

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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February 1, 2026

Fourth 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.

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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)	Parish Council:	Stan Brzezniak, President bulletin@stcyril.org
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	Helping Hands:	helpinghands@stcyril.org
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM Also available by appointment.	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
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:	Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass	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.
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 mtsniez@gmail.com	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.
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	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


From the desk of Father Kloys
Dear Parishioners,

I'm grateful for this opportunity to keep in touch in a small way while I'm away on sabbatical. The Gospel for today gives us the Beatitudes.

How blessed are we and happy we can be by living our faith. A few points I'd like share.

They have a custom down here in Tennessee that we lack up north. It's the way strangers greet each other. It's a little hard to get used to, but when you hear it, it's a wonderful thing. As people leave each other, they say, "Have a blessed day." Most people say this, even when you are checking out in the grocery store or paying for your gas. It's a small thing when you think about it, but it makes a big impression. This little thing should make us consider the meaning of a word that has lost most of its meaning in recent years. That word is "Christendom." Most theologians today will tell you that Christendom is dead. It was a reality back in Europe, back in the day when there was a partnership between civil society and Church leaders. A partnership that Thomas Jefferson drove a wedge through with his famous "separation of church and state" proclamation.

A parallel to "Have a blessed day" slapped me in the face when I had a chance to visit Dollywood. The Christmas decorations and shows were winding down that day, but one couldn't escape the radical difference between walking about at Great America and strolling through Dollywood. Besides all the "Have a blessed days," all the shows were unapologetically pro-Jesus. If you didn't watch the video "A Nate Bargatze Nativity Scene," you might miss the point I'm trying to share. Nate appears as an angel to Joseph and Mary, where Mary asks, "Angel, how much is Christmas about Santa and how much is it about Jesus?" The angel replies, "90:10 Santa." How right he is. Except in Dollywood. As a Catholic priest, I share with you a certain sadness or embarrassment. You see, the South is predominantly Protestant. Up here in Chicago and other northern cities, Catholicism held the sway. At least that may have been true years ago, but it is doubtful at best today.

Watching the news these days, instead of a chorus of "Have a blessed day," it hurts my ears to hear how often news reports have to "bleep out" bad

words. Something Scott Hahn said in a talk a long time ago seems to explain much of this. While explaining the Catholic teachings on marriage and the family, he said, "Swear words and curse words are often about the bedroom or the bathroom. They often take what is sacred in order to destroy it." This also reminds me of an important lesson I learned in my philosophy classes. "Remember students," the teacher said, "the corruption of the best becomes the worst." America is often praised as the envy of the world. We need to work a little harder to bring back the best of Christendom.

Fr Thomas Kloys, 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 2025, see the bulletin for the form to fill out and send to the office.
- The Lemont Knights of Columbus will once again sell their delicious tamales on Super Bowl Sunday, February 8, after all SSCM and St. James Masses. Please stop by their table to support this fundraiser—**while supplies last**. More details are in the bulletin.
- This month of February begins our yearly Annual Catholic Appeal. You will be receiving, or may have already received, a mailing from Cardinal Cupich to answer the call, "Together We Bring Light." Please see the details in this and upcoming bulletins.
- **We are currently looking for altar servers.** If your child is in 4th through 7th grade and is interested in serving at the altar, please contact Szymon Koszarek for more information and to sign up for the training sessions this month. Registration forms are available on the tables in the back of church. Please note that the second training date was updated since last week; the correct date is listed on page 9 of this bulletin. Families are encouraged to consider this ministry.
- We would like to congratulate the second graders from our parish school and Religious Education program as they receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this upcoming weekend. May you always feel the peace, joy, and comforting love of God's forgiveness in your hearts. God bless you all.



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

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents and Parishioners,
Week Twenty-One Recap

Last week was filled with energy, achievement, and community at SSCM as we balanced learning, leadership, and school spirit. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade continued their academic growth with iReady Diagnostic 2 assessments in both reading and math, helping teachers better understand and support each learner's needs. School spirit was on full display with a lively basketball pep rally and Student Council's pom-pom sales in support of our teams, all leading up to an exciting weekend where our boys basketball team captured the Emil Tournament championship—an incredible accomplishment we are proud to celebrate. We also gathered as a faith-filled community at the Catholic Schools Week Mass and Open House, where we were delighted to welcome many new and returning families to celebrate our school and all that makes SSCM special. From academics to athletics to faith, it was truly a week worth celebrating—Go Comets!

Mr. Turney, SSCM Principal

****SAVE THE DATES**** SSCM Gala -
Friday, February 13 at 7 pm

We're excited to invite you to the SSCM Fundraiser Gala on Friday, February 13th at 7:00 PM. The event will be held at the Crystal Grand in Lemont and features a fun Casino Night theme with "funny money" gambling and plenty of opportunities to enjoy the night together. We hope you can join us for this special evening of fun, celebration, and support for our school community.

Our 8th Grade Boys won the Emil Basketball Tournament January 24th! Way to go Comets! What a wonderful way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of this tournament that has been a big part of our SSCM and Lemont history!





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

On January 25th our second grade students gathered at the SSCM school and our beautiful church for their First Reconciliation Retreat as they are getting ready to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on February 7th.

Thank you to Father Paweł Komperda for his wonderful words of wisdom and for spending time with all our students and their parents. We are looking forward to celebrate this meaningful Sacrament with our students and their families.



St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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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.

CONFSSION 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.

Wine & Wisdom – Feb 4

Jim Coughlin will lead the group discussion of *"The Forgotten Way,"* the book by Matthew Kelly distributed by the Sag Bridge Mission Society at Christmas. Read up & be prepared to share your thoughts.

Feb 11 – Learn about the mystic Mother Eugenia, an Italian nun in the 20th century. Her revelations were from God the Father and have received the imprimatur from her bishop.

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



First Saturday – Feb 7, 2026

Our Lady of Fatima asked us to show her special devotion on the First Saturday of each month. It's easy to do at St James. We begin with Morning prayer at 7:45, then Mass at 8, then Adoration & Fatima devotions, including rosary. Join us!



Another Christmas season has officially come to an end. The Altar & Rosary Society would like to thank Margaret Gal and all her helpers for the beautiful Christmas decor and florals that made our Church so beautiful at this most joyous time. Not only was it pleasing to the eyes, but it also reminded us that this season is a time to remember and reflect on what it is all about, and that is Jesus. We pray that everyone can make Jesus the center of their lives in the new year.



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!

Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord

Monday, Feb 2, after 8am Mass
 Fr Zimmer will bless candles as part of Candlemas Day



Feast of St Blaise – February 3

The traditional blessing of St Blaise for protection from all illnesses will be given after the 8am Mass on Tuesday. At 6pm that day, Fr Zimmer will hold a St Blaise Healing Prayer Service. Come receive the blessing and receive a blessed rose petal also!



Theology of the Dance returns to Young Married Couples – February

17 at 6:30pm! See info, including childcare RSVP, on the flyer in church or at historicstjames.com.

Theology of the Body

Thurs, Feb 5 – 7 to 8:30pm – Sag Hall

"Theology of the Body" is a series of talks given by St. Pope John Paul II at his papal audiences. He explores many wonderful aspects of human love. All adults are invited to join in as Fr Zimmer leads the discussion.



On Jan 17, Fr Zimmer officiated as St James joyfully welcomed **Izabella Maria Kolesinski** into the family of God. Blessings & congratulations to her & her parents, Phillip & Dominika (n. Stasik) Kolesinski.

Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!



Lent Begins February 18
The Sag Bridge Mission Society has announced it will distribute the Magnificat Lenten Companion to St James parishioners free of charge. Watch for it on Feb 15.

Septuagesima Sunday

In the traditional Roman Catholic liturgical calendar (TLM), Feb 1, 2026, is the beginning of preparations for Lent. The origin of its name is based on the number of days before Easter (but it's not mathematically accurate to septuagesima's literal meaning, *seventieth*). Still it's a good reminder that Lent is near. Will we be prepared? Will we give our all this Lent? Should we start planning today?



FYI – At Athenaeum in Feb/Mar
Bernadette, The Musical. This live musical faithfully follows the story of the remarkable Bernadette Soubirous, whose Marian apparitions in Lourdes changed the world's spiritual landscape.

FEB 12–MAR 15, 2026

Go to athenaeumcenter.org for more information

Knights of Columbus

Tamale Sale—Super Bowl Sunday, Feb 8

After all masses, while supplies last. Pork and chicken tamales, \$12 per 1/2 dozen.

Proceeds support Lemont K of C charitable works throughout Lemont and the surrounding areas.

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!



Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

8:00AM Blessings & Thanksgiving—Raj Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:00AM †Dennis Slowik
Birthday Health & Blessings--Margaret Gal

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00PM †Anthony Cimino

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:00AM †Rochelle Haklin

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

6:00PM †James Slowik
Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00AM †Mary Wenzel
Birthday Blessings—Mary Beth Rudis
Reparation for sins against Blessed Mother

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:15AM †Anthony Cimino
10AM †John Burtuss
12:00PM For Conversations & Poor Souls in Purgatory



Our weekly *Offertory* collection from January 25, 2026 was \$2,331. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$2,075.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

Altar Flowers

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

**KAYT MILLER—
IN MEMORY OF SUSANNA MILLER**

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8
8:15am	Mark Henze, Matthew Rebello, Eric Delatorre
10am	Will & Conor Pawlisz, Daniel Newsom, Matthew Sullivan



Please Make Your Gift To The 2026
Annual Catholic Appeal ~
Together we bring light

Many families in our parish should have received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries of the parishes and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us an opportunity to join with others and affirm that "together we bring light." In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. As we consider God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect our gratitude by using and sharing those gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express that gratitude. Please make a donation as you are able to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Klub Polski w Lemont

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

Gość specjalny spotkania:

HOME CARE
POWERED BY AUAF™
Assyrian Universal Alliance Foundation

Przedstawiciele Home Care przedstawiają bezpłatny, stanowowy program niemedycznej opieki domowej dla seniorów, dostępny również dla Polonii.
Przyjdź i sprawdź, czy Ty i Twoi bliscy możecie skorzystać!

Pierwsza środa miesiąca
4 lutego
Różaniec Rodziców za Dzieci

7PM:
Spowiedź
Adoracja
Różaniec
Msza Św.

Zapraszamy wszystkie RÓŻE RÓŻAŃCOWE
z Parafii SSCM w Lemont oraz wszystkich chętnych,
którzy chcieliby dołączyć do wspólnej modlitwy
za dzieci, dzieci chrzestne oraz za wnuków.

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

SAINTS
CYRIL & METHODIUS

**SS. Cyril & Methodius
Feast Day Celebration!**

Join Father Valdi and SSCM parishioners to celebrate SS. Cyril and Methodius Feast Day after the 5pm mass on Saturday, Feb 14th. There will be a short presentation about our patron saints followed by light snacks and drinks till 7pm. Those interested please reserve your space thru the Signup Genius link on our parish website or Facebook page or email sscmreachout@gmail.com.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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



A little love CAN SAVE A LIFE

DONATE BLOOD

**Saturday
February
21**
9:00AM – 1:00PM

Lemont V.F.W Post 5819 & Knights of Columbus Council Blood Drive

Location: Lemont V.F.W Post 5819
15780 New Avenue
Lemont, IL 60439

Appointments appreciated; Walk-Ins welcome!
To schedule, go to www.versiti.org/IL, load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code below

Photo ID Required

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

 

1-800-7TO-GIVE







ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT

We are currently looking for boys and girls in the 4th, 5th, 6th, & 7th 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 for new servers will take place on Tuesday, February 17 at 5:30 PM and on Saturday, February 21 at 6:00 pm (corrected from last week) in the church. If your child is interested in becoming an altar server, registration forms for the training can be found on the back tables in church or have been emailed to you through the school or religious education program.

All children interested in serving must complete a registration form. For more information, please contact Szymon Koszarek at 630-257-2776 or email him at skoszarek@archchicago.org.



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.



Are you or anyone you know in need of a 24/7 caregiver?

English/Romanian speaking caregiver available for a 24/7 position. For more details contact Connie at 630-257-5496.



Knights of Columbus® Lemont 1599

Knights of Columbus Tamale Fundraiser Super Bowl Sunday, February 8, 2026

The Lemont Knights of Columbus will hold a Tamale Fundraiser after each of the Masses at these Lemont Churches: SSCM, St. Al's-St. Pat's, & St. James on Sunday, February 8th. The cost is \$12.00 per 1/2 dozen. Pork and chicken tamales will be available- while supplies last.

Proceeds support charitable works of the Lemont Knights of Columbus, particularly in the Lemont community.



**The First Friday
February 6th**

**Pierwszy Piątek Miesiąca!
6 Lutego, 2026**



**7:00 AM
(English)
&
7:00 PM
MSZA ŚW.
(po polsku)**

"I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the first Friday for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment." — Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary

**"Kto dziewięć piąteków odprawi jak trzeba,
nie umrze w grzechach, lecz pójdzie do nieba"**

**Nabożeństwo pięciu pierwszych sobót miesiąca
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION!**

MOTHER OF GOD: "Tell everyone that I promise to come to help with all favors at the hour of death to those who will make confession for five months on the first Saturdays, receive Holy Communion, pray one Rosary and for fifteen minutes of meditation on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary will accompany me in intention to redress."

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, December 10, 1925

Mass: Boda obliczała szczególnie taki tydzień, aby wierzyć i pracować nabożeństwo Pięciu Pierwszych Sobót miesiąca, odprawiane w duchu wynagrodzenia Jej Niepokalanemu Sercu. Główna obietnica: „Przyrzekam, że przyjdę z pomocą w godzinie śmierci, ze wszystkimi taskami potrzebnymi do zwiastowania, tym, którzy przez pięć kolejnych pierwszych sobót miesiąca: przystąpią do spowiedzi, przyjmą Komunię Świętą, odmówią różaniec, przez 15 minut będą rozwijać tajemnicę różańcową – wszysko to uczynią w intencji wynagrodzenia za znielęgi przeciwko menu Niepokalanemu Sercu.”

February 7th, 2026

**7:00 AM - English
7:00 PM - Polish**



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.



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

Serdecznie Zapraszamy!

Club 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 Słowiańską Federalną Unią Kredytową, Radio Maryja, Doma, Sports Outlet Express, Thermomix, oraz wieloma innymi!

Dla osób zainteresowanych promocją swojego biznesu lub firmy jest możliwość wykupienia stoiska reklamowego: pełny stół, pół stół - \$125
Istnieje również możliwość zamieszczenia reklamy w specjalnej gazetce Dnia Polskiego, która będzie szeroko rozpowszechniona.

Główne uroczystości Dnia Polskiego rozpoczną się Mszą Świętą w języku polskim o godzinie 14:00. Z radością informujemy, że podczas obchodów zostanie wręczona nagroda "Polak Roku 2026".

W programie:

- prezentacja tematu Dnia Polskiego pt. "Polacy w walce o niepodległość Ameryki", ze szczególnym uwzględnieniem postaci Tadeusza Kościuszki i Kazimierza Pułaskiego
- występ Polonijnej Orkiestry Dętej "Trójcowa"

Serdecznie Państwa zapraszamy! Z niecierpliwością oczekujemy Waszej pozytywnej odpowiedzi i wspólnego świętowania bogactwa polskiego dziedzictwa. Prosimy o potwierdzenie obecności do 12 lutego 2026 r.
email: polishclub@stcyril.org
tel. (773) 216-1108.

Z wyrazami szacunku,
Klub Polski w Lemont - Stróżem Wiary, Tradycji i Kultury Polskiej



Website www.klubpolskilemont.org **Phone** 773-216-1108 **Email** polishclub@stcyril.org **Address** 608 Sobieski Street Lemont, IL 60439



Z biurka wikariusza proboszcza

Drodzy Parafianie,

Bardzo się cieszę, że mogę korzystać z możliwości pozostawania w kontakcie z Wami, choćby w niewielkim stopniu, podczas mojego urlopu sabatycznego. Dzisiejsza Ewangelia ukazuje nam

Błogosławieństwa. Jako katolicy doświadczamy ogromnego szczęścia żyjąc w zgodzie z naszą wiarą. A oto kilka myśli, którymi chcialbym się z Wami podzielić.

Tutaj, w Tennessee, mają zwyczaj, którego brakuje nam na północy. Otóż chodzi o sposób, w jaki obcy ludzie się ze sobą witają. Na początku trudno się do tego przyzwyczaić, ale gdy już tego doświadczymy, odczuwa się wewnętrzną radość. Ludzie gdy wychodzą, mówią: „Błogosławionego dnia”. Większość ludzi wypowiada to pożdrowienie nawet wtedy, gdy płaci przy kasie w sklepie spożywczym albo za paliwo na stacji benzynowej. Można to nazwać drobnostką, jednak gdy się nad tym głębiej zastanowisz, to robi to ogromne wrażenie. Ta mała rzecz powinna skłonić nas do refleksji nad znaczeniem słowa, które w ostatnich latach utraciło znaczną część swojego sensu. Tym słowem jest „świat chrześcijański” (Christendom). Większość teologów dziś powie, że świat chrześcijański już nie istnieje. Była to rzeczywistość dawnej Europy, w czasach, gdy istniało partnerstwo między społeczeństwem świeckim a przywódcami Kościoła. Partnerstwo to zostało zerwane przez Thomasa Jeffersona za sprawą jego słynnej deklaracji o „rozdziiale Kościoła od państwa”.

Podczas wizyty w Dollywood uderzyło mnie w oczy coś, co było odpowiednikiem zwrotu „Błogosławionego dnia”. Świąteczne dekoracje i przedstawienia dobiegały tam końca, ale nie sposób było nie zauważyc radykalnej różnicy między spacerem po Great America a przechadzką po Dollywood. Oprócz pożdrowienia „Błogosławionego dnia”, wszystkie przedstawienia były bez wahania pro-Jezusowe. Jeśli nie widzieliście nagrania „A Nate Bargatze Nativity Scene”, możecie nie uchwycić sensu tego, czym chcę się podzielić. Nate pojawia się tam jako anioł wobec Józefa i Maryi, a Maryja pyta: „Anie, ile w Bożym Narodzeniu jest Mikołaja, a ile Jezusa?” Anioł odpowiada: „90:10 Mikołaja”. Jakże to trafne, z wyjątkiem Dollywood.

Jako ksiądz odczuwam podobny smutek lub zażenowanie. Niestety, Południe Stanów Zjednoczonych jest w przeważającej mierze protestanckie. U nas, w Chicago i innych miastach północy, katolicyzm miał kiedyś znaczącą pozycję. Być może było to prawdą lata temu, lecz w obecnych czasach jest to co najmniej wątpliwe. Oglądając dzisiejsze wiadomości, zamiast słuchać chóru „Błogosławionego dnia”, z wielkim smutkiem widzę jak często relacje medialne muszą

włączać sygnały dźwiękowe aby wyciszyć wulgarnie słowa. Coś, co Scott Hahn powiedział dawno temu podczas jednego z jego wykładów, pomaga nam tę sytuację wyjaśnić. Tłumacząc katolickie nauczanie o małżeństwie i rodzinie, powiedział: „Przekleństwa i wulgarnie słowa często dotyczą sypialni albo toalety. Często sięgają po to, co święte, aby to zostało zniszczone”. Przypomina mi na myśl również ważna lekcja z zajęć filozofii: „Pamiętajcie, uczniowie” powiedział nauczyciel „zepsucie tego, co najlepsze, prowadzi do najgorszych rezultatów”.

Ameryka bywa często chwalona jako obiekt zazdrości całego świata. Musimy jednak włożyć nieco więcej wysiłku, aby przywrócić wartości chrześcijaństwa.

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

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- Nowy rok oznacza czas rozliczeń podatkowych! W celu uzyskania zestawienia swoich składek złożonych w 2025 roku, prosimy wypełnić formularz znajdujący się w biuletynie i przesłać go do biura parafialnego.
- Rycerze Kolumba (Knights of Columbus) w Lemont po raz kolejny będą sprzedawać swoje pyszne tamales w Niedzielę Super Bowl, 8 lutego, po wszystkich Mszach u św. Cyryla i Metodego i mszach św. Jakuba. Prosimy zatrzymać się przy ich stoliku, aby wesprzeć tę akcję — do wyczerpania zapasów.Więcej szczegółów znajduje się w biuletynie.
- W tym miesiącu lutym rozpoczyna się nasza Coroczna Kwesta Katolicka.** Otrzymacie Państwo, albo być może już otrzymaliście, przesyłkę od kardynała Cupicha z prośbą o odpowiedź na wezwanie: „Razem przynosimy światło.” Prosimy o zapoznanie się ze szczegółami w tym oraz w kolejnych biuletynach.
- Poszukujemy ministrantów.** Jeśli Państwa dziecko jest w klasie 4–7 i jest zainteresowane służbą przy ołtarzu, prosimy o kontakt z Szymonem Koszarkiem, aby uzyskać więcej informacji i zapisać się na sesje szkoleniowe w tym miesiącu. Formularze rejestracyjne są dostępne na stolikach z tyłu kościoła. Prosimy zauważać, że druga data szkolenia została zaktualizowana od zeszłego tygodnia; poprawna data znajduje się na stronie 9 tego biuletynu. Zachęcamy rodziny do rozważenia tej posługi.
- Chcielibyśmy pogratulować drugoklasistom z naszej szkoły parafialnej i z programu religijnego (RE) przystąpienia do Pierwszej Spowiedzi w nadchodzący weekend. Niech w Waszych sercach zawsze będzie pokój, radość i pocieszająca miłość Bożego przebaczenia. Niech Bóg Was błogosławi.**

Mass Intentions

Monday — February 2nd (The Presentation of The Lord)

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
 † DANUTA ORLOW
 † IRENA URKOSKI-SKRZYPczAK (6 Anniv.)
 by Danuta Skrzypczak & Peter
 † KRISTEN KOGUT
 by Mom & Dad

11:30 AM † WŁADYSŁAW RAFACZ

by Aniela Jagiełło

7:00 PM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH
 I ZMARŁYCH

Tuesday — February 3rd

7:00 AM † THEODORE ORSZULAK
 by Labuda Family
 7:00 PM † JÓZEF I LUDWIKA SZUBA
 by Córka
 O BOZE BŁ. DLA RYSZARDA WITKOWSKI
 (urodziny)
 by Żona z Dziećmi
 O BOZE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA KASI PRĘDKI
 (urodziny)
 by Rodzice
 O BOZE BŁ. I SZCZĘŚLIWĄ OPERACJĘ DLA
 FRANKA

Wednesday — February 4th

7:00 AM DECEASED MEMBERS OF SLABON, WOZNIAK,
 TEMPLIN & POLNIAK FAMILIES
 by Family

Thursday — February 5th

7:00 AM † TOM & CHARLES EMERSON
 by Betty Budz

Friday — February 6th (First Friday)

7:00 AM ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
 7:00 PM O BOZE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA STANISŁAWA
 (urodziny)
 by Dzieci
 † WŁADYSŁAW I MARIA KOWALCZYK
 by Syn z Rodziną
 † ALOJZY WONTORCZYK
 by Alex i Dominika
 † JÓZEF MILAN
 by Rodzina

Saturday — February 7th (First Saturday)

7:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
 † MARY BETH RUDIS
 by SSCM Parish & School Staff
 † JOHN & ELEANOR CAITHAMER
 by Tinoco Family
 5:00 PM † JAKE MICHALEK
 by Dennis & Mary Ellen Hennebry
 † MARY BETH RUDIS
 by Her Children

9:00 PM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH
 Fr. Valdi I ZMARŁYCH

Sunday — February 8th

7:00 AM † ROZALIA CISEK
 Fr. Valdi by Family
 † ZOFIA DRAG
 by Margaret & Chris Czupta & Family
 8:00 AM † MICHAŁ I MARIA KREŽEL
 Carmelite by Syn
 † MARIA I MACIEJ JANDURA I SYNOWIE,
 CZESŁAW I JÓZEF
 by Córka/Siostra
 † CZESŁAW GONDEK
 by Brat

9:30AM † STEFANIA I STANISŁAW LESNICKI
 by Rodzina
 Fr. Valdi † ANTONI & HELENA SAWICKI
 by Kosmowski Family
 † GREAT-GRANDFATHER & JOANNA
 MADZOŁEWSKI
 by Kosmowski Family
 † FRANCIS & LORETTA KRAMER
 by Ruth & Joe Tomala
 GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR MARK & JUDY
 MERZLOCK (40 Wedd. Anniv.)
 11:00 AM Carmelite ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH
 I ZMARŁYCH
 † JOHN BUDZ (11 Rocznica Śmierci)
 by Rodzina
 † ANNA I TADEUSZ ZAGATA
 by J.S. Nowobilski
 † FRANCISZEK POLAK
 by Żona z Córki
 12:30 PM † ANDRZEJ RYCHTARCZYK
 Fr. Valdi by Wife & Children
 2:00 PM O BOZE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA RAFAŁA
 Carmelite SZKŁARZ (2 urodziny)
 by Dziadkowie
 † JANINA SUCHMIEL
 by Rodzina
 † LESZEK SKOCZEŃ (8 Rocznica Śmierci)
 by Rodzina
 † HENRYK WĘGLARZ
 by Rodzina
 7:30 PM Fr. Zimmer FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED



*Blessed Sacrament Candle Intention
 For Week of February 2nd Through
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† IRENA URKOSKI-SKRZYPczAK
 by Danuta Skrzypczak & Peter

Pray for ...

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

William Podborny

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Roger Laurella

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Candace Cavanaugh

John Wojciechowski

Adeline Bahnick

Judy

Marcia Nowak

Karen Plachy

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Cindy Evankoe

Lorraine Ziolkowski

Mark Hussey

John Dunleavy

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

Parish Contributions
January 17 & 18, 2026

Envelopes	512	13,741.00
GiveCentral (1/12-1/18)	133	<u>3,093.00</u>
Total		\$16,834.00

Budgeted: \$15,700.00 | Actual: \$16,834.00 | \$1,134

512 envelopes plus 133 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 31% of 2,100 registered parishioner families.

Your donations help meet our immediate needs, repairs and improvements. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

Parish Contributions
January 24 & 25, 2026

Envelopes	456	16,042.00
GiveCentral (1/19-1/25)	139	<u>3,291.00</u>
Total		\$19,333.00

Second Collection: Church Latin America \$1,973.00

Budgeted: \$15,700.00 | Actual: \$19,333.00 | \$3,633

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2025 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2025 will be mailed upon request only. If you would like your statement, please fill out the information below and return it via the PLB drop box, by mail or place it in the collection basket at church. Please include your envelope number. Your statement will be mailed to you after January 31st.

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Please pray for...

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

Capt. Catherine R. Chappell, Pilot HC130, U.S. Air Force; **Frank Romanowski**, Army Combat Medic; **SPC Ryan Sherwood**; **PVT Robert Kyle O'Hare**, US Army; **Dominic Maiella**, US Marine Corps; **Jonathan Plonka**, US Air Force; **Matas Maleiska**, US Navy; **Cole Kowalczyk**, Army Specialist; **LT. Colonel Ken Hussey**, Army; **Lt. Jacob Halon**

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



Wedding Banns

*Brittany Barron and Colton Wojnowski
Adela Janik and Giovanni Velasco*

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*Lisa Jaworski and Hunter LaDuke
Married January 24, 2026*



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