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ADORATION THIS WEEK
CLOSED this week, except:
  Wednesday, 9AM—7:30PM
  Saturday, 8AM—4PM
March 19, Saturday — Sobota—Feast of St. Joseph
6:00AM MD For Valentin Vocaj  For John Shkreli
  For Christina Ivanaj  Zef Juncaj req. Elizabeth
9:00AM LM For the Intentions of O. L. Mother of Mercy Secular
  Discalced Carmelites  For Aunt Nellie & Family
  For Ann Spriet  For Patrick, Gary & Matthew
  For the Menard & Daniel Families
12:00PM LM *Baptism: Hollyn Lorraine Ford
4:00PM EW For Joan Kryskalla (Bap. Ann.)
  For Mary Wais (B’Day)
  For Michael Geshel (B’Day)
  For Drane Shkreli & Family
  Joe Basirico
6:00PM B *Latin-Tridentine (Missa Cantata):
  For a Special Intention
  For Giuseppe Brasile
  For Yousif Arabbo

March 20, Palm Sunday—Nedela
  Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-1
  Lk 22:14—23:56 or Lk 23:1-49 (38)
7:30AM EW For a Special Intention
  For Beverly Moran req. 7:30AM Choir
  Sebastian Abate
  Josephine Davis
  Lorraine Cader req. Bev & Frank Moran
9:30AM B For David & Sharon Brockman (45th Wed. Ann.)
  For Don McCormick  For John Shkreli
  For Raneam Sorisho (B’Day)
  For Chloe Durkee
11:30AM VK (Slovak) For the Members of the FCSU Branch 743
  For Darina Polasekova (B’Day)
  For the Torkos Family
  Maria Cechvala
  Maria Romanova req. Priatelia
1:30PM EW For Paolo Persichetti
  Dave & Family
  James Zabawski
  Mike Lesnek
  Herman Beste req. Basirico Family
8:30PM LM For James Varchetti
  Sami, Linda & Family
  Rich & Leslie Tomasik
  For the Intentions of All Parishioners

March 21, Monday—Pondelok
6:00AM EW For Dennis McLellan
  For Carl & Stephanie Varchetti & Family
  Nancy Monick
  Candice Brady
9:00AM LM, VK For Nicoleta, Valentin & Pavlin Vacaj
  For Taylor & Chris Botwinis & Family
  Albert Tisch (3rd Ann.) req. Family
  Candida Hernandez
12:00PM B *Funeral Holy Mass: Barbara Kowalyk
  Vernon & Joyce Davenport
  Andrew Jamoua (B’Day)
  Lou-Em Clan  Adolaina & Children

March 22, Tuesday—Utorok
6:00AM MD For Steve Mazurkiewicz (B’Day) req. Family
  For Kevin & Jennifer Dopke & Family
  Cezar Cabrera Sr.
  Rafael Gomolka
9:00AM EW For Suzanne Navarre
  Mary Spriet
  the Foley Family
  Helen Makarewicz Family
12:00PM LM, VK For Fr. Elijah Washington
  Jack Glantz (B’Day)
  Edward Polakowski req. Shirley
  Marie Velliky req. Janice Farrace

March 23, Wednesday — Streda
6:00AM B For John Shkreli
  For Prisoners
  Al & Rachel Sesi
  Ador Fandino
8:30AM *Stations of the Cross*
9:00AM LM, VK (Latin/English) For Trinity O’Brien
  Thomas Desser (B’Day)
  Sue Spriet
  Suzanne Navarre Family
  Lawrence Hines Jr.
12:00PM EW For the Ilona & Laszlo Families
  Lynn Shaouni (B’Day)
  Steven Funk
  Mary Olejarsz
  Richard Branch

March 24th, Holy Thursday– Zeléný Štvrtok
7:00PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

March 25, Good Friday–Veľký Piatok
NOON Stations of the Cross
12:30 PM Liturgy of Good Friday
2:30 PM Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

March 26, Holy Saturday — Biela Sobota
  Blessing of Easter Baskets:
  10:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:00PM, 1:00PM
  Easter Vigil Mass:
    7:00PM For the Intentions of All Parishioners

March 27, Easter Sunday — Veľkonočná Nedeľa
  ACTS 10:34A, 37-43; Col 3:1-3 or Cor 5:6b-8
  Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Lk 24:1-12 (41)
7:30AM LM For the Intentions of All Parishioners
9:30AM JB For the Intentions of All Parishioners
11:30AM VK (Slovak) For the Intentions of All Parishioners
1:30PM B For the Intentions of All Parishioners
8:30PM EW For the Intentions of All Parishioners

MASS CELEBRANT LEGEND:
Fr. Libor Marek—LM
Fr. Elijah Washington—EW
Msgr. Mike Dylag—MD
Fr. Viktor Kuciak—VK
Fr. James Brent—JB

BURY THE DEAD
BURY THE DEAD SO THEIR SOULS MAY REST IN PEACE.
LENT/EASTER EVENTS & SCHEDULE:

Adoration is CLOSED this week except on:

Wednesday, March 23, 9AM—7:30PM & Saturday, March 26 8AM—4PM

Stations of the Cross (During Lent): Wednesday at 8:30AM

Rosary Society Easter Basket/Bake Sale: Saturday & Sunday, March 19 & 20

American Red Cross Blood Drive: Tuesday, March 22, 1:00PM—6:45PM

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

BIG CONFESSION DAY: Tuesday, March 22:

10:00AM—NOON & 6:00PM—9:00PM

NO Confessions will be heard on:

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday or Easter Monday

HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday, March 24:
Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00PM

Good Friday, March 25:
Stations of the Cross at Noon
Liturgy of Good Friday at 12:30PM
Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2:30PM

Holy Saturday, March 26:
Adoration in the Chapel from 8:30AM—4:00PM
Blessing of Easter Baskets: 10AM, 11AM, NOON, 1PM
Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00PM

Easter Sunday, March 27:
Holy Masses: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM (in Slovak), 1:30PM & 8:30PM

Easter Monday, March 28: Regular Holy Mass Schedule: 6:00AM, 9:00AM, NOON

*Easter Novena Begins on Easter Monday

Plenary Indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday * April 3

All Holy Masses on Sunday, April 3, are considered Divine Mercy Masses.
However, the 1:30PM Holy Mass will conclude with Exposition, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3:00PM.

What is MERCY SUNDAY? On Good Friday, 1937, Jesus requested that Saint Faustina make a special novena before the Feast of Mercy (Mercy Sunday), from Good Friday through the Saturday following Easter. He, Himself, dictated the intentions for each day. Our Lord clearly wants everyone to make this novena. “This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy and it is confirmed in the vast depths of My tender mercies. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fountain of My mercy.” Our Lord made a special promise of Mercy. With certain requirements, “The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment no matter how terrible the sins.” He is offering us a new start, a clean slate.

To fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy, we should:

1. Celebrate the Feast on the Sunday after Easter; 2. Sincerely repent of all our sins; 3. Place our complete trust in Jesus; 4. Go to Confession (20 days prior to, or 20 days after), preferably before that Sunday; 5. Receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast; 6. Venerate* the Image of The Divine Mercy; 7. Be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers on their behalf. *To venerate a sacred image or statue simply means to perform some act or make some gesture of deep religious respect toward it because of the person whom it represents - in this case, our Most Merciful Savior.

The Chaplet begins on Good Friday and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3. For more information about Divine Mercy Sunday, go to:
http://www.divinemercysunday.com

Divine Mercy Triduum

Thursday, March 31: Holy Mass, 7:00PM, Fr. Jim Lowe
Friday, April 1: Holy Mass, 7:00PM, Fr. Jim Lowe
Saturday, April 2: Holy Mass, 9:00AM, Fr. Stephen Pullis
**EDGE Youth Ministry * Monday, March 21**

**“Justified”**

Summary of the Night: This EDGE Night will explore St. Paul’s explanation of Jesus as the promised savior. Teens will hear what it means that Jesus died, rose, and invites everyone to new life as an adopted son or daughter of the Father. Teens will discuss with their peers what it means to be living with the identity of a son or daughter of the Father.

**Upcoming EDGE Night * March 28**

**“Windy with a Chance of Fire”**

EDGE nights meet in the Activity Center from 7:00—8:45PM. Teens must not be left at the Activity Center prior to 7:00PM without a parent or guardian present.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact: Alex Lewis, (317) 331-4772 or edgecyrilcore@gmail.com

**Life Teen High School Ministry * Monday, March 21**

Please pray for our 11th and 12th graders going on the Life Teen Spring Retreat this weekend

Anna, Tom, Ashley, Katie, Emilie, Adam, Mary
Bill, Hallie, Tommy, Chris, Maggie, Anna, Sean
Daniel, Blake, Christian, Helen, Becky, Nick, Ben
Rahmah, John, Maria, Nick, Grace, Sam
Felicia, Tim, Jacob, Angelo, Peace & Josh

**Life Night * Monday, March 21**

We will have just returned from our Life Teen Retreat, so this Life Night will be centered around teens sharing how God moved in their lives on the retreat weekend. The Life Night is 7:00-8:30PM, and is open to all high school teens.

Questions: Youth Minister & Life Teen Coordinator Jordan Langbeen, jordan.langbeen@gmail.com, (586) 943-1722

**YOLO Young Adult Ministry**

Dear Young Adult Men & Women (18-35 years old),

Please Note: On Good Friday (March 25) and Easter Friday (April 1), there will be NO MEETINGS. Please see the rest of the bulletin for all the other happenings in our parish for the Easter Triduum.

When we come back, we will be hosting several nights on what Mercy is all about and how we, as Christians, can better be examples of the love Christ has shown for us. Pope Francis reminded us in one of his homilies, “I think we too are the people who, on the one hand, want to listen to Jesus, but on the other hand, at times, like to find a stick to beat others with, to condemn others. And Jesus has this message for us: Mercy. I think—and I say it with humility—that this is the Lord's most powerful message: Mercy.” Stay tuned for details on these events!

Questions: Facebook Page: YOLO Live 4 Christ or Mary Giroux, yololive4christ@gmail.com

**Lost & Found * Jewelry**

If you have lost any jewelry: a necklace, a ring, an earring, a rosary … please stop in the Parish Office!

**Usher’s Meeting * Monday, March 21**

There will be an Ushers Meeting on Monday, March 21, at 6:30PM in the Overflow Room. All ushers are asked to attend.

**St. Cyril’s Book Club * Monday, March 21**

The St. Cyril’s Book Club will meet this Monday, March 21, at 7:00PM in Room 115 to discuss “An Ordinary’s Not So Ordinary Life” by Bishop Rene Gracida. This is a story of a courageous bishop who fought Hitler’s armies in the Second World War and has many other accomplishments in his life. Join us if you would like to discuss this book with us.

**BIG Confessions * Tuesday, March 22**

This Tuesday, March 22, is our “Big Easter Confession” Day. Many priests will be available from 10:00AM—12:00PM and from 6:00PM—9:00PM to hear confessions. Please plan to come on Tuesday for your Easter Confession. Also, please prepare by using the Guide to a Good Confession that is included in this bulletin (pages 5 & 6).

**Blood Drive * Tuesday, March 22**

Please help to make sure that blood is available when needed at a moments notice by donating blood at our Blood Drive that takes place this Tuesday, March 22, from 1:00PM—6:45PM.

NEW! You can minimize the time spent during your donation process by trying the NEW RapidPass. RapidPass allows you to do the registration reading and health history questions the day of the drive - before you come to the drive on-line. Visit redcrossblood.org/rapidpass and print out your pass!

Please eat a good breakfast and lunch the day of the drive and drink extra water, starting now! Please bring your donor card or photo id. Not only are blood donors saving the lives of THREE people in need – but donating blood is healthy for the blood donor – blood donations cut down on future heart and cancer risks AND you burn 650 calories every time you donate blood!

To sign up or if you have any questions, please call: Sandi Brady, 586-726-6911 or Alice Tocco, 586-752-7282

**Fr. Elijah Wednesday Night Reflection * March 23**

Fr. Elijah’s final Wednesday evening Lenten reflection will take place this week on March 23 from 6:30PM—7:00PM in the church. The topic will be: “Power of Prayer”.

**Invitation for Total Consecration * March 26**

If April 28, the Feast Day of St. Louis de Montfort, is the anniversary of your Total Consecration, or you are interested in becoming consecrated to Jesus through Mary, I invite you to begin your 33-day preparation on March 26, using Preparation for Total Consecration according to St. Louis De Montfort, by Fr. Hugh Gillespie MMS, found in most catholic book stores, or www.montfortpublications.com.

If you have any questions or would like to make your consecration, please call: Jenni Hulway, (586) 453-4580, to register.
GUIDE FOR A GOOD CONFESSION

The basic requirement for a good Confession is to have the intention of returning to God like the Prodigal Son, and acknowledging our sins with true sorrow before his representative, the priest.

BEFORE CONFESSION

Be truly sorry for your sins. The essential act of Penance, on the part of the sinner, is contrition, a clear and decisive rejection of the sin committed together with a resolution not to commit it again, out of love one has for God. Understood in this way, contrition is, therefore, the beginning and the heart of conversion which brings the person back to God like the Prodigal Son returning to his father, and which has in the Sacrament of Penance its visible sign. The resolution to avoid committing these sins in the future (amendment) is a sure sign that your sorrow is genuine and authentic. This does not mean that one will never sin again. A resolution to try to avoid the near occasions of sin suffices for true repentance. God’s grace in cooperation with the intention to rectify your life will give you the strength to resist and overcome temptation in the future.

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Examine your conscience. Recall your sins. Calmly ask yourself what you have done with full knowledge and full consent against God’s Commandments.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

- Have I performed my duties toward God reluctantly or grudgingly?
- Did I neglect my prayer life? Did I recite my usual prayers?
- Did I receive Holy Communion in the state of mortal (serious, grave) sin or without the necessary preparation?
- Did I violate the one-hour Eucharistic fast?
- Did I fail to mention a grave sin in my previous confession?
- Did I seriously believe in something superstitious or engage in a superstitious practice (palm-reading, fortune telling or Ouija board, etc.)
- Did I seriously doubt a matter of Faith?
- Did I put my faith in danger, without a good reason, by reading a book, pamphlet, or magazine that contains material contrary to Catholic faith or morals?
- Did I endanger my faith by joining or attending meetings of organizations opposed to the Catholic faith (anti-Catholic services, the Communist Party, Freemasonry, New Age cults, or other religions)? Did I take part in one of its activities?
- Have I committed the sin of sacrilege (profanation of a sacred person, place or thing)?

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

- Did I fail to try my best to fulfill the promises and resolutions that I made to God?
- Did I take the name of God in vain? Did I make use of God’s name mockingly, jokingly, angrily, or in any other irreverent manner?
- Did I make use of the Blessed Virgin Mary’s name or another saint’s name mockingly, jokingly, angrily, or in any other irreverent manner?
- Have I been a sponsor in Baptism or participated actively in other ceremonies outside the Catholic Church?
- Did I tell a lie under oath? Did I break (private or public) vows?
- Did I use bad language?

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

- Did I miss Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day of obligation?
- Did I fail to dress appropriately for Mass?
- Have I, without sufficient reason, arrived at Mass so late that I failed to fulfill the Sunday or Holy Day of obligation?
- Did I allow myself to be distracted during Mass, by not paying attention, looking around out of curiosity, etc.?
- Did I cause another to be distracted?
- Have I performed any work or business activity that would inhibit the worship due to God, the joy proper to the Lord’s Day or the appropriate relaxation of mind and body on a Sunday or a Holy Day of obligation?
- Did I fail to generously help the Church in her necessities to the extent that I am able?
- Did I fail to fast or abstain on a day prescribed by the Church?

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

FOR PARENTS

- Have I neglected to teach my children their prayers, take or send them to church, or give them a Christian education?
- Have I given them bad example?
- Have I neglected to watch over my children, to monitor their companions, the books they read, the movies, TV shows, video games and internet sites they watch?
- Have I failed to see to it that my children made their First Confession and First Communion?
- Have I failed to see to it that my children have received the sacrament of Confirmation?
- Did I disobey my parents or lawful superiors in important matters?

FOR CHILDREN

- Was I obedient toward my parents?
- Did I neglect to help my parents when my help was needed?
- Did I treat my parents with little affection or respect?
- Did I react proudly when I was corrected by my parents?
- Did I have a disordered desire for independence?
- Did I do my chores?

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

- Did I easily get angry or lose my temper?
- Was I envious or jealous of others?
- Did I injure or take the life of anyone? Was I ever reckless in driving?
- Was I an occasion of sin for others by way of conversation, the telling of jokes religiously, racially, or sexually offensive, my way of dressing, inviting somebody to attend certain shows, lending harmful books or magazines, helping someone to steal, etc.? Did I try to repair the scandal done?
- How many persons did I lead to sin? What sins were involved?
- Did I neglect my health? Did I attempt to take my life?
- Did I mutilate myself or another?
- Did I get drunk or use prohibited drugs?
- Did I eat or drink more than a sufficient amount, allowing myself to get carried away by gluttony?
- Did I participate in any form of physical violence?
- Did I consent to or actively take part in direct sterilization (tubal ligation, vasectomy, etc.)? Did I realize that this will have a permanent effect on my married life and that I will have to answer to God for its consequences?
- Did I consent to, advise, or actively take part in an abortion? Was I aware that the Church punishes with automatic excommunication (latae sententiae) those who procure and achieve abortion? Do I realize that this is a very grave crime?
- Did I cause harm to anyone with my words or actions?
- Did I desire revenge or harbor enmity, hatred, or ill-feelings when someone offended me?
- Did I ask pardon whenever I offended anyone?
- Did I refuse to forgive?
- Did I insult or offensively tease others?
- Did I quarrel with one of my brothers or sisters?
THE SIXTH AND NINTH COMMANDMENTS

- Did I willfully entertain impure thoughts?
- Did I consent to evil desires against virtue of purity, even though I may not have carried them out? Were there any circumstances that aggravated the sin: affinity (relationship by marriage), consanguinity (blood relationship), either the married state or the consecration to God of a person involved?
- Did I engage in impure conversations? Did I start them?
- Did I look for fun in forms of entertainment that places me in proximate occasions of sin, such as certain dances, movies, shows, or books with immoral contents? Did I frequent houses of ill repute or keep bad company?
- Did I realize that I may already have been committing a sin by placing myself in a proximate occasion of sin, such as sharing a room with a person I find sexually attractive, or being alone with such a person in circumstances that could lead to sin?
- Did I fail to take care of those details of modesty and decency that are the safeguard of purity?
- Did I fail before going to a show or reading a book, to find out its moral implications, so as not to put myself in immediate danger of sinning and in order to avoid distorting my conscience?
- Did I willfully look at an indecent picture (any form of pornography) or cast immodest look upon myself or another? Did I willfully desire to commit such a sin?
- Did I lead others to sins of impurity or immodesty? What sins?
- Did I commit an impure act? By myself, through masturbation (which is objectively a mortal sin)? With someone else? How many times? With someone of the same or opposite sex? Was there any circumstance of relationship (such as affinity) that could have given the sin special gravity? Did this illicit relationship result in pregnancy? Did I do anything to prevent or end that pregnancy?
- Do I have friendships that are habitual occasions of sexual sins? Am I prepared to end them?
- In courtship, is true love my fundamental reason for wanting to be with other person? Do I live the constant and cheerful sacrifice of not putting the person I love in danger of sinning? Do I degrade human love by confusing it with selfishness or mere pleasure?
- Did I engage in acts such as petting, necking, passionate kisses, or prolonged embraces?

FOR MARRIED PEOPLE

- Did I, without serious reason, deprive my spouse of the marital right?
- Did I claim my own rights in a way, which showed no concern for my spouse's state of mind or health? Did I betray conjugal fidelity in desire or deed?
- Did I take "the pill" or use any other artificial birth control device (or practice) before or after new life had already been conceived?
- Am I open to God's gift of new life as the fruit of my marriage?
- Did I suggest to another person the use of birth control pills or another artificial method of preventing pregnancy (like condoms)?
- Did I have a hand in contributing to the contraceptive mentality by my advice, jokes, or attitudes? (On abortion, contraception, sterilization, etc., see the 5th Commandment)

THE SEVENTH AND TENTH COMMANDMENTS

- Did I steal? How much money? Or how much was the object worth?
- Did I give it back, or at least have the intention of doing so?
- Have I done or caused damage to another person's property? To what extent?
- Did I harm anyone by deception, fraud or coercion in business contracts or transactions?
- Did I unnecessarily spend beyond my means? Do I spend too much money because of vanity, or caprice?
- Did I give aims according to my capacity?
- Was I envious of my neighbor's goods?
- Did I neglect to pay my debts?
- Did I knowingly accept stolen goods?
- Did I desire to steal?
- Did I give in to laziness or stolen love of comfort rather than diligently working or studying?
- Was I greedy? Do I have an excessively materialistic view of life?

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

- Did I tell lies? Did I repair any damage that may have resulted as a consequence of this as much as possible?
- Have I unjustly or rashly accused others?
- Did I sin by detraction, that is, by telling the faults of another person without necessity? Did I sin by calumny, that is by telling derogatory lies about another person?
- Did I engage in gossip, backbiting, or tale telling?
- Did I reveal a secret without due cause?

If you have any questions you can ask the priest. Then add: I am sorry for these and all the sins of my past life that I don't remember. The priest will assign you some penance and give you some advice to help you to be a better Christian. Listen to the words and be willing to do the penance as soon as possible. The penance will diminish the temporal punishment due to sins already forgiven.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

Or:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. My Savior Jesus Christ, you suffered and died for me, have mercy. Amen.

Listen to the words of absolution attentively. Make the sign of the Cross and at the end answer: Amen.

AFTER CONFESSION

- Give thanks to God for having forgiven you once again.
- Promptly and devoutly fulfill the penance given by the priest. Although you may receive Holy Communion even before performing your penance, it is advisable to do it as soon as possible.
- If you recall some serious sin that you forgot to tell, rest assured that it has been forgiven with the others, but be sure to include it in your next Confession.
- Lead the life of a good, holy and joyful Christian Catholic.

To those who have been far away from the sacrament of Reconciliation and forgiving love, I make this appeal: Come back to this source of grace; do not be afraid! Christ himself is waiting for you. He will heal you, and you will be at peace with God!

(John Paul II)

Ss. Cyril & Methodius – 29 March 2012 - tnn
Easter Novena Begins March 28

Our Easter Novena will begin on Easter Monday, March 28. Novena Mass cards are for living or deceased relatives and friends and are available in English and in Slovak for $10 each. They are now available after all Holy Masses after all Holy Masses and in the Parish Office on weekdays from 10AM–5:30PM.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the most precious gift anyone can receive.

VBS News – 2016

Save the Dates: CatChat’s Cathletics! Training to be Champions for Christ is coming June 27–July 1. Registration forms will be available in April but before we can begin registration, we must fill our 80+ volunteer positions.

The first Volunteer Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, from 7:00—9:00PM, in Room #119. If you would like to volunteer, please attend the meeting on April 5. Also, you must have taken the Protecting God’s Children Class. Visit https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/protecting_children.cfm to sign up. This class is only required once in your life. You must also have a current background check form filled out in the Parish Office. Please stop by the office to fill one out if you have not volunteered at our parish in the past five years.

Feel free to contact Moe Jones at mocoprays@gmail.com with the position you would like to fill this year. Keep reading the bulletin for information on the volunteer meetings. Thank you and God Bless You! Moe Jones

Fish Fry Thank You

The five Lenten Fish Fry dinners this year were a big success — excellent food, service and Catholic fellowship.

A big THANK YOU is extended to all our customers and all our volunteers, especially the youth ministries.

Sincerely, Men’s Club & Knight of Columbus Council #7011

Parish Report

The January 24 Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the Men’s Club, had total sales of $1776, expenses of $566.30, sales tax of $106.56 and a donation of $500 to the Nicaragua Mission Group.

Spring Formal Dance * April 9

The Teen Spring Formal Dance is Saturday, April 9. Tickets are $10 in advance and $15 at the door. Gentlemen: Suits or dress shirt and tie. Ladies: Must be knee length dresses/gowns or longer. NO strapless or skin tight dresses/gowns.

NOTE: There will be no admittance if the dress code is not followed.

Questions, please call: Mary Hale, (586) 773-8261

NEEDED:
Kitchen Chair for our Slovak Festival

As the Slovak Festival approaches, this important vacancy needs to be filled. The Slovak food/dinners are a central part of our annual festivities.

We may consider possibly splitting responsibilities among two Co-chairs, if necessary. Help is needed and appreciated.

Inquiries and questions; please contact:
John Fournier, (248) 410-5866; j4nier58@gmail.com.
Co-Chair of Festival Planning Committee

Catechism Update

Wednesday, March 23, at 6:15PM:
Class for All & Benediction for 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grades

Wednesday, March 30, at 6:15PM:
Class for All & Benediction for K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grades

Wednesday, April 6:
No Class (Spring Break)

Wednesday, April 13, at 6:15PM:
Class for All & Benediction for 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grades

Friday, April 15:
Confirmation Mass 7:00PM

Please keep all the Confirmandi in your prayers during their time of preparation. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact:
P完了 or Carroll Schuller, DREs
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CDs Available

CDs are available in the Parish Office from the Parish Mission conducted by Fr. Ronan Murphy for $12 per set. DVDs ($15), CDs ($10), MP3s ($10) and Blu-Rays ($20) are also available from the 2016 Midwest Apologetics Conference featuring Fr. Ben Luedtke, Patrick Madrid, Ken Hensley, Stephen Ray and Tim Staples.

Seussical the Musical * Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Seminarians at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, 2701 Chicago Blvd., are proud to present Seussical the Musical in Detroit, 2701 Chicago Blvd., are proud to present "Seussical". This musical is based on stories and characters taken from the beloved Dr. Seuss children’s books.

Admission is free but a freewill offering will be gladly accepted. Performances will be on Friday, April 1, at 7:00PM and Saturday, April 2, at 2:00PM and 7:00PM. For more information, visit shms.edu/play. Fun for the whole family!

Plan to attend one of the Parish Dialogue Gatherings to contribute to what is discussed at the Synod 2016!

Town Hall-style Parish Dialogue Gatherings at Ss. Cyril & Methodius Slovak Catholic Church:

Saturday, April 23, 10:15AM
Saturday, May 21, 5:15PM
Lenten/ Easter Basket Offerings 2016

Please open your hearts and consider how you can offer your God-given gifts and talents to help others this Lent. Complete details on the following Parish Lenten Projects are outlined on the poster in the vestibule:

Medical Equipment Sponsorship * St. Cyril Families in Need * Pro-Life, “Wee Care”
Food Pantry Collection * Coat Collection Offering * Prison Outreach
Amelia Agnes Transitional Home for Homeless Mothers and Children

Thank you for all your prayers and your great generosity.

Questions may be referred to: Alice Tocco (586) 752-7282 or Sandi Brady (586) 726-6911

UPCOMING MOVIE SCHEDULE * Fr. Mikus Hall * Free-Will Offering * Big Screen

“The Original Image of Divine Mercy: The Untold Story of an Unknown Masterpiece”

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, the beloved saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bio-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over 50 years.

On September 10, 1946, Mother Teresa receives a message from God that tells her to help the poor, the sick and the downtrodden. Her new purpose initially causes conflict with the Roman Catholic Church and the government of India. After her death, a Vatican priest begins to recount her life's work, her political oppression and her unbreakable spirit. As her story unfolds through 40 years of personal letters, history remembers her as one of the world's greatest humanitarians.

“The Passion of the Christ” (R/2 hrs, 7 mins/2004) Palm Sunday, March 20, 6:00PM
In this version of Christ's crucifixion, based on the New Testament, Judas expedites the downfall of Jesus by handing him over to the Roman Empire's handpicked officials. To the horror of his mother, Mary, Magdalen, whom he saved from damnation, and his disciples, Jesus is condemned to death. He is tortured as he drags a crucifix to nearby Calvary, where he is nailed to the cross. He dies, but not before a last act of grace.

“The Letters” (2 hours / 2014) Wednesday, March 23, 10:15AM

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“The Empire Strikes Back” (PG, 2 hours, 13 minutes, 1980)

At the dawn of the 20th century, three voices rose up from Poland to proclaim an urgent message, a message powerful enough to alter the course of an age plunging into spiritual darkness. Filmed on location in more than 20 cities across Poland and the United States, this true story examines and chronicles the phenomenal lives and spiritual legacy of St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and St. John Paul II, modern day “Apostles of Mercy.” Through never-before-seen film footage, rare photographs, and extensive interviews with friends, biographers, and family members, this story journeys across a dramatic visual landscape to document their heroic struggle and herald the message of Divine Mercy to all mankind.

Star Wars Marathon (April 1 & 2)

Friday, April 1, 6:00PM: “The Phantom Menace” (PG, 2 hours, 13 minutes, 1999)
Friday, April 1, 8:15PM: “Attack of the Clones” (PG, 2 hours, 22 minutes, 2002)
Saturday, April 2, 10:15AM: “Revenge of the Sith” (PG13, 2 hours, 24 minutes, 2005)
Saturday, April 2, 12:45PM: “A New Hope” (PG, 2 hours, 5 minutes, 1977)
Saturday, April 2, 2:45PM: “The Empire Strikes Back” (PG, 2 hours 7 minutes, 1980)
Saturday, April 2, 5:15PM: “Return of the Jedi” (PG, 2 hours 15 minutes, 1983)
Saturday, April 2, 7:30PM: “The Force Awakens” (PG-13, 2 hours 16 minutes, 2015)

“The Original Image of Divine Mercy: The Untold Story of an Unknown Masterpiece”

April 3: 3:30PM & 5:30PM and April 5: 10:00AM

A team of documentarians travel through Europe and the United States uncovering the details of the untold story about the little-known Original Image of Divine Mercy. In 1934, at the request of Jesus himself, Saint Faustina and her confessor, Blessed Fr. Michal Sopocko, secretly began working with a relatively unknown artist to duplicate on a canvas her mystical vision of the Merciful Jesus. With Fr. Michal modeling as Christ for many hours, the three unlikely friends came up with the only Image of Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina ever saw. But after all the corrections and touch-ups at the insistence of Saint Faustina, the violently anti-Catholic Soviet Occupation of Vilnius, Lithuania, forced the painting into hiding. Finally, two humble nuns accepted the “mission impossible” and transported the miraculous painting across the dangerous border between Lithuania and Belarus. In 2005, after 75 years of wandering, the painting was placed in a permanent home in a beautiful shrine in Vilnius according to the wishes of Saint Faustina and Blessed Fr. Michal Sopocko.

Despite the popularity of the devotion to the Divine Mercy around the world, very few realize that there is only one Original Image of Divine Mercy. How did so many other renderings of Saint Faustina’s vision become so well-known around the world while the Original Image remains in obscurity? Is this Original Image unique for reasons above and beyond the fact that it is the only image of Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina ever saw? What qualities about the painting are integral to the devotion and are unique to the Original Image? Did John Paul II know about the Original Image when he canonized Saint Faustina? Does this Image have a special role in the upcoming Year of Mercy?
ADORATION 101 * “The Boiling Savior”

Our weekly reflection before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament this week brings us to a most spectacular Eucharistic miracle which took place in Paris, France. It was the year of our Lord 1290 where we see a poor woman struggling just to make ends meet. In her poverty she owned only one thing of value, a dress, which in order to obtain money for living expenses, she reluctantly pawned. With Easter quickly approaching the woman yearned to be well dressed for the local festival, however, without having any money, she could not afford to reclaim her dress. With an anticipatory spirit the woman decided she would go to the pawnbroker and see if he would allow her to have the dress for just one day.

Now, the pawnbroker, who was a non-Christian, had always been curious about the Host which Catholics received during Holy Communion, and decided to strike a deal with her. He vowed to give the woman the dress back for good if she would bring him a consecrated Host from Holy Mass. The woman shamefully accepted his proposal.

After receiving Jesus at Holy Mass the woman secretly removed Him from her mouth and brought Him to the pawnbroker. The pawnbroker, in the presence of the woman and his children, placed the consecrated Host on the table and drew out a penknife and began to stab the Host repeatedly. Suddenly, blood began to stream forth in gushes, splashing the woman and the children as the man continued to stab away. In shock, the man threw the Host into the fireplace, but the Host wasn’t consumed. Frightened, the man then snatched the Host from the fire and hurled it into a kettle of boiling water. The water immediately became red and boiled over in an impressive display of intensity; so much so that it flooded over the table, onto the floor and out the door into the street. At this, it caught the attention of a woman passing by, so she decided to follow the trial to see where it came from.

When she walked into the house she physically saw Jesus Christ Himself standing there before the kettle! In just a few moments the vision disappeared and the Host was then suspended by itself in the air. The woman then, shuttering with fear, snatched a vase that was set nearby and grabbed the Host and placed Jesus into it. With great care, she quickly took Him back to the parish (Church of St. Jean-Greve) where He originally came from. It was later reported that this incident so frightened the pawnbroker that he fled town but was eventually arrested and charged with sacrilege.

King Philip IV of France and the Bishop of Paris were informed and ordered that a chapel be built over the house where this miracle took place. It was then conserved as a precious treasure and was honored at special services and especially during the Feast of Corpus Christi. Msgr. Guerin, the chamberlain of Pope Leo XIII, recorded the facts in regards to the event in his book Vies des Saints, and declared the miracle to be authentic. In the 14th century the chapel was enlarged and converted into a church and has seen a series of name changes ever since, such as the Church of St. Francis and the Temple of the Billettes after the Order of the Brothers of Charity who constructed the building and were known as the Billettes because of small rectangular scapulars they wore which reminded people of billets or handbills. Sadly, in 1812 the property was sold to Lutherans but tourists still continue to visit and receive grace from it. ~ Paul A. Ray

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