SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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October 26, 2025 Thirtieth 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 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

5:00 PM Sunday Obligation Saturday: 7:00 AM (English-No Music), Sunday:

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:

4:00 - 4:30 PM Saturday: 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 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

(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,

We hear the words of our Lord, "He who humbles himself will be exalted." It is a clear request to be humble, is it not? I just finished a marvelous biography on St.

Thomas More by Joanne Paul. Talk about a man with great talents, great resources and upbringing, who, nevertheless, was considered by everyone who knew him the humblest of men. His intellect launched him into the ranks of the sought-after lawyers of his days in London.

More lived in the 1500's, when the Protestant "rebellion" was tearing apart Christendom. He was known as a wise and honest man and caught the attention of the infamous King Henry VIII. The King at first was opposed to what Martin Luther was doing in Germany and admired Thomas' explanations and defenses of Catholicism against the ideas of "Protestantism." But it would be hard to find two other characters in history that illustrate better opposing examples of a humble man and a proud egotistical man. One of the great scenes in the movie, "A Man For All Seasons", has Thomas Cromwell, the King's "bull dog," trying to find evidence against Thomas More. By this time, Henry VIII was pushing for an annulment of his marriage with Queen Catherine. Pope Clement VII wouldn't grant it. A gold cup was given to More as a bribe, but Thomas was quick to throw it in the river. The Duke of Norfolk screams at Cromwell that Thomas More was the only judge since Cato who did not use his office for personal gain. Although Thomas More had been exalted by the King previously, making him Chancellor of England, he was about to be brought very low. You probably know how it all ends. The King's ego and his insatiable desire for Ann Boleyn (and 4 subsequent wives) makes him the poster child for the proud man in our Gospel. More's famous last words, used in the movie, are, "I die the King's good servant but God's first."

In Paul's new book, we learn a detail that illustrates yet again More's tremendous humility. Thomas More had lots of time to think about his situation and the problems of making a secular, civil authority head over the ecclesiastical authority of the Pope. He, like many others about to die, had

prepared a long speech. But Henry ordered the chief "jailer" to order Thomas to be brief. The jailer threatened Thomas, "If you wish it to go well for your family after you're gone, I suggest you be brief." His love for his wife and children was as strong as his love for God and the church. And so, brief he was.

Now, the real lesson for us today is not just to be humble ourselves. An important job for all of us today is to see how those who are brought low by secular authorities-are in God's eyes-exalted. We might say that being students of the Saints finetunes our ability to know who is exalted by God in the end. Unfortunately, their saintly status often doesn't get recognized until long after they're gone.

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

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

- October is Respect Life Month. Please see the bulletin for some Pro-Life activities happening during the month of October.
- Please help support the Greater Chicagoland Women's Center by grabbing a baby bottle from the back of the church & filling it with your spare change. This donation helps expectant mothers and their babies in need. Please remember to return your bottles by November 9th. See the bulletin for more information.
- Please see the schedule for All Saints' and All Souls' day. For All Souls' Day, the Memorial Mass where the names of those who have passed away this past year will be read at the 5:00 PM Anticipated Mass on Saturday, November 1st.
- The SSCM Helping Hands Food Pantry is in need of donations. Please see the list in the bulletin and consider making a donation to those less fortunate, right in our community.
- There will be a second collection the weekend of November 1st & 2nd for our parish school. Please consider making a donation to help keep SSCM School Excellent.
- Please consider volunteering for our annual SSCM Tree of Love. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks that will help spread Christmas joy to those in need in our area. More information can be found in the bulletin.

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish "United in Faith"





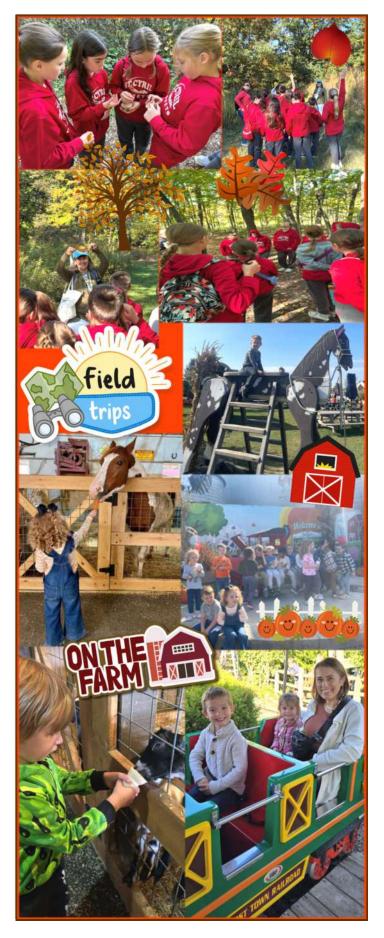
SS. Cyril & Methodius School "Strength for the Journey"

SS. Cyril & Methodius School 2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

This week was filled with faith, learning, and fall adventures! Our first graders led a beautiful all-school Mass on Tuesday, joyfully guiding our community in prayer and song. On Thursday, our fifth and sixth graders explored the Morton Arboretum, where they investigated the life cycle of a tree—from seed to soil—and identified some of Illinois' most common trees. Meanwhile, our Pre-K students enjoyed a wonderful fall field trip to Siegel's Cottonwood Farm, taking in the beauty and blessings of the season. We closed the week by gathering with our faith partners to pray the rosary and capture our 2025-2026 school year photo in the church, a special reminder of our unity as a faith-filled community. Our faculty also came together to continue growing as educators, deepening our commitment to empowering students to explore their unique interests and passions in learning.







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Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator

The Friday session 2nd grade class completed a Baptism project, which is currently displayed at the PLB. They are currently learning all about the Seven Sacraments.



1st graders from the Friday session are learning about 10 Commandments.









Our Monday 1st and 3rd grade class is currently learning about the Rosary and visited the Grotto.



As our 8th graders continue their preparation for Confirmation, they are learning about different Saints. This week they visited our beautiful church with their catechist. The feast day for St. John Paul II was celebrated on October 22nd, and a beautiful display was set up in church in his honor.



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.or



The Fall 40 Days campaign continues through Nov 2. Come pray at the abortion clinic, 1700 75th Str, DG. Sign up & info at 40daysforlife.com. St James is there every Friday at 3. Be a presence whenever you can.

All Saints Day, Nov 1 - All Souls Day, Nov 2

Fr Koys will offer an additional Mass (TLM) at Noon, Sat, Nov 1.

Honor your dearly departed for the month of November. Bring a framed picture (no larger than 5x7) to place on the side altar. Please label with your name & bring on Nov 1/2.

Join us for Evening Prayer (Office of the Deceased) on Sun, Nov 2 at 7pm, followed by Soup for the Souls in the Hall.

Townhall Meetings - Attend one Fri, Nov 7 or Tue, Dec 2

As we prepare for the future, prayer & actions are appropriate. To set the stage, Fr Koys will lead evening prayer & conduct two townhall meetings. Plan to attend one. 7pm in Church.



Save the Date ~~ Come Hear
Former Satanist, Zachary King
3 sessions for 3 audiences. All at 7pm
Adults: Friday, Nov 21
Teens (Parents welcome): Sat, Nov 22
Anchor (Young Adults): Sun, Nov 23



St Elizabeth of Hungary Food Ministry

A new food rescue ministry is being considered. Please go to our website to complete a 3-question survey about participating. Thank you!



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!



First Saturday - November 1 Our Lady of Fatima asked us to show her special devotion on the First Saturday of each month. This month it coincides with the beautiful Solemnity of All Saints, and we know Mary is the Queen of All Saints! Honor her in both beautiful titles. Our Lady, our Queen, pray for us!

Oct 29 – Wine & Wisdom

Jim Coughlin will address recent Catholic teaching on the family, a vital linchpin in our Church & culture. Immediately after Mass.

Nov 5 – Nothing better than a hot topic, discussion led by Paul Devitt engagement from the group! Sure to be good!

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

Spare Change?

Please return your baby bottle for The Women's Centers fundraiser as soon as possible. Any contributions you make will help women in crisis pregnancies to choose life. Help moms & babies!



Do you take warmth for granted?

Many people do not have a warm home. Can you help with blankets, hoodies & men's coats? Drop in the bin in Charlie's Chapel. Large & larger sizes please! (No women's or children's.)



As we come to the end of our Blessed Mother's month of October, A&R invites everyone to join us in praying the Most Holy Rosary on Sunday, October 26th. We will meet at the grotto after 8:15 am mass. If we have inclement weather, we will meet in the church following 8:15 mass. Let us meditate together on its mysteries, as we ask for Mary's intercession for the peace, unity, and guidance that is so needed in all of our lives.



Congratulations to Nicholas & Annette (Cioch) Liberto on the baptism of their daughter Theadora Krystyna. She joined God's family & St James on October 12. Many blessings to Theadora & her entire family.



TUESDAY NOV 4, 6:30PM First Aid Training

A special first aid training will be held for St James security team volunteers in the rectory basement. All interested people are welcome.

All Saints Cemetery Walk - Oct 27 All are welcome

Don't miss the annual All Saints walk through St James' cemetery on Mon, Oct 27. All participants should arrive at Sag Hall at 6:30pm for games, crafts and snacks. Children are encouraged to dress as their favorite saint. Saint walk begins at 7pm. Please check out our website for further details, or scan the QR code:

Reserve your family's timed entry using the link below and bring friends and family to share in this joyful evening!



JOYFUL AGAIN!!

Is a retreat/workshop for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life.

When: November 1-2, 2025 Where: Nazareth Retreat House

Batavia, IL

Overnight accommodations available For further information, call: 708-354-7211.

Email info@joyfulagain.org website: www.joyfulagain.org

Altar Flowers

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

THE SWIGONS—WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN THANKSGIVING FOR BLESSINGS



Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

Monday, October 27

8:00 Am In Thanksgiving for our 35th Wedding Anniv

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Birthday Blessings—Gina Falk

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:00pm Birthday Blessings—Lisa Bartik Birthday Blessings-Adam Fugiel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Andrew Slowik Birthday Blessings-Diana Walsh

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 6:00PM Birthday Health & Blessings—Juliette Wilczek

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1—ALL SAINTS DAY

8:00AM Birthday Health & Blessings-Michael Wilczek 12:00pm Deceased Members Noonan/DeSitter Families

All Souls Day

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:15AM Deceased Members of Donavan Family ♥John & ♥Christine Budz

10am Deceased Members of Raj/Plata Families ♥Zbigniew Dziurgot

12:00pm Deceased Members Gal/Szczech/Chryc Fams



Our weekly Offertory collection from October 19, 2025 was \$4,347. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$1,700.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!



Spiritual Adoption Prayer

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you, spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion. Amen.

| Mass | ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 | |
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| 8:15am | Mark Henze, Christos & Frankie Latsonas | |
| 10am | Will & Conor Pawlisz, Christian Cozzi, Matthew Rebello, Dominic Spang | |



Women's

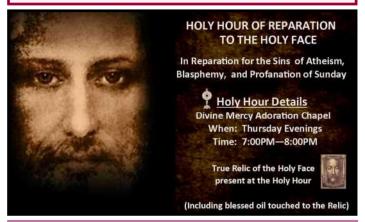
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Respect Life Month

"The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of

pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. ...Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to *make haste* to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: Called to Serve Moms in Need respectlife.org/called-to-serve-reflection



BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

The Baby Bottle
Project (bottles
available now) enables

the whole family to participate in helping The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland's pro-life mission. Empty baby bottles are in the back of the church for families to bring home and collect their spare change to help fund the work that they do. Your donations help assist mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material and spiritual support through counseling, clothing, and monetary provisions, prayers and other aid. At the same time, participants pray for women and children who are vulnerable to abortion. This project is a wonderful way for the community to show its support for life and for children to learn the beauty of giving to help others. Please pick up a bottle, fill it with your spare change and return it by November 9th.



All Souls' Day Mass of Remembrance

At the 5:00 PM, All Souls' Day Mass, we will read all the names of the parishioners who have

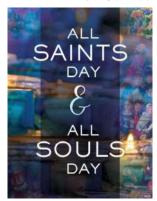
passed away this past year. A candle will be lit in their memory. All are invited to bring a picture of their deceased loved ones. The pictures will be displayed at the front of the church during the month of November.

SS. Cyril & Methodius & St. James Mass Schedule For All Saints' (Not a Holy Day of obligation this year) and All Souls' Day

All Saints' Day Saturday, November 1

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

8:00 AM **St. James** 12:00 PM **St. James**



All Souls' Day Sunday, November 2

5:00 PM (English) (Anticipated Mass) Memorial Mass 7:00 AM (English) 8:00 PM (Polish) 9:30 PM (English) 11:00 AM (Polish) 12:30 PM (English) 2:00 PM (Polish) 7:30 PM (English)

8:00 AM St. James 10:00 AM St. James 12:00 PM (TLM) St. James



Please consider using the QR code to the left to make your online parish donation through GiveCentral.
You can also sign up at givecentral.org.

2nd Collection November 1st & 2nd 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.





Tree of Love Volunteers Needed

Our annual Tree of Love Christmas gift drive is right around the corner, and we need your help to make it a success! Volunteers are needed throughout November to help create

gift tags, organize donated gifts, and sort gift cards. This is a wonderful way to spread Christmas joy and serve families in need within our community.

If you'd like to lend a hand, please email Hannah Krzeminski at

keepingupwithkrzeminskis@gmail.com. Thank you!



Wedding Banns

Minshall Doronio and John Higgins Karolina Harkabuz and Michal Stafira Devlyn Smith and Adam Bielinski

Items needed for SSCM Helping Hands Food Pantry

We are in desperate need of the following items for our parish food pantry. If you can donate one or more of these items, please bring them to church or drop them off at the parish offices. Thank you!

- 1. Jars of Spaghetti Sauce & packages of spaghetti
- 2. Cans of Beef Stew, Chicken with noodles and Chili
- 3. Hamburger Helper
- 4. Shampoo, Conditioner and Hand Soap
- 5. Rice or Noodle side dishes
- 6. Instant, boxed or canned potatoes
- 7. Cans of meat / chicken, beef, Vienna sausages
- 8. Cans of vegetables / Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Mixed vegetables
- Cans of Spaghetti O or Chef Boyardee products
- 10. Peanut Butter and Jelly

Please do not donate any expired products. We cannot use these items. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

Lemont Catholic Anointing of the Sick Bilingual Mass

On Saturday, November 15th,

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 5th. 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:

Please RSVP no later than November 5th. We hope you can join us for food and fellowship!



Wreszcie Żyć- 12 Kroków Ku Pełni Życia

Prowadzący warsztaty rozwoju duchowego "Wreszcie Żyć" przy parafii Sacred Heart w Palos Hills wraz ze wspólnotą Sychar ogłaszają zapisy do nowej grupy.

Tel (708) 417-3292 12krokowpalos@gmail.com www.12krokow.sychar.org

Warsztaty są przeznaczone dla osób, które między innymi: Czują się samotne, zagubione, zranione i są spragnione zdrowych relacji; Czują pustkę, bezsilność wobec niektórych swoich uczuć, myśli i reakcji; Czują nieadekwatny lęk, wstyd, poczucie winy; Czują złość, smutek i nie potrafią sobie z tym poradzić; Czują potrzebę pogłębienia relacji z Bogiem;





World Mission Sunday

Thank You to Fr. Valdi and the Parishioners of St. Cyril and Methodius Parish,

On this World Mission Sunday, we celebrate the universal mission of the Church to bring the love of Christ to all corners of the world. It is a day to reflect on our call to pray, give, and go forth in service to the poorest and most vulnerable.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Valdi and all parishioners of St. Cyril and Methodius Parish for your continuous support of missionary work, especially in Kenya, Uganda, and Haiti. Your generosity is a tangible sign of faith in action.

We are particularly thankful for your donation of \$6,498.00. Thanks to this gift, the Missionary

Brothers in Kenya were able to furnish a newly constructed physical therapy room. This clinic will serve orphaned boys and children from the local community, many of whom would not have access to proper therapy

without this support. Your prayers, encouragement, and generosity help sustain this vital work and inspire others to follow Christ's call to serve.

If you feel called to make a difference, we invite you to join us on one of our mission trips. Your life will be forever transformed by the experience of serving those in greatest need.

May God continue to bless Fr. Valdi, the parish staff, and every member of St. Cyril and Methodius Parish. May your faith, love, and missionary spirit continue to grow, bringing hope and joy to the poorest of the poor around the world.

With prayers and gratitude, MOP Volunteers – Chicago Team



🎫 Światowa Niedziela Misyjna

Podziękowanie dla ks. Waldiego i Parafian Parafii św. Cyryla i Metodego,

Z okazji Światowej Niedzieli Misyjnej świętujemy uniwersalną misję Kościoła, aby nieść miłość Chrystusa do wszystkich zakątków świata. To dzień, w którym przypominamy sobie nasze powołanie, by modlić się, dzielić i służyć tym, którzy są najbardziej potrzebujący i najbardziej bezbronni.

Składamy serdeczne podziękowania ks. Waldiemu oraz wszystkim parafianom Parafii św. Cyryla i Metodego za nieustanne wsparcie pracy misyjnej, zwłaszcza w Kenii, Ugandzie i Haiti. Wasza hojność jest prawdziwym świadectwem wiary w działaniu.

Jesteśmy szczególnie wdzięczni za niedawną darowiznę w wysokości \$ 6,498.00. Dzięki tej ofierze Misjonarze w Kenii mogli wyposażyć nowo wybudowany pokój rehabilitacyjny. Klinika ta będzie służyć zarówno sierotom z domu prowadzonego przez Braci, jak i dzieciom z lokalnej społeczności — dzieciom, które nie miałyby dostępu do odpowiedniej terapii bez tego wsparcia.

Wasze modlitwy, zachęta i hojność wspierają tę ważną pracę i inspirują innych, by podążać za Chrystusem w służbie potrzebującym.

Jeśli czujesz powołanie, pomocy innym, zapraszamy Cię do udziału w jednej z naszych podróży misyjnych. Twoje życie zmieni się na zawsze dzięki doświadczeniu służenia najbardziej potrzebującym.

Niech Bóg nadal błogosławi ks. Waldiemu, pracownikom parafialnym i wszystkim parafianom Parafii św. Cyryla i Metodego. Niech Wasza wiara, miłość i duch misyjny nadal rosną, przynosząc nadzieję i radość najbiedniejszym w całym świecie.

Z modlitwą oraz wdzięcznością, Wolontariusze MOP – Grupa Chicago





Z biurka wikariusza proboszcza Drodzy Parafianie,

Słuchając słów naszego Pana: "Kto się uniża, będzie wywyższony" zadajmy sobie pytanie, czyż nie jest to jasne wezwanie do pokory? Właśnie skończyłem wspaniałą biografię św. Tomasza More, której autorem jest dr. Joanne Paul. Cóż to za

człowiek był, ogromne talenty, wielkie możliwości i wychowanie, a mimo to, według wszystkich, którzy go znali, najpokorniejszy z ludzi. Jego intelekt wprowadził go do grona najbardziej poszukiwanych prawników Londynu. Żył w XVI wieku w okresie gdy protestancka reformacja rozdzierała chrześcijaństwo. Był znany jako człowiek mądry i uczciwy, a jego osoba zwróciła uwagę niesławnego króla Henryka VIII. Król początkowo sprzeciwiał się temu, co robił Marcin Luter w Niemczech, i podziwiał wyjaśnienia oraz obronę katolicyzmu przedstawianą przez Tomasza przeciwko ideom "protestantyzmu". Ale trudno byłoby znaleźć dwie inne postacie w historii, które lepiej ilustrują przeciwstawne przykłady człowieka pokornego i człowieka pysznego, wręcz egoistycznego.

Jedna z wielkich scen filmu Człowiek na Każdą Porę Roku (A Man For All Seasons) ukazuje Tomasza Cromwella, "buldoga" króla, który próbuje znaleźć dowody przeciwko Tomaszowi More. W tym czasie Henryk VIII dążył do unieważnienia małżeństwa z królową Katarzyną. Papież Klemens VII nie chciał go udzielić. To też złoty puchar został przekazany Tomaszowi jako łapówka w niższym sądzie, lecz on natychmiast wyrzucił go do rzeki. Książę Norfolk wykrzyczał wtedy na Cromwella, że Tomasz More był jedynym sędzią od czasów Katona, który nie wykorzystywał swojego urzędu do osobistych korzyści. Choć Tomasz został wcześniej wywyższony przez króla, który uczynił go kanclerzem Anglii, teraz miał zostać bardzo poniżony. Przypuszczam, że zapewne już wiesz jak to się skończyło. Ego króla i jego nienasycone pragnienie Anny Boleyn (oraz czterech kolejnych żon) czynią z niego podręcznikowy przykład człowieka pysznego w naszej Ewangelii. Słynne ostatnie słowa Tomasza More, użyte również w filmie, brzmiały: "Umieram jako wierny sługa króla, ale najpierw Boga".

W nowej książce Joanne Paul poznajemy szczegół, który jeszcze raz ukazuje ogromną pokorę Tomasza More. Otóż miał on wiele czasu, aby zastanowić się nad swoją sytuacją i nad problemem, czy świecka, cywilna władza może stać ponad władzą kościelną papieża. Jak wielu innych skazańców, przygotował długą mowę. Ale Henryk rozkazał głównemu strażnikowi więzienia, by nakazał

Tomaszowi streścić się do minimum. Strażnik zastraszając go powiedzia: "Jeśli chcesz, aby twojej rodzinie dobrze się powodziło po twojej śmierci, radzę ci być zwięzłym." Miłość Tomasza do żony i dzieci była równie silna jak jego miłość do Boga i Kościoła, dlatego był zwięzły.

Dzisiejsza lekcja dla nas nie polega jedynie na tym, aby samemu być pokornym. Ważnym zadaniem dla nas wszystkich jest dostrzegać, że ci, którzy zostają poniżeni przez wyższe władze, w oczach Boga są wywyższeni. Możemy powiedzieć, że studiowanie żywotów świętych wyostrza naszą zdolność rozpoznawania kogo Bóg w końcu wywyższa. Niestety, ich świętość bardzo często zostaje uznana dopiero długo po ich śmierci.

Fr Thomas Koys, M.A.,S.T.L. Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- W październiku obchodzimy Miesiąc Szacunku dla Życia. Prosimy o sprawdzenie biuletynu, aby uzyskać informacje o wydarzeniach Pro-Life, które odbędą się w październiku.
- Prosimy o wsparcie Chicagowskie Centrum Kobiet zabierając butelkę z tylu kościoła i napełniając ją drobnymi monetami. Ta darowizna pomaga przyszłym matkom oraz ich dzieciom w potrzebie. Prosimy o zwrócenie butelek do 9 listopada. Więcej informacji znajduje się w biuletynie.
- Prosimy o zapoznanie się z harmonogramem Mszy Świętych na Dzień Wszystkich Świętych oraz Dzień Zaduszny. Na Dzień Zaduszny, Msza Święta upamiętniająca zmarłych, podczas której odczytane zostaną imiona osób zmarłych w minionym roku, odbędzie się w sobotę, 1 listopada, podczas Mszy Świętej wigilijnej o godz. 5:00 PM.
- Parafialna spiżarnia żywnościowa Helping Hands św. Cyryla i Metodego potrzebuje darowizn. Prosimy zapoznać się z listą potrzebnych produktów w biuletynie i rozważyć złożenie darowizny na rzecz osób potrzebujących w naszej wspólnocie.
- W weekend 1 i 2 listopada druga kolekta będzie na rzecz naszej szkoły parafialnej. Prosimy o wsparcie w celu utrzymania wysokiego standardu szkoły SSCM.
- Prosimy o rozważenie zaangażowania się jako wolontariusz w naszej corocznej akcji parafialnej Drzewo Miłości. Poszukujemy wolontariuszy do różnych zadań, które pomogą dzielić się radością Bożego Narodzenia z potrzebującym w naszej okolicy. Więcej informacji znajduje się w biuletynie.

by Family 7:00 PM & AUGUSTYN PREDKI

by Rodzina **♥ KAROL MACHAJ** by Rodzina

Fr. Valdi

Fr. Noga

by Rodzina Prędki

♥ ZMARLI Z RODZIN KALATA I ŁUKANUS

♥ JÓZEF I FRANCISZKA DZIĄBA

Sunday – November 2nd (All Souls' Day) 7:00 AM † EDMUND & THERESE BREZINSKI

by Philip Brezinski

| Mana Tatan Cana | 8:00 AM O BOŻE I | BŁ. DLA ŻYJĄCYCH CZŁONKÓW KLUBU |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mass Intentions | Fr. Valdi POLSKIE | |
| Monday — October 27th | | HELENA BYRDAK |
| 7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY | | i Władysław Mrozek |
| Tuesday — October 28th | ⊕ FRANCIS | SZEK CHOLEWA |
| 7:00 AM 🕆 FRANK P. KEDZIOR | | HLEBEK I SYN STANLEY |
| by Marie | by Mary (| |
| ♦ STANLEY LAYMAN | | PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED |
| by Marc & Rita Gimbel | Fr. Noga 🕆 EMILIO | & RAFFAELLA PASTORE |
| 7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. NA NOWEJ DRODZE ŻYCIA DLA | by Family | |
| OLIVII I TOMASZA LYZBICKI | ⅌ DARIO I. | |
| by Dziadkowie O BOŻE BŁ. DLA LIDII ZAJĄC Z RODZINĄ | by Parent | |
| by Brat z Rodziną | | SCO & AMELIA PERFETTI |
| † IGNACY SANDRZYK | by Family | y |
| by Rodzina Sandrzyk | | PRÓŚB ZANOSZONYCH W KAPLICY |
| ♣ EDMUND ZIELONKA (22 Rocznica Śmierci) | | STEJ ADORACJI |
| Wednesday — October 29th | | Z RODZIN DŁUGOPOLSKI I ZELEK |
| 7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED | | Józef Długopolski |
| Thursday — October 30th | r ZMAKLI GRELE | Z RODZINY ADAMA, ZOFII, MICHAŁA |
| 7:00 AM ♥ ANNA & WLADYSLAW BUJAK | by Rodzii | 22 |
| Friday — October 31st | | WONTORCZYK |
| 7:00 AM † DARIO I. SANCHEZ | by Dzieci | |
| by Parents | 12:30 PM 🕆 JADWIG | |
| † DONALD BUHLE & DECEASED MEMBERS OF | Fr. Rataj by Family | |
| BUHLE FAMILY | † CHESTE | |
| by Robert Todd Jelinski | by Wife & | |
| ♦ CHARLES E. WICKEY | | UDY KURINEC |
| by Guadalupe Sanchez | | & Laura Kurinec |
| Saturday — November 1st (First Saturday, All Saints' Day) | Ů JOSEPH | SOWA |
| 7:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA Fr. Valdi | | & Laura Kurinec |
| by Parents | 2:00 PM 中 CZESŁAV | |
| ♥ KRZYSZTOF BIALAS | | Zagraniczny |
| by Family | | IE LONG-KOWALCZYK |
| ⊕ JOHN B. SROKA | by F.M. K | Kowalczyk |
| by Daughter JoAnn | | Z RODŽIN WITKOWSKI I CHUDZIK |
| 11:30 AM ♥ STANISŁAW JAGIEŁŁO | | Z RODZIN BENDYK I KUCHARSKI |
| Fr. Valdi by Żona Aniela Jagiełło | by Kathy | IOMAIA INTENTIONS IN OUR CHAPEL |
| ♥ HELENA I STANISŁAW OBŁAZNY | 7:30 PM FOR ALL Fr. Rataj INTENTI | INTENTIONS IN OUR CHAPEL ION BOOK |
| by J.S. Nowobilski | | IEY CHMIELEWSKI |
| ₱ ZMARLI Z RODZINY ANDRZEJA I KATARZYNY | by Grand | |
| BENDYK | by Grand | parents |
| by Rodzina | | |
| ₱ JOANNA LICHOSYT | | |
| by Córka | | |
| 3:00 PM Wedding: Courtney Toth and Matthew Luzzo | | |
| 5:00 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ALYSSA (8 birth) | 10/999 | Please call the parish office if you |
| Fr. Noga by Grandmother | D/1/Ac | |
| † WITOLD GASIOR & JOZEF SZCZEPANIAK | Pray for | have a loved one you would like |
| by Family | 11019 101 | our parish community to pray for. |
| † CHESTER, STEFANIA & WALTER TOMALA | William Podbo | orny Arthur Zelezinski |
| by Kathy Tomala ় JANINA OZGA & FRANCISZEK SWIECH | | • |
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| Judy | Marcia Nowak | |
| r DII | | |

Karen Plachy

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 18 & 19, 2025

Envelopes 546 15,198.00
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546 envelopes plus 131 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 32% of 2,100 registered parishioner families.

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

The Blessed Sacrament candle that burns above the altar 24/7 is available to be sponsored for an intention or in memory of loved ones. This candle is replaced every Monday morning. We also have a Blessed Sacrament candle in our Divine Mercy Chapel which is available for intentions. Please call our parish office to make arrangements to book your week and to specify which Blessed Sacrament candle you would like to sponsor. A donation of \$100 is requested, and the intention along with the name of the donor will be acknowledged in our bulletin.





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Our catholic communities of SS Cyril & Methodius and St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick came
together to pray the rosary along the streets of Lemont and ended with a prayer service in St.
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Deacon Dan for a beautiful prayer service on the sanctity of life.

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.





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It was a joy to see couples of all ages, many with infants and toddlers attend Father Loya's presentation: THEOLOGY OF THE BODY: THE COMPLEMENTARITY OF MEN AND WOMEN held on September 16th in the St. Cyril Parish Life Center.



Father Loya, was incredibly inspiring to the large crowd of both young and seasoned couples.

Some of the key takeaways from the Theology of the Body evening presentation were:

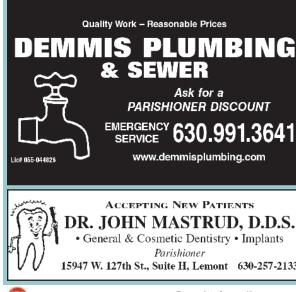
- If we truly live by the Divine Wisdom in the "Theology of the Body" there would be no divorce, abortion, homosexuality, or transgenderism. Sadly, mankind like Adam, choose their own way instead of God's way.
- God wanted to make himself known on earth in the flesh and He did so by the creation of man and woman who fully and truly become what they are meant to be when they become "one" creature in marriage.
- "Theology of the Body" calls for a husband to say in words and actions to his wife "You are
 more important than me." And for a wife to say in return to her husband, "No, you are more
 important than me." And for this "loop" of kindness and love to never end between a husband
 and wife.
- The only thing a person cannot live without is "intimacy" --- intimacy with God and with our spouse. Every perversion by a broken person is in truth a need for this lacking intimacy.
- When couples greatly struggle in their marriages they have either "lost" or do not remember what was taught in their Pre-Cana and Marriage Preparation.
- Truly, women and men are marvelously complementary and together in marriage they find their

--- COMPLETENESS. They are not the same, they harmonize and can create a beautiful life.

Thank you, Father Loya, for sharing your joy and wisdom about marriage with us!

And thank you God for the GIFT that MARRIAGE truly is!











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