

# SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church

## St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

### Parish Staff

#### Pastoral Ministry

Rev. Waldemar "Valdi"  
Stawiarski  
*Pastor*

Rev. Thomas Koys  
*Associate Pastor*

#### Education

Daniel Turney  
*Parish School Principal*

Monika Leja  
*R.E. Administrator*

Bernadeta Palka  
*R.E. Administrative Assistant*

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*Liturgy Coordinator*

#### Music Ministry

Mirosława Sojka-Topor  
*Music Director*

#### Administration

Denise Duda  
*Operations Director*

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*Assistant Business Managers*

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*Bookkeeper*

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Peggy Sniegowski, Ann Noonan  
*Parish Secretaries*

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*Bulletin Editor*

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*Evangelization Coordinator*

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*Cook/Housekeeper*

Ryszard Witkowski  
Paul Siro  
*Maintenance*



June 21, 2026

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*St. Joseph,  
guide all fathers*



#### Our Parish Mission Statement

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

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

**Parish Information**  
**Parish Office:** 608 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL  
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rectory@stcyril.org  
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**School:** 607 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL  
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(630) 257-6488;  
turney.daniel@stcyril.org

**Religious Education:** Monika Leja, Religious Education Administrator (630) 257-9314;  
mleja@sscmlmont.org

### Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation

Sunday: 7:00 AM (English-No Music),  
8:00 AM (Polish), 9:30 AM (English),  
11:00 AM (Polish),  
12:30 PM (English), 2:00 PM (Polish),  
7:30 PM (English-No Music)

### Special Masses:

Tuesday PM: devotions at 7 PM, 7:45 PM (Polish)

First Friday: 7:00 AM (English), 7:00 PM (Polish)

First Saturday: devotions at 7 PM (Polish),  
9:00 PM (Polish)

Holy Days of Obligation: As announced

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM

First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Also available by appointment.

### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

Following the Monday morning 7:00AM Mass

### Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:

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

**Minister of Music:** Mira Sojka-Topor  
musicmin@stcyril.org  
(630) 257-2776

**Polish School:** www.polschool.com  
Halina Szyrzyna  
Principal: (630) 669-9058

**Polish Club:** John Lichacz, President  
(773) 216-1108  
polishclub@stcyril.org

**Minister of Care:** Dave Smietanski  
(630) 257-2776

**Parish Council:** Stan Brzezniak, President

**Bulletin:** bulletin@stcyril.org

**Helping Hands:** helpinghands@stcyril.org

**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,

When I hear the words of Our Lord in the Gospel today, "Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (Mt 10), a certain memory comes to my mind. Maybe you can relate.

A while back, I was walking from the church to the rectory, I guess I had a worried look on my face because a wonderful parishioner, who fought in WWII, calmly told me, "Father, being a pastor is like being a submarine captain. Even when everything looks bad, you have to keep up the morale of the sailors. Don't show panic, panic is contagious."

I guess my friend's morale about the health of our church was being tested by the worried look on my face. Doesn't Jesus seem like he's telling us sort of the same thing? Jesus tries to save us from panic. He says, "I got your back, don't worry." Well, it's very hard to not panic when you're facing death. Of course, Jesus adds, "but cannot kill the soul," which gives an insight into the virtue of courage.

As we approach our Independence Day soon, allow me to share a wonderful story of this nation's fight for nationhood. The British, of course, boasted the greatest navy in the world, so any confrontation was certainly a dangerous thing. It was Commodore John Barry, an Irish Catholic, who earned the title of the "Father of the American Navy" and won many battles on the sea and rivers. In the summer of 1777, Barry, captain of the ship "Effingham," successfully kept the stronger British fleet out of the Delaware River long enough for Continental forces to avoid destruction. He amazingly avoided capture when the British took Philadelphia in September. All wars create stories of courage, stories of people who don't fear those who can kill the body and, as such, our prayers are needed for any of our sons and daughters serving in the armed forces today.

But, I need to share something I often say at feasts of martyrs. Catholic martyrs are amazing examples for us. Meeting them in heaven should be something we can look forward to. But, a frequent intention I use on their feast days goes something like this: "We pray we have courage to live 'white martyrdom' (that is to make the sacrifices chastity demands) and 'green martyrdom' (making the sacrifices that giving, especially in tithing, requires), so we don't have to endure 'red martyrdom' (at is the spilling of blood unto death)."

As we celebrate our 250th anniversary, say a special prayer that our love for freedom is married to an equal desire for truth. Love of freedom, pure and simple, without the Truth that comes from God, becomes mere license.

**God bless America, from sea to shining sea.  
Fr Thomas Koys, M.A., S.T.L.**

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

- **SAVE THE DATES:** This year's SSCM Summer Fest will take place **August 27th–30th**. Please join us for food, drinks, rides, music, and a great time with friends and family. If you are interested in sponsoring this wonderful event in support of our parish school, please visit our parish website or Facebook page for sponsorship information. More details about the carnival and wristbands can be found in the bulletin.
- **HEY PARISHIONERS!! HAVE YOU HEARD THE UNBELIEVABLE NEWS?? SSCM IS AGAIN RAFFLING OFF A CORVETTE!! GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE TICKET: 2026 Corvette Stingray 1LT w/ Z51 Performance Package plus \$8,000 CASH.** Only 2200 tickets are available, priced at \$100.00 each and the proceeds go directly to our parish school!! There are also cash prizes for the 2nd through 10th place winners!! The winner will be announced on the last day of the SSCM Summer Fest, Sunday, August 30th. **DON'T DELAY, GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY BEFORE THEY ARE SOLD OUT!!!**
- **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.
- We would like to wish a **Happy Father's Day** to all fathers and father figures. Thank you for being a living example of God's love. May your day be blessed as you spend it with those you love.





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

SS. Cyril & Methodius School  
2019 National Blue Ribbon School

School Office Summer Hours!!!  
Voicemails and emails will be checked regularly!

June 2nd-June 30th  
Monday thru Thursday (9-Noon)

July 1st-July 12th  
Office will be closed

July 13th-July 31st  
Tuesday thru Thursday (9-Noon)

August 4th & August 6th  
Tuesday and Thursday (9-2)

August 10th  
Regular hours begin (7-3)



These amazing 4th Grade kiddos completed the 25 Book Reading Challenge. Way to go, Comets!



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- Little Pebbles Program (Birth - Age 3)

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- Personalized Learning
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**Scholarship Highlights**

- Awards up to \$2,500 per child based on financial need

**Who Can Apply**

- Students who attended public school in the prior year
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**How to Apply**

- Start the process by scanning the QR code below
- Complete the FACTS Financial Aid Application
- Experience SSCM by scheduling a tour and/or shadow day
- Complete enrollment documents

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**SS Cyril & Methodius  
Religious Education Program**

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Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator



Gracious God, on this Father's Day we're especially thankful for the fathers and father figures in our lives.  
Hold them in your good care. Give them patience, wisdom and strength, that through them their families may experience your unconditional love.  
Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. Amen

**2026/2027 Registration is Open**

**Dwujęzyczny Program  
Katechetyczny**

Rejestracja na rok 2026/2027 jest już otwarta

**All Are Welcome!!!**

**Zapraszamy Wszystkich Serdecznie!!!**

Please visit our website to register or use the link below

Rejestracji można dokonać za pomocą poniższego linku, skanując kod QR lub odwiedzając naszą stronę internetową

**Registration link:**

**<https://re.stcyril.org/registration/>**

**Any Questions please contact the SSCM Faith Formation Office**

**Jakiegolwiek pytania prosimy kierować bezpośrednio do nas**

Tel: (630)257-9314 or Email: [stcyrilre@sscmlemont.org](mailto:stcyrilre@sscmlemont.org)

SSCM RE Program Website/ Strona internetowa

**[www.re.stcyril.org](http://www.re.stcyril.org)**



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### Happy Father's Day!!

*God, our Father,  
 Bless all dads, that they may find strength as  
 fathers. Let the example of their faith and love  
 shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and  
 daughters, may honor them always with a  
 spirit of profound respect.*



#### 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).



#### Author John Krueger at St James - Mon, June 29



The Sag Bridge Mission Society presents John Krueger to discuss his book, *Dwelt Among Us: America's Catholic Comeback*. Mr Krueger, a Lemont native, will share his experiences and the surprising perspective he

gained from a perch in the Newman Center in Madison WI. There is a spiritual awakening that's drawing millions of young Americans to the Church. Come learn why & how to be a part. Go to St James website for link to let us know you're coming. Wine & Cheese. No admission.

Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

#### Moms & Babies & Rosaries

Are you interested in packing a lunch & joining moms & little ones to eat, pray & play? Contact Ellie at 616-916-9010 for details on dates and locations.

#### Wine & Wisdom - June 24

Fr Koys will address us again this week, continuing to unpack the fruits of his sabbatical. Prepare for enlightenment!

*July 1. Thoughts will be on the looming 250 celebration. Where do faith and patriotism overlap. How does Christianity shape our country? We'll hear some short speeches and analyze from there.*

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



#### fun-filled days ahead at VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

dates: Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>  
 time: 8:45am - 12:00pm

location: St. James at Sag Bridge Catholic Church

- COOL CRAFTS
- FUN GAMES
- UPBEAT MUSIC
- EXCITING ACTIVITIES
- BIBLE STORIES

TO REGISTER & TO PAY ONLINE  
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 (registration & payments will only be accepted online)



#### Knit & Crochet for Life

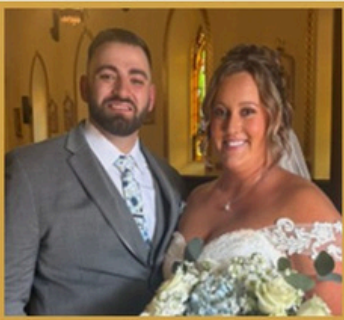
The St James Knitters are coming back as of June 19! They will now meet once a month, usually 3rd Fri, 10-12, in rectory basement. Please contact Kim



Nicholson-Smith 630-841-9070 with any questions. All skill levels (including first-timers) are welcome. The fruits of your labor will be donated to women's resource centers.



**Happy Father's Day!** Thank God for all the fathers and father figures in your life, past and present. Pray a Rosary for them today if possible. Please thank the Altar & Rosary ladies who helped make Father Tom's Fundraiser a success. A big thank you is due to all parishioners who donated so generously to our bake sale on the 7th! God bless you!!



The St James community congratulates **Steven Monaco & Julie Panzella** on entering into the sacrament of matrimony on May 30. May God bless their marriage abundantly for many years!

## JOYFUL AGAIN!!

### Are you widowed and still hurting?

**What:** Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop and Spiritual Retreat  
**When:** June 27th & 28th, 2026  
**Where:** St Julie Billiard Parish, Tinley Park, IL  
 No overnight accommodations available.  
 For further information, call: 708-354-7211.  
 Email us at [info@joyfulagain.org](mailto:info@joyfulagain.org)

**Jesus's Beautiful Sacred Heart** is always with us, not just in June. So grab some magnets & window stickers & keep Jesus in sight always. Courtesy of Sag Bridge Mission Society. Free will donations gratefully accepted.



**Author Carrie Gress at St James - Sat, July 18**  
 The Sag Bridge Mission Society presents Carrie Gress, PhD to discuss her new book, *Something Wicked: Why Feminism Can't Be Fused with Christianity*. Dr Gress will overturn the misconception that feminism is something virtuous which brings equality and freedom. She will smash the idol of feminism and expose its deeply anti-Christian origins. Go to St James website for link to Sign-up Genius to let us know you're coming. Wine & Cheese. No admission. Don't miss it!

## Votives

**VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 6/21/26**  
 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  
 Health & Healing—Joan Voves  
 Health & Healing—Michal Poplawski



## Mass Intentions

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

### MONDAY, JUNE 22

8:00AM ✚ Joseph M. Slowik  
 ✚ Monica Anne Murphy

### TUESDAY, JUNE 23

8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Helen Slowik  
 Health & Healing—Michal Poplawski

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

7:00PM Special Intention—Stach/Pearman Families  
 Birthday Blessings—Caroline Beecher-  
 Heyrman

### THURSDAY, JUNE 25

8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Daphne Hipsley  
 ✚ Kenneth Everts

### FRIDAY, JUNE 26

6:00PM Birthday Blessings—Zachary Pienkos  
 ✚ Helen Drust Walczak

### SATURDAY, JUNE 27

8:00AM Jonathan & Clare Henze—Wedding Anniv  
 ✚ Clement Maliszewski

### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SUNDAY, JUNE 28

8:15AM ✚ Kenneth Everts  
 ✚ Kathy Coughlin  
 10:00AM Health & Healing—Ami Lotka  
 12:00PM Health & Healing—Hilda Morales Bobadilla

## Our Weekly Offering



Our reporting of the weekly *Offertory* collection from June 14, 2026 will be delayed due to early submission to the bulletin publisher.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

### Upcoming Weddings:

Michael Raddatz & Adele Stachyra  
 Rafal Bukowski & Theresa Komperda  
 Anthony Hilger & Carol Luschas

### Altar Flowers

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

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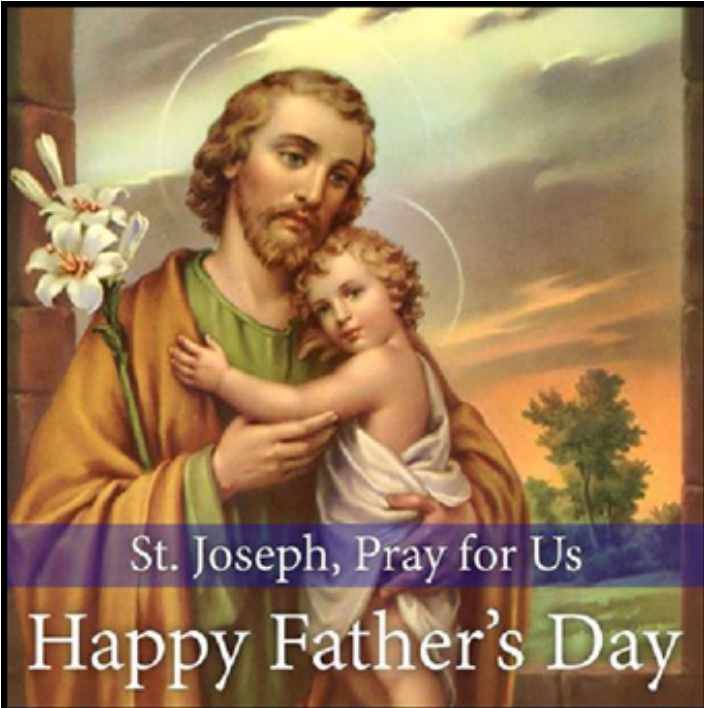


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[WWW.SSCMRAFFLES.COM](http://WWW.SSCMRAFFLES.COM)  
Proceeds benefit SS Cyril & Methodius School.  
Winner responsible for applicable taxes and fees.

**SCAN TO ENTER!**




Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to You for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. St. Joseph, Pray for all our Fathers, Amen



Second Collection  
June 27th & 28th  
Peter's Pence

On June 28th & 29th, we will have a second collection for Peter's Pence, which provides the Pope with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence)



**Knights of Columbus®  
Lemont 1599**

**Who Are These Knights and What Do They Do?**

These Knights of Columbus are Catholic men from our local parishes who are in good standing with the Catholic Church and are committed to uphold the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree virtues of Charity, Unity and Fraternity and subsequently the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree virtue of Patriotism by following the example of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney. In 1882, he formed the Knights of Columbus, a group of men in his Parish, to provide for families in the parish who needed help. Today, there are 17,000 Councils in 17 different countries. Deacon Dan Rittenhouse is our Grand Knight recently elected to lead Lemont Council #1599 (originally chartered on December 10, 1911). The current membership (of 130 men) provides charitable work locally.

Please take home the Knights of Columbus brochure located at the Church entry at all Parishes. Catholic Men 18 years old and over are invited to join the Knights. Contact Larry Dyjak (630) 234-6210.



*Moms, Looking for fellowship, prayer, and playtime this summer?*

**Moms & Babies Rosary Summer Park Sessions**

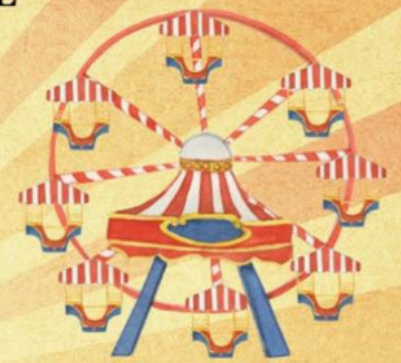
Our Moms and Babies Rosary group is moving outdoors! We will continue to meet throughout the summer on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month for lunch, praying the rosary, and playtime for the kids. To keep things exciting, our location will change to various local parks each session! Join Us This Week! Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM Contact Ellie at 616-916-9010 for this week's location

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**SUMMER FEST**

**AUGUST 27 - 30,  
2026**

**607 SOBIESKI ST.  
LEMONT, IL**



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LIVE MUSIC ~  
CARNIVAL RIDES ~  
RAFFLES**

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**DATE & TIMES**

**Aug. 27 ~ 6pm -10pm  
Aug. 28 ~ 6pm -11pm  
Aug. 29 ~ 3pm -11pm  
Aug. 30 ~ 1pm - 5pm**

**DAILY RIDE  
PASSES  
AVAILABLE  
ONSITE**

**~ FEATURED BANDS ~**

**Aug. 27 ~ 6pm School of Rock ~ 8pm ~ Evan Fox  
Aug. 28 ~ 6pm Timing's Everything ~ 8pm ANTHEM  
Aug. 29 ~3pm Ryan Craig Band ~ 5pm Billy Gray Music ~  
7:45pm Whiskey Road  
Aug. 30 ~ 1pm Keith Stras & Polka Confetti ~  
3pm Boy Band Review**

**FOR MORE DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT: FACEBOOK: SSCM SUMMER FEST 2026  
OR ON [HTTPS://SSCM.VISUAL-WEBSITE.COM/](https://SSCM.VISUAL-WEBSITE.COM/)**



### Z biurka wikariusza proboszcza Drodzy Parafianie,

Kiedy słyszę słowa naszego Pana w Ewangelii „Nie bójcie się tych, którzy zabijają ciało, lecz duszy zabić nie mogą” (Mt 10, 28), przychodzi mi na myśl pewne wspomnienie. Być może potraficie się z nim utożsamiać.

Jakiś czas temu szedłem z kościoła na plebanię. Pewno musiałem mieć zatroskany wyraz twarzy, ponieważ jeden z moich wspaniałych parafianin, który walczył podczas II wojny światowej, spokojnie powiedział mi: „Ojczy, bycie proboszczem jest jak bycie kapitanem okrętu podwodnego. Nawet kiedy wszystko wygląda źle, musisz podtrzymywać morale marynarzy. Nie okazuj paniki, bo panika jest zaraźliwa.”

Przypuszczam, że troska mojego przyjaciela o stan naszego Kościoła została wystawiona na próbę przez zmartwiony wyraz mojej twarzy. Czyż Jezus nie mówi nam w pewnym sensie tego samego? Jezus próbuje uchronić nas przed paniką gdy mówi: „Jestem przy tobie, nie martw się.” Oczywiście bardzo trudno jest nie wpadać w panikę, gdy stajemy wobec śmierci. Jednak Jezus dodaje „lecz duszy zabić nie mogą”, co daje nam głęboki wgląd w cnotę męstwa.

Tak więc z okazji nadchodzącego Dnia Niepodległości pragnę przybliżyć Wam poruszającą historię walki pewnego narodu o suwerenność. Brytyjczycy szczyli się najpotężniejszą marynarką wojenną na świecie, dlatego każda konfrontacja z nimi była niezwykle niebezpieczna. To właśnie komodor John Barry, irlandzki katolik, zdobył tytuł „Ojca Amerykańskiej Marynarki Wojennej” i odniósł wiele zwycięstw na morzu oraz rzekach. Latem 1777 roku Barry, dowódca okrętu „Effingham”, skutecznie powstrzymał wystarczająco długo silniejszą flotę brytyjską przed wypłynięciem na rzekę Delaware, aby siły kontynentalne uniknęły zniszczenia. W niezwykły sposób uniknął również pojmania, gdy Brytyjczycy zajęli Filadelfię we wrześniu. Każda wojna rodzi historie odwagi, historie ludzi, którzy nie boją się tych, którzy mogą zabić ciało. Dlatego nasze modlitwy są dziś potrzebne wszystkim naszym synom i córkom służącym w siłach zbrojnych.

Muszę jednak podzielić się czymś, co często powtarzam podczas święta Męczenników. Katolicy męczennicy są dla nas niezwykłymi wzorami. Spotkanie ich w niebie powinno być czymś, na co czekamy z nadzieją. Jednak w modlitwach podczas ich świąt często używam intencji mniej więcej takiej: „Módlmy się o odwagę do przeżywania „białego męczeństwa” (to znaczy do podejmowania ofiar, jakich wymaga czystość) i „zielonego męczeństwa” (czyli do podejmowania ofiar związanych z daniem, szczególnie z dziesięciną i hojnością), abyśmy nie musieli przechodzić przez „czerwone męczeństwo” (czyli przelanie własnej krwi aż do śmierci).”

Świętując 250 rocznicę naszego kraju, zanieśmy szczególną modlitwę, aby nasza miłość do wolności była połączona z równie wielkim pragnieniem prawdy. Miłość do wolności sama w sobie, bez prawdy pochodzącej od Boga, staje się jedynie samowolą. Jeśli to ważne rozróżnienie nie byłoby prawdziwe, to

to dlaczego rząd wymaga tak wielu licencji i zezwoleń?

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Happy Father's Day!



## Mass Intentions

**Monday — June 22nd**

7:00 AM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA  
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY  
† JOHN DUNLEAVY  
by Nancy's Team

**Tuesday — June 23rd**

7:00 AM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA  
† BEVERLY KORELC OTTO  
by Richard & Family  
7:00 PM † BARBARA KNAPCZYK (1 Rocznicza Śmierci)  
by Siostra z Rodziną  
O BOŻE BŁ. DLA GRAŻYNY ŁABOJEWSKI (urodziny)  
by Rodzice  
DZIEKCZYNNNO-BŁAGALNA I O DALSZE ŁASKI,  
ZDROWIE I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA BEATY I TOMASZA  
(30 Rocznicza Ślubu)  
† FRANCISZEK FURCZON  
by Syn, Bronisław

**Wednesday — June 24th**

7:00 AM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA  
† TED, BAZYLI & ANIELA FLORYNSKI  
by Joan & Family  
† RICHARD & DOROTHY SNIEGOWSKI  
by Robert Todd Jelinski

**Thursday — June 25th**

7:00 AM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA  
† DONALD BUHLE  
by Robert Todd Jelinski

**Friday — June 26th**

7:00 AM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA  
† ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY  
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR JOHN  
by Mom

**Saturday — June 27th**

7:00 AM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA  
† MARIA JEAN KULA  
by Mary Ann Dactilidis  
11:00 AM *Wedding: Amanda Villa and Greg Szoda*  
1:00 PM *Wedding: Vanessa Pustulka and Bart Rafacz*  
5:00 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

**Sunday — June 28th**

7:00 AM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA  
**Fr. Valdi** ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

† WLADYSŁAW LESNICKI  
by Ella Kopec  
† BASIA SELLERS  
by Marianna

8:00 AM † MARIA, STANISŁAW I WOJCIECH BARTOSZEK  
**Carmelite** by Syn z Rodziną

† JAN STRAMA  
by Rodzina  
O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA KACPRA (10 urodziny)  
† by Rodzina  
GENOWEFA I CZESŁAW KOSTRO  
by Rodzina

9:30 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GRACE BIALAS (12 birth)

**Fr. Valdi** by Babcia & Dziadziu  
† JANINA KASPEREK  
by Family  
† LOUISE & CLAYSON WHEELER  
by Jen Wheeler

† WILLIAM WORKMAN (50 Anniv.)  
by Jeannette Bartosz

11:00 AM † MARIA I STANISŁAW KUCHARSKI  
**Carmelite** by Rodzina Grele

O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA MARYSI (4 urodziny)  
by Rodzice  
† HELENA I STANISŁAW OBLAZNY  
by J.S. Nowobilski  
DZIEKCZYNNNO-BŁAGALNA DLA JANINY  
I STANISŁAWA NOWOBILSKI  
by Rodzina Tomecki

12:30 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR MAGDALENA & ANDRZEJ  
**Fr. Valdi** LEJA & CHILDREN (Wedd. Anniv.)  
by Mama

GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR EWA & TOMASZ MROZ  
& CHILDREN (Wedd. Anniv.)  
by Mama  
† JOZEF GARB (6 Anniv.)  
by Family

2:00 PM † ANNA I WACŁAW NIEMYJSKI  
**Carmelite** by Rodzina  
O BOŻE BŁ. DLA SYLVII I PAWŁA (Rocznicza Ślubu)  
by Mama

† ANDRZEJ I MARIA ORAZ SYN, JAN SKOBEL  
† JANUSZ KRESSO (27 Rocznicza Śmierci)

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



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have a loved one you would like  
our parish community to pray for.

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Doug Fitz	Kassidy Heidegger
Cedomir Capic	Mike Laskowski
Cindy Evankoe	Mark Hussey
Mike Rajski	Kitty Shannon
Connie Ptacek	Adeline Bahnick
Bob & Marge Doucet	John Wojciechowski
John Dzielski	Lorraine Malm
Arthur Zelezinski	Michael Dallmann
Tom Rup	Frank Zelezinski
Patty Pendala	

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  
 June 13 & June 14, 2026**

Envelopes	518	17,323.00
GiveCentral (6/8-6/14)	138	<u>3,385.00</u>
Total		\$20,708.00
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection- Retired Priests</b>		<b>\$3,904.00</b>

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518 envelopes plus 138 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 31% of 2,100 registered parishioner families.



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

*Congratulations and God's Blessings*



*Karolina Sas and Daniel Las  
 Married June 13, 2026*



Wedding Banns

*Lena Centomani and Michael Sullivan  
 Delaney Cahill and Ryan Kwasnecki  
 Victoria Graczyk and Sean Jacobs  
 Emily Osoba and John Bermele*



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Once a month, SSCM Parish will have a second collection to help offset the cost of the church's new air conditioning system. The total cost of the new system is \$99,640.00! Please consider helping us to pay down some of this costly bill to help keep us all cool this summer and for many years to come. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

*Congratulations and God's Blessings*



*Mia Vermejan and Henry Hearon  
 Married June 13, 2026*

**Next collection date: July 26th**



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### BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

**1. READ THE READINGS**  
  
 Study the Scripture verses ahead of time to prepare your heart for the Word.

**2. ARRIVE EARLY**  
  
 Spend 10 minutes in silent prayer to transition from the noisy world.

**3. BRING AN OFFERING**  
  
 Mentally place your weekly joys, sacrifices, and trials onto the altar.

### DURING THE LITURGY

**4. ACTIVE PARTICIPATION**  
  
 Sing, respond, and maintain intentional posture (kneeling, standing).

**5. GUARD YOUR MIND**  
  
 Offer up distractions and re-center on the altar when your thoughts wander.

**6. FOCUS ON THE EUCHARIST**  
  
 Recognize Christ truly present during the Consecration. Receive Him worthily.

### AFTER YOU LEAVE

**7. THANKSGIVING**  
  
 Spend a few moments in silent gratitude after the final blessing.

**8. LIVING THE MASS**  
  
 Take one grace or lesson from the homily into your week.

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