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

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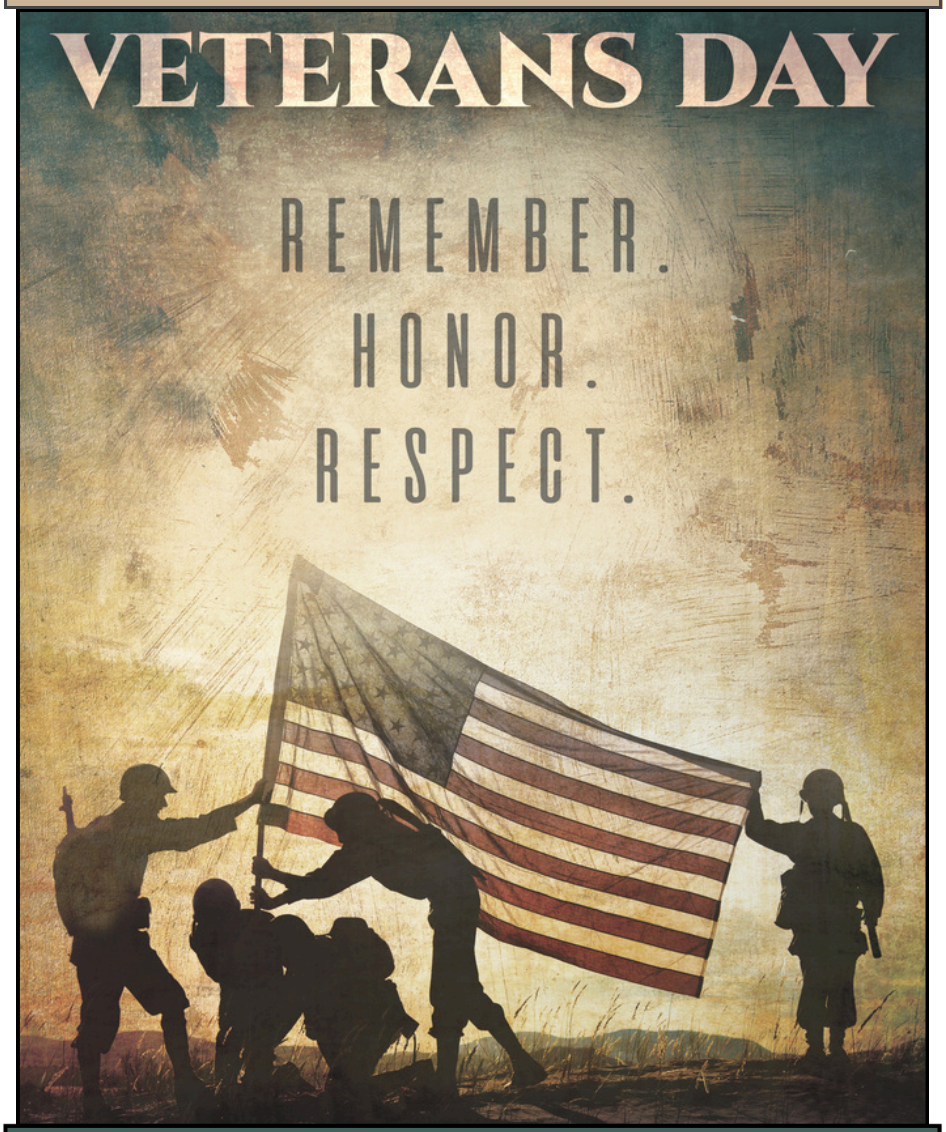
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November 8, 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Parish Mission Statement

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

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

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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)

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,

The parable of the wise and foolish virgins always reminds me of the saying, "Those who don't plan, plan to fail". But I'm going to take it one step further. The foolish virgins were not responsible for the groom's delay. It was the groom, or quite possibly the bride who couldn't keep to the day's schedule. They quite reasonably can say, "It wasn't our fault." So, what made the wise virgins smarter than the foolish ones? It seems that wisdom would have us calculate into our plans the foolishness or irresponsibility of others. The foolish virgins' plan would have worked just fine if not for the irresponsibility of the couple.

Let me apply this to the situation of our Catholic world today in reference to the often debated differences between the "progressive" and the "traditional" elements of faith, morals and liturgy. The wisdom of the wise virgins might be described simply as "trust but verify". Or maybe "Don't look at the world with rose colored glasses". In the perfect world, the bride and groom would arrive at the scheduled time. But this isn't a perfect world. The foolish virgins were too optimistic. They didn't imagine the couple would be so irresponsible. This line of thinking hit me recently when considering the question about the "old" and "new" church. Full disclosure, I remember being very optimistic when Vatican II started changing things. I recall as a boy, being very excited about being able to participate in the liturgy by bringing up the water and wine. We all had great optimism about empowering lay people to participate more. Vatican II was all about sharing the rolls, sharing the authority that was formerly the exclusive realm of the clergy. More active involvement of lay people was supposed to strengthen the church. Give us more saints. Now some 60 years later it seems foolish to say the church is stronger or we have more saints than we know what to do with. We're hurting for priests, nuns and even catechists. Believe me, I can't join my voice to those who say Vatican II was a mistake. But, perhaps it's wise to say the authors of it were a bit too optimistic about human nature. Maybe we can admit that their plans didn't anticipate the fact that their plans wouldn't go as planned.

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.

- There will be a **second collection** the weekend of November 7th & 8th, for our parish school. Please consider making a donation to help keep SSCM School Excellent.

- Please remember to **return your filled baby bottles** by November 11th to help support the Greater Chicagoland Women's Center. Thank you for your generosity.

- **Thank you veterans** for your courage, dedication, and hard work to protect us. Thank you to the military families for their support, resilience and sacrifice. We honor you this **Veteran's Day.**

- Please join us this **Thursday, November 12th,** in the parish school's gym for **B-I-N-G-O!!** There will be food, drinks, cash prizes and of course tons of fun! All proceeds benefit our parish school.

- Join us on Saturday, November 21, at 11:00 AM for our **bilingual Mass for the Anointing of the Sick**, followed by a luncheon. Please see the bulletin for details on how to RSVP for the luncheon.

- The **SSCM "Tree of Love"** ministry is beginning its 37th year of bringing Christmas joy to those in need. Starting the weekend of November 14th & 15th, you can 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.



Thank You!

Thank you to Father Valdi and parishioners of SSCM for the generous gift of support of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Your gift of $1,500.00 from our 2026 Mother's Day collection fuels our mission, ensuring that Catholic Charities continues its crucial role within our region's safety net.



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SS. Cyril & Methodius School
"Stack The Days"

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents & Parishioners!
Week 12 Recap ~

What an incredible week to be a Comet during the last week of October! Our SSCM community enjoyed a wonderful week filled with faith, fellowship, and fun! We began the week gathering in prayer at our All-School Mass, beautifully hosted by our 8th grade students, and enjoyed a special Chick-fil-A lunch on Wednesday. The highlight of the week came on Friday, October 30th, as our incredible PSO transformed our school into a Halloween celebration with their annual Trunk or Treat! From the creative costumes and themed tables to the smiles and excitement of our students, it was a fantastic reminder of the joy and community that make SSCM such a special place. Congratulations to the Notter family for winning the "Table of the Day" award! A heartfelt thank you to our amazing PSO and parent volunteers for the countless hours of planning, preparation, and love poured into making this tradition so memorable! As we celebrated All Saints' Day over the weekend, we were also reminded of our call to live Christ-like lives and follow the examples of the saints through kindness, service, and faith. What a beautiful combination of celebration and Catholic identity! Thank you to everyone who helped make this another unforgettable week at SSCM.

Go Comets!!
Mr. Dan Turney, Principal











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Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator



Thank you to Father Stan and Father Franciszek Carmelite for celebrating our Monthly Mass with us on October 25, 2026!
Thank you to our 2nd and 8th graders for reading and participating. Thank you to all RE families and staff members that attended!

Dear Lord,

We thank You for the brave men and women who have served our country. Please protect those currently serving, heal the wounds of our veterans, and comfort the families who have lost loved ones. Guide our leaders with wisdom, and let peace reign in our hearts and world.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

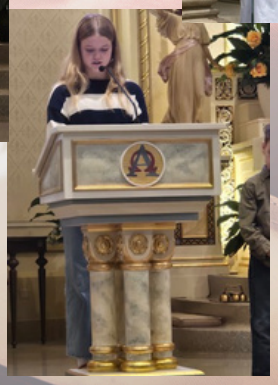











St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS:
Sundays: 8:15am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (TLM)

WEEKDAYS:
Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 8:00am,
Wed 7pm, Fri 6pm

ADORATION: Wednesday 5-7pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:
Wed 6pm & Sat 8:30am. Or by appointment.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, & FUNERLS:
Contact the rectory
SICK & HOMEBOUND PASTORAL CARE:
Please notify the rectory

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:
Wed/Thurs/Fri 9am-2pm



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!



5th Annual Cemetery Walk A Huge Success!
St John the Baptist, St Thomas More & his executioner & St Dennis enjoyed the large crowd & perfect weather. See the Photo Gallery at historicstjames.org

Wine & Wisdom – Nov 11

This week we will hear from Steve Jacobs, Director of Education at Illinois Right to Life. He will explain the Physician Assisted Suicide Law in effect in Illinois since Sep 12. An important topic for anyone who respects life.

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

As cold weather arrives...

Can you help homeless men stay warm this winter? Place blankets & men's hoodies, sweaters, or coats, new or in good condition, in the plastic bin in Charlie's Chapel. (Please no women's or children's.)

The annual **Baby Bottle** fundraiser for The Women's Centers is officially over. Bottles should be returned as soon as possible. Proceeds help women in crisis pregnancies to choose life. Thank you.

The fact that there's a highway to hell and only a stairway to heaven says a lot about the anticipated traffic.

Catholic Citizens of Illinois – Nov 13
Come hear Dr Heidi Klessig address the alarming new definitions of death for the purpose of organ donation. Dr Klessig will shed light on the medical, anthropological, & ethical issues involved in this increasingly common practice. Go to catholiccitizens.org

Altar & Rosary Society

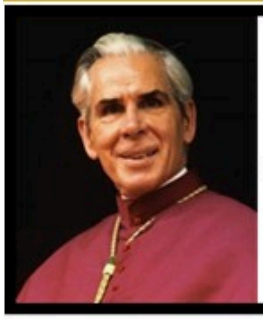
Many thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who helped with the Soup for Souls November 4. We now look forward to our annual A&R sponsored **Parish Christmas Dinner** which will be **Sunday, December 6.** Details to follow in future bulletins!



Saints in the Making! ~~~~ All Saints Day Party
The Moms & Babies rosary group had a special day Oct 28 at SSCM. There's a lot of potential showing!

Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

At 3PM Every Friday
Be part of the St James prayer sentinel! Approx 74 babies were killed last week at Access Health. Help us pray each Fri for those parents who don't see a better way. Invoke Lord's Mercy at the Mercy Hour!



Archbishop Fulton J Sheen On Passivity

Too many people get credit for being good, when they are only being passive. They are too often praised for being broadminded when they are so broadminded they can never make up their minds about anything.

Altar Flowers

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

JANE HOPSON--FOR THE VETERANS OF ST JAMES



Upcoming Weddings

Lalith Puchakayala & Paulina Golebiowski
Patrick Francid & Maria Kuruppath

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/8/26

St. James Altar & Rosary Society
All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
United States of America
For Our Children—Heather, Ryan & Colleen
For Our Grandchildren—Henry, Ellie, Maddie, Owen
For Our Sons-in-Law—Don & Jason
Special Intention—Jim Capocius



Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
8:00AM ✝Paul Szczech
✝Salvador Valldeperas

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
8:00AM ✝Mary LaVon Barrett
✝Salvador Valldeperas

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
7:00PM James & Janine Prorok 54th Wedding Anniv
✝Salvador Valldeperas

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
8:00AM ✝Vincent Bianco
✝Salvador Valldeperas

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
6:00PM ✝Salvador Valldeperas

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
8:00AM ✝Ludmilla Dolgilevica
✝Salvador Valldeperas

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
8:15AM ✝Michael J. Lahart
✝Joseph Lahart
10AM ✝Raymond & ✝Regina Arndt
✝Salvador Valldeperas
12:00PM ✝Paul Szczech

Our Weekly Offering

Our weekly *Offertory* collection from November 1, 2026 was $3,077. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled $1,426.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

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

2nd Collection November 7th & 8th 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.



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





Lemont Catholic Anointing of the Sick Bilingual Mass

*On **Saturday, November 21st,** SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at the **11 AM Mass. This will be a bilingual (English-Polish) Mass.***

We extend an invitation to those in our Lemont Catholic Family who feel that the Celebration of Anointing will provide help for them in sickness and aging of their bodies. In the past, the anointing was done near the time of death. Theology today understands anointing as the Sacrament of the Sick rather than at the time of approaching death. The Anointing of the Sick is the prayer of Christ and His Church for the physical and spiritual health of the sick person.

Who may be anointed?

- *A sick person may be anointed before he/she undergoes surgery, whether or not the surgery is serious.*
- *Persons with chronic illness.*
- *Older persons, even if they are not suffering from dangerous illness.*
- *Mentally disabled persons and chemically dependent persons.*
- *A sick child may be anointed in order to be comforted and uplifted by the Sacrament.*

*After the Mass, there will be a luncheon for all those who attend in our Parish Life Building. In order for us to prepare for this luncheon, we ask that you **RSVP by calling Szymon at 630-257-2776 or emailing him at skoszarek@archchicago.org** no later than **Wednesday, November 11th.** You can also fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket.*

Anointing of the Sick Luncheon RSVP

Name:

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How many will attend:

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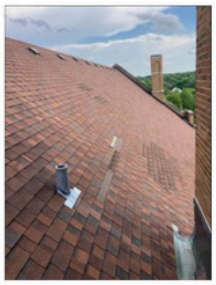
Please RSVP no later than November 11th. We hope you can join us for food and fellowship!

GENERATION TO GENERATION WEEKEND

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. Because of your generosity, we have raised $1,447,070, surpassing our goal and allowing **our parish to retain 80% of every additional dollar donated**. This incredible achievement would not have been possible without your support.

OUR PRIORITIES / NASZE PRIORYTETY

- Preserving Our Church / Zachowanie Naszego Kościoła
- Supporting Our School / Wspieranie Naszej Szkoły
- Campus Improvement Fund / Fundusz Rozwoju I Modernizacji Kampusu



TO DZIŚ! WEEKEND KAMPANII „Z POKOLENIA NA POKOLENIE"

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".Dzięki Waszej ofiarności zebraliśmy już 1 447 070 dolarów, przekraczając nasz wyznaczony cel. **Pozwoliło to naszej parafii zachować 80% każdej dodatkowej ofiary przekazanej ponad założoną kwotę**.Ten niezwykły sukces nie byłby możliwy bez Waszego wsparcia, zaangażowania i hojności. Z całego serca dziękujemy!

GENERATION TO GENERATION: ANSWER THE CALL







BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Please return your baby bottle(s) to church by November 11th. This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. Thank you for your generosity.



"Children's Liturgy of the Word"

Meets every Sunday during 9:30 Mass for children grades K-4th Participating families: Please sit in the front half of church near the middle aisle and send your children up for their blessing and procession right after the opening 'Collect' prayer as we say AMEN.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me."

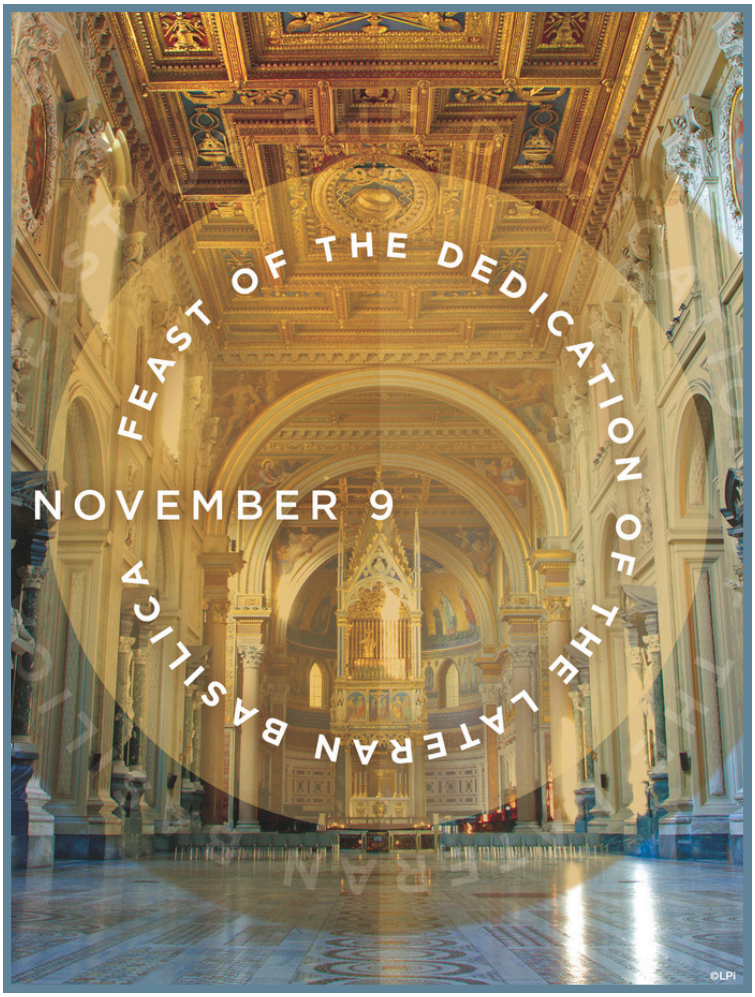


May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him

In your prayers, please remember the soul of

Marion Dybas.

May his soul, and the souls of all our faithfully departed family and friends, rest in everlasting peace.


FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
NOVEMBER 9
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KLUB POLSKI W LEMONT
STRAŻNICY WIARY, TRADYCJI I KULTURY POLSKIEJ
OD 1979 ROKU
SPOTKANIE KLUBU POLSKIEGO W LEMONT
Wybory do Zarządu Klubu Polskiego
NIEDZIELA, 8 LISTOPADA
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Spotkanie po Mszy Świętej o 8:00 AM
ZAPRASZAMY NA GODZ. 9:00 AM
do sali przy Kaplicy Wieczystej Adoracji.
WYBORY!
ŚNIADANIE!
DOBRE TOWARZYSTWO!
WIADOMOŚCI CO PISZCZY W LEMONT I W OKOLICACH!
Będziesz? My też!!!
Tak jak w poprzednich wyborach, głosujemy na Prezesa Klubu Polskiego, a on dobierze sobie Zarząd.
Mamy nadzieję, że pojawią się osoby, które nadal będą chciały kontynuować misję Klubu jako STRAŻNIKA WIARY, TRADYCJI I KULTURY POLSKIEJ.
ZARZĄD POTRZEBUJE ODNOWY!
Klub potrzebuje nowych członków! Potrzebujemy działać i tworzyć historię, aby nigdy nie zabrakło ludzi, którzy jak my dotąd, stają na straży wartości najważniejszych.
STRAŻNICY WIARY, TRADYCJI i KULTURY POLSKIE!
Nie może zabraknąć Ciebie!


KLUB POLSKI
W LEMONT
JESZCZE POLSKA NIE ZGINĘŁA
Od 1979 roku
razem pielęgenujemy polską tradycję, wiarę i kulturę
NASZ KONTAKT
DOŁĄCZ DO ZARZĄDU KLUBU POLSKIEGO W LEMONT
Klub Polski w Lemont zaprasza nowe osoby polskojęzyczne do Zarządu!
Masz pomysły, energię i chcesz aktywnie działać na rzecz naszej polskiej społeczności? Dołącz do Nas!
Nie potrzebujesz doświadczenia: liczą się chęci, zaangażowanie i dobra wola. Im więcej nas, tym więcej możemy razem zdziałać!
Zostań częścią naszego Klubu i pomóż nam pielęgnować polską tradycję, kulturę i wartości.
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Z biurka wikariusza proboszcza
Drodzy Parafianie,
Przypowieść o roztropnych i nierozsądnych pannach zawsze kojarzy mi się z powiedzeniem: „Kto nie planuje, ten planuje porażkę". Chciałbym jednak dogłębniej to przedstawić. Nierozsądne panny nie ponosiły winy za opóźnienie pana młodego. Prawdopodobnie spodziewały się, że przybędzie zgodnie z planem, co przecież było całkowicie uzasadnionym oczekiwaniem. Co zatem sprawiło, że panny roztropne okazały się mądrzejsze od nierozsądnych? Prawdziwa mądrość polega na tym, by rozumieć, że życie nie zawsze układa się zgodnie z naszymi planami i że trzeba być przygotowanym również na to, czego nie przewidzieliśmy. Plan nierozsądnych panien sprawdziłby się doskonale, gdyby wszystko potoczyło się tak, jak się spodziewały. Niestety tak się nie stało.

Pozwólcie, że odniosę tę przypowieść do współczesnego Kościoła katolickiego, zwłaszcza do często dyskutowanych różnic między podejściem „postępowym" a „tradycyjnym" w kwestiach wiary, moralności i liturgii. Mądrość roztropnych panien można by ująć w prostych słowach: „Ufaj, ale sprawdzaj". A może nawet trafniej: „Nie patrz na świat przez różowe okulary". Warto tutaj podkreślić, że w zyciu możemy kierować się dobrymi intencjami i mieć uzasadnione oczekiwania, ale jednocześnie musimy pamiętać, że nie żyjemy w idealnym świecie. Prawdziwa roztropność polega na tym, by dostrzegać rzeczywistość taką, jaka jest, i być przygotowanym także na to, co może nas niespodziewanie zaskoczyć.

Do tych przemyśleń powróciłem niedawno, zastanawiając się nad różnicami między „starym" a „nowym" Kościołem. Przyznam szczerze, że kiedy Sobór Watykański II zapoczątkował przemiany w Kościele, patrzyłem w przyszłość z wielkim optymizmem. Pamiętam, jak bardzo cieszyłem się wówczas, będąc jeszcze chłopcem, że mogę aktywnie uczestniczyć w liturgii, przynosząc do ołtarza wodę i wino. Towarzyszyła nam wielka nadzieja, że świeccy będą mogli odgrywać bardziej znaczącą rolę w życiu Kościoła. Sobór Watykański II miał sprzyjać większemu współdzieleniu odpowiedzialności za Kościół oraz pełniejszemu zaangażowaniu wiernych świeckich w jego misję. Wierzyliśmy, że dzięki temu Kościół stanie się silniejszy, a jego wspólnota wyda jeszcze więcej świętych.

Niemal 60 lat później, trudno byłoby z pełnym przekonaniem powiedzieć, że Kościół jest silniejszy niż dawniej, albo że mamy tak wielu świętych, iż nie wiemy już, co z nimi począć. Rzeczywistość jest zupełnie inna. Dotkliwie odczuwamy brak kapłanów, sióstr zakonnych, a nawet katechetów. Proszę mnie dobrze zrozumieć, że nie należę do tych, którzy uważają, że Sobór Watykański II był błędem. Nie potrafię podzielić takiego stanowiska. Uważam jednak, że warto zadać sobie pytanie, czy nie pokładaliśmy zbyt wielkich nadziei w ludzkiej naturze i w tym, co same zmiany w Kościele mogą przynieść. Być może byliśmy zbyt optymistyczni, wierząc, że reforma struktur i sposobu uczestnictwa w życiu Kościoła sama w sobie wystarczy, by uczynić go silniejszym i pomóc większej liczbie ludzi wejść na drogę świętości.

Być może warto przyznać, że ci, którzy zainicjowali te zmiany, nie do końca przewidzieli, jak trudno będzie osiągnąć zamierzone cele. Dobre intencje i nowe możliwości same w sobie nie sprawiają, że stajemy się bardziej wierni Bogu, ani że łatwiej osiągamy świętość. Być może właśnie tego uczą nas roztropne panny z ewangelicznej przypowieści: nie wystarczy mieć dobre zamiary i pokładać nadzieję w przyszłości, ale trzeba również realistycznie oceniać trudności, które mogą nas spotkać i być na nie przygotowanym. Możemy żywić wielkie nadzieje związane z przyszłością Kościoła, ale musimy też mieć świadomość, że nie wszystko potoczy się tak, jak sobie zaplanowaliśmy.

Co o tym sądzisz? Ta wersja jest przynajmniej bardziej przystępna, a zarazem nie odwraca uwagi od właściwego przesłania Ewangelii, sprowadzając przypowieść do kwestii „nieodpowiedzialności" pana młodego. Przecież pan młody symbolizuje Chrystusa, a istotą tej ewangelicznej przypowieści jest nasze przygotowanie na Jego przyjście. Przypowieść ta nie uczy nas, jak chronić się przed nieodpowiedzialnością czy niekompetencją innych. Przypomina nam, że mamy być gotowi na przyjście pana młodego, tradycyjnie utożsamianego w interpretacji chrześcijańskiej z Chrystusem, nawet jeśli wydaje się, że zwleka z przyjściem.

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.*

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- *Parafialna inicjatywa* ***„Drzewo Miłości"*** *przy parafii Świętych Cyryla i Metodego rozpoczyna swój 37. rok niesienia radości Bożego Narodzenia osobom potrzebującym. Od weekendu 14–15 listopada 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.*

Mass Intentions

Monday — November 9th
7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
Fr. Valdi ✞ ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY

Tuesday — November 10th
7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
✞ STANLEY KEDZIOR
by Marie & Family
7:00 PM ✞ STANISŁAW I MARIA ŻŁOBICKI
by Rodzina
✞ WŁADYSŁAWA TATAR (6 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Znajoma

Wednesday — November 11th
7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
✞ THOMAS J. O'NEIL JR.
by Kogut Family

Thursday — November 12th
7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Friday — November 13th
7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Saturday — November 14th
7:00 AM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
1:00 PM *Wedding: Nicole Lopez and Luca Melone*
3:00 PM *Wedding: Gianna Montalto and James Ford*
5:00 PM ✞ HENRY & GENEVIEVE MROZEK
Fr. Noga by Family
GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALTH FOR HENRY & HELEN JANICKI (50 Wedd. Anniv.)
✞ LADONNA RANDAZZO
by Johnny & Samantha

Sunday — November 15th
7:00 AM ✞ WLADYSLAW LESNICKI
Fr. Noga by Marian & Halina Lesnicki
✞ MICHAEL RAJSKI
by Rosemary Rajski
8:00 AM ✞ JAN STRAMA
Carmelite by Rodzina
✞ MARIA, STANISŁAW I WOJCIECH BARTOSZEK
Syn z Rodziną
✞ FRANCISZEK CHOLEWA
by Rodzina
O BOŻE BŁ. DLA ALEXANDER BUDZ (urodziny)
by Ojciec Chrzestny
9:30 AM ✞ EDWARD SCEPKOWSKI
Fr. Noga by Family
✞ JULIA KOZIEL
by Lottie & Walter Koziel
✞ JOZEF & FRANCISZEK DZIABA
by Family
✞ ZOFIA SALATA (6 months)
by Matt & Nicole O'Hare & Family
11:00 AM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN ŻYJĄCYCH
Carmelite I ZMARŁYCH
✞ ANIELA GAL (2 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Rodzina
✞ KS. MIECZYSŁAW JANOSIK
by Rodzina Janosik
✞ ZA ZMARŁYCH CZŁONKÓW KLUBU POLSKIEGO
12:30 PM ✞ KAROL & MALGORZATA MACHAJ
Fr. Rataj by Family
2:00 PM ✞ ALEKSANDER BIEDRZYCKI (Rocznica Śmierci)
Carmelite ✞ ANTONI GŁOGOWSKI (7 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Rodzina
✞ JAN I JÓZEFINA KOPEĆ
by Rodzina Cislo
7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
Fr. Rataj



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Arthur Zelezinski
Judy Merzlock
John Wojciechowski

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
October 31 & November 1, 2026

Envelopes	442	$15,402.00
GiveCentral (10/26-11/1)	149	$3,650.00
Total:		$19,052.00

All Souls Day: $615.00

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442 envelopes plus 149 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 28% of 2,100 registered parishioner families.

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Please pray for…

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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

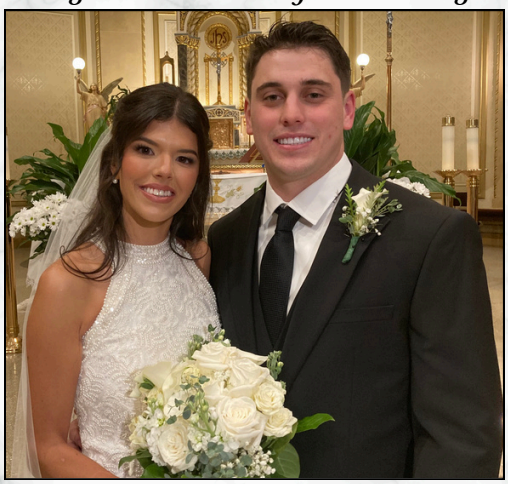
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Congratulations and God's Blessings



Jacqueline Gorr and Joseph Merino
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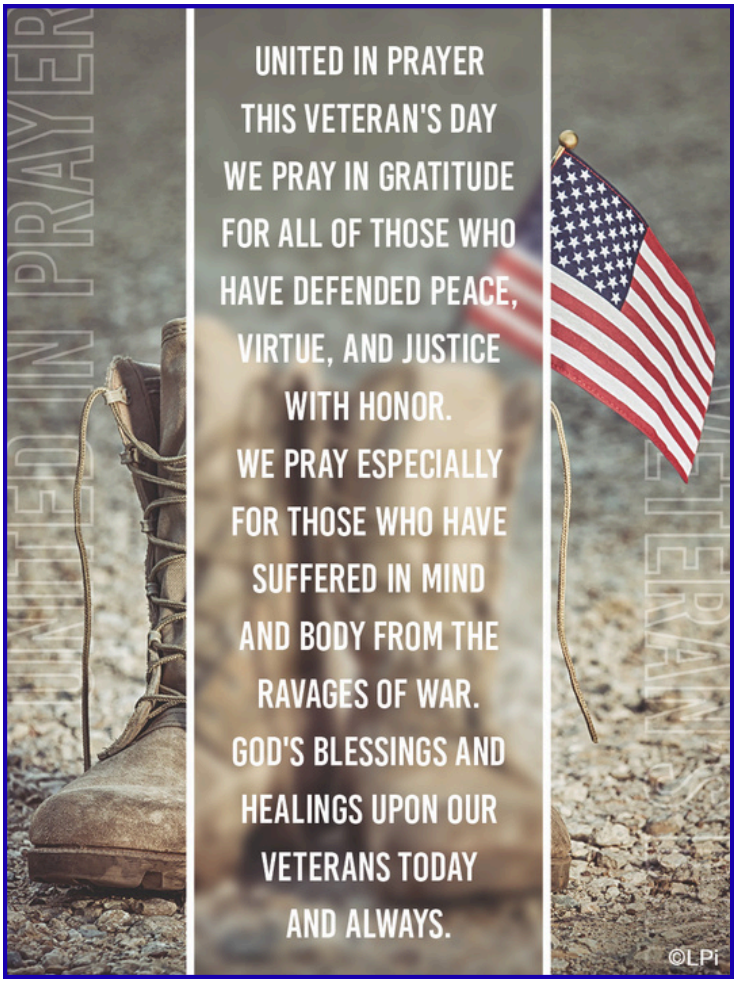
Congratulations and God's Blessings



Alyssa Hadac and Luke Montgomery
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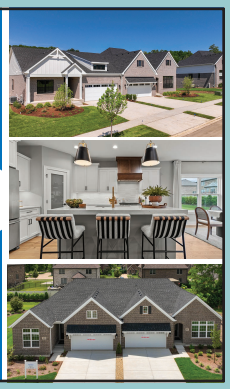

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