

# *SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish*

## *St. James at Sag Bridge Mission*

### **Parish Staff**

**Pastoral Ministry**  
Rev. Waldemar "Valdi"  
Stawiarski  
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*Associate Pastor*

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*R.E. Administrator*  
  
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Szymon Koszarek  
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*January 4, 2026*

*The Epiphany of The Lord*



### **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.**

<b>Parish Information</b>		<b>Minister of Music:</b>	Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776
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<b>Mass Schedule:</b>		<b>Parish Council:</b>	Stan Brzezniak, President
Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM		<b>Bulletin:</b>	bulletin@stcyril.org
Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation		<b>Helping Hands:</b>	helpinghands@stcyril.org
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)		<b>New Parishioners:</b> 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	
<b>Special Masses:</b>		<b>Baptisms:</b> 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.	
Tuesday PM: devotions at 7 PM, 7:45 PM (Polish)		<b>Marriage:</b> 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.	
First Friday: 7:00 AM (English), 7:00 PM (Polish)		<b>Social Media:</b> 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.	
First Saturday: devotions at 7 PM (Polish), 9:00 PM (Polish)		<b>Parish Website:</b> www.stcyril.org	
Holy Days of Obligation: As announced		<b>School Website:</b> www.school.stcyril.org	
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b>		<b>Parish Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont	
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM		<b>School Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/SSCMComets	
First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM			
Also available by appointment.			
<b>Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:</b>			
Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass			
<b>Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:</b>			
Located in the Divine Mercy Chapel in the Parish Life Building. Please contact: Lottie (630) 442-9441, Mark (773) 727-7934, Margaret mtsniesz@gmail.com			
<b>Parish Office Hours: Each weekday the office will be closed between the hours of 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM.</b>			
Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM			
Saturday & Sunday Closed			





**From the desk of Father Koys  
Dear Parishioners,**

Today's feast of the Epiphany culminates our precious "twelve days of Christmas" .... well, almost. Because our modern sensibilities dominate our love

for tradition, we only get 10 days of Christmas this year. I feel a little sorry for those eleven pipers piping (that represent the 11 faithful apostles, minus Judas) and those twelve drummers drumming. They represent the twelve doctrines contained in the Apostles Creed. Did you know that this song was composed in England during the great persecution of Catholics there? Those who wanted to keep the faith, but had to be very cautious about being discovered as Catholic, loved to sing that song and then quietly tell their children what each verse meant. My favorite is the partridge in the pear tree. I never knew it, but the partridge is a unique bird that will fake a broken wing, so as to lure a predator away from the nest where her chicks lay, then at the last-minute, fly away to safety. Since there are of course times when the momma partridge doesn't get away, the partridge was known as a symbol of Jesus, who gives His life for His children. Anyway, we can look forward to 2030 when the feast of the Epiphany falls on a Sunday, twelve days after Christmas.

I also must share a new favorite Christmas video, new to me this year. I always feel a little strange when it's me who comes late to a party. Do you know what I mean? If you haven't seen Nate Bargatze's Nativity sketch at the Nashville Christmas pageant, be sure to check it out. I nearly lost it at the end when Joseph declares how Christmas will be remembered for all time. Speaking of Tennessee, as you read this article, I should be in my first week of Sabbatical in the beautiful Smoky Mountains, catching up on lots of

reading, painting and writing. Rest assured, all my wonderful friends back home will be in my Masses and prayers often.

Now the serious lesson of this article. Something else hit me as a revelation last year at the feast of the Epiphany. It's about the traditional "Epiphany water blessing". It's an old tradition where the priest blesses lots of Holy Water, by means of a rather long liturgy of blessing. Fr Zimmer, the temporary administrator at St James in my absence, will be offering this blessing on Tuesday, Jan 6, after the 8am Mass. Bring a jar (with a wide opening on top) or bring an empty holy water bottle to bring some home. Since I did that blessing last year, I have altered all my blessings. You see, in the long liturgy, there are prayers of exorcism. Asking God to bless water, or anything else can include such prayers. To make room for God's power, we often must shed the influences of evil.

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

**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 2025, see the bulletin for the form to fill out and send to the office.
- There will be a second collection the weekend of January 10th & 11th, for our parish school. Please consider making a donation to help keep SSCM School Excellent.





Happy 2026!  
Here are a few pictures of our SSCM school students from the past year to enjoy!





SS Cyril & Methodius  
Religious Education Program  
[stcyrilre@sscmlemont.org](mailto:stcyrilre@sscmlemont.org)  
(630)257-9314  
[www.re.stcyril.org](http://www.re.stcyril.org)

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator



**Welcome back!!**

Religious Education  
Classes Resume:

Monday session 1/5/2026

Wednesday session  
1/7/2026

Friday session 1/9/2026

Catechists are currently working on first semester report cards. Once their submissions are completed, the RE office will email report cards individually to the parent email on file. Report cards are expected to begin being emailed towards the end of January 2026.



**Sacrament of First  
Reconciliation  
February 7, 2026**

**Sacrament of  
Confirmation  
March 21, 2026**

***Parents of 2nd and 8th grade students:***

Thank you to those that have submitted their child's 2nd Grade Sacrament/ Confirmation registration forms. If you have a 2nd or an 8th grader receiving a sacrament this year please visit our website [www.re.stcyril.org](http://www.re.stcyril.org) to fill out the appropriate sacrament registration form for your child. ***Please refer to the email that was sent from the Faith Formation office last December*** with details regarding Reconciliation/ Communion or Confirmation. Contact the Faith Formation office if you have any questions regarding these upcoming sacraments. God Bless!



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## Welcome, Fr Bill Zimmer!

As we temporarily bid Fr Koys farewell, we happily welcome Fr Bill Zimmer who has agreed to serve as Administrator in Fr Koys' absence. Fr Zimmer officially took over on Jan 2. Introduce yourself to him at your first opportunity & show him our warm St James hospitality!



## Christmas Cheer

Tammy Hayes (Altar & Rosary president) & Ragen Gillam (VP) prepare plates for the full house at the parish Christmas dinner. More pictures in the photo album on our website.



## Prayers for Fr. Koys

As we wish Fr Koys a safe, productive, and rejuvenating sabbatical, we want to ensure he is covered with our prayers. Please scan this QR code to sign up for a day to pray for him. There is also a paper sign-up in the back of church. Thanks. See you soon, Father!



## Theology of the Body

**Thurs, Jan 8 – 7 to 8:30pm – Sag Hall**

"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 attend. January meeting moved to Jan 8.



As we start this glorious New Year that the Lord has blessed us with, may we be renewed to live as examples of *Faith, Hope and Charity*. May we find strength to be courageously Catholic to share God's love, joy and peace in our world. Altar & Rosary Society will start this year with our **first meeting** on **January 10th** in Sag Hall at 9:30 am. All ladies of the Parish are invited to join. Come share in the joy of serving St. James and our parish family.



## 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](http://historicstjames.org).



Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

## Happy New Year

### Epiphany Water Blessing

**Tuesday, Jan 6, after 8am Mass**

Fr Zimmer will bless gallons of water with the traditional prayers. Join us with your own water (wide-mouth containers please) and/or fill your holy water containers from the tank after 1/6.

### Wine & Wisdom – Jan 7 – 8pm

Start the new year right with good topics & great company & some food & drink !

Wednesdays join us for: Adoration 5 to 7pm. Confessions 6 to 7pm. Mass 7pm, Wine & Wisdom ~8 to ~9:15pm



### The Exodus 90 Challenge (Jan 5–Apr 5)

A spiritual exercise for college aged men and up. These ninety days will offer you the chance to Live Different. Become the man God intends us to be, living a life of uncommon freedom.

Chris O'Leary [dukeoleary0@gmail.com](mailto:dukeoleary0@gmail.com) 708- 986-6868  
Michael Burke [burkefund@gmail.com](mailto:burkefund@gmail.com) 708/653-6747



Great opportunity to ensure your children "get love right." For 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade children with parent. First session 1/11 for parents only.

See info, including how to RSVP, in St Cyril section of this bulletin or pick up a flyer in church or at [historicstjames.com](http://historicstjames.com).





### **The Christmas Story Came Alive!**

Thanks to the CCD students who, under the direction of Mrs Cathy Severance, beautifully enacted our salvation history on Dec 15. A large crowd enjoyed a job well done!

### **This is a true pro-life story – Part III**

This is the last in a series about Sidewalk Counselors who relentlessly try to save babies from abortion. Following is the report shared by a Counselor following his shift on a very snowy Nov 29. As Part II ended, the couple he had engaged with proceeded into the clinic despite his pleas to talk more. We resume: "Clients continued to come at a steady pace despite the snowy conditions. Just before 10am, the couple that I spoke to came out. The man said quite loudly, "We didn't do it!" A baby was saved. Praise the Lord! I congratulated both of them as they pulled out and asked if they needed help. The woman said, "You already helped us, thank you!" They both wanted to get home because the weather conditions were worsening, so I didn't even get a chance to get their names. Both of them had a look of just absolute joy on their faces. I wished them a Merry Christmas as they pulled away."

Saves are not common, but they do happen! And any life saved has immeasurable worth, making all counselors' efforts worthwhile! In this season of Christmas, thank God for the Counselors! Please consider whether you can help with your prayerful presence at the clinic for an hour once a week? (Fridays at 3?) Once a month? Please pray!



### **Catholic Citizens of Illinois – Jan 9**

Come hear Dr Kenneth Calvert, Professor of History at Hillsdale College, discuss the inspiring number of conversions among college-age students, as at Hillsdale. Info & tickets at [catholiccitizens.org](http://catholiccitizens.org)

### *Altar Flowers*

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

**THE PARISHIONERS OF ST JAMES**



### *Mass Intentions*

*Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions*

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 5**

**8:00AM** ✠ Anne Flynn

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 6**

**8:00AM** ✠ John McLoughlin

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7**

**7:00PM** ✠ Margaret Tarmey

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 8**

**8:00AM** Spiritual Strength for Liz L.

#### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 9**

**6:00PM** ✠ Mark Czech

#### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**

**8:00AM** Birthday Blessings—Suzanne Beecher

### *Baptism of the Lord*

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**

**8:15AM** ✠ Tom Coughlin

**10AM** ✠ Jack Imes

Blessings & Thanksgiving—Pabin Family

**12:00PM** ✠ Louis Perillo

### **2026 FLOWER SIGNUP CHART:**

**Now available in the back of Church.**

**There are two flower arrangements per date & each bouquet is \$35.00.**

### *Our Weekly Offering*



Our weekly *Offertory* collection from December 21, 2025 was \$13,318. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$2,148.

Our reporting of the weekly *Offertory* collection from December 28, 2025 will be delayed due to early submission to the bulletin publisher.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, JANUARY 11	
8:15am	Mark Henze, Christos & Frankie Latsonas	
10am	Marty & Tommy Comer, Matthew Rebello, Matthew Sullivan	



## Children's Liturgy of the Word



Please join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9:30 AM Mass each Sunday September 7th through May 31st for Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> graders  
**Join Us!!!**



### Two more Adult Helpers Needed for Children's Liturgy of the Word:

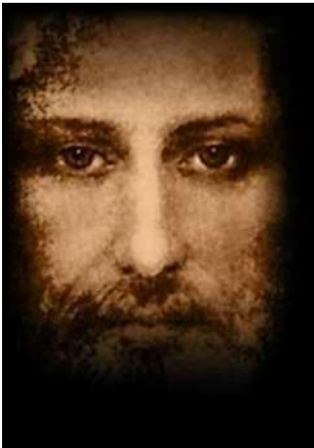
- one Sunday a month at 9:30 Mass
- work with a partner using our guidebook
- lead the children in understanding the readings

Please contact Coleen ASAP at:  
[cmast@archchicago.org](mailto:cmast@archchicago.org)





### Wedding Banns

*Lisa Jaworski and Hunter LaDuke*



**HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE**  
In Reparation for the Sins of Atheism, Blasphemy, and Profanation of Sunday

 **Holy Hour Details**  
Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel  
When: Thursday Evenings  
Time: 7:00PM—8:00PM

True Relic of the Holy Face present at the Holy Hour 

(Including blessed oil touched to the Relic)



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.

# Bingo Time!

**COME JOIN US FOR SOME BINGO FUN!**

**THURSDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SCHOOL GYM**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM**

**GAME STARTS AT 6:30 PM**

**CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO ALL WINNERS  
WE KINDLY ASK THAT NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR  
DRINK BE BROUGHT IN**

**CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR  
PURCHASE INCLUDING BEER AND WINE!**

**MUST BE 21 YEARS OLD TO ATTEND**

**Happy New Year!**

## HELP YOUR KIDS 'GET LOVE RIGHT'

# LoveEd Group Sessions

Hosted by St. James at the Sag Church

LoveEd (as in Love-Education) is a Catholic book/video resource that assists parents in teaching their children about God's plan for life, love, sexuality, relationships, and purity.

**PARENT-GUIDED | FOSTERS PARENT/CHILD CONVERSATION | AGE-APPROPRIATE**

Authored by Coleen Mast | Videos Produced by John Severance

**Parent-Only Session: Jan 11 | 11:15 am - 1:15 pm**

Open to all parents | Presented by Coleen Mast

**7th/8th grade child/parent Session: Feb 8 | 11:15 am - 1:15 pm**

For 7th/8th grade children and their parents

**5th/6th grade child/parent Session: March 8 | 11:15 am - 1:15 pm**

For 5th/6th grade children and their parents

All participating children must be accompanied by a parent (or trusted adult) of the same sex.

A free will donation will be taken at the sessions to cover the cost of the parent guide, children workbook, videos, & hospitality; @ \$25 if financially possible.

Each parent/child session is gender specific. Fathers and sons session will be in the Rectory Living Room. Mothers and daughters session will be in the Rectory Lower Level.

"Fantastic way to start the conversation of puberty & what it means for your child in a non-embarrassing way."  
-Anonymous Parent



RSVP: James Coughlin | [James-Coughlin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:James-Coughlin@sbcglobal.net)  
Visit [LoveEd.com](http://LoveEd.com) to preview videos & materials.





## Bless Your Home on Epiphany (January 4, 2026)

20+C+M+B+26

The blessing of homes, using specially blessed chalk, is a popular Epiphany custom. The chalk is blessed at Mass and then taken home by families where the senior member of the household leads the blessing.

Chalk, a product of clay, symbolic of the human nature of Jesus, is used to make the inscription which reminds us that we have invited God's presence and blessing into our home.

The upper horizontal piece of the door frame of the front entrance to the home is inscribed with the Cross of Salvation, together with the indication of the year and the initials of the Three Wise Men. Their names were established in the eighth century and are traditionally remembered as Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, although these names are not found in Scripture. The inscription also stands for Chistus Monsionem Benedict, which means "Christ, Bless this Home".



### The popular form of the inscription is: 20+C+M+B+26

As the inscription is being made on the doorway the following prayer can be said:

*May all who come to our home this year rejoice to find Christ living among us;  
and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus  
who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.*

*God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten One to every nation by the  
guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it.*

*Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.  
We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.*

*Loving God, bless this household.*

*May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and abiding in your will.  
We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.*

**Pierwsza środa miesiąca**  
**7 stycznia**  
**Różaniec Rodziców za Dzieci**

**MÓDLMY SIĘ...**

**7PM:**  
 Spowiedź  
 Adoracja  
 Różaniec  
 Msza Św.

**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!**



*Epiphany*  
OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CEB.

**Diakonia Muzyczna**  
**wNIEBOgłosy**  
 Przy Parafii Św. Cynila i Metodęgow Lemont

**"Kto śpiewa, dwa razy się modli."**  
 - Św. Augustyn

**Dołącz do nas...**

630 257 9314  
[wnieboglosy@stcyril.org](mailto:wnieboglosy@stcyril.org)

**SCAN ME!**

Zapraszamy dzieci oraz młodzież w wieku 6-18 lat do naszej diakonii muzycznej pod nazwą "wNIEBOgłosy".

Próby:  
**WTORKI**  
**5:30 PM-6:30 PM**  
 w budynku parafialnym

Pierwsza próba:  
**7 października**

Raz w miesiącu dzieci z diakonii muzycznej ubogacają liturgię swoim śpiewem podczas Mszy Świętej o godz. 11:00 AM.

Formy do rejestracji są dostępne w biurze parafialnym.

**Dołącz do nas - niech radość muzyki łączy nasze dzieci w służbie Panu!**










**Z biurka wikariusza proboszcza  
Drodzy Parafianie,**

Dzisiejsza uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego wieńczy nasze cenne prawie „dwanaście dni Bożego Narodzenia”. Ponieważ nasze

współczesne wrażliwości dominują nad umiłowaniem tradycji, w tym roku mamy tylko dziesięć dni Bożego Narodzenia. Trochę żal mi jedenastu flectistów grających na flecie (którzy symbolizują jedenastu wiernych apostołów, bez Judasza) oraz dwunastu bębniarzy bębniących. Reprezentują oni dwanaście prawd wiary zawartych w Credo Apostolskim. Czy wiedzieliście, że ta pieśń została skomponowana w Anglii w czasie wielkich prześladowań katolików? Ci, którzy chcieli zachować wiarę, a jednocześnie musieli bardzo uważać, by nie zostać odkrytymi jako katolicy, uwielbiali śpiewać tę pieśń, a potem po cichu wyjaśniać swoim dzieciom, co oznacza każda zwrotka.

Moją ulubioną częścią jest kuropatwa na gruszy. Nigdy wcześniej o tym nie wiedziałem, ale kuropatwa jest wyjątkowym ptakiem, który udaje zranione skrzydło, aby odciągnąć drapieżnika od gniazda, w którym leżą jej pisklęta, a następnie w ostatniej chwili odlatuje w bezpieczne miejsce. Ponieważ oczywiście zdarzają się chwile, gdy matce kuropatwie nie udaje się uciec, kuropatwa stała się symbolem Jezusa, który oddaje swoje życie za swoje dzieci. Tak czy inaczej, możemy już teraz czekać na rok 2030, kiedy uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego przypadnie w niedzielę, dokładnie dwanaście dni po Bożym Narodzeniu.

Pragnę się również podzielić z Wami nowym ulubionym świątecznym filmikiem, tak naprawdę to nowym dla mnie w tym roku. Zawsze czuję się trochę dziwnie, gdy to ja przychodzę na przyjęcie spóźniony. Wiecie, co mam na myśli? Jeśli nie widzieliście skeczu o Bożym Narodzeniu Nate'a Bargatze'a podczas Nashville Christmas Pageant, koniecznie go obejrzyjcie. Prawie popłakałem się ze śmiechu pod koniec, gdy Józef

ogłasza, jak Boże Narodzenie będzie wspominane przez wszystkie czasy. A skoro mowa o Tennessee — kiedy czytacie ten artykuł, powinienem być w pierwszym tygodniu mojego urlopu sabatycznego dla księży w pięknych Górach Smoky, nadrabiając zaległości w czytaniu, malowaniu i pisanii. Zapewniam, że wszyscy moi wspaniali przyjaciele z rodzinnych stron będą często obecni w moich Mszach i modlitwach.

A teraz przejdziemy do poważnej lekcji tego artykułu. Coś jeszcze uderzyło mnie niczym objawienie w zeszłym roku, właśnie w uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego. Chodzi o tradycyjne poświęcenie wody podczas Objawienia Pańskiego. To stara tradycja, w której kapłan błogosławi dużą ilość wody święconej poprzez dość długą liturgię błogosławieństwa. Ks. Zimmer, tymczasowy administrator parafii św. Jakuba podczas mojej nieobecności, będzie udzielał tego błogosławieństwa we wtorek, 6 stycznia, po Mszy o godz. 8.00. Proszę przynieść słoik (z szerokim otworem u góry) albo pustą butelkę na wodę święconą, aby zabrać ją do domu. Odkąd udzielałem tego błogosławieństwa w zeszłym roku, zmieniłem sposób udzielania wszystkich moich błogosławieństw. Widzicie bowiem, że w tej długiej liturgii znajdują się modlitwy egzorcyzmu. Prosząc Boga o błogosławieństwo wody lub czegokolwiek innego możemy włączać takie modlitwy. Aby zrobić miejsce dla mocy Boga, często musimy najpierw pozbyć się wpływów zła.

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

**Kilka spraw z życia parafii:**

- Nowy rok oznacza czas rozliczeń podatkowych! W celu uzyskania zestawienia swoich składek złożonych w 2025 roku, prosimy wypełnić formularz znajdujący się w biuletynie i przesłać go do biura parafialnego.
- W weekend 10 i 11 stycznia druga kolekta będzie na rzecz naszej szkoły parafialnej. Prosimy o wsparcie w celu utrzymania wysokiego standardu szkoły SSCM.

**Mass Intentions****Monday — January 5th**

7:00 AM CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS  
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY  
✠ DANUTA ORLOW

**Tuesday — January 6th**

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ALEXANDER  
NOWOBILSKI (birth)  
by Godmother  
✠ JULIA KALATA  
by Marie  
7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA KASI (urodziny)  
✠ MARIA LAS  
by Tadeusz Las z Rodziną  
✠ STANISŁAW FALTYN  
by Zofia Ligas  
O BOŻE BŁ. DLA VINCENT GACZOREK  
by Dziadkowie

**Wednesday — January 7th**

7:00 AM ✠ ADAM CHOLEWA  
by Family

**Thursday — January 8th**

8:00 AM ✠ ANDREW WROBEL  
by Family

**Friday — January 9th**

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

**Saturday — January 10th**

7:00 AM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA  
5:00 PM ✠ HENRY & GENEVIEVE MROZEK  
Fr. Valdi by Family

**January 11th (The Baptism of The Lord)**

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED  
Fr. Valdi ✠ ROGER MALAK

by Wife  
8:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA LUCYNY  
Carmelite (70 urodziny)

by Rodzina  
✠ JAN, ANIELA, I STANISŁAW STASZEL  
by Siostra  
✠ STANISŁAW ŁUKANUS  
by Syn

✠ JAN I ANIELA MUCHA  
by Cóрка z Rodziną

9:30 AM ✠ MARIANNA TEPER

Fr. Valdi by Family

11:00 AM ✠ FRANCISZEK I MARIA ZON (Rocznica Śmierci)  
Carmelite by Rodzina

✠ JAN I LUDWIKA CISOŃ  
by Cóрка z Rodziną

✠ ZOFIA I JÓZEF WALKOSZ (Rocznica Śmierci)  
by Anna Milan

✠ SARA DAVILA ORTIZ  
by Basia Ortiz

12:30 PM ✠ STANLEY SADELSKI

Fr. Valdi by Children & Family  
GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALTH FOR BONNIE  
(birth)

by Mama  
GOD'S BLESSINGS OVER MARIA TUZIM  
by Nora & David Tuzim

✠ ANDRZEJ RYCHTARCZYK  
by Wife & Children

2:00 PM DZIEKCZYNNĄ-BŁAGALNĄ O ZDROWIE I BŁ.  
Carmelite BOŻE DLA MARII I JÓZEFA WESOŁY  
(50 Rocznica Ślubu)

✠ FRANCISZEK POLAK  
by Żona z Córkami  
O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA MONIKI POLAK  
(urodziny)

by Mama z Siostrami  
7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED  
Fr. Zimmer

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Coming Up: January 26th



 Pray for ...

Please call the parish office if you  
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Candace Cavanaugh  
Adeline Bahnick  
Marcia Nowak  
Doug Fitz  
Cedomir Capic  
Cindy Evankoe

Arthur Zelezinski  
Lorraine Malm  
John Wojciechowski  
Judy  
Karen Plachy  
Kassidy Heidegger  
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  
December 20 & 21, 2025**

Envelopes	577	27,343.00
GiveCentral (12/15-12/21)	134	3,385.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$30,728.00</b>

Budgeted: \$15,700.00 | Actual: \$30,728.00 | (\$15,028)

577 envelopes plus 134 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 34% of 2,100 registered parishioner families.

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

**Parish Contributions**

**Due to an early printer deadline, the contributions from December 27th & 28th, will not be published in this bulletin.**

**Please look for it in next week's bulletin. Christmas totals will be included at a later date!**



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***2025 Contribution Statements***

Contribution statements for 2025 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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**Please pray for...**

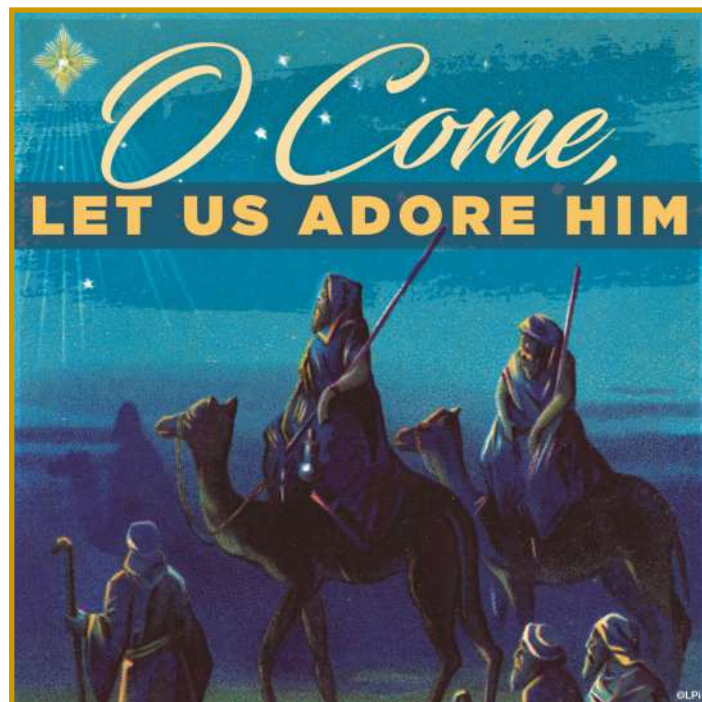
*We ask you to please keep in your prayers the following parishioners who are on active duty in the military:*

**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**

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

**2nd Collection January 10th & 11th  
SSCM Parish School**

There will be a second collection for our SSCM School. Please support our parish school and help them continue providing an excellent Catholic education.



## LITTLE KINGS...

This week we celebrate the Three Kings coming to visit Baby Jesus Our Savior, the King of the Universe! Our Children's Liturgy of the Word participants made crowns for their heads on the Feast of Christ the King at 9:30 AM Mass.

Children in grades Kindergarten - 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us each week during the Liturgy of the Word for Children during 9:30 AM Mass.




We discuss together with our adult leaders the ideas of Jesus Our King and Savior as presented in that Sunday's Mass Readings.

**HELP?** We need two more adult volunteers to help lead the children once a month during 9:30 AM Sunday Mass. Contact Coleen if you feel so called [cmast@archchicago.org](mailto:cmast@archchicago.org).

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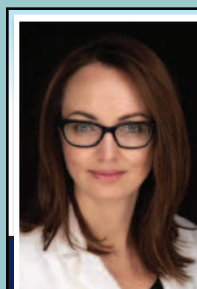
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