

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent

"Draw near to God, and
He will draw near to you"



Our Parish Mission Statement

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

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

Parish Information
Parish Office: 608 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL
 Denise Duda, Operations Director
 (630) 257-2776; (630) 257-9372 Fax
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 Daniel Turney, Principal
 (630) 257-6488;
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Religious Education: Monika Leja, Religious Education Administrator (630) 257-9314;
 mleja@sscmlmont.org

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)

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM
 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

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Parish Council: Stan Brzezniak, President

Bulletin: bulletin@stcyril.org

Helping Hands: helpinghands@stcyril.org

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

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.

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,

This weekend, through the first reading, God invites us to become saints in His image, for we were created like Him. But in this invitation, today lies the call to take on a difficult attitude of love, which is mercy and forgiveness, and maybe even above all those who use injustice and violence, are hurt by selfishness.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us of the need for forgiveness and mercy, especially towards those who are unfavorable to us, or even quite hostile, to reward evil with love as St. Paul is teaching us: overcome evil with good.

Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus Christ Himself reminds us to rise above the morality of the Old Testament, "eye for eye, tooth for tooth," and to embark on the path of love, mercy and forgiveness, even towards our enemies. First, He requests our prayers to distinguish the dignity of a person from evil and sin that a person commits. Only then we are capable of not repaying evil for evil, but we are able to forgive and even lend a supportive hand to this person.

Growing up with this attitude is the way Jesus invites us today. By inviting us, He enlightens us with the light of his Word and nourishes us in the Eucharist, that we may follow the path of doing good to those who do not have the attitude of respect and love towards us, imitating the heavenly Father in His holiness.

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:

- **It is not too late to donate to our yearly Annual Catholic Appeal.** Our parish's goal for this year is **\$74,025.00**. Please see the bulletin for more information.
- **Stations of the Cross** will be on Fridays at 6:30 PM in English and 7:30 PM in Polish with

a Bi-Lingual Mass at 7:00 PM, beginning on Friday, February 20th . Please see the bulletin for more information regarding Stations.

- **Rice bowls** will again be available at the back of the church for your Lenten almsgiving. Donations support the work of Catholic Relief Services. Please pick one up during the Lenten season. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.
- **The little Lenten books** are also in the back of the church. The black ones are for adults and purple ones are for children.



**Please Make Your Gift To The 2026
Annual Catholic Appeal ~
Together we bring light
Our Parish Goal is ~ \$74,025.00**

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

This year's Appeal theme "Together we bring light" is important as we prayerfully consider our support for the appeal but also important for embracing the way of life that the Lord wants us to live. Each pledge makes a difference. All parish communities participate in the Appeal, and the gifts of many enable our parishes and schools and ministries to offer needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. To make your gift you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at annualcatholicappeal.com.



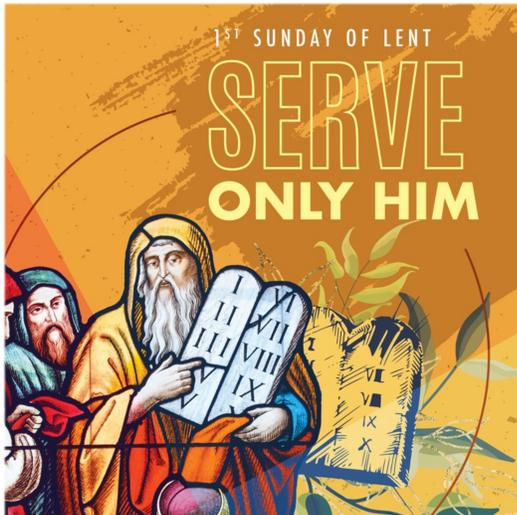
SS. Cyril & Methodius School
"Strength for the Journey"

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents and Parishioners,
Week Twenty-Four Recap

Last week was a joyful celebration of faith, spirit, and community at SS. Cyril and Methodius School. We gathered for a beautiful All School Mass led by Mrs. Ocampo and our 2nd graders, whose leadership and reverence were a wonderful witness to our shared faith. Our PSO meeting reflected the strength of our parent partnership and the dedication of families who continually support our mission. We also proudly celebrated our 8th grade basketball players and cheerleaders during their final regular season home games, honoring their leadership, teamwork, and commitment to SSCM. We concluded the week with an outstanding SSCM Casino Night — a powerful demonstration of generosity and community in action as families came together to support rigorous instruction and essential resources for every student. Thank you for making it such a memorable and meaningful week for our school, and thank you to Alex, Jenn, Ella, and PSO for their tireless efforts to put on an amazing event!

Go Comets!!
Mr. Turney, SSCM Principal



SSCM

NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SCHOOL
"GUIDING STUDENTS TO REALIZE THEIR UNIQUE TALENTS AND POTENTIAL"

SSCM OFFERS

- Flexible Scheduling for Preschool 3 & 4
- AM & PM Comet Club (Extended Care)
- Weekly School Mass \$ Faith in Action Opportunities
- Student-Led Worship
- Monthly School-Wide Service Projects
- Weekly Specials (PK - 8): STEM, Foreign Language, Art, Music
- Junior High Leadership Classes
- NJHS, Student Council & NJAHS
- Band, Theater, Choir, Art Club
- Little Pebbles Program (Birth - Age 3)

THE SSCM ADVANTAGE

- Data-Driven Instruction
- Personalized Learning
- 1:1 Technology Program
- Leadership Development Courses
- Student Services Department
 - Math/Reading Specialists
 - Instructional Aides
 - SEL Coordinator
 - Special Services with District 113A
- 15:1 Student - Teacher Ratio
- Talented, Faith-Filled, Joyful Faculty & Staff

HOME OF THE COMETS!

BASKETBALL ~ VOLLEYBALL ~ SOCCER ~ CHEER ~ AND MORE!

SCHEDULE A PERSONAL TOUR OR LEARN MORE! ☎ 630.257.6488

thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT





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

Lent is a special time of simple living.

Dear God please help us to focus on the
three pillars of this special season.

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

PRAY
IS LOVE FOR GOD
FAST
IS LOVE FOR YOURSELF
GIVE
IS LOVE FOR OTHERS

**Attention RE Students: Complete this Lenten
Crossword puzzle and bring the bulletin page
to your next class to receive a special prize.*

NAME: _____

Lent Word Search



F	A	S	T	I	N	G	W	R	D	S
Q	Y	P	U	R	P	L	E	E	S	A
X	E	A	A	A	R	M	D	L	U	C
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K	I	N	D	N	E	S	S	I	S	F
J	B	T	C	P	U	S	D	O	T	I
E	C	H	U	R	C	H	A	N	E	C
S	A	P	B	R	O	D	Y	B	R	E
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WEDNESDAY	RELIGION	EASTER	ASHES	CROSS
SACRIFICE	LITURGY	CHURCH	JESUS	PALMS
KINDNESS	FASTING	PURPLE	FORTY	LENT

Our Kindergarten and First Grade students from the Friday Session completed a beautiful project related to the Patrons of our Parish. SS. CYRIL and METHODIUS pray for us!

Please visit the Parish Life Building to see their beautiful display.

Thank you to our Catechists Mrs. Sniezko and Mrs. Biedrzycki as well as our creative and talented students!



St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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 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!

It's Lent: Water & Wisdom – Feb 25

Dr Michael Huber, a distinguished healthcare professional, will present developments in the MAHA initiative. Get up to speed!

Mar 4 – John Krueger is a young, local author. He will discuss his book, "Dwelt Among Us," in which he reveals why Gen Z is rejecting loneliness, nihilism, & distraction— & instead finding meaning in Christ. His claim: Catholicism is alive, growing, and ready to shape America's future.

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



The Spring campaign is underway. Come pray for the moms, dads & babies. Access Health, 1700 75th Str, Downers Grove. Our standard Fri 3pm prayer hour will continue & many more pray-ers are needed to fill the daily schedule 8am-6pm. Sign up as often as possible. 40daysforlife.com



Dinner Sun, March 15
 Celebrate St Joseph, St Patrick, & Fr Koys' and Charlie's birthdays. 3pm, \$40/person. Watch for sign-up.

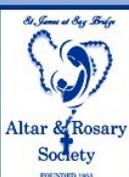
Fridays in Lent: Soup, Stations, Mass

Each Friday in Lent, join us for meatless soup 5:30-6:30 in the rectory basement. Then pray St Alphonsus Ligouri's Stations of the Cross followed by Mass. He asked the Apostles to pray with him for an hour. Can we give Him that much?

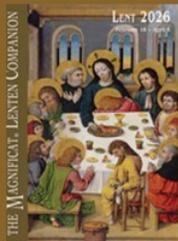


Illinois March for Life Thursday, March 19, Springfield

10am – Mass w/Bishop Paprocki
 (See dio.org/prolife/mass/ for info & tickets for Mass at IL Exposition Center)
 1pm – Rally at the Capitol
 2pm – March around the Capitol



As we initiate our Lenten journeys to the beauty that is the rising of our Lord, A & R reminds us what community prayers are all about with another season of Lenten Soup and Stations. All Fridays during lent, except Good Friday, join us for a simple soup and bread meal before stations at 5:30pm in the rectory basement. Gathering before stations and mass is a wonderful way to stay connected with our parish family. The lord is ever present when we gather in his name. *"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" Matthew 18:20.* We hope you can join us this season.



Lenten Companion
 Make this gift from the Sag Bridge Mission Society an integral part of your Lent. Helpful reflections on the daily Gospel. The full readings can be found easily on usccb.com.



Bernadette the Musical
 Now playing at the Athenaeum Theater, the authentic story of Lourdes. Go to: bernadettethemusical.com

MORNING OF REFLECTION
"Growing in Grace and Holiness"
 Wednesday, March 11th 10:00-1:30

- * Includes prayer, meditation, and time for sharing.
- * Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served.
- * \$30 Donation requested.
- * Mount Assisi Center (13860 Main Street, Lemont).

Please RSVP by 3/6 to carriepeters2@sbcglobal.net or Bernadette Smigielski 630-257-7844 ext. 223

It's the middle of winter!
 Can you help homeless men stay warm? Put hoodies, blankets & men's coats, new or in good condition, in the box in Charlie's Chapel. (Please no women's or kid's.)

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 the rectory.

At 3PM Every Friday
 Be part of the St James prayer sentinel! Gather for prayer each Friday at Access Health to pray for the moms & dads considering abortion – and for their babies. Invoke our Lord's Mercy at the Mercy Hour!



VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/22/26
 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



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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23
 8:00AM Full Recovery for Chris Slowik

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
 8:00AM Health & Healing—Terrance Doyle

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25
 7:00PM †Catarina Guimaraes
 †Sebastian Mattos
 †Glaucia Guimaraes
 †Amparo Gonzalez

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
 8:00AM †Joseph Donzelli

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27
 7:00PM For an End to Abortion

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28
 8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Jim Beecher
 †Michael Lawler

Second Sunday of Lent
SUNDAY, MARCH 1
 8:15AM †Joseph M. Slowik
 †Anthony Cimino
 10AM †Dr. Thomas Salmon, Jr.
 Blessings on Fatima Statue Families & for Increased Participation
 12:00PM †Mary Wenzel

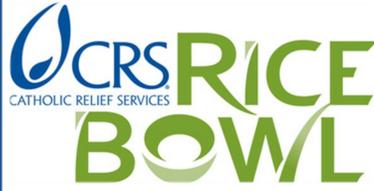
Our Weekly Offering

Our weekly *Offertory* collection from February 15, 2026 was \$3,874. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$1,535.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

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

THE SWIGONS
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 LOUIS & STELLA SENDZIAK

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, MARCH 1
8:15am	Mark Henze, Matthew Rebello, Will & Conor Pawlisz
10am	Marty & Tommy Comer, Dominic Spang, Matthew Sullivan



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!



Helping Hands Food Pantry Lenten Almsgiving Opportunity

During the season of Lent the Helping Hands Food Pantry at SSCM needs your help. Each week different items will be collected to give to those in need. Below are the dates during Lent that we need your help and the items we would like you to donate.

Sunday, March 1: cans of Manwich and Beef stew

Sunday, March 8: cans of fruit and jars of applesauce

Sunday, March 15: Condiments: Ketchup, Mustard, relish and salad dressing

Sunday, March 22: Pancake Mix and Syrup

Any other items you would like to donate would be appreciated too.

Please remember do not donate expired items. We cannot use these items for our clients.



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.



Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent
February 20th through March 27th

6:30 PM English Stations

7:00 PM Bilingual Mass

7:30 PM Polish Stations



JOIN US FOR SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SCHOOL'S
fish fry-days

FEBRUARY 20, MARCH 6 & 20 | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

SSCM GYM

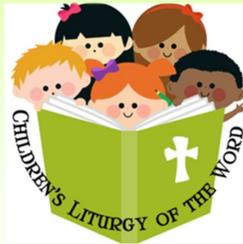
OPTIONS INCLUDE
FISH/SHRIMP, FRIES, COLESRAW, KIDS MENU

CASH BAR

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
RAFFLES/GAMES & STUDENT BAKE SALE

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SS CYRIL & METHODIUS SCHOOL

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!!!

UWIELBIAMY JEZUSA

Sezon Pięciu Wieczorów Uwielbienia Najświętszego Sakramentu



W piątek, 30 stycznia odbył się w naszym kościele pierwszy z pięciu zaplanowanych Wieczorów Uwielbienia. Tego wieczoru towarzyszyło nam wezwanie: „**Uwielbiamy Imię Jezus**”. Był to czas ogromnego skupienia, głębokiej modlitwy, duchowego umocnienia oraz radości płynącej ze wspólnego uwielbienia Pana Jezusa w Najświętszym Sakramencie. Wspólny śpiew oraz modlitwa pod przewodnictwem ks. Pawła Komperdy otworzyły nasze serca na żywe doświadczenie Bożej bliskości.



Czym jest modlitwa uwielbienia? Uwielbienie Pana Jezusa to modlitwa serca, w której nie prosimy ani nie mówimy o sobie, ale skupiamy się całkowicie na Nim — na Jego obecności, miłości i świętości. W adoracji uznajemy Jezusa jako naszego Pana i Zbawiciela, dziękujemy Mu za Jego ofiarę i pozwalamy, aby Jego obecność przemieniała nasze serca.

Już dziś zapraszamy na kolejny Wieczór Uwielbienia, który odbędzie się w sobotę, **28 lutego o godzinie 7.00PM**. Tym razem tematem przewodnim będzie wezwanie: „**Uwielbiamy Najświętszą Krew Jezusową**”.

Przyjdźcie, aby wspólnie Wielbić Pana i umacniać się Jego obecnością.

Zapraszamy również do indywidualnej adoracji Pana Jezusa w Kaplicy Wieczystej Adoracji Miłosierdzia Bożego każdego dnia o każdej porze.





Klub Polski w Lemont

Niedziela, 1 marca
godz. 9am po Mszy św.
Spotkanie Klubu

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

Można też zjeść dziadanie w nowym towarzystwie. Świąteczne ciastka, przepyszane kanapki i oraz najlepsza kawa w okolicy!

8 Marca - Dzień Kobiet
19 Marca - Uroczystość Św. Józefa

**The Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia
St. John Paul the Great Scholarship
Deadline Coming Soon!**

The Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia (Liga Katolicka Pomocy Religijnej Polsce i Polonii) approaches the 83rd anniversary of its founding, and for the ninth year, offers a \$5,000 renewable higher education scholarship with a \$500 formation program for twenty-three qualified students. In these years, 140 scholarships have been awarded to students in the U.S. and in Rome for a total of \$1,115,801.

Students of Polish descent, who are active in their Roman Catholic financially supporting parish and participate in organizations of Polonia that partner with Liga, are encouraged to apply for the Saint John Paul the Great scholarship for the 2026-2027 academic year. Applications and supporting documents are being accepted until **March 31, 2026**.

For all details regarding the scholarship and to download the complete application, please visit www.catholicleaguepolonia.org.

Don't hesitate, for together, we can build a new chapter of Polonia in the USA!

**Liga Katolicka Pomocy Religijnej Polsce i Polonii
Stypendia Świętego Papieża Jana Pawła Wielkiego
Czas nadsyłania aplikacji stypendialnych kończy się niebawem**

Liga Katolicka Pomocy Religijnej Polsce i Polonii po raz dziewiąty w swej 82 letniej historii oferuje w tym roku dwadzieścia cztery \$5000 każde, stypendia akademickie i formacyjne dla młodzieży Polonii w USA i w Rzymie. Jak do tej pory Liga przyznała 140 stypendiów akademickich i formacyjnych św. Jana Pawła Wielkiego na łączną sumę \$1,115,801.

Polonijna młodzież akademicka, aktywnie zaangażowana w życie lokalnego wspierającego finansowo parafialnego Kościoła Rzymskokatolickiego albo w współpracującymi finansowo z Ligą organizacjami Polonijnymi, ma możliwość ubiegania się o odnawialne stypendium im. Świętego Jana Pawła Wielkiego na rok akademicki 2026 – 2027. Termin składania aplikacji i dokumentów upływa z dniem **31 marca 2026 roku**.

Po więcej informacji o warunkach, kryteriach przyznawania stypendiów i pobrania aplikacji zapraszamy na stronę internetową Ligi: www.catholicleaguepolonia.org

Nie wahaj się, razem z nami możesz rozpocząć nowy rozdział historii Polonii w Ameryce!

XXI DZIEŃ POLSKI

250 LAT - POLACY W WALCE O NIEPODLEGŁOŚĆ AMERYKI

22 lutego 2026

Sala księdza Gilewskiego
Parafia Świętych Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont (608 Sobieski St.)

2 PM - Uroczysta Msza Święta
3 PM - Akademia i główne uroczystości

- Całodniowa wystawa historyczna: "250-lecie Ameryki oraz udział Polaków w walce o niepodległość Kościuszko & Pułaski - bohaterowie wolności
- Kiermasz polskich biznesów z Lemont i okolic
- Smaczne zakąski i poczęstunek
- Ogłoszenie "POLAKA ROKU 2026"
- Występ Orkiestry "TRÓJCOWO"

Polish Club of Lemont
in Association with SS Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church

Serdecznie Zapraszamy!

Klub Polski w Lemont ma zaszczyt zaprosić Państwa na XXI Dzień Dziedzictwa Polskiego, który odbędzie się **22 lutego 2026 roku**. Tegorocznym tematem będzie "250 Lat - Polacy w Walce o Niepodległość Ameryki". Już od godziny 8:00 rano zapraszamy na wystawę tematyczną w sali ks. Gilewskiego przy Parafii św. Cyryla i Metodego. Wystawa będzie otwarta dla wszystkich zainteresowanych. Będzie także możliwość spotkania się z naszymi sponsorami, m.in.: z Polsko Słowińską Federalną Unią Kredytową, Radio Maryja, Doma, Sports Outlet Express, Thermomix, oraz wieloma innymi!

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W programie:

- prezentacja tematu Dnia Polskiego pt. "Polacy w walce o niepodległość Ameryki", ze szczególnym uwzględnieniem postaci Tadeusza Kościuszki i Kazimierza Pułaskiego
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**Drodzy Parafianie,**

W ten weekend w pierwszym czytaniu Bóg zaprasza nas do stawiania się świętymi na Jego podobieństwo, gdyż takimi zostaliśmy stworzeni. Ale w tym zaproszeniu kryje się dziś wezwanie do przybierania trudnej postawy miłości, która jest miłosierdziem i przebaczeniem, a może nawet przede wszystkim tym, którzy wobec nas stosują niesprawiedliwość, przemoc, siłę, dopuszczają się zranień, kierując się egoizmem.

W drugim czytaniu św. Paweł przypomina nam potrzebę przebaczenia i miłosierdzia nawet wobec tych, którzy dla nas są nieprzychylni, albo i też całkiem wrogo nastawieni. Placić miłością za zło, to wskazanie św. Pawła: zło dobrem zwyciężaj.

Wreszcie w Ewangelii sam Jezus Chrystus przypomina nam, abyśmy wznosili się ponad moralność Starego Testamentu, „oko za oko, ząb za ząb”, i wkraczali na drogę miłości, miłosierdzia i przebaczenia, nawet względem naszych nieprzyjaciół. Najpierw każe nam się modlić, aby odróżnić godność osoby od zła i grzechu, które owa osoba opelnia. Wtedy potrafimy nie tylko nie odplacać złem za zło, ale czynimy siebie zdolnymi do przebaczenia, a w końcu jesteśmy w stanie, jeżeli będzie taka potrzeba nawet takiej osobie przyjść z pomocą.

Dojrzewanie do takiej postawy jest drogą, na którą zaprasza nas dzisiaj Jezus. Zapraszając nas oświeca światłem swego Słowa i karmi nas Sobą w Eucharystii, abyśmy szli drogą czynienia dobrze, tym, którzy wobec nas nie mają postawy szacunku i miłości, naśladując w tym Ojca niebieskiego w Jego świętości.

Dziękuję za ciągłe 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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- **Drogi Krzyżowe** będą odprawiane w piątki: o godz. 6:30 PM w języku angielskim oraz o godz. 7:30 PM w języku polskim, z Mszą Świętą dwujęzyczną o godz. 7:00 PM, począwszy od piątku, 20 lutego. Więcej informacji dotyczących Drogi Krzyżowej znajduje się w biuletynie.
- **Miseczki na ofiary wielkopostne** będą ponownie dostępne z tyłu kościoła. Zebrane ofiary wspierają działalność Catholic Relief Services (Katolickie Służby Pomocy). Prosimy o zabranie jednej podczas Wielkiego Postu. Dziękujemy za Waszą hojność i stałe wsparcie.
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TERMINY	TEMATY
1 30 stycznia, pt. 7-8PM	„Uwielbiamy Imię Jezusa”
2 28 lutego, sob. 7-8PM	„Uwielbiamy Najświętszą Krew Jezusa”
3 28 marca, sob. 7-8PM	„Uwielbiamy Ukrzyżowaną Miłość Jezusa”
4 24 kwietnia, pt. 7-8PM	„Uwielbiamy Jezusa w Najświętszym Sakramencie Ofiarza”
5 15 maja, pt. 7-8PM	„Uwielbiamy Jezusa w Duchu i Prawdzie”

Modlitwę poprowadzi ks. Paweł Komperda wraz z Diakonią Muzyczną z Parafii SSCM 608 SOBIESKI STREET, LEMONT IL 60439



Mass Intentions

Monday — February 23rd

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
 † JAN LESNICKI
 by Family
 † ZOFIA KWAK
 by Family

Tuesday — February 24th

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
 7:00 PM † WOJCIECH I MAREK STASZEL
 by Siostra
 † MARIA WÓJCIAK (Rocznica Śmierci)
 by Siostra
 O BOŻE BŁ. DLA DOMINIC CHIARELLI JR.
 by Dziadkowie
 † STANISŁAW I ROZALIA CHUDZIK
 by Wnuczka

Wednesday — February 25th

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Thursday — February 26th

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Friday — February 27th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR MATEO PASCIAK (birth)
 7:00 PM † ANDRZEJ KALATA
 by Rodzina Łukanus

Saturday — February 28th

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
 5:00 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR JOSH BIALAS (8 birth)
 Fr. Noga by Babcia & Dziadziu

Sunday — March 1st (Second Sunday of Lent)

7:00 AM † STELLA FRYDA
 Fr. Noga by Marianna Bak
 † WLADYSŁAW LESNICKI
 by Mrozek Family
 † JAMES GRATTAN
 by Marianna Bak
 † MARIA & WLADYSŁAW KOWALCZYK
 by J.T. Plata
 8:00 AM † LUDWINA ŁUKANUS
 Fr. Valdi by Syn
 † MICHALINA BIALAS
 by Rodzina
 † WŁADYSŁAW SZAREK
 by Rodzina
 O BOŻE BŁ. DLA ŻYJĄCYCH CZŁONKÓW KLUBU
 POLSKIEGO
 9:30AM † ANDRZEJ KALATA (2 Anniv.)
 Fr. Noga by Wife & Children
 † BRONISŁAW RAFACZ
 by Rafacz Family
 11:00 AM † JAN BUDZ (Rocznica Śmierci)
 Fr. Valdi by Rodzina
 † ALOJZY I AGNIESZKA CISOŃ
 by Wnuczka z Rodziną
 † MARIA I FRANCISZEK JARZYNA
 by Wnuczka
 O BOŻE BŁ. DLA RODZINY MACHAJ
 12:30 PM † ANDRZEJ RYCHTARCZYK
 Fr. Rataj by Wife & Children
 † ANNA & STANISŁAW DACHOWSKI
 by Alicja
 † MARIA & MIECZYSLAW GUZEK
 by Alicja
 2:00 PM † HELENA I KAZIMIERZ KLEJZEROWICZ
 Fr. Valdi by Rodzina
 † STANISŁAW GAL
 by Rodzina

† JACEK I STANISŁAW KNAPCZYK

by Helena Knapczyk

† JÓZEF SKRZYPEK

by Córka

7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
 Fr. Rataj FOR THE INTENTIONS IN OUR CHAPEL
 INTENTION BOOK



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.



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

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Adeline Bahnick	Judy
Marcia Nowak	Karen Plachy
Doug Fitz	Kassidy Heidegger
Cedomir Capic	Mike Laskowski
Cindy Evankoe	Mark Hussey
John Dunleavy	Mike Rajski
Kitty Shannon	Connie Ptacek

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
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Envelopes	533	12,775.00
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Please inform the parish office if there are any changes or additions to the above list.

Congratulations and God's Blessings



*Brittany Barron and Colton Wojnowski
 Married February 14, 2026*



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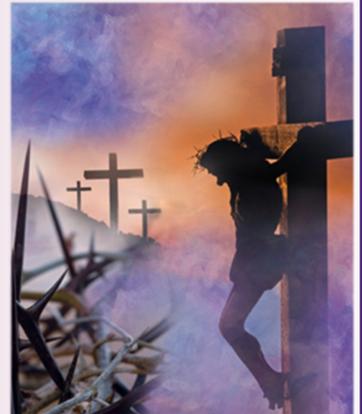
Purifying Our Approach to Lent

Lent is supposed to be a journey to a deeper intimacy with God by moving through the desert of penance. How will I set a Lenten resolution that invites God to transform my heart and mind so that I will be more like Him by Easter and throughout the year?

How do we shift from a performance-based, "self-improvement" mindset to one of humble surrender, focusing on interior transformation, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to deepen our relationship with God? Instead of rigid, ambitious plans, maybe we can focus on quiet, consistent acts that foster repentance, healing, and love, allowing God to work in us.

Key strategies for a refined, authentic Lenten journey include:

- **Shift from Self-Reliance to Grace:** Move away from viewing Lent as time of self-improvement to win heaven by working hard. Instead, embrace Lent as a time to let God change your heart. Read a Psalm every day. Trust in the Lord with all your heart.
- **Embrace the "3 R's":** Focus on Reflection, Repentance, and Reconciliation to turn away from sin and toward God. Examine your conscience each night based on that day's actions.
- **Purify Intentions:** Examine your motivations, shifting from ego-driven goals moving from spiritual "misery" to the peace and love of daily visits to Adoration. *Be with* our Loving God.
- **Intentional Fasting:** Choose sacrifices that break attachments to worldly comforts rather than arbitrary goals. Try limiting social media or replacing screentime after dinner with everyone in the living room reading the *Lives of the Saints* or one of the Gospels.
- **Cultivate Deepened Prayer:** Get up early and add to your daily prayer routine, the Stations of the Cross, daily Mass, or spending time in silence meditating on the Crucifix.
- **Meaningful Almsgiving:** Focus on actions that build relationships and show kindness to others. Do you know someone who is poor or needy? Visit them or visit a nursing home.



The goal of Lent is to enter the desert with Jesus, allowing the 40 days to be a period of preparation and cleansing, rather than just a test of willpower. Set goals for yourself that will lead you to be deeper in love with Jesus by this Easter. Then take that growing love with you throughout the year.

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