Solemnity of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of Mary
July 26, 2026

# SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS PARISH | FARNOSŤ SVÄTÝCH CYRILA A METODA

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**July 25, Saturday - Feast of Saint James, Apostle**
**11:00 AM *Baptism: Joachim William Francis Cella**
*5:30 PM- VIGIL*
- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- In Thanksgiving req. Lorraine Drozdowski
- For the Intentions of the Members of the St. Monica Sodality
- For Paul Schuller req. Friend
- +Jeffrey Kaspari req. Mike MacDonald
- +Robert Nowak req. Wife
- +Beverley Bonk req. Husband

**July 26, Sunday - Solemnity of Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of**
*7:30 AM*
- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

*9:30 AM*
- For Merla Pablo (B'Day)
- For Simon Dailey (B'day) req. Grandma & Papa
- For Gary & Annette Rudzewicz
- For Fallon B'Day req. Family
- +Matthew Fontana Sr. req. Wife
- +Richard Humbach req. Wife
- +Rafael Drensek req. Drensek Family

*11:30 AM*
- For Kevin Davis
- For Elizabeth Laconi
- For Souls in Purgatory
- For Karen Bove req. Friends
- For Sarmad & Samir & Noor & Families
- +Walter & Michael Couet req. Family
- + Fr. Mikus (B'Day)

*8:30 PM*
- For Anthony & Gabriel & Herfys Family
- For Lourdes Shamoon
- For Karam Kalla
- For Mary Mutti
- +Bud Wertz
- +Aggoubi, Katrina, Jimmy & Lamei Salmo
- +Asso, Hania & Shatha Wardiyan

**July 27, Monday**
*9:00 AM*
- For Carl & Maureen Varchetti
- For Mirko S.
- For Joell Sesi
- + Harry Normander

*12:00 PM*
- For Deacon Gerald Smigell req. Rosary Society
- For Hannah Haio (B'Day)
- For Carmen Dubon (B'Day) req. Family
- For Lucas Frangie (B'Day)

**July 28, Tuesday**
*6:00 AM*
- For Jenny & Joseph Badowski
- For Mary Mutti
- +Bruce Normander
- + Eric & Linda Brynolfson

*12:00 PM*
- For Roddy & Gjonaj Families
- For the Fayad Family
- For Dominic Pearson
- +Thomas J Ferenc (B'Day) req. Family

**July 29, Wednesday - Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus**
*9:00 AM*
- For Laurie Heaton (B'Day)
- For Monir & Elias Korkis
- For Mirko S
- + Dorothy Emmendorfer

*12:00 PM*
- For Tim & Victoria Roddy & Family
- For Maysam Shamoon (B'Day)
- +Vicki Fayad
- +Louis Mraunac

**July 30, Thursday - Memorial of Blessed Solanus Casey, Religious**
***6:00AM***
- For the Varchetti Grandchildren
- For Zalesny Family
- For Monir & Elias Korkis
- +James Desser

*12:00PM*
- For Vickie Babbie & Family
- For Christina Daniel
- For Eli, Ave, Lily, Celine & Teresa
- + Elia & Afifa Jazrawi

*6:00 PM - ROSARY*
*7:00 PM*
- For Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren req. LD
- For Marie Lama
- For Luwan & Ella Dedvukaj req. Family
- +Sabriya, Hanna & Iman Boutany & Family

**July 31, Friday - Memorial Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**
*6:00AM*
- For Mark Hernalsteen
- For Mary Mutti
- For Ladislav Badowski
- +Wally & +Ida Atkinson

*12:00 PM*
- For Nagham Korkis (B'Day)
- For Amy & Sam Shamoon
- + Michelle Gietzen
- + Sue

**August 1, First Saturday - Memorial of Saint Alphonus Liguori**
*9:00 AM*
- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- For the Intentions of the Rosary Society
- For Joel Haio (B'Day)
- For Timothy Carl Cummings req Family

*5:30 PM- VIGIL*
- For the Poor Souls in Purgatory req. RMG
- For Mirko S
- For Carl & Maureen Varchetti
- For Michelle
- For Paul Schuller req. Friend
- +Jeffrey Kaspari req. Mike MacDonald
- +Beverley Bonk req. Husband

**August 2, Sunday - Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**
*7:30 AM*
- For the Menard & Daniel Families
- For William Desser (B'Day)
- For Marilyn Pankratz (B'Day)
- For Edward Cassel req. Mike MacDonald
- + Eric & Linda Brynolfson
- +John Maciag req. Wife
- +Ann M. Pullis req. Family

*9:30 AM*
- For the Intentions of All Parishioners

***11:30 AM***
- For the Intentions of St. Cyril Parishioners
- For Luke Laconi
- For Kevin Davis
- For Anthony Schuller & Family
- For the Glodic Family
- For Kathleen & Duane McPherson
- +Walter & Michael Couet req. Family

***8:30 PM***
- In Thanksgiving Antonina Albino
- For Monir & Alia Korkis & Family
- For Liliana Cummings
- For Glenn Wilkins Family
- For Luis & Rebecca Mata (Wed.) req. Giannone Family
- For Nathaniel Canesa req. Family
- +Rajaa Zeer Kashamoun req. Family

# 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 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

## Message from His Holiness Pope Leo XIV
## From the Vatican, 15 June 2026

Solemnity of the Feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne

Dear brothers and sisters,

Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord promises: "I will never forget you" (cf. Is 49:16). His love is even greater than a mother's love for her child (cf. Is 49:15). These words are addressed to each of us, especially in moments when we feel forgotten or abandoned. Many people, particularly the elderly, know the pain of loneliness and neglect. Their lives can become hidden behind illness, isolation, or anonymity. Yet God's love never overlooks anyone. He remembers each person by name, and the Church is called to reflect that faithful love by recognizing the dignity and uniqueness of every individual.

The Solemnity of Joakim and Anne invites us—especially the young—to visit grandparents, elderly relatives, and those who have no one to visit them. Through our presence, kindness, and affection, we make God's promise, "I will never forget you," a living reality. In a world marked by speed and digital connections, every human heart still longs for genuine closeness, attentive listening, and hands capable of tenderness.

The Church understands the hardships many older people face: weakened family ties, migration, war, and a society that too often measures worth by productivity. Yet she continues to proclaim the Lord's promise: "I will never forget you." At every age, we remain beloved sons and daughters of God, always welcomed into the embrace of his enduring love.

Old age can also become a privileged time to discover or renew faith. As we become more aware of our fragility, we learn to trust more deeply in God's tenderness and to recognize our need for one another. It is never too late to begin a spiritual journey or to return to the Lord, who continually cherishes and sustains his children.

Dear elderly brothers and sisters, do not be afraid of your weakness. Fragility can become a source of wisdom, compassion, and hope. Your lives witness that true strength is found not in power but in trust, reconciliation, and peace. In these troubled times, marked by war and division, I ask you to join me in praying earnestly that peace may soon come to every nation, so that future generations may inherit a more just and peaceful world.

Thank you for sustaining me each day with your prayers, especially through the Holy Rosary. I assure you of my heartfelt gratitude and pray that the Lord will continually renew you in faith, hope, and love—He who never forgets us.

St. Anne,
Patron of the Archdiocese of Detroit

Ss. Joachim and Anne,
Patrons of grandparents

Pray for us

# BIBLE FOUNDATIONS

GET THE REAL STORY FROM REAL TEACHERS WITH REAL PEOPLE

**When? Tuesdays, 7-9pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Troy)**

**Is there a cost?** All are welcome, regardless of ability to pay. We suggest $600/yr for the duration of the class. Some give more and some give less.

**What next? Class starts Sept 15th. Register by Sept 2nd.**

**Unlock the Bible** as an essential part of your Catholic faith and prayer life with engaging presentations from a live, expert teacher!

Connect with others and get answers to your questions as we dive into all the **foundational** books of the Old Testament in this weekly course from September to May.

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**Learn More at an Open House Info Night**

Sun, Jul 26, 8-9pm (online- cbsmich.org/infonights)
Sun, Aug 23, 8-9pm (online- cbsmich.org/infonights)
Tue, Aug 25, 7-8pm St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Troy)
Tue, Sep 1st, 8-9pm (online- cbsmich.org/infonights)

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# Join Us For A Hike!

Join the St Cyril's and Methodius Young Adult Ministry on a hike through the Habitat Trail (2 ½ miles) at Stony Creek Metropark this August. We will be meeting in the Nature Center Parking lot! Bring Water, Bug Repellant, Sunscreen, and good walking shoes!

AUGUST 1
4 PM
**AGES 21-40**
**STONY CREEK NATURE TRAILS**
**4300 MAIN PARK ROAD, SHELBY TOWNSHIP, MI 48316**

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# FAMILY SPORTS NIGHT

July 31st
August 21st and 28th

GAMES START - 6:30 PM

Please bring snacks to share
The church will provide ice cream

# focus on life

2026 Annual Benefit Dinner

**$65** individual
**$600** table of 10

**Tuesday, September 15, 2026**
Doors Open at 5:30 p.m. | Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

**Mirage Banquet Center**
16980 18 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48038

**Join us for education and fellowship.**
Proceeds benefit RLM Education Fund.

*special guest speaker*

**Steve Ray**
is the host of the popular, award-winning film series on salvation history, *The Footprints of God.*

## Happy Birthday to all our Spiritually Adopted Babies: July 19th, 2026!

It has been a wonderful journey praying every day and watching monthly how our babies have grown from October 19th, 2025 through July 19th, 2026.
Officially for 2025-26, 152 babies were spiritually adopted
In 2024-25, 187 babies were adopted
Our parish has prayed for a total of 339 babies in danger of abortion!

God bless all the mothers, babies, and families we have prayed for, as well as everyone who has participated in this prayer ministry.
Thank you for your faithful prayers, compassion, and support!

## Heart's Deepest Longing

Now that we have dealt with the vitality of our preparation for the inevitable (our death) we must move forward to what will take place thereafter: our personal judgment. This perhaps will be a shot to the heart of many who read this. It will be a day of God's perfect justice, not mercy. Once our soul exits our body at death and has reached eternity we will find ourselves before the judgment seat of God the Father to hear the decision of where we will spend our eternity. Christ, who's the searcher and knower of hearts, to whom all power is given in heaven and on earth, will preside over this judgment. All and everyone, whether they are willing or not, must make their appearance before Him, the judge of the living and the dead, to receive the final sentence; nor is it possible to make another appeal thereafter. What is just He will judge, not being persuaded by neither the gifts we've received or His promises which were not kept on our part. At that point no prayers from others will be applied or change His Heart. He will not be moved by repentance either, for the time of repentance only avails us on earth. At that hour each one of us will receive a just sentence according to our works. I have much more to share but the space I'm given is limited. Please, follow up next week as we come to realize how our lives truly depend on this information.

## Rosary Society

The Rosary Society will meet on Saturday, August 1, 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. We can't wait to see you there!

Rosary Society

## 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 (ticket required), an extended visit to the museum in his honor, the Cathedral of St. Mary in Peoria for a Thanksgiving Mass & the location of his burial site. 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.
To reserve and/or more information:

Michael Semaan at (248) 250-6005
visit www.prayerpilgrimages.com

## NORTHLAND FAMILY PLANNING
## (Pro-Life Prayer News)
## Prayer Date: Saturday, August 1st

Sometimes Summer schedules are packed with activities, sometimes they provide more flexibility and some time to rest, relax and focus on something new. If that something new is a way to get involved in pro-life activities, please consider joining us for the following:

The monthly prayer event takes place on the public sidewalk in front of the Northland Family Planning Clinic on Saturday, August 1st from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. Bring your friends, family, rosary and weather gear. The facility is located at 3810 17 Mile (just west of Ryan Road). The prayer event consists of a rosary, chaplet, litany and other prayers.

The Rosary for Life is also prayed every Saturday morning at church. The Joyful and Luminous Mysteries are prayed before mass starting at 8:10AM - the Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries are usually prayed after mass starting around 9:45AM. If you are interested in periodically helping with the rosary meditations, please see me at mass or contact me at the number listed below.

For more info, please contact Anne Marie at 586-873-2004