

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

## Parish Staff

**Pastoral Ministry**  
Rev. Waldemar "Valdi"  
Stawiarski  
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Rev. Thomas Koys  
*Associate Pastor*

**Education**  
Shirley Tkachuk  
*Parish School Principal*

Monika Leja  
*R.E. Administrator*

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*R.E. Administrative Assistant*

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Trish Nickleski  
*Liturgy Coordinator*

**Music Ministry**  
Miroslawa Sojka-Topor  
*Music Director*

**Administration**  
Denise Duda  
*Operations Director*

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Ann Noonan  
*Assistant Business Managers*

Monika Bochenek, Debbie Grand  
Peggy Sniegowski, Ann Noonan  
*Parish Secretaries*

Nicole O'Hare  
*Bulletin Editor*

Coleen Mast  
*Evangelization Coordinator*

Bernice Raj  
*Cook/Housekeeper*

Ryszard Witkowski  
Paul Siro  
*Maintenance*



May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter



### Our Parish Mission Statement

We are a family of faith, entrusted with the gospel message of Jesus Christ. Rooted in a rich tradition of worship, service and prayer, we foster the unity and faith of this community. Enlivened by the Spirit, we share our gifts, talents and resources to bring about the Kingdom of God.

The Parish Staff of St. Cyril's and St. James welcomes all to our historic parishes that have carried on the mission of Jesus Christ.

<p><b>Parish Information</b></p> <p><b>Parish Office:</b> 608 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL Denise Duda, Operations Director (630) 257-2776; (630) 257-9372 Fax rectory@stcyril.org website: www.stcyril.org www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont</p>	<p><b>Minister of Music:</b> Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776</p> <p><b>Polish School:</b> www.polschool.com Halina Szyrzyna Principal: (630) 669-9058</p> <p><b>Polish Club:</b> John Lichacz, President (773) 216-1108 polishclub@stcyril.org</p>
<p><b>School:</b> 607 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL Shirley Tkachuk, Principal (630) 257-6488; shirleyt@stcyril.org</p>	<p><b>Minister of Care:</b> Dave Smietanski (630) 257-2776</p>
<p><b>Religious Education:</b> Monika Leja, Religious Education Administrator (630) 257-9314; mleja@sscmlmont.org</p>	<p><b>Parish Council:</b> Joe Martello, President</p> <p><b>Bulletin:</b> bulletin@stcyril.org</p> <p><b>Helping Hands:</b> helpinghands@stcyril.org</p>
<p><b>Mass Schedule:</b> Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation Sunday: 7:00 AM (English-No Music), 8:00 AM (Polish), 9:30 AM (English), 11:00 AM (Polish), 12:30 PM (English), 2:00 PM (Polish), 7:30 PM (English-No Music)</p>	<p><b>New Parishioners:</b> Download the new parishioner form online on our website. The form can be handed into the donation basket at Mass, mailed in, or brought into the parish office</p> <p><b>Baptisms:</b> Parents need to be registered, active and supporting parishioners prior to arranging a baptism at St. Cyril's. If this is a firstborn child, the parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class. Both sponsors should be adults and one an active, practicing Catholic.</p>
<p><b>Special Masses:</b> Tuesday PM: devotions at 7 PM, 7:45 PM (Polish) First Friday: 7:00 AM (English), 7:00 PM (Polish) First Saturday: devotions at 7 PM (Polish), 9:00 PM (Polish) Holy Days of Obligation: As announced</p>	<p><b>Marriage:</b> The bride and groom are encouraged to be registered, active, contributing parishioners of SS. Cyril &amp; Methodius. Arrangements are to be made with a priest or deacon as soon as possible. A Marriage Preparation Program is a requirement of the Archdiocese. To schedule a wedding, please contact the parish office.</p>
<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM Also available by appointment.</p>	<p><b>Social Media:</b> In an effort to enhance communication with our parishioners and visitors, please visit these websites to stay better connected with the many events and ministries of our parish.</p>
<p><b>Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:</b> Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass</p>	<p><b>Parish Website:</b> www.stcyril.org <b>School Website:</b> www.school.stcyril.org</p>
<p><b>Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:</b> Located in the Divine Mercy Chapel in the Parish Life Building. Please contact: Lottie (630) 4442-9441, Mark (773) 727-7934, Margaret mtsniesz@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>Parish Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont <b>School Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/SSCMComets</p>
<p><b>Parish Office Hours: Each weekday the office will be closed between the hours of 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM.</b> <b>Monday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday</b> 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM <b>Tuesday</b> 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM <b>Friday</b> 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM <b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b> Closed</p>	



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

In the spirit of Ascension Thursday/Sunday, and Mother's Day I share a rather odd source: Pope Leo XIII's Encyclical On the Nature of True Liberty (*Libertas*

*Praestantissimum*). Pope Leo wrote this way back in 1888, just 27 years after Italy became a Kingdom, 23 years after our Civil War. He felt the powerful need to teach the world one main truth, namely there is a big difference between what the world calls "freedom" and what faith in God calls "freedom".

Freedom seems to be a fine topic as we consider Our Lord ascending to heaven because our worldly existence imposes a multitude of limitations upon us. Full disclosure, one of my favorite things to say to myself when life throws me problems is "Why is life so complicated?" Even when I'm fumbling for my keys with my arms full, I tell myself, "I can't wait to get to heaven because I know we won't need keys there." So, the Ascension teaches us, as the Apostles learned back then, that we will be freer in heaven than we can ever be on earth. The Apostles were freer Apostles since they were unleashed as it were, to go to the ends of the earth and preach in His name.

Freedom is also wonderful to consider on Mother's Day because it's a day we typically free moms from their motherly jobs. It's great to free them from cooking and laundry, though we know they also have the much more important role of parent who is constantly training her children like Jesus trained his apostles and preparing to set her children free to live the faith on their own. Many young couples are afraid to have children as they consider children an obstacle to their own freedom. Every child should at some point in their lives see the great gifts that their mother has bestowed upon them. Every mother, with Our Father's grace, can see her motherly work as a supreme opportunity to be the person she is called to be.

So, what did Pope Leo say that is important to apostles, mothers and children alike? As Italy endured over a century of rebellions, wars and turmoil, and as millions of people were flocking to America because it stood as a beacon of freedom, he issued a teaching for mothers, children, kings and presidents. For all of us today, unless we really understand this lesson, all our attempts to bring

peace and prosperity to our families, our nation and our hearts will reflect the futility of rearranging the chairs on the deck of the Titanic. He made the connection between true freedom and Our Lord's instructions. Our Father gave us freedom so that we can love one another in the spirit of truth. His words are almost haunting, but alas, ultimately, they are freeing. He said, "Many there are who follow in the footsteps of Lucifer and adopt as their own his rebellious cry, "I will not serve," and consequently substitute for true liberty what is sheer and most foolish license."

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

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

- If you are interested in becoming a lector or Eucharistic Minister, training will take place on Saturday, May 18th. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more details.
- The Respect Life Committee is holding a Mother's Day flower sale the weekend May 11th & 12th after each Mass. There are different types of bouquets available to purchase. Remember your mothers and mother figures.
- The weekend of May 11th & 12th, there will be a second collection for Catholic Charities - Mother's Day. Your donation will provide food, shelter, housing, counseling, maternity assistance, childcare, domestic-violence support and other life-changing programs for mothers in need.
- We would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and mother figures. We wish you a blessed day with those you love.





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

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

Dear Parents,

We are nearing the end of a most rewarding school year. The teachers, school staff, families, and students have all worked hard. Thank you all so much.

On Tuesday, May 7th the newest members of the SS. Cyril and Methodius School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society were inducted during the school mass. We congratulate the following seventh graders for their outstanding work and commitment to excellence!

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Frank Antolak   | Krystian Guzy     |
| Amelia Sowa     | Otylia Blaszyński |
| Logan Martinez  | Aleksa Tomala     |
| Grayson Cerocke | Julian Perski     |
| Nicholas Tomala | Sofia Dziubasik   |

Our school recently celebrated "Teacher Appreciation Week." The week included a variety of fun ways to thank our staff for their efforts. We are blessed to have a wonderful staff!

This coming Tuesday, the Class of 2024 will receive their ribbons and autograph books during our Ribbon Mass. This mass also includes the Faith Partner Blessing between our future graduates and their first-grade faith partners.

Their ribbons are a sign of recognition from our school family for all their challenging work over the past eight years. We will include pictures from the mass next week.

Our Student Council is once again running our "A-B-C Countdown" as we move closer to the end of the year. We are also including pictures of our students

enjoying all the fun events.

As always, thank you for your continued support and commitment.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. S. Tkachuk

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

It's 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@stacyril.org](mailto:lazowski.jackie@stacyril.org) **Financial aid is available!**

*Congratulations!*



# SSCM SUMMER FEST

AUGUST 22 - 25, 2024      607 SOBIESKI ST. LEMONT, IL

FOOD ~ DRINKS  
BEER TENT ~ GAMES  
LIVE MUSIC  
CARNIVAL RIDES  
BINGO ~ RAFFLES

**DATE & TIMES**

Aug. 22 ~ 6pm-10pm  
Aug. 23 ~ 6pm-11pm  
Aug. 24 ~ 3pm-11pm  
Aug. 25 ~ 1pm-5pm

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

Mega Pass Wristband -  
PRE-SALE until 5/31/2024  
Passes available at the Parish offices & school!



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

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator



*Wishing all of our RE families, especially their moms, a blessed and beautiful Mother's Day weekend!*

**A Mother's Love**

There are times when only a mother's love  
Can understand our tears,  
Can soothe our disappoints  
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love  
Can share the joy we feel  
When something we've dreamed about  
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith  
Can help us on life's way  
And inspire in us the confidence  
We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith  
And a mother's steadfast love  
Were fashioned by the angels  
And sent from God above.



**Monday Staff**

Debbie Grand  
Anna Lesnicki  
Laurie Gornick  
Monika Morajka  
Margaret Las-Marusarz  
Laura Sciacca  
Allen Pratt  
Lisa Maturlak  
Sue Cunningham  
Jolanta Formicki  
William Boyden  
Agnes Hurtuk  
Geno Sciacca  
Patricia Huerta  
Erin Rae  
Bernadetta Palka  
Michelle Budz

**Wednesday Staff**

Dennis Motyka  
Mary Montague  
Donna Lichacz  
Pam Dzik  
Lori Barnett  
John Pazdziora  
Jim Crockett  
Dave Smietanski  
Tina Madanowski  
Linda Wesolowski  
Fabian Barnett  
Adam Bogun  
Eva Mattingly  
Edith Brown  
Mary Ameriks  
Barb Konczal  
Alexandra Bogun  
Daniel Styrzula  
Dave Bozych

*Thank you to all of our Monday and Wednesday session staff for helping us to have another successful catechetical year. Your dedication and love of the Catholic faith is very much appreciated! We hope that you all have a restful, relaxing and fun summer.*

*Thank you to all of our RE families for trusting our program in helping to pass on our faith to all of your children. Enjoy the break! We will see everyone in September. God bless!*



# St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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Email: [stjames1833@att.net](mailto:stjames1833@att.net) | Website: [www.historicstjames.org](http://www.historicstjames.org)



May is Mary's Month  
Kitty Pawlisz places the crown to honor Our Lady "just so" as we begin the month of May. Thanks also to Alisa Henze & Anna Fitzpatrick for crowning at the other Masses & to all who participated. See our website for the photo album.

## Wine & Wisdom May 15

Come hear Al Langsenkamp from Our Lady of America Center in Rome City, IN. He will speak on Our Lady, Patroness of America, and Sr Mary Ephrem who developed the beautiful devotion.

May 22 - Bishop Andrew Wypych will visit & present!

Knit & Crochet for Life!  
We make baby items for pregnancy centers. Join us every Wednesday in the rectory 10am-12noon. All skill levels or beginners are welcome!



## Happy Mother's Day!!

Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!



Remember to pray for the baby you spiritually adopted.

## Our Lady of Fatima

Monday, May 13, is the 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Apparition of Our Lady to three children in Fatima, Portugal. She appeared five times more culminating on Oct 13 with The Miracle of the Sun. Join in honoring her at a Holy Hour right after 8am Mass, May 13.



## Wine & Cheese Speaker Series Saturday, May 25 ~ 7pm ~

Sag Bridge Mission Society invites you to hear Mr Patrick Lyon, instructor at Chesterton Academy, speak on "Finding God in the Lord of the Rings." Please register thru sign-up link on our website.



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!


Best wishes to all the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and special women who have given life, sacrificed so much, and shared their wisdom. We acknowledge those who were called to serve as mothers and to help others in time of need. We honor our Heavenly Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all those mothers who are here with us or who have passed on and will remain forever in our hearts.



**39 Years a Priest!**  
 We congratulate Fr Tom Koys on his 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination, May 18. Thank you for your faithful service to God’s people & St James at Sag Bridge!

**Heritage Village**  
 Walk Thru Time – Living History  
 Saturday, May 18 ~ 10-5 ~ Free ~  
 249 W 2nd Street, Lockport

Fr Koys will offer an outdoor Mass at 5:30pm.  
 (Bring a chair and kneeling pad.)

 NATIONAL Eucharistic Congress  
 July 17-21 Indianapolis  
 eucharisticcongress.org  
 Please go to our website & indicate your plans via the Sign-up Genius. We’ll be in touch.

**JOYFUL AGAIN!!**  
 Is a retreat/workshop for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life.  
 When: June 22-23, 2024  
 Where: St. Julie’s Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois 60477  
 For further information, call: 708-354-7211.  
 Email [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com)  
 website: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)



Upcoming Weddings:  
 Jessica Lopez & Joe Bush  
 Monika Cison & Szymon Skubisz

**VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 5/12/24**  
 St. James Altar & Rosary Society  
 All the Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 United States of America  
 Successful Heart Surgery—Mary Cozzolino



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

**MONDAY, MAY 13**  
 8:00AM Special Intention  
 Birthday Blessings—Juliette Slowik  
**For Our Lady of Fatima Travelling Statue**  
 Participants—May our Lord & Mother Mary grant them wisdom, holiness, courage and protection

**TUESDAY, MAY 14**  
 8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Tom Lynch


**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**  
 7:00PM Birthday Blessings—Jack Mohamed

**THURSDAY, MAY 16**  
 8:00AM ✠Piotr Gacek

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**  
 6:00PM Birthday Health & Blessings—Aniela Szczech

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**  
 8:00AM ✠Susan Spans

**Pentecost Sunday**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 19**  
 8:15AM ✠Adalbert “George” Stach  
 10AM: Birthday Blessings—Bonnie Rickman  
 ✠Michael Rayniak  
 12:00PM: ✠Patricia Scialabba

  
 Our weekly *Offertory* collection from May 5, 2024 was \$4,003. Our *Maintenance* collection was \$1,094. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$2,665.  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

Our beautiful bouquets of flowers surrounding our altar were made available by:  
**MIKE KIPTA**  
 AND  
**ANNA ZMARZLINSKA**

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, MAY 19
8:15am	Joe Beecher, Alex Pawlikowski, Luke, Ricky, Peter Gomez
10am	Matthew Rebello, Christian Cozzi, Daniel Newsom



**140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Mass and Dinner Dance Celebration**

*Embracing*  
THE *Spirit* OF *Gratitude*

We Welcome You to Be a Part of  
This Momentous 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

*Let's make our Dinner Dance Program an evening to remember!*

Saturday,  
**November 9, 2024**

**Bobak's Signature Events**  
in Woodridge, Illinois

Mingle and enjoy refreshing hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at 6:30 PM, followed by an exquisite 4-course Dinner Menu. Then, get ready to hit the dance floor – Our *entertainment for the night* will be provided by the talented "Pioneer," an all-parish member group, ensuring a lively atmosphere filled with a mixed variety of music and fun.

*And don't forget about the raffles*, adding an extra element of excitement to the night's festivities!

***Help us keep the festivities affordable and unique  
by becoming a Valued Sponsor!***

Don't miss out on this exclusive opportunity to showcase your support for our parish event. For more information and details reach out to:

**Donna Nowobilski**  
dtnowo@gmail.com



**Grace Anasinski**  
anasinski.g@gmail.com



**Dinner Dance Sponsorship Opportunities**

Join us at the **GOLD** or **SILVER** level  
and be part of an unforgettable celebration.

**GOLD LEVEL Event Sponsor**

**\$3,000** per sponsorship

**Gold Sponsor OPPORTUNITIES:**

- 1. Centerpiece Sponsorship**
- 2. Wine with Dinner Sponsorship**
- 3. Sweet Table Sponsorship**
- 4. Chair/Linen Sponsorship**
- 5. Top Shelf Upgrade Sponsorship**
- 6. Passed Hors d'oeuvres Sponsorship**

**Your Gold Sponsorship Includes:**

- 2 Event Tickets Included
- Priority Seating at a prestigious Gold Table
- Enjoy Bottle Service at your Gold Table
- Receive prominent Recognition at the Event and on our Sponsors Board

**Don't delay, secure your commitment and sponsorship today!**

**SILVER LEVEL Event Sponsor**

**\$1,000** per sponsorship

Your contribution will directly support our event expenses and planned activities, ensuring its success!

**Your Silver Sponsorship Includes:**

- 2 Event Tickets Included
- Recognition at Event and Sponsors Board

**Mark your calendars and join us** for an unforgettable evening of dining, dancing, and entertainment at our 140th Anniversary Dinner Dance!  
Eagerly anticipating your presence at the event!

**Invitations to follow in August!**



WIOSNA 2024

# Szkoła Marii

SZKOŁA ŻYCIA CHRZEŚCIJAŃSKIEGO I EWANGELIZACJI ŚWIĘTEJ MARYI Z NAZARETU MATKI KOŚCIOŁA.



Zapraszamy na sesję filii Chicago do Oak Forest IL. Stopień 0, 1, 2  
 Czyli dla każdego... Jest to czas w którym Bóg mówi do nas indywidualnie, czas Jego miłości, czas doświadczania Jego miłości i troski.

„Bądź Mu wierny, a On zajmie się tobą, prostuj swe drogi i Jemu zaufaj”!  
 (Mądrość Syracha 2,6).

<b>PIĄTEK</b> <b>31</b> MAJ 18:00-22:00	<b>SOBOTA</b> <b>1</b> CZERWIEC 8:00-21:00	<b>NIEDZIELA</b> <b>2</b> CZERWIEC 8:00-17:00
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**Ośrodek Rekolekcyjny u Sióstr Benedyktynek**  
 5900 147th Street, Oak Forest, IL 60452

- Codzienna liturgia
- Spowiedź
- Nauki duchowe
- Refleksje z czytania pisma świętego
- Modlitwa kontemplacyjna
- Modlitwa uwielbienia
- Modlitwa wstawiennicza
- Ciekawi ludzie
- Przyjazna atmosfera

Szkoła Życia Chrześcijańskiego i Ewangelizacji jest kursem formacyjnym prowadzącym do dojrzałego życia chrześcijańskiego i przygotowującym świeżych do przywództwa i służby w Kościele i swojej parafii. Celem szkoły jest nie tylko wymiana wiedzy, ale także przygotowanie ludzi na spotkanie z żywym Bogiem.

200\$ - koszt uczestnictwa wraz z zakwaterowaniem i wyżywieniem.  
 100\$ - udział z wyżywieniem bez noclegu.

**INFORMACJA POD NUMERAMI:**  
 (630)364-8085 MARIA  
 (773) 656-2893 ULA

**OBOWIĄZKOWY FORMULARZ REJESTRACYJNY DOSTĘPNY POD TYM LINKIEM:** 

# NABOŻEŃSTWO FATIMSKIE




Nabożeństwa Fatimskie w Parafii świętych Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont, 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: „Apeł Matki Bożej Fatimskiej musi być podejmowany z pokolenia na pokolenie, (...) Trzeba do niego nieustannie powracać. Trzeba go podejmować wciąż na nowo.”**

## 13 maja - 7PM

13 maja | 13 czerwca | 13 lipca | 13 sierpnia | 13 września | 13 października


**Serdecznie zapraszamy Wszystkie Dzieci!**



**NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival**

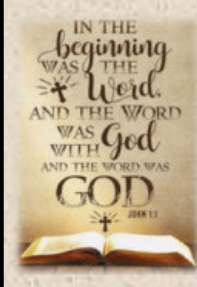
“The Eucharist is above all else a sacrifice.” — St. John Paul II **Dominicae Cenae**, Feb. 24, 1980

„Eucharystia jest przede wszystkim ofiarą” — Św. Jan Paweł II, **Dominicae Cenae** 24 luty, 1980 rok



NA POČĄTKU BYŁO SŁOWO A SŁOWO BYŁO U BOGA, I BOGIEM BYŁO SŁOWO...

Zapraszamy na Forum Charyzmatyczne do Parafii SS. Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont w dniach 17-19 maja 2024 r. Forum będzie przygotowaniem do Uroczystości Zesłania Ducha Świętego. Poruszane będą takie tematy jak zagrożenia duchowe; rozeznawanie woli Bożej w życiu a także jak w dzisiejszych czasach towarzyszyć bliskim w przeżywaniu i pogłębianiu wiary. Ufamy, że będzie to czas odnowienia serc i umocnienia w Duchu Świętym a także czas modlitwy o uzdrowienie. Forum poprowadzą ks. Andrzej Wąsek Misjonarz Miłosierdzia oraz ks Piotr Jakubiak Duszpasterz Polonii w Irlandii. Szczegóły wkrótce.



Welcome to the Charismatic Forum at the SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish in Lemont on May 17-19, 2024. The forum will be a preparation for the upcoming Pentecost. Topics such as spiritual threats, discerning God's will in life, and how to accompany loved ones in experiencing and deepening their faith in today's world will be discussed. This will be a time of heart renewal and strengthening in the Holy Spirit, as well as a time of prayer for healing. The forum will be led by Fr. Andrzej Wąsek, Missionary of Mercy, and Fr. Piotr Jakubiak, Polish Chaplain in Ireland. More details will be coming soon.



### Z biurka wikariusza pastora

#### Drodzy Parafianie,

W duchu Uroczystości Wniebowstąpienia Pańskiego w czwartek/niedziele oraz z okazji Dnia Matki, pragnę podzielić się z Wami dość nietypowym źródłem: Encykliką papieża Leona XIII pt. "O Naturze Prawdziwej Wolności"

(*Libertas Praestantissimum*). Papież Leon napisał to już w odległym 1888 roku i zaledwie 27 lat po tym, jak Włochy stały się Królestwem, oraz 23 lata po naszej Wojnie Domowej. Uważał, że istnieje silna potrzeba nauczania świata jednej głównej prawdy, mianowicie podkreślił dużą różnicę między tym, co świat nazywa "wolnością", a tym, co wiara w Boga nazywa "wolnością".

Wolność wydaje się być na dzisiaj doskonałym tematem rozważając Wniebowstąpienie naszego Pana, ponieważ nasze ziemskie istnienie nakłada na nas mnóstwo ograniczeń. Szczerze, jedną z moich ulubionych rzeczy do powiedzenia sobie, gdy życie rzuca mi kłody pod nogi, jest pytanie "Dlaczego życie musi być tak skomplikowane?" Nawet gdy czasem próbuję unieść więcej na swych barkach niż mogę, to mówię sobie: "Nie mogę się doczekać nieba, bo wiem, że tam już nie będzie tych wszystkich problemów." Tak więc Wniebowstąpienie uczy nas, jak Apostołowie poznali, że będziemy wolniejsi w niebie, niż kiedykolwiek możemy być na ziemi. Apostołowie mieli ten przywilej, ponieważ zostali wybrani, aby iść na krańce ziemi i głosić imię Pana.

Wolność jest również wspaniałym tematem do rozważenia w Dniu Matki. Jest to dzień, w którym uwalniamy nasze mamy od ich macierzyńskich obowiązków. Wspaniale jest wyręczyć je z obowiązków gotowania czy prania, choć wiemy, że mają one również o wiele ważniejszą rolę rodzica, który nieustannie wychowuje swoje dzieci i przygotowuje je do życia w wierze, tak jak Jezus wychowywał kiedyś swoich apostołów. Wielu młodych par boi się założyć rodzinę uważając dzieci za przeszkodę do własnej wolności. Każde dziecko powinno w pewnym momencie swojego życia dostrzec wielkie dary, które matka im ofiarowała. Każda matka, przy łasce Naszego Ojca, może spojrzeć na swoją macierzyńską pracę jako osobę do której jest powołana.

A więc co powiedział papież Leon, co było ważne zarówno dla apostołów, matek, jak i dzieci? W czasie gdy Włochy przetrwały przez ponad wiek wiele buntów, wojen i niepokojów, a miliony ludzi migrowały do Ameryki, która stała się symbolem wolności. Wtedy wydał nauczanie dla matek, dzieci, królów i prezydentów. Dla wszystkich nas dzisiaj, o ile naprawdę nie zrozumiemy tej lekcji, wszystkie nasze próby przynoszenia pokoju i dobrobytu naszym rodzinom, naszemu narodowi i naszym sercom będą

odzwierciedlać daremność przestawiania krzeseł na pokładzie Titanika. Papież Leon ustanowił związek między prawdziwą wolnością a naukami naszego Pana. Nasz Ojciec dał nam wolność, abyśmy mogli miłować się nawzajem w duchu prawdy. Jego słowa są niemal przerażające, ale w końcu są też wyzwajające. Powiedział: „Wielu jest tych, którzy podążają śladami Lucyfera i przyjmują na własność jego buntowniczy krzyk: 'Nie będę służył!'. Zastępują jego buntowniczy krzyk: 'Nie będę służył!'. Zastępują prawdziwą wolność tym, co jest czystą i najbardziej głupią swawolą.”

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

#### Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- Szkolenie dla osób zainteresowanych posługą Lektora lub Szafarza Eucharystii odbędzie się w sobotę, 18 maja. Zapraszamy chętnych! Dodatkowe informacje w biuletynie.
- Komitet ds. Ochrony Życia organizuje sprzedaż kwiatów z okazji Dnia Matki podczas weekendu 11 i 12 maja po każdej Mszy św. Oferowane będą różne rodzaje bukietów. Pamiętajmy o swoich matkach żywych i zmarłych.
- Podczas weekendu 11 i 12 maja druga kolekta zbierana będzie na Katolicką Organizację Charytatywną z okazji Dnia Matki. Twoja ofiara zapewni żywność, schronienie, mieszkanie, poradnictwo, opiekę nad dziećmi, wsparcie w przypadku przemocy domowej i inne programy zmieniające życie dla potrzebujących matek.
- Z okazji święta Dnia Matki życzymy wszystkim mamom błogosławieństwa Bożego na każdy dzień Waszej trudnej pracy i radosnego świętowania.



## Mass Intentions

**Monday — May 13th**

7:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY  
✠ MARK HOKE  
by Grandmother

8:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA MARCINA (urodziny)  
by Rodzice  
O BOŻE BŁ. DLA JACKA I FELICJI (Rocznica Ślubu)  
by Rodzina  
✠ ANIELA I WŁADYSŁAW KOBYLARCZYK  
by Córka z Rodziną  
✠ LEON I ZOFIA LATOCHA  
by Córka

**Tuesday — May 14th**

7:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
✠ GERALDINE ROGERS  
by Matt & Nicole O'Hare & Family

7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA STANISŁAWA  
I MONIKI SMOLEN  
by Dzieci  
✠ LUDWIKA KIETA  
by Przyjaciółka  
✠ MATYŁDA I WŁADYSŁAW SZUŁAKIEWICZ  
by Rodzina  
✠ MARIA I JAKUB JAREK  
by Rodzina

**Wednesday — May 15th**

7:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
✠ MICHALINA BIALAS  
by Family  
✠ JULIA KOZIEL  
by Walter & Lottie Koziel  
✠ JERRY W. PTACEK  
by Julie Rosales

**Thursday — May 16th**

7:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
✠ STANISŁAW SKOWRON (Anniv.)  
by Sister  
✠ WILLIAM P. BENNER  
by Family  
✠ PETER SLABON  
by Family

**Friday — May 17th**

7:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALTH FOR AUTUMN BLAUW  
by Tadek & Basia Labuda

**Saturday — May 18th**

7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY  
MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
✠ TED FLORYNSKI  
by Wife & Family  
✠ STEFANIA SKOWRON (Anniv.)  
by Daughter

1:00 PM *Wedding: Casey Krzeczkowski and Nicholas Rex*

3:00 PM *Wedding: Natalie Boyle and Patrick O'Malley*

5:00 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR JAMES & DIANNA  
**Fr. Jakubiak** GLIWA (50th Wedd. Anniv.)  
**Fr. Wasek** GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ALEX MADURA (birth)  
by Grandmother  
✠ SHARON MCCARTHY & HARRY KIELMA  
by Family  
✠ EDDIE BLAZONCZYK SR.  
by Family

7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA TOMASZA  
**Fr. Jakubiak** PRĘDKI (urodziny)  
**Fr. Wasek** by Rodzice

✠ ANIELA I FRANCISZEK LIPTAK  
by Wiktoria Para  
✠ JANINA WRÓBEL  
by Wiktoria Para

**Sunday — May 19th**

7:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
**Fr. Jakubiak** FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED  
**Fr. Wasek** ✠ KEITH OLIVER PRATT  
by John & Mary DeRoche

8:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA MARIII BIALAS  
**Fr. Jakubiak** ✠ ALOJZY WONTORCZYK  
**Fr. Wasek** by Rodzina Ligas  
✠ STEFANIA I STANISŁAW TOMALA  
by Rodzina Gal  
✠ GENOWEFA RYBKA  
by Dorota Dziąba

9:30 AM ✠ STANISŁAW TYLKA (8 Anniv.)  
**Fr. Jakubiak** ✠ PAUL CIMINO  
**Fr. Wasek** by Joann Zolecki  
✠ BRONISŁAW SOJKA  
by Family  
✠ FRANCES & WALTER OPRZĘDEK  
by Maria

11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA BARBARY I BOGDANA TYBEL  
**Fr. Jakubiak** by Rodzina Witkowski  
**Fr. Wasek** ✠ MARIA I JÓZEF FIT  
by Rodziny Janosik  
✠ FRANCISZKA DZIĄBA  
by Rodzina  
✠ ANDRZEJ I KATARZYNA BENDYK  
by Kathy Tomala z Rodziną

12:30 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR BARBARA & STANLEY  
**Fr. Jakubiak** BRYJA (25 Wedd. Anniv.)  
**Fr. Wasek** by Family  
✠ MAXIMILIAN KOBYLARCZYK  
by Parents  
✠ ANNIE COLEMAN  
by Sciacca Family

2:00 PM ✠ JÓZEF I MAŁGORZATA GIĄDŁA  
**Fr. Jakubiak** by Rodzina  
**Fr. Wasek** ✠ ZA ZMARŁYCH CZŁONKÓW KLUBU POLSKIEGO W LEMONT  
✠ WŁADYSŁAW BĄK (4 Rocznia Śmierci)

7:30 PM ✠ GERALDINE M. ROGERS  
**Fr. Jakubiak** by Fr. Valdi & SSCM Staff  
**Fr. Wasek**

**ATTENTION SENIORS!**


Please be watching out for further information about  
the upcoming senior luncheon on Tuesday, June 4th!!



Please call the parish office if you  
have a loved one you would like  
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Emilia Pilecki	Terri Sowa
Madison Permar	Arthur Zelezinski
Elena "Helen" Prew	Matt Przybocki
Marcia Nowak	Michael Rajski
Estelle Blickhahn	Jaemann Sangerman
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*Please inform the parish office if there are any changes or additions to the above list. Thank you.*




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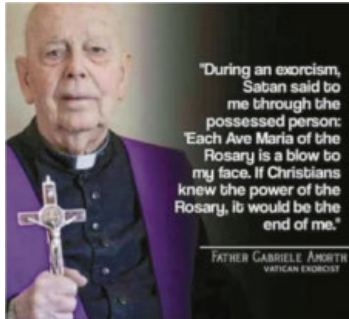
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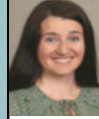
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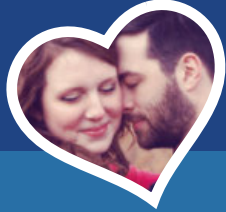
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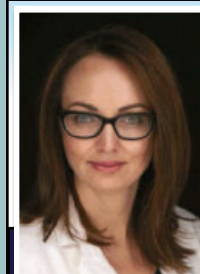
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