

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

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February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Our Parish Mission Statement

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

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

<p>Parish Office:</p>	<p>Parish Information 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>Minister of Music:</p>	<p>Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776</p>
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<p>Mass Schedule:</p>		<p>Minister of Care:</p>	<p>Dave Smietanski (630) 257-2776</p>
<p>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>Parish Council:</p>	<p>Stan Brzezniak, President Bulletin: bulletin@stcyril.org Helping Hands: helpinghands@stcyril.org</p>
<p>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)</p>		<p>New Parishioners:</p>	<p>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>Holy Days of Obligation: As announced</p>		<p>Baptisms:</p>	<p>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>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM Also available by appointment.</p>		<p>Marriage:</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass</p>		<p>Social Media:</p>	<p>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>Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: 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>Parish Website:</p>	<p>www.stcyril.org School Website: www.school.stcyril.org Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont School Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMComets</p>
<p>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</p>			



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

Have you ever changed your mind about something? I don't mean you decided to have chicken instead of steak for

dinner or you went for a walk instead of cleaning the kitchen. I mean changed your mind about something significant, almost life changing. Kind of like when a South sider realizes the best baseball team is on the Northside. I share this question with you today because Our Lord is telling us to how to be happy and it causes me to share one of those attitude changes that does help me embrace a more joyful spirit. "Happy those who weep now, you shall laugh".

My story begins with something that used to annoy me. It's something that people would say to me every now and then, and I know it was said from a desire to help me or comfort me. So, I mean no disrespect. It's just that it annoyed me. What's that annoying saying? It goes something like this, "Oh, don't worry so much, don't be troubled, if God wants you to have it, you'll have it, if not, so be it." You may be thinking why would a priest of God find that annoying? Shouldn't he be all about God's will? Well, you'd be right, every good Catholic should be about knowing God's will. Don't we say in the Our Father, "God's will be done here on earth as it is in heaven"? Absolutely.

Then why is "don't worry so much" so annoying at times? Because responsible people know that it takes effort to get things done. Responsible people make plans and create strategies, business plans for success. Responsible people see irresponsible people as the people who don't make plans, don't show any effort. Then they end up mooching off the spoils of the hard workers. Life throws so many challenges at us every day. So, when someone

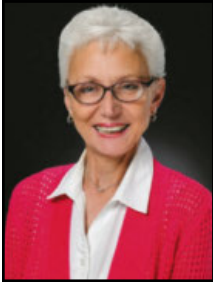
says, "If it's God's will, you'll have it." Inside I say, "God helps those who help themselves. I shouldn't expect or depend on miracles to fix my problems or get things done". I imagine most of us have been there.

But now I find myself loving this mysterious notion of God's will. It truly can be a key game changer in the attitude department. Now, when I say to myself, or another says to me, "If God wills it, it will be done" a sense of peace comes over me. The kind of peace that Jesus encourages in His Beatitudes. If I say, "I really want all my parishioners to fully embrace Catholicism and make my parish a beacon of light for the diocese" or if I say, "I really want so and so to reconcile with their sibling or their spouse" I know I have to do as much as I can to accomplish it. But when I tell myself, "If God wills it, so it will be" the burden feels lighter, much lighter. It's a declaration that God is an active ingredient in all that goes on. God wills us all to be happy but we don't always will what God wills.

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

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

- A new year means tax time! If you would like a print out of your contributions from 2024, see the bulletin for the form to fill out and send to the office.
- The month of February will begin our yearly Annual Catholic Appeal. You will be receiving, or perhaps you have already received, our mailing from Cardinal Cupich to answer the call, "Together we bring hope." Our parish Annual Catholic Appeal goal for 2025 is \$72,276.00. Please see the details in this and the upcoming bulletins.
- **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!**



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

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents,

We are almost at the end of the second trimester. It's hard to believe that 2/3 of the year is just about over!!

It's a good time to think about your school plans for the 2025-26 school year. Consider calling our office and scheduling a tour or shadow day for your child.

Did you know:

- We offer small, personalized class sizes. The entire staff knows your child by name!
- Your child will pray daily and have religion classes daily. Students attend mass weekly and receive Reconciliation during the school day!
- Students take part in community and service projects.
- We offer a full comprehensive curriculum along with extracurricular opportunities.
- We offer before-and-after-school care.
- On our most recent iReady tests:
 - 100% of our 3th graders scored at or above grade level in reading.
 - 100% of our 6th graders scored at or above grade level in math.
- Registration is now open!

Thank you to all for the ongoing support of our school family!

Mrs. Tkachuk

SS. Cyril and Methodius
National Blue Ribbon School!
Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 School Year.
Please call our school at 630-257-6488, ext. 19 for more information and to arrange for a private tour or shadow day.
Please visit and see all we have to offer!
Financial assistance is available.




SSCM 2025
MARDI GRAS
FUNDRAISER

Friday, February 28th
7:00 PM Crystal Grand, Lemont

JOIN THE PSO FOR A NIGHT OF DINNER, DANCING, AND AUCTIONS

ALL FUNDS SUPPORT THE SCHOOL AND THE FABULOUS EVENTS FOR STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW AT
SSCM2025.GIVEMART.COM
OR WITH THE QR CODE





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



IMPORTANT NO CLASSES

Monday 2/17/2025

Wednesday 2/19/2025

**In observance of President's Day*



The first Grade class on Monday learned about the Feast of St Blaise and learned about Blessing of the Throat with their catechist, Mrs. Grand.



Thank you to Father Valdi for stopping by our Monday session 6th grade class!

Students from the Monday 3rd grade class sharing the valentine's Day craft they made with their catechist, Mrs. Gornick.



REMINDER: Confirmation Retreat for 2025 Confirmandi is 2/23/2025. Please check your email for details.

We are looking forward to celebrating the upcoming monthly RE Mass on 2/23/2025 with our 1st and 5th graders. All are welcome!

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

Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS:

Sundays: 8:15am, 10:00am and 12:00pm (TLM)

WEEKDAYS:

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 8:00am,
Wed 7pm, Fri 6pm

ADORATION:

Adoration on Wednesday 5-7pm.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

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

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:

Contact the rectory office.

SICK & HOMEBOUND PASTORAL CARE:

Please notify rectory.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

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



Our Lady of Fatima Statue

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

MARCH OPENINGS



Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

CELEBRATE

The Gift of Your Marriage

Saturday, February 22, 2025

St. James at Sag Bridge
10600 Archer Ave, Lemont

11:00 Talk followed by
Mass with renewal of vows

1:15 Lunch at Alpine Banquets
8230 S Cass Ave, Darien

\$100 per couple



Wine & Wisdom – Feb 19

There is so much inspiration in the lives of the saints! Join Fr Koys as he leads us in a look into the life of St Robert Bellarmine, Doctor of the Church, & voice of the Church during the reformation time.

Wine & Wisdom – Feb 26

A little food, a little drink & an interesting topic with some fabulous James-ers can make Wednesdays the best day of the week. Join us!

Wednesdays: Adoration 5 to 7pm. Confessions 6 to 7pm.
Mass 7pm, Wine & Wisdom ~8 to ~9:15pm

Learning from Tradition

In the traditional calendar of the Roman Catholic Church (used for most noon Masses at St James), today is **Septuagesima Sunday**. The word is derived from the Latin for "seventieth" which is roughly the number of days until Easter. It begins the period called "pre-Lent." The idea is not to extend Lent, but to be well-prepared to make the most of the actual Lenten period. So now is the time to begin to plan your Lent. How will you focus on the three Lenten practices: prayer, fasting & almsgiving? Resolve now to take full advantage of this special penitential time to truly grow closer to Jesus. He gave His all for us – let's be ready to give our all to Him.

It's still 32 days till Spring

Are you tired of coats & hats & gloves & scarfs? Well of course! But at least we have coats & hats & gloves & scarfs. Many people don't. You can help a homeless man feel warm, by placing blankets & coats, new or in good condition, in Charlie's Chapel. (Please no women's or children's.) Thanks for your kindness!



Clark Forsythe, Pro-life Leader
Sat, Mar 15 7pm - Sag Hall
 The Sag Bridge Mission Society is proud to invite you to a presentation and Q&A session with Clark Forsythe, Senior Counsel for Americans United for Life, author, teacher & lawyer.

Forsythe has argued cases before federal & state courts & has testified before Congress and state legislatures. He is also a prolific writer on pro-life law issues, having published 2 books, more than 15 law review articles & book chapters, as well as numerous articles. He has been featured in leading newspapers such as the New York Times & Wall Street Journal. Go to our website for the link to register to let us know you're coming.

JOYFUL AGAIN!!
Are you widowed and still hurting?

What: Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop and Spiritual Retreat
When: March 1st and 2nd, 2025
Where: University of St Mary's of the Lake, Mundelein, IL
 (Commute or stay overnight.)
For further information, call: 708-354-7211.
 Email us at info@joyfulagain.org
 website: www.joyfulagain.org

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 rectory.

At 3PM Every Friday

Be part of the St James prayer sentinel! Gather for prayer each Friday at Access Health to pray for the moms & dads considering abortion – and for their babies. Invoke our Lord's Mercy at the Mercy Hour!



VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/16/25
 St. James Altar & Rosary Society
 All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 United States of America
 For Our Children—Heather, Ryan & Colleen



Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17
 8:00AM ✠Dr. Thomas Salmon, Sr.
 ✠Ruth Lawler

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
 8:00AM ✠Judy Knieriem

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
 7:00PM ✠Joseph & ✠Genevieve Roman

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20
 8:00AM ✠Pat Lawler
 Health & Healing—Neal Hartz

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
 6:00PM Marriage Blessings for Michael & Hannah

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
 8:00AM ✠Joseph M. Slowik

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
 8:15AM ✠Kay McNally
 ✠Kathy Coughlin
 10AM ✠Shirley Andreina
 Living & Deceased Members of the Lahart & Lustig Families
 12:00PM ✠Ludmila Derezinska

Altar Flowers

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

**BOB & JOAN SWIGON—IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 CAROLINE SADLEK
 AND
 STELLA SENDZIAK**

Our Weekly Offering

Our weekly *Offertory* collection from February 9, 2025 was \$4,920. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$3,153.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!


MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23
8:15am	Joe Beecher, Mark Henze, Christos & Frankie Latsonas
10am	Matthew Rebello, Christian Cozzi, Matthew & Max Naglak



Together we bring hope

**Please Make Your Gift To The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal ~
 Together we bring hope
 Our Parish Goal is ~ \$72, 276.00**


Many families in our parish should have received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries of the parishes and school that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us an opportunity to join with others and affirm that “together we bring hope.” In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. For example, Appeal funds support our parish’s important ministries. As we consider God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude in using and sharing those gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal.




Community Faith-Based Cancer Support Group

February Gathering
Monday, February 17, 2025, 6:30 – 8:30PM
St. Alphonsus Parish Center
[Corner of Logan & Walnut, Walnut entrance]

Love is the answer, and you know that for sure; Love is a flower, you've got to let it grow.
 John Lennon

 <https://www.facebook.com/OJOLemont>

MISSION STATEMENT As a Christian faith-based cancer support group, it is our mission to offer hope to patients, survivors, families, and all those affected by cancer through fellowship, prayer, information, and resources.	GOAL STATEMENT To provide a safe and loving place for participants to express their feelings, share their stories, and have an opportunity to seek God's grace.	QUESTIONS? Tess Kearney tkavoren1@gmail.com 630-335-3225 ----- Kevin Cody kcody-stals@comcast.net 630-257-2371
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HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE

In Reparation for the Sins of Atheism, Blasphemy, and Profanation of Sunday

Holy Hour Details
 Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel
 When: Thursday Evenings
 Time: 7:00PM—8:00PM

True Relic of the Holy Face present at the Holy Hour

(Including blessed oil touched to the Relic)



“REJUVENATE YOUR SPIRIT”

Are you walking through a difficult season in your life? Has sickness, cancer, loss, grief, and/or caregiving to someone you love touched your life?

How do you find “Peace” through pain and difficulties? How do you find “Joy” through sadness? How do you find “Comfort” in despair? What do you turn to for “Hope”?

JOIN US FOR OUR HALF-DAY RETREAT!


Our Journey of Hope – Lemont is a faith-filled ministry where “God meets us where we are at”. If this speaks to you, please join us and be a part of this day.

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025
 Time: 8:30am to 1:00pm
 Location: Calvary Church
 1375 State St, Lemont, IL, 60439
 Cost: FREE
 Includes continental breakfast, lunch, speakers, and breakout groups.

This event is sponsored by Our Journey of Hope – Lemont, Calvary Church, and St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Church.

To register or for more information, please contact:
 Tess Kearney – (630) 335-3225 | tkavoren1@gmail.com
 and Kevin Cody – kcody-stals@comcast.net

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!



We would like to express our gratitude to Fr. Valdi, the families and staff of SSCM for participating in the 2024 Baby Bottle Project for The Women’s Center. The total collected in this year’s campaign came to **\$9,372.31**. This is a fantastic effort and we are truly grateful for everyone’s generosity. The Baby Bottle Project is our primary fundraiser and with your support, we are able to provide women with many services like: pregnancy testing, ultrasounds & counseling **free of charge**. We have also saved over 41,000 babies thanks to many wonderful souls like you! God Bless you.

thank you
 SO MUCH

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TRANSFORM LIVES

THROUGH THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Chicago's archdiocesan Catholic schools provide a strong academic foundation enriched by values of faith, service and compassion. For many families, especially in areas of the city facing significant financial and social challenges, accessing this life-changing education remains just out of reach.

Catholic schools nurture the whole child – mind, body and spirit – instilling integrity, service and leadership values. These schools foster a sense of belonging and purpose, creating environments where students are educated and inspired to make a difference in their communities.

All of our Catholic schools serve our communities generously, but some schools face significant financial needs. These schools serve diverse, vibrant communities where families often face financial hardships. Your support directly impacts these families, helping to ensure that more children have access to the quality education they deserve— regardless of their economic situation.

Your gift to the Catholic Schools Scholarship Program:

- **Provides Access:** Removes financial barriers for families in need.
- **Transforms Lives:** Gives children the tools they need to succeed academically and spiritually.
- **Strengthens Communities:** Builds neighborhoods with a focus on faith, service and care for one another

Please consider supporting schools where the need is greatest. Every dollar you give helps ensure that Catholic education's values and teachings reach those who will benefit from them most.

Join Us in Making a Difference
archchicago.org/scholarships



XX DZIEŃ DZIEDZICTWA POLSKIEGO W LEMONT - 20th POLISH HERITAGE DAY



PROMOTE YOUR COMPANY OR BUSINESS

23 LUTEGO 2025

**WYKUP STOISKO REKLAMOWE
oraz/lub WYKUP REKLAMĘ**

Cały Stół: \$250 / Połowa: \$125

**Reklama w Gazecie Dnia Polskiego
Cała strona, pół strony, lub ćwierć strony**

O szczegóły dotyczące cen lub dodatkowe informacje, prosimy o kontakt

To świetna okazja do promocji swojej firmy i ukazania zaangażowania w życie polskiej społeczności i parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont



Contact Us:

Ph. 773-216-1108

Email: polishclub@stcyril.org

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

**SPONSOR A TABLE
and/or PURCHASE AN AD**

Full Display Table: \$250 / Half: \$125

Event Bulletin Ads

Full page, 1/2 page, & 1/4 page

For pricing details or additional information,
please feel free to reach out to us

A great opportunity to promote your business and demonstrate your commitment to the life of the Polish community and the parish of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Lemont

RSVP by February 15, 2025



Jeżeli Wasze dziecko chciałoby dołączyć do naszej diakonii **wniebogłosy**, przy parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego, zapraszamy na próbę:

**KIEDY? WE WTORKI
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

**W BUDYNKU PARAFIALNYM
GDZIE?**

**KTO? DZIECI W WIEKU OD
6-13 LAT**

**PYTANIA PROSIMY KIEROWAĆ:
Tel. (630)257-9314
E-mail: wnieboglosy@stcyril.org**



Polish Club of Lemont
in Association with SS Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church

January 11, 2025

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are delighted to extend a formal invitation to you to join us for the **20th Annual Polish Heritage Day**, hosted by the Polish Club of Lemont. This year's theme is **"The Katyn Massacre"**. Together, we will honor the memory of its victims with a heartfelt tribute to this significant chapter in history while celebrating the rich heritage of Polish culture.

Please join us on **February 23, 2025**, at the Father Gilewski Center at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, located at 607 Sobieski St. in Lemont. The festivities will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the opening of the Exposition Hall, where you'll have the opportunity to explore a variety of exhibits.

To make this community-driven event possible, we rely on your generous support. **Sponsorship tables** will be available for purchase to showcase your business (\$250 for a full 2x8 table and \$125 for a half table). We will gladly display your business advertisement free of charge in our event's PowerPoint presentation, welcome banner, and posters if you choose to provide them. In addition to sponsorship tables, we are offering the opportunity to advertise in our **newspaper bulletin**, with the following options: *Full-Page, Half-Page and Quarter-Page advertisement*. For pricing details or additional information, please feel free to reach out to us. A donation of any amount will also be greatly appreciated. We encourage you to bring your family, friends, and colleagues and share the joy and warmth of the Polish culture with them.

The main program will start at 2:00 pm with a Polish Mass, followed by a ceremony and selection of the **"Pole of the Year 2025"**. This is an occasion to recognize and honor an exceptional individual who has made a significant impact in our community.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this special occasion and experience the vibrant and welcoming Polish community in Lemont. We appreciate your continued support, and we look forward to your attendance.

To RSVP or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact us via email at polishclub@stcyril.org or phone at (773) 216-1108 by February 15, 2025.

Respectfully,

Committee of Polish Heritage Day



**Klub Polski
w Lemont**



**XX DZIEŃ POLSKI W LEMONT
23 LUTEGO 2025**

ZBRODNIĄ KATYŃSKĄ

**SERDECZNIE
ZAPRASZAMY
NA DZIEŃ
POLSKI**

który odbędzie się w sali gimnastycznej SSCM w Lemont (608 Sobieski St.)

- Uroczysta Msza Święta o godzinie 14:00
- Akademia i główne uroczystości o godzinie 15:00



W PROGRAMIE

- Całodzienna wystawa poświęcona Zbrodni Katyńskiej
- Kiermasz polskich biznesów – wsparcie lokalnych przedsiębiorców
- Smaczne zakąski i poczęstunek dla wszystkich gości
- Ogłoszenie zwycięzcy tytułu "Polak Roku 2025"

Zapraszamy wszystkich do wspólnej refleksji i uczczenia pamięci w duchu polskiej historii i jedności.

*** DAJMY ŚWIADECTWO - BĄDŹMY RAZEM TEGO DNIA ***



**Z biurka wikariusza pastora
Drodzy Parafianie,**

Czy kiedykolwiek zmienileś zdanie na jakiś temat? Nie mam na myśli przeciętnej sytuacji, w której zdecydowałeś się na kurczaka zamiast steku na obiad lub poszedłeś na spacer zamiast posprzątać kuchnię. Mam na myśli natomiast zmianę zdania na temat czegoś istotnego i ważnego, niemal zmieniającego życie. Coś w rodzaju momentu, gdy mieszkaniac poludniowej części miasta uświadamia sobie, że najlepsza drużyna baseballowa jest jednak na północy. Dzielę się z Wami tym pytaniem, ponieważ nasz Pan mówi nam jak być szczęśliwym. A to z kolei skłania mnie to do podzielenia się jedną z tych zmian postawy, które pomagają mi przyjąć bardziej radosnego ducha „Błogosławieni, którzy teraz płaczą, albowiem śmiać się będziecie.”

Moja historia zaczyna się od czegoś, co kiedyś mnie irytowało. To coś, co ludzie mówili mi od czasu do czasu, a wiem, że wynikało to z ich dobrej chęci pomocy lub pocieszenia mnie. Nie chciałbym więc nikogo urazić. Po prostu mnie to irytowało. Co to było za irytujące powiedzenie? Brzmi mniej więcej tak: „Och, nie martw się tak bardzo, nie przejmuj się, jeśli Bóg chce żebyś to miał, to będziesz to miał, a jeśli nie, to trudno.” Pewno się zastanawiasz, dlaczego ksiądz uważałby to za irytujące? Czyż nie powinien być całkowicie oddany woli Bożej? Oczywiście, każdy dobry katolik powinien dążyć do poznania woli Bożej. Przecież mówimy w modlitwie „Ojcze nasz”: „Bądź wola Twoja, jako w niebie, tak i na ziemi”.

Dlaczego więc to zdanie „nie martw się tak bardzo” bywa czasem irytujące, ponieważ odpowiedzialni ludzie wiedzą, że aby coś osiągnąć potrzeba wysiłku. Odpowiedzialni ludzie tworzą plany i strategie, biznesplanu prowadzące do sukcesu. Odpowiedzialni ludzie postrzegają nieodpowiedzialnych jako tych, którzy nie planują i nie wykazują żadnego wysiłku, a potem korzystają z owoców pracy ludzi odpowiedzialnych. Życie każdego dnia stawia przed nami wiele wyzwań. Więc kiedy ktoś mówi: „Jeśli taka jest wola Boża, to się stanie”, w duchu odpowiadam: „Bóg pomaga tym, którzy pomagają sobie sami. Nie powinienem oczekiwać ani polegać na cudach, aby rozwiązały moje problemy czy wykonały za mnie pracę.” Myślę, że większość z nas była w takiej sytuacji.

Dlatego zaczynam kochać tę tajemniczą koncepcję woli Bożej. Może ona naprawdę odmienić nasze nastawienie. Teraz, gdy mówię sobie lub słyszę od kogoś: „Jeśli Bóg tego chce, to się stanie”, ogarnia

mnie poczucie pokoju. Takiego pokoju, o jakim mówi Jezus w swoich Błogosławieństwach. Jeśli powiem: „Naprawdę chcę, aby wszyscy moi parafianie w pełni przyjęli katolicyzm i aby moja parafia stała się latarnią dla całej diecezji” albo „Naprawdę chcę, aby ktoś pogodził się ze swoim rodzeństwem lub małżonkiem”, wiem, że muszę zrobić wszystko, co w mojej mocy, aby to osiągnąć. Bo kiedy mówię sobie: „Jeśli Bóg tego chce, to się stanie”, ciężar staje się lżejszy, o wiele lżejszy. To deklaracja, że Bóg jest aktywnie obecny we wszystkim, co się dzieje. Bóg chce, abyśmy byli szczęśliwi, ale my nie zawsze chcemy tego, czego chce Bóg.

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

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- Nowy rok to również okres podatkowy! W celu uzyskania zestawienia złożonych składek w roku 2024 proszę wypełnić formularz znajdujący się w biuletynie a następnie przesłać go do biura.
- W lutym rozpocznie się nasza Doroczna Kwesta Katolicka. Prawdopodobnie poczta od kardynała Cupicha już przyszła albo w niedługim czasie dojdzie, aby odpowiedzieć na wezwanie „Razem niesiemy nadzieję”. W roku 2025 kwota docelowa Kwesty złożonych ofiar w naszej parafii powinna wynieść \$72,276,00. Prosimy o zapoznanie się ze szczegółami w tym i przyszłych tygodniach w naszych biuletynach.
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February 23, 2025
Szczegóły wkrótce!

Mass Intentions

Monday — February 17th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
✠ CHRISTINE WALLISH
by John Stach

Tuesday — February 18th

7:00 AM ✠ TEDDY KERWIN
by Marie
✠ TED FLORYNSKI
by Wife & Family
7:00 PM DZIEKCYNNNO-BŁAGALNA W INT. RODZINY
POLAK
✠ WOJCIECH I MAREK STASZEL
by Siostra
✠ STANISŁAW KALATA (Rocznica Śmierci)
by Rodzina Łukanus
✠ JÓZEF MILAN
by Rodzina

Wednesday — February 19th

7:00 AM ✠ ANIELA SOBILO
by Rita Maleiska

Thursday — February 20th

7:00 AM THANKSGIVING & GRATITUDE FOR ALL BLESSINGS
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR STANLEY F. KEDZIOR
by Marie

Friday — February 21st

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Saturday — February 22nd

7:00 AM ✠ DOROTHY & ERVIN BOLDYGA
by Family
5:00 PM ✠ ADAM KOZIEL
Fr. Noga by Lottie & Walter Koziel

Sunday — February 23rd

7:00 AM ✠ ZOFIA KWAK
Fr. Valdi by Family
✠ JOE KORZYNIEWSKI
by Family
✠ JOHN & ANNA STEKALA
by Son
8:00 AM ✠ JÓZEF SKRZYPEK
Carmelite by Córka
✠ WŁADYSŁAW SZAREK (19 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Rodzina
✠ PIOTR STRAMA
by Maria Gaszman
✠ MARIA, STANISŁAW I WOJCIECH BARTOSZEK
by Syn z Rodziną
9:30 AM ✠ JAN & MARIA MIKOS
Fr. Valdi by Janine Winski
✠ JAN LESNICKI
by Family
✠ DOMENICO SAPORITA (1 Anniv.)
by Family
✠ ERNEST HANSEN
by Family
11:00 AM ✠ O BOŻE BŁ. DLA KASI TOMALA (urodziny)
Carmelite by Rodzina Grele
✠ O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA MICHAŁKA
WRÓBEL (6 urodziny)
by Dziadkowie Kos
✠ MARIA CZERWIEN
by Brat z Bratową
✠ STANISŁAW GAL (11 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Rodzina Gal
12:30 PM ✠ MAREK PUSTULKA
Fr. Valdi by Pułtka Family
2:00 PM ✠ O BOŻE BŁ. DLA ALOJZY I KAROLINA KURCZAK
Carmelite (65 Rocznica Ślubu)
by Rafacz Family
✠ BRONISŁAWA RAFACZ (5 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Rafacz Family
✠ ANTONI ZAGRANICZNY
by Maria Zagraniczny
✠ KAROL MACHAJ
by Rodzina
7:30 PM ✠ FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
Fr. Valdi

Creation Care Corner 

"... it is essential to 'sense' that
the Earth is 'our common home.'"
— Pope Benedict XVI

Avoiding the "Ostrich Effect"

Pope Francis challenges us to be on guard against the psychological tendency to minimize the climate crisis:

"As often occurs in periods of deep crisis which require bold decisions, we are tempted to think that what is happening is not entirely clear. Superficially, apart from a few obvious signs of pollution and deterioration, things do not look that serious, and the planet could continue as it is for some time. Such evasiveness serves as a license to carrying on with our present lifestyles and models of production and consumption. This is the way human beings contrive to feed their self-destructive vices: trying not to see them, trying not to acknowledge them, delaying the important decisions and pretending that nothing will happen." (LS 59)

Against the alarming situation with our common planetary home, Pope Francis asks, "What kind of world do we want to leave for those who come after us...?"



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

Emilia Pilecki	Guy Martin
Carol Preis	Joan Albert
Irene Forst	Ray Przedziecki
Terry Hallandworth	William Podborny
Nick Gorisch	Mark Malewski & Family
Cindy Evankoe	Malgorzata Bies
John Dzielski	Grace Dunbar
Joseph Dziekan	Mike Laskowski
Bob & Marge Douset	


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 February 8 & 9, 2025		
Envelopes	548	13,013.00
Children's Envelopes	2	2.00
GiveCentral (2/3-2/9)	131	<u>3,275.00</u>
Total		16,290.00

Budgeted: \$15,700.00 / Actual: 16,290.00/ \$590

548 envelopes plus 131 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 32% 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

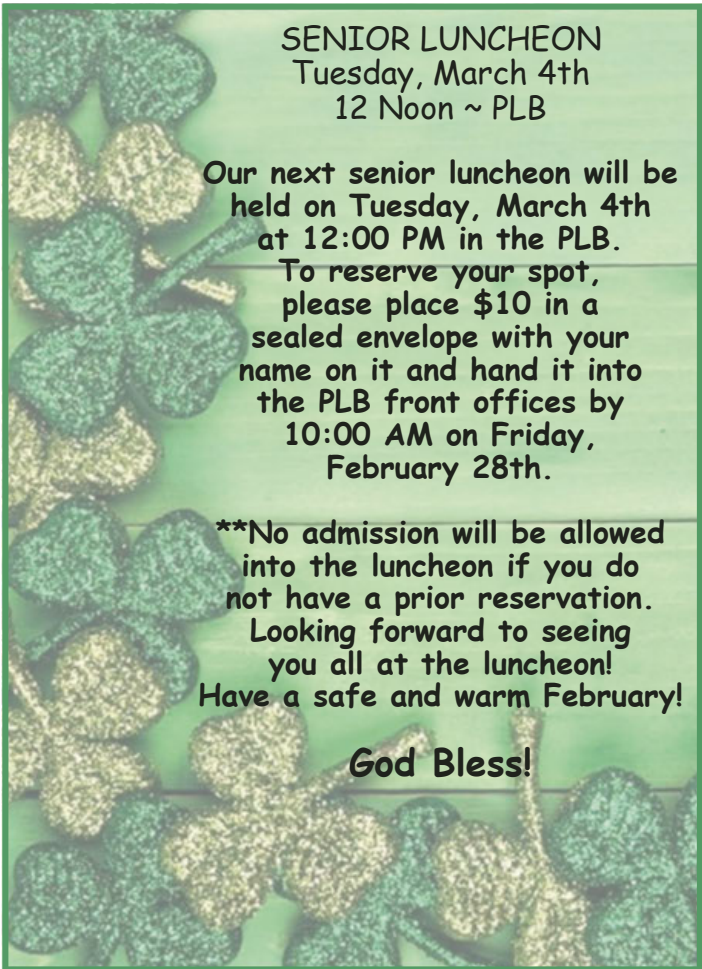
Please inform the parish office if there are any changes or additions to the above list. Thank you.



The Parish Life Building Offices will be closed Monday, February 17th, in observance of President's Day.



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SENIOR LUNCHEON
 Tuesday, March 4th
 12 Noon ~ PLB

Our next senior luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 4th at 12:00 PM in the PLB. To reserve your spot, please place \$10 in a sealed envelope with your name on it and hand it into the PLB front offices by 10:00 AM on Friday, February 28th.

****No admission will be allowed into the luncheon if you do not have a prior reservation. Looking forward to seeing you all at the luncheon! Have a safe and warm February!**

God Bless!



May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him

In your prayers, please remember the soul of **Anthony Pragovich Sr.** May his soul and the soul of all our faithfully departed family and friends rest in everlasting peace.

2024 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2024 will be mailed upon request only. If you would like your statement, please fill out the information below and return it via the PLB drop box, by mail or place it in the collection basket at church. Please include your envelope number. Your statement will be mailed to you after January 31st.

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What are the Works of Mercy I Should Perform During this Jubilee Year of Hope?

Pope Francis declared in his decree on the granting of indulgence during the Jubilee Year of Hope that, besides the Pilgrimages through the Holy Doors, we should be signs of hope for others by doing acts of mercy. This way, we *become* a pilgrimage of hope, and we grow in holiness ourselves while bringing Christ’s love to others.



“In addition, the faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, with a devout spirit, they participate in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place, according to the mind of the Holy Father.”

“The Jubilee Plenary Indulgence can also be obtained through initiatives that put into practice, in a concrete and generous way, the spirit of penance which is, in a sense, the soul of the Jubilee. In particular the penitential nature of Friday can be rediscovered through abstaining, in a spirit of penance, at least for one day of the week from futile distractions (real but also virtual distractions, for example, the use of the media and/or social networks), from superfluous consumption (for example by fasting or practicing abstinence according to the general norms of the Church and the indications of the Bishops), as well as by donating a proportionate sum of money to the poor; by supporting works of a religious or social nature, especially in support of the defense and protection of life in all its phases, but also by supporting the quality of life of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely elderly people, or migrants from various countries “who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families” (*Spes non confundit*, 13); it can also be obtained by dedicating a reasonable portion of one’s free time to voluntary activities that are of service to the community or to other similar forms of personal commitment.”

Consider which actions of mercy or penance you as a teen or adult may be able to do:

- Get a group together to study parts of the Catholic Catechism?
- Spend time with those in need? The lonely, the elderly, the disabled?
- Do acts of penance such as abstinence from the internet, your smart phone or social media?
- Skip one meal every Friday, if your health allows?
- Give up shopping? Or give half of your clothes possessions to the poor?
- Give alms to the church or a mission that helps the poor?
- Volunteer for a pro-life organization helping mothers choose life?
- Become a mentor for a struggling youth?
- Do acts of community service such as picking up trash or collecting for the food pantry?
- Help someone who has immigrated from another country?

The other normal requirements for an indulgence would still apply: detachment from even venial sin, Confession, Communion, prayers for the Pope’s intentions, etc. knowing this is all through Christ’s merits on the cross, uniting your sacrifices to His.

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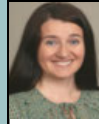
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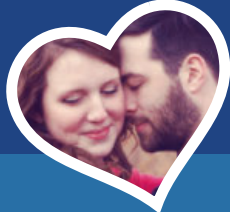


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