

# SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

## St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

### Parish Staff

#### Pastoral Ministry

Rev. Waldemar "Valdi"  
Stawiarski  
*Pastor*

Rev. Thomas Koys  
*Associate Pastor*

#### Education

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*Parish School Principal*

Monika Leja  
*R.E. Administrator*

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*R.E. Administrative Assistant*

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*Liturgy Coordinator*

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*Music Director*

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*Operations Director*

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*Parish Secretaries*

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*Maintenance*



February 4, 2024

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 St. James welcomes all to our historic parishes that have carried on the mission of Jesus Christ.

<b>Parish Information</b>		<b>Minister of Music:</b>	Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776
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<b>Mass Schedule:</b> 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)		<b>Parish Council:</b>	Joe Martello, President
<b>Special Masses:</b> 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		<b>Bulletin:</b>	bulletin@stcyril.org
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM Also available by appointment.		<b>Helping Hands:</b>	helpinghands@stcyril.org
<b>Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:</b> Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass		<b>New Parishioners:</b> 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	
<b>Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:</b> 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		<b>Baptisms:</b> 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.	
<b>Parish Office Hours:</b> 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		<b>Marriage:</b> 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.	
		<b>Social Media:</b> 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.	
		<b>Parish Website:</b> www.stcyril.org	
		<b>School Website:</b> www.school.stcyril.org	
		<b>Parish Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont	
		<b>School Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/SSCMComets	



**From the desk of Father Koys  
Dear Parishioners,**

To know who we are requires that we know our history. To know ourselves as Catholics is to know Catholic history. Although understanding and interpreting

correctly Papal Encyclicals can be quite a challenge, it is well worth exploring these important teachings of the past. Let's go back to 1832, just one year before Fr Irenaeus St Cyr began St James. Pope Gregory XVI wrote, *Mirari Vos*, aka: "On Liberalism". He calls out "insolent and factious men" from both the halls of civil government and Catholic institutions. This was the time of Napoleon's attempt to take over all of Europe. Gregory XVI would have certainly felt like the early Popes under such tyrants as the Roman Emperor Diocletian since both of his immediate predecessors, Pius VI and Pius VII were kidnapped and imprisoned by the French army as they demanded a more "liberal" government and church. The very popular Catholic Abbot Félicité LaMennais who praised the modern liberal trends often attacked the Papacy. Gregory XVI quotes Luke 22:53 comparing these times to the "powers of darkness that winnow the elect like wheat." Certainly, the errors of LaMennais would have cut to his heart so deeply because Gregory himself was the Abbott of large monastery before becoming Pope.

Many modern Catholics will dismiss Gregory's attack against "liberalism". They only see one side of the narrative. That side was real enough, but it must be noted that it was not the whole story. Their dismissal of Encyclicals like *Mirari Vos* is based on the issue of the "Papal States". The common contemporary blacklisting of folks like Gregory XVI and praising of prelates like LeMennais is righteous, they say because it shows that the Church was wrong to fight for control over property. Their attitude is similar to any critic of Catholicism who justifies their abandoning the practice of the faith because the Vatican has too much wealth. True enough. Saints like St Francis of Assisi, John Vianney and Mother Theresa are always needed to bring authentic renewal to the Church. But what churchmen like LaMennais fail to see is the fact that their support of the liberalization of governments

from monarchies to republics failed to halt the liberalization of moral principles from the long compilation of Christian morals to what could only be called the pagan moral principles of hedonism. Pope Gregory rightly saw, that if the Church was stripped of all its authority over temporal things, then only the "hedonistic" civil authorities would rule over temporal matters. Only the ruling elite would control worldly matters. Catholic wisdom knows better. We should all see that when immoral people oversee the economy widespread poverty follows. Sad to say, too many today still don't get it.

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

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

- A new year means tax time! If you would like a print out of your contributions from last year, see the bulletin for the form to fill out and send to the Parish Life Building offices.
- This month of February will begin our yearly Annual Catholic Appeal. You will be receiving, or perhaps you have already received, your mailing from Cardinal Cupich to answer the call, "Together at the table." Please see the details in this and the upcoming bulletins.
- On Thursday, February 22nd and Friday, February 23rd, Stroke Scan Plus will be hosting a stroke, vascular & abdominal ultrasound screening at SSCM. Please see the bulletin for more details and how to sign up.
- Wednesday, February 14th, is Ash Wednesday. Please see the bulletin for a complete list of Masses and prayer services at SSCM and St. James where ashes will be distributed.
- Rice bowls will again be available in the back of church for our Lenten alms to benefit the Catholic Relief Services. Please look for them during the Lenten season. Thank you for your participation and support.
- Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays at 6:30 PM in English and 7:30 PM in Polish beginning on Friday, February 16th. Please see the bulletin for more information regarding Stations.





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

*SS. Cyril & Methodius School*  
*2019 National Blue Ribbon School*

Dear Parishioners,

We have ended a successful celebration of Catholic Schools Week!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open House/Social. It was great to see so many current and prospective new families, along with SSCM School alumni!

If you were not able to attend, we are still offering tours and shadow days. Kindly call our office at 630-257-6488 for information. We do also offer financial assistance.

During the week we celebrated our community, teachers and staff, nation, and vocations to the religious life. We also enjoyed dressing down, special lunches, Family Reading Night, and our book fair.

Most importantly of all we were able to join in prayer and share a beautiful closing mass. The "Special People" in the lives of our students were able to join us and then visit our school.

Thank you to everyone who celebrated with us and welcome to everyone joining our school in the future!

Enjoy these beautiful photos from Catholic Schools Week.

All the best,

Mrs. S. Tkachuk

Principal

Please visit the Archdiocese of Chicago website ([Archchicago.org/scholarships](http://Archchicago.org/scholarships)) to find out about a new program to help families needing assistance. Donations designated to SS. Cyril and Methodius School will help families attending our school!







**SS Cyril & Methodius  
Religious Education Program**  
[stcyrilre@sscmlemont.org](mailto:stcyrilre@sscmlemont.org)  
 (630)257-9314  
[www.re.stcyril.org](http://www.re.stcyril.org)

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator

Students from the 4th grade Monday class and 5th grade Wednesday class recently went on a church tour. They visited our beautiful church and learned about the various art we have, visited the choir loft, and the sacristy.



## Sacrament of Confirmation March 23, 2024

Our 2nd and 8th graders are well into their sacrament preparations with our 2nd graders anticipating the celebration of their First Reconciliation in just under 3 weeks.

The Religious Education program 2nd grade students were joined by a few students from Everest Academy and participated in a special Reconciliation retreat this weekend. Please keep the 2nd graders in your prayers as they get ready to receive this sacrament of healing in a few weeks.

8th graders have been diligently studying their chosen Saint and created a Saint report last month. They are finishing their letters to Bishop Bartosic, who will be celebrating Confirmation with them next month.

*2024 First Reconciliation Preparation*



Sacrament of First  
Reconciliation  
February 24, 2024



# St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

10600 S. Archer Avenue | Lemont, Illinois 60439-9344 | (Ph) 630.257.7000 |

Email: [stjames1833@att.net](mailto:stjames1833@att.net) | Website: [www.historicstjames.org](http://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](http://historicstjames.org).



## DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

Concluding the report on St James' results from the Chicago Archdiocesan-sponsored Disciple Index Survey which asked questions about an individual's journey of discipleship & how the parish and the pastor rated in supporting that journey. The survey was taken in 72 dioceses across the country, netting ~650,000 individual responses, 137 were James-ers. Results show that St James is ahead of the average in every category, and a leader across numerous metrics.

Some highlights from the responses submitted about conversations about faith and religious education:

- ❖ 100% would recommend the parish's CCD to a friend
- ❖ 93% believe the parish provides high-quality events & other opportunities to which they can invite people
- ❖ 93% believe the parish helps them to recognize how God is working in their life
- ❖ 92% believe the parish grows their confidence in the Church's teachings so they can answer other's questions

Following are opportunities for improvement & growth:

- ❖ Fewer than half of respondents regularly (at least monthly) invite someone to join them at Mass or an activity at the parish
- ❖ Our parishioners could use assistance to feel more comfortable inviting someone to consider a vocation to religious life
- ❖ We should equip our parishioners to share their personal witness story more than they already do
- ❖ We should consider ways to increase participation in volunteer opportunities

Many thanks to all who took the time to submit input!

**Throughout Lent**  
**Friday Mass moves to 7pm**  
**Followed by Stations of the Cross**

### Wednesday, February 7

Adoration 5-7pm

Confessions 6-7pm Mass 7pm

Mr Tom Olp is an attorney with the Thomas More Society, a not-for-profit public interest law firm championing Life, Family, and Freedom. They are behind important & controversial cases you've heard of and that affect us all. Tom will speak to us on current cases & legal culture wars.

Feb 14 – No Wine & Wisdom – Ash Wednesday



The Altar & Rosary Society has several events being planned, including our LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS. They will be held on selected Fridays during lent, prior to 6:00 p.m. mass. The exact dates to be announced soon.

ST PATRICK DAY/ST. JOSEPH DAY TABLE and BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION for FR. TOM & CHARLIE will be held in Sag Hall on Sunday, March 17th. Details to follow. Our next A & R meeting will take place next Sat, Feb 10th at 9:30am in Sag Hall. All are welcome.





Amelia Maka was welcomed as a Child of God in Baptism January 7. Pictured with her godparents & parents, Dorothy and Daniel. Congratulations!



### Lent Begins February 14

The Sag Bridge Mission Society has announced it will gift a copy of the Magnificat Lenten Companion to each St James family. While supplies last, pick yours up on Feb 4, 11, or 14.

### Sexagesima Sunday

In the traditional Roman Catholic liturgical calendar (TLM), preparations for Lent continue this week with Sexagesima Sunday. This is the second Sunday without an Alleluia or Gloria at Mass as the Church eases us into the austere period of repentance. The word's literal meaning is *sixtieth*; however, it falls 56 days before Easter.

Have you decided on your Lenten disciplines? Don't be caught short. Don't waste a single day! Forty days isn't very long for what we owe God.

### Attention Young Married Couples



Follow this code & send a message to Kamile to learn more about a faith & fun community for "recently" marrieds. **On Feb 5 learn about the Theology of Dance.** Ballroom dance instructions with a meaningful kick!

### Knights of Columbus

#### Tamale Sale—Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 11

After all masses, while supplies last. Pork or chicken tamales, \$11 per 1/2 dozen, \$22 per dozen. Proceeds support Lemont K of C charitable works.

Our  
Weekly Offering



Our weekly *Offertory* collection from January 28, 2024 was \$4,087. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$1,283.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!



## Mass Intentions

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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00AM: ✠ Rochelle Haklin

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00AM ✠ John Burtuss

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00PM ✠ James Slowik  
Intentions of the Kobylarczyk Family

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00AM ✠ Joseph & ✠ Genieve Roman

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:00PM ✠ Lukasz Nas

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00AM Health & Healing—Sr. Maria Paulina Sterling

### *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:15AM Living & deceased members—Nowaczyk Family

10AM: ✠ Anthony & ✠ Cecelia Perille  
Health & Blessings—Mike Peery

12:00PM: ✠ Kathleen Latham  
✠ Sean Patrick Richards  
Birthday Blessings—Margaret Gal



A new campaign will begin on Ash Wednesday and run through Palm Sunday. Prepare to be a witness for the moms, dads, and babies!

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

KAYT MILLER—IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF SUSANNA MARIE MILLER

### VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/4/24

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

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11	
8:15am	Joe Beecher, Mark Henze, Christian Cozzi	
10am	Matthew Sullivan, Marty, John & Tommy Comer	



  
**Stroke Scan Plus**

**Vascular & Organ Wellness Ultrasound Screenings**  
**Ssts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church**  
**Thursday and Friday, February 22nd & 23rd**  
Please call 832-437-7355 for your appointment.

**Do You Have Any of These Risk Factors?**  
High Blood Pressure ♦ High Cholesterol ♦ Family History of Stroke, Heart Attack, Aortic Aneurysms or Cancer  
Diabetes ♦ Artrial Fibrillation ♦ Obesity

The first symptom of a stroke is a stroke! Early detection helps to save lives. Manage these controllable risk factors: smoking, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, excessive weight, and alcohol consumption.

 <b>Stroke Risk Screening</b> Ultrasound of the carotid artery looking for plaque or blocked arteries.	 <b>Liver Screening</b> Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as masses or tumors.
 <b>Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening</b> Ultrasound of the abdominal aorta looking for an aneurysm.	 <b>Kidneys (2) Screening †</b> Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as cysts, masses and stones.
 <b>Thyroid Screening†</b> Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as nodules or cysts.	 <b>Gallbladder Screening†</b> Ultrasound looking for physical lesions such as polyps, stones, and sludge.

**Total Discounted Package: All 7 Ultrasounds for \$169**  
Appointments: 832-437-7355; † No substitutions or discounts allowed

**Additional Testing Available\* (not included in package cost)**

- A1c (Diabetes) \$25
- Lipids/Cholesterol \$25
- VTD (Vitamin D) \$45
- PSA (Prostate) \$45
- TSH (Thyroid) \$45
- CRP (Cardiac/Inflammation) \$45
- CDR (Cortisol/Adrenal Glands) \$45
- GGT (Liver Enzyme) \$45
- CRE (Kidney Creatinine Serum) \$45
- TTE (Testosterone) \$45
- Bone Density (T-Score) \$25

\*Bloodwork may not be available in all regions.

Results read by a Board-Certified Radiologist and mailed directly to you in 3-4 weeks. Life threatening results expedited. Unless you are symptomatic, typically your doctor will not order diagnostic versions of these screenings, and insurance companies may not pay for them. Please note that there is a 200 lb. weight limit on the medical screening tables. Stroke Scan Plus [www.stroke-scan.com](http://www.stroke-scan.com) (714) 981-1232



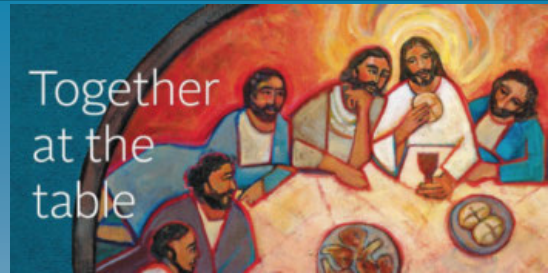
For blood package pricing, open phone camera, hover over QR code and tap the link.

**Saving Lives Since 2001!**



**Screening Preparations**

- Wear a two-piece comfortable outfit, no dresses.
- No food or caffeine 4 hours prior to screening.
- If you are diabetic, make sure to eat a light snack.
- No chewing gum before the exams.
- 8 hours fast if having the cholesterol test.
- If you are taking medication, continue to take it.



**Please Make Your Gift To The 2024  
Annual Catholic Appeal ~  
Together at the table**

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Together at the table." We encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.



**Knights of Columbus Tamale Sale Sunday, February 11th ~** The Lemont Knights of Columbus will again offer Tamales for sale after all **February 11th, Sunday Masses** for Super Bowl Sunday. The cost of the Tamales are \$11.00 per 1/2 dozen & \$22.00 per full dozen. Pork or Chicken Tamales will be available at the end of each Sunday mass- **while supplies last**. Proceeds support charitable works of the Lemont Knights of Columbus, particularly in the Lemont community.

**Baptisms: January 6, 2024 through January 21, 2024**  
**Welcome our Newest Members into our Faith Community**



COOPER COOK SMITH, son of McHale & Katlyn (Bermele) Smith  
 MILOS KENTO CALVO-KATO, son of Ivan & Haruka (Kato) Calvo  
 LENA DYLAN KIEWICZ, daughter of Maksymilian & Iwona (Zalenska) Dylankiewicz  
 MISHELA HELENA HOLICZ, daughter of Daniel & Joanna (Kos) Holicz  
 MAEVE ELIZABETH RUSSO, daughter of Giuseppe & Ann (McGuire) Russo  
 OWEN CILLIAN THOMAS, son of Vincent & Holly (Calvo) Thomas  
 IZABELLA JESSICA BACZYNSKI, daughter of Mateusz & Jessica (Sulka) Baczynski  
 KAIN ASHTON KENNISON, son of Tyler & Monica (Galarowski) Kennison  
 HALLIE MARIE MARSHALL, daughter of Patrick & Sequoia (Rada) Marshall  
 MASON ANDREW NOSAL, son of Brendon & Kelsey (Mixer) Nosal



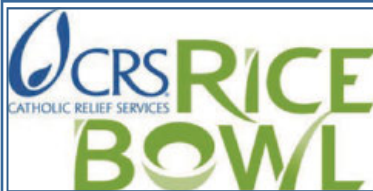
## Ash Wednesday February 14, 2024 Schedule of Services

Ashes will be distributed at all services.

### SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

7:00 AM English Mass  
11:30 AM Polish Mass  
4:30 PM English Prayer Service  
6:00 PM English Mass  
7:30 PM Polish Mass

Distribution of Ashes only  
10:00 AM–11:00 AM  
3:00 PM–4:00 PM



**CRS Rice Bowls**  
will be available  
during the  
upcoming Lenten  
Season. You can  
pick up a rice bowl

in the back of Church to fill with your Lenten  
alms. Help support hunger and poverty  
alleviation. Lenten alms change lives!



### Lenten Regulations (Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Those who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful, are not obliged. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.



### Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent

February 16th and March 22nd

6:30 PM English Stations

7:00 PM Bilingual Mass

7:30 PM Polish Stations



### Collection & Burning of Palms

We will be collecting your old palms the weekend of February 10th and 11th to be used in the

Rite for Burning of Palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday. This service will take place on Tuesday, February 13th immediately following the 7:00 AM Mass in front of the church.

Palms can be placed in the baskets in the back of church.

### GOT JOY?

Find out how to hold onto it on Tuesday!  
At St. Al's & St. Pat's Taste of Sycamore event

Sycamore gives you a safe space to  
talk about faith, think about  
questions that really matter,  
and meet new people.

SYCAMORE

Sycamore Experience: Lent 2024 Taster  
Tue. Feb. 6th @ 6:30pm—7:30pm  
St. Patrick Parish Hall

We begin with a delicious dinner &  
move on to videos & discussion  
in small groups.

Frame this QR Code to view trailer



RSVP: [kcody-stals@comcast.net](mailto:kcody-stals@comcast.net)  
630-257-2414  
Drop at SASP Parish Office—210 E. Logan  
No fee... all is FREE!

**SESJA ZIMOWA 2024**

# Szkola Marii

*Szkola Życia Chrześcijańskiego i Ewangelizacji*

Zapraszamy na sesję zimową naszej filii do Oak Forest Illinois! Jak zwykle to czas odnowy, relacji z Bogiem i ludźmi, oraz poszerzenia horyzontu, inspiracji i odpoczynku w dobrym miejscu. Nie zwlekajcie z decyzją, nie wahajcie się również zaprosić waszych bliskich, znajomych i nie znajomych! Szkoła zawsze otwarta jest dla każdego.

PIĄTEK  
**16 LUTY**  
18:00 - 22:00

SOBOTA  
**17 LUTY**  
9:00 - 22:00

NIEDZIELA  
**18 LUTY**  
8:00 - 17:00

Klasztor Sióstr Benedyktynek  
5900 147th Street, Oak Forest, IL 60452

- Liturgia
- Spowiedź
- Nauki duchowe
- Refleksje nad Słowem Bożym
- Grupy dzielenia

- Modlitwa kontemplacyjna
- Modlitwa uwielbienia
- Ciekawi ludzie
- Dobra atmosfera

Szkola Życia Chrześcijańskiego i Ewangelizacji Najświętszej Maryji Panny z Nazaretu Matki Kościoła została założona w 1998 roku przez księdza Piotra Kurkiewicza OFM. Jest kursem formacyjnym prowadzącym do dojrzałego życia chrześcijańskiego i przygotowującym świeckich do przywództwa i służby w Kościele. Szkoła daje przede wszystkim możliwość spotkań z Żywym Bogiem i poznania Go, a także tworzy jedność poprzez przyjaźń, komunikację i wzajemne wsparcie pomiędzy wspólnotami i parafiami.

200 \$ od osoby - udział w tygodniowych sesjach z katechizowaniem i wyżywieniem.

100 \$ od osoby - udział w tygodniowych sesjach z wyżywieniem - bez katechizacji.

**Rejestracja trwa do 11 LUTY, 2024**

Rejestracja i opłata:

Ula: (773) 656-2893      Maria: (630) 364-8085

*Let's Polka U.S.A. Club Dance*

## CELEBRATING OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

*Featuring: The E2 Tones*



**Date: February 18th, 2024**

**Time: Doors Open at 12:30 p.m.**  
**Music and Dancing 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

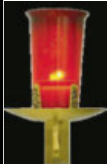
**Location: Royalty West Banquets**  
**8675 S. Archer Ave.**  
**Willow Springs, IL. 60480**

**Admission: \$15.00 Per Person at the door**  
(Anyone 18 & Under are FREE when accompanied by an adult)

*Food will be available for purchase along with a cash bar*

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### **Z biurka wikariusza pastora Drodzy Parafianie,**

Aby poznać kim tak naprawdę jesteśmy, musimy znać naszą historię. Poznanie i zrozumienie siebie jako katolików to poznanie historii katolickiej. Chociaż zrozumienie i poprawne interpretowanie encyklik papieskich może być wyzwaniem,

warto zgłębiać te ważne nauki przeszłości. Wróćmy do roku 1832, zaledwie rok przed rozpoczęciem przez ojca Irenaeusa St Cyr parafii św. Jakuba. Papież Grzegorz XVI napisał "Mirari Vos", znane również jako "O liberalizmie". Wywołuje on "bezczelnych i kłótliwych ludzi" zarówno z sal rządu cywilnego, jak i instytucji katolickich. To był czas próby Napoleona, próby przejęcia kontroli nad całą Europą. Grzegorz XVI z pewnością czuł się podobnie jak wcześniejsi papieże pod rządami takich tyranów jak cesarz rzymski Dioklecjan, ponieważ zarówno jego bezpośredni poprzednicy, Pius VI, jak i Pius VII, zostali porwani i uwięzieni przez armię francuską, gdy domagali się bardziej "liberalnego" rządu i kościoła. Bardzo popularny katolicki opat Félicité LaMennais, który chwalił nowoczesne trendy liberalne, często atakował papieża. Grzegorz XVI gdy cytował Łukasza 22:53, porównał te czasy do "mocy ciemności, które przesiewają wybranych jak pszenicę". Bez wątpienia błędy LaMennais dosięgnęły go głęboko, ponieważ sam Grzegorz był opatem dużego klasztoru przed objęciem pontyfikatu.

Współcześni katolicy często odrzucają atak Grzegorza przeciwko "liberalizmowi" widząc tylko jedną stronę narracji. Jest ona dla nich wystarczająco realna, ale należy zauważyć, że to nie była kompletna historia. Odrzucenie przez nich encyklik, takich jak "Mirari Vos", opiera się na kwestii "Państwa Papieskiego". Współczesne czarne listy ludzi takich jak Grzegorz XVI a z przeciwnej strony chwalenie dostojników takich jak LeMennais są uzasadnione. Twierdzą, że ukazuje to Kościół w świetle błędu, który walczył o kontrolę nad własnością. Ich postawa jest podobna do postawy każdego krytyka katolicyzmu, który uzasadnia porzucenie praktyki wiary, ponieważ Watykan posiada zbyt wiele dóbr materialnych. Przyznam tutaj rację. Jednak, zawsze potrzebni są święci, tacy jak św. Franciszek z Asyżu, Jan Maria Vianney czy Matka Teresa, aby przynieśli autentyczną odnowę Kościołowi. Ale to, czego duchowni tacy jak LaMennais nie widzą, to fakt, że ich poparcie dla liberalizacji rządów od monarchii do republik nie powstrzymało liberalizacji zasad moralnych od długiego zbioru zasad chrześcijańskich do pogańskich zasad moralnego hedonizmu. Papież Grzegorz słusznie uważał, że jeśli Kościół zostanie pozbawiony wszelkiej władzy nad sprawami doczesnymi, to tylko "hedonistyczne" władze cywilne będą rządzić sprawami doczesnymi. Tylko elita rządząca będzie

kontrolować sprawy świeckie. Z tego wynika, że mądrość katolicka wie lepiej. Wszyscy powinniśmy widzieć, że gdy niemoralni ludzie nadzorują gospodarkę, następuje powszechne ubóstwo. Niestety, zbyt wielu ludzi dzisiaj wciąż tego nie rozumie.

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

### **Kilka spraw z życia parafii:**

- Nowy rok to również okres podatkowy! W celu uzyskania zestawienia złożonych składek za rok 2023 proszę wypełnić formularz znajdujący się w biuletynie a następnie przesłać go do biura.
- W lutym rozpocznie się nasza Doroczna Kwesta Katolicka. Prawdopodobnie poczta od kardynała Cupicha już przyszła albo w niedługim czasie dojdzie, aby odpowiedzieć na wezwanie „Wspólnie przy stole”. Prosimy o zapoznanie się ze szczegółami w tym i w nadchodzących biuletynach.
- W czwartek, 22 lutego, i piątek, 23 lutego, firma Stroke Scan Plus zaprasza na badanie ultrasonograficzne naczyń krwionośnych, udaru i jamy brzusznej w naszej parafii. Proszę zapoznać się ze szczegółami informacji dotyczących zapisów.
- W środę, 14 lutego przypada Środa Popielcowa. Zapraszamy do biuletynu po pełen rozkład Mszy św. w parafii St. Cyryla i Metodego oraz Misji Św. Jakuba.
- Miseczki jałmużny wielkopostnej będą ponownie dostępne w tyle kościoła w celu przekazania ofiary na rzecz Katolickich Służb Pomocy. Dziękujemy za Wasze wsparcie dla potrzebujących.
- Stacje Drogi Krzyżowej rozpoczynają się piątek 16 lutego o godzinie 6:30PM w języku angielskim, a o godzinie 7:30PM w języku polskim. Po więcej informacji odnośnie Drogi Krzyżowej w piatki zapraszamy do biuletynu.

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## Mass Intentions

**Monday — February 5th**

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY

**Tuesday — February 6th**7:00 AM † ADAM CHOLEWA  
by Family

† JERRY W. PTACEK

by Gib &amp; Diane Ende

7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA ZOFII PRĘDKI (urodziny)

by Syn z Rodziną

† JÓZEF I LUDWIKA SZUBA

by Rodzina Polak

† LUDWINA KIETA

by Krystyna Ćwik

**Wednesday — February 7th**

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING &amp; DECEASED

† ANTONI WOJCIK

by J.S. Nowobilski

**Thursday — February 8th**

7:00 AM † ZOFIA DRAG

by Chris &amp; Margaret Czupta &amp; Family

**Friday — February 9th**

7:00 AM † MARIANO LACABA MORGIA

by Granddaughter &amp; Family

**Saturday — February 10th**

7:00 AM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

† STANLEY PRZYBYSZ

by Family

† MARIA &amp; JAN KRUPA

by Family

**3:00 PM** *Wedding: Paulina Gabrys and Dave Bryja*

5:00 PM † ALTHEA WESOŁOWSKI

**Fr.** by Dan Wesolowski & Sons**Stawiariski** † JOHN PAVLOVIC

by Dan Wesolowski &amp; Sons

† RYAN MADDEN

by Frank Madden Family

**Sunday — February 11th**

7:00 AM † LUDWIK LESNICKI

**Fr.** by Walter & Sophie Lesnicki**Stawiariski** † EDMUND & THERESE BREZINSKI

by Family

† RAYMOND RUDIS

by Wife &amp; Family

8:00 AM DZIEKCZYNNO-BŁAGALNA W INT. MARI

**Carmelites** I STANISŁAWA Z RODZINĄ

O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA WŁADYSŁAWA

I JÓZEFY KLIKUSZOWIAN (Rocznica Ślubu)

† JÓZEF I WŁADYSŁAWA ZYCH

by Syn

† HENRYK MŚCISZ

by Szwagier

9:30 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING &amp; DECEASED

**Fr. Stawiariski**

11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA ŁUKASZA (urodziny)

**Carmelites** by Rodzice

† ANNA I TADEUSZ ZAGATA

by J.S. Nowobilski

† ZBIGNIEW KOWAL (3 Rocznica Śmierci)

by Siostra z Rodziną

12:30 PM † ELIZABETH &amp; SHEREE BOYDEN

**Fr.** by Boyden Family**Stawiariski** † JULIANNE KALATA

by Marie

† FRAN &amp; BILL JANIK

by Family

2:00 PM DZIEKCZYNNO-BŁAGALNA W INTENCJI

**Carmelites** RODZIN KOPIŃSKI I BRYJA

† STANISŁAW PALICHLEB

7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING &amp; DECEASED

**Fr. Koys**

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

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

The Parish Council apologizes that we did not  
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11:00 AM Mass in January.

So...on Sunday, February 11th, cards will be  
available for anyone after the 12:30, 2:00  
& 7:30 PM Masses.

Cards will be available in the PLB after  
February 12th upon request.

We are pleased that the cards were well received.  
~Parish Council~

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John Kalata

Ruth Robinson

Joan Albert

Carole Marlowe

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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 January 27 & 28, 2024

Envelopes	583	15,179.00
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### Welcome to Our Faith Family



*God Bless  
John Kris*

*Baptized:  
December 16, 2023  
Parents:  
Krzysztof & Grazyna  
(Urbanczyk) Wojtaczka*



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### Welcome to Our Faith Family



*God Bless  
Hallie Marie*

*Baptized:  
January 21, 2024  
Parents:  
Patrick & Sequoia  
(Rada) Marshall*

### 2023 Contribution Statements

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**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL 2023-24 IN OUR PARISH*****Comments from You – Our Parishioners - on this Year of Eucharistic Revival***

**On being attentive at Mass:** "I am a person who is easily distracted, and I have to deliberately pay attention at Mass so I do not become a hypocrite. I look forward to the part of the Eucharistic Prayer when the priest says 'Lift up your hearts' and I think, 'where else are our hearts supposed to be? Aren't they already supposed to be lifted up?' So, I am glad that we the people respond, 'We have lifted them up to the Lord.' Those moments can be like a 'wake-up call' for those who were daydreaming so we can join with the angels to sing. 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.' Those words, and the bells, remind me to lay aside whatever is weighing down on my heart, so I can lift my heart up to the Lord."

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**Yes, there is revival in my heart:** "Thank you for reminding us of the National Eucharistic Revival. It has helped me realize what I am missing when I skip Mass. I try to get to Mass every Sunday, but don't always plan it in ahead as a priority. Even though I could not attend the Bible Study on the Eucharist, I am now trying to get to Mass each Sunday. I am kind of like having my own personal Eucharistic Revival, just prioritizing Mass each weekend. I know I am spiritually fed by the Body and Blood of Jesus, and I resolve in 2024 to prove to God that I love Him in return by attending Mass every Saturday night or Sunday this year."



*If you missed our parish Eucharistic Bible Study group in the Fall and wish to read the book on your own, we have a few extra copies for purchase in the parish office for \$15.*

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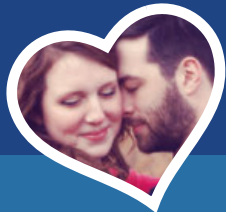
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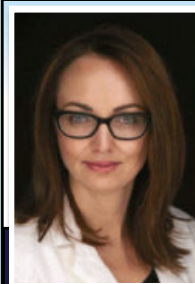
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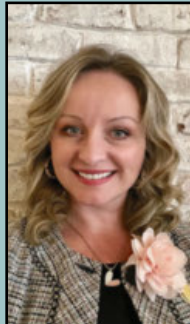
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