

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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October 12, 2025

Twenty-eighth 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
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		Bulletin:	bulletin@stcyril.org
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM Also available by appointment.		Helping Hands:	helpinghands@stcyril.org
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass		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	
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: Located in the Divine Mercy Chapel in the Parish Life Building. Please contact: Lottie (630) 442-9441, Mark (773) 727-7934, Margaret mtsniesz@gmail.com		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.	
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		Marriage: The bride and groom are encouraged to be registered, active, contributing parishioners of SS. Cyril & Methodius. Arrangements are to be made with a priest or deacon as soon as possible. A Marriage Preparation Program is a requirement of the Archdiocese. To schedule a wedding, please contact the parish office.	
		Social Media: In an effort to enhance communication with our parishioners and visitors, please visit these websites to stay better connected with the many events and ministries of our parish.	
		Parish Website: www.stcyril.org	
		School Website: www.school.stcyril.org	
		Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont	
		School Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMComets	



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

With Columbus Day tomorrow and the Gospel singing the praises of a foreigner who recognizes the greatness of Jesus Christ's power to heal, I can't help but share a very key point I just heard about our precious faith.

The Epoch Times replayed an interview that Charlie Kirk did with a student. The question the student posed was, "Why do you believe in Christian mythology?" The one Samaritan leper who comes back to Jesus to say thank you isn't supposed to be a good guy. The very category, "foreigner" is meant to be pejorative. Now, I can't be sure, if the student who was challenging Charlie was a foreigner, but he very well might have been. But whether he was an American citizen or someone from a different nation, his question reveals a different kind of outsider status. I'm referring to the fact that this student was definitely an outsider to the faith of Christians. His question revealed the ancient pagan world view. All religions are myths. To Charlie's great credit, he answered the student with reason and charity and tact. A point Charlie made was that no one in the first century would have started a movement as radical as Christianity by basing the evidence of Christ's resurrection on the word of a few women who said they met the risen Lord. It makes no sense. But this is the important point of seeing the difference between Christianity and paganism. If religions can be considered mythology, then making sense, or being reasonable doesn't matter. For example, the evidence that Apollo exists is pointing out that the sun races across the sky. If the sun races across the sky, then there must be a god who pulls it in a chariot. Does that make sense to you? I didn't think so. And I don't think it made much sense to the followers of Apollo either, but follow him they did. Why? I don't know. But there must have been other reasons, like follow Apollo or else lose your job or even your head.

I can't help sharing yet another precious thought from G.K. Chesterton on religious belief. In *The Everlasting Man*, he tells us there is a great difference between the knowledge gained through the modern methods of "science"-that is, through the methods of experimentations,-and the knowledge gained through the everlasting methods of collecting evidence of ALL kinds, scientific experiments as well as the overpowering evidence from "credible witnesses." The skeptical student who challenged Charlie, I am sure, was taught that he should only accept proof that comes from "scientific experiments." I do feel sorry for such people because they will never believe anyone who tells them, "I love you," because love is proven, not in a laboratory, but more like what Cher sang, when she said, "it's in his kiss."

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

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

- October is Respect Life Month. Please see the bulletin for some Pro-Life activities happening during the month of October.
- Please help support the Greater Chicagoland Women's Center by grabbing a baby bottle from the back of the church & filling it with your spare change. This donation helps expectant mothers and their babies in need. See the bulletin for more information.
- The weekend of October 18th & 19th there will be a second collection for World Mission Sunday. Please consider making a donation to help support the missionaries that support 1,124 areas where the church is young, poor or persecuted. Please find more information regarding World Mission Sunday in the bulletin.
- Please see the schedule for All Saints' and All Souls' day. The Memorial Mass with names of those who have died this past year will be read at the 5:00 PM Mass on All Saints' Day, Saturday, November 1st..



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

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

As we celebrate Our Lady, Queen of Victory this week, we also reflect on the many ways SS. Cyril and Methodius School experiences victory every day. Our students not only exceed state and local benchmarks in academic performance, but also thrive through experiential learning that brings knowledge to life. We see God's presence in our lives each day—whether in the classroom, in acts of kindness, or in moments of perseverance and growth. Each week, our school family gathers for All-School Mass, where students take the lead in prayer, song, and service, and we come together regularly for Assembly to celebrate one another and our mission. At SS. Cyril and Methodius, we empower students to be confident leaders rooted in faith, making us the premier school for leadership and Catholic education in Lemont. These victories—in learning, in faith, and in community—shine forth as daily reminders of the triumph of Christ and the guiding presence of Our Lady in our midst.

Go Comets!!

Mr. Dan Turney, Principal

A Catholic Education at SS. Cyril and Methodius School...

It is a choice based on a commitment to students with leadership, integrity, and respect.

For information and to arrange a personal tour, please call 630-257-6488, ext. 19 or email lazowski.jackie@stcyril.org.

Please enjoy some pictures from our week at school. See students learning, working as a team, and showing kindness, all while growing our faith in God.





**SS Cyril & Methodius
Religious Education Program**
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www.re.stcyril.org

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator



During the month of October, many of our students visit our beautiful Grotto to pray the Holy Rosary.

Attention students grades 1st - 5th complete the word search below and bring it to your Catechist the week of 10/20/2025 to receive a small prize.



**REMINDER THERE IS NO RE CLASS ON
MONDAY 10/13/2025 AND WEDNESDAY
10/15/2025 IN OBSERVANCE OF
COLUMBUS DAY**

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

AMERICA
ATLANTIC
BAHAMAS
CAPTAIN
CARIBBEAN
COLUMBUS
COMPASS
CREW
DISCOVERY
EUROPE
FERDINAND
GOLD

Christopher Columbus Word Search

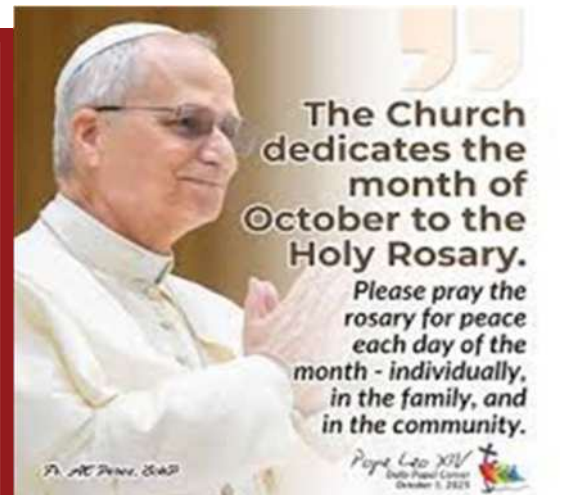


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St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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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!

Oct 15 – No Wine & Wisdom

Fr Koys will be away on retreat, and the rest of the W&W crew will take a little Fall break.

Oct 22 – Steve Paliakus, DC, will present fascinating info on New Age and Voodoo alternative medicine as well as the Vatican document, "Jesus Christ the Water Bearer."

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

Please Note: No Confessions Wed, Oct 15.



Brother Dogs & Sister Cat

On a beautiful Saturday morning, St Francis inspired a pet blessing. Dogs were the popular pet – various sizes & wonderful temperaments. The lone cat felt more secure in her carrier, but obliged the group photo. Thanks Fr Koys!

It's time to think about...

Can you help homeless men stay warm? Place blankets, hoodies & men's coats in the box in Charlie's Chapel. Large & larger sizes are most needed! (Please no women's or children's.)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.



Now thru Nov 2 – Join the fight for life. Come pray at the abortion clinic 1700 75th Str, DG. Sign up and info at 40daysforlife.com Stand up and help the babies and the moms!



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!

HIKING OCTOBER 18TH PILGRIMAGE

WALKING WITH CHRIST, PILGRIMS OF HOPE

As part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, we invite you to take part in a special pilgrimage through Starved Rock State Park and concluding at St. Mary's Catholic Church, an official Jubilee pilgrimage site.




**REGISTER &
DETAILS >>**

St. Mary's Catholic Church
303 S. Division St., North Utica, IL 61373

johnbanasiak21@gmail.com

Starved Rock State Park
1 Lodge Lane, Oglesby, IL 61348
Main Parking Lot

Save the Date!

Fri, Nov 7 or Tue, Dec 2
Fr Koy's will lead evening prayer & then a townhall meeting starting at 7pm both evenings in Church.

All Saints Cemetery Walk - Oct 27

Don't miss the annual All Saints walk through St. James' cemetery on Mon, Oct 27. This year tickets will be distributed to designate which group starts when. All participants arrive at Sag Hall at 6:30pm and are encouraged to dress as their favorite saint. Watch for further details.



Upcoming Weddings:

Robert Olson & Katie Groppe
James Losiewicz & Grace Littleton
Jorge Robles & Aylin Ornelas

Altar Flowers

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

**THE COZZI FAMILY AND
PARISHIONERS OF ST JAMES**

Votives

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/12/25
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



Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00AM Blessings & Healing—Cassandra Grace
Birthday Blessings—Michael Schreiber

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:00AM Birthday Blessings—DJ Ryan
Blessings & Healing—Cassandra Grace

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

7:00PM †Vince Bianco
100th Birthday Blessings—Veronica Riley

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:00AM Blessings & Safe Return—Jacob Halon

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:00PM †John Henze
Health & Healing—Michelle Rebello

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00AM †Stanislawa, †Tadeusz, & †Stas Fit

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:15AM David & Laura Henze Wedding Anniversary
Birthday Blessings—Joan Stanzler

10AM †Karen Brown
Health & Healing—Sr Maria Paulina Sterling

12:00PM †Anne Orlowski
Birthday Blessings—James Prorok



**Our
Weekly Offering**

Our weekly *Offertory* collection from October 5, 2025 was \$6,507. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$4,898.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

For anyone needing healing after abortion
Rachel's Vineyard is hosting a retreat in Lemont
Oct 17-19. 815-370-8118 or www.rachelsvineyard.org

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19	
8:15am	Mark Henze, Eric Lelatorre, Will & Conor Pawlisz	
10am	Matthew Rebello, Daniel Newsom, Matthew Sullivan	



In the Catholic Church, October is observed as Respect Life Month. It's a time to reflect on the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death, and to consider how to build a culture that cherishes and protects vulnerable individuals.

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End



BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

The Baby Bottle Project (bottles available now) enables the whole family to participate in helping The Women's Center of Greater Chicagoland's pro-life mission. Empty baby bottles are in the back of the church for families to bring home and collect their spare change to help fund the work that they do. Your donations help assist mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material and spiritual support through counseling, clothing, and monetary provisions, prayers and other aid. At the same time, participants pray for women and children who are vulnerable to abortion. This project is a wonderful way for the community to show its support for life and for children to learn the beauty of giving to help others. Please pick up a bottle, fill it with your spare change and return it by November 9th.



All Souls' Day Mass of Remembrance

At the 5:00 PM, All Saints' Day Mass, we will read all the names of the parishioners who have passed away this past year. A candle will be lit in their memory. All are invited to bring a picture of their deceased loved ones. The pictures will be displayed at the front of the church during the month of November.

SS. Cyril & Methodius & St. James Mass Schedule For All Saints' and All Souls' Day

All Saints' Day Saturday, November 1

7:00 AM (English)
11:30 AM (Polish)
5:00 PM (English)
Memorial Mass
7:00 PM (Polish)

8:00 AM St. James
12:00 PM St. James



All Souls' Day Sunday, November 2

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

8:00 AM St. James
10:00 AM St. James
12:00 PM (TLM)
St. James



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY PASTRY SALE THIS WEEKEND!!

FALL NAPOLEON PASTRY SALE
Sunday, October 12th
(After all Masses)





Second Collection World Mission Sunday October 18th & 19th

Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples

Next weekend we
celebrate World
Mission Sunday and
our fundamental

vocation to be, in the footsteps of Christ, messengers and builders of hope. This year's theme, Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples, reminds us of the message of this Jubilee Year. Let us reflect on our common call, as the community of the baptized, to share the love of God with everyone. Your generous donations given in the World Mission Sunday collection will support the efforts of countless missionaries in 1,124 areas where the church is young, poor or persecuted. Let us build a communion of prayer and action.

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 -
except Easter for
Kindergarten - 4th graders
Join Us!!!

BINGO TIME!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 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 OR OLDER TO ATTEND
Prize given for BEST COSTUME!



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.

Baptisms: August 9, 2025 through September 7, 2025 *Welcome our Newest Members into our Faith Community*



ANGELICA SOFIA, daughter of Ricky and Michelle (Gajos) Gil
ANTHONY ANDY, son of Christopher and Kathy (Wilczek) Rusnak
NELA POLAK, daughter of Damian & Natalya (Ligas) Polak
ADAM APOLLO, son of Tomasz and Marta (Podpora) Bednarczyk
ADELINE ARTEMIS, daughter of Tomasz and Marta (Podpora) Bednarczyk
JOSEPH MICHAEL, son of Joseph and Rebecca (Urbanczyk) Gutierrez Jr.
BAKER ANTHONY, son of Kyle and Anne (Elia) Millinowisch
GRANT MICHAEL, son of Michael and Alicia (O'Donnell) Rohr
HELENA MARIA, daughter of Paul & Iona (Jablonska) Staszal
EVE CAPRI, daughter of Nico and Brittany (Thele) Musto
LEO MICHAEL, son of Guiseppi and Ann (McGuire) Russo

NABOŻEŃSTWO FATIMSKIE



Nabożeństwa Fatimskie w Parafii świętych Cyryla i Metodego, odbywają się 13-go dnia każdego miesiąca, od maja do października. To jedna z dodatkowych okazji na pogłębienie naszej relacji z Matką i jej Synem.

Ojciec Święty Jan Paweł II mówił:
„Apel Matki Bożej Fatimskiej musi być podejmowany z pokolenia na pokolenie, (...) Trzeba do niego nieustannie powracać. Trzeba go podejmować wciąż na nowo.”

13 października - 7PM

13 maja i 13 czerwca i 13 lipca i 13 sierpnia i 13 września i 13 października
Serdecznie zapraszamy Wszystkie Dzieci!
Parafia Św. Cyryla i Metodego, St. James at Sag. Border Mission

KLUB POLSKI w Lemont SERDECZNIE ZAPRASZA NA OGNISKO

Niedziela, 10-19-2025 12:00 PM

1208 W. 151 St. w Lockport
Ziomek Farm

- Golonki
- Grochówka
- Kielbaski
- Dobra atmosfera

BONFIRE
POLISH SAUSAGE & GOOD TIME
WITH GOOD FRIENDS FROM POLISH CLUB
ALL WELCOME!

Diakonia Muzyczna wNIEBOgłosy



Przy Parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont

**“Kto śpiewa,
dwa razy
się modli.”**
- Św. Augustyn

**Dołącz
do nas...**

630 257 9314
wnieboglosy@stcyril.org

SCAN ME!




Zapraszamy dzieci oraz młodzież w wieku 6-18 lat do naszej diakonii muzycznej pod nazwą “wNIEBOgłosy”.

Próby:
WTORKI
5:30 PM-6:30 PM
w budynku parafialnym

Pierwsza próba:
7 października

Raz w miesiącu dzieci z diakonii muzycznej ubogacają liturgię swoim śpiewem podczas Mszy Świętej o godz. 11:00 AM.

Formy do rejestracji są dostępne w biurze parafialnym.

Dołącz do nas - niech radość muzyki łączy nasze dzieci w służbie Panu!

Mała OAZA Dzieci Fatimskich

Pod patronatem Klubu Polskiego w Lemont przy Parafii SSCM

**Bezpłatne zajęcia dla dzieci
od 5 do 15 lat
w każdą sobotę od 9:00 do 9:55 AM
od 18 października 2025 do 9 maja 2026**

**Taniec
Śpiew
Wspólnota
Teatr**

**Zajęcia plastyczne
Gry i zabawy**

**Miłość do Boga i Bliźniego
Rozważanie Ewangelii**

Wiara

Dzieci przygotowują przedstawienie teatralne na Oplatek i na Święconkę.
Zajęcia odbywają się przy Parafii SSCM w Lemont pod patronatem KLUBU POLSKIEGO

PO INFORMACJE ORAZ ZAPISY
PROSIMY DZWOŃĆ DO
MARGARET SNIĘZKO
773-350-3650 lub
email: polishclub@stcyril.org

Wreszcie Życ– 12 Kroków Ku Pełni Życia



Prowadzący warsztaty rozwoju duchowego “Wreszcie Życ” przy parafii Sacred Heart w Palos Hills wraz ze wspólnotą Sychar ogłaszają zapisy do nowej grupy.

Tel (708) 417-3292 12krowpalos@gmail.com www.12krowpalos.org

Warsztaty są przeznaczone dla osób, które między innymi: Czują się samotne, zagubione, zranione i są spragnione zdrowych relacji; Czują pustkę, bezsilność wobec niektórych swoich uczuć, myśli i reakcji; Czują nieadekwatny lęk, wstyd, poczucie winy; Czują złość, smutek i nie potrafią sobie z tym poradzić; Czują potrzebę pogłębienia relacji z Bogiem;



Z biurka wikariusza pastora

Drodzy Parafianie,

Jutro obchodzimy Dzień Kolumba, a w Ewangelii słyszymy pochwały skierowane do cudzoziemca, który rozpoznał wielkość mocy uzdrawiania przez Jezusa Chrystusa. Nie mogę więc powstrzymać się od podzielenia z Wami bardzo istotną myślą, którą właśnie usłyszałem o naszej drogocennej wierze.

The Epoch Times (informacyjna sieć internetowa) powtórzyła wywiad, który Charlie Kirk przeprowadził ze studentem. Pytanie studenta brzmiało: „Dlaczego wierzysz w chrześcijańską mitologię?” Ten jeden Samarytanin-trędowaty, który wraca do Jezusa, aby Mu podziękować, nie miał być „dobrym bohaterem”. Samo określenie „cudzoziemiec” miało wydźwięk pejoratywny. Nie wiem, czy ten student, który prowokował Charliego, był cudzoziemcem. Niezależnie od tego, czy był obywatelem amerykańskim, czy przybyszem z innego kraju, jego pytanie ujawniło jednak inny rodzaj statusu osoby z zewnątrz. Mianowicie chodzi o to, że ten student był zdecydowanie obcy wobec wiary chrześcijan. Jego pytanie ujawniło starożytny pogański światopogląd: wszystkie religie to mity. Dzięki Charliemu, należy przyznać, że odpowiedział z rozsądkiem, życzliwością i taktem. Zwrócił uwagę m.in., że nikt w I wieku nie rozpocząłby tak radykalnego ruchu jak chrześcijaństwo, opierając dowód zmartwychwstania Chrystusa na świadectwie kilku kobiet, które twierdziły, że spotkały Zmartwychwstałego Pana. To przecież nie miało sensu. Ale właśnie w tym tkwi różnica między chrześcijaństwem a pogaństwem. Jeśli religie traktuje się jak mitologię, wtedy nie ma znaczenia ani logika, ani rozsądek. Na przykład dowód na istnienie Apolla polegał na tym, że słońce „pędzi” po niebie. A skoro słońce pędzi po niebie, to musi istnieć bóg, który ciągnie je rydwanem. Czy to ma sens dla ciebie? Ja też tak nie sądzę. Przyznam również, że nawet dla wyznawców Apolla nie miało to większego sensu, a jednak za nim szli. Dlaczego? Nie wiem. Ale musiały istnieć inne powody, np. – czcij Apolla, albo stracisz pracę, a może nawet głowę.

Nie mogę się również oprzeć, by nie podzielić się jeszcze jedną cenną myślą G.K. Chestertona na temat naszej wiary. W książce pt. Wieczny Człowiek (The Everlasting Man) pisze on, że istnieje ogromna różnica między wiedzą zdobytą metodami współczesnej „nauki”, czyli eksperymentami, a wiedzą zdobytą wiecznymi metodami zbierania wszelkiego rodzaju dowodów – zarówno naukowych eksperymentów, jak i przytłaczającego świadectwa wiarygodnych świadków. Sceptyczny student, który kwestionował Charliego, był z pewnością uczony, że powinien przyjmować tylko takie dowody, które pochodzą z „eksperymentów naukowych”. Szczerze współczuję takim ludziom, bo nigdy nie uwierzą nikomu, kto powie im: „Kocham Cię.” Bo przecież miłość nie jest udawadniana w laboratorium, lecz – jak śpiewała Cher – „jest w jego pocałunku.”

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

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Mass Intentions

Monday — October 13th (Fatima)7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIALS

8:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA KASI

✠ JÓZEF MILAN

by Rodzina

✠ JULIA KOZIEL

by Lottie i Walter Koziel

✠ JÓZEF I FRANCISZKA DZIĄBA

by Rodzina

Tuesday — October 14th

7:00 AM LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIALS

7:00 PM ✠ FRANCISZEK POLAK (3 Miesiące Śmierci)
by Żona z Dziećmi

✠ EMILIA I PAULINA GJĄDŁA

by Rodzina

✠ KAROLINA I LEON SMRECZAK

by Rodzina

✠ STANISŁAW SADELSKI

by Żona

Wednesday — October 15th7:00 AM ✠ FRANCES MANKOWSKI (Anniv.)
by Adeline**Thursday — October 16th**7:00 AM ✠ TED, BAZYLI & ANIELA FLORYNSKI
by Teddy, Diane & Aspen

✠ NANCY SPIEWAK

by John Stach

Friday — October 17th7:00 AM ✠ DONALD BUHLE
by Robert Todd Jelinski**Saturday — October 18th**7:00 AM ✠ BARB GUNDERSON
Altar & Rosary Society11:00 AM *Wedding: Katherine Kizorek and Brian Kfinowski*1:00 PM *Wedding: Marissa DiBenedetto and Demetrio Torres*3:00 PM *Quinceanera: Aleida and Nury Alvarez*

5:00 PM ✠ DANIEL SUCHECKI

by Wife & Family

Fr. Koys✠ MARIAN CWIK & SISTER SOPHIE
by Family**Sunday — October 19th**

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Fr. Noga ✠ DOROTHY & EUGENE PLACHY

by O'Connor Family

GOD'S BLESSINGS & SPEEDY RECOVERY FOR
CALEIGH ELWOOD

by John Cisek

8:00 AM ✠ ROMAN GAŁCZYŃSKI (Rocznica Śmierci)

Fr. Valdi by Anna Dziąba

✠ ZA ZMARŁYCH CZŁONKÓW KLUBU POLSKIEGO

✠ ZOFIA I LUDWIK GAWRON

by Rodzina

✠ WŁADYSŁAW LIGAS

by Żona

9:30 AM ✠ EVELYN NOVAK

Fr. Noga by Her Granddaughter, Samantha
GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING FOR
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✠ WŁADYSŁAW OPRZEDEK (16 Anniv.)

by Maria

✠ JAMES J. BERANEK JR.

By Pam & Mark Hussey

11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA KASI

Fr. Valdi I KRZYSZTOFA WALUŚ (urodziny)
by Rodzina

✠ ADAM KOZIEL

by Dale Coneset

✠ STANISŁAW JAGIEŁŁO (8 Rocznia Śmierci)

by Żona Aniela Jagiello

✠ BRONISŁAWA STYRCZULA (5 Rocznica Śmierci)

by Córka z Rodziną

12:30 PM ✠ ZOFIA & STEFAN WILK

Fr. Rataj by Family

✠ LORA MARTELLO

by Martello Family

2:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA WŁADYSŁAWA

Fr. Valdi I MICHALINY KLIMOWSKI

by Rodzina

✠ PIOTR KLIMOWSKI

by Rodzina

✠ ALOJZY WONTORCZYK

by Alex i Dominika

✠ JANINA I WŁADYSŁAW GORYL

by Kowalczyk Family

7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

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have a loved one you would like
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Candace Cavanaugh

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Mark Malewski & Family

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Judy

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

**Wedding Banns**

*Nicole Basa and Michael Reeter
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Olivia Cislo and Tom Lyzbicki
Kristina Rybarczyk and Daniel Sieczka
Lana Sweis and Emad Bader
Courtney Toth and Matt Luzzo*

Congratulations and God's Blessings

*Sylwia Zapotoczna and Frantisek Budzak
Married October 4, 2025*

Congratulations and God's Blessings

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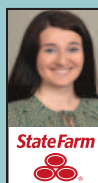
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