

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

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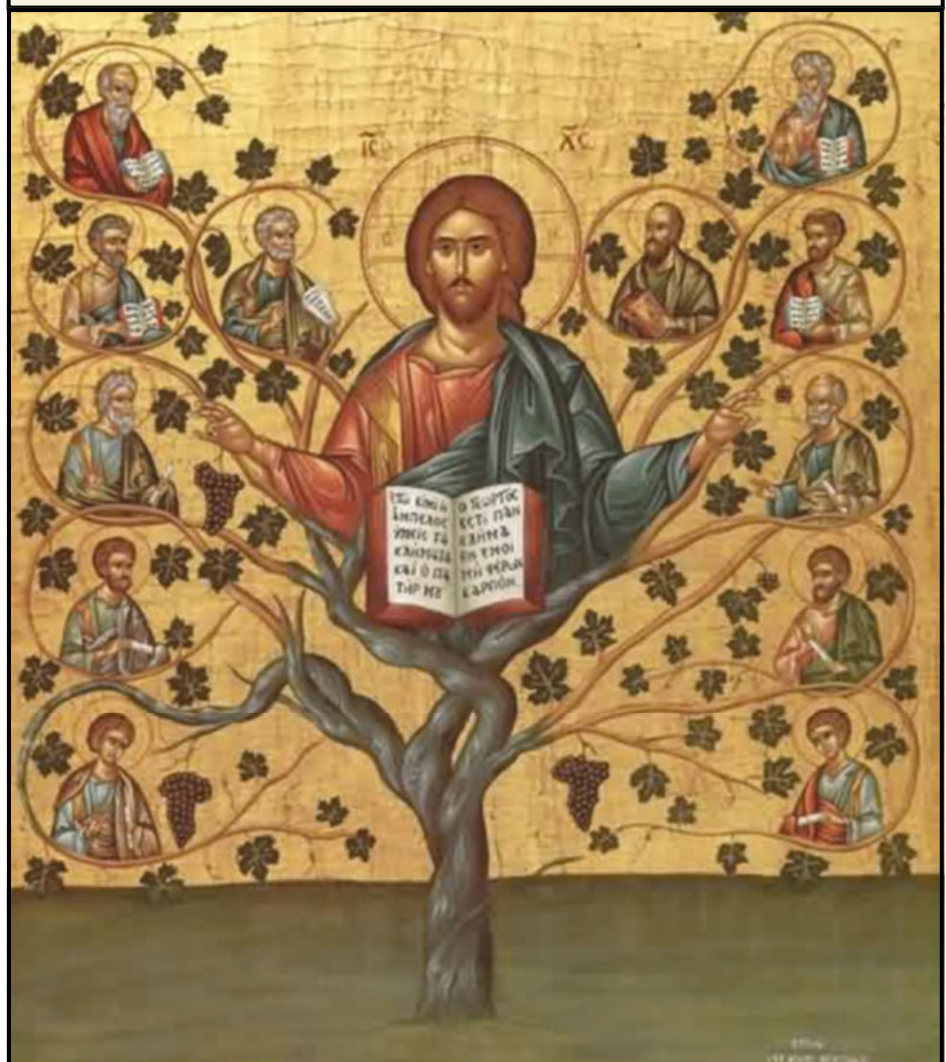
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April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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.

Parish Information	Minister of Music:	Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776
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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)	Parish Council:	Joe Martello, President
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) Holy Days of Obligation: As announced	Bulletin:	bulletin@stcyril.org
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM Also available by appointment.	Helping Hands:	helpinghands@stcyril.org
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass	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
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	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.
Parish Office Hours: Each weekday the office will be closed between the hours of 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM. Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Tuesday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Saturday & Sunday Closed	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.
	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.
	Parish Website:	www.stcyril.org
	School Website:	www.school.stcyril.org
	Parish Facebook Page:	www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont
	School Facebook Page:	www.facebook.com/SSCMComets



From the desk of Father Koys

Dear Parishioners,

In John's first epistle, chapter 3 we read, "for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything." This is a mouthful and truly a lesson for us today. How many times have we said or heard it said, "Follow your heart not your head"? When we use the word "heart" we usually mean that part of us that represents the deepest part of our lives. When we use the word "head" we usually mean our brains, which isn't as close to the deepest and most meaningful part of our lives. Our brains are needed to calculate and figure stuff out. We have the sense that our mind is the practical part of our lives that helps us solve problems while the heart is the faculty of our lives that helps us love one another. The "heart" is often a synonym for our feelings. The beautiful song My Heart Will Go On captured our nation's heart as it celebrated a triumph of love amidst a terrible tragedy. Who can forget when Leo DiCaprio saves Kate Winslet from committing suicide but later dies because there was no more room in the lifeboats? But every time I hear that song, I think about the promise of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and that that promise promises much more to us than a terribly ambiguous idea that our heart will go on and on. In other words, when I think of dying, hopefully not in the ice-cold waters of the Atlantic Ocean, I find much more hope in my Catholic faith than in a Hollywood song, even if it is a precious love song. In other words, I want more than my heart to go on. And when I think of the loved ones I've lost, I want for them more than the ambiguous notion that their heart will stay with me. I want them, the whole person, body and soul to live on forever in a better place where God and all the saints and angels live. So, when the Bible says, "God is greater than our hearts" we should all know that love songs and movies only give us glimpses into the greater truths and realities that can only be found in knowing our faith. And often they mislead us altogether. And what's more, to say that "God knows everything" implies that ONLY God knows everything, and we don't. So that leads us to reflect on how our consciences are formed. Our conscience needs to be the driving force in our lives when it comes to making choices of a moral nature not our feelings. Unfortunately, many people today have it backwards. Popular culture influences the moral conscience of our nation far more than scripture and the wise teachings of our Catholic catechism. There are few words in our vocabulary that are more misunderstood

and misused than the word "conscience". It is like our culture is challenging the truths found in the Bible and saying, "What can be greater than our hearts? If you say, God is greater than my heart, I say my heart is greater than your God." But St. John challenges us. It is wrong to think that our hearts when they battle our brains should win. Our brains, or to use a more technical term, our intellects must lead our hearts. Parents of school age children must especially be vigilant about helping our young ones get this order right. As they get older, they will encounter many matters of conscience, but special attention today needs to be paid to those matters of life and marriage. Get those wrong and so many errors follow.

Fr Thomas Koys, M.A., S.T.L.

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

- Please consider helping! We are in need of Ministers of Care. If you are interested in helping those that are homebound, please see the bulletin for more information.
- If you are interested in becoming a lector or Eucharistic Minister, training will take place on Saturday, May 18th. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more details.
- The weekends of April 27th & 28th and May 4th & 5th, our Helping Hands food pantry will be hosting a food drive. Please see the list of items needed in the bulletin and consider donating to help those in need.
- As Mother's Day fast approaches, we will have Mother's Day Novena Mass cards on the table in the back of the church. Please see the bulletin for more details.

 An advertisement for perpetual adoration in the Chapel of Divine Mercy. The background shows a church interior with pews and a chapel. The text is overlaid on the image.

Perpetual adoration in the Chapel of Divine Mercy
April 28, 2019 - April 28, 2024

5 years
1,825 days
43,800 hours
over 250 people,
which regularly spent 1 hour a week with the Lord Jesus

COUNTLESS BLESSINGS FOR PARISH, FAMILIES, AND THE WHOLE WORLD!

Please contact: Lottie (630-442-9441, Mark (773) 727-7934 or Margaret: misniez@gmail.com



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

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents,

We had a busy week! Our second graders completed their preparation for their First Holy Communion at their retreat on Thursday, the 25th. It is always a special day! Thank you to the parents who were able to attend and help with the different activities.

This coming Friday, May 3rd, the Class of 2024 will honor our Blessed Mother during our school's May Crowning. This special prayer service will begin at 9:00AM in church.

During the year, the Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Catholic Schools required all teachers to attend four professional development days during the school year. Teachers were able to choose different classes based on their individual needs/interests. We all completed four classes to continue as Certified Catechists and really be prepared to share the faith with our children.

All students from grades K-8 will take an online end of the year academic assessment through the iReady Program. I anticipate having results for parents prior to the end of the year.

April 23rd school mass celebrated Earth Day and featured our Kindergarten and PreK students. I am including photos!

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to SS. Cyril and Methodius School.

Mrs. S. Tkachuk
Principal

A Catholic Education at
SS. Cyril and Methodius School....
It's a choice based on a commitment to students
with leadership, integrity, and respect.
For information and to arrange a personal tour,
please call 630-257-6488, ext. 19 or email
lazowskijackie@stcyril.org or shirleyt@stcyril.org
Financial aid is available!





**SS Cyril & Methodius
Religious Education Program**
stcyrilre@sscmlmont.org
(630)257-9314
www.re.stcyril.org

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator

Last weekend we hosted the 2nd graders from our religious education program, Everest Academy, and Holy Cross Polish School for a faith-filled afternoon with Father Jason for their First Holy Communion retreat. Thank you to Father Jason for helping our students prepare for their special day! We appreciate Father Valdi stopping in to visit with the students as well. Many thanks to all of our staff for helping during the retreat and thank you to all of the families supporting their children in their journey of faith! Please keep our parish 2nd graders in your prayers as they receive their First Holy Communion on May 4th and May 5th. God bless!



Dziękujemy wszystkim za wspólną Modlitwę podczas naszej comiesięcznej Mszy która odbyła się w zeszłym tygodniu.

W szczególności dziękujemy uczniom klasy 0 oraz klasy 1 za piękną oprawę Mszy Świętej poprzez czytanie oraz śpiewanie piosenek. Na ręce Rodziców oraz Katechetów pani Hannie Biedrzycki oraz Margaret Śnieżko składamy słowa wdzięczności za Ich pomoc oraz zaangażowanie w przygotowanie naszych wspaniałych maluszków. Bóg Zapłać!



St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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Email: stjames1833@att.net | Website: www.historicstjames.org

Blooming for Babies Mother's Day fundraiser

On Sunday, May 12, beautiful bouquets of fresh-cut flowers will be sold after all Masses to benefit the life-saving mission of **The Women's Centers**. There will be a beautiful selection of arrangements to choose from with prices for all budgets to help vulnerable moms and their babies.

Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

Cenacle Rosary – May 3

On May 1 the cause for beatification & canonization of Fr Stefano Gobbi will be opened. We pray the Cenacle Rosary, which Fr Gobbi instituted, each First Friday. Join us to pray, listen to Mary's locutions & give thanks for this news. Rectory living room after the 6pm Mass.



May is Mary's Month

First Friday - May 3

Cenacle Rosary will be prayed in the rectory after 6pm Mass

First Saturday - May 4

Morning prayer 7:45, Mass 8, then adoration & devotions, including rosary

First Sunday - May 5

Crowning of Our Lady in the grotto after each Mass

Sunday - May 12

Honor Our Lady of Fatima, your heavenly Mother, on Mother's Day by joining a rosary procession at 1:30

Wine & Wisdom May 1

"Be Strong & Courageous: Living Life in the Awesome Presence of the Holy Trinity!" Author, believer, disciple & podcast host, **Christine Ramos**, will inspire & entertain us. She'll also have copies of her 3 books available for purchase & signing. christineramosauthor.com
Enjoy W&W time for reflection & prayer.

May 8 – Since 2015, Karla & Jeff Ohner have been proud owners of Two Hearts Catholic Bookstore in Mokena. They are St James regulars. Come hear their story!



Representing St James at the Illinois March for Life in Springfield on April 17. Pray for Illinois!

Knit & Crochet for Life!

Beginning May 1

We make baby items for pregnancy centers every Wednesday 10am-12noon in the rectory. All skill levels or beginners are welcome! Join us!



Wine & Cheese Speaker Series

Saturday, May 25 ~ 7pm ~

Sag Bridge Mission Society invites you to hear Mr Patrick Lyon, instructor at Chesterton Academy, speak on "Finding God in the Lord of the Rings." Please register thru sign-up link on our website.



May, The Month of Mary

May is the month in which we show our love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Attending the May crowning, held next Sunday after masses, is a lovely way to begin the month honoring her. We should honor the Mother of God each day, not just during May, but all year long. Reciting the rosary daily, planting a "Mary" garden or performing a kind deed are some ways to show our devotion.



Many thanks to the hardworking crew from Anchor for spreading lots of mulch on Apr 20!

Theology of the Body

Thurs, May 2 – 7 to 8:30pm – Rectory

"Theology of the Body" is a series of talks given by St. Pope John Paul II at his papal audiences. He explores many wonderful aspects of human love. All adults are invited to join in as Fr Koys leads the discussion.



Join the world in prayer!
Join Cdl Burke's Novena!

novena.cardinalburke.com

Ministry of Care

If you or a loved one is homebound & would like to receive the Eucharist, please sign up online or use paper form in Church, or call Fr Koys or rectory.



Remember to pray for the baby you spiritually adopted.



Anchor @ St. James
Gatherings of Young Catholic Adults – most Sundays, 7-9pm in Sag Hall. Join our group for chat & updates.



Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, APRIL 29

8:00AM Special Intention
For Our Lady of Fatima Travelling Statue
Participants—May our Lord & Mother Mary grant them wisdom, holiness, courage and protection

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

8:00AM †Joe Slowik
Health & Healing—Joan Stanzler

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

7:00PM †Grzegorz & †Marianna Gonder
†Patricia Ryan
Health & Healing—Mason Bartik

THURSDAY, MAY 2

8:00AM Health & Healing—Bud Richey
Graces upon the Guzior Family

FRIDAY, MAY 3

6:00PM †Mary Durachta
†Gus Psomakos

SATURDAY, MAY 4

8:00AM †Andy Karas
†Bobbie Cannizzaro

Sixth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:15AM †Joseph M. Slowik
†Joseph Dillenburg
†Rochelle Haklin
10AM: †Mary Jane Byerwalter
12:00PM: †Bob Foley



Our weekly *Offertory* collection from April 21, 2024 was \$5,608. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$1,213.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

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

MONICA PIOTROWSKI—IN LOVING MEMORY OF NATHAN JOHN PIOTROWSKI

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 4/28/24

St. James Altar & Rosary Society
All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
United States of America
Health & Healing—Jan Jurasik



Feast of Our Lady Queen of Poland ~ Friday, May 3rd

Polish Mass begins at 7:00 PM
There will be NO 11:30 AM Mass.

The Ministers of Care Ministry is in need of some more volunteers to bring communion to our homebound on Sunday's. This is a very meaningful and necessary ministry. We have a group of homebound parishioners who appreciate this ministry and look forward to receiving the Eucharist each Sunday from our Ministers of Care. If you would be willing to help out with this ministry, you can sign up for training through the Archdiocese of Chicago.

For more information, please contact Trish Nickleski at 630-257-2776 or Dave Smietanski at 815-354-3324.

VICARIATE V | ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



HERE I AM
LORD
SEND ME

Vicariate V Ministry Commission

Ministers of Care Training

A Minister of Care visits the homebound in the parish to bring Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass. We offer to our homebound a way to remain connected the parish and as Pope Francis said "to be an instrument of God's mercy."

St George Parish in Tinley Park in the Cahil Center.

May 6, 7 & 8, 2024

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:30 pm.

Presenter is Jeanne Lassandrello

Participation in these three sessions meets the mandated requirements of the Office for Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Preparation as a Minister of Care includes such topics as spirituality of ministry, ministry to the aged and homebound, the experience of suffering, dying and death, pastoral listening skills, prayer and Eucharist, as well as the theological and practical dimensions of ministry. Participants must be approved by a member of their Pastoral Team.

The session on Wednesday will offer the theological and practical dimensions of ministry. If there is someone approved by their pastor to bring Communion to a family member this would be a good evening for them to attend.

Register: <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/event-registration>

Contact instructor for more information: Jeanne Lassandrello
jlassandrello@stgeorge60477.org 708-532-8211

Mother's Day Mass Cards



Mother's Day Mass cards are on the tables in the back of church to remember a beloved mother, living or deceased, in our Mother's Day Novena of Masses during the month of May. Please return the outer envelope with your freewill offering to enroll your loved one(s). Envelopes without the greeting card are also available if you do not wish to use the card. A spiritual bouquet makes a wonderful gift for a mother!



**Initial Training
for
Liturgical Ministers**

**INCARNATION ST. TERRENCE PARISH
St. Terrence Worship Site
4300 West 119th Street, Alsip**

SATURDAY, May 18, 2024

All Liturgical Ministers from 10:00—12:00 noon

Then split into two Groups:

Lectors from 12:00— 2:00 pm

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
from 12:00— 2:00 pm**

Questions? Contact Kathy McNicholas at 708-388-4005.

Sponsored by Vicariate V Ministry Commission

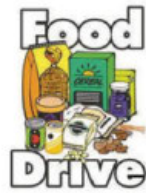
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Front Cover:

**Christ the Good Vine
20th Century Eastern Orthodox Icon
Dormition Convent, Parnes, Greece**



Please consider using GiveCentral for online parish donations. Sign up at givecentral.org



Help Stock our Food Pantry Helping Hands Shelves

The weekends of April 27 and 28 and May 4 and 5 we will be hosting a food drive to help keep the Helping Hands Food Pantry shelves stocked. Currently we are servicing over ten local Lemont Area families in need monthly with both food and monetary contributions. We have many parishioners who help satisfy these needs, stocking shelves, packing bags, delivering food and making monetary contributions.

Here are a few things you should be aware of:

- ❖ Please bring all nonperishable food, cleaning supplies and personal items to church and leave in the back of church or bring to the rectory during regular business hours.
- ❖ We do ask that you do not donate expired food. We cannot give expired food to the families that we help and we will throw expired food out.
- ❖ Monetary donations can be made in the collection area in the back of church or electronically at Give Central: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/320/event/14677>.

Top 15 items needed:

- Canned meat or fish such as Chicken, Beef, Ham and Vienna sausage and tuna etc
- Dinty Moore Beef Stew or Chicken and Dumplings
- Baked Beans
- Jars of spaghetti sauce and spaghetti
- Rice and Pasta side dishes
- Instant Potatoes
- Hamburger Helper
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Cereal
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Oatmeal
- Canned Fruit
- Cake Mixes and Frosting
- Condiments such as Ketchup, Mustard and Salad Dressing
- Paper Goods such as toilet paper, paper towels and napkins

The pantry can always use cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products.

If you are interested in joining the Helping Hands team please reach out to Kristyn Benson at kristynbenson1248@gmail.com.



Divine Mercy Signs

Polish Klub is selling Divine Mercy signs. Please see picture for sizes and prices. They are for sale in the Parish Life Building Offices.

Small: 15" x 7.5"
Large: 35" x 19"



1 MAJA

Różaniec Rodziców za Dzieci

MÓDLMY SIĘ...

7PM:
Spowiedź
Adoracja
Różaniec
Eucharystia

Zapraszamy wszystkie RÓŻE RÓŻAŃCOWE z Parafii SSCM w Lemont oraz wszystkich chętnych, którzy chcieliby dołączyć do wspólnej modlitwy za dzieci, dzieci chrzestne oraz za wnuków!

RÓŻANIEC RODZICÓW ZA DZIECI

Klub Polski w Lemont
Niedziela, 5 maja
godz. 9am po Mszy św.
Spotkanie Klubu

Zapraszamy wszystkich członków, sympatyków oraz tych, którzy kochają Polską Tradycję, Wiarę i Kulturę.

Można też zjeść śniadanie w nowym towarzystwie. Świeże ciastka, przepyszne kanapki oraz najlepsza kawa w okolicy!



“Mary is a ‘woman of the Eucharist’ in her whole life. The Church, which looks to Mary as a model, is also called to imitate her in her relationship with this most holy mystery.” — St. John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, April 17, 2003

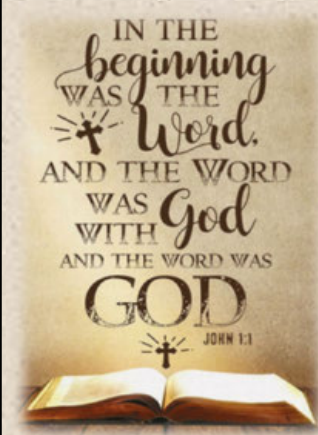
*„Maryja jest ‘Niewiastą Eucharystii’ przez całe swoje życie. Kościół, patrząc na Maryję jako na swój wzór, jest wezwany do Jej naśladowania także w odniesieniu do Najświętszej Tajemnicy” –
 Św. Jan Paweł II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*,
 17 kwiecień, 2003 rok*



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.



Zapraszamy na Forum Charyzmatyczne do Parafii SS. Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont w dniach 17-19 maja 2024 r. Forum będzie przygotowaniem do Uroczystości Zstąpienia Ducha Świętego. Poruszane będą takie tematy jak zagrożenia duchowe; rozeznawanie woli Bożej w życiu a także jak w dzisiejszych czasach towarzyszyć bliskim w przeżywaniu i pogłębianiu wiary. Ufamy, że będzie to czas odnowienia serc i umocnienia w Duchu Świętym a także czas modlitwy o uzdrowienie. Forum poprowadzą ks. Andrzej Wąsek Misjonarz Miłosierdzia oraz ks Piotr Jakubiak Duszpasterz Polonii w Irlandii. Szczegóły wkrótce.



Welcome to the Charismatic Forum at the SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Lemont on May 17-19, 2024. The forum will be a preparation for the upcoming Pentecost. Topics such as spiritual threats, discerning God's will in life, and how to accompany loved ones in experiencing and deepening their faith in today's world will be discussed. This will be a time of heart renewal and strengthening in the Holy Spirit, as well as a time of prayer for healing. The forum will be led by Fr. Andrzej Wąsek, Missionary of Mercy, and Fr. Piotr Jakubiak, Polish Chaplain in Ireland. More details will be coming soon.



**Z biurka wikariusza pastora
Drodzy Parafianie,**

W pierwszym Liście Jana, rozdział 3 czytamy: „Bo Bóg jest większy niż nasze serca i wszystko wie.” To jest poważne stwierdzenie i nauka na dzisiejszy dzień dla nas. Ile razy powiedzieliśmy albo słyszeliśmy, żeby „pójść za głosem serca, a nie rozumu”? Kiedy używamy słowo „serce”, zazwyczaj mamy na myśli nasze wnętrze, które reprezentuje najgłębszy zakątek naszego życia. Natomiast kiedy używamy słowa „rozum”, w rzeczywistości mamy na myśli nasz mózg, który nie jest tak bliski najgłębszej i najbardziej znaczącej części naszego życia. Nasz mózg jest potrzebny do zdobywania wiedzy i rozwiązywania problemów. Mamy poczucie, że jest praktyczną częścią naszego życia pomagającą w zdobywaniu rozwiązań, podczas gdy serce jest tym, co pomaga nam kochać się nawzajem. „Serce” jest często synonimem naszych uczuć. Piękna piosenka „My Heart Will Go On, Moje Serce Będzie Biło” zdobyła serca narodów, gdy świętowała tryumf miłości pośród straszliwej tragedii. Ktoż mógłby zapomnieć scenę gdy Leo DiCaprio ratuje Kate Winslet przed popełnieniem samobójstwa, niestety potem sam umiera, ponieważ zabrakło już miejsca w łodziach ratunkowych. Za każdym razem, gdy słyszę tę piosenkę, myślę o obietnicy zmartwychwstania Jezusa Chrystusa i o tym, że ta obietnica przekazuje nam znacznie więcej niż dwuznaczną koncepcję naszego serca, które będzie biło w nieskończoność. Innymi słowy, pomimo tej pięknej Hollywoodzkiej piosenki o miłości gdy myślę o śmierci, nie pokładam nadziei w lodowatych wodach Oceanu Atlantyckiego, ale w mojej wierze katolickiej. Pragnę czegoś więcej niż trwania mojego serca. Bo gdy myślę o tych, których straciłem, pragnę dla nich czegoś więcej niż dwuznacznego przekonania, że ich serce pozostanie ze mną. Chcę, żeby żyli, całą osobą, ciałem i duszą, na zawsze w lepszym miejscu, gdzie Bóg oraz wszyscy święci i aniołowie żyją. Więc gdy Biblia mówi, że „Bóg jest większy niż nasze serca”, wszyscy powinniśmy wiedzieć, że piosenki miłosne i filmy dają nam tylko ułamek spojrzenia w kierunku większej prawdy i rzeczywistości, które można znaleźć dogłębniej poznając naszą wiarę. Co więcej, powiedzenie, że „Bóg wie wszystko”, sugeruje, że TYLKO Bóg wie wszystko, a my nie. To prowadzi nas do refleksji opartej na temacie kształtowania naszego sumienia. Nasze sumienie powinno być siłą napędową w naszym życiu, szczególnie gdy chodzi o podejmowanie wyborów moralnych, nie opierając się tylko na naszych uczuciach. Trudno, że wiele osób widzi to dzisiaj odwrotnie. Nowoczesne trendy kultury wpływają na sumienie moralne naszego narodu znacznie bardziej niż Pismo Święte i mądre nauki naszego katolickiego katechizmu. Istnieje niewiele słów w naszym słowniku, które są negatywnie

pojmowane i używane w odniesieniu do słowa „sumienie”. To tak, jakby nasza kultura kwestionowała prawdy zawarte w Biblii i mówiła: „Co może być większe niż nasze serca? Jeśli mówisz, że Bóg jest większy niż moje serce, ja mówię, że moje serce jest większe niż twój Bóg”. Dlatego św. Jan stawia nam wyzwanie. Nie powinieneś myśleć, że nasze serca, gdy walczą z naszymi mózgami, powinny wygrywać. Nasze mózgi, lub używając bardziej technicznego terminu, nasza inteligencja, muszą prowadzić nasze serca. Tak więc rodzice dzieci w wieku szkolnym muszą być czujni, aby pomóc młodemu pokoleniu zrozumieć tę kolejność. Bo gdy będą dorastać, napotkają wiele zawiłych problemów sumienia. Szczególną uwagę trzeba zwrócić na kwestie dotyczące życia i małżeństwa. Jeśli popełnią błędy w tych kwestiach, to wiele innych problemów pójdzie za nimi.

Fr Thomas Koys, M.A., S.T.L.

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Mass Intentions

Monday — April 29th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR MARK PREDKI (birth)
by Maria Zagraniczny
✠ FRANCISZEK CHOLEWA
by Family

Tuesday — April 30th

7:00 AM ✠ ALLEEN WILSON
by Dianna Gliwa
7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA JOHN GAL (urodziny)
by Rodzina
✠ BRONISŁAWA JAGIEŁŁO
by Synowa Aniela Jagiełło
✠ KS. MIECZYŚLAW JANOSIK
by Pracownicy 70 W. Madison

Wednesday — May 1st

7:00 AM ✠ JOSEPH & FRANCES LYZNICKI
by Family

Thursday — May 2nd

7:00 AM ✠ ANTONI NARANOWICZ
by Jozefa Maciorowska

Friday — May 3rd (First Friday-Mary Queen of Poland)

7:00 AM ALTAR & ROSARY
✠ BERNICE KERWIN
by Marie
✠ DECEASED MEMBERS OF CHOLEWA & GIZA
FAMILIES
by Family
✠ RYSZARD KRUPA
by Family

7:00 PM ✠ MICHALINA I STANISŁAW KALATA
Fr. Valdi by A.S. Łukanus

✠ ALOJZY WONTORCZYK
by Alex i Dominika

Saturday — May 4th (First Saturday)

7:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
Fr. Noga ✠ STANLEY & VICTORIA LAYMAN
by Marc & Rita Gimbel
✠ DECEASED MEMBERS OF BIALAS & LATA
FAMILIES

5:00 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ELENA "HELEN" PREW
Fr. Koys by Family

✠ LEO & ANNA CIEZCZAK
by Mary & Louise Konat

✠ JERRY W. PTACEK
by Beverly Marzec

✠ JOHN & DOROTHY PAVLOVIC
by Family

7:00 PM ✠ KS. MIECZYŚLAW JANOSIK
Fr. Valdi by Pracownicy 70 W. Madison

✠ ANTONI ZAGRANICZNY
by Maria Zagraniczny

Sunday — May 5th

7:00 AM ✠ CZESŁAW HANUSIAK
Fr. Koys by Family

✠ ROGER MALAK
by Wife

✠ MIECZYŚLAW GIERAT
by Family

8:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA ŻYJĄCYCY CZŁONKÓW KLUBU
Fr. Valdi POLSKIEGO

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✠ TADEUSZ I JULIA KUBASZEWSKI
by Rodzina

✠ STANISŁAW I HELENA WOJNAROWSKI, CÓRKA
STENIA

by Rodzina

✠ MARIA I STANISŁAW MIŚKIEWICZ
by Anna Miśkiewicz

9:30 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR AGNES WALKOSZ (birth)
Fr. Noga by Parents

✠ PAUL CIMINO
by SSCM Choir

✠ BRONISŁAW SOJKA
by Family

11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA MAŁGORZATY
Fr. Valdi I PIOTRA (Rocznica Ślubu)

O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA ABSOLWENTÓW
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✠ HELENA I WŁADYSŁAW NOWOBILSKI
by J.S. Nowobilski

✠ JAN SZKODOŃ

12:30 PM FOR ALL PRAYERS REQUESTS IN OUR CHAPEL INT. BOOK
Fr. Rataj ✠ STELLA MICIEK

by Family

2:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA JULII I JANINY
Fr. Valdi (urodziny)

by Rodzina

✠ RICHARD LACIAK I MAMA ANNA
by John Laciak z Rodziną

✠ EDWARD ŻUKOWSKI (7 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Żona z Dziećmi

✠ KS. WŁADYSŁAW ZIĘBA
by Rodzina

7:30 PM FOR ALL HOMEBOUND IN OUR PARISH
Fr. Koys ✠ VITALIJA KOZICKI

by Children & Their Families



Please call the parish office if you
have a loved one you would like
our parish community to pray for.

Emilia Pilecki

Terri Sowa

Sally Labno

Ruth Robinson

Joelee

Joan Albert

Irene Forst

Carole Marlowe

Becky Malak

William Jendzio

Theresa Jendzio

Jack Mohamed

Charlie Wickey

Madison Permar

Arthur Zelezinski

Elena "Helen" Prew

Matt Przybocki

Marcia Nowak

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.

Wedding Banns*Jessica Zajac and Paul Jajesniak**Laura Tadros and Bobby Grilli**Casey Krzeczkowski and Nicholas Rex**Natalie Boyle and Patrick O'Malley*

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Anchor Event
Easter Social
Sun. Apr. 14th

Our Young Adult Group, Anchor, had an amazing Easter Party with food, friendships and a bunch of silly games.

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When: June 23rd & 24th, 2024
Where: St. Julie's Parish 7399 W. 159th St. Tinley Park, IL 60477
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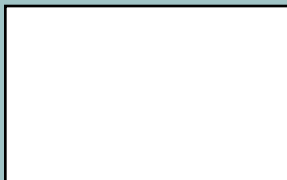
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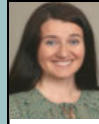
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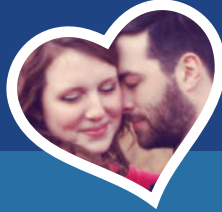
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