

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

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September 29, 2024

Twenty-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.

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Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation

Sunday: 7:00 AM (English-No Music),
 8:00 AM (Polish), 9:30 AM (English),
 11:00 AM (Polish),
 12:30 PM (English), 2:00 PM (Polish),
 7:30 PM (English-No Music)

Special Masses:

Tuesday PM: devotions at 7 PM, 7:45 PM (Polish)

First Friday: 7:00 AM (English), 7:00 PM (Polish)

First Saturday: devotions at 7 PM (Polish),
 9:00 PM (Polish)

Holy Days of Obligation: As announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM

First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Also available by appointment.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass

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

Parish Office Hours: Each weekday the office will be closed between the hours of 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM.

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Tuesday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday Closed

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Parish Council: Stan Brzezniak, President

Bulletin: bulletin@stcyril.org

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New Parishioners: Download the new parishioner form online on our website. The form can be handed into the donation basket at Mass, mailed in, or brought into the parish office

Baptisms: Parents need to be registered, active and supporting parishioners prior to arranging a baptism at St. Cyril's. If this is a firstborn child, the parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class. Both sponsors should be adults and one an active, practicing Catholic.

Marriage: The bride and groom are encouraged to be registered, active, contributing parishioners of SS. Cyril & Methodius. Arrangements are to be made with a priest or deacon as soon as possible. A Marriage Preparation Program is a requirement of the Archdiocese. To schedule a wedding, please contact the parish office.

Social Media: In an effort to enhance communication with our parishioners and visitors, please visit these websites to stay better connected with the many events and ministries of our parish.

Parish Website: www.stcyril.org

School Website: www.school.stcyril.org

Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont

School Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMComets



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

When Jesus says, "Anyone not against us is for us," He is including His apostles in this "us." It's not just me, Jesus, against the world. It's me, Jesus and my apostles. That's important to realize, because Jesus doesn't want you and me to think that He, Jesus, alone is doing all the heavy lifting. Redemption is Our Lord's mission. He is the Savior. But we need to see our cooperation in His mission. In Frank Sheed's book, *Theology and Sanity*, we gain this key insight. In Protestant thinking, the apostles only have a minor role. Their function is only to be the Dr Watsons to their master Sherlock Holmes. Or we might say, the apostles were to Jesus what Ed McMahon was to Johnny Carson. We all knew Ed was the "set up man." Johnny was the star. So, as Jesus includes the apostles in this teaching, "anyone not against us is for us," Jesus is teaching the apostles to realize they are not just "sidekicks." They couldn't possibly know it then, but eventually they will take the role of "star." The Lord's mission is their mission. They will be principal players in salvation history. By saying "us" in this situation, Jesus is, in a way, already commissioning them to be the first bishops, to go out into the world, just as He, Jesus, came into the world. Jesus, of course knew they weren't perfect. He knew they had a long way to go before they grew from being His "sidekicks" to being the early teachers, bishops, martyrs and Popes of the Church. Sheed says beautifully, "For these were men who knew Christ before they knew He was God." Jesus knew they had to fall in love with Him so that they would see His difficult teachings as part of His love, not as arbitrary rules to deprive them of their happiness. Our Lord knew as long as they stayed with Him, they were on the right track. They were heading in the right direction. Even Judas was heading in the right direction, until he abandoned ship.

Let us make a connection between this attitude that Jesus had regarding His apostles and a major moral issue of our day. The issue of the right to life is one of the most divisive issues around. At times those who defend a nation's right to defend the unborn criticize a statesman (or woman) if they are not 100% prolife. They often say, "How can a prolife person back someone who isn't 100% prolife? If one is not 100% prolife, it doesn't matter who you support." But let us recall what the apostles said. "We saw a man who is

not one of us casting out devils..." Then Jesus says, "No one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me." Let's translate this to apply to the life issue. "We, the pro-life community, are often faced with supporting "the lesser of two evils. So and so isn't 100% prolife so we tried to stop him." I imagine Jesus could easily say, "No one who has done some good in this matter should be dismissed. If he isn't against us, he's with us". Being moderately pro-life as opposed to being radically pro-abortion is heading in the right direction. The old saying goes, "Rome wasn't built in a day."

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

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

- **PLEASE RSVP:** By now, you should have received your invitation by mail for our parish's 140th Anniversary Mass & Dinner Dance Celebration on **November 9, 2024**. To sign up to become a sponsor and find more details about the event, please see the flyer in the bulletin.
- Join Father Valdi in May of 2025 for a sentimental journey to Poland. Don't miss out on this meaningful experience. Please see the bulletin for more details.
- Please join your fellow parishioners for Little Flower Triduum in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux, which will be held October 1st, 2nd, & 3rd right after the morning Mass. On the last day there will be a procession in the church and veneration of the relic of St. Therese. Special envelopes to enroll individuals in the Little Flower Novena are on tables in the back of the church.
- Friday, October 4th, there will be a pet blessing in front of Church at 2:00 PM in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Please bring your pets to be blessed.



**Little Flower Triduum/
Novena**

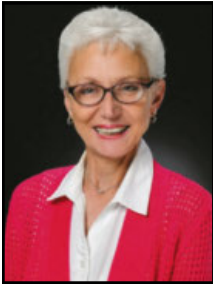
Our annual Little Flower Triduum in honor of St. Therese of Lisieux will take place **October 1st, 2nd & 3rd**, right after the morning Mass.

Envelopes are on tables in the back of church to enroll individuals in the

Little Flower Novena. They can be placed into the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office. "Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God.

Do all that you do with love.

~St. Therese of Lisieux



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Please contact Kim Gardner at
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gardner.kim@stcyril.org
for more details.



**SS Cyril & Methodius
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Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator

Kolejny wspaniały tydzień lekcji Religii za nami. Nasi uczniowie z kl. 1, 2 oraz 4 uczą się jak wielbić Pana Boga poprzez modlitwę, zabawę oraz dobre uczynki.



This week we welcomed back the religious education students from our Monday and Wednesday sessions. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2024/25 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!



St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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September 25th - November 3rd. 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St James pray-ers will gather at Access Health, 1700 75th Str, Downers Grove, each **Friday at 3pm through Nov 1**. Pray with us &/or sign up for individual prayer time 7am to 7pm at 40daysforlife.com. For the babies.



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.



Join thousands across the country at 3pm **Sunday, Oct 6** praying the rosary for the Catholic Church, the family & our country! We will meet at Access Clinic, 1700 W 75th Street, Downers Grove. Public prayer is powerful!

Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!



First Friday & First Saturday

Oct 4 ~ Cenacle Rosary in rectory after 6pm Mass
Oct 5 ~ Morning Prayer 7:45, Mass 8, then Adoration, Confession, Rosary and Fatima devotions.



Some of the St James-ers gathered at the opening prayer service for 40 Days for Life, proud to support Mary Burruss, one of the speakers. Sign up to pray & witness at www.40daysforlife.com

FR JOHN HARDON'S CATECHISM

It's time to commit to better understanding your Catholic faith. Whether as a first-timer or repeat attendee, Michelle Rebello's course, **Commentary on the Catechism of the Catholic Church** by Servant of God Fr. John Hardon, is an engaging, challenging venue. Classes **begin on Oct 22** and will be held at **St James** on Tuesdays from 7-9pm. Cost for first-timers to cover materials is \$40. New or former, please see SignUp Genius on our website.

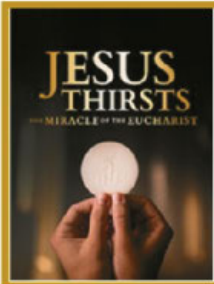


As we finish the Altar & Rosary Society membership drive, please consider joining. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to join in our mission of promoting spiritual Christian family life while fostering the love of God's house with labor and care for its adornment. Sign up is available Sunday until noon. In case of rain, look for us in Sag Hall. 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 and a faith filled spirit.

The Women's Centers

Will once again be conducting their baby bottle fundraiser during October, Respect Life Month. Please take a baby bottle, fill it with spare change & return. All proceeds benefit The Women's Centers, helping women choose life & then helping them & their babies.





Fri, Oct 25, 7pm, Sag Hall
Thanks to the Sag Bridge Mission Society, everyone is invited to a showing of this documentary as a continuation of the Eucharistic revival. The film explores the transformative power and impact of the Eucharist, the most profound means by which God shares Himself with humanity. Come & invite anyone who does not believe!

Theology of the Body
Thurs, Oct 3 – 7 to 8:30pm – Sag Hall
"Theology of the Body" is a series of talks given by St. Pope John Paul II at his papal audiences. He explores many wonderful aspects of human love. All adults are invited to join in as Fr Koys leads the discussion.



Bike for Life
The Naperville Knights of Columbus organized a ride on behalf of the babies. St James-ers joined the cause on Sept 21, riding & praying at the Aurora Planned Parenthood & Randy Morris IVF Clinic.

Wine & Wisdom – Oct 2
Our own Paul Devitt, the man so instrumental in managing the content of our W&W sessions, will facilitate an Open Forum. His topic intros are sure to capture your attention and thought. Come enjoy a free-flowing discussion!

Wine & Wisdom – Oct 9
Jonathan O'Brien, who recently published a book on 16 French Carmelite martyrs during the French revolution, Called to Compiegne, will introduce us to his work and these inspirational sisters.

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



Upcoming Weddings:
Paulina Stafira & Matthew May
Adam Wiesner & Anna Gannon
Michael Madetka & Tara McIver




Mass Intentions
Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Paul Kurowski
Health & Healing—Daniel Stempky
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
8:00AM ✠Rene Backer
✠Leonard Kafer
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
7:00PM ✠James Marlowe
Blessings for Fr Karunakar Madanu
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
8:00AM ✠Rene Backer
Thanksgiving for Blessings Received-
Gubala Family
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
6:00PM ✠John Henze
Birthday Blessings—Jonathan Henze
Blessings for the Kwak Family
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Michael Henze
✠Rochelle Haklin
✠Andy Karas
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
8:15AM ✠John Henze
Health & Healing-Seve Rohrbacher
Birthday Blessings—Helen Matlawski
10AM: ✠James Henry
✠Noreen Murray Salmon
12:00PM: ✠Joe Szczech
Theresa & Chris Gubala-11th Wedding Anniv

Our beautiful bouquets of flowers surrounding our altar were made available by:
**BOB & JOAN SWIGON—IN LOVING MEMORY
FR. EDWIN V. BOHULA**

Our Weekly Offering
Our weekly *Offertory* collection from September 22, 2024 was \$3,650. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$1,510. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/29/24
St. James Altar & Rosary Society
All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
United States of America
For Our Children—Heather, Ryan & Colleen



Respect Life Rosary Procession

Sunday, October 6th 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 and then to St. Alphonsus Church. We will conclude with a prayer service inside St. Alphonsus.

Please meet at the SSCM Grotto at 3:00 PM (In case of rain the prayer service will be held in St. Alphonsus Church at 3:00 PM)

If you are unable to walk in the procession, St. Alphonsus Church will be open at 3:00 PM for individual prayer.



PET BLESSING

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, blessing of pets will take place on Friday, October 4th, at 2:00 PM in front of church. Bring your pets!



Message from the Lemont VFW Auxiliary:

Do you have a son or daughter serving in the military and would like your child to receive a care package? If so, please submit your child's name and military address to Ruth at 630-546-2842. Thank you!

Koinonia John The Baptist South Africa want to say:

Thank you



Thank you for welcoming me from South Africa this summer and for your generous support for our Mission. Your kindness has greatly impacted our ministry and the children we serve.

To contact me directly you can email michalwojciechowski3@gmail.com

Parish Council News


Welcome The entire Parish Council would like to welcome Stan Brzezniak as our new President. Join us in congratulating him and wishing him luck on this new journey.

We would also like to say thank you to Joe Martello for his many years of service as a member and then as President. We wish you luck on your new adventure as part of the SSCM school board.

We know you will both do great things.

Thank you

*Baptisms: August 11, 2024 through September 15, 2024
Welcome our Newest Members into our Faith Community*



ADAM JAN, son of Piotr and Marta (Sadelski) Brzezinski
 VIVIAN ROSE, daughter of Robert and Julie (Voris) Coleman
 PEYTON EMERSON, son of Benjamin and Maria (D'Alessio) Bienia
 ANDREW MARK, son of John & Agnieszka (Belza) Nowobilski
 CARSON ROBERT, son of Robert & Kiley (Janas) Penicook
 SOPHIA RAKSYK, daughter of Marcin & Malgorzata (Benedytk) Raksyk
 ANNIE GRACE, daughter of Patrick & Melissa (Galick) Gleason
 MAGNOLIA RAY, daughter of Robert & Sarah (Galick) Harjung II
 JOSHUA DANIEL, son of Daniel & Monica (Ciesla) Wilk
 SEBASTIAN EUGENE, son of Vytas & Natalia (Hodurek) Baciunas
 MAREK ANDRZEJ, son of Marek & Sylvia (Sieczka) Truchan

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- ☞ Mr. & Mrs. Mark & Judy Merzlock

Sponsorships Opportunities are still AVAILABLE!

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!

Join Us
November 9, 2024

ALL LEVELS OF SPONSORSHIPS ARE WELCOME!





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Dwa Razy
Się
Modli"

(Św. Augustyn)

Parafia Św.
Cyryla i
Metodego

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Zapraszamy dzieci oraz młodzież w wieku 6-13 lat do nowo tworzącej się grupy muzycznej pod nazwą "wNIEBOgłosy". Raz w miesiącu będziemy wspólnie chwalić Boga podczas niedzielnej Mszy Świętej.



Próby będą się odbywać w każdy wtorek o godzinie 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM w budynku parafialnym. Pierwsze spotkanie odbędzie się 8 października, 2024.

W celu zapisania dziecka lub jakichkolwiek pytań, prosimy o kontakt e-mailowy: wnieboglosy@stcyril.org lub telefonicznie: (630)257-9314

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ZAPROSZENIE NA PIELGRZYMKĘ DO JAPONII

Ks. Tadeusz Dzieszko, proboszcz parafii św. Faustyny Kowalskiej w Chicago, serdecznie zaprasza na 12 dniową Pielgrzymkę do Kraju

Samurajów i Kwitnących Wiśni, czyli Japonii. Pielgrzymką będzie miała miejsce w dniach od 1-go do 12-go kwietnia, 2025 roku, śladami św. Maksymiliana Marią Kolbe i św. Jana Pawła II. W programie jest również wizyta w miejscu objawień Matki Bożej w Akita.

Program jest bardzo bogaty. Liczba osób jest ograniczona. Jeśli chcecie wziąć udział w tej pielgrzymce to dajcie znać zanim zabraknie miejsc. Za całą organizację jest odpowiedzialne polskie biuro pielgrzymkowe z Rzymu, które specjalizuje się w wyjazdach grupowych między innymi do Japonii. Po więcej informacji prosimy dzwonić do ks. Tadeusza Dzieszko na nr. (708)932-1102



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**Zgłoś rodzinę do projektu
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Jak to zrobić?

1. Poinformuj rodzinę o akcji SZLACHTNA PACZKA USA
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3. Zgłoś rodzinę pod numerem 773-387-9686
4. My postaramy się mądrze pomóc

Welcome to Our Faith Family



*God Bless
Marek Andrzej*

*Baptized:
September 15, 2024
Parents:
Marek & Sylvia
(Sieczka) Truchan*



Z biurka wikariusza pastora Drodzy Parafianie,

Kiedy Jezus mówi: „Kto nie jest przeciwko nam, jest z nami”, włącza w to również swoich apostołów. To nie znaczy, że tylko „sam Jezus jest przeciwko światu”. To znaczy, że „ja, Jezus, i apostołowie” jesteśmy wspólnie razem. Jest ważnym, aby to zrozumieć, ponieważ Jezus nie chce, abyśmy myśleli, że On, Jezus, sam wykonuje całą ciężką pracę. Zbawienie to misja naszego Pana. On jest Zbawicielem. Ale musimy dostrzec naszą współpracę w Jego misji. W książce Franka Sheeda „Teologia i zdrowy rozsądek” uzyskujemy kluczowy wgląd w tę kwestię. W myśleniu protestanckim apostołowie odgrywają jedynie drugoplanową rolę. Ich funkcja to pełnić rolę Dr. Watson dla swojego mistrza, Sherlocka Holmesa. Można też powiedzieć, że apostołowie byli dla Jezusa tym, czym Ed McMahon był dla Johnny'ego Carsona. Wszyscy wiedzieliśmy, że Ed był tym, który przygotowywał teren. Johnny był gwiazdą. Więc kiedy Jezus włącza apostołów w to nauczanie: „kto nie jest przeciwko nam, jest z nami”, uczy apostołów, że nie są tylko „pomocnikami”. Misja Pana staje się ich misją. Będą głównymi postaciami w historii zbawienia. Mówiąc w tej sytuacji „my”, Jezus w pewnym sensie już ich powołuje, aby byli pierwszymi biskupami, którzy mają iść na świat, tak jak On, Jezus, przyszedł na świat. Jezus oczywiście wiedział, że nie są doskonali. Wiedział, że mają przed sobą długą drogę, zanim z „pomocników” staną się pierwszymi nauczycielami, biskupami, męczennikami i papieżami Kościoła. Sheed pięknie mówi: „Byli to ludzie, którzy poznali Chrystusa, zanim wiedzieli, że jest Bogiem”. Jezus wiedział, że muszą zakochać się w Nim, aby zobaczyli Jego trudne nauki jako część Jego miłości, a nie jako arbitralne zasady mające na celu pozbawienie ich szczęścia. Nasz Pan wiedział, że dopóki pozostaną z Nim, będą na właściwej drodze. Zmierzali w dobrym kierunku. Nawet Judasz zmierzał w dobrym kierunku, dopóki nie porzucił swojego miejsca w łodzi.

Połączmy postawę Jezusa wobec Jego apostołów z ważnym moralnym problemem naszych czasów. Kwestia prawa do życia jest jednym z najbardziej dzielących zagadnień. Czasami ci, którzy bronią prawa narodu do obrony nienarodzonych, krytykują polityków (mężczyzn lub kobiety), jeśli nie są w 100% za ochroną życia. Często mówią: „Jak ktoś kto jest przeciw aborcji może popierać kogoś, kto nie jest w 100% po stronie życia? Jeśli ktoś nie jest w 100% przeciw aborcji to nie ma znaczenia, kogo popierasz”. Ale przypomnijmy sobie, co powiedzieli apostołowie: „Widzieliśmy człowieka, który nie jest jednym z nas, jak wyrzucał złe duchy...” Na co Jezus odpowiada: „Nikt, kto czyni cuda w moim imieniu, nie będzie mógł źle mówić o mnie”. Przelóżmy to na kwestię życia. „My, społeczność przeciwbaborcyjna, często stajemy przed wyborem „mniejszego

zła”. Ten i tamten nie jest w 100% za ochroną życia, więc próbowaliśmy go powstrzymać. Wyobrażam sobie, że Jezus mógłby łatwo powiedzieć: „Nikt, kto zrobił coś dobrego w tej sprawie, nie powinien być odrzucony. Jeśli nie jest przeciwko nam, jest z nami”. Bycie umiarkowanym zwolennikiem życia w przeciwieństwie do radykalnego popierania aborcji zmierza we właściwym kierunku. Jak mówi stare przysłowie: „Rzymu nie zbudowano w jeden dzień”.

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

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by Parents
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ALEXI KOPINSKI (15 birth)
by Grandparents
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR KESTAS
by Jodwalis Family

Tuesday — October 1st (Little Flower Novena-7:30 AM)

7:00 AM † JOHN KOWALCZYK
by Daughter
† FRANCESCO PERFETTI
by Family
7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA AGNIESZKI TYBEL (urodziny)
by Chrestina
O BOŻE BŁ. DLA MARII I KRZYSZTOFA
MATURSKI (30 Rocznicą Ślubu)

Wednesday — October 2nd (Little Flower Novena-7:30 AM)

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR STANLEY & MARIE
† JERRY W. PTACEK
by C. Ptacek

Thursday — October 3rd (Little Flower Novena-7:30 AM)

7:00 AM † ADAM WOJCIAK (Anniv.)
by Danuta Wontorczyk
† REV. L. DUDLEY DAY O.S.A.
by Scott Family

Friday — October 4th (First Friday)

7:00 AM ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIALS
† DANA R. BLASE
by Jim Blase & Family
7:00 PM † HELENA I STANISŁAW OBŁAŻNY
Fr. Valdi by J.S. Nowobilski
† WOJCIECH I MARIA PARA
by Walter Para

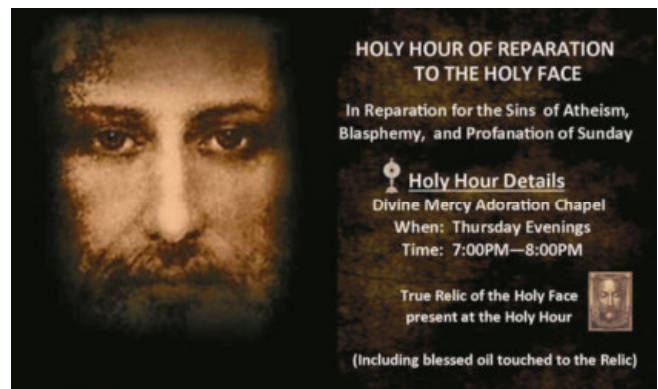
Saturday — October 5th (First Saturday)

7:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
LITTLE FLOWER MEMORIALS
1:00 PM *Wedding: Iryna Vasus and David Kozak*
3:00 PM *Wedding: Christine Stauber and Norbert Sobotko*
5:00 PM † HELEN ERCOLI
Fr. Koys by Ercoli Family
† JOHN A. SEGVICH
by Joseph & Maria Marusarz
† STELLA TROC (1 Anniv.)
by Linda & Keith Harbison
† SHARON MCCARTHY & HARRY KIELMA
by Family
7:00 PM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH I ZMARŁYCH
Fr. Valdi

Sunday — October 6th

7:00 AM ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
Fr. Koys FOR ALL PRAYER REQUESTS IN OUR CHAPEL
INTENTION BOOK
† STANLEY & THERESA F. WOZNAK
by Family
† EDWARD KELLY
by Glen & Denise Francis
8:00 AM † CHRISTINE BUDZ (4 Rocznicą Śmierci)
Fr. Valdi by Rodzina
† FRANCISZKA DZIĄBA
by Rodzina
† JAN STRAMA
by Rodzina
† WOJCIECH I MARIA BEDNARA
by Córka

9:30 AM † RICHARD LESNICKI
Fr. Noga by Mom & Family
† MR. & MRS. EDWIN KAMINSKI
by Paul & Claire Cimino
† FELIX ZACZEK
by Zaczek Family
11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA ŻYJĄCYCH CZŁONKÓW KLUBU
Fr. Valdi POLSKIEGO
O UKOJENIE W BÓLU DLDA RODZINY REMIASZ
by Little Academy
† JOHN I JANINA KOZAK
by Syn z Rodziną
† MARIANNA PARA (Rocznicą Śmierci)
by Walter Para
12:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
Fr. Noga GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR CHRISTOPHER &
NATALIA CHRACA (1 Anniv.)
by Parents
† KONSTANTY PUSTULKA
by Pustulka Family
2:00 PM W INT. WSZYSTKICH PROŚB ZANOSZONYCH
Fr. Valdi W KAPLICY WIECZYSTEJ ADORACJI
† EDWARD J. ŚPIEWAK
by Zona
† JÓZEF SMOLEN (6 Miesiący po Śmierci)
by Monika Bochenek z Rodziną
† MARTA WITKOWSKI
by Sabina Żukowski
7:30 PM † ISABELLE LEBAK
Fr. Rataj by Altar & Rosary Society



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Marcia Nowak	Michael Rajski
Jaeann Sangerman	Daniel Byrne Szafoni
Betty Rae Kazakauskas	Bob Duscet
Marge Doucet	Mike Laskowski
Ann Pere	Denise Johnson
Charlie Wickey	Alexander Dziaba
Chad Martinson	Guy Martin

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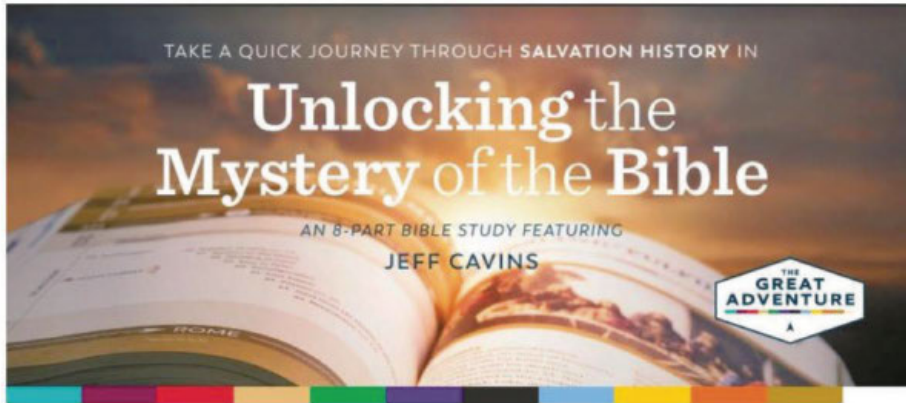


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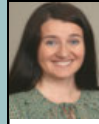
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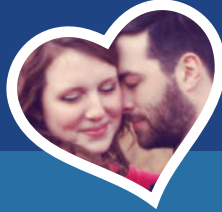
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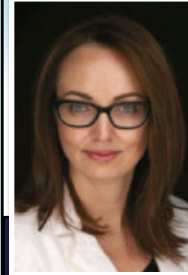
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