SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church
St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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November 22, 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe



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 of St. James welcomes all to our historic parishes that have carried on the mission of Jesus Christ.

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Bulletin: bulletin@stcyril.org

Helping Hands: helpinghands@stcyril.org

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)

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM
First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Also available by appointment.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

Following the Monday morning 7:00AM Mass

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:

Located in the Divine Mercy Chapel in the Parish Life Building. Please contact: Lottie (630) 442-9441, Mark (773) 727-7934, Margaret mtsniez@gmail.com

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

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.

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.

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,
Today's feast of Christ the King seems like a good time to play the prophet. Simply put, if our nation doesn't rediscover its Christian roots, our children will experience America's collapse not unlike the collapse, of the Roman Empire. But, if those who boldly cry out at public events, "Christ is King," carry the spirit of the public square, then we will see a bright future.

To this end, we must pray for a new partnership between the people of government and the people of the Catholic Church. Notice the word "partnership." It's a radical term when you compare it to one of our nation's most pseudo-sacred principles: the Jeffersonian proclamation of the separation of church and state. It is not unfair; in fact, it is rather wise to consider the "intersectionality" between the domestic family and the larger polity (I must admit it was fun writing that word). The "intersectionality" between family and State is actually a very old concept. It goes back to Aristotle. Look where he puts his "Nicomachean Ethics," right before his "Politics." We might say today, "as the family goes, so goes the nation." Let's continue this line of thought. A solid enduring marriage is always a partnership. When this dynamic breaks down in the family, what almost always follows? Separation.

When Jefferson wrote his famous letter to the Danbury Baptist church, it seemed like a good idea. But Jefferson, incorrectly thought he was putting an end to theological conflicts by establishing the "non-establishment" of a national religion. Now, fellow Americans, take notice. The three principal players in that conflict were three Protestant spirits. Jefferson was an Anglican. Connecticut was Congressional, and the Danbury Baptist church was… Baptist.

Today, we still don't need a State religion, but only Catholicism has a somewhat successful record of playing the role of a "partner" with the State. To paraphrase Princess Leja when she called upon Obi Wan Konobi, "Catholics, please hurry, you're our only hope."

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

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

- Dear parishioners, those of us who work on the bulletin are going through a transition. Our printing company has changed the software that we need to use. We are asking for your patience and kindness while we go through this transition. We apologize for any inconsistencies that may arise as we are learning to work with this new software.

- The **SSCM "Tree of Love"** ministry is beginning its 37th year of bringing Christmas joy to those in need. Please grab a tag or two from the trees in the back of the church and help make someone's Christmas wishes come true. See the bulletin for more details.

- There will be a **second collection** the weekend of November 21st & 22nd for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please see the bulletin for more information about helping those in poverty.

- We invite everyone to our **Thanksgiving Mass,** Thursday, November 26th at 9:00 AM. May this beautiful feast be for us a day of gratitude to God for all that he gives us. Feel free to bring some our your holiday food to be blessed at this Mass.

- Wishing you all a very blessed and **Happy Thanksgiving!** May this season of gratitude remind us of the many blessings in our lives and the family and friends we hold dear. May God bless you with the gift of faith, the joy of hope, and hearts filled with gratitude.





SS. Cyril & Methodius School
"Stack The Days"

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents & Parishioners!

Happy Thanksgiving!

As we pause to celebrate Thanksgiving, my heart is overflowing with gratitude for our wonderful school and parish family. Before the busyness of the holiday gathers us around our dinner tables, I want to thank God for the greatest gift we share: the opportunity to walk together in faith, hope, and love. Working alongside you to nurture our students—guiding them not only in mind, but in spirit and virtue—is a sacred privilege.

I am deeply thankful for:

- Our Parents and Guardians: For your constant partnership, your support, and the trust you place in us each day to help form your children in the Gospel and academic excellence.
- Our Parishioners and Faith Community: For your prayers, your generosity, and the way your welcoming presence reminds our students that they belong to a vibrant, loving Body of Christ.
- Our Students and Staff: For the daily laughter, hard work, prayers, and light they bring into our hallways, turning our school into a true home of faith.

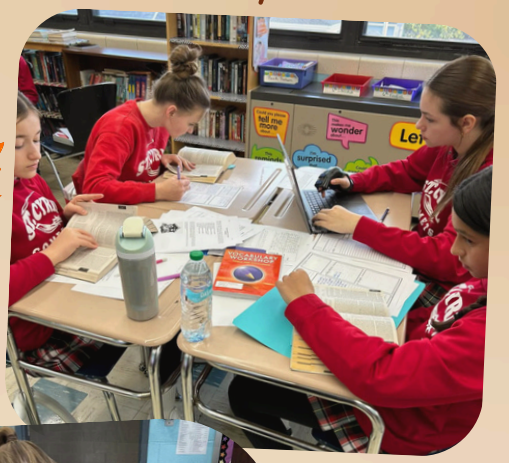
May your Thanksgiving be filled with God's abundant peace, warm laughter, good food, and the comfort of family and friends.

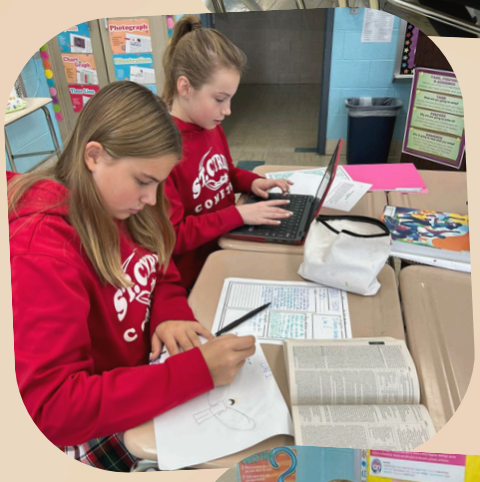
Go Comets!!

Mr. Dan Turney, Principal



Seventh grade working in their Case Files for the Matthew and Luke Infancy Narratives.









SS Cyril & Methodius
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IMPORTANT REMINDER

There is NO RE Class on the following days

November 23 - Monday Session

November 25 - Wednesday Session

November 27—Friday Session



Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

Monday session 1st grade class made Thanksgiving crafts.







We would like to invite all RE students, Families, and Staff Members to join us in worship at Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 26, 2026 at 9:00AM.

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





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

Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

Wine & Wisdom – Nov 25

We'll be dressing the turkey and rolling the pie crust. No Wine & Wisdom this week. Happy Thanksgiving!

Make your Wednesdays special! Each week: Adoration (5-7), Confession (6-7), Mass (7pm), W&W (7:45).

5th Annual Cemetery Walk – Couldn't attend?
See the Photo Gallery at historicstjames.org and videos on youtube.com "All Hallows St James at Sag Bridge 2026"

Needed: Warm Stuff

If you can share coats, sweaters, hoodies, blankets to help men in need deal with the upcoming winter, please place the items in the bin in Charlie's Chapel. Thank you! (Please no women's or children's.)



Christ Our King

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You as King of the universe. All that has been created has been made for You. Make full use of Your rights over me. I renew my baptismal promises to live a Christian life and advance the rights of God and His Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer my efforts so that all hearts may recognize Your Sacred Royalty and Your Kingdom of peace may reign. Amen.



Altar & Rosary Society

As we approach Thanksgiving, keep praying the Rosary to thank Our Lady for the graces bestowed on us and ask her to intercede for those in need. Our A&R sponsored Parish Christmas Dinner on **Sunday, December 6** from **3PM to 6PM** will be only **$35** and includes a lovely home-cooked meal and desserts, wine and live music. There will be wonderful raffle baskets to bid on, too. See flyer in this bulletin.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Day – Mass at 9am

JOIN ANCHOR – ST. JAMES & ST. PETRONILLE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY FOR

friends giving

DINNER PARTY

NOV 28 AT 5:00 PM

St. James at Sag Bridge
10600 Archer Ave, Lemont, IL 60439

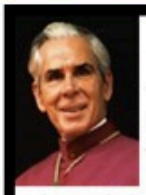
RSVP with the dish you plan to bring:
https://short-url.cc/turkey

SPONSORED BY SAG BRIDGE MISSION SOCIETY

The rectory office will be closed on Thursday, Nov 26 & Friday, Nov 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday

Prayers of Support

Every Friday at 3, James-ers gather at Access Health, 1700 75th Street, Downers Grove, to offer prayers for the unborn babies at risk & their parents. We support the sidewalk counselors trying to help them. And we offer reparation for all those who in any way support abortion. Please come join us!



Archbishop Fulton J Sheen On the Devil

Very few people believe in the devil these days, which suits the devil very well. He is always helping to circulate the news of his own death. The essence of God is existence, and He defines Himself as: 'I am Who am.' The essence of the devil is the lie, and he defines himself as 'I am who am not.' Satan has very little trouble with those who do not believe in him; they are already on his side.

Altar Flowers

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR
DIANA KRISHNAN & PETE LIBERTI



Upcoming Weddings

Michael Adamo & Daniella Tubic

Grzegorz Smialkowski & Marta Malinowska



Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
8:00AM Health & Healing—Hillarie Hull
†Alfred Volpe

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24
8:00AM †Debbie Wisser
†Deborah Carvatta

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
7:00PM †Paul Szczech
Deceased Members of Legion of Mary and Their Families

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26—THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00AM †Michael Alagno
Deceased Members of the Rebello Family

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27—PLEASE NOTE NO 6PM MASS
8:00AM †Irene B. Gordon
Deceased Members of the Krebs Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
8:00AM †Serafina Rutkowski
Health & Healing—Debbie Spanski

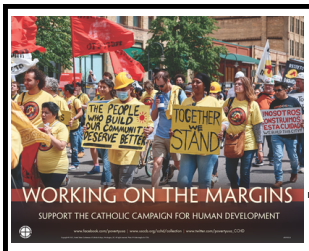
First Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
8:15AM †Bob Emmet
†Kathy Coughlin
10AM †Jan & †Zofia Gubala
†Irene B. Gordon
12:00PM Blessings for Florczyk Family
Birthday Blessings—Darius Florczyk

Our Weekly Offering

Our reporting of the weekly *Offertory* collection from November 15, 2026 will be delayed due to early submission to the bulletin publisher
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29
8:15am	Eric Delatorre, Christos & Frankie Latsonas
10am	Will & Conor Pawlisz, Christian Cozzi, Dominic Spang



Second Collection November 21st & 22nd Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection will take place the weekend of November 21st & 22nd. For over 50 years, CCHD has been working in partnershop with community organizations to address the root causes of poverty in the United States.
Please help support this worthy cause.



SS. Cyril & Methodius "Tree of Love"

As Christmastime draws near, once again we are asking that you open your hearts and help the needy through our "Tree of Love."

Starting the weekend of November 14th & 15th, we will begin our 37th annual "Tree of Love" ministry. Our trees will be up in the back of the church decorated with tags designated with gift cards from the wish lists of people in need. This year, we are exclusively collecting gift cards. Your Christmas spirit and generosity will benefit the following organizations:

- **Mercy Home** (a Catholic-run home for abused & abandoned boys & girls
- **Helping Hands** (program of SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish)
- **The Women's Center** (a south suburban pro-life center)
- **Sister House** (a Catholic-run homeless women's shelter in Chicago)

Please follow these simple guideline:

- Select a tag from the tree.
- Purchase the gift card on you tag.
- Please attach the gift card (with authorization receipt) to the gift tag & place it in the labeled collection boxes near the trees.
- Please return all gift cards by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH.

Merry Christmas and may God bless you for supporting the work of SSCM Tree of Love. For any questions, please contact: Hannah at 630-644-6777.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." John 3:16





Faith 4th Tuesdays for Everyone!

Fellowship after 7:00 AM Mass in the PLB

Coming up November 24th



Coffee, Tea, and Breakfast foods
Inspirations and Prayer Intentions
Come to 7:00 Mass. Join us afterwards.

You don't have to bring a dish to share, but if you'd like to, contact Basia 708-548-6359 or Denise 708-203-0992 and let her know so we can plan accordingly. But there is always extra, so join us!





Dear Parishioners: Thank you for your many generous donations to our Helping Hands Food Pantry. Please be advised that we can only accept non-perishable food items and **DO NOT** accept clothing donations.



Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 26th

Please join us for Thanksgiving Mass, Thursday, November 26th at 9:00 AM at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church. We are asking each family to bring in a non-perishable food item to donate to our food pantry. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



The PLB offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 25th beginning at 12 Noon, Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th in observance of Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Monday, November 30th

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY!

Today, we celebrate the efforts and accomplishments of our parish to reach our campaign goal of $1,375,000. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we have been very successful in our Generation to Generation Campaign efforts.

To date, 168 families have made their pledge representing 8%of our parish. Our goal is for every family at our parish to participate in any way they can.

You can make your pledge by returning your completed pledge card to the parish office or by scanning the QR code below to make your gift online.

ZŁÓŻ SWOJĄ DEKLARACJĘ JUŻ DZIŚ!

Dziś świętujemy wysiłki i osiągnięcia naszej parafii związane z realizacją celu kampanii w wysokości 1 375 000 dolarów.Dzięki hojności naszej wspólnoty odnieśliśmy wielki sukces w ramach kampanii „Z Pokolenia na Pokolenie

Do tej pory 168 rodziny złożyły swoją deklarację, co stanowi 8% naszej parafii. Naszym celem jest, aby każda rodzina należąca do parafii włączyła się w tę inicjatywę na miarę swoich możliwości.

Swoją deklarację możesz złożyć, przekazując wypełnioną kartę deklaracji do biura parafialnego lub skanując poniższy kod QR, aby przekazać darowiznę online.

Scan here to view our Campaign Video!

Zeskanuj tutaj, aby obejrzeć nasz film kampanijny!

DONATE NOW ONLINE!
Scan the QR Code or visit
https://bit.ly/GenToGen-Donate

GENERATION TO GENERATION: ANSWER THE CALL





😇 Bal Wszystkich Świętych w Lemont – po raz piąty wybraliśmy RADOŚĆ, ŻYCIE i ŚWIĘTOŚĆ! **Czy świętość może być radosna, kolorowa, roztańczona, a nawet odrobinę szalona? Oczywiście, że TAK!** I właśnie po raz piąty przekonaliśmy się o tym podczas Balu Wszystkich Świętych, który odbył się 31 października w naszej parafii św. Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont. Dzięki zaangażowaniu **Klubu Polskiego, Małej Oazy Dzieci Fatimskich, Rodziców, Wolontariuszy oraz Animatorów** mogliśmy po raz kolejny zaproponować dzieciom i całym rodzinom piękną, chrześcijańską alternatywę dla Halloween. Zamiast strachu, mroku i przerażenia wybraliśmy **ŚWIATŁO, DOBRO, MIŁOŚĆ, POKÓJ i RADOŚĆ!** Jak zawsze organizatorzy zadbali o każdy szczegół – od przepięknych dekoracji, kolorowych świateł, muzyki i niespodzianek, po konkursy, zabawy, poczęstunek i słodkie upominki. Ale w tym roku wydarzyło się coś, co przerosło nawet nasze najśmielsze oczekiwania! Obok niezastąpionego **DJ-a Michała** pojawiła się **Szalona Ciocia Madzia**, której pomysłowość, energia i niekończące się zabawy porwały nie tylko dzieci, ale również dorosłych! Było bieganie, skakanie, tańce, śmiech i mnóstwo pozytywnego, wręcz niebiańskiego szaleństwa! Nuda? **Nie miała najmniejszych szans!** Nie zabrakło również czegoś dla podniebienia! Pizza, donaty, ciasteczka, soki, słodycze oraz przepyszny jabłecznik od **Celina's Deli** sprawiły, że i ta część naszego spotkania na długo pozostanie w pamięci uczestników.

Serdecznie dziękujemy wszystkim, którzy przyczynili się do przygotowania tych wspaniałości! Szczególne podziękowania kierujemy do **Rodziców**, którzy przyprowadzili swoje dzieci przebrane za świętych i aniołów. Za każdym takim strojem kryje się coś więcej niż piękny kostium – kryje się historia człowieka, którego życie może stać się dla nas drogowskazem do nieba. Mamy nadzieję, że za rok będzie nas jeszcze więcej!

Dlaczego to robimy? Bo wierzymy, że naszym zadaniem jest nie tylko organizowanie pięknych wydarzeń, ale przede wszystkim **promowanie ŻYCIA, WIARY, DOBRA i RADOŚCI oraz przypominanie, że KAŻDY Z NAS JEST POWOŁANY DO ŚWIĘTOŚCI!** Niebo nie jest zarezerwowane dla wybranych. **W niebie jest miejsce dla każdego z nas!** A świętość nie zaczyna się od aureoli na głowie, lecz od miłości w sercu, dobrego słowa, przebaczenia, życzliwości i codziennych małych uczynków. Dlatego choć nasz piąty Bal Wszystkich Świętych już za nami, jego przesłanie pozostaje aktualne przez cały rok.

Do zobaczenia za rok!

A do tego czasu... pracujmy każdego dnia nad tym, aby być lepszymi, bardziej kochającymi i coraz bliższymi świętości!

Bo świętość to nie przebranie na jeden wieczór – to droga na całe życie! ❤️

Wszyscy Święci, módlcie się za nami!

Klub Polski w Lemont wraz z Małą Oazą Dzieci Fatimskich wraz Rodzicami i Wolontariuszami





***All Saints' Ball in Lemont* - 5 Years of JOY, LIFE & HOLINESS!**

Who says holiness can't be fun? On October 31, SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Lemont celebrated its **5th Annual All Saints' Ball**, choosing LIGHT, LOVE, and JOY! Thanks to the **Polish Club, Mala Oaza Fatima's Children, parents, and volunteers**, the evening was filled with music, dancing, colorful decorations, delicious treats, and unforgettable fun! **DJ Michał** and our amazing **Crazy Aunt Madzia** kept everyone laughing, dancing, and celebrating! Children dressed as saints and angels reminded us that **we are ALL called to holiness!** Special thanks to everyone who helped make this beautiful celebration possible, including **Celina's Deli** for the delicious apple cake! We hope even more families will join us next year!

Remember: Holiness is not a costume we wear for one evening — it is a journey we live every day! ❤️

All Saints, pray for us!

The Polish Club of Lemont, Parents & Volunteers







Z biurka wikariusza proboszcza

Drodzy Parafianie,

Uroczystość Jezusa Chrystusa Króla Wszechświata wydaje się być doskonałą okazją, by na chwilę wcielić się w rolę proroka. Mówiąc najprościej, jeśli nasz naród nie powróci do swoich chrześcijańskich korzeni, nasze dzieci mogą być świadkami upadku Ameryki, podobnego do upadku Imperium Rzymskiego. Jeśli jednak ci, którzy odważnie wołają podczas publicznych zgromadzeń: „Chrystus jest Królem!", potrafią przenieść tego samego ducha do codziennego życia społecznego, wówczas przyszłość może rysować się w znacznie jaśniejszych barwach.

Dlatego powinniśmy modlić się o nawiązanie nowego partnerstwa między przedstawicielami władzy państwowej a Kościołem katolickim. Zwróćmy uwagę na samo słowo „partnerstwo". To określenie brzmi dość radykalnie, zwłaszcza jeśli zestawimy je z jedną z niemal świętych zasad amerykańskiej demokracji czyli z Jeffersonowską ideą rozdziału Kościoła od państwa. Dostrzeganie wzajemnych powiązań między życiem rodzinnym a funkcjonowaniem całego społeczeństwa nie jest bynajmniej przesadą. Wręcz przeciwnie, jest to przejaw roztropności. Związek między rodziną a państwem to koncepcja sięgająca bardzo odległych czasów. Już Arystoteles dostrzegał tę zależność. Wystarczy zwrócić uwagę na kolejność jego dzieł: „Etyka nikomachejska" poprzedza „Politykę". Dzisiaj moglibyśmy wyrazić tę myśl nieco prościej: „Jaki los spotyka rodzinę, taki jest los całego narodu". A więc rozwińmy tę myśl. Trwałe i mocne małżeństwo zawsze opiera się na partnerstwie. A co niemal zawsze następuje, gdy ta relacja zaczyna się rozpadać? Rozstanie, rozpad związku.

Kiedy Jefferson napisał swój słynny list do baptystów z Danbury, pomysł wydawał się dobry. Jefferson błędnie jednak sądził, że uda mu się położyć kres konfliktom na tle religijnym poprzez ustanowienie zasady nieustanawiania religii państwowej. A teraz, drodzy Amerykanie, zwróćcie uwagę na pewien ciekawy szczegół. W tamtym sporze po przeciwnych stronach stanęli przedstawiciele trzech różnych tradycji protestanckich. Jefferson był anglikaninem, w Connecticut dominował kongregacjonalizm, a baptyści z Danbury byli... oczywiście baptystami!

Dzisiaj nadal nie potrzebujemy religii państwowej. Jednak to właśnie katolicyzm ma za sobą pewne historyczne doświadczenia, które pokazują, że potrafi z powodzeniem odgrywać rolę „partnera" państwa. Być może właśnie takiego partnerstwa powinniśmy dziś na nowo szukać. Tak więc, parafrazując słowa księżniczki Lei, która zwracała się o pomoc do Obi-Wana Kenobiego: „Katolicy, pospieszcie się! Tylko wy możecie nas uratować!"

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

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- ***Od zespołu biuletynu:*** *Przechodzimy obecnie na nowe oprogramowanie do przygotowywania biuletynu, ponieważ nasza drukarnia zaktualizowała program używany do jego przygotowania. Prosimy o cierpliwość i wyrozumiałość w czasie tej zmiany. W trakcie nauki pracy z nowym oprogramowaniem mogą pojawić się sporadyczne nieścisłości w formatowaniu. Przepraszamy za wszelkie niedogodności i dziękujemy za Państwa ciągłe wsparcie i życzliwość.*

- *Parafialna inicjatywa* ***„Drzewo Miłości"*** *przy parafii Świętych Cyryla i Metodego rozpoczyna swój 37. rok niesienia radości Bożego Narodzenia osobom potrzebującym. Można wziąć jedną lub dwie zawieszki z choinek znajdujących się z tyłu kościoła i pomóc spełnić czyjeś świąteczne marzenia. Więcej informacji można znaleźć w biuletynie parafialnym.*

- *Podczas przyszłego weekendu, 21 i 22 listopada,* ***druga kolekta*** *zostanie przeznaczona na rzecz Katolickiej Kompanii Rozwoju Czlowieka. Więcej informacji jak pomóż rodzinom żyjącym w ubóstwie znajduje się w biuletynie.*

- *Serdecznie zapraszamy wszystkich na* ***Mszę Świętą z okazji Święta Dziękczynienia*** *w czwatrek, 26 listopada, o godzinie 9:00 rano. Niech to piękne święto będzie dla nas dniem wdzięczności Bogu za wszystkie Jego dary. Zachęcamy, aby przynieść ze sobą jedzenie do poświęcenia podczas tej Mszy.*

- *Życzymy wszystkim błogosławionego i radosnego* ***Święta Dziękczynienia!*** *Niech ten czas wdzięczności przypomina nam o licznych błogosławieństwach w naszym życiu oraz o rodzinie i przyjaciołach, których darzymy miłością. Niech Bóg obdarza Was darem wiary, radością nadziei i sercami pełnymi wdzięczności.*

Mass Intentions

Monday — November 23rd
7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY

✞ BOLESLAW LATA
by Family

✞ DON ALLELUJKA
by Wife

Tuesday — November 24th
7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR LUKASZ & MORGAN HENSLEY & FAMILY (Wedd. Anniv.)
by Grandparents

7:00 PM ✞ JAN MALCMAN
by Helena z Rodziną

✞ TADEUSZ I CZESŁAW CHUDZIK
by Rodzina

✞ FRANCISZEK I STANISŁAW KOWALKOWSKI
by Siostra z Rodziną

✞ MARIA CZERWIEN (6 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Brat i Bratowa

Wednesday — November 25th
7:00 AM ✞ BECKY MALAK
by Altar & Rosary

✞ MARY BURKE
by Altar & Rosary

Thursday — November 26th (Thanksgiving)
9:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GABRIELA GAL (9 birthday)
by Family

✞ MAREK LICHOSYT (Rocznica Śmierci)
by Siostra

✞ JOSEPH & FRANK MARUSARZ
by Joseph & Maria Marusarz

✞ FRANK POLAK
by Polak Family

GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR EDWARD KALATA
by Marie

Friday — November 27th
7:00 AM ✞ DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE JELINSKI & GRZYBOWSKI FAMILIES
by Robert Todd Jelinski

GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALTH FOR KRYSTYNA PREDKA
by Predki Family

Saturday — November 28th
7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

5:00 PM ✞ MARYBETH SMITH
Fr. Noga by Robert Todd Jelinski

✞ MARIA JEAN KULA

✞ JEANNINE KINSELLA
by Lynn Bailey

Sunday — November 29th (First Sunday of Advent)
7:00 AM ✞ EDMUND & THERESE BREZINSKI
Fr. Noga by Philip Brezinski

✞ WLADYSLAW LESNICKI
by Stanislaw & Maria Szewczyk

8:00 AM ✞ MIĘCZYSŁAW GOSTKIEWICZ
Fr. Valdi by Żona i Dzieci

✞ JAN CACHRO
by Andrzej i Elżbieta Milan

✞ JÓZEF MILAN
by Andrzej i Elżbieta Milan

9:30 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR MELANIE PLEWA
Fr. Noga (11 birthday)
by Plewa Family

✞ MARGARET FLEET
by Deacon Dan & Gisela

11:00 AM ✞ ANDRZEJ BENDYK
Fr. Valdi by Żona z Rodziną

✞ HELENA FLORYN
by Rodzina

✞ WŁADYSŁAW FLORYN
by Rodzina

✞ TEOFIL BIELSKI
by Rodzina

12:30 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR MARIA & PETER GOLUCKI
Fr. Rataj & THEIR FAMILY

✞ ALETHA PALASZYNSKI
by Family

2:00 PM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN ŻYJĄCYCH
Fr. Valdi I ZMARŁYCH

O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA KRYSTYNY PRĘDKI
by Maria Zagraniczna

7:30 PM ✞ MARIA OPYT
Fr. Rataj by Family



May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

In your prayers, please remember the souls of
Stella Baranowski & Arlene J. Dziukala.
May their souls, and the souls of all our faithfully departed family and friends, rest in everlasting peace.



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

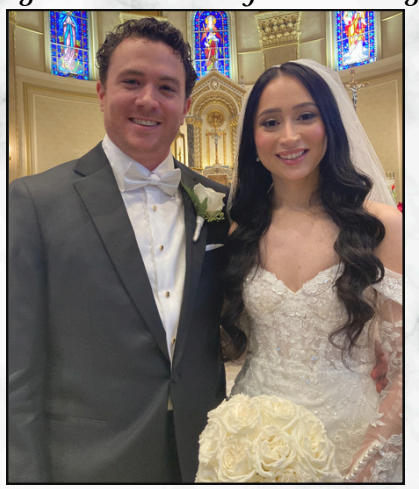
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The name of an individual will stay on the prayer list for two months. Please contact the parish office if you would like to prolong the prayer request.

Parish Contributions

Due to an early printer deadline, the contributions from November 14th & 15th, will not be published in this bulletin. Please look for it in next week's bulletin.
Thank you!

Congratulations and God's Blessings



Nicole Lopez and Luca Melone
Married November 14, 2026

Congratulations and God's Blessings



Gianna Montalto and James Ford
Married November 14, 2026

Wedding Banns

Emily Mallek and Matthew Kos

Grateful,
Thankful and Blessed



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; Lt. **Jacob Halon**; Jonas Jodwalis, Army Special Forces

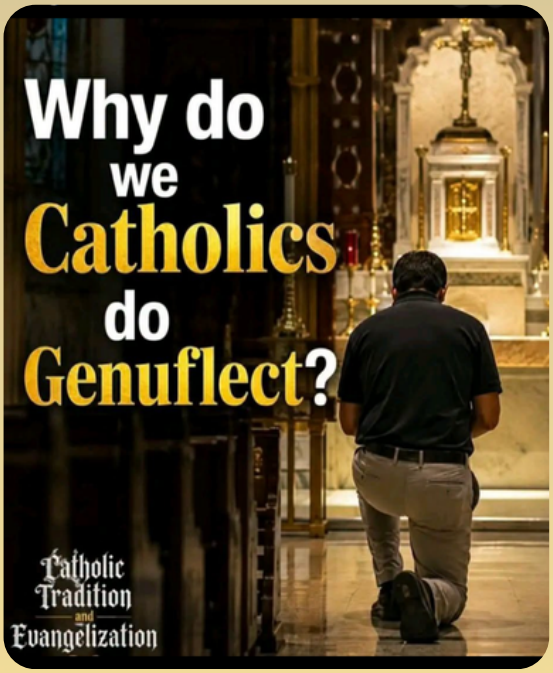
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If you were to meet a famous person, you might be excited, but you would not kneel before them because that person is human. When entering a Catholic Church, we should even be more excited because we are about to encounter the King of the Universe! And we should kneel before Him.

We genuflect because Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist in the tabernacle. Bending our right knee to the ground is an act of worship and reverence. It is not simply a Catholic custom or something we do because we were taught to do it as children. We are acknowledging that we are in the presence of The King. We are coming into the presence of Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

To genuflect properly in the Roman Catholic Church, face the tabernacle and bend your right knee all the way to the floor while briefly pausing in prayer. This action is reserved as a sign of adoration for Jesus Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. (The left knee was historically reserved to respect human rulers.) If we are entering the Adoration Chapel where Jesus is exposed in the monstrance, we should genuflect on both knees, pause devoutly, and then move to our place. If physical health or knee pain makes genuflecting difficult, you can bow from the head or waist as we do toward the altar during Mass.

The next time you **enter** a Catholic Church, ***think*** about what you are doing and where you are. ***Pause. Look toward the tabernacle. Genuflect*** on your right knee slowly and deliberately, giving honor and glory to God. Say quietly,

"Jesus, I believe you are here. I love you. I adore you.
Give me the grace to worship you well today."

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