

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

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Rev. Waldemar "Valdi" Stawiarski
Pastor

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September 20, 2026

Twenty-fifth 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.

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 Daniel Turney, Principal (630) 257-6488; turney.daniel@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:	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	

**Dear Parishioners,**

From our earliest years, we have been brought up to value justice. Playing fair is part of our earliest training in life. That's why when we hear today's Gospel, the Parable of the Laborers in the Field, we immediately think, "That's just not right. The guys who worked all day have a good argument. They should have been paid more."

But the parable isn't really about who should get paid what. The parable is about God. He is the Good Employer, the Divine Employer. This parable is not about the workers, it is about God who offers His grace to people at various times in their lives. That's what the parable of the laborers in the vineyard is really about. God's grace comes to different people at different times and in different ways. And that includes every one of us. Perhaps some of us feel that we have not been the person we could and should be. Maybe we are correct. But we haven't missed our opportunity for salvation. God's grace is amazing. There is still time for him to radically change our lives.

Look at some of the amazing ways that God has changed people we know. So often we have all encountered a person who has done serious damage to his or her life and family through alcohol or other chemical dependency. Then we marvel at how God's Grace not only led that person to recovery, but made him or her a source of strength for others looking to recover. That is the amazing Grace of the Divine Employer.

The Gospel encourages us not to give up on ourselves. God never gives up on us. We can always start new, whether we have just been lukewarm Christians or whether we have been at war with God. Not only does God refuse to hold us to our past, He forgives us through confession and transforms us to become vehicles of conversion for others. The Divine Employer does not want us wasting any more time. Even if we are pretty well advanced in age, and the day is drawing to a close, He still has work for us to do. He needs us, and He wants us, no matter what our pasts have been.

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:

- 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.
- The **2027 Mass Book** is **now open!** Please contact Roxana Boyden to schedule an appointment to reserve your Mass intentions. Please see the bulletin for additional information.
- The weekend of September 19th & 20th, there will be a **second collection** for the Seminarian Education Fund. This collection will raise funds to support the educational formation of our archdiocesan seminarians. Thank you for your donation.
- **Called to Serve: Our Bereavement Ministry** is seeking new volunteers to support families in grief and assist with funeral Masses. **Altar Servers** are also needed. We encourage parents to support their children in taking on this ministry. See page 8 for more information.

OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA is centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded.

OCIA is a gradual process by which an interested person becomes a member of the Catholic Church. OCIA marks the various steps and rites on the way to full commitment with the church in five specific periods. This journey takes places over several months with the support of the parish community.

WHO IS OCIA FOR?

- Those in need of baptism
- Those baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic
- Those baptized Catholic in need of the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

"THEREFORE GO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT."
Matthew 28:19

**SESSIONS BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 29, 2026**

Sessions run September to May on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Contact Eileen Bruno at the Parish Office [630-257-2414] or email ebruno@archchicago.org



SSCM

Faith, Family...Future!
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"Stack The Days"*SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School*

Dear Parents & Parishioners!

This Sunday, September 20th, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. On this third Sunday of September, we celebrate the ministry of catechesis. We recognize those who pass on the Catholic faith to others, especially through catechists.

Please say a special prayer to help express gratitude to the dedicated SS. Cyril & Methodius faculty and staff who serve as catechists to our students. Our school is very blessed with a staff that works with our students and families by sharing their faith every day!!

Go Comets!!

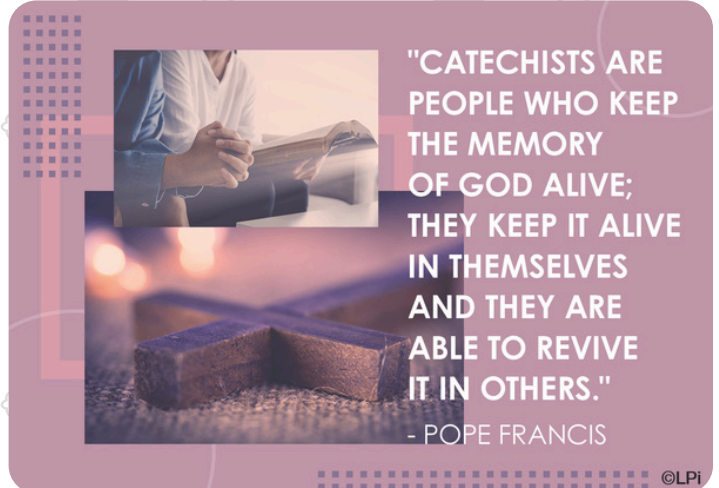
Mr. Dan Turney, Principal



SS. Cyril & Methodius School Faculty and Staff:

John Brady
Alexis Contreras Acosta
Denise Coules
Tracey Ocampo
Kristyn Coyle
Kelsey Grennell
Ron Hilger
Nicole O'Hare
Amber Anzalone
Kim Gardner

Robyn Rush
Danielle West
Stacy Mihalski
Gracy Sowa
Paulina Strama
Robert Villasenor
Bernice Kucera
Bernadine Anderson
Jackie Lazowski



*School
Assembly led by
8th Grade -
presenting our
SSCM
Graduate
Profile*





**SS Cyril & Methodius
Religious Education Program**

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Mrs Monika Leja – RE Administrator



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Conference of
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Catechetical Sunday
September 20, 2026

A Prayer for Catechists

Catechetical Sunday 2026

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



As we celebrate the 2026 Catechetical Sunday, on behalf of our parish community, we would like to thank our wonderful and dedicated Catechists, who will be working with all of our students by sharing their Faith with them during the 2026/27 catechetical year. May God bless them with great wisdom and prosperity.

MONDAY SESSION CATECHISTS

Jim Crockett
Debbie Grand
Jenny Grazalano
Nicole Jaronczyk

Margaret Las - Marusarz
Anna Mietus
Allen Pratt
Laura Sciacca

WEDNESDAY SESSION CATECHISTS

Mary Ameriks
Ewa Baginski
Lori Barnett
Pam Dzik

Tina Madanowski
Monika Morajka
Anna Sloan
Dave Smietanski

FRIDAY SESSION CATECHISTS

Hanna Biedrzycki
Iwona Jasica
Edyta Kapusta
Katarzyna Kmiecik
Aneta Kowalkowski

Donna Ligas
Grazyna Pawlikowski
Krystyna Predki
Walter Smreczak

2026/27 CATECHETICAL YEAR

Monday session (English Program)

5:30 - 7:00PM

*begins 9/21/2026

Wednesday session (English Program)

6:00 - 7:30PM

*begins 9/23/2026

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 Sept 23 thru Nov 1. Can you 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. Come pray for the babies! Sign up at www.40daysforlife.com/en/downersgrove

Change in Mass Times - Sept 23 and 30

Mass on the last two Wednesdays in Sept will be at 8am. Confessions will be heard before Mass beginning at 7am. No evening activities at St James 9/23 or 30.

No Wine & Wisdom- Sept 23 & 30

Special events the last two Wednesdays of September necessitate canceling W&W.



General Washington & his soldiers ruminate on the future of America. (Joe Dillenburg, Fr Koys, Joe Tirabassi & Sidney Brown) See photo album on our website for full coverage of our picnic. Many thanks to Altar & Rosary for a fabulous event & John Hayes for his non-stop grilling!

OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Anyone seeking Baptism or the other sacraments of initiation (Eucharist & Confirmation) or simply wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith, please call Fr Koys or the rectory. Classes will begin in Sept.



Catholic Citizens of Illinois Annual Dinner - September 29

Professor Christopher Kaczor will tackle "Reasoning about God with Jordan Peterson & C.S. Lewis" Register now! Info & tickets can be found at St James' website or catholiccitizens.org.



A huge thank you to the all the A&R Ladies, volunteers, parishioners and Fr. Tom for making the patriotic picnic a big success! September is A&R Sign-up month. All ladies are invited to join. Dues are only \$10. There will be envelopes in the back of the church for your convenience. Just drop them in the collection baskets. There will be a sign-up table outside the church Sunday the 27th. Hope to see you there!



A Feast for the Soul
AN EVENING OF
Goodness, Truth,
and Beauty

"Heaven in Stone & Glass"
While ticket sales for the group dinner & movie are closed, you can independently watch this Word on Fire movie on 9/20 or 23. Check your local theaters for info.

Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

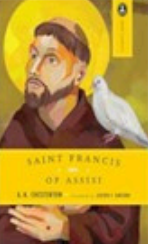
Purpose Driven Fatherhood

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. Three sessions: 9/30, 10/7, 10/14. 6:30-8:00pm at St Cyril's Parish Life Building. Invite a friend! Free! Contact Jim to register. James-coughlin@sbcglobal.net 630-450-0020



Mr Hugh Owen, Kolbe Center for the Study of Creation, Speaks at St James - Sat, Oct 3
The Kolbe Center provides a forum for those who defend the traditional Catholic doctrine of creation handed down from the Apostles. Join the contemplation & discussion on this provocative topic! Sponsored by the Sag Bridge Mission Society. No admission fee. Wine & Cheese. Please register to attend.





Book Study: Chesterton's Francis
Madonna Muscarello will lead the discussion of this readable Chesterton book. Five Tuesdays starting Oct 6, 7pm. Please register via QR or through our website





Upcoming Weddings
Benjamin Moser & Marta Szczepaniak
Pijus Zarzhus & Michelle Jurski
Andrew Evangelista & Emma Sorrentino

Altar Flowers
Our beautiful bouquets of flowers surrounding our altar were made available by:
STEVE & DEBBIE SPANSKI—
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ROBERT & NORBERTA HAYES



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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
8:00AM Health & Healing--Steve Rohrbacher
✠Gus Toler

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
8:00AM ✠Joseph M. Slowik
✠Peggy Smith

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
7:00PM ✠Andrew Zeh
Health & Healing—Zoe Cruickshank

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
8:00AM ✠Mary Aiello
Birthday Blessings—John Beecher
Birthday Blessings—Conor Lynch

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
6:00PM ✠Paul Szczech
Health & Healing—Zoe Cruickshank

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
8:00AM ✠Robert & ✠Norberta Hayes
Health & Healing—Zoe Cruickshank

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
8:15AM ✠Kathy Coughlin
✠Henry Spanski
10AM ✠Sandra Tirabassi
✠Bronia & ✠Alojzy Citko
12:00PM Janusz & Ursula Florczyk—52nd
Wedding Anniversary



Our weekly Offertory collection from September 13, 2026 was \$4,393. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$1,469.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27	
8:15am	Alex Pawlikowski, Christos & Frankie Latsonas	
10am	Marty & Tommy Comer, Matthew Sullivan, Daniel Newsom	



2027 Mass Book is Now Open!!

The 2027 Mass Book is now open for booking Mass intentions. To schedule more than 10 Mass intentions, please contact Roxana Boyden at **630-257-2776** during office hours to make an appointment.

Księga Mszy na rok 2027 jest już otwarta!!

Księga intencji mszalnych na rok 2027 jest już otwarta. W przypadku zamówienia więcej niż 10 intencji mszalnych prosimy o kontakt z Roxaną Boyden pod numerem **630-257-2776** w godzinach pracy biura parafialnego, celem umówienia się na spotkanie.



Temporary Help Wanted

SSCM is looking for a temporary maintenance person to help at the parish and school properties. If you are interested please call Denise: 630-257-2776



Help us update our records

If you are a registered, active Parishioner, please confirm your mailing address, phone numbers, and email addresses by completing the form below. You can return it directly to our office or drop it into our collection box.

Parishioner ID # _____

Full Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Primary Phone Number _____

Other Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Other Email Address _____

Thank you for your cooperation and response

*If you are interested in "Joining Our Parish", visit our website www.stcyril.org to complete a new Parishioner registration form

GENERATION TO GENERATION: ANSWER THE CALL CAMPAIGN AT SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH

Today we kick off the Generation to Generation: Answer the Call campaign. Our parish's participation in the campaign, along with all parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago, will meet needs of our parish and support Catholic ministries in Cook and Lake counties.

Our goal at SS. Cyril & Methodius parish is to raise **\$1,375,000** in pledges payable over five (5) years from our parish families. Fifty percent of the funds from these pledges will go toward the parish needs listed below. The remaining fifty percent will go towards spiritually renewing our church, supporting our priests, and assisting vulnerable communities. When you receive your invitation to participate in this historic effort, please pray and discern a multi-year sacrificial pledge that is right for your family. Today, join us in praying for the success of the Generation to Generation campaign.

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

God of abundant and generous mercy, we gratefully acknowledge the many gifts you have given us across the years from the sacrifice of generations before us.

And so, we confidently trust that you will walk with us into the future.

We echo the words of the Blessed Virgin Mary: truly, your mercy is from generation to generation.

Help us now to respond generously to your gifts, as we support our Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago and work to bring faith forward for the generations that follow us.

By your grace and help, let our gifts be a blessing for our children, our grandchildren, and those who follow them.

Through Christ our Lord.

OUR PRIORITIES

- Preserving Our Church
- Supporting Our School
- Campus Improvement Fund

OUR PROGRESS

- Parish Goal: 1,375,000
- Total Raised: \$776,000
- Percentage Raised: 56%
- Number of Gifts: 28
- Last Updated: 8/26/2026

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TO GENERATION:
ANSWER THE CALL



Bereavement Ministry Volunteers Needed

If you feel called to serve families in grief and support funeral liturgies, please consider joining our bereavement ministry. Volunteers assist with compassionate outreach, planning, and preparation for funeral Masses. For more information, please contact Szymon Koszarek at skoszarek@archchicago.org or the parish office.



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. Training for new servers will take place in the church at a date and time to be announced.

For more information, please contact Szymon Koszarek by email at skoszarek@archchicago.org

Z POKOLENIA NA POKOLENIE – ODPOWIEDZ NA WEZWANIE W PARAFII ŚW. CYRYLA I METODEGO!

Dziś rozpoczynamy kampanię Z pokolenia na Pokolenie - Odpowiedz na Wezwanie. Dzięki naszemu udziałowi w kampanii, wraz ze wszystkimi parafiami Archidiecezji Chicago, odpowiemy na potrzeby naszej parafii i wesprzemy posługi duszpasterskie w powiatach Cook i Lake.

Naszym celem w **Parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego** jest zebranie **\$1,375,000** w formie zobowiązań finansowych, które będą spłacane przez pięć (5) lat przez rodziny naszej parafii. Pięćdziesiąt procent zebranych środków zostanie przeznaczone na potrzeby parafii wymienione poniżej. Pozostałe pięćdziesiąt procent wesprze duchową odnowę naszego Kościoła, posługę naszych kapłanów oraz pomoże wspólnotom znajdującym się w trudnej sytuacji.

Kiedy otrzymasz zaproszenie do udziału w tym historycznym przedsięwzięciu, prosimy, abyś pomodlił się w intencji kampanii oraz rozeznał możliwość złożenia wieloletniego, ofiarnego zobowiązania, które będzie stosowne dla Twojej rodziny. Już dziś dołącz do nas w modlitwie o sukces kampanii „Z Pokolenia na Pokolenie”.

MODLITWA KAMPANII

Boże obfity i hojny w miłosierdzie, stajemy przed Tobą wdzięczni za wielorakość darów, jakimi od pokoleń obdarzasz nas za składane Ci ofiary. Stajemy przed Tobą pełni ufności, że będziesz kroczył z nami w przyszłość.

Powtarzamy słowa Najświętszej Maryi Panny: Zaprawdę, Twoje miłosierdzie z pokolenia na pokolenie.

Prosimy, pomagaj nam, teraz, kiedy wspieramy nasz Kościół w Archidiecezji Chicago oraz, kiedy staramy się nieść wiarę następnym pokoleniom.

Prosimy, pomóż nam z wdzięcznością i hojnością odpowiedzieć na Twoje dary.

Niech nasze ofiary, składane dzięki Twojej łasce i z Twoją pomocą, staną się Twoim błogosławieństwem dla naszych dzieci, wnuków oraz tych, którzy przyjdą po nich. Prosimy o to przez Chrystusa, Pana naszego.

Amen.

NASZE PRIORYTETY

- Zachowanie Naszego Kościoła
- Wspieranie Naszej Szkoły
- Fundusz Rozwoju i Modernizacji Kampusu

NASZE POSTĘPY

- Cel parafii: 1,375,000
- Cała zebrana kwota: \$776,000
- Procent zrealizowanego celu: 56%
- Liczba darowizn: 28
- Ostatnia aktualizacja: 8/26/2026

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Faith 4th Tuesday

We invite you to fellowship
after 7:00 AM Mass

in the Parish Life Building

Every 4th Tuesday of the month

Coffee, tea, and simple foods
Inspirations & Prayer Intentions

Coming up this week! September 22nd



For more information or to
bring a dish, contact
Basia at 708-548-6359 or
Denise at 708-203-0992



Second Collection SSCM New Air Conditioning System September 26th & 27th

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

**Next collection date:
October 25th**



*Community
Faith-Based
Cancer Support Group*

Fall Gathering
Monday, September 21, 2026 6:30 – 8:15PM
St. Alphonsus Parish Center
[Corner of Logan & Walnut, Walnut entrance]

Transitioning into a New Season of Life



<https://www.facebook.com/OJOHLemont>

MISSION STATEMENT
As a Christian faith-based cancer support group, it is our mission to offer hope to patients, survivors, families, and all those affected by cancer through fellowship, prayer, information, and resources.

GOAL STATEMENT
To provide a safe and loving place for participants to express their feelings, share their stories, and have an opportunity to seek God's grace.

QUESTIONS?
Tess Kearney
tdavoren1@gmail.com
630-335-3225

Kevin Cody
kcody-stols@comcast.net
630-257-2371

Second Collection: September 19th & 20th Seminar Education

The Seminar Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please support the men seeking to answer God's call to a life of service as a priest.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO
**SEMINARIAN
EDUCATION FUND**
The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.



From Our Respect Life Ministry

"When we have lost our way and find ourselves brought low by sin and suffering, we can know with confidence that the Lord will never abandon us. No matter what sins we have committed or how many times we have chosen to separate ourselves from the flock, we can know that Christ's mercy and kindness await us. There is nothing we can do, no sin so great, that cannot be overcome with the infinite mercy of Christ."

**USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"Hope After Abortion"**

**Drodzy Parafianie,**

Od najmłodszych lat wpajano nam jak wielkie znaczenie ma sprawiedliwość. Uczciwe życie jest częścią szkolenia już od najmłodszych lat. Dlatego, gdy w dzisiejszej ewangelii słyszymy przypowieść o robotnikach na roli, od razu myślimy:

"To nie w porządku. Mężczyźni, którzy pracowali przez cały dzień mają dobry powód do niezadowolenia. Powinni mieli mieć więcej zapłacone."

Jednak przypowieść ta nie mówi o tym, kto ile powinien miał mieć zapłacone. Ta przypowieść jest o Bogu. Bo to on jest Dobrym Pracodawcą, Boskim Pracodawcą, który ofiarowuje swą łaskę ludziom w różnych momentach ich życia. To jest właśnie prawdziwe znaczenie przypowieści o robotnikach w winnicy. Łaska Boża przybywa do różnych ludzi w różnych momentach ich życia i na różne sposoby. Być może niektórzy z nas czują, że nie byliśmy tą osobą, którą moglibyśmy czy powinniśmy byli być. Może mamy rację. Ale najważniejsze jest to, że nie przegapiliśmy jeszcze naszej szansy na zbawienie. Łaska Boża jest nadzwyczajna i nieziemiska, a nam nadal dano możliwość radykalnej zmiany naszego życia.

Spójrz na niektóre niesamowite przykłady jak Bóg zmienił ludzi, których znamy. Tak często spotykaliśmy osobę, która poprzez alkohol lub inne substancje uzależniające wyrządziła poważne szkody w swoim życiu i rodzinie. Wtedy to właśnie dziwimy się, że Łaska Boża nie tylko doprowadziła tę osobę do odbudowy, ale uczyniła ją źródłem siły dla innych, którzy chcą odzyskać swe życie na nowo. To jest właśnie ta jedyna i niesamowita łaska „Boskiego Pracodawcy”.

Ewangelia zachęca nas, abyśmy się nie poddawali, bo Bóg nigdy nas nie opuszcza. Zawsze możemy zacząć na nowo, bez względu na to czy byliśmy tylko chrześcijanami od święta, czy też może nadal trwamy w stanie wojny z Bogiem. Bóg nie chce żebyśmy utknęli w naszej przeszłości. On oczekuje powrotu poprzez sakrament pokuty i pojednania, i pragnie abyśmy stali się drogą nawrócenia dla innych. Ten „Boski Pracodawca” nie chce abyśmy marnowali więcej czasu. Nawet jeżeli już nasz wiek jest zaawansowany, a każdy dzień zbliża się do końca, On wyciąga do nas rękę, On dla nas ma pracę. Bez względu na naszą przeszłość Bóg nas potrzebuje!

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

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Envelopes	527	\$14,297.00
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Mass Intentions

Monday — September 21st

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY

✠ DON ALLELUJKA
by Wife**Tuesday — September 22nd**7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR JOHN & KATHERINE
GAL (Wedd. Anniv.)
by Family✠ LORRAINE ZIOLKOWSKI
by Mark & Val Kazich7:00 PM ✠ ADAM KOZIEL
by Lottie & Walter Koziel**Wednesday — September 23rd**

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Thursday — September 24th7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR KASIA & RENI (birth)
by Mama**Friday — September 25th**

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

3:30 PM *Wedding: Caroline Cunningham and Conrad Tauer***Saturday — September 26th**

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

11:00 AM *Wedding: Ewelina Bryja and Jakub Krzeptowski-Mucha*1:00 PM *Wedding: Veronika Stafira and Kamil Szlembarski*3:00 PM *Wedding: Alesandra Rocha and Tome Jimenez*

5:00 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Fr. Koys**Sunday — September 27th**7:00 AM ✠ WLADYSLAW LESNICKI
Fr. Valdi by Lojek Family8:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA ALEX I LAUREN (1 Rocznicza Ślubu)
Carmelite by Rodzina9:30 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ELISABETH & PIOTR
Fr. Valdi SUROWKA & BRADY & TEAGAN (6 Anniv.)✠ AMELIA PERFETTI
by Family✠ NOLAN MCKERNIN
by McKernin Family✠ SHARON LAMOTTE
by McKerin Family11:00 AM ✠ JÓZEF KOWALCZYK
Carmelite by Anna Borowski✠ MARIA I JAN KOWALCZYK
by Anna Borowski✠ ANNA I STANISŁAW KALATA
by Rodzina

✠ ANDRZEJ ZIĘBA (10 Rocznicza Śmierci)

12:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Fr. Valdi GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR TED & MARY KOWALCZYK
by Parents✠ KERRY BLASGEN
by Andrew & Lisa Cleveland & Family✠ LUCILLE IASILLO
by Wodynski Family2:00 PM ✠ FRANCISZEK POLAK
Carmelite by Rodzina Polak7:30 PM ✠ CEDOMIR CAPIC
Fr. Valdi by O'Hare Family✠ CHAD MARTINSON
by Andrew & Gracy Sowa*Wedding Banns*

Erin Land and Sean O'Leary
Anette Skutnik and Lukasz Sulka
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Adeline Bahnick

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Mary Kay Nieponski

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The name of an individual will stay on the prayer list for two
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*Alexandra Smyth and Joseph Sciarrino
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A Voice for Christ: Fulton Sheen's Beatification



BEATIFICATION OF
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SHEEN**

On Thursday, September 24, 2026, the Church will celebrate the beatification of Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle will represent the Holy Father at the 2:00 p.m. Central Mass.

For Catholics—especially those of central **Illinois**, where Sheen was born and ordained—the day will honor a **native son whose clear, joyful witness brought the Gospel into millions of homes**. Sheen is most noted as a pioneer of Catholic broadcasting. After two decades on radio's The Catholic Hour, he became a television phenomenon with the unscripted ***Life Is Worth Living***. With a blackboard, a cape, and a gift for making theology personal, he spoke to audiences far beyond the Catholic Church. He won an Emmy, wrote dozens of books, and raised immense support for the Church's missions.

Behind the celebrated communicator stood a **disciplined man of prayer**. From the day of his priestly ordination, Sheen promised to make a **daily Holy Hour** before the Blessed Sacrament. He kept that practice **for decades**, calling it the source of his preaching and perseverance. His Eucharistic devotion was joined to a **tender love for the Blessed Virgin Mary**, to whom his mother had dedicated him at baptism and whose dedication he later renewed.

Sheen's holiness never made him gloomy. His quick wit, playful timing, and memorable one-liners disarmed listeners before leading them toward truth. Asked about his television writers, he famously credited "Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John."

That humor was not a performance pasted onto faith; it expressed his confidence that Christianity is good news. As his beatification approaches, the Church invites us not merely to admire a gifted preacher, but to imitate the hidden prayer, missionary zeal, and joyful charity that made his public ministry fruitful.

Consider today how Archbishop Fulton Sheen can inspire you to work for Christ. Spread good clean humor? Pray a daily Holy Hour? Preach the Truth on Social Media? Call out Communism? Write a book? Support the Missions? Watch the Beatification on EWTN TV or attend a pre-beatification event online? View Archbishop Fulton Sheen's TV show reruns on YouTube and enjoy our Catholic Faith!

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