

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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November 9, 2025

The Dedication Of The Lateran Basilica



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:		Parish Council:	Stan Brzezniak, President
Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM		Bulletin:	bulletin@stcyril.org
Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation		Helping Hands:	helpinghands@stcyril.org
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)		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	
Special Masses:		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.	
Tuesday PM: devotions at 7 PM, 7:45 PM (Polish)		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.	
First Friday: 7:00 AM (English), 7:00 PM (Polish)		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.	
First Saturday: devotions at 7 PM (Polish), 9:00 PM (Polish)		Parish Website: www.stcyril.org	
Holy Days of Obligation: As announced		School Website: www.school.stcyril.org	
Sacrament of Reconciliation:		Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont	
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM		School Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMComets	
First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM			
Also available by appointment.			
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:			
Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass			
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:			
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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			



From the desk of Father Koys Dear Parishioners,

How is it that an anti-Catholic revolutionary Italian gave us one of modernity's most touching "Catholic parables?" Carlo

Collodi wrote *Pinocchio* in 1881

after serving in the Army of the Piedmont. He was part of the unification war to unite Italy as one nation. It's strange, the "risorgimento" movement, as it was called, was like our USA Revolution, but if we look closer, it was very unlike ours. Both wars were fought to establish a nation, but our revolution was a war of independence from a king. The Italian version was a war to destroy the independence of the "states" and establish a king.

The group, 'Well Read Moms', published "Pinocchio, with Reflections on a Father's Love," by Franco Nembrini. It should be a must-read for all young people. The story of Pinocchio—known to most of us because of the Disney movie—is only a fraction of the fascinating story found in the original book. We often say, "the book was better than the movie," but let's face it, a movie is easier to watch than the book is to read. Pinocchio, of course, is the loveable puppet who yearns to be a real boy. He gets himself into so much trouble, especially because he has that terrible habit of lying. We all know that his nose grows when he lies, and he eventually does become a boy. But the reason for my article today is to call attention to real story behind the parable. I ask you, how is it that one revolution is all about dethroning a king and another revolution is all about installing one?

As a God fearing patriotic American, I confess I'm partial to the American Revolution, but not for the reasons generally cited. Contemplating the differences between these two important modern events of world history, the Gospel can shed significant light. Many applaud the American Revolution because it eliminated the political system known as the

monarchy. Many will say, "Kings are bad, power to the people." If kings are bad, why did Italy want one when they didn't have one?

Today, as a believer in Jesus Christ, I'm prepared to say that I applaud the dethroning of George III, not because I believe democracy is innately superior to a monarchy. I sing our National Anthem with pride because those who made America saw in George III, a man who blatantly abused two key political principals that flow directly from Catholicism, namely: subsidiarity and suzerainty. Italy's war made a similar mistake. People like Collodi fought not only against people who didn't want a king, but fought directly against Catholicism that provided wisdom and a world view that they rejected.

But wait, my next article will be on Collodi's conversion.

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

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

- Please remember to return your filled baby bottles this weekend to help support the Greater Chicagoland Women's Center. Thank you for your generosity.
- Please consider volunteering for our annual SSCM Tree of Love. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks that will help spread Christmas joy to those in need in our area. More information can be found in the bulletin.
- There will be a second collection the weekend of November 15th & 16th for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please see the bulletin for more information about helping those in poverty.
- Thank you veterans for your courage, dedication, and hard work to protect us. Thank you to the military families for their support, resilience and sacrifice. We honor you this Veteran's Day.



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

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School



Dear Parents and Parishioners,
Week Eleven Recap

Last week, our Student Council led an incredible Fall Spirit Week celebrating the theme of making courageous decisions—and what a success it was! Each day brought energy, creativity, and a wonderful sense of community to our school. From the dazzling bright colors of "Set a Bright Future" to the pride of SSCM spirit wear, the cozy fun of pajama day, and the inspiration of college and career outfits, our students truly embodied the spirit of courage and confidence. A special shout out to our 8th graders for winning our "Fight Song" contest on Thursday and earning a special incentive. A huge thank-you to our Student Council for planning such a joyful and uplifting week that reminded us all to dream big and make bold choices!

Go Comets!!

Mr. Turney, SSCM Principal





Bingo Time!



COME JOIN US FOR SOME BINGO FUN!

Thursday, November 13th, 2025

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SCHOOL GYM
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM
GAME STARTS AT 6:30 PM

CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO ALL WINNERS

WE KINDLY ASK THAT NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK BE BROUGHT IN

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE INCLUDING BEER AND WINE!

MUST BE 21 YEARS OLD TO ATTEND






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On November 9, 2025, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica** in Rome, the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome and the only archbasilica in the world. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. The Basilica is also called the Church of the Most Holy Savior or the Church of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. In ancient Rome, this was the church where everyone was baptized. It the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Saint Sylvester I in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honor of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother church, called "the mother and head of all the churches in the city and the world" (*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*), as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.



Dear Lord,
We thank You for the brave men and women who have served our country. Please protect those currently serving, heal the wounds of our veterans, and comfort the families who have lost loved ones. Guide our leaders with wisdom, and let peace reign in our hearts and world.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Mary is visiting our 1st grade families



Jesus is visiting our 2nd grade 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.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Wednesday 6:00pm & Saturday 8:30am.
Otherwise by appointment.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:

Contact the rectory office.

SICK & HOMEBOUND PASTORAL CARE:

Please notify rectory.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:00am to 2:00pm.



Our Lady of Fatima Statue

You may host our beautiful statue for one week (Sun to Sun). Scan to sign up or go to historicstjames.org.



Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

Nov 12 – Wine & Wisdom – 8pm

Fr Koys will relate one of his artistic pieces to our Church's current challenges. You don't want to miss the insight of this analogy!

Nov 19 – Dr Michael Huber will return to W&W to update us on efforts to MAHA and on vaccines in general. Important natural health information will be shared.

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



Our Beautiful Grotto!

How lucky St James is to have such beautiful grounds from Spring right up to November! Only possible because of the efforts of Jane McCague, Helen Matlawski, Irena Radzajewski, Kathy Mittel, Madonna Muscarello, Mary Pawlisz, Donna Kossman, Christine Pillado, Linda Cozzi, and Patty Manolis.

What a team! What a blessing! Thanks!



4th Annual All Saints Walk

St Therese of Lisieux & her Carmelite sisters were among the famous figures. See more at historicstjames.org photo album.



St Elizabeth of Hungary Food Ministry

A new food rescue ministry is being considered. Please go to our website to complete a 3-question survey about participating. Thank you!

Return Baby Bottles, Please

Please return baby bottle for The Women's Centers fundraiser as soon as possible. Help moms & babies!



American Heritage Girls, Troop 0908, will be selling Advent calendars, wreaths, and candles on Nov 16 after all Masses. AHG is a Christ-centered character & leadership development program for girls aged 5 - 18. Support them if you can.

Do you take warmth for granted?

Many people do not have a warm home. Can you help with blankets, hoodies & men's coats? Drop in the bin in Charlie's Chapel. Large & larger sizes please! (No women's or children's.)



From Darkness to Divine Light

Sag Bridge Mission Society Presents

Former Satanist, Zachary King, will share his amazing conversion story, which led to his current ministry: closing abortion clinics! Powerful! Inspirational! Educational! Nov 21, 22, 23 – 7pm

Register at sagbridgemiSSIONsociety.org

Adults Friday // Teens (Parents welcome) Saturday // Anchor (Young Adults) Sunday. All in Sag Hall. Free. Seating is limited. Reserve your seat now. Also everyone is invited to join Fr Koys & Mr King at the Access Clinic for a Eucharistic procession. Nov 23, ~11am



On October 25, St James welcomed Penelope Quinn Wrobel into the family of God. Congratulations & blessings to her & her parents, Zachary & Alison (Bednara) & Godparents.



Sandwich Making Ministry

On Nov 15 you are invited to come to Sag Hall at 7am to help assemble 150 lunches which are distributed to those in need in Chicago. For more info call Tim at 312-498-7186.



Upcoming Weddings:

James Losiewicz & Grace Littleton
Stephen Dillenburg & Jennifer Blum
Joseph Valascho & Eve Linden

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

JANE HOPSON - IN HONOR OF ST JAMES VETERANS

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/9/25

St. James Altar & Rosary Society
 All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 United States of America
 For Our Children—Heather, Ryan & Colleen
 For Our Grandchildren—Henry, Ellie, Maddie, Owen
 In Loving Memory—Henry Matlawski



Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10
 8:00AM ✠ Vivian Heffley
 Birthday Blessings—Benjamin Fera

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
 8:00AM James & Janine Prorok—Wedding Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
 7:00PM ✠ Marie Pospisil
 ✠ Vince Bianco

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
 8:00AM Franciscans of Redemptive Love
 ✠ Maria Ratlowski

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14
 6:00PM ✠ Ludmilla Dolgilevica
 Health & Healing—Dolly Podczerwinski

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
 8:00AM ✠ Barbara Gabert
 ✠ Fr. Edward Cronin
 ✠ Health & Healing—Sr. Maria Paulina

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
 8:15AM ✠ William & ✠ Marguerite Mueller
 ✠ Richard Guzior
 10AM ✠ Jozef & ✠ Sabina Mozdzien
 Living/deceased Members Lustig/Lahart Fams
 12:00PM Blessings & Safe Return—Jacob Halon
 Max & Linda Mata—50th Wedding Anniv

Our Weekly Offering

Our weekly *Offertory* collection from November 2, 2025 was \$6,340. Our *Maintenance* collection was \$620. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$1,253. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**



Spiritual Adoption Prayer

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you, spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion. Amen."

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16	
8:15am	Christos & Frankie Latsonas, Dominic Spang Alex & Sebastian Pawlikowski	
10am	Will & Conor Pawlisz, Daniel Newsom, Christian Cozzi	



A Note From Cardinal Blase Cupich

The Church teaches that receiving Holy Communion is not a private action but a communal one, as the very word “communion” implies. For that reason, the norm established by the Holy See for the universal Church and approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is for the faithful to process together as an expression of their coming forward as the Body of Christ and to receive Holy Communion standing. Processions are an ancient practice of the Church and have been part of the liturgy from the earliest days, assisting the faithful to always keep in mind that we are a pilgrim people, making our way together to the fulness of the heavenly banquet Christ has prepared for us. We process into the church. We process up to bring the gifts. We process to receive Holy Communion. We process out to carry the Lord into the world.

Nothing should be done to impede this sacred ritual of receiving communion or diminish its powerful symbol by disrupting an important moment by which the faithful, in processing together, express their faith that they are called to become the very Body of Christ they receive. Certainly, reverence can and should be expressed by bowing before the reception of Holy Communion, but no one should engage in a gesture that calls attention to oneself or disrupts the flow of the procession by assuming another posture. That would be contrary to the norms and tradition of the church, which all the faithful are urged to respect and observe.



Second Collection November 15th & 16th Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection will take place on the weekend of November 15th and 16th. For over 50 years, CCHD has been working in partnership with community organizations to address the root causes of poverty in the United States. Please help support this worthy cause.



Tree of Love Volunteers Needed

Our annual Tree of Love Christmas gift drive is right around the corner, and we need your help to make it a success! Volunteers are needed throughout November to help create gift tags, organize donated gifts, and sort gift cards. This is a wonderful way to spread Christmas joy and serve families in need within our community. If you'd like to lend a hand, please email Hannah Krzeminski at keepingupwithkrzeminskis@gmail.com. Thank you! for helping us share the spirit of giving this Christmas season!



BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

Please return your baby bottle to church this weekend. This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. Thank you for your generosity.



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.



Lemont Catholic Anointing of the Sick Bilingual Mass

On **Saturday, November 15th**, SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at the **11 AM Mass. This will be a bilingual (English-Polish) Mass.**

We extend an invitation to those in our Lemont Catholic Family who feel that the Celebration of Anointing will provide help for them in sickness and aging of their bodies.

In the past, the anointing was done near the time of death. Theology today understands anointing as the Sacrament of the Sick rather than at the time of approaching death. The Anointing of the Sick is the prayer of Christ and His Church for the physical and spiritual health of the sick person.

Who may be anointed?

- ❖ A sick person may be anointed before he/she undergoes surgery, whether or not the surgery is serious.
- ❖ Persons with chronic illness.
- ❖ Older persons, even if they are not suffering from dangerous illness.
- ❖ Mentally disabled persons and chemically dependent persons.
- ❖ A sick child may be anointed in order to be comforted and uplifted by the Sacrament.

After the Mass, there will be a luncheon for all those who attend in our Parish Life Building. In order for us to prepare for this luncheon, we ask that you

RSVP: No later than 9:00 AM, Monday,

November 10th, by calling Szymon at 630-257-2776 or emailing him at

skoszarek@archchicago.org. You can also fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket.

Anointing of the Sick Luncheon RSVP

Name:

How many will attend:

Please RSVP: No later than 9:00 AM

November 10th!

We hope you can join us for food & fellowship!

Bal Wszystkich Świętych All Saints' Party



Bal Wszystkich Świętych w Lemont – niebo było naprawdę blisko!

Czwarta edycja Balu Wszystkich Świętych w Lemont po raz kolejny udowodniła, że gdy działa Duch Święty, dzieją się prawdziwe cuda! To wydarzenie zjednoczyło ludzi o wielkich sercach: Parafię SS. Cyril & Methodius w Lemont, Klub Polski, Małą Oazę Dzieci Fatimskich, Diakonię „Wniebogłosy” oraz zespół Wakacje z Bogiem w Lemont. Dzięki ich zaangażowaniu, radości i sile ducha mogliśmy razem ewangelizować, budować wspólnotę i przypominać wszystkim, że Jezus kocha każdego z nas. Bal był przepelniony świętą radością – tańce, śpiew, konkursy wiedzy o świętych, zabawy zręcznościowe i siłowe, malowanie oraz testy celności – wszystko po to, by z uśmiechem przypomnieć, że naszym prawdziwym celem jest NIEBO! Nie zabrakło również słodkości – pizzy, ciastek, napojów i całej góry cukierków! Dzieci nie musiały chodzić od drzwi do drzwi, by świetnie i bezpiecznie spędzić czas w gronie przyjaciół i świętych! To wydarzenie stało się pięknym świadectwem miłości do Boga, bliźniego i samego siebie. Pokazaliśmy, że świętość jest dla każdego, a każdy z nas może – i powinien – dążyć do świętości. Z całego serca dziękujemy wszystkim rodzicom, którzy wychowują swoje dzieci w duchu wiary i pokazują im, co w życiu naprawdę najważniejsze – zbawienie swoje i swoich najbliższych. Niech to spotkanie przypomina nam przez cały rok słowa znanej piosenki: „*Taki mały, taki duży może świętym być... Taki ja i taki ty – musi świętym być!*” Bo naprawdę – Bóg jest wielki, a my szczęśliwi, że mogliśmy być razem! Do zobaczenia za rok!

All Saints' Ball in Lemont – Heaven Felt So Close!

The 4th Annual All Saints' Ball in Lemont once again proved that when the Holy Spirit is at work, miracles truly happen! This joyful event brought together people with hearts full of love – SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish, the Polish Club, the Little Fatima Children's Oasis, the "Wniebogłosy" Music Ministry, and the Vacation with God in Lemont team. Thanks to their dedication, joy, and faith, we were able to share the Good News, strengthen our community, and remind everyone that Jesus loves each of us deeply. The evening was filled with holy joy – dancing, singing, games, art, contests about the saints, and fun physical challenges – all reminding us that our true goal is Heaven! There was plenty of pizza, cookies, drinks, and mountains of candy! No need to go door to door – everyone had a safe, faith-filled, and joyful time together! This celebration became a beautiful testimony of love for God, our neighbor, and ourselves. We showed that holiness is for everyone – and that each of us can and should strive to be a saint. Our heartfelt thanks go to all the parents who raise their children in faith and teach them what truly matters – the salvation of their souls and the souls of their loved ones. Let us remember throughout the year the words of a beloved song: “*No matter big or small – we can all be saints!*” God is great – and we are so grateful we could be together! See you next year!





Z biurka wikariusza proboszcza Droży Parafianie,

Jak to możliwe, że antykatolicki rewolucjonista z Włoch podarował nam jedną z najbardziej zmodernizowanych i poruszających „katolickich przypowieści”. Carlo

Collodi napisał Pinokia w 1881 roku, po służbie w armii Piemontu. Brał udział w wojnie, której celem było połączenie Włoch w jedno państwo. Warto zwrócić uwagę na to, że ruch ten, zwany risorgimento, był podobny do naszej amerykańskiej rewolucji, jednak gdy się przyjrzymy bliżej tej sytuacji to w rzeczywistości był zupełnie inny. Celem obydwu wojen było ustanowienie państwa, jednak nasza rewolucja była wojną o niepodległość od króla, podczas gdy włoska wersja była wojną o zniszczenie niezależności poszczególnych „stanów” i ustanowienie króla.

Grupa Well Read Moms (Obczytane Mamy) opublikowała książkę Pinokio z refleksjami o ojcowskiej miłości, których autorem był Franco Nembriniego. To książka, którą powinien przeczytać każdy młody człowiek. Historia Pinokia, znana większości z nas dzięki filmowi Disneya, to tylko fragment fascynującej opowieści zawartej w oryginalnej książce. Często się słyszy: „książka była lepsza niż film”, ale prawda jest taka, że film łatwiej obejrzeć niż przeczytać książkę. Pinokio to oczywiście uroczy pajacyk, który pragnie zostać prawdziwym chłopcem. Wpada w wiele kłopotów, głównie dlatego, że ma straszny nawyk kłamania. Wszyscy wiemy, że jego nos rośnie, gdy kłamie, i że ostatecznie rzeczywiście staje się chłopcem. Ale powodem dla którego piszę ten tekst jest zwrócenie uwagi na prawdziwą historię kryjącą się za tą przypowieścią. Tutaj właśnie zadam pytanie: jak to możliwe, że jedna rewolucja polegała na obaleniu króla, a inna na jego ustanowieniu?

Jako bogobojny, patriotyczny Amerykanin przyznaję, że jestem bardziej przychylny rewolucji amerykańskiej — ale nie z powodów, które zwykle się podaje. Rozważając różnice między tymi dwoma ważnymi wydarzeniami w nowożytnej historii świata, możemy spojrzeć na nie w świetle Ewangelii. Wielu

chwali rewolucję amerykańską, ponieważ zlikwidowała system monarchiczny. Wielu mówi: „Królowie są źli, władza należy do ludu”. Ale jeśli królowie są źli, dlaczego Włochy chciały mieć króla, skoro go wcześniej nie było?

Obecnie, jako wierzący w Jezusa Chrystusa, mogę powiedzieć, że popieram obalenie Jerzego III nie dlatego, że uważam demokrację ogólnie lepszą od monarchii. Z dumą śpiewam nasz hymn narodowy, ponieważ twórcy Ameryki dostrzegli w Jerzym III człowieka, który rażąco naruszał dwie kluczowe zasady polityczne, wynikające bezpośrednio z katolicyzmu, a mianowicie: zasadę subsydiarności (pomocniczości) i zasadę zwierzchności (władzy suwerennej). Wojna włoska popełniła podobny błąd. Tacy ludzie jak Collodi walczyli nie tylko przeciwko tym, którzy nie chcieli króla, ale również przeciwko katolicyzmowi jako ideologii oferującej mądrość i światopogląd, które oni odrzucili.

Zapraszam do mojego następnego artykułu w którym opiszę historię nawróceniu Collodiego.

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

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- Prosimy pamiętać o zwróceniu napełnionych butelek z drobnymi monetami w przyszły weekend, aby wesprzeć Chicagowskie Centrum Kobiet. Dziękujemy za hojność.
- Prosimy o rozważenie zaangażowania się jako wolontariusz w naszej corocznej akcji parafialnej Drzewo Miłości. Poszukujemy wolontariuszy do różnych zadań, które pomogą dzielić się radością Bożego Narodzenia z potrzebującym w naszej okolicy. Więcej informacji znajduje się w biuletynie.
- Podczas przyszłego weekendu, 15 i 16 listopada, druga kolekta zostanie przeznaczona na rzecz Katolickiej Kompanii Rozwoju Człowieka. Więcej informacji jak pomóc rodzinom żyjącym w ubóstwie znajduje się w biuletynie.
- Dziękujemy weteranom za odwagę, poświęcenie i ciężką pracę w obronie nas wszystkich. Dziękujemy rodzinom wojskowych za ich wsparcie, wytrwałość i poświęcenie. Oddajemy Wam cześć w tym Dniu Weterana.

Mass Intentions

Monday — November 10th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
✠ STANLEY J. KEDZIOR
by Marie & Family

Tuesday — November 11th

7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
✠ TADEUSZ KAJPUST
by Brother & Family
7:00 PM ✠ JÓZEF MILAN
by Rodzina
✠ JAN I SŁAWOMIRA GIĄDŁA
by Rodzina
✠ JÓZEF I LUDWIK SZUBA I CÓRKA BRONIA
by Rodzina Polak
✠ KAZIMIERA BUCZAK
by Córka

Wednesday — November 12th

7:00 AM ✠ JOZEF & JANINA WARGACKI
by Cislo Family

Thursday — November 13th

7:00 AM ✠ FOR ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

Friday — November 14th

7:00 AM ✠ MARCIA C. SEILER
by John

Saturday — November 15th

7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ALEXANDER KAROL
BUDZ ON HIS 1ST BIRTHDAY
✠ MIECZYSLAW GERAT
by Family
5:00 PM ✠ JULIA DIAZ
Fr. Brian by Rita Suchecki & Family
✠ HENRY & GENEVIEVE MROZEK
by Family
✠ JULIA KOZIEL
by Lottie & Walter Koziel
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR LEO & JULIE
TEJKOWSKI (45 Wedd. Anniv.)
by Family

Sunday — November 16th

7:00 AM ✠ MARY BETH RUDIS
Fr. Brian by Roger Rudis
✠ EVELYN NOVAK
by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Magrini
8:00 AM ✠ WANDA CHOLEWA
Fr. Valdi ✠ ZA ZMARŁYCH CZŁONKÓW KLUBU POLSKIEGO
✠ JAN STRAMA
by Rodzina
✠ MARIA, STANISŁAW I WOJCIECH BARTOSZEK
by Syn z Rodziną
9:30 AM ✠ PROF. PAUL ADL
Fr. Brian by Madej Family
✠ JOZEF KAMINSKI
by Jadwiga Stypula
✠ WESLEY BAKOWSKI (2 Anniv.)
by Mom & Family
✠ EDWARD SCEPKOWSKI
by Family
11:00 AM ✠ ZMARLI Z RODZIN SIECZKA I DŁUGOPOLSKI
Fr. Valdi ✠ HALINA MASLONA
by Leszek i Marie Krzyminski
✠ ANIELA GAL (2 Rocznic Śmierci)
by Rodzina
✠ JAN I ANNA KRZYMINSKI
by Leszek i Marie Krzyminski

12:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Fr. Brian ✠ JOZEFA DZIABA

2:00 PM DZIEKCZYNNO-BŁAGALNA W INT. MARI
Fr. Valdi I STANISŁAWA KRĘŻEL (68 Rocznic Ślubu)
by Dzieci

✠ MACIEJ I MARIA JANDURA
by Rodzina

✠ ANIELA I FRANCISZEK GIĄDŁA
by Rodzina

✠ KRZYSZTOF RZOŃCA
by Rodzina

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



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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Ed Nieponski

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Doug Fitz

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.

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*Courtney Toth and Matthew Luzzo
Married November 1, 2025*

*Wedding Banns*

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*May Perpetual Light
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In your prayers, please remember the soul of
Michael A. Papiernik.

May his soul and the souls of all our
faithfully departed family and friends rest
in everlasting peace.

**Please pray for...**

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

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*Please inform the parish office if there are any
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Why Catholics Prefer Burial Over Cremation and the Proper Handling of Ashes

The Catholic Church has a long tradition regarding the treatment of the body after death. While most Catholics choose burial, cremation has become more accepted in recent years. What are the Church's teachings on the proper disposition of the dead body or the cremated remains?

Why Catholics Prefer Not to Cremate Historically, the Catholic Church strongly favored burial over cremation. This preference is rooted in several theological and spiritual beliefs:

- **Respect for the Body:** Catholics believe the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit and should be treated with dignity, even after death. Burial reflects this respect and the belief in the eventual resurrection of the body.
- **Imitation of Christ:** Jesus Christ was buried after his crucifixion. Burial allows Catholics to follow Christ's example and participate in the hope of resurrection.
- **Symbolism of Burial:** Burial symbolizes the sowing of a seed, as referenced in Scripture (1 Corinthians 15:42-44), which will be raised in a new and glorified form at the resurrection.
- **Historical Associations:** In the past, cremation was sometimes chosen by pagans to deny Christian beliefs in resurrection. The Church discouraged cremation to distance itself from these pagan intentions.



Why Catholics May Choose Cremation Today In 1963, the Catholic Church began to permit cremation, provided it was not chosen as a sign of denial of faith in the resurrection. The Church recognizes practical reasons for choosing cremation, such as financial constraints, environmental concerns, or health regulations. However, the Church still expresses a preference for burial when possible.

Why Ashes Should Be Buried If cremation is chosen, the Catholic Church has clear guidelines regarding the treatment of ashes:

- **Permanent Resting Place:** Ashes should be buried in a cemetery, mausoleum, or columbarium. This ensures the remains are treated with the same respect as a full body burial and provides a sacred place for remembrance and prayer.
- **Prohibition of Scattering or Dividing Ashes:** The Church prohibits scattering ashes, keeping them at home, or dividing them among family members. These practices can diminish the respect due to the deceased and contradict the belief in the unity of the body.
- **Communal Witness:** Burial in a sacred place reflects the communal nature of the Church and allows the faithful to remember and pray for the dead together.

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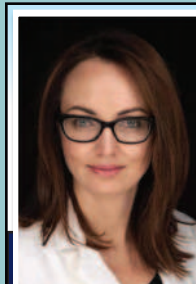
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