

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

## Parish Staff

**Pastoral Ministry**  
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*Associate Pastor*

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*Parish School Principal*

Monika Leja  
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*Parish Secretaries*

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Ryszard Witkowski  
Paul Siro  
*Maintenance*



*January 21, 2024*

*Third 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.

<p><b>Parish Information</b></p> <p><b>Parish Office:</b> 608 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL Denise Duda, Operations Director (630) 257-2776; (630) 257-9372 Fax rectory@stcyril.org website: www.stcyril.org www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont</p>	<p><b>Minister of Music:</b> Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776</p>
<p><b>School:</b> 607 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL Shirley Tkachuk, Principal (630) 257-6488; shirleyt@stcyril.org</p>	<p><b>Polish School:</b> www.polschool.com Halina Szyrzyna Principal: (630) 669-9058</p>
<p><b>Religious Education:</b> Monika Leja, Religious Education Administrator (630) 257-9314; mleja@sscmlmont.org</p>	<p><b>Polish Club:</b> John Lichacz, President (773) 216-1108 polishclub@stcyril.org</p>
<p><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)</p>	<p><b>Minister of Care:</b> Dave Smietanski (630) 257-2776</p>
<p><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)</p>	<p><b>Parish Council:</b> Joe Martello, President</p>
<p>Holy Days of Obligation: As announced</p>	<p><b>Bulletin:</b> bulletin@stcyril.org</p>
<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM Also available by appointment.</p>	<p><b>Helping Hands:</b> helpinghands@stcyril.org</p> <p><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</p>
<p><b>Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:</b> Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass</p>	<p><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.</p>
<p><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</p>	<p><b>Marriage:</b> The bride and groom are encouraged to be registered, active, contributing parishioners of SS. Cyril &amp; 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.</p>
<p><b>Parish Office Hours: Each weekday the office will be closed between the hours of 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM.</b> <b>Monday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday</b> 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM <b>Tuesday</b> 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM <b>Friday</b> 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM <b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b> Closed</p>	<p><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.</p>
	<p><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</p>



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

In the Gospel we heard Jesus putting together his team calling Simon, James and John. How do we respond to Our Lord's call in our lives? The call of the Apostles was rooted in Our Lord's call to all of us to believe in a different kind of Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. This comes with the admonition to repent and believe. But why do we need to repent? What kind of Good News are we to believe in? To put it plainly, we repent of sin, and we believe in truth, His truth. But what are sins? Who says what truth is and isn't? With the goal of trying to shed light on such questions this is the first of a series of articles exploring various Papal documents of the past. Some of the Popes of days gone by were pretty hard hitting against what they called "the errors and heresies of the modern era". Pius IX and Pius X are probably the most well-known. But Pope Leo XIII should get the silver medal along with Gregory XVI for the bronze.

In Pius X's Encyclical, *Pascendi Dominici Gregis* (1907), we read, "There has never been a time when the watchfulness of the supreme pastor was not necessary to the Catholic body, owing to the efforts of the enemy of the human race, there have never been lacking men speaking perverse things, vain talkers and seducers (Titus 1:10, Acts 20:30)." Leo XIII, before Pius X points out "the socialists, exciting the envy of the poor toward the rich, contend that it is necessary to do away with private possession of goods...and that men who preside over (the confiscated goods) should act as administrators of these goods... and thus perverts the functions of the State." (*Rerum Novarum*, 1891)

When we read through these Encyclicals, we hear hard hitting words of condemnation even insults thrown at those singularly pointed out as "enemies of the church". To our modern ears, such language sounds inappropriate for men of God. In our modern times, where dialogue and listening make up the methodology of church teachings, we may be tempted to breathe a sigh of relief and just say, "Glad we don't live in those times anymore." Many modern Catholics in fact are ready to dismiss such words of previous Pontiffs and ignore them altogether. Allow me to offer three reasons why ignoring the past, especially the past teachings of previous popes plays right into the hands of the evil spirits who "prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls" as we say in the prayer to St Michael.

First, many of the problems they point to in their time are present in our times. We may not call

them by the same names, but they exist, nonetheless. They may even exist in a more prominent way because they have had time to develop and spread. Leo XIII points out a major problem with trusting the "men who preside over confiscated goods". This might easily be adopted to those who today promote what is called "equity". Second, history is deeply connected to the history of wars. As believers, we must all be passionate about peace. Therefore, to prevent wars, we should be vigilant about what leads to them. Correcting errors while they are small surely promotes peace. And finally, these popes saw problems, not only in society at large but they sensed the infiltration of problems within. Studying these errors keeps us grounded and focused on the concept of truth within the concept of the "true faith".

**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 office.
- Catholic Schools Week will begin soon with many activities that you are invited to including an Open House. See the principal's article & the fliers in today's bulletin for more details and please consider Catholic education for your children.
- January 27th & 28th there will be a second collection for the Church in Latin America. Please see the bulletin for more details.

**GOT JOY?**

Find out how to hold onto it.  
Food - Friendship - Faith



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

**SYCAMORE**

Lemont Area Catholics are invited to attend the Lenten Sycamore Series to be held at St. Patrick Church Hall. Try out the "Taster Session" Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30 PM. There you can also register for the 8-week video-discussion series from Feb 13- April 2, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Each evening includes dinner and fellowship. Register with the St.Als/St.Pat's parish office 630-257-2414 or email [kcody-stals@comcast.net](mailto:kcody-stals@comcast.net).





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

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

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday, January 28th SS. Cyril and Methodius School will join Catholic schools around the nation to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This special time is set aside each year to honor Catholic education and its vital contributions to communities and our nation. For us, the week highlights all the components which make education at SS. Cyril and Methodius National Blue Ribbon School outstanding.

This year's Catholic Schools Week theme is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." It focuses on the key elements of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence, and dedication to service. These set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families make sacrifices to provide their children with a Catholic education.

**Sunday, January 28th:**

- Our celebration will begin at the 9:30 Mass. There will be an Open House, social, and the chance to tour our school following the mass until 1:00PM. As always, the book fair will be open following the mass!

Please join us for the mass and Open House on January 28th.

All the best,  
Mrs. S. Tkachuk  
Principal

It is not too early to begin thinking about the 2024-2025 school year. We can arrange for a tour or shadow day along with sharing all necessary information.

If interested, please call our office at 630-257-6488 or via email, [shirleyt@stacyril.org](mailto:shirleyt@stacyril.org), or [lazowskijackie@stacyril.org](mailto:lazowskijackie@stacyril.org).

Come visit & see all we have to offer!



**PLEASE JOIN US!**

*SS. Cyril & Methodius School*  
607 SOBIESKI ST./ LEMONT, IL / 630.257.6488

**JANUARY 28TH, 2024!**

**OUR OPENING MASS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK WILL BE AT 9:30 A.M.!**

**OPEN HOUSE FOLLOWING THE MASS~ 10:30 - 1:00 P.M.!**

**ALL ARE WELCOME! TOURS AVAILABLE!**




*Hope to see you there!*



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

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator



*Catechists are currently working on first semester report cards. Once their submissions are completed, the RE office will email report cards individually to the parent email on file. Report cards are expected to begin being emailed mid to late January.*



**Sacrament of  
Reconciliation  
February 24, 2024**

**Sacrament of  
Confirmation  
March 23, 2024**

*Parents of 2nd and 8th grade students:  
Thank you to those that have submitted their child's 2nd Grade Sacrament/Confirmation registration forms. If you have a 2nd or an 8th grader receiving a sacrament this year please visit our website [www.re.stcyril.org](http://www.re.stcyril.org) to fill out the appropriate sacrament registration form for your child. Please refer to the email that was sent from the Faith Formation office last December with details regarding Reconciliation/ Communion or Confirmation. Contact the Faith Formation office if you have any questions regarding these upcoming sacraments. God Bless!*



# St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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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

This past spring, St James took part in the Chicago Archdiocesan-sponsored Disciple Index Survey. The survey asked questions about each respondent's own journey of discipleship & how the parish and the pastor rated in supporting that journey. We are grateful that 137 St James parishioners took the time to respond - nearly 30% of our average weekly Mass attendees.

The survey was taken in 72 dioceses across the country, netting ~650,000 individual responses. 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 St James parish connections:

- ❖ 97% can find information easily
- ❖ 96% say the parish communicates effectively via online platforms and texts
- ❖ 91% believe the parish makes them feel welcome & accepted
- ❖ 88% say the parish provides a community to support them and/or their family when in need
- ❖ 88% say the parish follows up when they express interest in becoming more involved

Some highlights from the responses submitted about personal beliefs & practices:

- ❖ 99% attend Mass at least weekly
- ❖ 95% believe the Eucharist is the Body & Blood of Christ
- ❖ 94% believe that scripture is the Word of God

Watch for results from additional categories in future bulletins.

## Wednesday, Jan 24

Adoration 5-7pm

Confessions 6-7pm Mass 7pm

Fr Scott Haynes will join us live via Zoom to share the history and beauty of Our Lady's Litany of Loreto. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Jan 31 - Fr Burke Masters will be here to talk about his book "A Grand Slam for God." Don't miss it!

## 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.)



### OFFER A HELPING HAND.....

Our Catholic teachings tell us to look after one another. Please check on neighbors, friends and relatives who may need assistance during our severe weather. Sometimes a simple phone call can bring joy to someone's day! Our first Altar & Rosary meeting of the new year will be held on Saturday, February 10th at 9:30 in Sag Hall. Please join us for prayer and the planning of events for the spring season.






**Lent Begins February 14**  
 The Sag Bridge Mission Society has announced it will distribute one copy of the Magnificat Lenten Companion to each St James family free of charge. Watch for it!

**Ministry of Care**  
 If you or a loved one is homebound & would like to receive the Eucharist, please sign up online or via paper form in Church, or call Fr Koys or rectory.


**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!

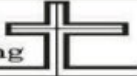
**2024 FLOWER SIGNUP CHART:**  
 Now available in the back of Church.

**JOYFUL AGAIN!!**  
 Is a program for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life.  
 When: April 13 & 14 and Sept. 20 & 21, 2024  
 (2-day program-overnight encouraged)  
 Where: St.Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois  
 For further information , call: 708-354-7211.  
 Email [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com)  
 website: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)



**Anchor @ St. James**  
 Gatherings of Young Catholic Adults – most Sundays, 7-9pm in Hall.  
 Join our group for chat & updates.

**Our Weekly Offering**



Our weekly *Offertory* collection from January 14, 2024 was \$3,461. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$943.

Our CHRISTMAS OFFERING totalled \$19,676.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!



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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22**  
 8:00AM: Blessings for Joe Gal

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 23**  
 8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Maeve Lynch  
 Healing & Peace—Michael Kizman Family  
 †Elvia Solis

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24**  
 7:00PM †Debbie Carvatta  
 †Elvia Solis

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 25**  
 8:00AM †Elvia Solis  
 †Joseph Altieri  
 †Mary Lou Donzelli

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 26**  
 6:00PM †Elvia Solis  
 †James McNamara & †Mary Haupt  
 †Dr Edward & †Joan Jaros

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**  
 8:00AM †Liane DeSitter  
 †Elvia Solis

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**  
 8:15AM †Joseph Aiello  
 Health & Healing—Barbara Lach  
 †Jeanne Christensen  
 10AM: †Elvia Solis  
 †Barbara Becker  
 12:00PM: †Lukasz Nas  
 †John & †Jo Henze

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

**RICH & MARY BURRUSS AND  
 THE PARISHIONERS OF ST JAMES**

**VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/21/24**  
 St. James Altar & Rosary Society  
 All the Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 United States of America

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
8:15am	Mark Henze, Christian Cozzi, Christos & Frankie Latsonas
10am	Matthew Rebello, Matthew Sullivan, Marty, John & Tommy Comer



# Happy Birthday Father Valdi!!



Wishing you a very happy  
47th birthday!  
May the coming year bring  
you health, happiness and  
many blessings!

God Bless You!!  
SSCM & St. James Staff  
& Parishioners

ANCHOR PRESENTS

## THE VOCATION OF MARRIAGE

GUEST SPEAKERS  
JOHN & JOCELYN JANSEN



SUN. JAN. 21ST (7-9PM)  
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708-205-3405



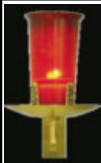
SS. Cyril & Methodius Parishioners,

The Mercy Home for Boys & Girls  
would like to Thank You for you  
beautiful friendship and kindness.

Thank you for your gift of several  
gift cards and two large bags with Christmas  
wrapping and treats. These items are wonderful  
additions to our Home.

Through your wonderful donations, you give our boys  
and girls the gift of a loving community. We are  
forever grateful for the way you have impacted their  
lives.

Thank you again for supporting our kids,  
Father Scott Donahue



The Blessed Sacrament candle that burns  
above the altar 24/7 is available to be  
sponsored for an intention or in memory of  
loved ones. This candle is replaced every  
Monday morning. We also have a Blessed  
Sacrament candle in our Divine Mercy  
Chapel which is available for intentions. Please call  
our parish office to make arrangements to book your  
week and to specify which Blessed Sacrament candle  
you would like to sponsor. A donation of \$100 is  
requested, and the intention along with the name of  
the donor will be acknowledged in our bulletin.



**The Next Senior Luncheon**  
**Tuesday, February 6th**  
**12:00 PM**  
**Parish Life Building**

The next senior luncheon will take place on Tuesday, February 6th at 12:00 PM, Noon, in the Parish Life Building. The cost of the luncheon is \$10 per person. To reserve a spot, please place your money in an envelope with your name and hand it in to the PLB front office by Friday, February 2nd at 11:00 AM.

**Join us for lunch and a few rounds of B-I-N-G-O!**



**Second Collection-January 27th & 28th For the Church in Latin America**

Next week there will be a second collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America & the Caribbean do not have access to church programs & ministries because of rising secular culture, rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers & sisters in Latin America & the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ.

Lemont Area Catholic Newlyweds Group presents:

**The Theology of Dance**

Learn what it means to be male and female in the image of God through a Ballroom Dancing Lesson!



*taught by Matt Mordini*  
of [theologyofdance.org](http://theologyofdance.org)

Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM  
St. Cyril & Methodius Parish Life Building  
RSVP to Kamile to join our GroupMe Chat 630-400-8035

N.EX.T. Newlyweds Experience for Tomorrow, for couples married five years or less  
Sponsored by the St. James Mission Society



**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

And while, on June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision overturned Roe v. Wade, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children. So, great prayer and advocacy is still very needed.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

**ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT**

We are currently looking for girls and boys in the 4, 5, 6, & 7 grades who are interested in becoming altar servers at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish. Servers would be scheduled to serve for Sunday Masses, Holy Day Masses, Weddings, and Funerals.

Training will be held on  
Saturday, January 27th / 2:00 PM in church

Please fill out information below and have your child return this form to their teacher no later than Tuesday, January 23rd.

Name of server: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Speak Polish: Yes or No (please circle)

If so, Polish Masses only? Yes or No (please circle)

School or Religious Education (please circle)

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

No late registrations will be accepted so we can plan for how many children we need to train. No students will be accepted on the day of the training if they are not registered ahead of time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!!

If you have any questions, please call Trish at 630-257-2776.



**Czcigodny Księżu Proboszczu!**  
 Cieszymy się, że swoje kolejne urodziny obchodzisz w naszej parafii. Dziękujemy Ci za cierpliwość, kazania, śpiew liturgiczny i Twoja troskę o nas. Z okazji urodzin pragniemy złożyć Ci jak najserdeczniejsze życzenia. Należą do tego oczywiście życzenia zdrowia, szczęścia oraz dalszych sukcesów. Życzymy także tej błogosławionej świadomości, że wykonujesz Księżu Proboszczu to jedyne i szczególne zadanie, które Bóg wyznaczył tylko dla Księdza i które jest tak potrzebne dla całej naszej wspólnoty parafialnej. Ale najbardziej życzymy Księdzu błogosławieństwa Bożego, które jest początkiem wszystkiego i bez którego człowiek nic nie może uczynić. Niech Dary Ducha Świętego spływają na Ciebie w obfitości, a Maryja darzy matczyną miłością i czułością w dalszej posłudze kapłańskiej.

W imieniu całej Parafii SSCM w Lemont  
 Zarząd Klubu Polskiego w Lemont

**Dear Father Valdi,**  
 We are pleased that you will celebrate your upcoming birthday in our parish. We express our gratitude for your patience, sermons, liturgical singing, and your care for us. On your special day, we wish you the warmest greetings. We pray for your good health, happiness, and further success. We also wish you the blessed awareness that you are carrying out this unique and special task that God has assigned only to you and which is so vital for our entire parish community. Above all, we pray for God's blessings, which is the beginning of everything and with out which man can do nothing. May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit pour into you in abundance, and may Mary provide you with motherly love and tenderness in your continued priestly service. On behalf of the entire SSCM Parish in Lemont, we extend our heartfelt greetings to you on your birthday.

The Board of the Polish Club in Lemont

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.

<b>PIĄTEK</b> <b>16 LUTY</b> 18:00 - 22:00	<b>SOBOTA</b> <b>17 LUTY</b> 9:00 - 22:00	<b>NIEDZIELA</b> <b>18 LUTY</b> 8:00 - 17:00
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Klasztor Sióstr Benedyktynek  
 5900 147th Street, Oak Forest, IL 60452

- Liturgia
- Spowiedź
- Nauki duchowe
- Refleksje nad Słowem Bożym
- Grupy dzielenia
- Modlitwa kontemplacyjna
- Modlitwa uwielbienia
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W Ewangelii dzisiaj usłyszeliśmy w którym Jezus tworzył swoją grupę, wzywając Szymona, Jakuba i Jana. A więc jak my powinniśmy odpowiedzieć na wezwanie Pana w naszym życiu? Powołanie Apostołów było zakorzenione w wezwaniu

naszego Pana skierowanym do nas wszystkich, abyśmy wierzyli w inny rodzaj Królestwa, Królestwa Bożego. To wiąże się z napomnieniem, abyśmy się nawrócili i uwierzyli. Ale dlaczego musimy się nawracać? W jaką Dobrą Nowinę mamy wierzyć? Po prostu mówiąc, nawracamy się z grzechu i wierzymy w prawdę, Jego prawdę. Ale co to są grzechy? Kto określa, co jest prawdą, a co nie? W celu rozwiania takich pytań, przedstawiam pierwszy z serii artykułów, eksplorujących różne dokumenty papieskie z przeszłości. Niektórzy z Papieży z minionych czasów byli dosyć surowi wobec tego, co nazywali "błędami i herezjami współczesnej ery". Pius IX i Pius X są prawdopodobnie najbardziej znani. Ale papież Leon XIII powinien otrzymać srebrny medal, a wraz z nim Grzegorz XVI, brązowy.

W encyklice Piusa X, Pascendi Dominici Gregis (1907), czytamy: "Nigdy nie było czasu, kiedy czujność najwyższego pastora nie była konieczna dla ciała katolickiego, z powodu wysiłków wroga ludzkości, zawsze znajdowali się mówiący przewrotne rzeczy, próżni gadułowicze i zwodnicy (Tytuś 1:10, Dzieje Apostolskie 20:30)". Leon XIII, przed Piusem X, zauważa że "socjalistów, którzy podlegają zazdrości biednych do bogatych, twierdzą, że konieczne jest pozbycie się prywatnego posiadania dóbr... i że ci, którzy przewodzą (skonfiskowanym dobrom), powinni działać jako administratorzy tych dóbr... a tym samym wypaczają funkcje państwa" (Rerum Novarum, 1891).

Czytając te encykliki, słyszymy ostre słowa potępienia, nawet obelgi rzucone wobec tych jednoznacznie wskazanych jako "wrogowie Kościoła".

Śluchając tego współczesnego języka, dla wielu katolików może brzmieć nieodpowiednio. W obecnych czasach, gdzie dialog i słuchanie stanowią metodologię nauczania Kościoła, możemy być kuszeni westchnieniem ulgi i po prostu powiedzieć: "Cieszymy się, że już nie żyjemy w tamtych czasach". Wielu współczesnych katolików jest gotowych odrzucić właśnie takie słowa poprzednich papieży i całkowicie je zignorować. Pozwólcie mi przedstawić trzy powody, dla których ignorowanie przeszłości, zwłaszcza poprzednich nauk papieży, wpisuje się w ręce złych duchów, które "skradają się po świecie, szukając zguby

duś", jak to wypowiadamy modląc się do św. Michała.

Po pierwsze, wiele z problemów, na które oni wskazywali w swoim czasie, jest obecnych również w naszych czasach. Może nie są one określone tymi samymi nazwami, ale jednak istnieją w postaci innych słów. Mogą nawet istnieć w bardziej wyraźny sposób, ponieważ miały czas, aby się rozwijać i rozprzestrzeniać. Leon XIII wskazuje na poważny problem polegający na zaufaniu tym "którzy przewodzą skonfiskowanym dobrom". Z łatwością to można odnieść do tych, którzy dzisiaj promują tzw. "równość". Po drugie, historia jest głęboko związana z historią wojen. Jako wierzący, wszyscy musimy być pasjonatami pokoju. Dlatego też, aby zapobiec wojnom, powinniśmy być czujni wobec tego, co do nich prowadzi. Poprawa błędów, gdy są jeszcze małe, z pewnością sprzyja pokojowi. Kończąc, wskaże, że Ci papieże dostrzegli problemy nie tylko w społeczeństwie jako całości, ale wyczuwali infiltrację problemów wewnętrznych. Studiowanie tych błędów pozwala nam utrzymać równowagę i koncentrację w koncepcji prawdy w ramach "prawdziwej wiary".

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

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**Mass Intentions**

**Monday — January 22nd**

7:00 AM GOD’S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY  
 † JERRY W. PTACEK  
 by Linda Kurinec

**Tuesday — January 23rd**

7:00 AM FOR ALL OF THOSE ENROLLED IN THE  
 CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS  
 7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA MONIKI  
 WITKOWSKI (urodziny)  
 by Rodzice  
 † FRANCISZEK STOCH  
 by Żona z Dziećmi  
 † KONSTANTY CHUDZIK  
 by Córka z Rodziną

**Wednesday — January 24th**

7:00 AM † STANLEY & VICTORIA LAYMAN  
 by Marc & Rita Gimbel

**Thursday — January 25th**

7:00 AM † RAYMOND SLIWINSKI  
 by Anna Wozniak

**Friday — January 26th**


7:00 AM † GREGORY N. KUHLMAN  
 by Guadalupe Sanchez

**Saturday — January 27th**

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED  
 5:00 PM † MARTA TUKINDORF  
 by Alina & Andy Presz  
**Fr. Koys** † JOHN PAVLOVIC  
 by Doug & Trish Nickleski  
 † WILLIAM CASWELL  
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**Sunday — January 28th**


7:00 AM † RAYMOND SLIWINSKI  
**Fr. Stawiarski** by Anna Wozniak & Theresa Polnner  
 8:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA CÓREK  
**Carmelites** Z RODZINAMI  
 by Rodzina Bialas  
 † MARIAN WÓJCIK (11 Rocznica Śmierci)  
 by Córka z Rodziną  
 † EUGENIA I FRANCISZEK KALITA  
 by Rodzina  
 † JAN NIEMIEC  
 by Szwagier  
 9:30 AM † MARY M. ALFIREVICH  
**Fr. Stawiarski** by Villasenor Family  
 † MICHAELINA LABUDA  
 by Ruth & Joe Tomala  
 11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA ROBERTA  
**Carmelites** (40 urodziny)  
 by Rodzice  
 † ANNA KOCHAN (6 Rocznica Śmierci)  
 by Córka Beata Kozak z Rodziną  
 † JÓZEF PARDOL  
 by Janina i Stanley Nowobilski  
 † FRANCISZEK LICHOSYT (Rocznica Śmierci)  
 by Córka  
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 & WOMEN  
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### National Television Appearance... by Someone from Our Parish!

This week on the EWTN Global Catholic Television Network, the largest Catholic network in the world, the show "At Home with Jim and Joy" will interview author and speaker Coleen Kelly Mast, who is also our parish Evangelization Coordinator.

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Coleen's EWTN television show appearance scheduled during the March for Life Week is timed to further the Catholic conversation regarding Respect for Life and the methods for teaching our youth the sacredness of the power to give life. The hosts of the show, Jim and Joy Pinto, will interview Coleen for two shows to be broadcast Wednesday and Thursday January 24th and 25th. The Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) is available on Cable, Internet TV, and Apple TV, as well as at [EWTN.com](http://EWTN.com) and the EWTN app. Coleen also hosts a live weekly radio show on EWTN called Mast Appeal on Saturday mornings.



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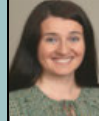
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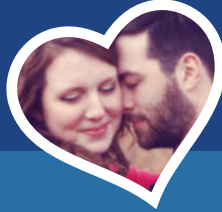
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