

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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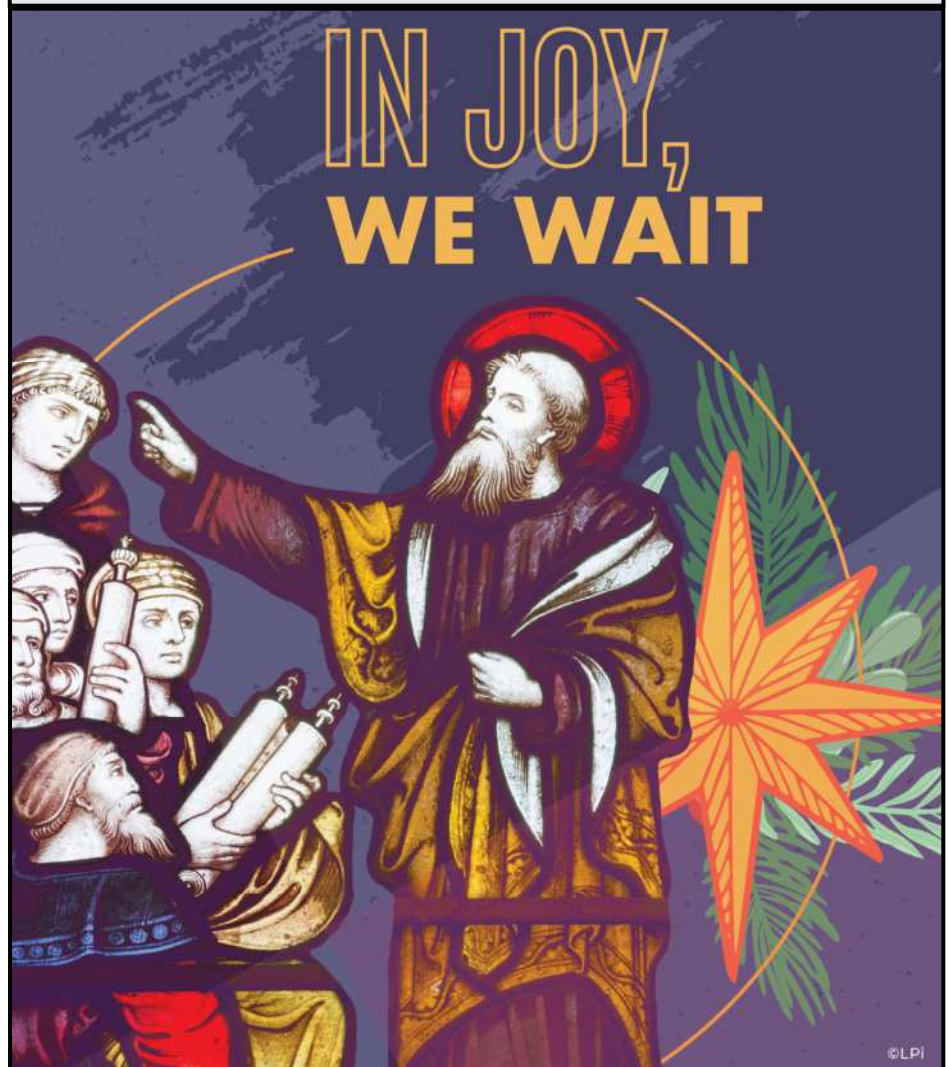
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December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent



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.

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Mass Schedule:		Parish Council:	Stan Brzezniak, President
Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM		Bulletin:	bulletin@stcyril.org
Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation		Helping Hands:	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)		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	
Special Masses:		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.	
Tuesday PM: devotions at 7 PM, 7:45 PM (Polish)		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.	
First Friday: 7:00 AM (English), 7:00 PM (Polish)		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.	
First Saturday: devotions at 7 PM (Polish), 9:00 PM (Polish)		Parish Website: www.stcyril.org	
Holy Days of Obligation: As announced		School Website: www.school.stcyril.org	
Sacrament of Reconciliation:		Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont	
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM		School Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMComets	
First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM			
Also available by appointment.			
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:			
Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM 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 mtsniesz@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			

**Dear Parishioners,**

The time of Advent is a time to discover the roads that lead us to God. Also, it is a time to see the paths that God treads toward us. God comes to man in different ways. God comes to us through the sacraments, because if we accept the truth that

"Christ is where the sacraments are," then Christ will always come to us when we receive a sacrament, the Sacraments of Penance and Communion. What does it mean if we live our life in the Sacrament of Marriage or if we consciously live in the Sacrament of Baptism, which often we have received as small children. The Sacred Scripture is also a way through which God comes to us. Once, Saint Jerome said: "Scripture is a letter written by God to man." Through the words of Scripture, God comes to man. How often do we read it? Man himself is also another way. If we accept the truth in faith that God created man in His own image and likeness, then each of us has something from God. It means that God comes to us through another human being, one we live with and see every day or that we accidentally meet. Maybe we meet that person only once in our lifetime, but that memory stays with us for many years. There is also a road through the creation of the world. How often do we experience God's power by seeing the beauty of this world? God speaks to us about Himself, who He is, through this beautiful and unique world which He created.

Advent is a Holy time, and for many it is also a time of returning to God, often after many years. This is the time when God finds man and brings him to Himself; we just need to be "patient, establish our hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand" as St. James tells us. Unfortunately, the ability to wait is very unpopular and obsolete in today's world, yet it's a very spiritual ability. Man, who is often in a hurry or lost, does not know how to wait. Often we question ourselves: why? Traits such as patience or perseverance seem to be a bit old-fashioned. Everyone wants to have everything immediately. St James tells us today: "be patient and ground your hearts..." This advice seems to go against the grain. Faith in God and also in people is the way to true happiness. Happiness which is the Lord Himself. He is close, and patience is what the time of Advent is teaching us. The ability to pause in this hectic life and to look through a spiritual prism upon our daily routines and our environment

leads us to a renewed discovery that God loves us and that we must tell others of this love. We can't pause and only share God's love during the holidays, but we must share it throughout the year.

Christ knows that after man experiences elation, after the fascination and joy of the Christmas season, comes the time of trial, the experience of loss, sometimes a time of denial and a renewed search for something lost because such is man's faith: the search and discovery of what was lost. A certain twentieth century scholar once said that God writes in a straight line on the curved path of human life. Maybe there is something to this. Despite the fact that John the Baptist directly pointed to Jesus as the Messiah, many did not and cannot see that. Advent is a new, may we say, a renewed opportunity which God gives man. May we not miss the opportunity again, and may we embrace the chance to meet God in the person of Baby Jesus.

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

Fr. Valdi

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

- We have oplatki available on tables in the back of the church. A free will offering for the oplatki is greatly appreciated.
- December 13th & 14th, there will be a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please support those who have given a lifetime. Please see the bulletin for more information.
- Thank you to all who participated in the Tree of Love project to make the wish of a person in need come true. We were overwhelmed by your generous response. Thank you to the Krzeminski Family and the entire committee who worked hard to pull it together.
- See the SSCM & St. James Christmas schedule in today's bulletin and plan on worshipping with us. We put in an extra effort to make these liturgies special to feel the joy of Christmas. Also, join us for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday evening, December 22nd, in SSCM Church from 5-8pm. This is a great way to prepare for Christmas by leaving our past behind and making some room for Jesus. A number of visiting priests will be available to serve us in English and Polish.



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

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

As we enter the Third Week of Advent, we rejoice in the joy of the season as we draw closer to the celebration of Christ's birth. This week invites us to pause amid the busyness, renew our hope, and prepare our hearts to welcome Jesus with prayer, generosity, and love. In that spirit, we warmly invite all parishioners to join us for our school's Christmas celebrations throughout the week of December 15. Come celebrate the witness and joy of our students at the Pre-K through Grade 4 Christmas Concert, the Pre-School and Kindergarten Pageant, the 1st and 8th Grade Christmas Pageant, and our All-School Christmas Mass. Your presence and prayers mean so much to our children and staff, and we would love to share this beautiful Advent season with you as one parish family.

Go Comets!!!

Mr. Dan Turney, Principal

EVENT *Holiday* SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
12/11

Santa's Workshop!
Students will shop at the Santa's Workshop with faith partners at their designated time slot in the Parish Life Building!

TUESDAY
12/16

Preschool thru 4th grade Christmas Concert!
Preschool thru 4th grade will perform Christmas songs on stage to get us all into the Christmas Spirit!
1:00 PM in the School Gym

WEDNESDAY
12/17

Preschool 4 and Kindergarten Pageant!
Preschool 4 and Kindergarten will perform The Christmas Story in the Parish Life Building at 9:00 AM

THURSDAY
12/18

Christmas Pageant!
1st and 8th grade will perform The Christmas Story in Church at 1:00 PM

FRIDAY
12/19

Last Day!
Mass at 8:00 AM. Classroom parties and early dismissal at 11:00 AM - Merry Christmas!





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

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator

The Third Sunday of Advent

This Sunday we light the third candle. It is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

Last week Father Valdi took time out of his busy schedule to visit some of our students from the Monday Session.



Our students are busy working on different crafts related to the Advent Season



IMPORTANT REMINDER

ADVENT CONFESSIONS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PROGRAM FAMILIES AND STAFF MEMBERS
DECEMBER 22, 2025 4PM-5PM

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

ADVENT

Advent
Angels
Blessings
Candle
Carols
Celebrate
Christmas
Countdown
Decorations
Emmanuel

Faith
Family
Gifts
Hope
Jesus
Joy
Light
Love
Manger
Nativity
Peace
Prayer

Prepare
Prophecy
Rejoice
Shepherds
Spirit
Stories
Traditions
Wreath

WORD SEARCH : LOCATE THE VOCABULARY LISTED BELOW
IN THE GRID, SEARCHING IN ALL DIRECTIONS, INCLUDING BACKWARDS.



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

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, December 24:
Christmas Eve Masses
7:00 pm & Midnight

Thursday, December 25:
Christmas Day Masses
8:15am, 10:00am and 12pm

Wednesday December 31:
New Year's Eve Mass
7:00pm Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1:
New Year's Day Masses
8:15, 10am & 12:00pm(TLM)

Prepare for the Arrival of the Christ Child Confession Schedule

At SSCM

Monday, Dec 22, many priests 5 to 8 pm

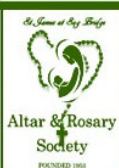
At St James

Wed, Dec 17, during adoration, 5 to 7pm

Thurs, Dec 18, after 8am Mass, 9 to 10am

Fri, Dec 19, before 6pm Mass, 5 to 6pm

Sat, Dec 20, after 8am Mass, 8:30 to 9:30am



The Altar & Rosary Society wishes everyone a wonderful advent season, a special time to pray and reflect. Something you may wish to consider adding to your arsenal of prayer this Advent season are the prayers of St. Bridget of Sweden. Incredible promises attached to their recitation, especially for family members who have stepped away from the Sacraments.



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!

Dec 17 - Wine & Wisdom

Join us for the last W&W of 2025!
Maybe we'll do a "Best Of," or play funny videos (Mr Bean?!), or sing Christmas Carols!

Dec 24 and 31 - Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



Christmas Pageant!

The children of St James' CCD program will present the Christmas Story. Don't miss it!
Mon, Dec 15, 6:30pm in Church

Don't miss the adventures at this year's
St Stephen's Day Hike ~ Friday, Dec 26 ~ 10am



As cold weather arrives...

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

**Eucharistic Procession at Abortuary**

The Blessed Sacrament and Fr Koys led the way around Access Health as part of Zachary King's visit to St James. Former satanist, Mr King's current efforts center around closing abortion clinics. Nearly 400 people gathered in the Hall over three evenings to hear Mr King's story, which was sponsored by the Sag Bridge Mission Society. Additional pictures in the album at historicstjames.org.



On November 23, St James joyfully welcomed Anna Elizabeth Gubala into the family of God. We extend congratulations & blessings to her & her parents, Chris & Theresa (n. Obrochta) & her three big sisters!

2026 FLOWER SIGNUP CHART:

**Now available in the back of Church.
There are two flower arrangements
per date & each bouquet is \$35.00.**

**Sandwich Making Ministry**

On Dec 20 you are welcome to come to Sag Hall at 7am to help assemble 150 lunches which are distributed to those in need at St Thomas More. For more info call Tim at 312-498-7186.

Upcoming Weddings:

Joseph Valascho & Eve Linden

Altar Flowers

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

BETH DiVIRGILIO—IN MEMORY OF

**ROSE MARY & RALPH O'SHEA,
TONI MANNELLA & ROSE O'SHEA**

***Mass Intentions***

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Liz Coglianese
Birthday Blessings—Sophie Obrochta

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00AM ✠Cheryl Watke
Blessings & Safe Return—Jacob Halon

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00PM ✠Dan Ranson
✠Edward Horbaczewski

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00AM ✠Vivian Heffley
✠Mary Ann Spanski

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

6:00PM Health & Healing—Jeff Long
✠J.J. Schneider

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00AM ✠Thomas Egan
✠Carol Marlowe

Fourth Sunday of Advent**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21**

8:15AM ✠Kay McNally
✠Dan Ranson
10AM ✠Donald Shaughnessy
In Thanksgiving for Many Blessings
12:00PM ✠Linda Striblin
St Thomas More Family United Alliance

Our
Weekly Offering

Our weekly *Offertory* collection from November 30, 2025 was \$3,401. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$1,078.

Our reporting of the weekly *Offertory* collection from December 7, 2025 will be delayed due to early submission to the bulletin publisher.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21	
8:15am	Mark Henze, Christos & Frankie Latsonas, Alex & Sebastian Pawlikowski	
10am	Will & Conor Pawlisz, Christian Cozzi, Matthew Sullivan	

Christmas Season Schedule of Services 2025

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th

1:00 PM (English)
3:00 PM Children's Mass (English)
5:00 PM (English)
8:00 PM Children's Mass (Polish)
10:00 PM (Polish)
12:00 Midnight Mass (English)

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th

7:00 AM (English)
8:00 AM (Polish)
9:30 AM (English)
11:00 AM (Polish)
12:30 PM (English)
2:00 PM (Polish)

Feast of St. Stephen, Friday, December 26th

7:00 AM (English)
11:30 AM (Polish)
7:00 PM (Polish)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st, 2025

4:00 PM (English)
5:30 PM (Polish)

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st, 2026

8:00 AM (Polish)
9:30 AM (English)
11:00 AM (Polish)
12:30 PM (English)



The Sacrament of Reconciliation-Advent

At St. Cyril's: Monday, December 22nd:
Individual Confessions
(English & Polish)
5:00-8:00PM Church





2nd Collection December 13th & 14th Retirement Fund for Religious

Please consider making
a donation to **The
Retirement Fund for
Religious.** Your donation

helps religious communities care for senior
members-today and tomorrow.



2026 Calendars

Please pick up your free 2026
calendars now in the back of the
church! Thank you to Markiewicz
Funeral Home for
sponsoring the calendars.

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 – 4th graders
Join Us!!!



Oplatki

We have oplatki available on
tables in the back of church.
A free will offering for the
oplatki is greatly appreciated.



A Note From Cardinal Blase Cupich

The Church teaches that receiving Holy Communion is not a private action but a communal one, as the very word "communion" implies. For that reason, the norm established by the Holy See for the universal Church and approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is for the faithful to process together as an expression of their coming forward as the Body of Christ and to receive Holy Communion standing. Processions are an ancient practice of the Church and have been part of the liturgy from the earliest days, assisting the faithful to always keep in mind that we are a pilgrim people, making our way together to the fulness of the heavenly banquet Christ has prepared for us. We process into the church. We process up to bring the gifts. We process to receive Holy Communion. We process out to carry the Lord into the world.

Nothing should be done to impede this sacred ritual of receiving communion or diminish its powerful symbol by disrupting an important moment by which the faithful, in processing together, express their faith that they are called to become the very Body of Christ they receive. Certainly, reverence can and should be expressed by bowing before the reception of Holy Communion, but no one should engage in a gesture that calls attention to oneself or disrupts the flow of the procession by assuming another posture. That would be contrary to the norms and tradition of the church, which all the faithful are urged to respect and observe.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

2025

CHRIST WILL BE BORN IN OUR HEARTS!

DECEMBER 19TH at 7PM

HOSTED BY:

MIRA SOJKA-TOPOR
LUCIANO LAURENTIU AND FRIENDS

Oplątek

21 grudnia
Niedziela 12 PM

- ★ Tradycyjne dzielenie się opłatkami
- ★ Przedstawienie teatralne pod tytułem:
"Czy znajdzie się miejsce?" w wykonaniu grupy
"Małej Oazy-Dzieci Fatimskich" oraz Diakonii wNIEBOgłosy"
- ★ Występ zespołu tanecznego "POLANIE"
- ★ Kolędowanie
- ★ Poczęstunek

Zapraszamy: 608 Sobieski St. Lemont - SSCM Parish Lemont

KOLĘDOWANIE

Christmas Caroling

December 28th, 2025
will be Christmas caroling outside of SSCM Church
by the nativity set after all Masses.

28 grudnia

Zaprasza na tradycyjne
Kolędowanie przy Szopce
Po każdej Mszy Świętej

Za kolędy dziękujemy, zdrowia, szczęścia winszujemy,
byście sobie długo żyli, zdrowi i szczęśliwi byli na ten Nowy Rok!

Diakonia Muzyczna
wNIEBOgłosy
Przy Parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont

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!

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

Dołącz
do nas...

630 257 9314
wnieboglosy@stcyril.org

SCAN ME!

**Drodzy Parafianie,**

Czas Adwentu jest szczególnym czasem odnajdywania dróg, które prowadzą nas do Boga. Ale jest też czasem dostrzegania dróg, po których Bóg przychodzi do nas. A Bóg przychodzi do człowieka na różne sposoby. Bóg przychodzi do nas poprzez sakramenty. Bo jeśli przyjmujemy prawdę, że „tam, gdzie jest sakrament, tam jest Chrystus”, to Chrystus przychodzi do nas zawsze, kiedy przyjmujemy jakiś sakrament, sakrament pokuty, komunii św., a coś to dopiero znaczy, gdy całe nasze życie przeżywamy w sakramencie małżeństwa. Albo też żyjąc świadomie sakramentem chrztu, który często przyjęliśmy jako małe dzieci. Jest też droga Pisma Świętego, po której przychodzi do nas Bóg. Święty Hieronim powiedział kiedyś, że „Pismo Święte jest listem napisanym przez Pana Boga do człowieka”. Pan Bóg przychodzi do człowieka poprzez słowa Pisma Świętego. Czy często sięgamy po nie? Jest też droga, którą jest sam człowiek. Jeśli przyjmujemy prawdę wiary, że Bóg stworzył człowieka na swój obraz i podobieństwo, to każdy z nas ma w sobie coś z samego Boga. To też znaczy, że Bóg przychodzi do nas przez drugiego człowieka. Tego, z którym żyjemy na co dzień i z którym spotykamy się każdego dnia, ale też i z tym, którego przypadkowo spotykamy. Może czasami tylko raz w życiu. I takie spotkanie pozostaje w nas na długie lata. Jest też droga poprzez stworzenie świata. Jakże często doświadczamy Bożej mocy, czy też wielkości poprzez dostrzeżenie piękna tego świata. Bóg mówi do nas o sobie samym. Kim jest, jakim jest, przez świat, który stworzył — piękny i niepowtarzalny.

Adwent jako czas święty dla wielu jest czasem powrotu do Boga, może często po wielu latach. Jest to czas, kiedy Pan Bóg odnajduje człowieka i do siebie przyprowadza, musimy być tylko cierpliwi i umacniać nasze serca, bo przyjsie Pana jest już bliskie” jak mówi nam św. Jakub. Niestety, umiejętność czekania jest tak bardzo niepopularna i niemodna w dzisiejszym świecie, jest ona umiejętnością przede wszystkim duchową. Człowiek zabiegany, zagubiony, nie umie czekać. Często stawiamy sobie pytanie: po co? Cierpliwość, wytrwałość, to cechy trochę staroświeckie. Bo wszyscy i wszystko chcą mieć od razu. „Bądźcie cierpliwi i umacniajcie serca wasze...” mówi dziś do nas św. Jakub. To zachęta do pójścia w swoim życiu drogą trochę pod prąd. Wierność Bogu, ale też i ludziom w codziennym życiu, to droga prowadząca do prawdziwego szczęścia. Szczęścia, którym jest sam Pan. On jest blisko i oczekiwanie to właśnie cecha, której uczy nas Adwent. Zatrzymanie się w zabieganiu i umiejętność innego, duchowego spojrzenia na naszą codzienność i nasze

najbliższe otoczenie prowadzi nas do ponownego odkrycia, że Bóg nas kocha i o tej miłości mamy mówić innym. Nie możemy ustać w obdarowywaniu Bożą miłością i to nie tylko w okresie zbliżających się Świąt, ale przez cały rok.

Chrystus wie również, że po doświadczeniu uniesienia, po doświadczeniu fascynacji i radości Bożego Narodzenia przyjdzie czas próby, doświadczenie zagubienia, może czasami zaprzeczenia i ponownego poszukiwania, bo taka jest droga wiary człowieka. Poszukiwanie i odnajdywanie tego, co się utraciło. Bóg pisze prosto po liniach krzywych ludzkiego życia, mówił jeden z uczonych XX wieku. I coś w tym jest. Mimo tego, że Jan Chrzciciel wprost wskazał na Jezusa jako Mesjasza, wielu tego nie widzi i nie chce zobaczyć. Adwent jest nową, można powiedzieć, że następną szansą, jaką Bóg daje człowiekowi. Obyśmy znowu jej nie zaprzepaścili i wykorzystali szansę spotkania przychodzącego Boga w osobie Bożej Dzieciny.

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

Ks. Waldemar

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- Oplatki są już dostępne na stolikach z tyłu kościoła. Prosimy o złożenie dobrowolnej ofiary za oplatki.
- 13 i 14 grudnia będzie druga kolekta na Fundusz Emerytalny dla Osób Zakonnych. Prosimy o wsparcie tych, którzy poświęcili swoje życie służbie. Więcej informacji znajduje się w biuletynie.
- Dziękujemy wszystkim, którzy wzięli udział w projekcie "Drzewo Miłości", aby spełnić życzenie osoby potrzebującej. Jesteśmy poruszeni Waszą hojną odpowiedzią. Dziękujemy rodzinie Krzemińskich oraz całemu komitetowi, który włożył dużo pracy, aby zrealizować ten projekt.
- Prosimy zapoznać się z harmonogramem Mszy świątecznych w parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego i Misji Świętego Jakuba w dzisiejszym biuletynie i zaplanuj udział w liturgii z nami. Dokładamy wszelkich starań, aby te liturgie były wyjątkowe i pozwoliły poczuć radość Bożego Narodzenia. Ponadto, zapraszamy skorzystać z Sakramentu Pokuty w poniedziałek, 22 grudnia, w kościele Św. Cyryla i Metodego, w godzinach 5:00 PM-8:00 PM. To doskonała okazja, by przygotować się do Świąt, zostawiając przeszłość za sobą i robiąc miejsce dla Jezusa. Będzie wiele kapłanów dostępnych, by posługiwać w języku polskim i angielskim i udzielać Sakramentu Pojednania.

Mass Intentions**Monday — December 15th**

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
✠ EARL KERBS
by Scott Family

Tuesday — December 16th

7:00 AM ✠ NORBERT MANKOWSKI (Anniv.)
by Adeline
7:00 PM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH
I ZMARŁYCH

Wednesday — December 17th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ZOFIA PASCIAK (birth)
by Grandparents

Thursday — December 18th

7:00 AM ✠ BRONISŁAWA & JOZEF KAPUSNIK
by Marysia
✠ ERIC SABANOV
by Parents
✠ TED FLORYNSKI
by Wife & Family

Friday — December 19th

7:00 AM ✠ FOR ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY
by Bialas Family
✠ JUDY JELINSKI
by Mr. & Mrs. Michael McCutcheon

Saturday — December 20th

7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
✠ ALPHONCE MANKOWSKI (Anniv.)
by Adeline
5:00 PM ✠ SR. M. BRONISIA KAPUSNIK
by Marie
Fr. Noga ✠ SANDRA MUSTO
by Family

Sunday — December 21st (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

7:00 AM ✠ MARY BETH & RAYMOND RUDIS
Fr. Noga by Larry Rudis
✠ STEFANIA LESNICKI
by Walter & Sophie Lesnicki
8:00 AM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH
Fr. Valdi I ZMARŁYCH
✠ ZA ZMARŁYCH CZŁONKÓW KLUBU POLSKIEGO
✠ EUGENIUSZ I MARIA MSZAL
by Joseph i Janina Mszal
✠ STANISŁAW CZERWIŃSKI
by Żona

9:30 AM ✠ JOHN RAFACZ
Fr. Noga by Rafacz Family
IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS RECEIVED
✠ STANISŁAW NOWOBILSKI & LINDA
AURRICCHIO
by Kasia Aurricchio
✠ ANDRZEJ RADECKI
by Kasia Aurricchio

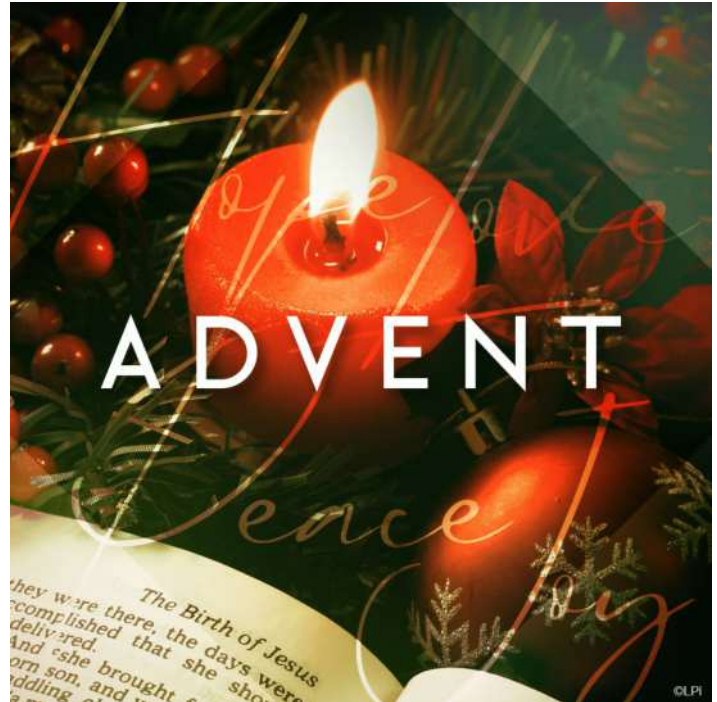
11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA MATEUSZA (urodziny)
Fr. Valdi ✠ MIROSLAW WOLANIM (6 Rocznicą Śmierci)
by Rodzina
✠ CZESŁAWA BOGUN
by Helen Lubinski z Rodziną
✠ ANNA GUROŚ
by Rodzina Niemiec

12:30 PM ✠ ANDRZEJ RYCHTARCZYK
Fr. Rataj by Wife & Children
✠ JOE SOWA
by Mike & Laura Kurinec
✠ ANN & RUDY KURINEC
by Mike & Laura Kurinec
✠ FRANK POLAK
by Wife & Daughters

2:00 PM ✠ MARIA NOWOBILSKA I MARIA REMIASZ
Fr. Valdi by Rodzina Michniak

✠ CEZARY I MARIA STRAUB
by Rodzina
✠ KAROL MACHAJ
by Rodzina
✠ JÓZEF SUCHMIEL
by Rodzina

7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
Fr. Rataj



Pray for ...

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

William Podborny
Amanda Wiskup
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Wendy Ivik
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Lorraine Malm
John Wojciechowski
Judy
Karen Plachy
Kassidy Heidegger
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Barbara Ager
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Roger Laurella
Candace Cavanaugh
Adeline Bahnick
Marcia Nowak
Doug Fitz
Cedomir Capic

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
November 27, 29 & 30, 2025**

Envelopes	431	11,889.00
GiveCentral (11/24-11/30)	137	2,798.00
Total		\$14,687.00

Budgeted: \$15,700.00 | Actual: \$14,687.00 | (\$1,013)

431 envelopes plus 137 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 27% 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 6th & 7th, will not be published in this bulletin. Please look for it in next week's bulletin.
Thank you!



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**Wedding Banns**

*Ania Schening and Alex Gacek
Shannon Miller and Matt Mulligan*

**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**

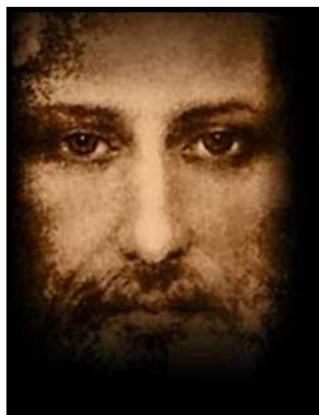
Please inform the parish office if there are any changes or additions to the above list.
Thank you.

Congratulations and God's Blessings

*Amanda Markey and Michael Dastych
Married November 29, 2025*


**Christmas Eve Children's Mass**


We warmly invite all children to join us for a special Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, December 24th. Children are also welcome to sing in the Children's Choir! If your child would like to sing, please have them arrive by 2:15 PM.

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How can we make our Christmas parties lead to a Holy Day and not just a Holiday?

Of course you will prepare with best food, drinks, music, decorations. Now, let's prepare our conversations. These days are the perfect opportunities to share the good news of salvation without it seeming to be extra-ordinary. Use music and conversation.



Offer to help select the music playlist for the party. Include the song "O Holy Night" and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." Or repeat other meaningful religious songs. Choose songs that speak the message of salvation. This plants a seed in people's hearts for the Holy Spirit to nurture.

Be ready to strike up a conversation when you hear "O Holy Night." For example, you can say, "Did you hear that song?" *Long lay the world in sin and error pining; till He appeared and the soul felt it's worth.* Then say, "Oh, my, when Jesus came, the soul that was pining in sin felt it's worth! What do you think our souls are really worth to God who made us in

His image?" Acknowledge the dilemma of our souls, the need for a Savior, the goodness of repentance, and the worth in God's eyes of a sinless soul.

Another conversation could be about "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." It says, *Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray. Oh, tidings of comfort and joy.* This gives you a chance to say, "When I went to confession before Christmas, I felt so much comfort and joy. Thank God that we can go to confession for the times we have gone astray.

Sing a few Christmas Carols at your family party - print out the words if you can, especially of those two songs listed above. Then add those song words to your prayer before you eat by saying, "Let us all thank God Our Father for sending His Son Jesus to 'save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray' as a people." Then ask for God's continuous protection on your family and conversion for all who have gone astray.

Coleen Mast, Evangelization Coordinator, SS Cyril & Methodius & St. James Mission cmast@archchicago.org

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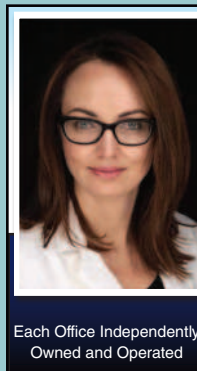
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