

# SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

## St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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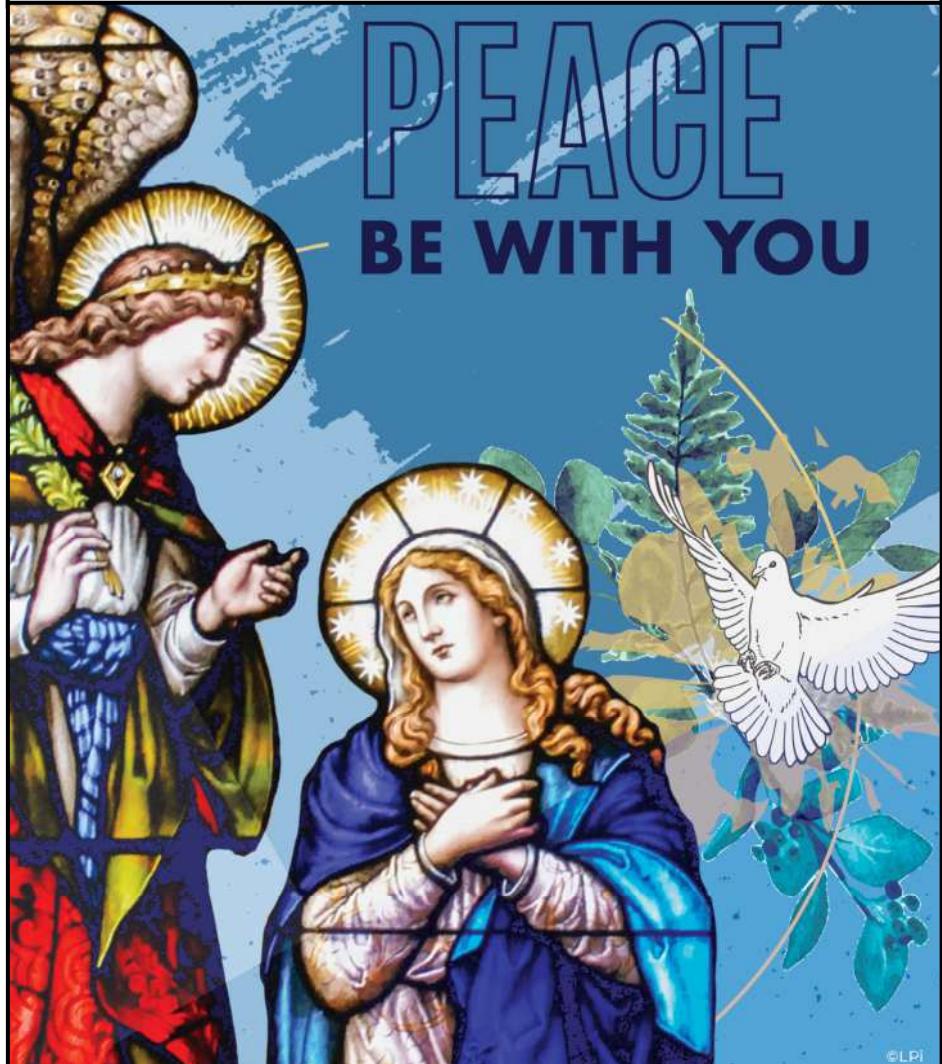
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December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PEACE  
BE WITH 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.**

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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>	Stan Brzezniak, 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)	<b>Bulletin:</b>	<a href="mailto:bulletin@stcyril.org">bulletin@stcyril.org</a>
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b>	Holy Days of Obligation: As announced	<b>Helping Hands:</b>	<a href="mailto:helpinghands@stcyril.org">helpinghands@stcyril.org</a>
<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) 442-9441, Mark (773) 727-7934, Margaret <a href="mailto:mtsniez@gmail.com">mtsniez@gmail.com</a>	<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 through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 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>	<a href="http://www.stcyril.org">www.stcyril.org</a>
		<b>School Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.school.stcyril.org">www.school.stcyril.org</a>
		<b>Parish Facebook Page:</b>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/SSCMLeMONT">www.facebook.com/SSCMLeMONT</a>
		<b>School Facebook Page:</b>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/SSCMComets">www.facebook.com/SSCMComets</a>


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

You know what's hard for me about Advent? It's the religious commandment to be optimistic about the future when there is so much bad news around. There's bad news in politics, in economics, in the church and within the family. In today's gospel, we heard that the child to born of the virgin is to be called, Emmanuel, that is "God with us". Come on, is that some kind of joke? If God is truly with us, why doesn't He do more to help us find peace, health and prosperity? How am I to sing merrily, Joy to the World? I believe the answer to this universal problem lies in something that Pope Benedict XVI said when he was asked, "Are you optimistic about the future?" He had a quick answer, as if he had contemplated this question his whole life. He said, "Optimistic? No. But I am filled with hope."

Here we must contemplate the difference between optimism and the theological virtue of hope. They look so much alike, that most of the time, we do not see any difference. Let's consider their opposites. The opposite of optimism is pessimism. Pessimism is so dark and such a downer, that it can often be confused with a lack of faith. We are tempted to say, no one who believes in God can be a pessimist. We follow that with the idea that every saint is surely an optimist. Compounding this dilemma is the fact that we almost always associate optimism with happiness and pessimism with morose sadness. We all know people who are "affectionately" called, "Debbie Downers." And we all love people who, we say, "light up the room" when they enter. The opposite of hope is despair. In this comparison, I believe we can begin to see the wisdom of B-XVI's answer.

Pope Benedict XVI was not a "Debbie Downer." So then, did he have no faith? To this

question, I feel like St. Paul in his epistle to the Romans, when he presents a deep theological dilemma and responds, "By no means!". (See Romans 3:4, 6:2, 7:7, 9:14 and 11:1). We should not overlook Pope Benedict's resignation. Although, it is still a deep mystery, most scholars will point to the fact that he was so aware of the problems within the church and aware of his weakened elderly condition, that he felt a younger man would be better suited to "fix" these problems. Further, it's no secret that he was deeply saddened by a number of Pope Francis' words and actions.

So, this is what Christmas teaches me. Optimism is rooted in our positive assessment of human beings. Hope is rooted in our understanding of God, who is both the judge of the human race, and its savior. Mary and Joseph were filled with hope, even as they laid Jesus in a manger. That hope sprung from their strong faith in the promises made to Israel by God through so many prophets. I believe that hope is available to me too.

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

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

- We have oplatki available on tables in the back of the church. A free will offering for the oplatki is greatly appreciated.
- See the SSCM & St. James Christmas schedule in today's bulletin and plan on worshiping with us. We put in an extra effort to make these liturgies special to feel the joy of Christmas. Also, join us for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday evening, December 22nd, in SSCM Church from 5-8pm. This is a great way to prepare for Christmas by leaving our past behind and making some room for Jesus. A number of visiting priests will be available to serve us in English and Polish.



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

SS. Cyril & Methodius School  
2019 National Blue Ribbon School



Dear Parents & Parishioners,

**Merry Christmas** to all of our SSCM students, faculty, families, and parishioners! As we celebrate the birth of Christ, may your homes be filled with his peace, your hearts with joy, and your days with the warmth of faith, love, and gratitude. This season, we are especially thankful for our faith-filled community that forms disciples, our strong academic program that helps every child grow, and our compassionate, joy-filled culture where students are known, loved, and supported. Thank you for the many ways you strengthen and uplift SSCM throughout the year—may God bless you abundantly this Christmas season and bring you health, hope, and happiness in the New Year ahead.

Go Comets!!!

Mr. Dan Turney, Principal

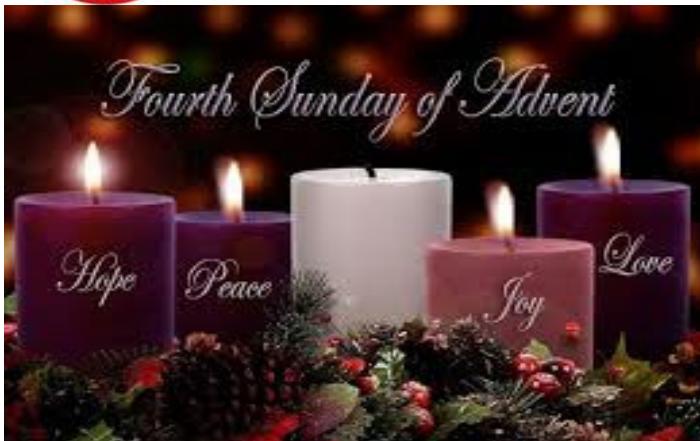
Please enjoy a few pictures from our Breakfast with Santa on December 7th!! Thank you to our school families, parishioners, Santa & Mrs. Claus for joining us!!





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This Sunday we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance, as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

The (optional) fifth candle represents light and purity and is called "Christ's candle." It is placed in the middle and is lit on Christmas Day.

"Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen."



Wishing you a season of blessings from heaven above. May your world be filled with warmth and good cheer this Holy season, we wish you a joy-filled Christmas. A silent night, a star above, a blessed gift of hope and love.

**Merry Christmas to ALL!!!**



*Śnieg okrył ziemię puszystą bielą, wokół się wszyscy ludzie weselą...*

*Chrystus Nam się narodził...*

*Z Okazji Świąt Bożego Narodzenia życzymy wszystkim aby narodzenie Jezusa Chrystusa przyniosło pokój, radość i miłość. Niech Jego obecność wypełnia nasze serca nadzieją i wiarą na każdy dzień. Oby nadchodzący Nowy Rok był obfitym błogosławieństwem, które będzie prowadzić ku wszelkiemu dobru, a łaska Pana Jezusa będzie zawsze z Nami. Dzieląc się z Wami Optatkiem życzymy każdemu obfitości oraz Pięknych, Rodzinnych i Błogosławionych Świąt!*

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## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

**Wednesday, December 24:**

**Christmas Eve Masses**

7:00 pm & Midnight

**Thursday, December 25:**

**Christmas Day Masses**

8:15am, 10:00am and 12pm

**Wednesday December 31:**

**New Year's Eve Mass**

7:00pm Vigil Mass

**Thursday, January 1:**

**New Year's Day Masses**

8:15, 10am & 12:00pm(TLM)

## Prepare for the Arrival of the Christ Child Confession Schedule

At SSCM

Monday, Dec 22, many priests 5 to 8 pm

## Dec 24 & 31 – No Wine & Wisdom

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from  
your friends at W&W. Join us in 2026!



Altar & Rosary Society once again hosted a Christmas Dinner with rave reviews. A HUGE THANK YOU is in order to the many hands that made this event possible: Dottie VanAuken and Barb Wood for their expert cooking skills; of course Bernice Raj, who steps up always without hesitation; Linda Cozzi who took on co-chairing the event as a bright new member. We are blessed to have such a generous crew. There were also many ladies who stepped up to meet every little need. Without their willingness, we would not have had this wonderful event. Desserts were overflowing with

delectables, another show of the talents of our members. This year we had some extra hands in some of the confirmandi as servers and runners; they were AMAZING eager helpers. Our officers are in need of a BIG shout as well. Working their tails off AGAIN. Thank you to Ragen Gillam, Camille Kuhlman, and Christine Slowik. These ladies are at every event plus they have stepped up to the roles that keep A&R in our parish. This Christmas, please celebrate this blessing when you are counting all the blessings our Lord has given. From A&R we want to wish a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**



## 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).



Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

**The rectory office will be closed from  
Wednesday, Dec 24 to Friday, Dec 26,  
and Thursday, January 1.**

Don't miss the adventures at this year's  
**St Stephen's Day Hike ~ Friday, Dec 26 ~ 10am**  
Meet at St James. Hot chocolate in Sag Hall after.



## Winter is here!

Can you help homeless men stay warm this winter?  
Drop men's coats and blankets (in good condition)  
in the box in Charlie's Chapel. (Sorry, no women's  
or children's coats please.)



The St James community congratulates James Losiewicz and Grace Littleton as they entered into the sacrament of matrimony on November 22. May God bless their marriage abundantly for many years!

### Friendsgiving

A little snow did not dissuade many Anchor members from enjoying wonderful food and camaraderie during the Thanksgiving weekend.



### This is a true, pro-life story – Part I

There is an amazing world of pro-life ministry that you might not realize exists. A group of people so dedicated to saving lives that they give countless hours, day-in, day-out, week after week. If the abortuary is open, they are there. They are called Sidewalk Counselors. It is humbling to know them & to watch them try to save babies, moms & dads. They sacrifice their free time, their family time, their comfort in all types of weather. They are on their feet begging, cajoling, shouting, sympathizing, crying, helping, offering. They are praying. They build each other up, and they share their successes & their failures openly. Next Sunday, Part II will include the text of an email sent to the group after one gentleman's morning shift (8:30-11) on a very snowy day, Nov 29, at Access Health Center.

Yes, they were standing guard even on such a day.

### **2026 FLOWER SIGNUP CHART:**

**Now available in the back of Church.  
There are two flower arrangements  
per date & each bouquet is \$35.00.**

#### CHICAGO NATIVITY SCENE



The need for Christian influence in the public square has never been greater. If you can, support this 501c3 initiative which puts the Nativity scene on Daley Plaza. For more info see our website.

ON DISPLAY UNTIL DECEMBER 27

*Upcoming Weddings:*  
**Joseph Valascho & Eve Linden**

#### *Altar Flowers*

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

**THE PARISHIONERS OF ST JAMES**



### *Mass Intentions*

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

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00AM †Joseph M. Slowik  
†James Moyer Cruickshank

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00AM †Maria Ratlowski  
†Mary Ann Davidson

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00PM—VIGIL MASS †Margaret Cruickshank  
12AM—MIDNIGHT †Carole & the Marlowe Family  
Conversion for Smith Children

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25—CHRISTMAS DAY

8:15AM †Mary Wenzel  
10AM †Richard Cruickshank  
12:00PM †Peter Laux

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

6:00PM Safe Travels for Shelly & Patrick Speiring  
Anniversary Blessings—Jim & Lissa Beecher

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00AM †Marguerite Mueller  
Birthday Blessings—Chris Pienkos

### *Feast of the Holy Family*

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:15AM †Kathy Coughlin  
Birthday Blessings—Veronika Stoklosa  
10AM †Steve Ramos  
12:00PM †Jean Block  
†Louis Perillo



Our weekly *Offertory* collection from December 7, 2025 was \$3,038. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$5,168.

Our reporting of the weekly *Offertory* collection from December 14, 2025 will be delayed due to early submission to the bulletin publisher.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28	
8:15am	Eric Delatorre, Will & Connor Pawlisz, Christos & Frankie Latsonas,	
10am	Marty & Tommy Comer, Daniel Newsom, Matthew Rebello, Matthew Sullivan	



## SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th

1:00 PM (English)  
3:00 PM Children's Mass (English)  
5:00 PM (English)  
8:00 PM Children's Mass (Polish)  
10:00 PM (Polish)  
12:00 Midnight Mass (English)

## Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th

7:00 AM (English)  
8:00 AM (Polish)  
9:30 AM (English)  
11:00 AM (Polish)  
12:30 PM (English)  
2:00 PM (Polish)

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation-Advent

### At St. Cyril's:

Monday, December 22nd  
Individual Confessions  
(English & Polish)  
5:00-8:00PM Church



## Feast of St. Stephen Masses

Thursday, December 26th  
7:00 AM (English)  
11:30 AM (Polish)  
7:00 PM (Polish)



Please consider using the QR code to the left to make your online parish donation through GiveCentral. You can also sign up at [givecentral.org](http://givecentral.org)

## New Year's Masses

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass  
Wednesday, December 31st  
4:00 PM (English)  
5:30 PM (Polish)

New Year's Day  
Thursday, January 1st, 2026  
8:00 AM (Polish)  
9:30 AM (English)  
11:00 AM (Polish)  
12:30 PM (English)



## Holiday Parish Life Building Office Closings

Wednesday, December 24th  
Thursday, December 25th  
Friday, December 26th  
Thursday, January 1st



## Oplatki

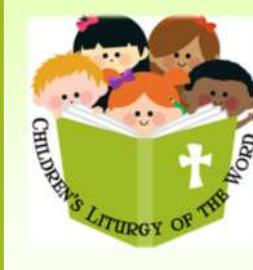
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## Christmas Eve Children's Mass

We warmly invite all children to join us for a special Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, December 24th. Children are also welcome to sing in the Children's Choir! If your child would like to sing, please have them arrive by 2:15 PM.

## 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 – 4<sup>th</sup> graders Join Us!!!

On behalf of Father Valdi, Father Koys  
and the entire SS. Cyril & Methodius  
Parish & St. James at Sag Bridge  
Mission Staff we wish you  
a very Merry Christmas!

O COME LET US  
*Adore*  
HIM.





# KOŁĘDOWANIE

Christmas Caroling

December 28th, 2025  
will be Christmas caroling outside of SSCM Church  
by the nativity set after all Masses.

## 28 grudnia

Zaprasza na tradycyjne  
Koledowanie przy Szopce  
Po każdej Mszy Świętej

Za kolędę dziękujemy, zdrowia, szczęścia winszujemy,  
byście sobie długo żyli, zdrowi i szczęśliwi byli na ten Nowy Rok!

# Opłatek

## 21 grudnia Niedziela 12 PM

★ Tradycyjne dzielenie się opłatkami  
★ Przedstawienie teatralne pod tytułem:  
"Czy znajdzie się miejsce?" w wykonaniu grupy  
"Małej Oazy-Dzieci Fatimskich" oraz Diakonii w NIEBOgosty"  
★ Występ zespołu tańczego "POLANIE"  
★ Kołedowanie  
★ Poczęstunek

Zapraszamy: 608 Sobieski St. Lemont - SSCM Parish Lemont

Logos: Klubu Polskiego, Diakonii w NIEBOgosty, "POLANIE", and others.



**Z biurka wikariusza proboszcza  
Drodzy Parafianie,**

Czy wiesz z jakim problemem borykam się w Adwencie? No właśnie, to religijne przykazanie bycia optymistą wobec przyszłości, podczas gdy wokół słyszy się tyle negatywnych wiadomości. Złe wieści w polityce, w ekonomii, w Kościele i w rodzinie. Dzisiejsza Ewangelia mówi nam, że Dziecię, które ma narodzić się z Dziewicy, będzie nazwane Emmanuelem, to znaczy „Bóg jest z nami”. Jak to rozumieć? Jeśli Bóg naprawdę jest z nami, dlaczego nie robi więcej, by pomóc nam znaleźć pokój, zdrowie i dobrobyt? Jak mogę radośnie śpiewać „Światu radość niesie”? Wierzę, że odpowiedź na ten powszechny problem kryje się w czymś, co powiedział papież Benedykt XVI, gdy zapytano go: „Czy Wasza Świątobliwość jest optymistą, jeśli chodzi o przyszłość?” Odpowiedział natychmiast, jakby rozważał to pytanie przez całe życie, mówiąc: „Optymistą? Nie. Ale jestem pełen nadziei.”

Tutaj musimy zastanowić się nad różnicą między optymizmem a teologiczną cnotą nadziei. Są tak bardzo podobne, że często nie widzimy żadnej różnicy. A więc rozważmy ich przeciwnieństwa. Przeciwnieństwem optymizmu jest pesymizm. Pesymizm jest tak mroczny i przygnębiający, że często bywa mylony z brakiem wiary. Wręcz kusi nas, aby powiedzieć, że nikt, kto wierzy w Boga, nie może być pesymistą. A potem dodajemy, że każdy święty z pewnością jest optymistą. Na ten dylemat nakłada się jeszcze fakt, że prawie zawsze kojarzymy optymizm ze szczęściem, a pesymizm z ponurym smutkiem. Wszyscy znamy ludzi, których „pieszczotliwie” nazywa się malkontentami (pesymistami) i wszyscy kochamy ludzi, którzy „rozświetlają pokój”, gdy do niego wchodzą. Przeciwnieństwem nadziei jest rozpacz. W tym porównaniu widzę, że zaczynamy dostrzegać mądrość odpowiedzi Benedykta XVI.

Papież Benedykt XVI nie był malkontentem.

Czy więc nie miał wiary? Na to pytanie przychodzi na myśl list św. Pawła do Rzymian, kiedy przedstawia

głęboki teologiczny dylemat i odpowiada: „Żadną miarę!” (zob. Rz 3,4; 6,2; 7,7; 9,14; 11,1). Nie powinniśmy też pomijać znaczenia rezygnacji papieża Benedykta. Choć nadal jest to głęboka tajemnica, to jednak większość uczonych wskazuje, że był on tak świadomy problemów w Kościele i swojej osłabionej, podeszłej kondycji, iż uznał, że młodszy człowiek będzie lepiej nadawał się do „naprawienia” tych problemów. Ponadto, nie jest tajemnicą, że był głęboko zasmucony wieloma słowami i działaniami papieża Franciszka.

Sumując dochodzę do wniosku i widzę czego uczy mnie Boże Narodzenie. Optymizm zakorzenia się w pozytywnej ocenie ludzkich możliwości. Nadzieja zakorzenia się w naszym rozumieniu Boga, który jest zarówno sędzią rodzaju ludzkiego, jak i jego Zbawicielem. Maryja i Józef byli pełni nadziei, gdy świat przyjął Jezusa w stajence. Ta nadzieja wypływała z ich głębokiej wiary w obietnice dane Izraelowi przez Boga poprzez tylu proroków. To właśnie siła tej nadziei pozostała we mnie też.

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

**Kilka spraw z życia parafii:**

- Opłatki są już dostępne na stolikach z tyłu kościoła. Prosimy o złożenie dobrowolnej ofiary za opłatki.
- Prosimy zapoznać się z harmonogramem Mszy świątecznych w parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego i Misji Świętego Jakuba w dzisiejszym biuletynie i zaplanuj udział w liturgii z nami. Dokładamy wszelkich starań, aby te liturgie były wyjątkowe i pozwoliły poczuć radość Bożego Narodzenia. Ponadto, zapraszamy skorzystać z Sakramentu Pokuty w poniedziałek, 22 grudnia, w kościele Św Cyryla i Metodego, w godzinach 5:00 PM-8:00 PM. To doskonała okazja, by przygotować się do Świąt, zostawiając przeszłość za sobą i robiąc miejsce dla Jezusa. Będzie wiele kapelanów dostępnych, by posługiwać w języku polskim i angielskim i udzielać Sakramentu Pojednania.

## Mass Intentions

## Monday — December 22nd

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY  
 † HELEN ERCOLI  
 by Ercoli Family  
 † WILLIAM & EMILY MCCUTCHEON  
 by Robert Todd Jelinski  
 † MARCIA C. SEILER  
 by John

## Tuesday — December 23rd

7:00 AM † ADAM CHOLEWA  
 7:00 PM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH  
 I ZMARŁYCH

## Wednesday — December 24th

7:00 AM † MICHALINA BIALAS  
 Fr. Noga  
 1:00 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ADAM SOCHACKI &  
 Fr. Valdi JOSEPH SIUCIAK (birth)  
 by Family  
 † FELIX ZACZEK III  
 by Donna & Russ Risden  
 3:00 PM † THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF DROZDZ &  
 Fr. Valdi GRAND FAMILIES  
 by Bill Grand Family  
 † EMILY REMIASZ & JANINA KASPEREK  
 by Family  
 † CHESTER TOMALA SR.  
 by Kathy Tomala & Family  
 † JOZEF & TERESA TYMINSKI  
 by Family  
 5:00 PM † TERESA MIODOWICZ  
 Fr. Valdi † MAGGIE & ANDRZEJ  
 by Family  
 † ANIELA, MICHAL & ANDRZEJ HARLA  
 by Family  
 † ANDRZEJ & HELENA TORRES  
 by Family  
 8:00 PM † ANNA LACIAK I SYN RICHARD  
 Fr. Valdi by Jan Laciak z Rodziną  
 † ANNA WALUS  
 by Albert Walus i Synowie  
 † HENRY I SOFIA MADEJ  
 by Robert i Teresa Madej  
 O BOŻE BŁ. DLA KASI I SAM  
 by Rodzina  
 10:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA RODZIN GRELE, ŁABOJEWSKI  
 Fr. Valdi I KANKOŁ  
 by Rodzina  
 † ALOJZY WONTORCZYK  
 by Dzieci  
 † WITOLD GĄSIOR  
 by Rodzina  
 † CZESŁAW ZAGRANICZNY  
 by Rodzina Prędkiego  
 12:00 AM FOR KALATA-KEDZIOR FAMILIES  
 Fr. Valdi by Marie  
 † RAY PERISIN  
 by Family  
 † VERONICA SKRZYPczAK (Anniv.)  
 by Joan  
 GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR SIMON KRZYSIAK (birth)  
 † FRANK POLAK  
 by Family

## Thursday — December 25th

7:00 AM † STANLEY & VICTORIA LAYMAN  
 Fr. Valdi by Marc & Rita Gimbel  
 † CZESLAW HANUSIAK  
 by Family

† JEAN SROKA  
 by Daughter JoAnn  
 † RAY, MARY BETH & MICHAEL RUDIS

by Family  
 8:00 AM † JÓZEF I HELENA BYRDAK I SYN ANDRZEJ  
 Fr. Valdi by Celina i Władyśław Mrozek  
 † JOHN I CHRISTINE BUDZ

by Rodzina  
 † JÓZEF I FRANCISZKA DZIĄBA  
 by Rodzina  
 † ANNA WALUS

by Rodzina  
 9:30 AM † STANISLAW NOWOBILSKI  
 Fr. Valdi by Kasia Aurrichio  
 † SHARON MCCARTHY & HARRY KIELMA  
 by Family  
 † FRENCESCO & AMELIA PERFETTI  
 by Family  
 † EMILIO & RAFFAELLA PASTORE

by Family  
 11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA RODZINY JANOSIK  
 Fr. Valdi by Rodzina Janosik  
 † JÓZEF MILAN

by Rodzina  
 † ADAM KOZIEL  
 by Lottie & Walter Koziel  
 † FRANCISZEK MOLEK (Rocznica Smierci)  
 by Rodzina

12:30 PM † STANLEY & KENNETH KEDZIOR  
 Fr. Valdi by Marie

† LORA & RICHARD MARTELLO  
 by Family  
 † JULIA KOZIEL  
 by Lottie & Walter Koziel  
 † JOSEPH SIUCIAK & ADAM SOCHACKI  
 by Family

2:00 PM † PROF. PAWEŁ ADL  
 Fr. Valdi by Rodzina Madej  
 † FRANCISZEK POLAK  
 by Źona z Rodziną  
 † AUGUSTYN PRĘDKI  
 by Rodzina Prędkiego  
 † CECILIA STAUBER  
 by Rodzina Polak

## Friday — December 26th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALTH FOR PASCIAK,  
 SOKOL & WALKOSZ FAMILIES  
 † DECEASED MEMBERS OF JELINSKI &  
 MCCUTCHEON FAMILIES

by Robert Todd Jelinski  
 11:30 AM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA RODZIN MICHNIAK I BIELA  
 † ZBIGNIEW ŁUCARZ

by Siostra z Rodziną  
 7:00 PM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH  
 I ZMARŁYCH

## Saturday — December 27th

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED  
 3:00 PM *Wedding: Ania Schenning and Alex Gacek*

5:00 PM † RICK POWELL  
 Fr. Koy by Doug & Trish Nickleski

Sunday — December 28th (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)  
 7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Fr. Valdi  
 8:00 AM † KAZIMIERZ I ZOFIA OLEJARZ I SYN ROMAN  
 Carmelite by Rodzina  
 † LARRY I BARBARA TULEJA, ROBERT BUSIEL  
 by Rodzina

9:30 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED  
**Fr. Valdi** † EDWARD SCEPKOWSKI  
 by Family

11:00 AM † ANNA GUROŚ  
**Carmelite** by Anna Łukanus  
 † HELENA PALARZ  
 by J.S. Nowobilski  
 † FRANCISZEK POLAK  
 by Żona z Córkami  
 † JAKUB CHLEBEK I BEATA KOWALSKI  
 by Elizabeth Chlebek

12:30 PM † STANLEY SUCHECKI  
**Fr. Valdi** † JOSEPH SIUCIAK & ADAM SOCHACKI  
 by Family  
 † DANEK KRZYMINSKI  
 by Krzyminski Family  
 † JAN & MARIA STOCH

2:00 PM † JÓZEF KOWALCZYK  
**Carmelite** by Rodzina Michniak  
 † MIECZYSŁAW MAZUR (Rocznica Śmierci)  
 by Rodzina  
 † JÓZEF NIEMINSKI (6 Rocznica Śmierci)  
 by Rodzina

7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED  
**Fr. Valdi**



*Blessed Sacrament Candle Intention  
 For Week of December 22nd Through  
 December 28th ~Church*

† ZA DUSZĘ Ś.P. ALOJZY WONTORCZYK  
 by Żona z Dziećmi

### Parish Contributions

**Due to an early printer deadline, the contributions from December 13th & 14th, will not be published in this bulletin. Please look for it in next week's bulletin.**

**Thank you!**



### Wedding Banns

*Shannon Miller and Matt Mulligan*

*Pray for ...*

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

William Podborony

Arthur Zelezinski

Roger Laurella

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Candace Cavanaugh

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Adeline Bahnick

Judy

Marcia Nowak

Karen Plachy

Doug Fitz

Kassidy Heidegger

Cedomir Capic

Mike Laskowski

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 December 6 & 7, 2025**

Envelopes	537	15,522.00
GiveCentral (12/1-12/7)	145	<u>3,351.00</u>
Total		\$18,873.00
<b>2nd Collection: SSCM School</b>		<b>\$2,747.00</b>

Budgeted: \$15,700.00 | Actual: \$18,873.00 | (\$3,173)

537 envelopes plus 145 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 32% of 2,100 registered parishioner families.

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*Congratulations and God's Blessings*



*Molly Cann and Tyler Stuart  
 Married December 6, 2025*

*Congratulations and God's Blessings*



*Sheila Lawler and Zach Hoekstra  
 Married December 6, 2025*

## Advent: Close Strong - in Union with Jesus

### *Learn from the Blessed Mother and Saint Faustina*



Our Lady instructed St. Faustina during Advent:

*"She said to me:  
My daughter, strive after SILENCE AND  
HUMILITY*

*so that Jesus, who dwells in your heart continuously,  
may be able to rest...*

*Adore Him in your heart...*

*Do not go out from your inmost being.  
My daughter, I shall obtain for you the grace of an  
interior life which will be such that,  
without ever leaving that interior life,  
you will be able to carry out all your external duties  
with even greater care...*

**DWELL WITH HIM CONTINUOUSLY IN YOUR HEART.**

*He will be your strength. ...*

*You are a dwelling place pleasing to the living God;  
in you He dwells continuously with love and delight...*

*Try to act in this way until Christmas Day,  
and then He Himself will make known to you  
in what way **you will be communing  
and uniting yourself with Him.**"*

*(paragraph 785 in the Diary of St. Faustina)*



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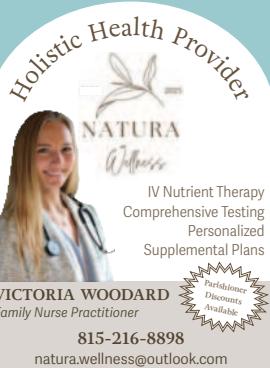
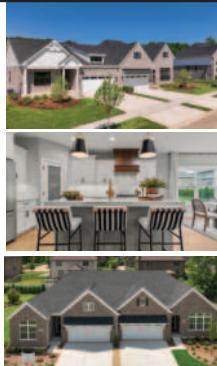
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