

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

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October 11, 2026

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Parish Mission Statement

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

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

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Mass Schedule: Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation Sunday: 7:00 AM (English-No Music), 8:00 AM (Polish), 9:30 AM (English), 11:00 AM (Polish), 12:30 PM (English), 2:00 PM (Polish), 7:30 PM (English-No Music)		Parish Council:	Stan Brzezniak, President
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		Bulletin:	bulletin@stcyril.org
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM Also available by appointment.		Helping Hands:	helpinghands@stcyril.org
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Following the Monday morning 7:00AM Mass		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.	
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		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.	
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		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,

Maybe it's because I've lived as a "flat-lander" all my life, or maybe it's because I like the song, "Rocky Mountain High" so much, but I've always loved the mountains. Allow me to use Isaiah 25:6, "On this mountain, the Lord of Hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food" to share one of the most important insights of my spiritual journey. I see a strange connection to Our Lord's message about "many are called but few are chosen." The important insight has everything to do with the wisdom of G.K. Chesterton's use of the idea of a "paradox." Without a strong sense of the importance of "paradox" it is so easy to lose one's spiritual balance. Let me explain.

It seems that everything good about the mountains has to do with beauty. I like the mountains when I am gazing at them. Each season brings its own special beauty. There is also the joy of hiking in the mountains, but my hikes are getting shorter each year. Go figure. So, there is a beauty in gazing on what is beyond my grasp. The word "majestic" always comes to mind. It must be appreciated that the mountain Isaiah has in mind is the mountain upon which sits the majestic city of Jerusalem. Here comes the paradox and why few really see and understand the wisdom of Jesus Christ. Although mountains may be beautiful to look at, getting to the top or getting around them is really hard. The Bible also tells us that God levels the mountains, making the path smooth. Mountainous roads can be treacherous. Our psalm today tells us valleys can be valleys of darkness.

Life is filled with paradoxes. Beauty that is good and draws us in lies beside beauty that is fleeting and can kill the soul. Roads that are dangerous and scary, paths that require all the courage we have just to take the first step forward, are often the roads that lead to the greatest achievements of our lives. Many things that are beautiful require the discipline of a young boy in a Swarovski gift shop. Look, but don't touch. What were the two big mistakes in Our Lord's parable today?

First, ignoring God's invitation to come in, get closer to God, learn more, join the party of believers. Second, jump in, try to fit in and take advantage of all the goodies, but ignore the rules of the game. The first crowd loses because they think the king has nothing better to offer them than what they already have.

The poor guy without the wedding garment loses because he figured, "I don't have to change to be a part of this party." This guy represents an error we see often in our church today. How often have you heard it said, "come as you are," "it doesn't matter what you're wearing or who you're sleeping with, God accepts you." If only that guy would have changed and put on even a simple wedding garment he bought at the Goodwill store.

If only our church added the words, repent and conversion to all our "happy modern church songs."

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

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

- Dear parishioners, those of us who work on the bulletin are going through a transition. Our printing company has changed the software that we need to use. We are asking for your patience and kindness while we go through this transition. We apologize for any inconsistencies that may arise as we are learning to work with this new software.
- **Called to Serve: Altar Servers** are needed. We encourage parents to support their children in taking on this ministry. See page 8 for more information.
- There will be a **second collection** the weekend of October 10th & 11th, for our parish school. Please consider making a donation to help keep SSCM School Excellent.
- Please help support the Greater Chicagoland Women's Center by grabbing a **baby bottle** from the back of the church and filling it with your spare change. This donation helps expectant mothers and their babies in need. See the bulletin for more information.
- The weekend of October 17th & 18th there will be a **second collection** for World Mission Sunday. Please consider making a donation to help support the missionaries that support 1,130 areas where the church is young, poor or persecuted. Please find more information regarding World Mission Sunday in the bulletin.
- Please see the schedule for **All Saints' and All Souls' Day**. The Memorial Mass with names of those who have died this past year will be read at the 6:00 PM Mass on All Souls' Day, Monday, November 2nd.



"Children's Liturgy of the Word"

Meets every Sunday during
9:30 Mass for children grades
K-4th Participating families:

Please sit in the front half of church near the middle aisle and send your children up for their blessing and procession right after the opening 'Collect' prayer as we say AMEN.

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



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2019 National
Blue Ribbon SchoolSS. Cyril & Methodius School
"Stack The Days"

SS. Cyril & Methodius School 2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents & Parishioners!
Week Eight Recap

The week of September 28th was a true embodiment of "Stack the Days" with a number of wonderful special events at SSCM. We began with our 3rd Grade students beautifully leading our All-School Mass, grounding our week in prayer and the Eucharist. Throughout the week, we celebrated our students' academic growth with Progress Reports and brought plenty of Comet pride to our Fall Sports Pep Rally as we recognized our student-athletes and cheered them on this season. We closed the school week in a special way, gathering as one school family for our All-School Rosary, led by our 8th graders, as we reflected on what it means to be Dignity-Driven and joined Pope Leo's call for peace. Pizza Day added some Friday fun, and our PSD Mother/Son Bowling Night capped off the week with laughter, connection, and community. We are grateful to be such a vibrant community and look forward to another exciting week.

Go Comets!!
Mr. Dan Turney, Principal



Thank You

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make this year's SSCM Summer Fest such a tremendous success! To our generous sponsors, dedicated volunteers, first responders, and every attendee who joined us ~ THANK YOU. Your support, time, hard work, and enthusiasm brought our school family and community together and made the celebration truly special!

We are incredibly grateful for the many people who worked behind the scenes and throughout the event to create a safe, welcoming, and memorable experience for everyone.

SSCM Summer Fest is more than an event ~ it is a celebration of our community!

Your participation is what makes it so meaningful.

Thank you for helping us create wonderful memories and for making this year's SSCM Summer Fest one to remember! We look forward to celebrating with you again next year!

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Purpose Driven Fatherhood

STRONG
FATHERS
BRIGHTER
FUTURES

Proverbs 22:6

Sts. Cyril & Methodius

Every dad wants to be a good one. These sessions will help fathers learn how to rise to that challenge by learning how to build character in their children.

3 SESSIONS
WEDNESDAYS
SEPT 30 | OCT 7 | OCT 14
6:30 - 8:00 PM

SESSIONS ARE FREE!
Come and see!

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- All fathers are capable and irreplaceable
- The goal of parenting
- Envisioning the adult you want your child to become
- Encouraging excellence
- Do's and don'ts of discipline
- Communication techniques
- Managing Digital Media
- Confidence and hope!
- Fathers will also be surveyed for issues they would like to cover

REAL
CONVERSATIONS.
LASTING IMPACT.

Raising children with purpose,
character, and faith.



LOCATION:
Parish Life Building, rooms 1 & 2
at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church
608 Sobieski St
Lemont, IL 60439



TO REGISTER:
Contact Jim Coughlin
james-coughlin@sbcglobal.net
630-450-0020
Invite a friend!

FAMILIES GROW STRONGER TOGETHER



SS Cyril & Methodius
Religious Education Program

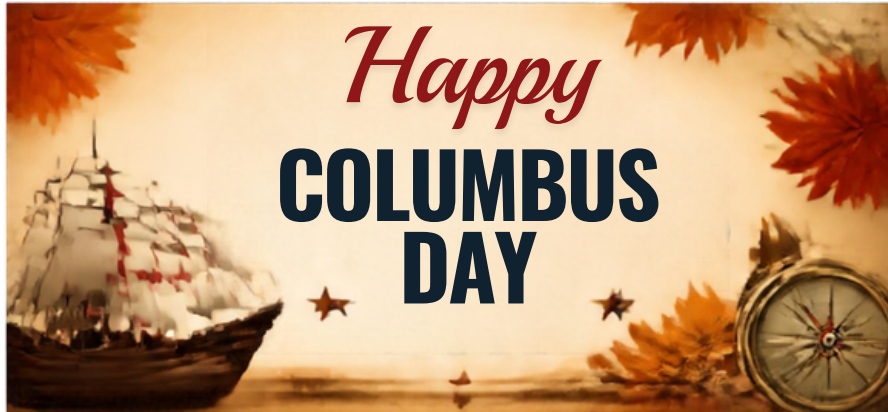
stcyril@sscmlemont.org

(630) 257-9314

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator



Pope Leo
asks
everyone to
pray the
rosary for
peace
throughout
October



REMINDER THERE IS NO RE CLASS ON
MONDAY

10/12/2026 AND WEDNESDAY 10/14/2026 IN

OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY

Name: _____ Date: _____

Christopher Columbus

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid.
Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.

AMERICA
ATLANTIC
BAHAMAS
CAPTAIN
CARIBBEAN
CHRISTOPHER
COLUMBUS
COMPASS
CREW
DISCOVERY
EUROPE
FERDINAND
GOLD



ISABELLA	PORTUGAL
LAND	SAIL
LATITUDE	SANTA CLARA
LONGITUDE	SANTA MARIA
MAP	SHIP
NAVIGATE	SPAIN
NEW WORLD	TRADE ROUTE
OCEAN	VOYAGE
PINTA	WEST INDIES

Attention students grades 1st - 5th
complete the word search below and
bring it to your Catechist the week of
10/19/2026 to receive a small prize.



Friday our
kindergarten
class made
rosaries during
class.
Monday the 1st
grade class
visited the
statues and
Grotto to pray
the rosary..

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

Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS:

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

WEEKDAYS:

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

ADORATION: Wednesday 5-7pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

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

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, & FUNERLS:

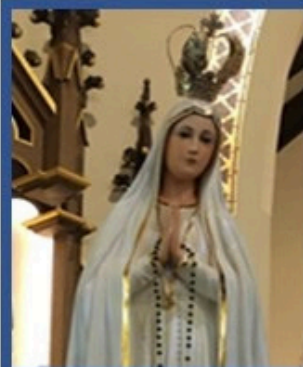
Contact the rectory

SICK & HOMEBOUND PASTORAL CARE:

Please notify the rectory

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Wed/Thurs/Fri 9am-2pm



Our Lady of Fatima Statue

You may host our beautiful statue for one week (Sun to Sun). Scan to sign up or go to historicstjames.org



Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

The Fall campaign is now ongoing thru Nov 1. Be a voice for the voiceless! Come pray at Access Health, 1700 75th Str, Downers Grove. St James' hour is 3pm each Friday, but many pray-ers are needed each day. Sign up at: www.40daysforlife.com/en/downersgrove

Wine & Wisdom – Oct 14

We will watch a portion of the documentary "The Story of Everything" & continue the discussion on creation. Fascinating stuff!

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

Knit & Crochet for Life!

We make baby items for pregnancy centers. Join in on Friday, Oct 23, 10-12 in rectory basement. All skill levels or beginners are welcome!



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!



Respect Life Month

October is Respect Life Month. Join us in praying the Spiritual Adoption Prayer for the Unborn.

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



Save the Dates

Cemetery Saints Walk
Sunday, Nov 1, 6pm

Soup for the Soul
(Remembering our dearly departed)
Wednesday W&W, Nov 4, 8pm

A&R Society--October is the month of Our Lady of the Rosary and Respect Life month. Make an extra effort to say your rosary every day asking the Blessed Mother to watch over and pray for our nation—especially for its unborn citizens!

Fr John Hardon's Catechism for Adults

Michelle Rebello will again offer this very popular Catechism course – this time at nearby Our Lady of Peace. 701 Plainfield Road, Darien. Classes begin Oct 19 in OLOP Parish Center. 20 Mondays 7-9pm. \$50 for materials (Purchased by student with link provided.) Contact Michelle to register.

Rebellofam7@gmail.com or 309-357-4924

Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

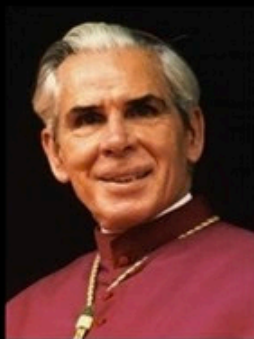
**Sag Bridge Mission Society presents:**

Mrs. Jeanne Ives—7pm—Saturday, Oct 24

At this critical time for Illinois & the country, Jeanne Ives, former member of the Illinois House of Representatives, founder of Breakthrough Ideas & current talk radio co-host, will share insights on the current issues from a Catholic perspective. Don't miss her informed insights. Wine & Cheese Speakers Series. Sag Hall.



If you are a woman or love a woman, you should hear this talk. Join us to learn early detection signs and hear the miraculous journey of the speaker, Debra Wold. Sunday, Oct 18, 2pm in the Sag Hall.

**Archbishop Fulton J Sheen
On Real "Feminism"**

"When a man loves a woman, he has to become worthy of her. The higher her virtue, the more noble her character, the more devoted she is to truth, justice, goodness, the more a man has to aspire to be worthy of her. The history of civilization could actually be written in terms of the level of its women."

Altar Flowers

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

THE PARISHIONERS OF ST JAMES
AND
MARTIN & MARTA RAZO
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/11/26

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

**Mass Intentions**

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Kevin Rohrbacher
†Henry Spanski
Health & Healing—Steve Rohrbacher

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00AM †Paul Szczech
†Vincent Bianco

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:00PM Birthday Blessings—DJ Ryan

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:00AM †Paul Szczech

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

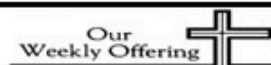
6:00PM †Gus Toler

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

8:00AM †John Henze

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18**

8:15AM Sr. Leandra Yerkes—75th Anniversary
Birthday Blessings—James Prorok
10AM †Dorothy Mellin
12:00PM †Agnes Paulius
†James Wilson



Our weekly *Offertory* collection from October 4, 2026 was \$4,906. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$1,430.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

Upcoming Weddings

Pijus Zaruskus & Michelle Turski
Andrew Evangelista & Emma Sorrentino

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
8:15am	Eric Delatorre, Christos & Frankie Latsonas
10am	Will & Conor Pawlisz, Christian Cozzi, Dominic Spang

SSCM SummerFest was an incredible celebration of faith, family, and community—and this year was one for the record books! In addition to a wonderful weekend filled with fun and fellowship, we experienced record attendance and record funds raised, generating an amazing \$67,783 for SSCM—far surpassing our \$50,000 goal! This tremendous success would not have been possible without the countless volunteers who generously gave their time and talents, our dedicated Carnival Committee, and the incredible leadership of Mrs. Susan Bradac and Mr. Nick Marzec, whose commitment helped make SummerFest such a success. Thank you to everyone who worked, attended, supported, and celebrated with us.

Thank
you



SS. Cyril & Methodius Mass Schedule
For All Saints' and All Souls' Day

All Saints' Day Sunday, November 1	All Souls' Day Monday, November 2
7:00 AM (English) 12:30 PM (English)	7:00 AM (English)
8:00 AM (Polish) 2:00 PM (Polish)	11:30 AM (Polish)
9:30 AM (English) 7:30 PM (English)	*6:00 PM (English)
11:00 AM (Polish)	*Memorial Mass
	7:30 PM (Polish)



All Souls' Day Mass of Remembrance

On Monday, November 2nd, we will celebrate All Soul's Day with a Mass of Remembrance at the 6:00 PM 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.

Wedding Banns

Karen Marcus and Spencer Martiniak
Kelly Galiniak and Brandon Swanson
Anna Stronski and Matthew Mazur
Rebecca Reimer and Daniel Pacella
Jacqueline Gorr and Joseph Merino
Alyssa Hadac and Luke Montgomery

Spare Change DROBNE MONETY
Saves Babies RATUJA DZIECI



**Your nickels and dimes do
make a difference!**

It's as easy as one, two, three:

1. Pick up a baby bottle
2. Take it home and drop in your spare change and Say a Prayer for the babies
3. Return the bottles on November 11th !

Thank You!

**TWOJE DROBNE MONETY
NAPRAWDĘ POMAGAJĄ**

TRZY KROKI JAK MOŻNA
POMÓC:

1. Zabierz specjalną butelkę po Mszy Św. 10-04-26
2. Weź butelkę do domu i wrzucaj do niej przez miesiąc swoje drobne monety.
3. Zwróć butelkę przed Mszą Św. do 11 Listopada

**DZIĘKUJEMY ZA TWOJE
WSPARCIE!**



The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland

Crisis pregnancy counseling, medical and social service referrals, material goods assistance. www.GoTWC.org or call us at 773.794.1313

WAYS TO GIVE

Our parish community is blessed to have such generous and faithful parishioners. Your contributions to the campaign will support important parish initiatives and support broader Church initiatives such as spiritually renewing our parishes, supporting our priests, and assisting vulnerable communities.

When considering a gift right for your family, know there are several ways you can give to the campaign. Donors who pledge may determine payment schedules to meet their own charitable or tax needs over five years.

- Check/ Cash
- Credit Card and Automatic Bank Withdrawal
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- Donor Advised Fund (DAF)
- Planned Gifts
- Matching Gifts
- Directly Online
- Through Your Business

GENERATION TO GENERATION CAMPAIGN PROGRESS POSTĘPY KAMPANII „Z POKOLENIA NA POKOLENIE”

Goal / Cel parafii: \$1,375,000

Total Raised / Całą zebrana kwota: \$1,166,000

Percent of Goal / Procent zrealizowanego celu: 85%

SPOSODY PRZEKAZYWANIA DAROWIZN

Nasza wspólnota parafialna jest błogosławiona posiadaniem tak hojnych i wiernych parafian. Wasze ofiary na rzecz kampanii wesprą ważne inicjatywy parafialne oraz szersze działania Kościoła, takie jak duchowa odnowa naszych parafii, wsparcie naszych księży oraz pomoc najbardziej potrzebującym wspólnotom.

Rozważając dar odpowiedni dla swojej rodziny, pamiętaj, że istnieje wiele sposobów przekazania darowizny na kampanię. Darczyńcy, którzy składają deklaracje, mogą ustalić harmonogram płatności dostosowany do własnych potrzeb charytatywnych lub podatkowych w okresie pięciu lat.

- Czek / Sprawdź
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- Dar równowarty
- Platforma internetowa



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Video!

Zeskanuj tutaj, aby
obejrzeć nasz film
kampanijny!



Second Collection World Mission Sunday October 17th & 18th

**One in Christ,
united in mission**

Next weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, focusing on the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV: "One in Christ, united in mission." He invites us to rediscover the profound unity we share in Christ and how our baptismal identity overflows into our shared mission to bring all into communion with God. Through this second collection, we are in solidarity with 1,130 mission territories who are dependent on the prayers and financial support of the universal Church. Let us pray this week for those missionaries who bring Christ's love to far-off places, often at great personal cost and risk. And let us ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle a zeal in our own hearts, that we may also be missionaries wherever we are.

THE COMPASSIONATE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE POOR (CFSP) & THE CFSP ILLINOIS MISSION SUPPORT TEAM

Joyfully invite you to the



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN DINNER CONCERT & DANCE

COME CELEBRATE WITH US & HELP US BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM!
AN EVENT OF MERCY FOR OUR CHILDREN & OUR POOR SISTERS!

**FEATURING LUCKY ENTERTAINMENT
& CHICAGO FRIENDS**

BENET ACADEMY - 2200 MAPLE AVE, Lisle, IL 60532
SAT. OCTOBER 17, 2026, 5:30PM - ATTIRE CASUALLY ELEGANT
CONTRIBUTION: PRESIDENTIAL \$100 & GALA \$50

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LOUISE HARNEY - (312)927-9569
GAYLE CONNE - (630)650-6888
JOHN PAUL BALLARIN - (872)305-0599

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THE BUILDING OF OUR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER & PRESCHOOL IN KENYA!
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ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT

We are currently looking for boys and girls in the 4th, 5th, 6th, & 7th grades who are interested in becoming altar servers at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish. Servers will be scheduled to serve for Sunday Masses, Holy Day Masses, Weddings, and Funerals. For more information, please contact Szymon Koszarek by email at skoszarek@archchicago.org



Surround them with love, support, and companionship that are "anchored in unconditional respect for their human dignity, beginning with respect for the inherent value of their lives."

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Lemont Catholic Anointing of the Sick Bilingual Mass

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

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

Who may be anointed?

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

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

Anointing of the Sick Luncheon RSVP

Name: _____

How many will attend: _____

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

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Narrator - Roman Pieprzyczy

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." - Mt 22:9



Z biurka wikariusza pastora Droży Parafianie,

Góry zawsze miały w moim sercu szczególne miejsce, może dlatego, że przez całe życie mieszkalem na „równinach” albo może dlatego, że tak bardzo lubię piosenkę „Rocky Mountain High”. Pozwólcie, że wykorzystam słowa Izajasza 25:6, aby podzielić się jednym z najważniejszych

odkryć mojej duchowej drogi „Pan Zastępów przygotowuje dla wszystkich ludów na tej górze ucztę z tłustego mięsa, ucztę z wybornych win, z najpożywniejszego mięsa, z najwyborniejszych win”. Dostrzegam tu niezwykley związek z przesłaniem naszego Pana: „Wielu jest powołanych, lecz mało wybranych”. To ważne odkrycie ma wiele wspólnego z mądrością zawartą w sposobie, w jaki G.K. Chesterton posługiwał się pojęciem „paradoksu”. Bez mocnego zrozumienia znaczenia „paradoksu” bardzo łatwo stracić duchowemu równowagę. Już to wyjaśniam.

Wydaje się, że wszystko, co dobre w górach, ma związek z ich pięknem. Lubię góry, kiedy na nie patrzę. Każda pora roku przynosi swoje własne, wyjątkowe piękno. Jest również radość z wędrowania po górach, chociaż moje wędrówki z każdym rokiem stają się coraz krótsze. No cóż, taki żywot... Jest więc pewne piękno w podziwianiu czegoś, co znajduje się poza moim zasięgiem. Zawsze przychodzi mi na myśl słowo „majestatyczny”. Warto pamiętać, że góra, o której mówi Izajasz, to góra, na której znajduje się majestatyczne miasto Jerozolima. I tutaj pojawia się paradoks oraz wyjaśnienie, dlaczego tak niewielu ludzi naprawdę dostrzega i rozumie mądrość Jezusa Chrystusa. Chociaż góry mogą być piękne, kiedy na nie patrzymy, to jednak dotarcie na ich szczyt albo przedostanie się przez nie jest naprawdę trudne. Biblia mówi nam również, że Bóg wyrównuje góry i czyni drogę gładką. Górskie drogi mogą być zdradliwe. Również dzisiejszy psalm przypomina nam, że doliny mogą być dolinami ciemności.

Życie jest pełne paradoksów. Piękno, które jest dobre i które nas przyciąga, znajduje się obok piękna ulotnego, które może zniszczyć duszę. Niebezpieczne drogi i przerażające ścieżki wymagają od nas pełnej odwagi, jaką posiadamy, aby zrobić zaledwie pierwszy krok naprzód. Te drogi często okazują się drogami prowadzącymi do największych osiągnięć naszego życia. Wiele rzeczy, które są piękne, wymagają dyscypliny chłopca znajdującego się w sklepie z kryształami Swarovskiego: patrz, ale nie dotykaj. Jakże były dwa wielkie błędy w dzisiejszej przypowieści naszego Pana?

Po pierwsze, zlekceważenie Bożego zaproszenia, aby wejść, zbliżyć się do Boga, dowiedzieć się więcej i dołączyć do wspólnoty wierzących. Po drugie, wskoczyć do środka próbując się dopasować i korzystać ze wszystkich dobrodziejstw, ale jednocześnie ignorować zasady tej „gry”. Pierwszy tłum przegrywa, ponieważ uważa, że król nie ma im nic lepszego do zaoferowania niż to, co już posiadają.

Biedak bez szaty weselnej przegrywa, ponieważ uznał, że nie musi się zmienić, żeby być częścią tej uczty. Ten człowiek uosabia błąd, który często widzimy dzisiaj w naszym Kościele. Jak często słyszeliście słowa: „Przyjdź taki, jaki jesteś”, „Nie ma znaczenia, w co jesteś ubrany ani z kim śpisz; Bóg cię akceptuje”. Gdyby tylko ten człowiek się zmienił i założył choćby prostą szatę weselną kupioną w sklepie Goodwill.

Gdyby tylko nasz Kościół dodał słowa „pokuta” i „nawrócenie” do wszystkich naszych „szczęśliwych

nowoczesnych pieśni kościelnych.”
Fr Thomas Koys, M.A., S.T.L.

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- **Od zespołu biuletynu:** Przechodzimy obecnie na nowe oprogramowanie do przygotowywania biuletynu, ponieważ nasza drukarnia zaktualizowała program używany do jego przygotowania. Prosimy o cierpliwość i wyrozumiałość w czasie tej zmiany. W trakcie nauki pracy z nowym oprogramowaniem mogą pojawić się sporadyczne nieścisłości w formatowaniu. Przepraszamy za wszelkie niedogodności i dziękujemy za Państwa ciągłe wsparcie i życzliwość.
- Potrzebujemy również **nowych ministrantów**. Zachęcamy rodziców, aby wspierali swoje dzieci w podjęciu tej posługi. Więcej informacji można znaleźć na stronie 8.
- W weekend 10-11 października odbędzie się **druga kolekta** na rzecz naszej szkoły parafialnej. Prosimy o rozważenie złożenia ofiary, aby pomóc utrzymać wysoki poziom Szkoły SSCM.
- Prosimy o wsparcie Chicagowskie Centrum Kobiet zabierając **butelkę** z tyłu kościoła i napełniając ją drobnymi monetami. Ta darowizna pomaga przyszłym matkom oraz ich dzieciom w potrzebie. Więcej informacji znajduje się w biuletynie.
- W weekend 17 i 18 października będzie **druga kolekta**, ponieważ przypada Światowy Dzień Misyjny. Prosimy o rozważenie dokonania darowizny, która pomoże wesprzeć misjonarzy działających w 1130 regionach, w których Kościół jest młody, biedny lub prześladowany. Więcej informacji na temat Światowego Dnia Misyjnego znajduje się w biuletynie.
- Prosimy o zapoznanie się z harmonogramem nabożeństw na **Dzień Wszystkich Świętych i Dzień Zaduszny**. Msza Święta upamiętniająca zmarłych, podczas której zostaną odczytane nazwiska wszystkich osób, którzy zmarli w ostatnim roku, odbędzie się w poniedziałek, 2 listopada o 6:00 PM w Dzień Zaduszny.



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Mass Intentions

Monday — October 12th

7:00 AM LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIALS
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY

Tuesday — October 13th

7:00 AM LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIALS
7:00 PM † MARIA I JAN WONTORCZYK
by Rodzina
† JÓZEF MILAN
by Rodzina
† FRANCISZEK POLAK
by Rodzina Polak
O BOŻE BŁ. DLA KASI I MATEUSZA MICEK

Wednesday — October 14th

7:00 AM LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIALS
† STANLEY SADELSKI
by Wife
† LORRAINE ZIOLKOWSKI
by Dottie Waugh

Thursday — October 15th

7:00 AM † GUS TOLER
by Karounos, Ramirez, & Scott Families
GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALTH FOR JOZEF KAJPUST (birth)
by Family

Friday — October 16th

7:00 AM † TED, BAZYLI, & ANIELA FLORYNSKI
by Teddy, Diane, & Aspen
† JULIA KOZIEL
by Lottie & Walter Koziel
† NANCY SPIEWAK
by John Stach
† BRONISŁAWA KAPUSNIK
by Marie & Family

1:30 PM *Wedding: Valerie Mangato and Daniel Wilson*

3:30 PM *Wedding: Allison Pukala and Patrick Kopf*

Saturday — October 17th

7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
11:00 AM *Wedding: Agnieszka Surowaniec and Dawid Dymon*
1:00 PM *Wedding: Annie Czerwinski and Nicholas Reynolds*
3:00 PM *Wedding: Shannon Glazier and Christopher Hueg*
5:00 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Fr. Noga † DONALD BUHLE
by Robert Todd Jelinski
† MARIAN CWIK & SISTER, ZOFIA
by Family
† DANIEL SUCHECKI
by Wife & Family

Sunday — October 18th

7:00 AM † MARY BETH & MICHAEL RUDIS
by Family
† WLADYSŁAW LESNICKI
by Maria & Donna Para
† BARBARA GUNDERSON
by Gary Gunderson
† BRENNAN SAELE
by John Cisek
8:00 AM † ZOFIA I LUDWIK GAWRON
Carmelite by Rodzina

† WLADYSŁAW MUCHA
by Siostra z Rodziną

† ALOJZY WONTORCZYK
by Alex i Dominika

† ROMAN GAŁCZYŃSKI (Rocznica Śmierci)
by Rodzina

9:30 AM † JANINA GALICA (6 months)
Fr. Noga by Plewa Family

11:00 AM † STANISŁAW JAGIEŁŁO (9 Rocznica Śmierci)
Carmelite by Aniela Jagiełło

O BOŻE BŁ. DLA RYSZARDA I GRAŻYNY
WITKOWSKI (Rocznica Ślubu)

† FRANCISZEK SKUPIEŃ
by Rodzina Janosik

O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA KASI WALUŚ
(urodziny)
by Rodzina

12:30 PM † JAN PODWIKA
Fr. Rataj by Helena Zubek

† CHRISTOPHER KOZIOL
by Wontorczyk Family

2:00 PM † WLADYSŁAW LIGAS
Carmelite by Zona

† JANINA I WALTER GORYL
by Rodzina Kowalczyk

† KAROL I MAŁGORZATA MACHAJ
by Rodzina

† WLADYSŁAW ZAPALA I KAZIMIERZ ZAPALA
by Rodzina Pustulka

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



2nd Collection October 10th & 11th SSCM Parish School

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



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

Connie Ptacek	Frank Zelezinski
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James Gliwa	Socorro Alfaro
Sheila Fitz	Mary Kay Nieponski
Ed Nieponski	Roger Laurella
Adeline Bahnick	Marge & Bob Doucet
Arthur Zelezinski	Lorraine Malm
Judy Merzlock	Nancy Johnson
John Wojciechowski	Becky Malak

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 3 & October 4, 2026**

Envelopes	526	\$15,912.00
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Total:		\$19,359.00

Budgeted: \$15,700.00 /Actual:19,359.00/\$3,659

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**Please pray for...**

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

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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

*Erin Land and Sean O'Leary
Married October 2, 2026*

Congratulations and God's Blessings

*Nicole Perillo and Tom Belluomini
Married October 3, 2026*

Congratulations and God's Blessings

*Anette Skutnik and Lukasz Sulka
Married October 3, 2026*

Congratulations and God's Blessings

*Carolyn Mazurek and Joshua Oberg
Married October 3, 2026*

Real Godparents Do What?

Somewhere out there is a person who promised God they would pray for your child. Ask yourself when they last did it. At the baptism, everyone remembers the water and the photos. Almost nobody remembers that the godparent standing there was taking on a job. Exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger was asked what a godparent is actually for, and his answer had nothing to do with birthdays.

"THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO PRAYER, SUFFERING, and GOOD WORKS FOR THE SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING OF THE CHILD."

And if life goes wrong, the job gets bigger. If the parents fail to teach the child the faith, he says, the godparent is the one who is supposed to step in and do it.

So how do you pick a godparent? Not the sister you feel obligated to. Not his best friend from school. Fr. Chad's measure is one sentence: "YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE WHEN YOU PICK ONE, IT'S SOMEONE WHO'S GOING TO BE PRAYING FOR YOUR KID FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIFE."

And then he adds five words that every parent should sit with: "WHICH IS HARD TO FIND."



Now turn it around because this is the part that is about you!

If you have ever stood at a font holding someone else's child, that was you. You made that promise. Nobody has mentioned it to you since because nobody ever reminds godparents of anything. But the promise did not expire when the party ended. There is a person walking around today, maybe grown, maybe struggling, who is yours to pray for until the end of your life. When did you last say their name to God? It is not too late, and it is not a big production. It takes one minute to go back on duty.

Say this today, out loud if you can: "Lord, I bring You my godchild. I said yes at the font and I say yes again today. Watch over them where I cannot, and do not let me forget them again. Amen."

👉 If you are a godparent, put your godchild's **FIRST NAME** in this prayer and pray for them. And send this to your child's godparent, gently, because nobody ever reminds them.

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