

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent

*Joyfully anticipate the birth
of our Lord*



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
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Religious Education:	Monika Leja, Religious Education Administrator (630) 257-9314; mleja@sscmlemont.org	Minister of Care:	Dave Smietanski (630) 257-2776
Mass Schedule:		Parish Council:	Joe Martello, President
Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM		Bulletin:	bulletin@stcyril.org
Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation		Helping Hands:	helpinghands@stcyril.org
Sunday: 7:00 AM (English-No Music), 8:00 AM (Polish), 9:30 AM (English), 11:00 AM (Polish), 12:30 PM (English), 2:00 PM (Polish), 7:30 PM (English-No Music)		New Parishioners: Download the new parishioner form online on our website. The form can be handed into the donation basket at Mass, mailed in, or brought into the parish office	
Special Masses:		Baptisms: Parents need to be registered, active and supporting parishioners prior to arranging a baptism at St. Cyril's. If this is a firstborn child, the parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class. Both sponsors should be adults and one an active, practicing Catholic.	
Tuesday PM: devotions at 7 PM, 7:45 PM (Polish)		Marriage: The bride and groom are encouraged to be registered, active, contributing parishioners of SS. Cyril & Methodius. Arrangements are to be made with a priest or deacon as soon as possible. A Marriage Preparation Program is a requirement of the Archdiocese. To schedule a wedding, please contact the parish office.	
First Friday: 7:00 AM (English), 7:00 PM (Polish)		Social Media: In an effort to enhance communication with our parishioners and visitors, please visit these websites to stay better connected with the many events and ministries of our parish.	
First Saturday: devotions at 7 PM (Polish), 9:00 PM (Polish)		Parish Website: www.stcyril.org	
Holy Days of Obligation: As announced		School Website: www.school.stcyril.org	
Sacrament of Reconciliation:		Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont	
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM		School Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMComets	
First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM			
Also available by appointment.			
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:			
Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass			
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:			
Located in the Divine Mercy Chapel in the Parish Life Building. Please contact: Lottie (630) 4442-9441, Mark (773) 727-7934, Margaret mtsniesz@gmail.com			
Parish Office Hours: Each weekday the office will be closed between the hours of 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM.			
Monday, 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			



Dear Parishioners,

Each Sunday, we come together to celebrate the Eucharist to be strengthened and to worship. I think it takes courage and faith to come together week after week and say yes to God's power in our

lives and to be transformed into a reflection of His love in the world we live in today. We look around at this broken world, at the violence, the poverty, the suffering; yet again and again we gather as a community of faith to renew ourselves and say yes to God by turning to Him as the source of love.

In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, the love of God is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus, who was born unto us. We have reflected that love throughout the year in a very tangible way by reaching out to others in imitation of God's love toward humankind. Once again, we have participated in the "Tree of Love" during the Advent season and extended God's love by assisting Santa with gifts for children and teens. Throughout the year, we have provided food to needy families of our community through the "Helping Hands" program. Our students have participated in various projects raising money for the "Women's Center" and donating food items to the less fortunate in Chicagoland. We have also given generously to mission causes. I am proud that we reach beyond our own needs and are willing to share.

I want to use this opportunity to thank everyone for your dedication and generosity toward our own church and community. May you be blessed for your involvement in different ministries and sharing your gifts and talents.

I ask for your generosity this Christmas. To make it convenient or if you are away from the parish, you might consider giving your Christmas donation online and also set up giving your weekly donations online using

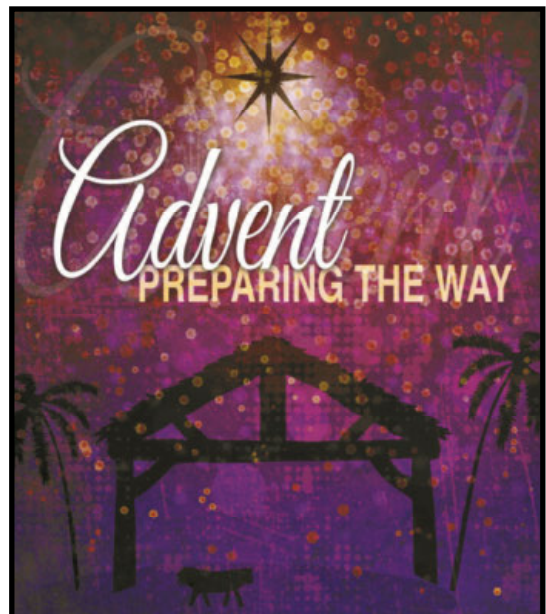
GiveCentral.

Soon we will gather as one church family to celebrate the birth of our Lord, the expression of God's love toward us. I am proud to celebrate Christmas again with you as the pastor of this great, wonderful, historic, and spirit-filled community, a community that strives to be an image of God's love in the world. Please refer to our schedule of services for this Christmas season and join us at church. See you then!

Fr. Valdi

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

- SS. Cyril & Methodius' Food Pantry is once again collecting donations for Christmas Breakfast and Dinner meals to be delivered to those in need in our community. Please see the bulletin for information and our website for the links to sign up to donate.
- Please see the bulletin for the Christmas Season Mass and Reconciliation Schedule for SSCM and St. James.
- Monday, December 18th, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 5:00-8:00 PM in Church. Also, on Saturday, December 23rd from 3:00-4:30 PM.





Dear Parents,

We are in the third week of Advent and ready to start the final week of school prior to Christmas!

On Monday, December 18th our Kindergarten students assisted by their PreK-4 friends will present their Christmas program to family and friends. They always bring a special beauty to this event.

Then, on Thursday, the 21st our First Graders and their Eighth Grade Faith Partners will present the school's Christmas Pageant at 1PM in church. We invite you to join us in prayer!

The beginning of a new year will not find us slowing down. We will be starting the 2023-2024 registration process for current school families. That will be followed by registration for families who will be joining our school.

Please call our office at 630-257-6488 to schedule a tour, shadow day, or to receive more information regarding SS. Cyril and Methodius. We are a 2019 National Blue-Ribbon School! Tuition assistance is available.

As I mentioned last week, the Tax Credit Scholarship Program is ending. This program has helped provide students with financial help and allowed them to attend our school over the past several years. The Archdiocese of Chicago is working to help sustain some type of scholarship program. If you are interested in more information or donating, please contact the Office of Stewardship and Development at the Archdiocese

of Chicago at 312-534-7959. You can designate SS. Cyril and Methodius School to receive your donation!

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to SS. Cyril and Methodius School!

All the best,

Mrs. Shirley A. Tkachuk





**SS Cyril & Methodius
Religious Education Program**
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Mrs Monika Leja – RE Administrator

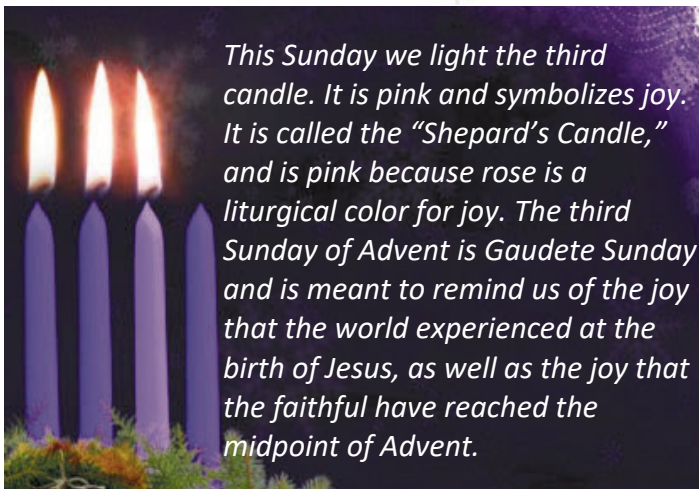
Students from all sessions enjoyed cookies and hot cocoa with St Nick in honor of his feast day and many created Advent/Christmas projects in celebration of this special season.



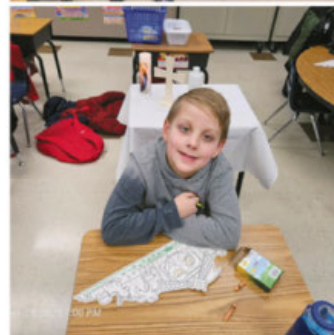
The Third Sunday of Advent

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 Your Son, who lives and reigns with You
 and the Holy Spirit, one God for
 ever and ever. Amen.



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



St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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St. James at Sag Bridge Catholic Church
cordially invites you to our

Christmas Celebration

*with beautiful music,
children's nativity, & prayers
of the season.*

December 21st, 2023

7pm-8pm

10600 Archer Ave., Lemont, IL 60439

*- The Free Will offering will go
to the Sag Bridge Mission Society.*

REMINDER FOR PERFORMERS:

There is a rehearsal on Mon, Dec 18 in church at 6:30pm.

TOGETHER WE STAND FOR THE UNBORN

Roe v Wade was overturned, but the battle for life continues. You can make your voice heard at the Annual March for Life in Washington, DC. *Want to join the St James bus?* All required registration information is at historicstjames.org.

The rectory will be closed from Monday, December 25 to Monday, January 1, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2. In case of an emergency, call the rectory. There is an emergency phone number on the greeting that you may call.

**2024 FLOWER SIGNUP CHART:
Now available in the back of Church.**

St. James at Sag Bridge



Altar & Rosary
Society
FOUNDED 1983

The wreath sale in support of the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland was a success! Thank you to all, who generously purchased wreaths and to Margaret Ryan, who once again headed this fundraiser. A special thank you to Margaret Gal, who is beautifully decorating our church for the Christmas season. Her talents shine through each week, as she tends to the floral decor of our altar.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

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

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

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

Monday, January 1:
New Year's Day Masses
10am and 12:00pm

**Sunday Mass schedule will be the same
for the December 24 and December 31**
Sunday mass obligations:
8:15am, 10am, 12noon

Confession Schedule

Mon Dec 18—5-8pm at SSCM
Wed Dec 20 & Thurs Dec 21—6pm at St James
Fri Dec 22—7pm (after 6pm Mass) at St James
Sat Dec 23-8:30am at St James & 3-5pm at SSCM

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.)

For Young Ladies
We will offer a formation-
al program to enrich the
spiritual lives of St James'
young ladies beginning
Jan 8. For more info & to
register, visit our website.
You may also register in
back of Church & meeting
details will follow.



Wednesday, Dec 20

Adoration 5-7pm

Confessions 6-7pm Mass 7pm

Wine & Wisdom 8pm: Join us for a special
W&W – full of Christmas cheer!

Dec 27 – Holiday Hiatus – No Wine & Wisdom

Don't miss the adventures at this year's
St Stephen's Day Hike ~ Tues, Dec 26 ~ 9:30am



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 Dec 18** at St Cyril's.
Confessions at 5, Dinner at 6, then
presentation on forgiveness.

Our
Weekly Offering



Our reporting of the weekly *Offertory* collection
from December 10, 2023 will be delayed due to
early submission to the bulletin publisher.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00AM ✚ Marianne Koys
Health & Healing—Ethan Heatly

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00AM ✚ Thomas Johns
Birthday Blessings—Bobby Hipsley III

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:00PM ✚ Thomas Egan
✚ Jeanne Christensen
✚ Maximilian Kobylarczyk

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Mary Lenzen
Health & Blessings—Boguslaw Klikuszowian

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:00PM Blessings for the Guzior Family
✚ Jacqueline Drew

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Veronica Pienkos
Health & Healing—Ethan Heatly

Fourth Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:15AM ✚ Joseph E. Slowik
✚ Debbie Carvatta

10AM: ✚ David Johnson

12:00PM: ✚ John Lyon

7:00PM—**CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS**

✚ Steve Cerka

12:00AM—**CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS**

✚ Ted & ✚ Maria Kania

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

**BETH DiVIRGILIO—IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ROSE MARY O'SHEA & RALPH O'SHEA**

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24	
8:15am	Christos & Frankie Latsonas, Mark Henze, Alex Pawlikowski	
10am	Daniel Newsom, Matthew Rebello, Matthew Sullivan, Will Pawlisz	
	CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:	
7:00pm	TBD	
Midnight Mass	Mark Henze, Christos Latsonas, Alex Pawlikowski	
MASS	ALTAR SERVERS—MONDAY, DECEMBER 25	
8:15am	Will Pawlisz and Matthew Sullivan	
10am	Daniel Newsom, Matthew Rebello, Christopher & Cody Pienkos	

**PLEASE READ IMPORTANT HOLIDAY
MASS INFORMATION!**

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year which is also the 4th Sunday of Advent. Your obligation is to attend Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas. If you choose to go to a Christmas Eve Mass you will need to attend Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent on Saturday, December 23rd at 5:00 PM or Sunday at 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00 AM. There will be no Mass at 12:30 or 2:00 PM that day so we can begin the Christmas Eve schedule at 1:00 PM and any Mass after 1:00 PM will only be for your Christmas obligation not your Sunday obligation. Please plan accordingly so you can fulfill both obligations.



Congratulations and God's Blessings



*Ashley Dzimira and Dominic Culotta
Married December 9, 2023*

*Christmas Season Schedule
of Services 2023*

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses December 24th

7:00 AM (English), 8:00 AM (Polish)

9:30 AM (English), 11:00 AM (Polish)

***NO 12:30 PM, 2:00 PM or 7:30 PM MASSES**

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th in Church

1:00 PM (English)

3:00 PM Children's Mass (English)

5:00 PM (English)

8:00 PM Children's Mass (Polish)

10:00 PM (Polish)

12:00 Midnight Mass (English)

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th

7:00 AM (English)

8:00 AM (Polish)

9:30 AM (English)

11:00 AM (Polish)

12:30 PM (English)

2:00 PM (Polish)

Feast of St. Stephen, Tuesday, December 26th

7:00 AM (English)

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday, December 31st

7:00 AM (English)

8:00 AM (Polish)

9:30 AM (English)

11:00 AM (Polish)

12:30 PM (English)

2:00 PM (Polish)

***NO 7:30 PM MASS**

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st, 2024

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

***NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

8:00 AM (Polish)

9:30 AM (English)

11:00 AM (Polish)

12:30 PM (English)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation-Advent

St. Cyril's: Monday, December 18th:

Individual Confessions

(English & Polish)

5:00-8:00PM



Helping Hands of St. Cyril and Methodius

This year we are helping our families in need providing them with both Christmas Dinner and Christmas Breakfast. We are asking for your assistance in donating supplies for these special holiday meals. Drop off is Wednesday, December 20th from 9 am-8 pm at the Benson house, 1264 Durham Lane, Lemont.

You can access the links to sign up to donate at our website: www.stcyril.org.

Our families appreciate your generosity.

We also provide monthly gift cards to families in need. We are in need of \$25 gift card donations for food or big box stores. Examples include Jewel, Aldi, Pete's, Target, Walmart, Meijer. If you would like to contribute with monetary donations, please drop in the box labeled Helping Hands located in the back of church or electronically at Give Central: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/320/event/14677>.

About Helping Hands Food Pantry

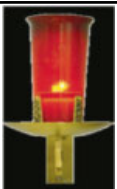
SSCM runs a food pantry servicing several local Lemont Area families in need with both food and monetary contributions monthly. We are the only Lemont food pantry who delivers food. Deliveries provide additional assistance to those who are unable to get to the food pantry due to physical disabilities, work schedules, and or lack of transportation. We accept food donations at our parish office during regular business hours and the first week of the month during mass. Monetary donations can be made in the collection area in the back of church or electronically at Give Central: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/320/event/14677>.

If you, or anyone you know are in need please contact the parish rectory.



Newlyweds Night - Confessions, Dinner and Forgiveness! Monday, December 18th All newlywed couples (<5 years) are encouraged to attend!


- † 5:00-6:00 PM Confessions in Church.
- † 6:00 Dinner and Social in Parish Life Center
- † 6:30 Presentation on "Forgiveness" by a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville.
- † 7:30 Open Business & Planning Meeting followed by social.
- † RSVP to Mike 708-446-8591



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.



The Rite of Welcoming for the RCIA Program took place on Saturday, November 25th. Brian Hilgart will become a fully initiated Catholic at the Easter Vigil. His sponsor who is pictured with him is Kasia Presz.

**HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION
TO THE HOLY FACE**

In Reparation for the Sins of Atheism,
Blasphemy, and Profanation of Sunday

Holy Hour Details
Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel
When: Thursday Evenings
Time: 7:00PM—8:00PM

True Relic of the Holy Face
present at the Holy Hour

(Including blessed oil touched to the Relic)



Oplatki

We have oplatki available on
tables in the back of church.

*The cost is \$5.00 for each package.

Birthright of Joliet
310 Hammes St. LL1, Joliet IL 60435
815-725-3411
joliet@birthright.org
www.birtheright.org/joliet

December 1, 2023

Dear Saint Cyril and Methodius,

Thank you for your generous donations on the behalf of the families. Your donation ensures that we can continue our mission of offering pregnancy assistance and alternatives to abortion in the Joliet area. What a beautiful way to honor motherhood. Also, special thanks to those who organized the collection.

Birthright offers free pregnancy tests to an uncertain woman, baby items (diapers, clothing until 18 months old) to a needy mom, and referrals for services to support needy families. If you know of anyone in need of pregnancy help, please refer them to us. We are continually helping moms in need. Feel free to share our story with others to expand our outreach efforts and change lives and do to the "least of our brothers". Thank you again for walking with us. May God bless you for allowing us to bless others.

Gratefully,

Karen
Karen Hatfield, Director

Mary
Mary Spesia, Co-Director

 @birthrightofjoliet  @birthrightofjoliet

Oplátek

**17 grudnia
niedziela
9:00 AM
sala gimnastyczna SSCM**

- Tradycyjne dzielenie się oplatkiem
- Sztuka teatralna pt. **"GOŚĆ OCZEKIWANY"**
(występują Fatimskie Dzieci czyli dzieci i młodzież z Małej Oazy)
- Występ zespołu tanecznego **"POLANIE"**
- Kolędowanie
- Pyszny poczęstunek
- Zdjęcia ze Św. Mikołajem
- Prezent dla każdego dziecka

Klub Polski w Lemont

**Drodzy Parafianie,**

W każdą niedzielę gramadzimy się, aby wzmocnić naszą wiarę poprzez przyjęcie Najświętszej Eucharystii. Myślę, że wymaga to odwagi i silnej wiary, aby spotykać się co tydzień i przyjmować wolę Boga, jako odbicie jego miłości w dzisiejszym świecie. Przez przemoc, ubóstwo czy cierpienie, żyjemy w niedoskonałym świecie, a jednak nadal zbieramy się jako wspólnota wiary i odnawiamy nasze wnętrza zwracając się do Boga jako źródło miłości.

Wśród wszystkich naszych obecnych wyzwań i trosk, miłość Boża objawia się jako dar jedyne Syna, Jezusa, który narodził się w nas, a my w dostrzegalny sposób przez cały rok odzwierciedlaliśmy tę miłość wychodząc naprzeciw innym. Ponownie, w okresie Adventu rozszerzaliśmy miłość Bożą poprzez uczestniczenie w akcji „Drzewko Miłości” (Tree of Love) pomagając św. Mikołajowi przy prezentach dla dzieci i młodzieży. Przez cały rok „Spizarnia” (Helping Hands) dostarczała produkty spożywcze w naszej wspólnocie dla potrzebujących rodzin. Nasi uczniowie brali udział w różnych projektach zbierając pieniądze na „Centrum Kobiet” (Women’s Center) jak i również dostarczali produkty spożywcze mniej zamożnym mieszkańcom Chicago. Jestem dumny, że potrafimy wychodzić poza nasze własne potrzeby i dzielić się dobrem z innymi.

Pragnę skorzystać z okazji i podziękować wszystkim za Wasze zaangażowanie i hojność na rzecz naszego kościoła i wspólnoty parafialnej. Niech Bóg pobłogosławi Wasze zaangażowanie ofiarując swój czas i umiejętności w naszym duszpasterstwie.

Proszę o Waszą hojność podczas tego zbliżającego się Bożego Narodzenia. Wielu parafian będzie odwiedzało rodziny i znajomych, dlatego proponuje złożenie ofiary Bożonarodzeniowej przez internet używając programu „Give Central”. Wspomnę tylko, że jest on wielkim udogodnieniem dla wielu parafian, którzy składają niedzielne ofiary używając tego programu i zachęcam wszystkich do tej formy składek.

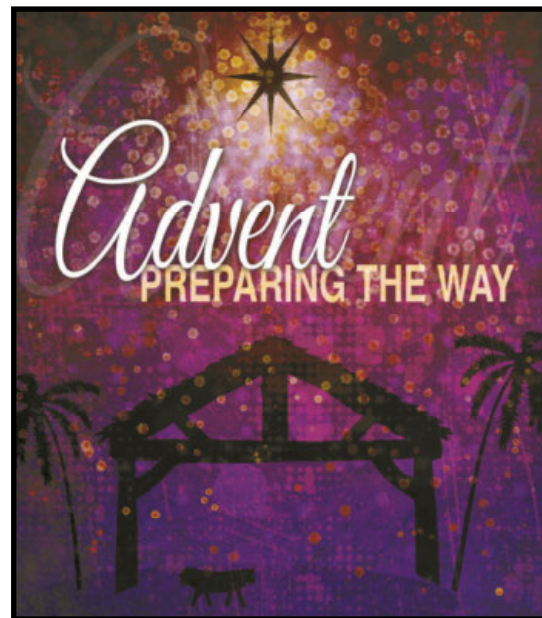
Wkrótce zgromadzimy się jako jedna

rodzina w kościele, aby wspólnie świętować uroczystość Bożego Narodzenia; święta wyrazu miłości Boga wobec nas. Jestem dumny, że ponownie mogę przeżyć z Wami Boże Narodzenie jako proboszcz tej wspaniałej, historycznej i duchowej wspólnoty, która nieustannie stara się być odzwierciedleniem miłości Boga w świecie. Proszę zapoznać się z harmonogramem Mszy na Boże Narodzenie w dzisiejszym biuletynie abyśmy mogli wspólnie świętować ten wyjątkowy okres w roku. Do zobaczenia!

Ks. Waldemar

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- Spizarnia w naszej parafii, ŚŚ. Cyryla i Metodego po raz kolejny zbiera darowizny na świąteczne śniadania i kolacje, które będą dostarczone potrzebującym rodzinom w naszej wspólnocie. Więcej informacji można znaleźć w biuletynie, a na naszej stronie internetowej znajdują się linki umożliwiające rejestrację i przekazywanie darowizn.
- W biuletynie zamieszczony został harmonogram Mszy św. i spowiedzi okresu świątecznego w parafii ŚŚ. Cyryla i Metodego i parafii Św. Jakuba.
- Spowiedź przedświąteczna odbędzie się w poniedziałek, 18 grudnia, godz. 5:00PM - 8:00PM i w sobotę, 23 grudnia, godz. 3:00pm - 4:30pm.



Mass Intentions

Monday — December 18th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
 † BERNICE KRAJEWSKI (25 Anniv.)
 by Family
 † TED FLORYNSKI
 by Wife & Family
 † BRONISLAWA & JOZEF KAPUSNIK
 by Marysia

Tuesday — December 19th

7:00 AM † JUDY JELINSKI
 by Mr. & Mrs. James Phelan
 7:00 PM † KONRAD KRZEMIENI
 by Rodzina Witkowski
 † MARIA LOJAS
 by Rodzina Jazowski

Wednesday — December 20th

7:00 AM † SR. M. BRONISIA KAPUSNIK
 by Marie
 † ALPHONSES MANKOWSKI (Anniv.)
 by Adeline
 † ANGELA POMPER
 by Kim Hyla

Thursday — December 21st

7:00 AM † KAZIMIERA BUCZAK
 by Daughter

Friday — December 22nd

7:00 AM † HELEN ERCOLI
 by Ercoli Family

Saturday — December 23rd

7:00 AM † DONALD BUHLE
 by Robert Todd Jelinski
 5:00 PM † STANLEY & PEARL EARTMAN
 by Family
Fr. Koys † STANLEY BERGER JR.
 by Family
 † FLORENCE BARNASKI
 by Family

Sunday — December 24th (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

7:00 AM † MARGIE POVALISH (1 Anniv.)

Fr. Stawiariski

8:00 AM † AUGUST MIETUS
 by Rodzina i Brat
Carmelites † JÓZEF I FRANCISZKA DZIAŁA
 by Rodzina

† ANIELA TRUTY
 by Rodzina

9:30 AM † FRANCES GALASINSKI

Fr.

Stawiariski † AMELIA PERFETTI
 by Family

† STANISLAW NOWOBILSKI & LINDA AURRICCHIO
 by Kathy & Tim Aurricchio

11:00 AM † JÓZEF MILAN

Carmelites

by Rodzina
 † ANIELA GAWRON
 by Rodzina

***NO 12:30 PM Eng. & 2:00 PM Polish Mass due to
 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**

CHRISTMAS EVE - December 24, 2023

1:00 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
 (English) GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ALL SSCM STAFF &
 THEIR FAMILIES

Fr. Stawiariski

3:00 PM † DECEASED MEMBERS OF DROZDZ & GRAND
 (English) FAMILIES
Fr. by Debra Grand

Stawiariski

† JOHN & CHRISTINE BUDZ

by John & Lottie Tomala

† CHESTER TOMALA

by Family

† EUGENE PRORWICZ

by Wife & Family

5:00 PM DCN. NORB & WANDA LESNIESKI

(English)

by Family

Fr.

† JOZEF & TERESA TYMINSKI

by Birakdar-Caradima Families

Stawiariski

† JAMES MCKEOUGH

by Wife & Family

† DESIREA SOUKAL

by Family

8:00 PM † KONSTANTY I MAREK PUSTULKA

(Polish)

by Rodzina

Fr.

† STANISLAW I ANNA MAKA

Rodzina Boduch

Stawiariski

† ANNA LACIAK I SYN RICHARD

by John Laciak z Rodzina

10:00 PM O BOZE BL. I ZDROWIE DLA RODZINY LUKANUS

(Polish)

O BOZE BL. DLA RODZIN GRELE I LABOJEWSKI

Fr.

O BOZE BL. DLA RODZINY JANOSIK

Stawiariski

† WITOLD GASIOR

by Rodzina

12:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR KALATA-KEDZIOR FAMILIES

Midnight

by Marie

(English)

† FRANCISZEK MOLEK

by Family

Fr.

† VERONICA SKRZYPCZAK (Anniv.)

by Joan



*Blessed Sacrament Candle Intention
 For Week of December 18th Through
 December 24th*

† IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 STANLEY & KENNETH KEDZIOR
 by Marie & Family

Pray for ...

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

Leon Chmielewski Jr.

Emilia Pilecki

Terri Sowa

Lori Reagan Suski

Anita Anderson

Bob Wheeler

Ria Supan

Karen Singer

Leo Smietanski

Nadia Skrzecz

Elena (Helen) Prew

Dan McNichols

William Casica

Byron Thoren

Matt Przybocki

Don Alleijuka

John Kalata

Jenny Alfano

John Pavlovic

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.

Due to an earlier publication deadline, the contribution totals for the weekend of December 9th & 10th are unavailable for this bulletin. They will be in next week's bulletin.



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Dear Friends of the Poor,

As we begin Advent, the time of preparation for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, we want to extend our most heartfelt gratitude for the many years of your generous support of the Missionaries of the Poor. Thank you for your prayers, words of encouragement, and monetary donations to support the missions in Kenya and in Haiti.

In a very special way, we want to thank you for welcoming our volunteers and allowing them to share about our work for the poor this past Fall. Thanks to the generous donation from the parish of \$13,063.00, we will be sending \$6,000 dollars to the Haiti mission and

\$7,063 dollars to the Kenya mission. This is a tremendous gift that will add to the joy of Christmas and will help to ensure that no one at the mission will be hungry or cold this Holiday season.

Our poor brothers and sisters remind us that Christ chose to be born to a simple and humble family from Nazareth. Let's continue finding Him among the poor, the sick, the destitute, and the forgotten. May the Newborn grace you and your families with renewed faith, increased hope, and rekindled love and joy.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
MOP Chicago Support Team



Drodzy Przyjaciele Ubogich,

Rozpoczynając Adwent, czas przygotowania do Świąt Narodzin naszego Zbawiciela, Jezusa Chrystusa, pragniemy wyrazić naszą najgłębszą wdzięczność za wieloletnie wspieranie Misjonarzy Ubogich. Dziękujemy za modlitwę, słowa zachęty i ofiary pieniężne na wsparcie misji w Kenii i Haiti.

W szczególny sposób chcemy podziękować za to, że tej jesieni mogliśmy gościć u Was i podzielić się naszą pracą na rzecz ubogich. Dziękujemy za hojną donację w wysokości \$13,063.00. Z tej kwoty przekazemy \$6,000 dolarów na misję na Haiti i \$7,063 dolarów na misję w Kenii. To wspaniały prezent, który sprawi, że nikt na misji w tym roku nie będzie głodny a Świąta będą przepełnione radością i nadzieją.

Nasi ubodzy bracia i siostry przypominają nam, że Chrystus narodził się w prostej i pokornej rodzinie z Nazaretu. Niech będzie to dla nas zachętą, aby odnajdywać Go pomiędzy biednymi, chorymi, pozbawionymi środków do życia i zapomnianymi. Niech Nowonarodzony obdarzy Was i Wasze rodziny odnowioną wiarą, zwiększoną nadzieją oraz rozpaloną na nowo miłością i radością.

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Why do I go to Mass?

Do I let the Mass impact my life?

Do I enjoy going to Mass? It is not essential that you be able to answer yes to that question. You may be a very good Catholic and still feel that attendance at Mass is something of a penance. After all, **the primary purpose of the Mass is not to give pleasure to us, but to give glory to God.** If you participate at Mass faithfully only from a sense of duty, you are performing an act that is pleasing to God, even though you might feel relieved when it is finished.

However, if we really understand the nature of the Mass and our part in it, normally we should feel a great sense of satisfaction from our presence there. We should find the Mass anything but boring. Unfortunately, to many Catholics, the Mass is a routine Sunday chore. They attend Mass in a spirit of obedience and to gain grace from the dutiful discharge of their obligation. Yet the Mass does not make the impact on their lives that it should.

The Mass lets you offer Christ's sacrifice. In His role of the universal man, Jesus could offer himself for each of us, but only if we were willing to have him represent us. He had to provide some way in which we could add our 'Amen' to what He was doing. **He had to give us an opportunity to write our name on the gift he was offering to God.** And so, the night before he died, at the Last Supper, he instituted the Sacrifice of the Mass.

We come into church, then, aware that God our Creator, God our Father, is waiting to receive our act of homage. Whether we pray together or individually, all through the Mass we are conscious of God the Father, who waits for us, and of God the Son, who acts for us. Our enduring intention is, "Yes, Jesus. Yes, Yes, Yes! You can speak for me. **I give myself, with You, to God completely. Take my love, make it a part of Yours.** Let myself be a little bit of the Gift You offer."

This is what the Mass should mean for us.
(from *Seventeen Steps to Heaven* by Leo Trese, Sophia Press)

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