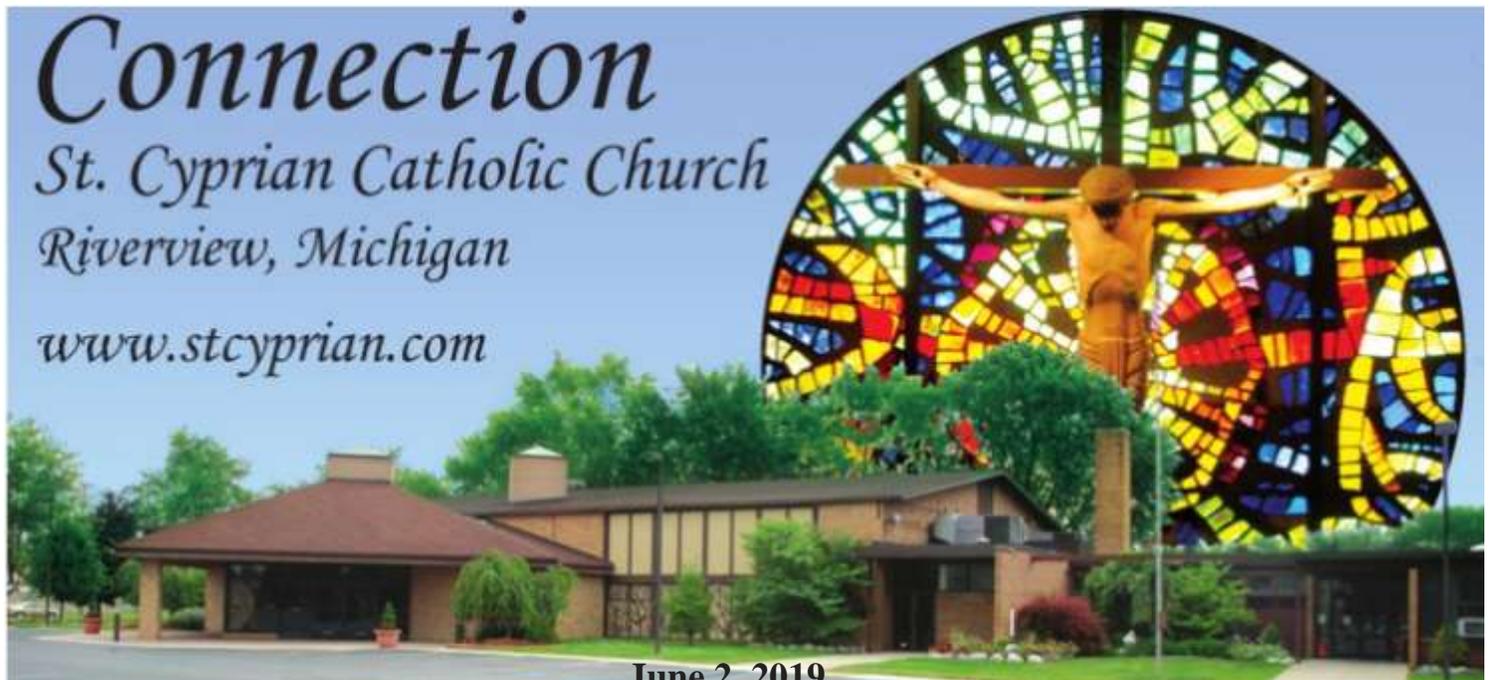


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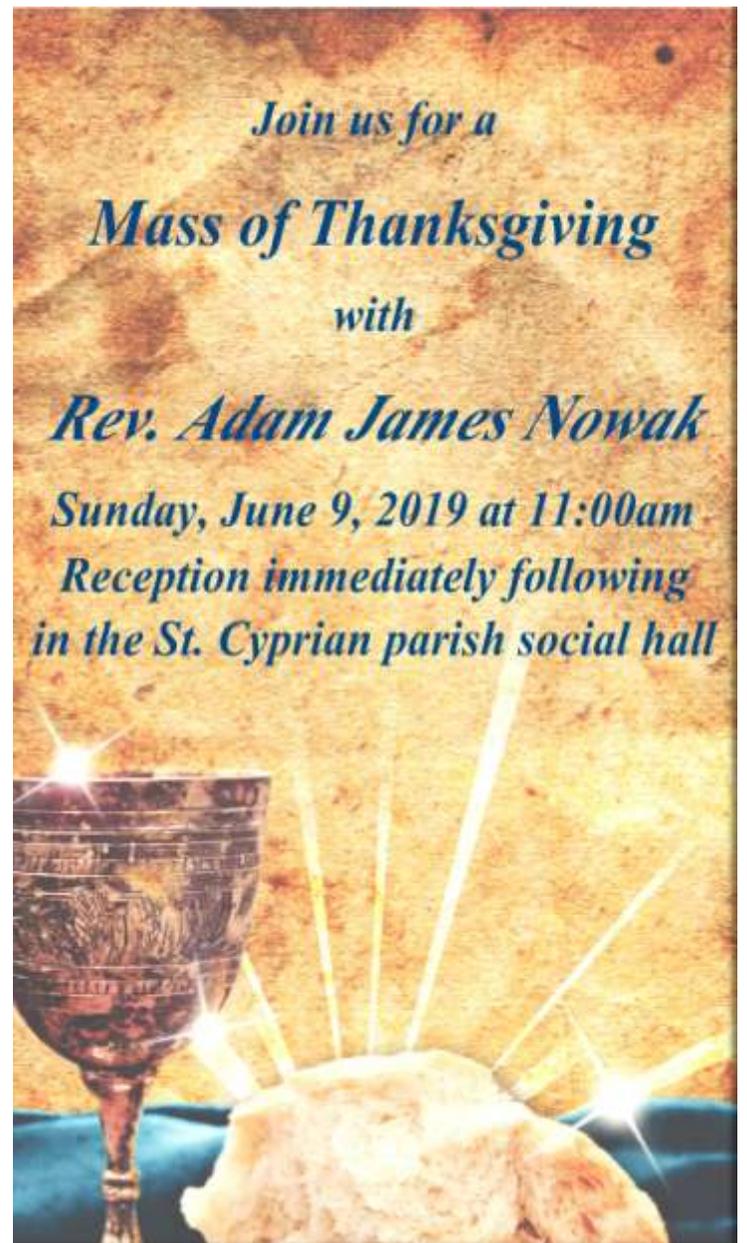
**RANDOM THOUGHTS**  
**DIFERENTES PENSAMIENTOS**  
*from Father Bill Promesso*

**Ascension**

St. Luke is the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. In this two-volume work, Luke tells both the story of Jesus aimed at a largely Gentile audience and also the story of the early Church. Today's first reading and Gospel passage present us with the details of the ascension and how Jesus was "taken up" into heaven. The stories of great men ascending had a long history among the Jewish people: Enoch, Elijah, Abraham. We also believe that Mary the Mother of God also experienced this supernatural gift, which we call her assumption (celebrated on August 15). Luke uses these forty days after the resurrection to allow Jesus to continue teaching and guiding his apostles and disciples. He also tells them that they should await "the promise of my Father" which is the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is also offered to us. We too await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who enables us to "be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Samaria, Judea and the ends of the earth."

**Witnessing**

We've secured a booth at the Riverview Summerfest as an opportunity to witness to our faith in an open, accepting, and Spirit-filled way. Our Adult Faith Committee, led by Denise Gorski, needs volunteers for one-hour time slots throughout the June 14-16 weekend to welcome visitors to our booth, pray with them and share information but mainly listen to their stories. The Holy Spirit has been given at Baptism and





## from our Pastoral Minister

This weekend the Gospel of John is once again reiterating to us that Jesus and the Father are one and share an abiding, divine intimacy with each other. This magnanimous love is continually being experienced by Jesus with his Father and he prays that we too may know this sacred intimacy with the Father and within the unity of the Body of Christ. This love far surpasses any perceivable differences, obstacles or divisions that we experience in our fragile and broken world. The last Scripture verse of the Gospel reading, also emphasizes the need for all Christians to witness to God's love and make it known to everyone as Jesus has done. We see this emphasized when Jesus prays "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love by which you loved me may be in them and I in them. *Jn17:26*

We have been richly blessed to personally encounter Jesus and the Father's unconditional love for us. Just as Jesus made the love of the Father known through his sacrificial, self-giving life and ministry, we too are called to share the love of God with others who may not have heard the Good News. When all Christian believers make the love of the Father known, the world will know that the Father has sent Jesus to us. May our hearts be open to hearing this Word of God and be inspired through the Holy Spirit to act upon this Word to bring unity to the Church.

I hope you will be inspired by the Gospel proclamation this weekend and sign-up to share the love of God at our parish booth for the upcoming Riverview Summerfest, the weekend of June 14-16. Your witness to the love of God will be in fulfillment of Jesus prayer as you share and proclaim the love of God and that everyone is called to receive this amazing gift of love. How many hearts are yearning to experience and know this today!

If you are unable to make an hour commitment I ask that you would fervently pray that the time we spend representing our St. Cyprian Parish to the community will be blessed by God and that the Holy Spirit will work mightily through all the evangelizers that weekend. Thank you for being faithful and dedicated

members not only of our parish, but of the Body of Christ! Let's keep praying for each other that God will bless the efforts of our hands, help us grow in holiness and virtue and that all is undertaken for the glory of God's Name.

*"Salvation consists in believing and accepting the mystery of the Father and His love, made manifest and freely given in Jesus through the Spirit. In this way the kingdom of God comes to be fulfilled: the kingdom prepared for in the Old Testament, brought about by Christ and in Christ, proclaimed to all peoples in the Church, which works and prays for its perfect and definitive realization."* (St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris*

## Pasta Dinner

I asked and you came through! The 10th Annual Pasta Fundraiser was the best ever! 219 people participated and enjoyed dinner provided by Crystal Gardens Banquet Center and the Roels family. Our donations were amazing and included: Indian Lanes Bowling Center, Rhapsody Restaurant, Culver's Restaurant, Sibley Gardens, Truago's Restaurant, Texas Roadhouse, Drinks Saloon, Southgate Meijer, St. Cyprian Crafters and St. Cyprian Ladies Guild, Fr. Bill, Art Kacewicz, the Ennis Family, Larry and Cindy Masserant, Marvin and Audrey Fusinski, Riverview Knights of Columbus, Concessis Market, Michelle Lyons, Michael O'keefe, Sandy Blake, Lori Diedrich, Lois and Al Starzec, Gene and Connie Wagoner, Todd and Carrie Winchel, Stephanie Winchel, Cody Winchel, Sherrie Malcom's and Chuck Thomas, Johnnie DiMaggio, as well as multiple anonymous donations. Thank you everyone.

We have the best parish ever!



## Thank YOU! Thank YOU!!

To all the Parish ladies and Ladies Guild members who donated all the baked goods for the Pasta Dinner Bake Sale. You were so generous and they were all so delicious!!! God Bless you for all that you do for the Guild which enables us to support the needy.

You can pick up your containers, trays, etc., from the Bake Sale in the Parish Office.

## Eco-friendly Bags

You will have an opportunity to purchase an eco-friendly bag in the gathering space this weekend. Not only will you be saving on usage of plastic bags, the eco-friendly bags are made from recycled plastic. Win-win! Please visit the Christian Service table in the gathering space to purchase a bag for \$2.

Kim Switzer



As part of our ongoing Safety & Security Ministry, we have been implementing some new procedures and products.

As of June 1st, we will be locking the north doors, which face Pennsylvania, at all times. You will still be able to exit from them, but you won't be able to come in through those doors. We are doing this to limit access points for your safety.

We also installed safety film on the glass in the Gathering Space. This will serve a two fold purpose: it will eliminate the glare for those on the altar looking towards the parking lot, and it will block a line of sight outside of the building. The glass will also be made shatter resistant by this film.



## Office of Christian Service and Outreach

### We Need Welcome Ministers

We need Welcome ministers for the 9am mass. Our ministers arrive 15 minutes before mass, get the interest forms, and welcome the visitors as Father Bill asks them to raise their hands. If you feel called to this ministry, please call or email Kim Switzer.

## Ladies Guild



Please join us for our last meeting until September on **Tuesday, June 4th** at 6:00pm. You don't have to be a member to come, but we always hope you'll see how much fun we have and decide to join us. This is our annual PIZZA

**PARTY & BABY SHOWER.** We will also have **Sydney and Sierra Kowalczyk** there to share their experiences at **World Youth Day in Panama in January**

### LADIES GUILD BABY SHOWER ITEMS All Newborn, sizes 0 – 3 months

- |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Baby Lotion      | Formula            |
| Baby Shampoo     | Gowns              |
| Blanket sleepers | Onesies            |
| Booties          | Pacifiers          |
| Bottles          | Receiving Blankets |
| Caps             | Sleep & Play sets  |
| Crib Blankets    | Small Afghans      |
| Crib sheets      | Sweaters           |
| Diapers          | Baby wipes         |



Cash donations are always appreciated; make checks payable to **CCW-Operation Layette.**

### A Layette consists of:

- |                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| 3 dozen disposable diapers | 3 onesies      |
| 2 Sleep & Play sets        | 1 crib sheet   |
| 3 receiving blankets       | 1 crib blanket |
| One gown/blanket sleeper   | 1 sweater set  |

~~Incidentals such as wipes, Desitin, powder, bottles, pacifiers, formula, etc.~~

Don't forget that our \$500 Annual Scholarship is coming up soon; deadline for application submission is June 30, 2019. But don't wait until the last minute — it takes time to get letters of reference, and other required materials and it's much more difficult after school ends for the year. The application can be found on the St. Cyprian webpage:

## Religious Formation Registration

*Middle School Summer Program only a couple openings left*  
Registration is now open for all students in grades 1-8. Class schedules and registration forms can be found on our website or you can pick them up in the Parish Office. All forms and payments can be mailed to the parish, brought into the office or dropped in the offertory basket at Mass in an envelope with Religious Formation written on it.

Stacey Sutowski-Shurtz,

## Echoes of Easter

The Resurrection wasn't a "one-off"; it was a spark that lit a flame that continues burning even today, especially where people minister in the Risen One's name. One such outreach, Camp Noah, serves children traumatized by disaster. Nationwide, volunteers offer week-long experiences of kindness, love, listening and safety to kids who've recently survived a tornado, flood, hurricane, wildfire or shooting. Kids often open up for the first time to share their "storm stories" and begin a journey of healing.

Leaders at Camp Noah attest to God's power to bring joy out of sorrow, trust out of fear and life out of death. A boy who initially was aloof dances with another camper at the closing worship; kids who arrived with uncertain expressions leave with smiles and regained confidence. Mental health counselors are part of camp teams, and referrals are made to continue care afterward.

Resurrection often happens in steps, not overnight. But wherever "ordinary" daily ministry takes place in Christ's name, extraordinary echoes of the first Easter are evident. —Heidi Mann

## True victory

In the early Christian church, especially in the East, it became customary to adorn the heads of the newly baptized with flower garlands. The practice was likely borrowed from secular society, in which such wreaths symbolized victory and joy. Just as the winners in sporting events wore wreaths to celebrate their triumphs, new Christians donned them to represent the "crown of life" promised to those who love God (James 1:12).

In athletics, all participants must work hard and only one wins. But Christ won the victory of salvation and bestows it on us as a free gift. Even our ability to love God is a gift of the Holy Spirit. And there's no limit to how



You are invited to come and explore a new and vital ministry as a prayer intercessor. Intercession is best described as "A prayer of petition which leads us to pray as Jesus did. He is the one intercessor with the Father on behalf of all men, especially sinners. He is "able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. Since Abraham, intercession - asking on behalf of another has been characteristic of a heart attuned to God's mercy. In intercession, he who prays looks "not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." (CCC 2634-35)

We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. beginning in June. Intercessory Prayer Ministry will meet in the St. Teresa Calcutta room in the parish social hall.

[For More Information Contact](#)



**St. Cyprian Parish Congratulates**

*Gail Clark*

and

*Luke Robinson*

upon their marriage in our church on  
Saturday, May 24, 2019

# Save the date!



**Saturday, August 3**

at Market Center Park, (Southgate Shopping Center), 13631 Eureka Road in Southgate, Dinner from 6:30 -7:30pm, followed by concert

**Liturgy Schedule for June 9**  
*Pentecost Sunday*  
 Minister Schedule also available at [www.stcyprian.com](http://www.stcyprian.com)

	5:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>ALTAR ASSISTANT</b>	Marilyn Hibbard	Dan DeAngelis	Knights of Columbus
<b>GREETERS</b>	Patricia Gildersleeve, Nora Cousino, Dawn Jones	Kissel Family, Deborah Knight, Marlene Korloy, Margaret Krohn	K of C
<b>LECTORS</b>	Mark Slagle Laura Lauer	Mary Jane Fallot Janis Zueski	K of C
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	ElenaMaria Farmer	Fred Stull	K of C

**Readings for the Week of June 2**

Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53

Monday Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4-5, 7; Jn 21:20-2539

Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1



This week we are in need of the following items: canned vegetables and fruit, instant oatmeal (single serve 10ct, all flavors) cereal and rice a roni.

*Thank you*

**PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

Collection 5/26/2019	\$10,323.25
Total Collection 7/1/18 to present	\$562,216.27
Needed Weekly	\$11,435.00
Needed 7/1/18 to present	\$547,780.00
Over <b>(Under)</b> for Year	\$14,436.27

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Thursday, June 13 Fritz Eichenberg

Thursday, July 18 Mary Oliver

Thursday, August 8 Parker Palmer

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Free Will Donation

Register by Monday of each week for Thursday session, or for all 3 sessions

Facilitated by Mary Therese Lemanek, Sr. Margaret Hoey and Sr. Ann Kasperek

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

**Collection through May 27 \$73,590**  
**Still needed \$14,182**  
**St. Cyprian Target \$87,772**

**This year, checks must be made out to "Archdiocese of Detroit —CSA" due to changes in banking procedures. You can make your CSA gift in the parish office, mail it, or drop it in the collection basket marked CSA.**

You can also make your gift online! Go to <http://cyprian.aodcsa.org> and make your gift with a credit card of bank EFT. For assistance in making an online gift or



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Husar, Valerie Husar, Kevin Jackson, Mike Johnson, Philip  
Korte, Debbie Malkowski, Kevin Mance, Theresa Matt,  
Sharon Michalak, Rick Mitchell, Rob O'Brien, Mike  
Palazzolo, Janet Razmek, Jim Root, Carol Burbo Shirk,  
Michael Tirpak, Martha Walsh, Christine Whittington, Ron

## Liturgy Intentions

*Donations have been made for the purchase of bread and wine in honor of the following:*

### June 8, 5:00pm Liturgy

† Jerry Jr. and Jerry Wirtz Sr. from Mary Wirtz

### June 9, 9am Liturgy

† Frank Olle Jr. from John & Clarice Olle

† Raymond Daguane from Family

† Karen Gorkiewicz from Dennis Gorkiewicz

### June 9, 11am Liturgy

† Theresa & Amandus Schoenheer from Swiatkowski Family

## This Week

### Tuesday, June 4

10:00am Intercessory Prayer Ministry meet in St. Theresa Calcutta room

6:00pm Ladies Guild meet in social hall

### Wednesday, June 5

10:00am Bible Study meet in St. Nicholas room

10:15am Crafters meet in social hall

10:00am Pantry distribution in social hall

7:30pm AA meet in social hall

### Thursday, June 6

7:00pm Knights of Columbus Officer meet in KofC room

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### WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Tuesday/Thursday/Friday at 9:00am

### WEEKEND LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 9:00am & 11:00am



## Parish Offices

Summer Hours

Monday — Friday 8:00am-12:00pm