

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe



Our Parish Mission Statement

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

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

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Mass Schedule:		Parish Council:	Stan Brzezniak, 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) 442-9441, 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 through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM			
Saturday & Sunday Closed			



From the desk of Father Koys
Dear Parishioners,

"I rejoiced when I heard them say, let us go up to the Father's house." In my last article, I shared my new love for the classic children's story Pinocchio.

There is so much more to consider about the personal life of Collodi, the author, but I shall only encourage you to read the new book, *Pinocchio: With Reflections On a Father's Love*. One of the many times in the story when Pinocchio feels repentant, and he deeply recognizes that he is among the worst of all boys who have disappointed and hurt their fathers turns out to be a perfect example for us on this feast of Christ the King.

Although the original book is far superior in many ways to the well-known Disney movie, this scene in the movie, where Pinocchio finally gets back to his "father's" house has gained a permanent place in my list of favorite movie shorts. I must quickly add that there are literally dozens and dozens of Pinocchio movies. Almost all of them completely ignore or even terribly miss the beauty and the Catholic imagery of the puppet boy banging on the door shouting joyfully. It is a Catholic scene not a Protestant scene.

In the book, we learn of his repentant heart, but reading about his pleas to "open the door" doesn't have the emotional level as the Disney Pinocchio. The book says, "Open up, it's me, Pinocchio." But in the movie, Pinocchio says "Open up, Father, it's me, Pinocchio." I must confess, the movie moves my heart because it stirs my childhood memories. To hear a voice from the past with a fresh understanding of the wonder of the character resembles those times when we hear a loved one's voice after a long period of absence. But more than that, he is calling on his father. The beautiful connection is made between realizing that he has misbehaved and realizing he has hurt his father. He's filled with happiness to be banging on his father's

door. In that happiness, there is a kind of naïveté. The thought doesn't occur to him that his father might be very mad and ready to give him the punishment he surely deserves. He assumes his repentance is enough to turn his father's heart back to him. If you know the story, you know his father isn't there. But he isn't there not because his father has given up on him, but because his father has gone in search of him. Pinocchio's passion changes from a passion for pleasure to a passion for finding his father. Now for the connection to our feast.

Pinocchio, searching for his father, captures the whole meaning of our Catholic faith. God wants us to search for Him, but it's only when we can see His loving heart as He dies that we see the extent to which He is willing to go to save us. His efforts to save us are far more sacrificial than ours. In the Cross, we realize, "This is how much He loves me." In the Cross, we realize that He searches for us more than we search for Him, and when we find Him, He isn't going to whoop us.

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

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

- We invite everyone to our Thanksgiving Mass Thursday, November 27th at 9 AM. May this beautiful feast be for us a day of gratitude to God for all that he gives us. Feel free to bring some food to be blessed at this Mass.
- The SSCM "Tree of Love" ministry will begin their 36th year bringing Christmas joy to those in need. Please grab a tag or two from the trees in the back of the church and help fulfill the wishes of others. See the bulletin for more details.
- Wishing you all a very blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the things we are grateful for and to share that gratitude with the people we are thankful for. Wishing you the gift of faith and the blessings of hope.



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

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

On Tuesday, November 11th, we joyfully celebrated our SSCM Special Guests Mass, welcoming grandparents, aunts and uncles, older siblings, parishioners, and friends who play such an important role in nurturing our children in faith and love. We are deeply grateful for the presence of all who joined us and for the example of generosity, wisdom, and encouragement our honored guests share with our students.

At SS. Cyril & Methodius, we strive to form students as faith-filled leaders who serve with compassion, think creatively, and pursue excellence. This mission is strengthened by the partnership of families and loved ones who guide, support, and inspire our children each day.

We offer special thanks to Fr. Valdi, our pastor, and Fr. Pat for celebrating Mass with us, to Vito for the beautiful music, to our fifth graders for planning the liturgy, and to the many parents and caregivers whose dedication makes our school community so vibrant.

As we reflect on the joy of this celebration, we also look ahead with gratitude. May the spirit of togetherness we experienced at our Special Guests Mass lead us into a season of appreciation and generosity. We wish our entire SSCM community a blessed and happy Thanksgiving, filled with peace, family, and the goodness of God's abundant gifts.

Go Comets!!

Mr. Turney, SSCM Principal



We are so grateful for the many special people in our lives. We are sharing a few more pictures from grandparents/special person day. One of your favorite days!





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

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator



Dear Lord

We give thanks for the blessings you have bestowed on us. As we gather with loved ones today, may we share in the spirit of gratitude, love, and generosity. Bless our meal, our family, and those less fortunate.

Amen

IMPORTANT REMINDER

There is **NO RE Class** on the following days

November 24 - Monday Session

November 26 - Wednesday Session

November 28—Friday Session



THE "FIRST" THANKSGIVING



A legendary Thanksgiving celebration was held in 1621. The terrible winter of the previous year had been difficult for the Pilgrims. Many of the Pilgrims had died because of illness and lack of shelter. The Thanksgiving celebration was held after the Pilgrims had their first **harvest**—after they had gathered their first crops.

The writings of the Pilgrims tell us that about 140 people attended the three-day celebration. Ninety of the people were Wampanoag men. About 50 people were Pilgrims. Only four of the Pilgrims at the party were women. The feast was held outside because the Pilgrims did not have a building large enough to hold so many people.

The Pilgrims were thankful for the harvest and for the help of the Wampanoag in teaching them to grow crops in America. Without their help, the Pilgrims would have had little to eat. The menu for the first Thanksgiving included **venison**, or deer meat, and **fowl**, which included ducks, geese, and turkeys. Sea bass, cod fish, cornmeal, fruits and vegetables were also served.

Games were played, and singing and dancing were also part of the celebration. Praises were given to God for the harvest and for the Pilgrims that survived the harsh winter.

Thanksgiving in America is now celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November. Families prepare a meal similar to the meal prepared by the Pilgrims and Wampanoag 400 years ago. It is a time for counting the blessings we have received during the year and for spending time with family and friends.

We would like to invite all RE students, Families, and Staff Members to join us in worship at Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 27, 2025 at 9:00AM.

Our 7th grade students from the Wednesday session are visiting and learning the history of our beautiful church.



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.



Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

Nov 26 – NO Wine & Wisdom

We'll be prepping the turkey and rolling the pie crust. No gathering this week. We give thanks to God for St James, for our faith, and for the freedom to share it!

Dec 3 – Specific topic to be announced, but it's always an interesting and insightful gathering.

Dec 10 – A special presentation from Illinois Right to Life. President Mary Kate Zander will explain the proposed constitutional amendment that would enshrine abortion as a right in Illinois and how we can prepare to fight it.

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Day Nov 27 – Mass at 9am
No CCD on Nov 24



2nd Townhall Meeting – Tues, Dec 2

As we prepare for the future, we are called to prayer & action. To set the stage, Fr Koys will lead evening prayer & conduct a 2nd townhall meeting. You're invited – 7pm in Church.



St Elizabeth of Hungary Food Ministry

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

WANTED: Men's Coats & Blankets

Many men are homeless in Chicago and in need of your help. Can you provide blankets, hoodies & men's coats? Drop in the bin in Charlie's Chapel. Large & larger sizes please! (No women's or children's.)



Advent Begins November 30

As we enter the beautiful season of anticipation of our Savior's birth, the Sag Bridge Mission Society is happy to present our parishioners with a copy of the Magnificat Advent Companion. Please accept a copy at Mass on Nov 23. While supplies last.

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 the rectory.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Christmas DINNER

You are invited for some Christmas cheer to celebrate this special time of year.

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
AT 3PM TILL 6PM IN SAG HALL
EVERYONE, 13 AND UP, IS GRACIOUSLY INVITED TO ATTEND!

VISIT THE WEBSITE TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT
SEATS ARE LIMITED!

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 3 O'CLOCK SHARP!
APPETIZERS ~ DINNER ~ LIVE MUSIC
BEER ~ WINE ~ DESSERT ~ COFFEE
& RAFFLE BASKETS

COST IS \$35 PER PERSON
(ALL TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED ON OUR WEBSITE)



Hosted by The Altar & Rosary Society

Honoring Life Under the Mantle of

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Protectress of the Unborn

LIFE IS WORTH PROTECTING

Come learn the Top 10 things a pro-life advocate should know. Gain knowledge while enjoying food & earning prizes. Targeted to teens, but adults are also very welcome. Friday, Dec 12, 7pm in Sag Hall. Register & more info at historicstjames.org.

Altar Flowers

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

BARBARA & TERRY WOOD
AND
THE PEARMANS—IN LOVING MEMORY
OF SARA RUTKOWSKI

Votives

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/23/25

St. James Altar & Rosary Society
All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
United States of America
For Our Children—Heather, Ryan & Colleen
For Our Grandchildren—Henry, Ellie, Maddie, Owen
In Loving Memory—Joseph M. Slowik



Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24
8:00AM ✕Debbie Wisser
✕Debra Carvatta

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
8:00AM ✕Carol Marlowe
✕Maria Ratlowski

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
7:00PM ✕Charlie Kirk
✕Maria Ratlowski

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27—THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00AM ✕Michael Alagno
✕Mary Wenzel

FRIDAY, NOV 28—PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MASS TIME
8:00AM ✕Sarafina Rutkowski
✕Maria Ratlowski

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
8:00AM ✕Maria Ratlowski
Spiritual Guidance for Natalie

First Sunday of Advent
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
8:15AM ✕Kathy Coughlin
✕Steve Ramos
10AM Spiritual Guidance for Isabella
St Thomas More Church Family United Alliance
12:00PM Birthday Blessings—Marian Kocon
Birthday Blessings—Jacek Kocon

Our Weekly Offering

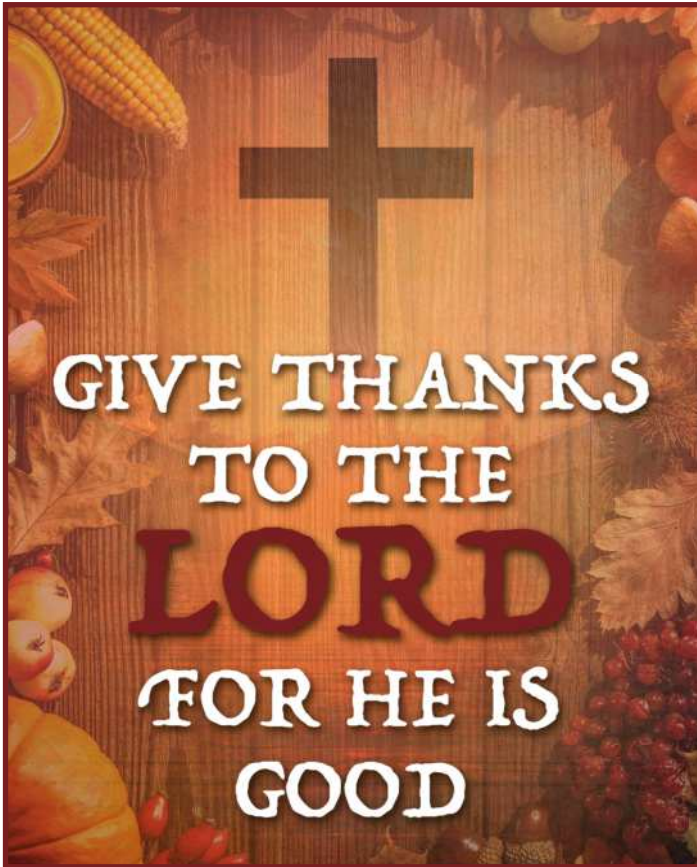
Our reporting of the weekly *Offertory* collection from November 16, 2025 will be delayed due to early submission to the bulletin publisher.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

Upcoming Weddings:

Stephen Dillenburg & Jennifer Blum
Joseph Valascho & Eve Linden

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30	
8:15am	Alex & Sebastian Pawlikowski, Christos & Frankie Latsonas, Eric Delatorre	
10am	Marty & Tommy Comer, Daniel Newsom, Matthew Sullivan	





Please join us for
Thanksgiving Mass
Thursday, November
27th at 9:00 AM.

This year, we are asking
each family to bring in a
non-perishable food item to donate
to our food pantry. Your donations
are greatly appreciated.



The PLB offices will be
closed on Wednesday,
November 26th
beginning at 12 Noon,
Thursday, November
27th and Friday,
November 28th in
observance of
Thanksgiving. We will
reopen on Monday,
December 1st.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

**2025 CARDINAL'S
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**



Cardinal Blase J. Cupich cordially invites you
to his annual Christmas Concert, featuring

The City Lights Orchestra
Rich Daniels, conductor

Sunday, December 7, 2025 | 2 – 3:30 p.m.
Church of the Holy Family
1080 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL

No tickets necessary.

Parking and seating available on a first come,
first served basis.

This is a free concert offered generously by The City Lights
Orchestra with assistance from the Music Performance
Fund as administered by the Chicago Federation of
Musicians, Local 10-208.



Please Join Us!

**SS. Cyril & Methodius
Altar & Rosary Society
Christmas Luncheon**
Sunday, December 7, 2025

White Fence Farm
1376 Joliet Road
Romeoville, IL 60446
(630) 739-1720

Lunch: 12:00 PM ~Noon
Cash Bar

Optional \$10.00 Grab Bag Gift
Chance Raffle Tickets

RSVP by November 30, 2025
Linda Wesolowski- (630) 257-6869
Guadalupe Sanchez-(630) 243-6626
Fran Klappa-Cales (630) 257-6985



SS. Cyril & Methodius "Tree of Love"

As Christmastime draws near, once again we are asking that you open your hearts and help the needy through our "Tree of Love."

Starting the weekend of November 15th and 16th, we will begin our 36th annual "Tree of Love" ministry. Our trees will be up in the back of the church decorated with tags designated with gift cards from the wish lists of people in need. This year we are collecting gift cards and children's clothing.

Our gifts will benefit the following organizations:

- *Mercy Home (a Catholic run home for abused and abandoned boys and girls)*
- *Helping Hands (program of SS. Cyril & Methodius parish)*
- *The Women's Center (a South suburban pro-life center)*
- *Sister House (a Catholic run homeless women's shelter in Chicago)*

Please follow these simple guidelines:

- *Select a tag from the tree*
- *Purchase the gift card or clothing item on your tag.*
- *If a gift card, please attach gift card (with authorization receipt) to the gift tag and place under/on the tree or in the labeled collection boxes near the trees.*
- *If a clothing item, please tape your Tree of Love tag on the outside of your unwrapped clothing item.*
- *Please return all gift cards and clothing items by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th.*

Merry Christmas and may God bless you for supporting the work of SSCM Tree of Love.

For any questions, please contact: Hannah at 630-644-6777

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

John 3:16





Klub Polski w Lemont

Niedziela, 7 grudnia
godz. 12pm po Mszy św.

Szczęść Boże, Dzieciaki!
Zapraszam Was wszystkich na spotkanie z
prawdziwym Świętym Mikołajem – czyli ze mną!
Będziemy mogli sobie porozmawiać,
a także otrzymacie prezenty!
Do zobaczenia!
Módlcie się do św. Mikołaja!

**Klub Polski zaprasza wszystkich członków,
sympatyków oraz tych, którzy kochają
Polską Tradycję, Wiarę i Kulturę!**

Zapraszamy Barbary, Basie i Górników!



**ZBIÓRKA ŻYWNOŚCI
Listopad 2025**

W listopadzie Polska Szkoła im. św. Jana Pawła II będzie organizować zbiórkę żywności dla SSCM Helping Hands Food Pantry przy parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego, które wspomagają potrzebujące rodziny z najbliższych okolic. Żywność można przynosić do szkoły w godzinach lekcji.

Pomóżmy tym, którzy tego potrzebują!

- słoiki sosu spaghetti i paczkowane spaghetti
- puszki gulaszu wołowego, kurczak z makaronem i chili
- Hamburger Helper
- szampon, odżywka i mydło do rąk
- dodatki z ryżu lub makaronu
- ziemniaki instant w pudełku lub puszcze
- puszki mięsa: kurczak, wołowe parówki wiedeńskie
- puszki warzyw – kukurydza, zielona fasolka, groszek, mieszanka warzyw
- puszki spaghetti O lub produkty Chef Boyardee
- masło orzechowe i dżem



Diakonia Muzyczna
wNIEBOgłosy
Przy Parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont

**“Kto śpiewa,
dwa razy
się modli.”**
- Św. Augustyn

**Dołącz
do nas...**

630 257 9314
wnieboglosy@stcyril.org

SCAN ME!

Zapraszamy dzieci oraz młodzież w wieku 6-18 lat do naszej diakonii muzycznej pod nazwą “wNIEBOgłosy”.

Próby:
**WTORKI
5:30 PM-6:30 PM**
w budynku parafialnym

Pierwsza próba:
7 października

Raz w miesiącu dzieci z diakonii muzycznej ubogacają liturgię swoim śpiewem podczas Mszy Świętej o godz. 11:00 AM.

Formy do rejestracji są dostępne w biurze parafialnym.

Dołącz do nas - niech radość muzyki łączy nasze dzieci w służbie Panu!



**Z biurka wikariusza proboszcza
Drodzy Parafianie,**

„Ucieszyłem się, gdy mi powiedziano: pójdziemy do domu Ojca.” W moim ostatnim artykule podzieliłem się swoją nowo odkrytą miłością do klasycznej dziecięcej opowieści Pinokio. Jest jeszcze wiele do rozważenia na temat osobistego życia Collodiego, autora tej historii, ale tym razem chcę jedynie zachęcić was do przeczytania nowej książki jaką jest Pinokio: Rozważania o Ojcowskiej Miłości (Pinocchio: With Reflections on a Father's Love). Jedną z wielu scen, w której Pinokio czuje skruchę i głęboko uświadamia sobie, że należy do najgorszych chłopców, którzy zawiedli i zranili swoich ojców, okazuje się dla nas doskonałym przykładem do przeżycia uroczystości Chrystusa Króla.

Choć oryginalna książka pod wieloma względami znacznie przewyższa znany film Disneya, to jednak scena z filmu, w której Pinokio wreszcie powraca do „domu ojca”, zajmuje trwale miejsce na mojej liście ulubionych filmowych momentów. Muszę szybko dodać, że istnieją dosłownie dziesiątki wersji Pinokia. Prawie wszystkie całkowicie pomijają lub wręcz tragicznie gubią piękno i katolicką symbolikę sceny, w której drewniany chłopiec z radością wali w drzwi. Z dumą przyznam, że jest to scena katolicka, a nie protestancka.

W książce poznajemy skruszone serce Pinokia, ale czytając o jego błaganiach, by „otworzyć drzwi”, nie odczuwamy tych emocji, jakie niesie film Disneya. W książce pisze: „Otwórz, to ja, Pinokio”, natomiast w filmie chłopiec krzyczy: „Otwórz, Ojcze, to ja, Pinokio.” Muszę wyznać, że ta filmowa scena poruszyła moje serce przywołując wspomnienia z dzieciństwa. Usłyszeć głos z przeszłości z nowym zrozumieniem cudowności tej postaci przypomina te chwile, kiedy po długiej nieobecności słyszymy głos ukochanej osoby. Najważniejsze w tym jest to, że on woła swego ojca. Jest to piękne połączenie: świadomości złego postępowania i świadomości zranienia ojca. Pinokio jest szczęśliwy, że może walić w drzwi ojcowskiego domu. W tej radości jest pewna naiwność. Nie przychodzi mu do głowy, że ojciec może być bardzo zły i gotowy wymierzyć mu zasłużoną karę.

Prostu zakłada, że jego skrucha wystarczy, by serce ojca znów zwróciło się ku niemu. Jeśli znasz tę historię, to wiesz, że ojca nie było za zamkniętymi drzwiami. Ale nie dlatego, że ojciec się poddał, lecz dlatego, że wyruszył, by go szukać. Pasja Pinokia zmienia się z pasji radości w pasję odnalezienia ojca. W tym miejscu właśnie dochodzimy do porównania tego wydarzenia z naszą uroczystością Chrystusa Króla.

Pinokio, szukający swojego ojca, oddaje całą istotę naszej katolickiej wiary. Bóg pragnie abyśmy Go nieustannie szukali, ale dopiero gdy zobaczymy Jego kochające Serce umierające na krzyżu, dostrzegamy, jak daleko jest gotów się posunąć, by nas ocalić. Jego wysiłek by nas zbawić jest o wiele bardziej ofiarny niż nasz. W krzyżu odkrywamy jak bardzo nas kocha. W krzyżu odkrywamy, że to On szuka nas bardziej, niż my szukamy Jego, ale gdy Go już odnajdziemy, to nie czeka nas chłosta, lecz miłość.

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

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- Serdecznie zapraszamy wszystkich na Mszę Świętą z okazji Święta Dziękczynienia w czwartek, 27 listopada, o godzinie 9:00 rano. Niech to piękne święto będzie dla nas dniem wdzięczności Bogu za wszystkie Jego dary. Zachęcamy, aby przynieść ze sobą jedzenie do poświęcenia podczas tej Mszy.
- Posługa "Drzewo Miłości" przy parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego rozpoczyna swój 36. rok niesienia radości Bożego Narodzenia potrzebującym. Prosimy, aby wziąć jedną lub dwie zawieszki z choinek znajdujących się z tyłu kościoła i pomóc spełnić świąteczne życzenia innych. Więcej informacji można znaleźć w biuletynie parafialnym.
- Święto Dziękczynienia to dzień refleksji nad rzeczami, za które jesteśmy wdzięczni i dzielenia się tą wdzięcznością z innymi. Życzę Wam wszystkim ducha wdzięczności wobec Boga, a także i drugiego człowieka, który wnosi dobro w nasze życie.

Mass Intentions

Monday — November 24th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR LUKASZ & MORGEN
HENSLEY (1 Wedd. Anniv.)
by Grandparents
✠ MARIA CZERWIEN (5 Anniv.)
by M.E. Fula

Tuesday — November 25th

7:00 AM ✠ BARB GUNDERSON
by Altar & Rosary Society
7:00 PM ✠ STANISŁAW WILCZEK
by Rodzina
✠ JAN I STEFANIA BRYJA
by Rodzina
✠ FRANCISZKA I JÓZEF DZIĄBA
by Rodzina
✠ ANNA I STANISŁAW OKULAR (Rocznica Śmierci)
by Rodzina Cudzych

Wednesday — November 26th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GABRIELA GAL (birth)
by Family
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR EDWARD KALATA
by Marie & Family

Thursday — November 27th (Thanksgiving Day)

9:00 AM ✠ KALATA & KEDZIOR FAMILIES
Fr. Valdi by Marie
✠ MAREK LICHOSYT
by Sister
✠ JOSEPH & FRANK MARUSARZ
by Joseph & Maria Marusarz

Friday — November 28th

7:00 AM ✠ TERESA MIODOWICZ
✠ MARYBETH SMITH
by Robert Todd Jelinski

Saturday — November 29th

7:00 AM ✠ LEONARD BLASE
by Jim Blase
3:00 PM *Wedding: Amanda Markey and Michael Dastych*
5:00 PM ✠ DANIEL SUCHECKI
Fr. Noga by Wife & Family
✠ LILLIAN WROBLEWSKI
by Margaret Pilecki
✠ SANDRA MUSTO
by Leon Chmielewski Family

Sunday — November 30th (First Sunday of Advent)

7:00 AM ✠ EDMUND & TERESE BREZINSKI
Fr. Noga by Philip Brezinski
8:00 AM ✠ STANISŁAW BUCYNA
Fr. Valdi by Helena Bucyna
✠ ZOFIA I FRANCISZEK BABIARZ
by Rodzina
✠ MIECZYŚLAW GOSTKIEWICZ
(25 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Żona z Dziećmi
✠ JANE JANOWIAK (3 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Siostra
9:30 AM ✠ RICHARD & KENNETH NELSON
Fr. Noga by Evelyn Nelson
✠ CECILIA STAUBER
by Polak Family
✠ FRANK POLAK
by Wife & Family
11:00 AM ✠ CZESŁAWA BOGUN
Fr. Valdi by Anna Lisowski z Rodziną
✠ BARBARA KNAPCZYK
by Koło #22 Maniowy

✠ ANNA GUROŚ

by Anna Łukanus

12:30 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR RICHARD & BARBARA
Fr. Rataj GALICK (40 Wedd Anniv.)

by Family

✠ ANNA GOMULAK & JANINA KUKULAK

by Sister

✠ ANDRZEJ RYCHTARCZYK

by Wife & Children

2:00 PM ✠ ANDRZEJ BENDYK

Fr. Valdi by Żona z Rodziną

✠ VERONICA I JOHN KOŁTAŚ

by Rodzina Michniak

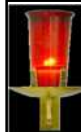
7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
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For Week of November 24th Through
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✠ ZA DUSZĘ Ś.P. MIECZYŚLAW
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Please call the parish office if you have a loved one you would like our parish community to pray for.

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Ed Nieponski

Lorraine Malm

John Wojciechowski

Judy

Karen Plachy

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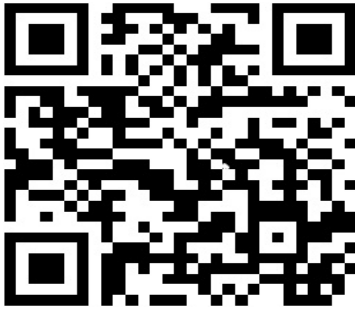
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The name of an individual will stay on the prayer list for two months. Please contact the parish office if you would like to prolong the prayer request.

Parish Contributions

Due to an early printer deadline, the contributions from November 15th & 16th, will not be published in this bulletin. Please look for it in next week's bulletin.

Thank you!



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**Please pray for...**

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

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

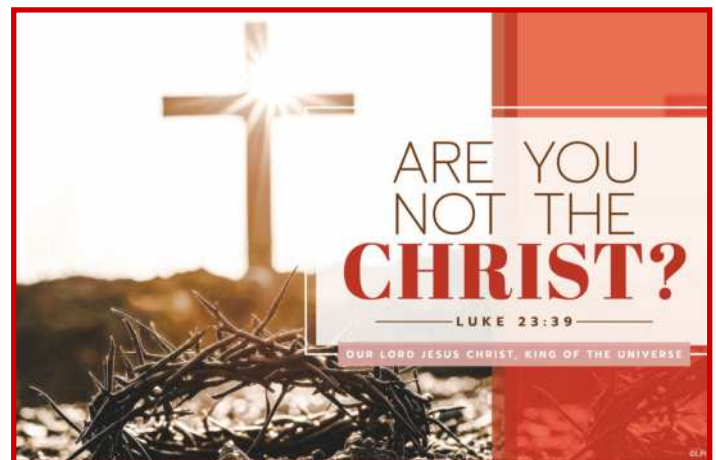
Thank you.

**Wedding Banns**

*Molly Cann and Tyler Stuart
Sheila Lawler and Zach Hoekstra
Julia Paul and Michael Smith*

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Please join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9:30 AM Mass each Sunday September 7th through May 31st for Kindergarten – 4th graders
Join Us!!!



A Prayer for Thanksgiving Day

Most Merciful Lord, gathering for this meal of thanksgiving we offer You, as our Creator, our thanks and praise
 You who teach us to love without limit
 You who teach us to forgive without counting the cost
 You who teach us to give without seeking return

May we honor You through our words and actions every day, every moment.
 May we worship You through our lives with others, lived in kindness and tender care.

May we fully realize what St. Faustina came to know: that in our thankfulness, true earthly joy resides that in Your love for us we find the heavenly harvest that strengthens our souls, until we reside in You forever.

Praise and glory to You, Merciful Lord, now and forever. Amen.

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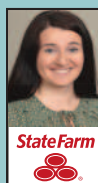
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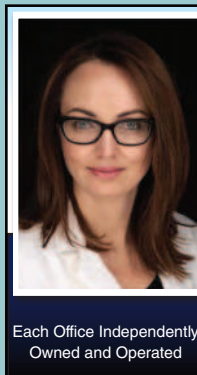
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