SS. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church
St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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November 29, 2026
First Sunday of Advent



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 of St. James welcomes all to our historic parishes that have carried on the mission of Jesus Christ.

Parish Information

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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)

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM
First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Also available by appointment.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

Following the Monday morning 7:00AM Mass

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

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

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.

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.

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



Dear Parishioners,
Today we begin the awaiting of Christ's birth, otherwise known as Advent. This is a very important time of preperation for Christmas. As we know from experiences in past years, this time of Advent passes quickly and irrevocably.

Every liturgical year should lead us to deepen our relationship with God. In our lives, we try to develop diversely in the areas of: intellect, finance, and parenting, through which we can more effectively influence and shape our children. Among these various forms of development, we must not forget the fundamental nature of our religious life, our faith, and our morality.

During this time of Advent, Christ call us to look into our own heart. Is it ready to accept the Lord? Is our heart deaf to God's voice, enslaved by earthly causes, all full of sin? Let's think about what awaits us after this Advent. Who comes to us? It is God Himself, Jesus coming in Bethlehem.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us the levels of vigilance. Primarily, watchfulness is to believe and be sure that Jesus will come. It means being ready to meet the Lord, bear in yourself the awareness that God desires to meet with us than we desire to meet with Him. Watchfulness means not missing the opportunity to meet with the Lord, and there is no better opportunity than the preparation for Advent and Christmas itself.

Thank you for your support of our church and school, and may God bless you and your loved ones,
Fr. Valdi

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

- **Dear Parishioners,** those of us who work on the bulletin are going through a transition. Our printing company has changed the software that we need to use. We are asking for your patience and kindness while we go through this transition. We apologize for any inconsistencies that may arise as we are learning to work with this new software.

- The **SSCM "Tree of Love"** ministry is beginning its 37th year of bringing Christmas joy to those in need. Please grab a tag or two from the trees in the back of the church and help make someone's Christmas wishes come true. See the bulletin for more details.

- Join us on Tuesday, December 8th, for the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,** a Holy Day of Obligation. Please see the bulletin for Mass times.

- On Monday, December 21st, **the Sacrament of Reconciliation** will take place from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM in SS. Cyril & Methodius Church.

- Please see the bulletin for our **Christmas Season Mass and Reconciliation Schedule** at SSCM.

- We have **oplatki** available on tables in the back of the church. A free will offering for the oplatki is greatly appreciated.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



2026 CARDINAL'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich cordially invites you to his annual Christmas Concert, featuring

The City Lights Orchestra
Rich Daniels, conductor

Sunday, December 6, 2026 | 2 – 3:30 p.m.

Church of the Holy Family
1080 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL

No tickets necessary.

Parking and seating available on a first come, first served basis.

This is a free concert offered generously by The City Lights Orchestra with assistance from the Music Performance Fund as administered by the Chicago Federation of Musicians, Local 10-208.



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SS. Cyril & Methodius School
"Stack The Days"

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Dear Parents & Parishioners!

As we enter the holy season of Advent, we begin a time of joyful anticipation and quiet hope. The First Week of Advent invites us to open our hearts to the promise of Christ's coming—both in celebration of His birth and in the renewal of His presence in our daily lives.

This week's candle, the Candle of Hope, reminds us that our faith is rooted not in wishful thinking but in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God. No matter what we carry into this season—our joys, worries, burdens or blessings—we are assured that God walks with us, guiding us toward His light.

To begin Advent, our school will gather for an all school Mass and participate in three service projects: the Tree of Love, SSCM Helping Hands Food Pantry, and Hope & Friendship. We will continue to spread joy to our community through planning a variety of events.

May this first week of Advent be a time of renewal for each of us. Let us open our hearts to hope, prepare our lives with intention, and support one another as we journey toward the celebration of Christ's Nativity.

Wishing you peace and hope in these sacred day ahead.
Mr. Dan Turney
Principal



We are grateful for the many special people in our lives. We are sharing a few pictures from our grandparents/special person day Mass. One of our favorite days!!





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

Thank you to Father Stan Rataj and Carmelite Father Andrzej for celebrating our monthly RE Mass on November 15, 2026. Also, thank you to our 4th and 7th students and their Catechists who were actively participating in our Mass. Thank you to all the RE families that joined us for this special Mass.



Today we light the first candle, which is purple and symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.















St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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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!

Wine & Wisdom – Dec 2

As Christmas and a new year approach, join Fr Koys and your St James friends for interesting topics to carry you through the holidays!

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

Theology of the Body
Thurs, Dec 3 – 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 Koys leads the discussion.

Warm Items for Homeless Men

If you can share coats, sweaters, hoodies, blankets to help men in need deal with the upcoming winter, please place the items in the bin in Charlie's Chapel. Thank you! (Please no women's or children's.)



First Saturday - December 5

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 & the Fatima devotions, including rosary. Join us!

Catholic Citizens of Illinois – Dec 11



Come hear Matthew Giambrone, founder and editor of *Hearth & Field*, a stunning new print journal. Lunch at Carlisle. Info & tickets at catholiccitizens.org.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY hopes everyone had a lovely, blessed Thanksgiving and invites you to our Parish Christmas Dinner **Sunday, December 6** from **3PM to 6PM.** The tickets are available at historicstjames.org for **$35.** We're serving a home-cooked meal, coffee, desserts and wine. There will be live music and raffle baskets to bid on, too. Hope to see you there!





Fr Koys Receives Semper Altius Award

On November 14, Principal Candy Hamilton bestowed Everest Academy's Semper Altius award to Fr Koys in recognition of his steadfast support of Catholic education combined with unfailing pastoral efforts to all people in our area. Well-deserved! Congratulations & Thank You, Father!

Deliverance Service – December 6

Fr Zimmer will hold his monthly deliverance prayer service at Our Lady of the Mount, 2400 So 61st Ave, Cicero, at 3:30 on Dec 6. The prayers are intended to dispel the influence of evil spirits, not bodily healing. Please share with anyone in need.



Wedding congratulations to Lalith Puchakayala & Paulina Golebiowski as they exchanged vows & entered into the sacrament of Holy Matrimony on November 14. May God bless them abundantly for many years!

Such Disregard for Life!

The sidewalk counselors estimated that more than 85 lives were lost at the abortuary the week of Nov 9. We fight for life in many ways, but every Friday at 3pm, James-ers gather at Access Health, 1700 75th Street, Downers Grove, to offer prayers that this will end! It's a bit of a sacrifice, but please come join us!

Altar Flowers

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

TERRY & BARBARA WOOD
AND
THE PARISHIONERS OF ST JAMES

Our Weekly Offering

Our weekly *Offertory* collection from November 15, 2026 was $3,362. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled $2,039.

Our reporting of the weekly *Offertory* collection from November 22, 2026 will be delayed due to early submission to the bulletin publisher
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!



Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30
8:00AM ✝Joseph Wnuk
✝Paul Szczech

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1
8:00AM ✝Walter Drust
✝Barbara Becker

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
7:00PM Birthday Blessings—Joseph F. Slowik
Birthday Health & Blessings—Jo Jackson

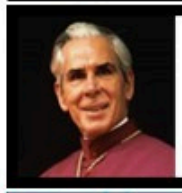
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
8:00AM ✝Mary Slowik
✝Vincent Tegel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
6:00PM ✝Salvador Valldeperas
Poor Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
8:00AM ✝Rochelle Haklin
Reparation for Sins Against Blessed Mother

Second Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
8:15AM ✝Bernadette Schenk
Blessings on Fatima Statue Families & for Increased Participation
10AM ✝James & ✝Collette Begley
✝Barbara Becker & ✝Robert Czaja
Hillarie Hull-Safe Pregnancy & Healthy Child
12:00PM Birthday Health &Blessings—Alex Bafia



Archbishop Fulton J Sheen On Right Use

You must remember to love people and use things, rather than to love things and use people.

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
8:15am	Eric Delatorre, Christos & Frankie Latsonas
10am	Will & Conor Pawlisz, Christian Cozzi, Dominic Spang



SS. Cyril & Methodius "Tree of Love"

As Christmastime draws near, once again we are asking that you open your hearts and help the needy through our "Tree of Love."

Starting the weekend of November 14th & 15th, we will begin our 37th annual "Tree of Love" ministry. Our trees will be up in the back of the church decorated with tags designated with gift cards from the wish lists of people in need. This year, we are exclusively collecting gift cards. Your Christmas spirit and generosity will benefit the following organizations:

- **Mercy Home** (a Catholic-run home for abused & abandoned boys & girls
- **Helping Hands** (program of SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish)
- **The Women's Center** (a south suburban pro-life center)
- **Sister House** (a Catholic-run homeless women's shelter in Chicago)

Please follow these simple guideline:

- Select a tag from the tree.
- Purchase the gift card on you tag.
- Please attach the gift card (with authorization receipt) to the gift tag & place it in the labeled collection boxes near the trees.
- Please return all gift cards by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH.

Merry Christmas and may God bless you for supporting the work of SSCM Tree of Love. For any questions, please contact: Hannah at 630-644-6777.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."
John 3:16





Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses at SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish
A Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, December 8th

7:00 AM English
11:30 AM Polish
6:00 PM English
7:30 PM Polish







KIOSK INFORMATION

It has been a while but several new kiosk items you may be interested in. Some items include: information on Confessions, returning to the church, special prayer books, and books regarding several different saints...

Since inflation has dominated the entire country, the cost of the kiosk materials will not be left behind. The cost of a couple of items have gone up some, but the majority of the items have gone up only slightly.

Regardless of what you purchase, I am sure that it will benefit your family.

God Bless you and Amen

NEXT WEEK IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Next weekend at each Mass will be our Commitment Weekend for the Generation to Generation campaign.

We will ask each family to make a final decision to participate. Please be prepared to complete an envelope during Mass and to:

1. **Make your best pledge.**
2. **Celebrate having already made your best pledge.**
3. **Indicate your financial decision.**
4. **Pray for the success of the campaign.**

PRZYSZŁY WEEKEND TO WEEKEND DEKLARACJI FINANSOWYCH

W przyszły weekend, podczas każdej Mszy św., odbędzie się Weekend Zobowiązań w ramach kampanii Z Pokolenia na Pokolenie.

Poprosimy każdą rodzinę o podjęcie ostatecznej decyzji dotyczącej udziału w kampanii. Prosimy, abyście byli przygotowani do wypełnienia deklaracji podczas Mszy św. oraz do:

1. **Złożenia możliwie najhojniejszego zobowiązania.**
2. **Celebracji, jeśli już złożyłeś swoje najhojniejsze zobowiązanie.**
3. **Podjęcia swojej decyzji finansowej.**
4. **Modlitwy o pomyślność kampanii.**

DONATE NOW ONLINE!
Scan the QR Code or visit
https://bit.ly/GenToGen-Donate

Scan here to view our Campaign Video!

Zeskanuj tutaj, aby obejrzeć nasz film kampanijny!

GENERATION TO GENERATION: **ANSWER THE CALL**

Young Married Couples Group

FAITH • FRIENDSHIP • A STRONGER MARRIAGE

Join us

Tuesday, December 2nd 6:30 PM

SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish Life Building

For dinner and discussion:

Facing the Holidays:

In-laws, Customs, Gifts, Travel, Kids, Santa?

And more!



RSVP to Kamile 630-400-8035

Christmas Season Schedule of Services 2026

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th

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

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th

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

Feast of St. Stephen, Saturday, December 26th

7:00 AM (English)
11:30 AM (Polish)
7:00 PM (Polish)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Vigil Mass Thursday, December 31st, 2026

4:00 PM (English)
5:30 PM (Polish)

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st, 2027

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Advent
At. St. Cyril's Parish:

Monday, December 21st
Individual Confessions (English and Polish)
5:00 - 8:00 PM Church

Pierwsza środa miesiąca
2 GRUDNIA
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!

The First Friday
December 4th
Pierwszy Piątek Miesiąca!
4 Grudnia, 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 piątków 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, Fatima, December 10, 1925

December 5th
7:00 AM - English
7:00 PM - Polish

Klub Polski w Lemont
Niedziela,
6 grudnia 2026 r.
godz. 12:00
po Mszy św. o godz. 11:00



Szczęść Boże, Dzieciaki!
Zapraszam Was wszystkich na spotkanie z prawdziwym Świętym Mikołajem – czyli ze mną! Będziemy mogli sobie porozmawiać, a także otrzymacie prezenty!
Do zobaczenia!
Módlcie się do św. Mikołaja!

Klub Polski zaprasza wszystkich członków, sympatyków oraz tych, którzy kochają Polską Tradycję, Wiarę i Kulturę!

Zapraszamy Barbary, Basie i Górników!

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Drodzy Parafianie,
Wraz z dzisiejszą niedzielą doczekaliśmy się kolejnego oczekiwania na narodzenie Chrystusa jakim jest Adwent. To ważny czas przygotowania do Świąt, a sami wiemy z doświadczenia zeszłych lat, jak szybko i bezpowrotnie, a tym bardziej bezefektywie, ten czas Adwentu przemija.

Każdy rok liturgiczny powinien nas prowadzić do pogłębienia naszej więzi z Bogiem. W swoim życiu dbamy o różnoraki rozwój: intelektaulny, finansowy, rozwój w kierunku poznania lepszych metod wychowawczych, dzięki którym będziemy mogli skuteczniej wpływać i kształtować nasze dzieci. Wśród tych różnorakich form rozwoju nie możemy zapominać o tym podstawowym, jakim jest nasze życie religijne, wiara i moralność.

W tym czasie Adwentu Chrystus wzywa nas do wejrzenia we własne serce. Czy jest ono gotowe przyjąć Pana? Czy nie jest przypadkiem głuche na Boga, zniewolone przez ziemskie sprawy, pełne wszelkiego grzechu? Pomyślmy nad tym, co czeka nas po tym Adwencie. Kto do nas przychodzi? To sam Bóg w osobie przychodzącego Jezusa w Betlejem.

W dzisiejszej Ewangelii Jezus uczy nas postawy czujności. Czuwać, to przede wszystkim wierzyć a nawet być pewnym, że Jezus przydzie. Czuwać, to być gotowym na spotkanie z Panem, nosić w sobie świadomość, że to bardziej On aniżeli my pragnie tego spotkania. Czuwać, to znaczy nie zmarnować okazji na spotkanie z Panem, a lepszej okazji niż okres przygotowania adwentowego i samo Boże Narodzenie nie ma.

Dziękuje za ciągłe wsparcie i hojność dla Parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego. Życzę miłego tygodnia i niech Bóg błowosławi Was i Waszych najbliższych,
Ks. Waldemar

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- ***Od zespołu biuletynu:*** *Przechodzimy obecnie na nowe oprogramowanie do przygotowywania biuletynu, ponieważ nasza drukarnia zaktualizowała program używany do jego przygotowania. Prosimy o cierpliwość i wyrozumiałość w czasie tej zmiany. W trakcie nauki pracy z nowym oprogramowaniem mogą pojawić się sporadyczne nieścisłości w formatowaniu. Przepraszamy za wszelkie niedogodności i dziękujemy za Państwa ciągłe wsparcie i życzliwość.*

- *Parafialna inicjatywa **„Drzewo Miłości”** przy parafii Świętych Cyryla i Metodego rozpoczyna swój 37. rok niesienia radości Bożego Narodzenia osobom potrzebującym. Można wziąć jedną lub dwie zawieszki z choinek znajdujących się z tyłu kościoła i pomóc spełnić czyjeś świąteczne marzenia. Więcej informacji można znaleźć w biuletynie parafialnym.*

- *Zapraszamy we wtorek, 8 grudnia, na Mszę Świętą z okazji **Uroczystości Niepokalanego Poczęcia Najświętszej Maryi Panny,** która jest świętem nakazanym. Godziny Mszy Świętych podane są w biuletynie.*

- *W poniedziałek, 21 grudnia, w godzinach od 5:00 PM do 8:00 PM w kościele św. Cyryla i Metodego będzie możliwość skorzystania z **Sakramentu Pokuty i Pojednania.***

- *Szczegółowy **harmonogram Mszy Świętych i spowiedzi na okres Bożego Narodzenia** w SSCM znajduje się w biuletynie parafialnym.*

- ***Opłatki** są dostępne na stolikach z tyłu kościoła. Będziemy wdzięczni za dobrowolne ofiary składane za opłatki.*

Misje Święte Adwentowe
Celebrant: ks. Krzysztof Białowąż

niedziela, 13 grudnia: 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 2:00 PM
poniedziałek, 14 grudnia: 11:30 AM, 7:30 PM
wtorek, 15 grudnia: 11:30 AM, 7:30 PM
środa, 16 grudnia: 11:30 AM, 7:30 PM

Mass Intentions

Monday — November 30th
7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY

Tuesday — December 1st
7:00 AM ✞ LORRAINE ZIOLKOWSKI
by Gary & Kim Pocic

7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA MAMY (urodziny)
by Dzieci

✞ CZESŁAW ZAGRANICZNY (Rocznica Śmierci)
by Zona

✞ ANDRZEJ I WŁADYSŁAW KOWALKOWSKI
by Siostra z Rodziną

Wednesday — December 2nd
7:00 AM ✞ TOMASZ SKOWRON (Anniv.)
by Daughter

Thursday — December 3rd
7:00 AM ✞ MARIA WONTORCZYK (Anniv.)
by Family

Friday — December 4th (First Friday)
7:00 AM ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

3:00 PM *Wedding: Emily Mallek and Matthew Kos*

7:00 PM ✞ ALOJZY WONTORCZYK
Fr. Valdi by Dzieci

O BOŻE BŁ. DLA BARBARY TYBEL
by Rodzina

✞ FRANCISZEK I MARIA MAJ

Saturday — December 5th (First Saturday)
7:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA

✞ JOE TINOCO
by Tinoco Family

5:00 PM ✞ JOHN F. PAVLOVIC
Fr. Noga by Family

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

Sunday — December 6th (Second Sunday of Advent)
7:00 AM ✞ SHARON CISEK
Fr. Noga by Family

✞ WLADYSLAW LESNICKI
by Waleria & Tony Sendra

✞ MICHAEL RAJSKI
by Rosemary Rajski & Family

8:00 AM ✞ JÓZEF I WŁADYSŁAWA ZYCH
Fr. Valdi by Syn

✞ ANIELA MRÓZ (5 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Rodzina

✞ ANIELA MOLEK
by Rodzina

✞ JÓZEF I FRANCISZKA DZIĄBA
by Rodzina

9:30 AM ✞ STELLA BARANOWSKI
Fr. Noga by SSCM Choir

11:00 AM ✞ MICHAŁ CYGAL
Fr. Valdi by Rodzice

✞ FRANCISZEK I KONSTANTY PUSTUŁKA
by Rodzina Pustułka

✞ DONNA KUCHARSKI (5 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Mąż z Dziećmi

✞ HELENA PALARZ
by Andrzej i Elżbieta Milan

12:30 PM ✞ FELIX ZACZEK
Fr. Rataj by Family

2:00 PM ✞ HIERONIMA PAŁASIEWICZ (2 Rocznica Śmierci)
Fr. Valdi by Marianna Bak

✞ ANDY, MARIA, I HALINA WILCZEK
by Rodzina Kowalczyk

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

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✞ Michał Cygal (4 Rocznica Śmierci)

by Rodzice



May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her

In your prayers, please remember the soul of
Julianna Sek.
May her soul, and the souls of all our faithfully departed family and friends, rest in everlasting peace.



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

Frank Zelezinski
James Stefanek
Mike Laskowski
Socorro Alfaro
Mary Kay Nieponski
Roger Laurella
Marge & Bob Doucet
Lorraine Malm
Nancy Johnson
Madison Lonnderda
Cheryl Jones
Connie Ptacek
Patty Pendala
Judi Wright
James Gliwa
Sheila Fitz
Ed Nieponski
Adeline Bahnick
Arthur Zelezinski
Judy Merzlock
John Wojciechowski

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
November 14 & November 15, 2026

Envelopes	555	$13,682.00
GiveCentral (11/9-11/15)	148	$3,960.00
Total:		$17,642.00

Budgeted: $15,700.00 /Actual:17,642.00/$1,942

555 envelopes plus 148 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 33% of 2,100 registered parishioner families.

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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**; Jonas Jodwalis, Army Special Forces

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

Parish Contributions

Due to an early printer deadline, the contributions from November 21st & 22nd, will not be published in this bulletin. Please look for it in next week's bulletin.
Thank you!



Free Community Event: Christmas at the Manor & Toys for Tots Drive

Join Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd. on Saturday, December 5, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 8999 Archer Ave., Willow Springs, for Christmas at the Manor! Enjoy complimentary horse-drawn sleigh rides, visits with Santa (indoors!), youth crafts, first responder Touch-a-Truck, and a local food truck station.

Zarzycki Manor Chapels, Ltd. is also an official Toys for Tots Drop-Off Location. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to drop off at our Willow Springs location to help "Fill the Holly Jolly Hearse" for local children in need. Toys may be dropped off at our Willow Springs location Mon–Fri, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. leading up to the event, as well as during the event on December 5. Admission is free and all are welcome! For information, call (708) 839-8999.





Giving Thanks: A Virtue – A Feeling – A Brain Enhancer



Gratitude is more than good manners: for Catholics, it is a way of seeing life humbly and truthfully—as a gift. We receive our lives, faith, relationships, and daily acts of care through God's grace. We do not produce them all by ourselves. The Eucharist itself takes its name from a Greek word meaning "thanksgiving."

The virtue of gratitude can change what we notice. Gratitude turns our attention toward God's gifts and the people through whom we receive care. When we take blessings for granted, we may become focused on what is missing or owed to us. Giving thanks can help us overcome dissatisfaction and indifference. Christian thanksgiving can even accompany sorrow, because even difficult circumstances do not erase every gift from God.

Besides being a virtue, gratitude can be a powerful human emotion. As researchers explore the neurological underpinnings of gratitude, they're discovering that the simple practice of gratitude can lead to profound positive changes in mood, resilience, and overall well-being.

Thanking others and thanking God can enlighten the mind and make us feel happier. It has a healing effect on us. Gratitude is more than just a positive feeling. It is a complex cognitive and emotional phenomenon that involves recognizing how God and other people contribute to our well-being and enhance our life. Even secular psychologists are encouraging daily journaling for gratitude.

For Catholics, gratitude is not merely a technique for feeling better. It is a response to God, humbly expressed in prayer and in concrete care for others. The gospel points to the healed Samaritan who returned to thank Jesus: his gratitude was more than courtesy; it drew him into a closer relationship with Christ. We can imitate him by naming a gift in prayer, thanking someone directly, or noticing the quiet service that supports our families and communities. Gratitude cannot guarantee happiness or remove pain, but it can orient the heart toward love, deepen communion, and help us become more generous. As Saint Paul urges, "give thanks in all circumstances."

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