

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Parish Mission Statement

We are a family of faith, entrusted with the gospel message of Jesus Christ. Rooted in a rich tradition of worship, service and prayer, we foster the unity and faith of this community. Enlivened by the Spirit, we share our gifts, talents and resources to bring about the Kingdom of God.

The Parish Staff of St. Cyril's and St. James welcomes all to our historic parishes that have carried on the mission of Jesus Christ.

<p>Parish Information</p> <p>Parish Office: 608 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL Denise Duda, Operations Director (630) 257-2776; (630) 257-9372 Fax rectory@stcyril.org website: www.stcyril.org www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont</p>	<p>Minister of Music: Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776</p>
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<p>Mass Schedule: Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation Sunday: 7:00 AM (English-No Music), 8:00 AM (Polish), 9:30 AM (English), 11:00 AM (Polish), 12:30 PM (English), 2:00 PM (Polish), 7:30 PM (English-No Music)</p>	<p>Minister of Care: Dave Smietanski (630) 257-2776</p>
<p>Special Masses: Tuesday PM: devotions at 7 PM, 7:45 PM (Polish) First Friday: 7:00 AM (English), 7:00 PM (Polish) First Saturday: devotions at 7 PM (Polish), 9:00 PM (Polish)</p>	<p>Parish Council: Stan Brzezniak, President</p>
<p>Holy Days of Obligation: As announced</p>	<p>Bulletin: bulletin@stcyril.org</p>
<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM Also available by appointment.</p>	<p>Helping Hands: helpinghands@stcyril.org</p> <p>New Parishioners: Download the new parishioner form online on our website. The form can be handed into the donation basket at Mass, mailed in, or brought into the parish office</p>
<p>Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass</p>	<p>Baptisms: Parents need to be registered, active and supporting parishioners prior to arranging a baptism at St. Cyril's. If this is a firstborn child, the parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class. Both sponsors should be adults and one an active, practicing Catholic.</p>
<p>Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: Located in the Divine Mercy Chapel in the Parish Life Building. Please contact: Lottie (630) 4442-9441, Mark (773) 727-7934, Margaret mtsniesz@gmail.com</p>	<p>Marriage: The bride and groom are encouraged to be registered, active, contributing parishioners of SS. Cyril & Methodius. Arrangements are to be made with a priest or deacon as soon as possible. A Marriage Preparation Program is a requirement of the Archdiocese. To schedule a wedding, please contact the parish office.</p>
<p>Parish Office Hours: Each weekday the office will be closed between the hours of 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM. Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Saturday & Sunday Closed</p>	<p>Social Media: In an effort to enhance communication with our parishioners and visitors, please visit these websites to stay better connected with the many events and ministries of our parish.</p>
	<p>Parish Website: www.stcyril.org</p>
	<p>School Website: www.school.stcyril.org</p>
	<p>Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont</p>
	<p>School Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMComets</p>

**Dear Parishioners,**

Today's Gospel covers many unexpected indications and requirements for us, ones that we would prefer not to hear.

Preferably, we would like to say - it is impossible and unreal.

Sometimes it is difficult to love a close one, and even harder our enemies, or those who did us harm.

The love of our enemies of which Jesus speaks today is probably the most difficult hurdle in Christianity. Imagine what would happen in the world if there weren't any people who knew how to forgive? What would the world look like if there were no people who would reach out first for reconciliation?

Christ expects His followers to close the vicious circle of evil and say: No more! An example of such an attitude is shown in a hero from the first reading of the Old Testament. David did not kill Saul, although he could do so and even had many reasons to justify such an act because he acted in his own defense. After all, Saul was after him to kill.

Through Jesus, everyone has been changed. They have a new heart, which is the heart of Jesus Himself; hence, what He requires from us is within its means. And in the implementation of forgiveness, you cannot ask: who should initiate first, apologize, or forgive? Not the older or younger, the more or less wronged, but the one who is more a Christian, a more authentic disciple of Christ, more human.

Thank you for your support of our church and school and may God bless you and your loved ones,

Fr. Valdi

And now a few things the Parish wants you to know:

- A new year means tax time! If you would like a print out of your contributions from 2024,

see the bulletin for the form to fill out and send to the office.

- The month of February will begin our yearly Annual Catholic Appeal. You will be receiving, or perhaps you have already received, our mailing from Cardinal Cupich to answer the call, "Together we bring hope." Our parish Annual Catholic Appeal goal for 2025 is \$72,276.00. Please see the details in this and the upcoming bulletins.
- **Attention Parishioners ~ Please do not take the laminated collection cards with you, please leave them in the pew rack after you make your donation. Thank you!**
- Wednesday, March 5th, is Ash Wednesday. Please see the bulletin for a complete list of SSCM Masses, where ashes will be distributed.



Friday, February 28th

7:00 PM Crystal Grand, Lemont

**JOIN THE PSO FOR A NIGHT OF
DINNER, DANCING, AND AUCTIONS**

ALL FUNDS SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AND THE
FABULOUS EVENTS FOR STUDENTS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW AT
SSCM2025.GIVEMART.COM
OR WITH THE QR CODE





SS. Cyril & Methodius School
"Strength for the Journey"

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents,

The second trimester of the school year ended on Friday, the 21st. Students will receive their report cards this coming Thursday, the 27th. We will also offer parents a second parent teacher conference on March 14th. It is hard to believe how quickly the school year is flying by!

Our eighth graders have been busy preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will finish up their preparation this coming Friday, the 28th when they take part in their Confirmation Retreat.

Our first Lenten Fish Fry will take place in the school's gym on Friday, March 7th. Please join us for a great fish dinner and an evening with friends!

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school!

Mrs. S. Tkachuk
Principal

SS. Cyril and Methodius
National Blue Ribbon School!

Registration is now open for the
2025-2026 School Year.

Please call our school at 630-257-6488, ext. 19 for more information and to arrange for a private tour or shadow day.

Please visit and see all we have to offer!
Financial assistance is available.



4th Grade STEM: Learning about a Möbius strip. When you cut it in half, it stays together!



JOIN US FOR THE SS CYRIL & METHODIUS SCHOOL'S

fish fry-days

MARCH 7, 21, & APRIL 4 | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
SSCM GYM

OPTIONS INCLUDE
FISH/SHRIMP, FRIES, COLESLAW, KIDS MENU

CASH BAR

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
RAFFLES AND STUDENT BAKE SALE

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE SS CYRIL & METHODIUS SCHOOL

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



TRANSFORM LIVES

THROUGH THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Chicago's archdiocesan Catholic schools provide a strong academic foundation enriched by values of faith, service and compassion. For many families, especially in areas of the city facing significant financial and social challenges, accessing this life-changing education remains just out of reach.

Catholic schools nurture the whole child – mind, body and spirit – instilling integrity, service and leadership values. These schools foster a sense of belonging and purpose, creating environments where students are educated and inspired to make a difference in their communities.

All of our Catholic schools serve our communities generously, but some schools face significant financial needs. These schools serve diverse, vibrant communities where families often face financial hardships. Your support directly impacts these families, helping to ensure that more children have access to the quality education they deserve— regardless of their economic situation.

Your gift to the Catholic Schools Scholarship Program:

- **Provides Access:** Removes financial barriers for families in need.
- **Transforms Lives:** Gives children the tools they need to succeed academically and spiritually.
- **Strengthens Communities:** Builds neighborhoods with a focus on faith, service and care for one another

Please consider supporting schools where the need is greatest. Every dollar you give helps ensure that Catholic education's values and teachings reach those who will benefit from them most.

Join Us in Making a Difference
archchicago.org/scholarships



St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

10600 S. Archer Avenue | Lemont, Illinois 60439-9344 | (Ph) 630.257.7000 |
Email: stjames1833@att.net | Website: www.historicstjames.org



The Spring campaign begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Palm Sunday. Access Health, 1700 75th Str, Downers Grove. Our standard Friday 3pm prayer hour will continue & many more pray-ers are needed for the daily 12 hour vigil. 40daysforlife.com



Our Lady of Fatima Statue

You may host our beautiful statue for one week (Sun to Sun). Scan to sign up or go to historicstjames.org.

MARCH OPENINGS



Ash Wednesday—March 5

Masses: 7am & 7pm
Ashes distributed at both Masses, and also at 4pm

Adoration 5 to 7pm
Confession 6 to 7



Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

Lent Begins March 5

The Sag Bridge Mission Society is gifting a limited number of the Magnificat Lenten Companion. Please take one beginning Feb 23 while supplies last.



First Saturday - March 1

Our Lady of Fatima asked us to show her special devotion on the First Saturday of each month. It's easy to do at St James. We begin with Morning prayer at 7:45, then Mass at 8, then Adoration & the Fatima devotions, including rosary. Join us!

Wine & Wisdom - Feb 26

There is so much inspiration in the lives of the saints! Join Fr Koys as he leads us in a look into the life of St Robert Bellarmine, Doctor of the Church & voice of the Church during the reformation time.

No Wine & Wisdom on Ash Wednesday, Mar 5

Lenten Program! Eucharistic Consecration

You are invited to join Fr Koys & the Sag Bridge Mission Society on a spiritual journey this Lent. Distribution of this free book will begin on Mar 5 & the program will kick off on Mar 16.

The program will lead to individual consecration to the Eucharist on Holy Thursday. Weekly discussions will occur at Wine & Wisdom. Book is free to those who join the program. Do something important this Lent!



Throughout Lent
Friday Mass will remain at 6pm
Followed by Stations of the Cross

Coats & blankets for homeless still needed!

You can help a homeless man through a donation of blankets & coats, new or in good condition, placed in Charlie's Chapel. (Please no women's or children's.)
Thanks for your kindness!

Learning from Tradition

In the traditional calendar of the Roman Catholic Church (used for most noon Masses at St James), today is **Sexagesima Sunday**. The word is derived from the Latin for "sixtieth" which is roughly the number of days until Easter and continues this "pre-Lent" season. Even the liturgical color advanced to purple. Have you begun to plan your Lent? Determined which virtues you might work to grow? Or vices to minimize?. Can you envision how you might improve in your practices of prayer, fasting & almsgiving? Resolve now to take advantage of this special penitential time to grow closer to Jesus. He gave His all for us - let's be ready to give our all to Him.



Clark Forsythe, Pro-life Leader
Sat, Mar 15 7pm - Sag Hall
 The Sag Bridge Mission Society is proud to invite you to a presentation and Q&A session with Clark Forsythe, Senior Counsel for Americans United for Life, author, teacher & lawyer.

Forsythe has argued cases before federal & state courts & has testified before Congress and state legislatures. He is also a prolific writer on pro-life law issues, having published 2 books, more than 15 law review articles & book chapters, as well as numerous articles. He has been featured in leading newspapers such as the New York Times & Wall Street Journal. Go to our website for the link to register to let us know you're coming.

JOYFUL AGAIN!!

Are you widowed and still hurting?

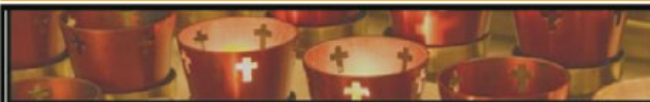
What: Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop and Spiritual Retreat
 When: March 1st and 2nd, 2025
 Where: University of St Mary's of the Lake, Mundelein, IL
 (Commute or stay overnight.)
 For further information, call: 708-354-7211.
 Email us at info@joyfulagain.org
 website: www.joyfulagain.org

Purpose Driven Parenting

Join Jim & Joyce Coughlin on Feb 27 at 7pm at Kingswood Academy to delve into the practical issues of parenting young children. Gain understanding of the goal of Catholic parenting, encouraging excellence and teaching specific virtues. See our website.

At 3PM Every Friday

Be part of the St James prayer sentinel! Gather for prayer each Friday at Access Health to pray for the moms & dads considering abortion – and for their babies. Invoke our Lord's Mercy at the Mercy Hour!



VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/23/25
 St. James Altar & Rosary Society
 All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 United States of America
 For Our Children—Heather, Ryan & Colleen
 In Loving Memory—Matylda Pulit



Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

8:00AM Health & Healing—Neal Hartz
 Health & Healing--Sr Maria-Paulina Sterling

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00AM †Vivian Heffley
 Health & Healing—Eileen Dolehide

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00PM †Joseph Donzelli
 †Michael Lawler

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00AM †Vivian Heffley
 †Christine Serritella

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6:00PM Birthday Blessings—Jim Beecher
 †JoAnn Starha

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

8:00AM †Joseph M. Slowik
 Birthday Blessings—Amy A'Hearn

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

8:15AM Birthday Blessings—Owen Falk
 10AM †Frank & †Josephine Tessitore
 †John & †Dinka Vitkovic
 12:00PM Blessings for Fatima Statue Families

Altar Flowers

Our beautiful bouquets of flowers surrounding our altar were made available by:

**JUDI LAKNER—FOR THE BACHER BOYS
 AND
 THE PARISHIONERS OF ST JAMES**



Our weekly *Offertory* collection from February 16, 2025 was \$4,714. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$995.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, MARCH 2
8:15am	Mark Henze, Aden Burke, Alex Pawlikowski, Eric Delactorre
10am	Matthew Sullivan, Daniel Newsom, Marty & Tommy Comer

Together
we bring
hope



Please Make Your Gift To The 2025
Annual Catholic Appeal ~
Together we bring hope
Our Parish Goal is ~ \$72, 276.00

I invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in your bulletin or in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes in the Appeal and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services and to extend a worldwide hand of help through Catholic Relief Services. It is our way to affirm the theme of this year's Appeal: Together we bring hope.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at annualcatholicappeal.com.



Collection & Burning
of Palms

We will be collecting your old palms the weekend of March 1st and 2nd to be used in the Rite for Burning of Palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday. This service will take place on Tuesday, March 4th immediately following the 7:00 AM Mass in front of the church. Palms can be placed in the baskets in the back of church.

Ash Wednesday
March 5, 2025

Schedule of Services

Ashes will be distributed at all services.

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

- 7:00 AM English Mass
- 11:30 AM Polish Mass
- 4:30 PM English Prayer Service
- 6:00 PM English Mass
- 7:30 PM Polish Mass

Distribution of Ashes only
10:00 AM-11:00 AM
3:00 PM-4:00 PM

*Congratulations and God's Blessings
on your 25th Wedding Anniversary!*



*Albert and Diana Kunickis
Married February 26, 2000
SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish*





Hope's On The Way Buckets of Hope 2025 Campaign

Each year, the deacons of the Archdiocese of Chicago along with lay volunteers serving in the Hope's On The Way (HOTW) Ministry deliver Buckets of Hope filled with emergency cleaning supplies to victims of natural disasters throughout the United States. Since 2013, HOTW has shipped 8,000 buckets to people stricken by hurricanes, tornadoes and flooding in locations including Texas, Illinois, North Carolina, Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, and many others.

HOTW relies on the generosity of parishioners to support this ministry by purchasing cleaning supplies to fill five-gallon buckets that HOTW provides and picks up.

For those parishioners who would like to help fill HOTW Buckets, here is the process:

- Pickup a Product Purchase List after all Masses the weekends of **March 1st & 2nd or March 8th or 9th**. The products to fill the buckets are sorted into five products lists based on the first initial of your last name. The total costs of the products on each products list are similar.
- Purchase the cleaning supplies (typically around \$35 per products lists), and return the products to Church the weekends of **March 15th & 16th or March 22nd & 23rd or March 29th & 30th**.

Thanks in advance for your generosity,
Hope's On The Way Ministry



"REJUVENATE YOUR SPIRIT"

Are you walking through a difficult season in your life?
Has sickness, cancer, loss, grief, and/or caregiving to someone you love touched your life?

How do you find "Peace" through pain and difficulties?
How do you find "Joy" through sadness?
How do you find "Comfort" in despair?
What do you turn to for "Hope"?

JOIN US FOR OUR HALF-DAY RETREAT!

Our Journey of Hope – Lemont is a faith-filled ministry where "God meets us where we are at".
If this speaks to you, please join us and be a part of this day.

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025

Time: 8:30am to 1:00pm

Location: Calvary Church

1375 State St, Lemont, IL, 60439

Cost: FREE

Includes continental breakfast, lunch, speakers, and breakout groups.

This event is sponsored by Our Journey of Hope – Lemont, Calvary Church, and St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Church.

To register or for more information, please contact:
Tess Kearney – (630) 335-3225 | tdavoren1@gmail.com
and Kevin Cody – kcody-stals@comcast.net

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!

XX DZIEŃ DZIEDZICTWA POLSKIEGO W LEMONT - 20th POLISH HERITAGE DAY



PROMOTE YOUR COMPANY OR BUSINESS

23 LUTEGO 2025

**WYKUP STOISKO REKLAMOWE
oraz/lub WYKUP REKLAMĘ**

Cały Stół: \$250 / Połowa: \$125

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Cała strona, pół strony, lub ćwierć strony

O szczegóły dotyczące cen lub dodatkowe informacje, prosimy o kontakt

To świetna okazja do promocji swojej firmy i ukazania zaangażowania w życie polskiej społeczności i parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont



Contact Us:

Ph. 773-216-1108

Email: polishclub@stcyril.org

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

**SPONSOR A TABLE
and/or PURCHASE AN AD**

Full Display Table: \$250 / Half: \$125

Event Bulletin Ads

Full page, 1/2 page, & 1/4 page

For pricing details or additional information,
please feel free to reach out to us

A great opportunity to promote your business and demonstrate your commitment to the life of the Polish community and the parish of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Lemont

RSVP by February 15, 2025



Jeżeli Wasze dziecko chciałoby dołączyć do naszej diakonii **wniebogłosy**, przy parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego, zapraszamy na próbę:

KIEDY? WE WTORKI
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

W BUDYNKU PARAFIALNYM **GDZIE?**

KTO? DZIECI W WIEKU OD 6-13 LAT

PYTANIA PROSIMY KIEROWAĆ:
Tel. (630)257-9314
E-mail: wnieboglosy@stcyril.org



Polish Club of Lemont
in Association with SS Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church

January 11, 2025

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are delighted to extend a formal invitation to you to join us for the **20th Annual Polish Heritage Day**, hosted by the Polish Club of Lemont. This year's theme is **"The Katyn Massacre"**. Together, we will honor the memory of its victims with a heartfelt tribute to this significant chapter in history while celebrating the rich heritage of Polish culture.

Please join us on **February 23, 2025**, at the Father Gilewski Center at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, located at 607 Sobieski St. in Lemont. The festivities will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the opening of the Exposition Hall, where you'll have the opportunity to explore a variety of exhibits.

To make this community-driven event possible, we rely on your generous support. **Sponsorship tables** will be available for purchase to showcase your business (\$250 for a full 2x8 table and \$125 for a half table). We will gladly display your business advertisement free of charge in our event's PowerPoint presentation, welcome banner, and posters if you choose to provide them. In addition to sponsorship tables, we are offering the opportunity to advertise in our **newspaper bulletin**, with the following options: *Full-Page, Half-Page and Quarter-Page advertisement*. For pricing details or additional information, please feel free to reach out to us. A donation of any amount will also be greatly appreciated. We encourage you to bring your family, friends, and colleagues and share the joy and warmth of the Polish culture with them.

The main program will start at 2:00 pm with a Polish Mass, followed by a ceremony and selection of the **"Pole of the Year 2025"**. This is an occasion to recognize and honor an exceptional individual who has made a significant impact in our community.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this special occasion and experience the vibrant and welcoming Polish community in Lemont. We appreciate your continued support, and we look forward to your attendance.

To RSVP or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact us via email at polishclub@stcyril.org or phone at (773) 216-1108 by February 15, 2025.

Respectfully,

Committee of Polish Heritage Day



**Klub Polski
w Lemont**



XX DZIEŃ POLSKI W LEMONT
23 LUTEGO 2025

ZBRODNIĄ KATYŃSKĄ

**SERDECZNIE
ZAPRASZAMY
NA DZIEŃ
POLSKI**

który odbędzie się w sali gimnastycznej SSCM w Lemont (608 Sobieski St.)

- Uroczysta Msza Święta o godzinie 14:00
- Akademia i główne uroczystości o godzinie 15:00



W PROGRAMIE

- Całodzienna wystawa poświęcona Zbrodni Katyńskiej
- Kiermasz polskich biznesów – wsparcie lokalnych przedsiębiorców
- Smaczne zakąski i poczęstunek dla wszystkich gości
- Ogłoszenie zwycięzcy tytułu "Polak Roku 2025"

Zapraszamy wszystkich do wspólnej refleksji i uczczenia pamięci w duchu polskiej historii i jedności.

✧ DAJMY ŚWIADECTWO - BĄDŹMY RAZEM TEGO DNIA ✧



Drodzy Parafianie,
Dzisiejsza Ewangelia zawiera wiele dla nas nieoczekiwanych wskazań i niezwykłych wymogów. Wolelibyśmy nie słyszeć tych słów. Chcielibyśmy może powiedzieć – przecież to niemożliwe i nierealne.

Niekiedy jest trudno kochać kogoś bliskiego, a co tu mówić o nieprzyjaciolach, o tych, którzy nam wyrządzili krzywdę.

Miłość nieprzyjaciół, o której mówi dziś Jezus, jest chyba w chrześcijaństwie czymś najtrudniejszym. Wyobraźmy sobie, co by się na świecie stało gdyby zabrakło ludzi, którzy umieją przebaczać? Jak by wyglądał świat, kiedy nie byłoby ludzi, którzy pierwsi wyciągnęliby rękę do pojednania?

Chrystus oczekuje od swoich wyznawców, by potrafili zamknąć błędne koło zła i powiedzieć: Nie! Przykładem takiej postawy może być bohater z pierwszego czytania ze Starego Testamentu. Dawid nie zabił Saula, chociaż mógł to zrobić i nawet miał wiele powodów usprawiedliwiających taki czyn, bo działał we własnej obronie. Saul przecież ścigał go, aby zabić.

Przez Jezusa każdy człowiek został zmieniony, ma serce nowe, które jest sercem samego Jezusa, stąd to, czego się od człowieka wymaga, jest w zakresie jego możliwości. A w realizacji przebaczenia nie można stawiać pytania: kto pierwszy powinien wyjść, przeprosić, przebaczyć? Nie ten kto starszy czy młodszy, bardziej czy mniej skrzywdzony, ale ten kto jest bardziej chrześcijaninem, bardziej autentycznym uczniem Chrystusa, bardziej człowiekiem.

Dziękuję za ciągłe wsparcie i hojność dla Parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego. Życzę miłego tygodnia i niech Bóg błogosławi Was i Waszych najbliższych,
Ks. Waldemar

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- Nowy rok to również okres podatkowy! W celu uzyskania zestawienia złożonych składek w roku 2024 proszę wypełnić formularz

znajdujący się w biuletynie a następnie przesłać go do biura.

- W lutym rozpocznie się nasza Doroczna Kwesta Katolicka. Prawdopodobnie poczta od kardynała Cupicha już przyszła albo w niedługim czasie dojdzie, aby odpowiedzieć na wezwanie „Razem niesiemy nadzieję”. W roku 2025 kwota docelowa Kwesty złożonych ofiar w naszej parafii powinna wynieść \$72,276,00. Prosimy o zapoznanie się ze szczegółami w tym i przyszłych tygodniach w naszych biuletynach.
- **Uwaga parafianie ~ Prosimy nie zabierać laminowanych kart zbiórki. Po dokonaniu darowizny prosimy o pozostawienie ich na stojaku w ławkach. Dziękuję!**
- W środę, 5 marca, przypada Środa Popielcowa. Zapraszamy do biuletynu po pełen rozkład Mszy św. w parafii St. Cyryla i Metodego.

Creation Care Corner



“... the environment is God’s gift to everyone.”

— Pope Benedict XVI

THIS WEEK’S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Lent is coming. Consider a “fast” for Creation Care ... sacrificing some comfort, giving up a wasteful practice, or modifying your actions to reduce harm to the environment. Some ideas include:

- **A Meat Fast:** How about adding a meatless Monday to meatless Fridays? What about eating only chicken when you do eat meat, or sustainably caught fish?
- **An Energy Fast:** How about turning the thermostat down 2°-5°F lower than usual and putting that sweater on? And maybe turn the water heater down to 120°F and only take 3-minute showers?
- **A “Stuff” Fast:** Buying only the bare minimum of essentials you need and simplifying your life? And how about staying away from as much plastic as you can and minimizing your waste stream?

Mass Intentions

Monday — February 24th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY

Tuesday — February 25th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR MALEISKA FAMILY

7:00 PM † MARIA WÓJCIAK (Rocznica Śmierci)
by Siostra**Wednesday — February 26th**7:00 AM † STANISLAW KNAPCZYK
by Wife**Thursday — February 27th**7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR MATEO PASCIAK (birth)
by Grandparents**Friday — February 28th**7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ADAM & MARGARET
BUJAK (Wedd. Anniv.)

† ALOJZY WONTORCZYK

by Family

† ANDRZEJ KALATA (1 Anniv.)

by Wife & Children

Saturday — March 1st (First Saturday)

7:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

† MICHALINA BIALAS

by Family

5:00 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Fr. Koys † ANIELA MAURSARZ

by Joseph & Maria Marusarz

9:00 PM W INT. PANU BOGU WIADOMEJ

Fr. Valdi † JÓZEF MILAN

by Rodzina

† HELENA I RAFAŁ WITKOWSKI

by Syn z Rodziną

Sunday — March 2nd

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Fr. Koys

8:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA JULII WIELGOSZ

(urodziny)

by Dzieci

O BOŻE BŁ. DLA ŻYČĄCYCH CZŁONKOW KLUBU PL

† LUDWINA ŁUKANUS (Rocznica Śmierci)

by Syn z Rodziną

† ANDRZEJ KALATA (1 Rocznica Śmierci)

by Kuzynka z Rodziną

9:30 AM FOR ALL INTENTIONS IN OUR CHAPEL

Fr. Noga INTENTION BOOK

GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR JOSHUA BIALAS (birth)

by Mitchell & Gail Bialas

† RAYMOND PERISIN
by Nancy Gonsiorowski
11:00 AM W INT. PRÓSB ZANOSZONYCH W KAPLICY
Fr. Valdi WIECZYSTEJ ADORACJI

† MARIA I ANDRZEJ REMIASZ

by Syn z Rodziną

† EMILIA I JÓZEF REMIASZ

by Rodzina

† LUDWIKA I FRANCISZEK KORKOSZ

by Rodzina

12:30 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR DIANA & AL KUNICKIS

Fr. Valdi (25 Wedd. Anniv.) & CHILDREN

by Mama

† FRANK GLIVA

by Pat & Joyce Nagle

2:00 PM † WŁADYSŁAW SZAREK

Fr. Valdi by Rodzina

† HELENA I KAZIMIERZ KLEJZEROWICZ

by Rodzina

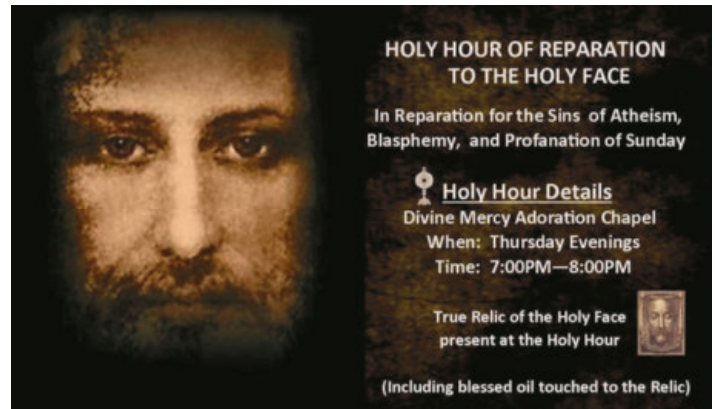
† JOHN BUDZ (Rocznica Śmierci)

by Rodzina

† JÓZEF CUDZICH

by Żona

7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Fr. Rataj

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our parish community to pray for.

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Irene Forst

Terry Hallandworth

Nick Gorisch

Cindy Evankoe

John Dzielski

Joseph Dziekan

Bob & Marge Douset

Guy Martin

Joan Albert

Ray Przeddziecki

William Podborny

Mark Malewski & Family

Malgorzata Bies

Grace Dunbar

Mike Laskowski

The name of an individual will stay on the prayer list for
two months. Please contact the parish office if you would
like to prolong the prayer request.

**Parish Contributions
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Envelopes	526	11,808.00
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GiveCentral (2/10-2/16)	110	<u>2,443.00</u>
Total		14,251.00

Budgeted: \$15,700.00 / Actual: 14,251.00/(\$1,449)

526 envelopes plus 110 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 30% of 2,100 registered parishioner families.

Your donations help meet our immediate needs, repairs and improvements. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.



The Blessed Sacrament candle that burns above the altar 24/7 is available to be sponsored for an intention or in memory of loved ones. This candle is replaced every Monday morning. We also have a Blessed Sacrament candle in our Divine Mercy Chapel which is available for intentions. Please call our parish office to make arrangements to book your week and to specify which Blessed Sacrament candle you would like to sponsor. A donation of \$100 is requested, and the intention along with the name of the donor will be acknowledged in our bulletin.

SENIOR LUNCHEON
 Tuesday, March 4th
 12 Noon ~ PLB

Our next senior luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at 12:00 PM in the PLB.

To reserve your spot, please place \$10 in a sealed envelope with your name on it and hand it into the PLB front offices by 10:00 AM on Friday, February 28th.

****No admission will be allowed into the luncheon if you do not have a prior reservation. Looking forward to seeing you all at the luncheon! Have a safe and warm February!**

God Bless!



Please pray for...

We ask you to please keep in your prayers the following parishioners who are on active duty in the military:

Capt. Catherine R. Chappell, Pilot HC130, U.S. Air Force; **Frank Romanowski**, Army Combat Medic; **SPC Ryan Sherwood**; **PVT Robert Kyle O'Hare**, US Army; **Dominic Maiella**, US Marine Corps; **Jonathan Plonka**, US Air Force; **Matas Maleiska**, US Navy; **Cole Kowalczyk**, Army Specialist; **LT. Colonel Ken Hussey**, Army

Please inform the parish office if there are any changes or additions to the above list. Thank you.



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May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her

In your prayers, please remember the soul of **Mary Beth Rudis**. May her soul and the soul of all our faithfully departed family and friends rest in everlasting peace.

2024 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2024 will be mailed upon request only. If you would like your statement, please fill out the information below and return it via the PLB drop box, by mail or place it in the collection basket at church. Please include your envelope number. Your statement will be mailed to you after January 31st.

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Annual Spiritual Check Up – Part 1 – Love for God

By the C.S. Lewis Institute

Each year many of us will go through a physical check-up, a performance review at our workplace, perhaps do a financial checkup at year's end or at tax time. But **how often do we take time to review our spiritual life?** This is a good thing to do as we prepare for Lent. The following questions are designed to help you examine your spiritual life over the past year and to prayerfully seek God's help in areas where you sense. He desires you to grow.

In **Matthew 22: 37-40** These words of Jesus are the standard for us: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and the prophets hang on these two commandments.*"

Loving God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength

1. Do I love God with **all** my heart soul and mind?
2. How is my **personal** relationship with God?
 - Do I have a growing desire to spend more time with God? Am I spending appropriate time praying, reading and meditating on the scriptures?
 - Am I growing in my desire to obey and please God? Do I obey out of gratitude for God's love? Or from guilt or fear? How can I purify my motives and my love?
 - Have I fully surrendered to the Holy Spirit? Do I ask God to fill me each day with the Holy Spirit? Are there areas I am holding back from God? Which ones? Why?
 - Am I more aware of the sins in my life? Do I repent on a daily basis and seek forgiveness from God in a daily Act of Contrition? Have I fully, truthfully repented of and confessed all past and current sins?
3. Am I actively serving God?
 - Am I volunteering at church? Am I praying regularly for the pastor, staff, missionaries and volunteers?
 - Am I seeking to make others feel welcome in my church?
 - Am I doing my job with excellence? Am I reaching out to those around me?
 - Am I praying for my work colleagues and people in my neighborhood?
4. Am I growing in my desire and actions to give sacrificially to God's work in the church in caring for the materially and spiritually poor, and in other ministries? Am I teaching my children about sacrificial giving and putting God before materialistic desires?
5. Am I living in humility before God, my family, friends and co-workers?
6. Is there evidence of grace growing in my life?
 - Do I thank God every day for his love, grace and mercy and saving me from what I deserve? Am I treating others with the same grace God has shown me?
 - Am I seeing evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in my life (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control)?
 - Am I learning to see others through the mind of Christ?

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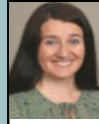
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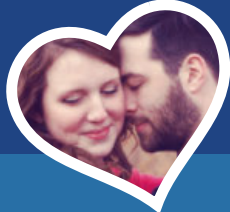


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