michael Couet req. Family

8:30 PM

- For the Intentions of All Parishioners



Congratulations! Joseph Jaynes & Vivian Viulet

Welcome

SS. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Parish

Father Libor Marek, Priest in Solidum • lmarek@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.

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 the 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!

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. 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.

More information about the AOD's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org



Letter of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV on the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States of America

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all Americans on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This semiquincentennial marks that defining moment in the history of the United States of America, July 4, 1776, that gave enduring voice to the ideals of liberty, equality, the pursuit of happiness, justice and democratic self-government.

For two and a half centuries, generations of Americans have worked together to carry these principles forward — through sacrifice, service, innovation and civic participation. This anniversary stands as an invitation not only to celebrate the nation's remarkable journey, but also to reflect upon the responsibilities that the sons and daughters of this country bear to one another, and to the generations who will inherit the nation that is being shaped today.

Among the most cherished of these principles is religious freedom — the right of every person to worship according to conscience and to practice their faith openly, without coercion or fear. In marking this anniversary, it is important to recognize that freedom of religion has long been central to the American promise, protecting both individual dignity and the peaceful coexistence of a diverse people.

This same freedom has permitted the Catholic Church to take root and flourish within the United States, to the advantage not only of her own members, but of the entire nation. As faithful sons and daughters of the Church, Catholics are called to imbue every dimension of their existence with the charity of Christ (cf. 2 Cor 5:14), living out the Gospel in the circumstances of daily life. Such a way of living has given rise to the many benefits that the Church has provided over the years to the development of this nation. In particular, I bring to mind her service in areas of education, the preferential care of the poor, healthcare and basic social services, to name a few.

In the Encyclical *Sapientiae Christianae*, my predecessor Pope Leo XIII wrote that “no better citizen is there... than the Christian who is mindful of his duty” (no. 7). In fact, faith — far from standing in opposition to the responsibilities of citi-

zenship — lends new vigor to the pursuit of justice, peace and the common good, bringing to perfection every natural gift bestowed by the Creator. Saint Paul himself encouraged the early Christians to pray for those in positions of authority in order to live a peaceful life in accord with the will of God (cf. 1 Tim 2:2). In this regard, it is in the faithful fulfilment of duty — to God and country — that Catholics are called to continue to serve the nation, as leaven for the growth of a civilization of love (cf. Mt 13:33).

Also among the principles that have guided the development of this country is the God-given dignity of every human life, each person being endowed with an inherent worth that calls for reverence, protection and care. In this spirit, a full understanding of this dignity leads to recognizing the importance of safeguarding human life from its beginning at conception until natural death, and of building a society in which the vulnerable, the suffering and the forgotten are always met with compassion, solidarity and love.

Defending human life also includes welcoming, protecting and assisting immigrants, whose hopes, sacrifices and contribution have formed part of the history of this country from its very beginning. In every generation, those who have arrived seeking freedom, opportunity and a place to belong have helped to shape the nation's character. To receive them with compassion and generosity is not only an act of charity, but also a recognition of the dignity that belongs to every human person.

In my recent Encyclical Letter, *Magnifica Humanitas*, I wrote about working together for the common good. “Building a world in which everyone can flourish requires shared responsibility and courage. No one can single-handedly bear the weight of the challenges the world is facing” (no. 13). We need one another, and we need to work together in unity to confront the challenges that the world is facing today.

May this milestone renew the shared commitment to the promise of freedom, justice, opportunity and democracy. May Americans honor the courage and vision of those who came before them by strengthening their communities, respecting their differences and working together toward a more perfect union.

Congratulations on this extraordinary national anniversary. May the spirit of 1776 continue to inspire hope and unity as the United States of America moves into the future. In assuring all of you of my prayers in your renewed efforts to strengthen the nation in the principles that guided its Founding Fathers, I entrust you to the intercession of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of this country, that she will continue to watch over America and protect all who dwell therein.

From the Vatican, June 25, 2026. LEO PP. XIV

Saints Cyril and Methodius to Host Life Chain on Sunday, October 4

Thank you to everyone who participated in last year's Life Chain! We invite you to join us again this year or participate for the first time.

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

Catholic Biblical Foundations

Be ready for whatever life brings you with the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan's new classes starting this September at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Troy (Tuesdays 7-9 pm) or Online (any day/time).

Learn more and meet instructors at an Info Night on Tuesday, August 25th from 7-8pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, or join a Virtual Info Night on Sunday, August 23, or Tuesday September 1, from 8-9 pm online (cbsmich.org/infonights). Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all, with 100% of requests for financial aid granted.

Find out more at cbsmich.org or call/text 586-438-3085.

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Eucharistic Adoration

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Eucharistic Adoration takes place each Thursday from 1:00 p.m. through Friday at 12:00 p.m., and until 7:00 p.m. on First Fridays.

We are looking for additional adorers who can commit to spending just one hour each week with Our Lord. Adoration is a beautiful opportunity to step away from the busyness of life, spend quiet time with Jesus, and allow Him to speak to our hearts in the silence.

If you are able to commit to one of these hours, or would like more information, please contact Annette Rudzewicz at: 586-247-7214.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to spend time with Our Lord. He is waiting for you.

The following hours are currently available:

- Thursday: 12:00 a.m.–1:00 a.m.
- Thursday: 1:00–2:00 a.m.
- Friday: 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Heart's Deepest Longing

We continue where we left off in our discussion on what will take place during our particular judgment. Moving forward, when we're face-to-face with God He will judge our lives in perfect justice. He will weigh all our good deeds and see what was lacking. What was our motive in performing them, how we went about performing them, what the end we intended in our good deed was, and looking to see if it was done supernaturally (relying on His grace) or through our own means or the means of those around us. Then He will show us the things we did where we thought we were doing good but in reality they were void and evil. He will show us the times we were lukewarm in our efforts. All these deeds will be seen as they are and will be thrown aside as dry stubble, fit only to be burned. Furthermore, God will show us how we used the gifts He has given us and all the favors He's bestowed upon us. He will examine them all and how we used them. We will ask ourselves at this point what will we possibly answer in return to the Lord? Here, where those called just are hardly secure. Above us we behold the glory of heaven itself, below us we see the abyss we know we justly deserve. To our right the angels stand as witnesses and to our left demons enraged, and before us the Arbiter of life and death itself. Readers, this will happen one day to all of us. There is no way out of it. Prepare for this time NOW while you still can. Let those who have ears hear.

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OCTOBER 24, 2005 - JULY 24, 2026



GATHERING TO PRAY
AND BE COMFORTED

AUGUST 10
ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

6:00PM GATHER
6:30PM ROSARY
7:00PM MASS
8:00PM PLAYGROUND

DEAR FRIENDS AND FAMILY,

We invite you to join us for an evening of prayer, fellowship, and support as we come together to remember and pray for Haley Strobel.

Many in our community knew Haley through her connection to Lucas and the Jones family, her years volunteering at St. Cyril's VBS, and her involvement in the life of our parish. Haley was baptized at St. Cyril's two years ago and continued to grow in her relationship with Jesus. During the final months of her life, she worshiped and prayed at St. Anne's, where she was also able to receive the care and prayers of the parish community.



This gathering is an opportunity for all who knew Haley or who know and care for her family, to come together in faith. We will pray for the repose of her soul, ask God to welcome her into His loving care, and offer one another comfort and support.

Please join us on Monday, August 10, at St. Anne's in Warren.

- 6:00 PM - Church doors open for fellowship and a time to support one another
- 6:30 PM - Rosary
- 7:00 PM - Mass offered for the repose of Haley's soul
- After Mass - Fellowship and time to gather on the school playground, located on the church property



Please feel free to share this invitation with anyone who knew Haley, Lucas, the Jones family, or who would like to come together in prayer.

This evening is not only a time to grieve, but also an opportunity to place our trust in God, pray for Haley, and allow our faith and community to provide comfort and support during a difficult time.

We hope you will join us.

May God bless Haley and all those who loved her.

With prayer and gratitude,

The Jones Family

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