

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Parish Mission Statement

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

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

Parish Information		Minister of Music:	Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776
Parish Office:	608 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL Denise Duda, Operations Director (630) 257-2776; (630) 257-9372 Fax rectory@stcyril.org website: www.stcyril.org www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont	Polish School:	www.polschool.com Halina Szyrzyna Principal: (630) 669-9058
School:	607 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL Shirley Tkachuk, Principal (630) 257-6488; shirleyt@stcyril.org	Polish Club:	John Lichacz, President (773) 216-1108 polishclub@stcyril.org
Religious Education:	Monika Leja, Religious Education Administrator (630) 257-9314; mleja@sscmlmont.org	Minister of Care:	Dave Smietanski (630) 257-2776
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:	Joe Martello, 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 7:00 AM 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) 4442-9441, 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, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Tuesday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 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	

**Dear Parishioners,**

As we exit the Christmas season and begin the season of the year, the Church takes us to the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. For the next two weeks we have various accounts of the calling of his closest disciples. This week's is taken from the Gospel of John. Two individuals, Andrew and one other, are disciples of John the Baptist and are present when the Baptist points to Jesus and calls him the Lamb of God. They did the unthinkable for a disciple: they left their master. They left the dynamic John the Baptist and followed a stranger. The Baptist was demanding that they sacrifice even their allegiance to him. In this same Gospel of John, the Baptist will say, "I must decrease and He, Jesus, must increase."

It is so typical of Jesus. He just knows how to change our whole lives and call us to himself. The reading isn't just about the first days of the Public Ministry of Jesus some two thousand years ago. The reading is about every day of our lives right here, right now. This often happens to all of us. We are comfortable in following Jesus. We do our best to establish a Christian lifestyle. We go to Church. We avoid major sins. We keep an eye out for the less fortunate. We are serious about living our faith, and then, just when we are content with our lifestyle, we are called to a greater faith, a greater devotion, a more determined following of the Lord.

This is not extraordinary. It is ordinary. For example: we have great plans and desires for our children. But our children are unique. Their plans, their desires, their gifts may not coincide with our dreams for them. That intelligent hard working daughter, that future doctor or lawyer or CPA in our minds, meets Johnny, the love of her life, and her life takes a path that we would never consider or desire for her. Or we have prayed hard for that son whom

we are convinced is not reaching his potential. There are times that we question whether the Lord has been hearing our prayers. But God is calling us to trust Him to do the rest after we have done our best. We are forced to seek where He is staying, not where we would like Him to be.

The one consistency about Christianity is that Jesus is always shocking us out of our routine, continually making the ordinary extraordinary and continually calling us beyond our pre-conceptions to the place where he dwells. I am certain that all of us wonder if we have the faith we need to hold on to the Lord in the midst of turmoil. I am also certain that He will never, for any reason allow any of those who are seeking Him to lose our way. He holds us in his hand. He will never let us get lost. May we have the courage and the faith to go to that place, those places where He dwells...

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

Fr. Valdi

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

- A new year means tax time! If you would like a print out of your contributions from last year, see the bulletin for the form to fill out and send to the office.
- Our PLB offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Catholic Schools Week will begin soon with many activities that you are invited to including an Open House. See the principal's article in today's bulletin for more details and please consider Catholic education for your children.



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

SS. Cyril & Methodius School 2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parishioners,

This week's bulletin is again including information about our upcoming fundraiser. Please join us on Friday, January 26th or consider becoming a sponsor!

On Sunday, January 28th, SS. Cyril, and Methodius School will begin its annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. This special week is set aside to recognize the excellence in faith development, academics, and contributions to our nation offered by Catholic schools.

We will begin the special week by joining together in prayer for the 9:30 Mass. Afterwards, we will have an Open House and Social in our gym. Join us to see all our Blue Ribbon School has to offer along with visiting the staff and other families!

Members of our school community will also be on hand for prospective new families to take a tour, receive all the necessary information, and hear about the financial assistance available. If you cannot tour with us on Sunday, please call our school office at 630-257-6488 to arrange another date and time.

Our entire school family looks forward to meeting you and sharing all the great opportunities our National Blue Ribbon School has to offer!

We hope to see current and prospective families on that day along with parishioners and alumni.

Sincerely,

Mrs. S. Tkachuk

Principal



SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS SCHOOL
607 Sobieski Street • Lemont, IL 60439 • 630-257-6488

SSCM 2024 Annual Fundraiser Sponsorship

On Friday, January 26th, 2024, SS. Cyril & Methodius School will be hosting its annual fundraiser. Proceeds directly benefit student academic growth by providing funding for student enrichment programs, teacher development, advanced technology immersion and much more.

With over 135 school families, we are expecting great attendance from enthusiastic parents, parishioners, and community members.

SS. Cyril & Methodius School, Lemont, IL is part of the Archdiocese of Chicago, operating as a non-profit school for students in preschool through eighth grade. Our school has been a vital part of the Lemont community for over 130 years, continuing with a commitment to provide academic excellence and developing well-rounded leaders of character and integrity. SS. Cyril & Methodius is an investment in a lifetime, as we prepare our students to have a well-developed intellect, a virtuous character, a vibrant spirituality, and a heart for service.

Below is a donation/sponsorship form. We ask that if you are able to support our school, please have all donations in by Monday, January 15th, 2024.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parent School Organization at psos@sscyril.org or Marie LoCoco at 708-567-7475.

With Gratitude,
SS. Cyril & Methodius 2023-2024
Fundraising Committee

Thank You for your support! No act of generosity is too small to make a difference.



2024 ANNUAL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER SPONSORSHIP DONATION FORM

January 26, 2024

Company/Family Name _____ or () Anonymous
Contact Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

BLUE RIBBON SPONSOR: \$5,000

-Company Logo/Family Name inscribed on "Blue Ribbon Sponsor" wall plaque on our Blue Ribbon Wall in the lobby of school-
-In addition, your name will be featured on our sponsorship banner, ALL tables, will populate on Give Smart bidding page for event, and on our social media pages.

-Includes 6 event tickets

GOLD SPONSOR: \$2,500

-Company Logo/Family Name featured on cocktail bar

-In addition, your name will be featured on our sponsorship banner, will populate on Give Smart bidding page for event, and on our social media pages.

-Includes 4 event tickets

SILVER SPONSOR: \$1,000

-Company Logo/Family Name will be featured on our sponsorship banner, will populate on Give Smart bidding page for event, as well as on our social media pages.

-Includes 2 event tickets

BRONZE: \$500

-Company Logo/Family Name will be featured on our sponsorship banner, will populate on Give Smart bidding page for event as well as on our social media pages.

-Includes 1 event ticket

TEACHER SPONSOR: \$100

Your generosity will pay for a teacher's ticket to attend the event. Company Logo/Family Name will appear on sponsorship banner at event

MONETARY or GIFT CARD DONATION

Company Logo/Family Name will populate on bidding pages

\$250 \$100 Other \$ _____

SILENT AUCTION DONATION

Please add description and value of item donated.

Signature of Contributor _____ Date _____

Please send your logo & any questions to PSO at PSO@sscyril.org or Marie LoCoco at 708-567-7475.
This signed form & logo must be received by January 15th, 2024.

Checks may be made out to: SS. Cyril & Methodius PSO, 607 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL (Attn: SSCM PSO)

Please retain a copy of this form. This serves as your tax deductible receipt. In compliance with section 170 (f)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code, SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish School is recognized as a nonprofit organization by the IRS code: Section 501(c)(3) and has not provided goods or services in whole or partial consideration for this gift.



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

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator

IMPORTANT

Monday session

NO CLASSES 1/15/2024

**In observance of Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday*

Please refer to your child's session calendar for their schedule. A copy of each session's calendar can be found on the RE website, www.re.stcyril.org.



Catechists are currently working on first semester report cards. Once their submissions are completed, the RE office will email report cards individually to the parent email on file. Report cards are expected to begin being emailed mid to late January.



**Sacrament of
Reconciliation
February 24, 2024**

**Sacrament of
Confirmation
March 23, 2024**

Parents of 2nd and 8th grade students:
Thank you to those that have submitted their child's 2nd Grade Sacrament/Confirmation registration forms. If you have a 2nd or an 8th grader receiving a sacrament this year please visit our website www.re.stcyril.org to fill out the appropriate sacrament registration form for your child. Please refer to the email that was sent from the Faith Formation office last December with details regarding Reconciliation/ Communion or Confirmation. Contact the Faith Formation office if you have any questions regarding these upcoming sacraments. God Bless!

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 and 12:00pm (TLM)

WEEKDAYS:

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

ADORATION:

Adoration on Wednesday 5-7pm.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Wednesday 6:00pm & Saturday 8:30am.
Otherwise by appointment.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:

Contact the rectory office.

SICK & HOMEBOUND PASTORAL CARE:

Please notify rectory.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:00am to 2:00pm.



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.



Rob and Tirzah Spang and family welcomed the new addition, Joseph Tolton, into the family of God on January 4. Congratulations to all!

Fri, Dec 19 – Mass Time Change to 8am

Please note there will NOT be a 6pm Mass on Fri, Dec 19. Rather **Mass will be offered at 8am.** And an additional Mass will be offered at 6:30am Thur, Dec 18, before the March for Life bus leaves.



Feast of St Stephen

Hardy James-ers walked and prayed with Fr Koys on a cold Dec 26 morning. More pictures at historicstjames.org

2024 FLOWER SIGNUP CHART:

Now available in the back of Church.



On a Cloudy Day...

"Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things, as well as all things in God." —St Francis de Sales
Wishing you a Blessed week.

Wednesday, Jan 17

Adoration 5-7pm

Confessions 6-7pm Mass 7pm

Catholics have a wonderful sacramental called the Miraculous Medal. Come learn more from Jim Anderson at Wine & Wisdom.

Jan 24 – Fr Scott Haynes will Zoom in to share the history & beauty of Our Lady's Litany of Loreto.

Winter is here!

Can you help homeless men stay warm this winter? Drop men's coats and blankets (in good condition) in the box in Charlie's Chapel. (Sorry, no women's or children's coats please.)



Anchor @ St. James
Gatherings of Young Catholic Adults – most Sundays, 7-9pm in Sag Hall. Join our group for chat & updates.



Christmas Concert 2023

The wonderful performers at the St James Dec 21 Christmas Concert. See photo album on our website!

Ministry of Care

If you or a loved one is homebound & would like to receive the Eucharist, please sign up online or via paper form in Church, or call Fr Koys or rectory.

Attention Young Married Couples



Follow this code & send a message to Kamile to learn more about a community for "recently" marrieds to help navigate marriage while keeping Christ at the center. Next meeting: **Mon, Jan 15 at 7pm** at St Cyril's Parish Life Building.

The fight for life starts a new year!

From the faithful volunteers who pray and counsel at the Access Clinic year round: *Happy New Year to all who played a role in standing up for life. May our gracious God bless you! 2023 was the first year we estimated the number of lives lost each day the center is open. We believe it totaled 3,504. But we also believe that there were 41 lives, and likely more, saved. Praise God for his mercy in turning women's hearts towards life! Please renew – or make a new – commitment to pray for the end of abortion and for closing down our local Access "Health" Center in 2024.*



Our weekly *Offertory* collection from January 7, 2024 was \$5,946. Our *Maintenance* collection was \$1,730. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$4,608.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!



Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

8:00AM: ✠Marianne Koys
Blessings for Joe Gal

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00AM Blessings for Joe Gal
Health & Blessings—Zofia Bilek

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

7:00PM ✠Jeanne Christensen
Blessings for Joe Gal
Health & Blessings—Grzegorz Bilek

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

6:30AM Graces & Safe Travel for WA D.C. Pilgrims
8:00AM ✠Rose Marie Graceffa
Health & Blessings—Donna Bilek
Blessings for Joe Gal

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Patricia Reiniche
Blessings for Joe Gal
Birthday Health & Blessings—Mike Wilczek

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

8:00AM ✠Maximilian Kobylarczyk
Blessings for Joe Gal

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:15AM Blessings for Joe Gal
Health & Healing—Don Ryan
10AM: ✠Michael Alagno
✠Adam Ponicki
12:00PM: ✠Marianne Koys
✠David Botello

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

JOHN & MARY BETH ZABINSKI—BLESSINGS FOR AND INTENTIONS OF THE ZABINSKI FAMILY

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/14/24

St. James Altar & Rosary Society
All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
United States of America

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, JANUARY 21	
8:15am	Alex Pawlikowski, Ricky & Peter Gomez, Christos & Frankie Latsonas	
10am	Matthew Rebello, Daniel Newsom, Will & Conor Pawlisz	



Lemont Area Catholic Newlyweds Group presents:

Seven Ways to Kill Your Marriage

(and 7 ways to grow your love)

Presented by Peter and Angela Colarelli

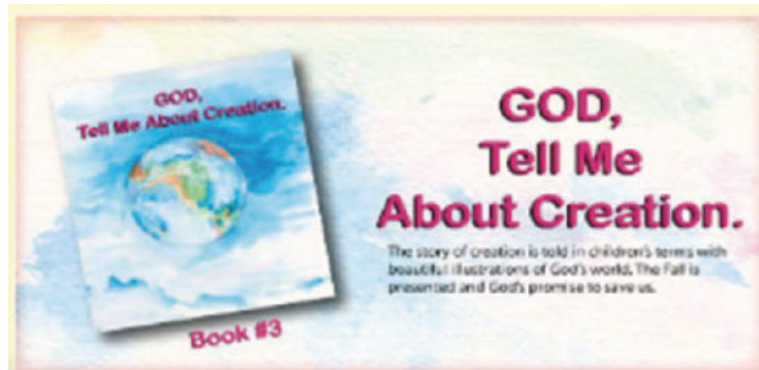
Monday, January 15, 2024

7-9 PM

**SS. Cyril and Methodius
Parish Life Building**

Free dinner included

RSVP to Mike at 708-446-8591 by 1/12



Little Catholics Book Club: Questions for God

*Parents with children newborn to
5 years old*

*Our parish "Little Catholics Book Club:
Questions for God" meets the 2nd Monday of
the month in the SSCM parish life building
after 9:30 Mass. Join us as we have fun*

teaching the faith to our little ones, singing virtue nursery rhyme songs (such as "I Am Patient, I Can Wait") and making new friends with other parents.

What do we do?

- *Get your 10-book set of Questions for God Children's Books **
- *Read one book each day to your baby or child (babies still in the womb can even hear & learn)*
Our January book will be "God, Tell Me About Creation."
- *Join us January 14th at 10:30 AM in the SSCM Parish Life Building for food and fun.*

**Contact our parish Evangelization Coordinator, Coleen Mast, to sign up and receive your set of
"Questions for God" books. cmast@archchicago.org*

The Next Senior Luncheon
Tuesday, February 6th
12:00 PM
Parish Life Building

The next senior luncheon will take place on Tuesday, February 6th at 12:00 PM, Noon, in the Parish Life Building. The cost of the luncheon is \$10 per person. To reserve a spot, please place your money in an envelope with your name and hand it in to the PLB front office by Friday, February 2nd at 11:00 AM.

Join us for lunch and a few rounds of
B-I-N-G-O!



Christmas break is over, let's cozy up at

Matt's Barbeque
4.30pm - 8.30pm
<https://mattsbarbecuelemont.com/menu/>

THU **18th**
JANUARY

JOIN US
Support your school and local businesses and **15%** of the proceeds go back to SSCM

ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT

We are currently looking for girls and boys in the 4, 5, 6, & 7 grades who are interested in becoming altar servers at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish. Servers would be scheduled to serve for Sunday Masses, Holy Day Masses, Weddings, and Funerals.

Training will be held on
Saturday, January 27th / 2:00 PM in church

Please fill out information below and have your child return this form to their teacher no later than Tuesday, January 23rd.

Name of server: _____ Grade: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Speak Polish: Yes or No (please circle)

If so, Polish Masses only? Yes or No (please circle)

School or Religious Education (please circle)

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

No late registrations will be accepted so we can plan for how many children we need to train. No students will be accepted on the day of the training if they are not registered ahead of time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!!

If you have any questions, please call Trish at 630-257-2776.



Giving 
WARMS THE HEART

DONATE BLOOD

**Saturday
February**

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9:00am - 1:00pm

Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
LEMONT VFW POST 5819**

Location: Community Room
15780 New Ave, Lemont

Appointments appreciated; walk-ins welcome!

To schedule, go to www.versiti.org/IL, load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code below.



YOUR BLOOD IS TRULY A LIFECHANGER FOR SOMEONE IN NEED



In order for the **Divine Mercy Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration** to remain perpetual, faithful adorers, like yourself, are needed to commit to a specific hour each week. Please prayerfully consider making a gift of your time to spend one hour each week in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Here are the urgent hours:

♥ Sunday:

- 12AM - 1AM
- 1AM - 2AM
- 2AM - 3AM
- 8AM - 9AM
- 10AM - 11AM
- 11AM - 12PM
- 1PM - 2PM
- 3PM - 4PM
- 5PM - 6PM

♥ Monday:

- 11PM - 12AM

♥ Tuesday:

- 7AM - 8PM

♥ Wednesday:

- 12AM - 1AM
- 1AM - 2AM
- 2AM - 3AM

♥ Friday:

- 2AM - 3AM
- 9AM - 10AM

♥ Saturday:

- 12AM - 1AM
- 1AM - 2AM
- 2AM - 3AM
- 6PM - 7PM
- 7PM - 8PM
- 11PM - 12AM

Please contact:

Lottie (630-442-9441, Mark (773) 727-7934 or Margaret: mtsniez@gmail.com



Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at **St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois**. The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life.

All are welcome!

What: Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women

When: April 13 & 14, Sept. 20 & 21, 2024 (2-day program-overnight encouraged)

Where: St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois 60439 (Commute or stay overnight.)

For further information, call: 708-354-7211

e-mail us at: joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

website: www.joyfulagain.org



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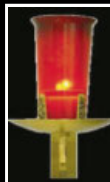
Zrzeszenie Amerykańsko Polskie organizuje bezpłatne kursy, przygotowujące do egzaminu na obywatelstwo

Zajęcia odbywają się w tygodniu wieczorami oraz w soboty i niedziele.

Lokalizacja klas na północnej i południowej stronie Chicago.

W celu zapisania się proszę dzwonić na numer: 773-282-1122 x400 lub

(773) 481-5400



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.



Drodzy Parafianie,

Zakańczając okres Narodzenia Pańskiego wchodzimy w czas zwykły, gdzie Kościół upamiętowuje początek publicznej działalności Jezusa. Przez następne dwa tygodnie ukazane będą różne

relacje z życia jego najbliższych uczniów. Obecny tydzień zaczerpnięty jest z Ewangelii Św. Jana. Dwie postacie, Andrzej z drugim apostołem, jako uczniowie Jana Chrzciciela byli świadkami, gdy Jan wskazując na Jezusa nazwał go Barankiem Bożym. Wtedy to uczniowie uczynili coś nie dopomyślenia dla ucznia; opuścili swego nauczyciela, Św. Jana i podążyli za nieznanym. Jan Chrzciciel domagał się, aby poświęcili mu nawet swoją wierność. W tej samej Ewangelii św. Jana czytamy: "Muszę się zmniejszyć, a On, Jezus, musi się powiększyć".

Tylko Jezus wie jak zmienić całe nasze życie i wezwać nas do siebie. Przypowieści to nie tylko dowód publicznej działalności Jezusa z przed 2 tysięcy lat. One dotyczą każdego z nas, każdego dnia z naszego życia, tutaj i właśnie teraz. Często zdarza się nam wszystkim, że czujemy się swobodnie podążając za Jezusem. Dokładamy wszelkich starań, aby prowadzić chrześcijański styl życia. Wyrażamy to w chodzeniu do kościoła, unikaniu głównych grzechów, w pomocy potrzebującym. Z oddaniem podchodząc do wiary jesteśmy zadowoleni z naszego stylu życia, bo wtedy jesteśmy wezwani do głębszej wiary, większego oddania, bardziej zdecydowanego podążania za Panem.

Taki styl życia nie jest niczym nadzwyczajnym, to jest poprostu normalne. Na przykład: mamy wspaniałe plany i pragnienia dla naszych dzieci. Ale nasze dzieci są niepowtarzalne i wyjątkowe. Ich plany, ich pragnienia, i ich dary mogą nie pokrywać się z naszymi marzeniami. Ta inteligentna, pracowita córka, to przyszły doktor lub prawnik w naszych umysłach. Nagle spotyka

miłość swojego życia, a jej plany zaczynają toczyć się zupełnie inną drogą, której my nigdy byśmy nie pragnęli. A może modlimy się gorąco do Boga w intencji naszego syna, który może dużo więcej osiągnąć w swoim życiu, a on nie stara się o to.

Jedyna spójność dotycząca chrześcijaństwa polega na tym, że Jezus zawsze zaskakuje nas poprzez zmianę rzeczy zwykłych w nadzwyczajne i nieustannie powołuje do bezgranicznego zaufania Mu. Jestem pewien, że wszyscy zastanawiamy się, czy mamy wiarę, której potrzebujemy, aby wiernie trwać przy Panu pośród zgiełku. Jestem również pewien, że nigdy, przenigdy nie pozwoli, aby którykolwiek z tych, którzy szukają Go, zgubili drogę do niego. On trzyma nas bezpiecznie w swojej dłoni i nigdy nie pozwoli nam się zgubić. Obyśmy mieli odwagę i wiarę, udać się do tego miejsca, tam, gdzie On mieszka ...

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

Ks. Waldemar

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- Nowy rok to również okres podatkowy! W celu uzyskania zestawienia złożonych składek za rok 2023 proszę wypełnić formularz znajdujący się w biuletynie a następnie przesłać go do biura.
- W poniedziałek, 15 stycznia 2024, biuro będzie nieczynne z okazji Dnia Martina Luthera Kinga.
- Wkrótce rozpocznie się Tydzień Szkół Katolickich obejmujący wiele wydarzeń, na które zapraszamy podczas zwiedzania szkoły. Po szczegółowe informacje zapraszamy do artykułu dyrektora szkoły. Katolickie szkoły to odpowiednie wychowanie i dobre wyniki w nauce.

Mass Intentions

Monday — January 15th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
✠ JULIA KOZIEL
by Walter & Lottie Koziel

Tuesday — January 16th

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA KATARZYNY
I KRZYSZTOFA (Rocznica Ślubu)
by A.S. Łukanus
O BOŻE BŁ. DLA KASI GAL (urodziny)
by Rodzina
✠ STANISŁAW I MARIA ZŁOBICKI
by Rodzina Witkowski

Wednesday — January 17th

7:00 AM ✠ DOROTHY KOLAR
by Cass & Lillian

Thursday — January 18th

7:00 AM ✠ TED FLORYNSKI (12 Anniv.)
by Wife & Family

Friday — January 19th

7:00 AM FOR ALL OF THOSE ENROLLED IN THE
CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS
✠ JERRY W. PTACEK
by Rita & Stan Morrical

Saturday — January 20th

7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR DAVID BODUCH &
STEPHANY MAZUR
by Parents

✠ FRANK ROMANOWSKI
by Grace Romanowski

1:00 PM *Wedding: Baylee Cabrera and Jacob Norris*

3:00 PM *Wedding: Antoinette Mock and Matthew Chraca*

5:00 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALTH FOR STANISŁAW
KOWALCZYK (50 birth)

Fr. Rataj
✠ JOHN A. SEGVICH
by Joseph & Maria Marusz
✠ EDUARDO DIZON REYES
by Family

Sunday — January 21st

7:00 AM ✠ EDMUND & THERESE BREZINSKI

Fr. Noga by Family

8:00 AM ✠ O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA KS. WALDEMARA
Fr. STAWIARSKIEGO (urodziny)

Stawiarski by Danuta i Peter

✠ JÓZEF LENART

by Anna Miskiewicz

✠ STANISŁAW ŁUKANUS

by A.S. Łukanus

✠ WOJCIECH LENART

by Rodzina

9:30 AM ✠ TERESA CALES

Fr. Noga by Scott & Cindy Woldarski

✠ EDWARD MONOVICH

11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA LUDWIKI I MARII GAL (urodziny)
Fr. by Rodzina

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✠ AUGUST MIETUS

by Rodzice i Brat

✠ STANISŁAW JAGIEŁŁO

by Córka Halina Rafacz

12:30 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR FR. VALDI (birth)

Fr. Rataj by Staff & Parishioners

2:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA KS. WALDEMARA
Fr. (urodziny)

Stawiarski by Pracownicy i Parafianie

✠ TADEUSZ KOWAL (Rocznica Śmierci)

by Córka z Rodziną

✠ ANDRZEJ BOBAK

by J.S. Nowobilski

7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Fr. Rataj

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John Kalata

Jenny Alfano

Sally Labno

Ruth Robinson

Joelee

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
January 6 & 7, 2024**

Envelopes	533	13,592.00
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GiveCentral (12/25-12/31)	141	<u>3,953.00</u>
Total		17,545.00
Dec. 23rd-26th		\$83,455.00
Christmas Flowers		\$6,695.00

Budgeted: \$14,200.00 / Actual: 17,545.00 / \$3,345

533 envelopes plus 141 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.

**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

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

**Wedding Banns**

Antoinette Mock and Matthew Chraca

**May Perpetual Light
Shine Upon Him**

In your prayers, please remember the soul of
Jozef Pardol.

May his soul and the souls of all our faithfully
departed family and friends rest in
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**Knights of Columbus Tamale Sale
Sunday, February 11th**

The Lemont Knights of Columbus will again offer Tamales for sale after all February 11th, Sunday Masses for Super Bowl Sunday. The cost of the Tamales are \$11.00 per 1/2 dozen and \$22.00 per full dozen. Pork or Chicken Tamales will be available at the end of each Sunday mass-
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The Parish Life Building Offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

2023 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2023 will be mailed upon request only. If you would like your statement, please fill out the information below and return it via the PLB drop box, by mail or place it in the collection basket at church. Please include your envelope number. Your statement will be mailed to you after January 31st.

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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL 2023-24 IN OUR PARISH!

This week, we have more inspiring writings from our Fall Eucharistic Bible Study Group. (For the first set of stories, see last week's bulletin)

This past Fall, 15 parishioners of SSCM/SJM joined a wonderful Bible Study on the Holy Eucharist written by Fr. Mitch Pacwa of EWTN fame. The study was led by Jim Anderson, Catholic convert and former Anglican priest.

"In our six weeks of looking more deeply into the meaning and background of the Holy Eucharist we all were strengthened in our understanding of the Real Presence of Jesus in Holy Communion. How awesome it truly is to receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of GOD! "

"Now I realize that when we say, at each Mass, 'Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world' three times, we are affirming that we are the renewed People of God, following in the footsteps of the Jewish People, the original People of God. Jesus is the New Passover."

"I learned that because Jesus is God, his Divine Sacrifice has a power and an eternal meaning and effect that was accomplished, once and for all time, in His Passion, Death and Resurrection. At each Mass I am blessed to participate in that and thus receive grace and strength for the journey of life."

"In my own journey back to practicing the Catholic faith (I'd drifted away for a number of years) I watched a movie entitled **ALIVE – The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist** This movie contained five powerful testimonies which greatly inspired me."

Do you have a story about being inspired to appreciate the Mass and the Eucharist? Send it in to our Evangelization Coordinator, Coleen Mast, at cmast@archchicago.org. Your story will inspire others, too!

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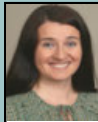
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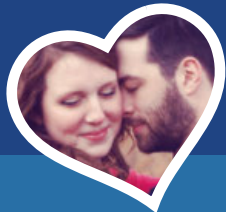
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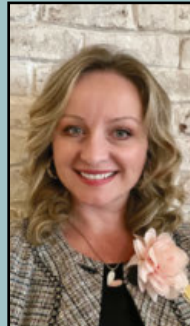
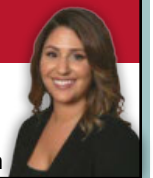
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