

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

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October 5, 2025

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

I WILL NEVER
LEAVE YOU,

my
Immaculate
Heart

WILL BE YOUR

REFUGE

AND

THE WAY

THAT WILL LEAD
YOU TO GOD.

Promise of Our
Blessed Mother
to Her Children

October

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

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.

Parish Information		Minister of Music:	Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776
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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:			
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			
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			



Dear Parishioners,
What does being a Christian mean in terms of daily behavior? If someone comes up to you and slaps you on the face, is that person acting like a Christian? Certainly, we would say "no." Yet, while it is so clear that you can't be a good Christian by slapping people, some people say that you can destroy a baby within the mother's womb by abortion and still be a good Christian. Something is deeply wrong with this way of thinking. How can killing be OK but slapping in the face be wrong? To be Christian means to stand on the side of life. It means that we oppose the killing of the innocent at all times. It means that we respect human life at all its stages and in all its conditions. This weekend is dedicated to respect of life, so let me focus on the topic of abortion.

There are many assaults on human life in our society. In large measure, however, people have recourse to the law to protect their rights and receive compensation for damages. There is an entire class of people, however, who are assaulted daily and have absolutely NO recourse to the law at all. In fact, the law doesn't even recognize them as persons. We are referring, of course, to the pre-born boys and girls in their mothers' wombs. They have nobody to speak up for them.... nobody, that is, except us. Are we Christian enough to recognize their needs and to speak up on their behalf?

My friends, we ARE there! It is not just the life of one, but of millions, that are at stake. Our pre-born children are destroyed by abortion at a high rate each day in our country. Where is the outcry? Who will speak for these little ones who cannot speak or write or vote or protest or even pray?

Don't let anyone tell you these children are not human. They are human from the moment of conception. That is not an opinion, that's a fact. It can be verified in any embryology textbook. Whether someone is human or not is not a matter of preference or belief, but of fact. As long as these babies continue to be destroyed and we continue to be silent, we are betraying our Christianity and our very humanity! Furthermore, we betray the mothers of these children, because abortion harms women, physically, emotionally, psychologically, socially, and spiritually! To be pro-life is to be pro-woman! To save the child is to save the mother as well!

So let us not be afraid to speak up for life! Do not be afraid to speak up against abortion! Never think that you cannot change a person's view on this issue. The truth is that you can, and when it comes to abortion, to change a person's view may mean that you save another person's life! Even if there is a person you feel you cannot change, speak up anyway! In this way, at least you are being faithful to your respect for life! And speak up continuously! The importance of a matter is often measured by how much you speak about it. We must keep this issue before our eyes and the eyes of the public, whether by private conversations or statements at meetings or letters or bumper stickers on our car. One way or another, let us speak up! Never let anyone say that you are talking about "the same old issue." Abortion today is not the same as abortion yesterday, because the hundred babies who died today never died before! Every abortion is a NEW tragedy and it demands a new response, a new voice of protest!

History will judge us on this issue. When future historians look back on the people of our day and on the incredible loss of some 30 million lives by abortion, what will their verdict be on us? What will they say about us? Will they call us cowards, who didn't speak up, or will they call us true Christians, who didn't keep silent?

Some people might say, "Father, we who come to church don't need to hear this as much as the people OUT THERE." All right, then, GO TELL THEM! Let us love the babies, let us love the mothers, and let us love Christ, who calls both them and us to LIFE.

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:

- **Attention Parishioners ~ Please do not take the laminated collection cards with you, please leave them in the pew rack after you make your donation. Thank you!**
- There will be a second collection the weekend of October 4th & 5th, for our parish school. Please consider making a donation to help keep SSCM School Excellent.
- This Sunday is Respect Life Sunday. Please see the bulletin for some Pro-Life activities happening during the month of October.



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

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

On Friday, September 19th, our school came together to reflect and celebrate at ASSEMBLY - a regular opportunity to gather as a school community to pray, reflect, and celebrate our mission and those that enhance it.

We opened with a warm welcome and prayer, followed by a beautiful rendition of "What a Wonderful World" - one of Mr. V's favorites. Students will have the chance each week to guess the "faculty song" — with the winner earning a dress-down pass!

We engaged in a powerful reflection on being "Ready, Ready" to welcome great things and guided us through the Parable of the Sower, reminding us that God's Word grows best in hearts that are "good soil."

We celebrated student and teacher achievements:

- 46% of students were ALREADY assessed at or above grade level in reading, with 8th grade leading at 89%!
- The "MoczyG Award" went to Michael Bialas and Mrs. West for their leadership and creativity in improving our school community. Both received a Hawaiian shirt which they can wear for one week with a dress down.
- Teacher shout outs lifted up everyday acts of kindness and service — proof that God is present in our lives in so many small moments.

Finally, we ended with school spirit and excitement for our Spirit Shirt Contest winner, congrats Ala, and set a challenge for all: Be the good soil. Help others grow and make our school even better.

It was a perfect wrap up to a great week!

Go Comets!!

Mr. Dan Turney, Principal





**SS Cyril & Methodius
Religious Education Program**
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 (630)257-9314
www.re.stcyril.org

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator



This week we welcomed back the religious education students from our Monday and Wednesday sessions. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2025/26 Catechetical year! We wish all of our students and staff a Catechetical year filled with faith sharing and growth as we strive to be like Jesus every day of our lives. God bless!



Kolejny wspaniały tydzień lekcji Religii za nami. Nasi uczniowie podczas lekcji uczą się jak wielbić Pana Jezusa poprzez modlitwę oraz dobre uczynki.



During the month of October, we will be collecting spare change to support all mothers and babies at the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This week, each RE student has received an empty baby bottle to collect their spare change. Let's make a difference and participate in this great cause!



October
Month of
the Holy
Rosary

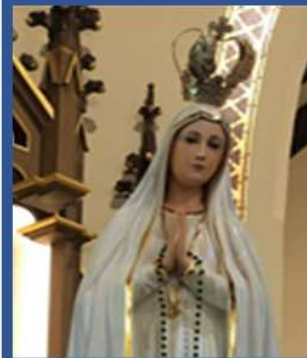


St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

10600 S. Archer Avenue | Lemont, Illinois 60439-9344 | (Ph) 630.257.7000 |
Email: stjames1833@att.net | Website: www.historicstjames.org



Sunday, Oct 5, we will join forces with hundreds of groups across the country all praying at 3pm CT. Access Health, 1700 W 75th Str, Downers. **PRAY THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY FOR OUR COUNTRY!**



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.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

Now thru Nov 2 – Have you ever prayed outside an abortion clinic? As one of the dedicated sidewalk counselors said, “**Being outside Access is like being at the foot of the cross.**” It’s difficult knowing that you are the last line of defense for these poor innocents in their mother’s wombs as these women go in to pay someone to kill their child. **Form a group – there’s power (and comfort) in numbers.** Join the Friday 3pm team. You can sign up at 40daysforlife.com or just come. Access Health Clinic, 1700 75th Str, Downers Grove. Please, especially during 40 Days, **let’s make a push to get crowds out there praying.** The Holy Spirit will help us get that horrible place shut down!

Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

Oct 8 – Wine & Wisdom – 7:45pm

Mr Michael Gugala from the College of St Joseph the Worker in Steubenville will share its model. Students earn a degree, learn a trade, and graduate without crippling debt, prepared for the lay vocation: sanctifying one’s family, workplace, and community. Adoration (5-7), Confession (6-7), Mass (7pm), W&W (7:45).

There will be **NO Wine & Wisdom** on Wed, Oct 15.

St. James at Sag Bridge



Altar & Rosary
Society
FOUNDED 1903

Altar & Rosary Society membership month has technically wrapped up, but if you are looking to get involved please consider joining. Membership is open all year. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to join in our mission of promoting spiritual Christian family life, while fostering the love of God’s house

with labor and care for its adornment. Our great ministry brings many wonderful things to the parish and any amount that you can commit is greatly appreciated. Even the smallest of works can be great with God in our hearts & a faith filled spirit. Please reach out to our president if you wish to join: TammyHayes ladythayes@gmail.com.



Catholic Citizens of Illinois October 10th Luncheon

Bishop Daniel Turley, an Augustinian & close friend of Pope Leo XIV, will connect the Pope to his Order’s roots: St Augustine Info & tickets at catholiccitizens.org

Please Note: No Confessions Wed, Oct 15.



Catholic Medical Association Representatives will be at Coffee & Donuts next Sunday, Oct 5, to explain membership in this 100 year old group dedicated to upholding the Faith in science & medicine. Stop by & learn.

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.)

Ministry of Care

If you or a loved one is homebound & would like to receive the Eucharist, please sign up online or via paper form in Church, or call Fr Koys or the rectory.

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



**At the Theater
October 7 Only**

St James is prominent in this touching documentary on Mary, brokenness & healing. Watch the trailer (are you in it?) & get tickets now!

<https://www.brokenmaryfilm.com/>



Upcoming Weddings:

*Mario Pavesich & Kerri Aldridge
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:

DAVID & LAURA HENZE—IN LOVING MEMORY
DECEASED MEMBERS OF HENZE & DONZELLI FAMILIES

Votives

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 10/5/25

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 6
8:00AM Blessings & Healing—Cassandra Grace
Birthday Blessings—Eva Gacek

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
8:00AM 25th Wedding Anniversary Blessings on
Rich & Kristy Panico
Mark & Anna McLain—25th Wedding Anniv
Blessings & Healing—Cassandra Grace

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
7:00PM †Sophie, †Sam & †Paul Ratay
Blessings & Healing—Cassandra Grace

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9
8:00AM †Mary Lou Donzelli
Blessings & Healing—Cassandra Grace

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10
6:00PM †John Doyle
Birthday Blessings—Lydia Kwak
Blessings & Healing—Cassandra Grace

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
8:00AM Blessings & Healing—Cassandra Grace

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
8:15AM Birthday Blessings—Kevin Fera
Blessings & Healing—Cassandra Grace
10AM †Valeria & †Elliot Horsh
Living/Deceased Members Lahart/Lustig Fam
12:00PM †Richard McKay

Our
Weekly Offering



Our weekly *Offertory* collection from September 28, 2025 was \$4,910. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$985.

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 12	
8:15am	Mark Henze, Christos & Frankie Latsonas	
10am	Will & Conor Pawlisz, Marty & Tommy Comer	



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.

The first Sunday of October is designated as Respect Life Sunday.

"We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As member of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth..."

We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
Respect Life Reflection: "Life: Our Sign of Hope"



BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

The Baby Bottle Project (available beginning October 4th & 5th) 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 the end of the month.

2nd Collection October 4th & 5th SSCM Parish School

There will be a second collection for our SSCM School. Please support our parish school and help them continue providing an excellent Catholic education.



ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

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



Tootsie Roll
Drive Sept
19-20 2025



KC1599Lemont.org

Facebook: Knights of Columbus Council
#1599 of Lemont

7-23-25

Won't you please help us assist those with special needs and learning disabilities.



Please Scan to Donate

Donations accepted to Oct 19, 2025



RESPECT LIFE ROSARY PROCESSION

October 5th is RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY.

Please join us and the community of SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish as we honor the sanctity of life. While reciting the Rosary, we will process from the Grotto of SS. Cyril & Methodius to St. Patrick Church. We will conclude with a prayer service inside St. Patrick Church.

Please meet at the SSCM Grotto at 3:00 p.m.
[In case of rain, the prayer service will be held in St. Patrick Church at 3:00 p.m.]

If you are unable to walk in the procession, St. Patrick Church will be open at 3:00 p.m. for prayer.



THANK YOU!!

Our 2025 SSCM Summer Fest Was a Huge Success!! The fest generated a profit of \$52,200!! Thank you to all who attended & contributed to help out our parish school. We would also like to thank the summer fest committee, volunteers, parents, students, parishioners, Principal Dan Turney, Father Valdi, and the all who helped with the fest in some capacity. We are truly humbled by your generosity.



Wreszczie Życ— 12 Kroków Ku Pełni Życia

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

Tel (708) 417-3292 12krokowpalos@gmail.com
www.12krow.sychar.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;



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.

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

Serdecznie zapraszamy Wszystkie Dzieci!

Parafia Św. Cyryla i Metodego, St. James at St. Andrew Mission

MONTH OF THE Rosary



Zapraszamy rodziców na DZIEŃ DZIECKA UTRACONEGO

Kościół św. Konstancji
11 października

6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Dekalog osieroconych rodziców Modlitwa różańcowa za dzieci utracone Sakrament pojednania Msza św. Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu
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Przynies ze sobą:

- + ŚWIECE dla każdego utraconego dziecka
- + KARTKĘ z IMIENIEM dziecka

Prowadzący: ks. Krzysztof Świerczyński,
s. Maksymiliana Kamińska MChR i zespół z Poradni Rachel



**Mała OAZA
Dzieci Fatimskich**
Pod patronatem Klubu Polskiego w Lemont przy Parafii SSCN

**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**

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

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

**Taniec
Śpiew
Wspólnota
Teatr**

**Zajęcia plastyczne
Gry i zabawy
Miłość do Boga i Bliźniego
Rozważanie Ewangelii
Wiara**

11 PAŹDZIERNIKA, 2025, 7:00 PM

KONCERT

SWOJE SE MYŚLI, CZYLI TISCHNER
NIE TYLKO PO GÓRALSKU



WYSTĄPIĄ ARTYŚCI Z POLSKI:

Aktor: Piotr Cyrwus

Zespół: Trebunie Tutki

**Wokaliści: Weronika Skalska, Natalia Szczypuła,
Manka Wójciak, Piotr Szewczyk, Rafał Żur**

Orkiestra pod dyktando: Krzysztofa Odrobiny

Scenariusz i reżyseria: Joanna Zajac

Gość specjalny: Kazimierz Tischner

OTWARCIE BRAM: 6:00 PM
WSTĘP WOLNY
REJESTRACJA: WWW.COPERNICUSCENTER.ORG

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5216 W LAWRENCE AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60630**



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za granicą w 2025 roku

**Drodzy Parafianie,**

Co to znaczy być chrześcijaninem w kategoriach codziennego zachowania? Jeśli ktoś podejdzie i uderzy cię w twarz, czy ta osoba zachowuje się jak chrześcijanin?

Z pewnością powiemy, że „nie”.

Skoro to jest takie jasne, że osoba używająca przemocy w stosunku do innych nie można być dobrym chrześcijaninem, a inne osoby mówią, że można zabijać dziecko w łonie matki przez aborcję i nadal być dobrym chrześcijaninem, coś jest naprawdę nie tak z ich tokiem rozumowania. Jak zabijanie może być w porządku, a uderzenie w twarz czymś złym? Być chrześcijaninem, to znaczy stanąć po stronie życia, to znaczy bezustannie przeciwstawiać się niszczeniu niewinnego życia, to znaczy szanować ludzkie życie na wszystkich jego etapach i we wszystkich jego formach. Ten weekend poświęcony jest poszanowaniu życia, więc skoncentruję się na temacie aborcji.

W naszym społeczeństwie jest wiele ataków na ludzkie życie. Ludzie jednak w dużej mierze odwołują się do ochrony ich praw i otrzymują za to odszkodowanie. Jest jednak cała grupa ludzi, którzy codziennie są atakowani i nie mają jakiegokolwiek możliwości odwołania się do prawa. Tak naprawdę prawo nie uznaje ich jako ludzi. Oczywiście mamy na myśli nienarodzonych chłopców i dziewczynki w łonach ich matek. Nie mają nikogo, kto się za nimi wstawi, oprócz nas. Czy jesteśmy wystarczająco dobrymi chrześcijanami, aby dostrzec ich potrzeby i zabrać głos w ich imieniu?

Drodzy przyjaciele, my jesteśmy! To nie jest życie tylko jednego, ale zagrożone jest życie milionów. W naszym kraju, każdego dnia w szybkim tempie rośnie liczba aborcji, przez którą nasze nienarodzone dzieci są pozbawiane życia. Gdzie jest oburzenie? Kto przemówi w imieniu tych najmłodszych, którzy nie mogą mówić, pisać, głosować lub zaprotestować albo nawet się modlić?

Nie pozwólcie nikomu powiedzieć, że te dzieci nie są ludźmi. Są nimi od chwili poczęcia. To nie jest opinia, to jest fakt i może to być zweryfikowane w jakimkolwiek podręczniku Embriologii. Czy ktoś jest człowiekiem czy nie, to nie jest kwestia uprzywilejowania czy przekonań, ale faktu. Póki te niewinne dzieci będą zabijane, a my w dalszym ciągu będziemy milczeli, to zdradzamy nasze chrześcijaństwo i ludzkość! Co gorsza, oszukujemy matki tych dzieci, ponieważ aborcja wyrządza kobietom krzywdę fizyczną, emocjonalną, psychiczną, społeczną i duchową! Stanąć w obronie życia, to stanąć w obronie kobiet! Ocalić dziecko, to także ocalić matkę!

Nie bójmy się więc mówić w obronie życia! Nie bójmy się wypowiadać przeciwko aborcji! Nigdy nie myśl, że nie jesteś w stanie zmienić czyjegoś zdania na ten temat. Prawdą jest, że możesz, a jeśli chodzi o aborcję, to dzięki temu, że będziesz mówił, możesz uratować życie drugiego człowieka! Nawet jeśli czujesz, że nie będziesz mógł tej osoby zmienić, odezwij się! Przynajmniej w ten sposób jesteś wierny poszanowaniu życia! Nie przestawaj się odzywać! Nieraz ważność sprawy mierzona jest tym, jak często o niej mówimy. Musimy mieć ten problem przed naszymi oczami i oczami opinii publicznej, czy to w prywatnej konwersacji, wypowiedziach na spotkaniach, listach lub nawet naklejce na zderzaku naszego samochodu. Tak czy inaczej, odezwijmy się! Nigdy nikomu nie pozwól powiedzieć, że mówisz o „tym samym problemie”. Aborcja dzisiaj nie jest taka sama jak wczoraj, ponieważ setka dzieci, która została zamordowana dzisiaj, nigdy wcześniej nie umarła! Każda aborcja jest NOWĄ tragedią i domaga się nowego odzewu i nowego głosu protestu!

W tej kwestii historia oceni nas sama. Kiedy historycy z przyszłości spojrzą wstecz na ludzi naszych czasów i na niewiarygodną zagładę jakiś 30 milionów niewinnych żyć przez aborcję, to jakichś będzie ich werdykt? Co o nas powiedzą? Czy nazwą nas tchórzami, którzy woleli milczeć, czy nazwą nas prawdziwymi chrześcijanami, którzy nie bali się odezwać?

Niektórzy mogą powiedzieć, “Ojcze, my jesteśmy ci, którzy przychodzą do kościoła i my nie musimy tyle o tym słuchać co ludzie z zewnątrz”. Dobrze więc, IDŹCIE I IM POWIEDZCIE! Kochajmy dzieci, kochajmy matki i kochajmy Chrystusa, który powołał ich i nas do ŻYCIA.

Dziękuję za ciągłe wsparcie i hojność dla Parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego. Życzę miłego tygodnia i niech Bóg błogosławi Was i Waszych najbliższych,

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Mass Intentions

Monday — October 6th7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIALS

- ✠ HELEN ERCOLI
-
- by Ercoli Family
-
- ✠ DANUTA ORLOW

Tuesday — October 7th

7:00 AM LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIALS

- ✠ BARBARA A. BUSCHMAN
-
- O BOŻE BŁ. DLA AGNIESZKI TYBEL (urodziny)
-
- by Chrzestna
-
- ✠ GENOWEFA ZAPAŁA
-
- by Rodzina
-
- ✠ JÓZEF FUKŚ
-
- by Rodzina
-
- O BOŻE BŁ. DLA FELICJI MADURA (urodziny)

Wednesday — October 8th7:00 AM LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIALS
GOD'S BLESSINGS & PROTECTION FOR THE
FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF MOTHER MARY
THERESA DUDZIK**Thursday — October 9th**7:00 AM LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIALS
FOR ALL SOULS SUFFERING IN PURGATORY
WHO HONORED ARCHANGEL MICHAEL**Friday — October 10th**7:00 AM LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIALS
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR CHRISTIAN SOKOL
(birth)

- ✠ MARV GONSIOROWSKI
-
- by Nancy Gonsiorowski

1:30 PM *Wedding: Liz Majerczyk and Bradley Miller*3:30 PM *Wedding: Alyson Mangins and Kyle Langenderfer***Saturday — October 11th**7:00 AM FATHER'S DAY NOVENA
LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIALS*Wedding: Aneta Sojka and Lucas Patton**Wedding: Alicja Jarog and Justin Bielanski**Wedding: Nicole Wilczynski and James Szydlo*5:00 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR JOHN & JULIE BIALAS
(Wedd. Anniv.)

by Mitchell & Gail Bialas

✠ RICK POWELL

by Doug & Trish Nickleski

✠ DOROTHY A. PAVLOVIC

by Family

Sunday — October 12th7:00 AM ✠ CHERYLE YANOWSKY-LONG (1 Anniv.)
by Her Children: Brittany, Amy, Cathy & Joe**Fr. Józef** ✠ JOANNA ZAGATA

by Walter & Sophie Lesnicki

8:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA ANNY
I TOMASZA ŻUREK (Rocznica Ślubu)**Fr. Józef** by Rodzice**Matula** ✠ JAN STRAMA

by Rodzina

✠ JAN MUCHA

by Córka z Rodziną

✠ JAN ŁAŚ

by Brat z Rodziną

9:30 AM ✠ RAY PERISIN

Fr. Józef by Family**Matula** ✠ KAZIMIERA MASLANKA
by Rich Maslanka & Family

✠ FRANCES GALASINSKI

by Husband, Wayne

✠ RICHARD LESNICKI

by Mother

11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA BASI I DANIELA JANOSIK
Fr. Józef (Rocznica Ślubu)**Matula** ✠ KRZYSZTOF BRYNDZA (37 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Rodzina✠ CHRISTINE BUDZ (5 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Rodzina

✠ MARK I ANGELA WOJAS

by Rodzina

12:30 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR MARTIN & IWONA
Fr. Józef BAKOWSKI (Wedd. Anniv.)**Matula** by Grandmother2:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA MELANII TYLKA
Fr. Józef I ALICE ZBOROWSKA**Matula** by Walter Smreczak

✠ KAZIMIERA BUCZAK

by Córka

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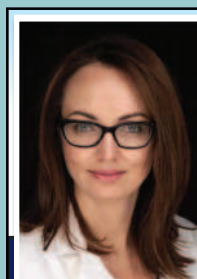
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