

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

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January 12, 2025

The Baptism of The Lord



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 Information</p> <p>Parish Office: 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: Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776</p>
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<p>Mass Schedule:</p>	<p>Bulletin: bulletin@stcyril.org</p> <p>Helping Hands: helpinghands@stcyril.org</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>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</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Special Masses:</p> <p>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>Holy Days of Obligation: As announced</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</p> <p>Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM Also available by appointment.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass</p>	<p>Parish Website: www.stcyril.org</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>School Website: www.school.stcyril.org</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>	<p>Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont</p>
	<p>School Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMComets</p>

**Dear Parishioners,**

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" - in such words God the Father turned to Jesus immediately after he had been baptized by John in Jordan.

The same words God addresses to each of us, wanting to remind us of our great dignity that we were gifted through our baptism - the dignity of being a Christian, beloved son, beloved daughter of God the Father. Each of us is unique, one of a kind - that's why we are loved by God so much.

Through the sacrament of baptism God washed away our original sin and accepted us as His beloved children. The awareness that we are children of God is for us a source of unimaginable strength, spiritual courage and joyful undertaking of challenges associated with everyday Christian life. The life of a Christian is not just a series of successes and pure joy, but a constant spiritual struggle to keep God always first in our hearts. Being aware of God's great love for us, we can overcome any struggle if we try to develop our faith every day and build our present and future on it.

Remembering the baptism of the Lord, we have the opportunity to thank God for the grace of our baptism, which most of us have been given thanks to the care of our parents and godparents who raised us on a foundation of Christ's Gospel as members of the Church community. It is worth recalling the date and place of the important event of our own baptism. Let's celebrate it every year. If you do not remember, you can ask your relatives or the parish office where information can be found in the baptism records. Perhaps you could visit the church and stand at the baptismal font at which you were baptized to reflect. This is one of the ways to thank God for the grace of our baptism, for our parents and godparents who instilled in us the Catholic faith, and for the heritage of the

forefathers and such a great crowd of saints who have earned the glory of heaven for their beautiful life. We are invited to remember our great dignity and give bold testimony of our belonging to Christ because today's world needs more brave Christians who are not ashamed to admit their evangelical values.

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:

- 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.
- **Effective immediately, the Parish Life Building has new office hours. Monday through Friday the offices will be open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We will still be closed on Saturday and Sunday.**
- 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.
- There will be a second collection this weekend for our parish school. Please consider making a donation to help keep SSCM Excellent.

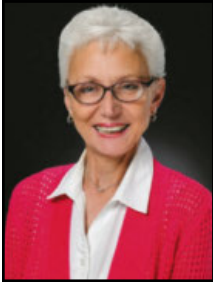
**HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION
TO THE HOLY FACE**

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)



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

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday, January 26th SS. Cyril and Methodius School will join Catholic schools around the nation to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This special time is set aside each year to honor Catholic education and its vital contributions to communities and our nation. For us, the week highlights all the components which make education at SS. Cyril and Methodius National Blue Ribbon School outstanding.

This year's Catholic Schools Week theme is "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." It focuses on the key elements of Catholic education: faith development, academic excellence, and dedication to service. These set Catholic schools apart from other educational options. They are why families make sacrifices to provide their children with a Catholic education.

Sunday, January 26th:

Our celebration will begin at the 9:30 Mass. There will be an Open House, social, and the chance to tour our school following the mass until 1:00PM. As always, the book fair will be open in the PLB following the mass!

Please join us for the mass and Open House on January 28th .

All the best,
Mrs. S. Tkachuk
Principal

**Father Valdi
and some other
January
birthdays!!**



We are also scheduling personal tours for any families interested in learning more about SS. Cyril and Methodius School!

Please call the school office at 630-257-6488 to schedule a tour. You may also request a tour via email, shirleyt@stcyril.org, or lazowski,jackie@stcyril.org.

Catholic Schools Week January 26th-February 1st





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

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator

Please keep the students from our 2nd grade classes in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacrament of healing on February 1st. This weekend some of our classes participated in a First Reconciliation retreat. Thank you to Father Koys for leading the 2nd graders in a thoughtful and faith-filled retreat!



Catechists are currently working on first semester report cards. Once their submissions are completed, the RE office will email report cards individually to the parent email on file. Report cards are expected to begin being emailed mid to late January.



Sacrament of
Reconciliation
February 1, 2025

Sacrament of
Confirmation
March 8, 2025

Parents of 2nd and 8th grade students:

Thank you to those that have submitted their child's 2nd Grade Sacrament/ Confirmation registration forms. If you have a 2nd or an 8th grader receiving a sacrament this year please visit our website www.re.stcyril.org to fill out the appropriate sacrament registration form for your child. **Please refer to the email that was sent from the Faith Formation office last December** with details regarding Reconciliation/ Communion or Confirmation. Contact the Faith Formation office if you have any questions regarding these upcoming sacraments. God Bless!

St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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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.

FEBRUARY OPENINGS



Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

Together We Stand For The Unborn

On Jan 23, a busload of teenagers, along with Fr Koys & dedicated chaperones, will depart for Washington DC. They will march in the National March for Life the next day. Please pray for their safety & witness. And pray for an end to abortion in our country.



Our Wednesday Knitters

A lot of knitting by the St James knitters resulted in a delivery to the pregnancy resource center in LaGrange: 27 sleep sacks, ten blankets, and hats & booties! You are welcome to join them each Wed in the rectory 10am to noon. For questions call Kim 630-841-9070.



A portion of the big turnout – young and old – joining Fr Koys on the St Stephen's Day hike. Mud did not deter the hardy hikers who were rewarded with hot chocolate & goodies. (Note that Dr Mike created walking sticks!) See website for photo album.



On December 29, St James welcomed the three children of Erika (Ludtke) and Kevin Griffin to God's family. Stella Rose & twins Flynn Ryder and Henry Oliver were baptized by Fr Koys. Many blessings always to these children, their parents & their entire extended family.

Wine & Wisdom – Jan 15

We will discuss current events in Rome. A great way to learn more about your faith.

Wine & Wisdom – Jan 22

Wondering about "synodality?" We will delve into this topic & how it fits (or not) into Catholic structure with the help of an instructive video by Bishop Barron.

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



Sandwich Making Ministry

On Saturday, Jan 18, you are welcome to come to Sag Hall at 7am to help assemble 150 lunches which are distributed to those in need in Chicago. For more info call Tim at 312-498-7186.

2025 FLOWER SIGNUP CHART:

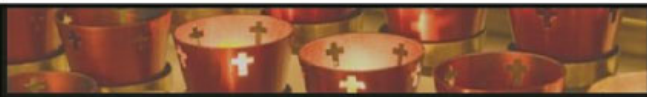
Available in the back of Church. There are still some dates available.

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!

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.



VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/12/25

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, JANUARY 13

8:00AM ✠Joseph Donzelli
Blessings & Thanksgiving—Raj Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00AM Blessings for Alex Florczyk

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00PM ✠Louise Schweih's
✠Anastasia Nkechi Onyeali

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

8:00AM ✠Piotr Gacek

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

6:00PM Health & Healing—Neal Hartz

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

8:00AM Blessings for Spinner Smith

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:15AM ✠Grace Maher

✠Wai Li (Lee)

10AM ✠Michael Connolly

Living/Deceased members Lahart/Lustig Families

12:00PM ✠Dr. Thomas Salmon, Jr.

Birthday Health & Blessings--Mike Wilczek

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

BOB & JOAN SWIGON
IN LOVING MEMORY—JAMES S. SENDZIAK



Our weekly *Offertory* collection from January 5, 2025 was \$5,024. Our *Maintenance* collection was \$830. Online giving(Give Central) totalled \$2,773.

Our weekly *Offertory* collection from December 29, 2024 was \$4,368. Online giving (Give Central) totalled \$1,560.

Christmas collection will be reported at a later date.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, JANUARY 19
8:15am	Christos & Frankie Latsonas, Joe Beecher, Mark Henze
10am	Matthew & Max Naglak, Matthew Rebello, Christian Cozzi

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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





Dear Friends of SS. Cyril and Methodius School,

Our entire school family hopes you are doing well! We are into the beautiful Season of Advent. It is a most special time of year as we think and prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the greatest gift anyone has ever received!

As a school, we are deeply thankful for all our families and parishioners. Your constant guidance and support are truly a blessing! Please know we hold you in our prayers every school day.

This year our school has faced the challenge of a \$300,000 budget shortfall. It is a large, but not insurmountable amount. The shortfall is the result of families leaving our school over the summer months.

Representatives from the Archdiocese of Chicago met with Father Valdi, Denise Duda, and myself to develop a plan to help our school. Everyone's goal is to not just help the school this year, but to continue as we always have, to be financially sound for the future.

The result of this meeting was to begin the "SS. Cyril and Methodius School-Keep SSCM Excellent"-\$600,000 Challenge. The school has been challenged to raise \$300,00. The parish is offering a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$300,000 over the next two years.

Thanks to the hard work of Father Valdi, and his commitment to the success of our school, several parishioners and school families who were contacted have already responded and are helping us to reach our goal. Our school is extremely grateful for their support! We are more than two-thirds of the way to achieving our goal!

Now we are reaching out to all parishioners and school families to contribute what you can to help us get to \$300,000. A pledge card is included. Please consider how you can help and return the card to the collection basket or to school.

Whether you are a current or former school family, a parishioner, an SSCM Alum, or someone who is the product of Catholic education, you have the chance to give back, for all the blessings you have already received in your life!

Catholic schools in our nation have been paramount in teaching the values that parents seek to instill in their children. At SS. Cyril & Methodius School, we have worked hard and take pride in teaching a well-rounded education that has served as a foundation for a better future since 1884.

Thank you all for your support!

Shirley Tkachuk
Principal

***Please see the "Keep SSCM Excellent"
Pledge Card on Page 13.**

HOPE & LOVE

◆ are best when shared ◆

DONATE BLOOD


Saturday February 01
9:00AM - 1:00PM

**LEMONT VFW POST 5819
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 1599**

LOCATION: COMMUNITY ROOM
15780 New Avenue, Lemont 60439


APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED/WALK INS WELCOME

Please book an appointment on-line using the QR Code attached:-



Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

Every donor makes a difference! Sign up today and be that difference. Each donor impacts 3 lives.



HELP SAVE LIVES IN THE COMMUNITY

On Christmas Eve at the 3:00 Mass students from our parish school and religious education program participated in acting out the gospel as Fr. Valai read it. These pictures are from that Mass. The children did a very good job, and the congregation enjoyed the pageant very much. It made the 3:00 Christmas Eve Mass very special.



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Under spiritual guidance of:
Fr. Waldemar (Waldi) Stawiarski




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Drodzy Parafianie,

„Tyś jest mój Syn umiłowany, w Tobie mam upodobanie” – w takich słowach Bóg Ojciec zwrócił się do Jezusa zaraz po tym, jak przyjął od Jana Chrzciciela chrzest w Jordanie. Te same słowa Bóg

kieruje do każdego z nas, pragnąc nam przypomnieć o naszej wielkiej godności, jaką zostaliśmy obdarowani podczas naszego chrztu – godności bycia chrześcijaninem, umiłowanym synem, umiłowaną córką Boga Ojca. Każdy z nas jest bowiem niepowtarzalny, jedyny w swoim rodzaju – dlatego tak bardzo jesteśmy przez Boga kochani.

Poprzez sakrament chrztu św. Bóg zmył z naszej duszy grzech pierworodny i na nowo przyjął nas jako swoje ukochane dzieci. Świadomość, że jesteśmy dziećmi Bożymi, może być dla nas źródłem niewyobrażalnej siły, duchowej odwagi i radosnego podejmowania wyzwań wiążących się z codziennym chrześcijańskim życiem. Życie chrześcijanina nie jest tylko pasmem sukcesów i niczym niezmaconej radości, ale nieustannym duchowym bojem staczanym o to, by nikt i nic innego nie zajęło w naszym sercu pierwszorzędного miejsca przynależnego tylko Bogu. Mając świadomość tak wielkiej miłości, jaką ukochał nas Bóg, każdy życiowy bój możemy stoczyć zwycięsko, jeśli tylko będziemy starali się każdego dnia rozwijać wiarę i na niej budować całą naszą teraźniejszość i przyszłość.

Przeżywając dzisiejsze święto, mamy możliwość podziękować Bogu za łaskę naszego chrztu, który większości z nas został udzielony dzięki trosce naszych rodziców i chrzestnych, byśmy od najmłodszych lat wzrastali na fundamencie Chrystusowej Ewangelii, jako członkowie wspólnoty Kościoła. Warto dziś przypomnieć sobie datę i miejsce tego ważnego wydarzenia, jakim był nasz własny chrzest. Świętujemy go co roku. Jeśli ich nie znamy, można zasięgnąć wiadomości u swoich krewnych albo w kancelarii parafialnej, gdzie znajdują się księgi chrztów. Może moglibyśmy odwiedzić kościół i stanąć przy chrzcielnicy, przy której otrzymaliśmy chrzest święty. W ten sposób

możemy podziękować Bogu za łaskę naszego chrztu, za rodziców i chrzestnych oraz za zaszczerpienie w nas wiary katolickiej, za dziedzictwo praojców i tak wielkiego zastępu świętych, którzy przez piękne życie zasłużyli sobie na chwałę nieba. Jesteśmy zaproszeni do pamiętania o naszej wielkiej godności i postępowania zgodnie z nią w każdym momencie naszego życia, dając odważne świadectwo naszej przynależności do Chrystusa, ponieważ dzisiejszy świat tak bardzo potrzebuje mężnych chrześcijan niewstydzających przyznać się do ewangelicznych wartości.

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

Ks. Waldemar

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- Dołącz do pielgrzymko-wycieczki z ks. Waldemarem „Valdi” w maju 2025 roku i wybierz się na jedną z najpiękniejszych podróży do Polski. Więcej strzegółów w biuletynie.
- **Uwaga! Zmiana godzin otwarcia parafialnego.** W trybie natychmiastowym biuro będzie otwarte od poniedziałku do piątku w godzinach 8:00AM – 4:00PM. Soboty i niedziele biuro nieczynne.
- 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 ten weekend odbędzie się druga zbiórka na rzecz naszej szkoły parafialnej. Prosimy o rozważenie przekazania darowizny, aby pomóc utrzymać SSCM Excellent.

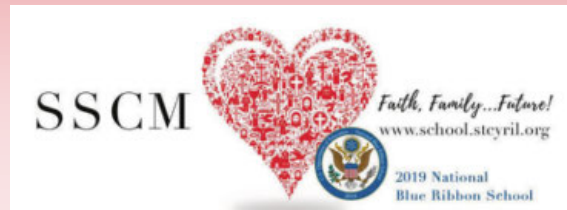


The Blessed Sacrament candle that burns above the altar 24/7 is available to be sponsored for an intention or in memory of loved ones. This candle is replaced every Monday morning. We also have a Blessed Sacrament candle in our Divine Mercy Chapel which is available for intentions. Please call our parish office to make arrangements to book your week and to specify which Blessed Sacrament candle you would like to sponsor. A donation of \$100 is requested, and the intention along with the name of the donor will be acknowledged in our bulletin.

Mass Intentions

7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
Fr. Rataj**Monday — January 13th**7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
✠ SUSAN CYCON (1 month after passing)
by Sophie Grele**Tuesday — January 14th**7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKI M.B. I ZDROWIE DLA MAI
(urodzin)
by Rodziców
✠ JÓZEF WILK
by Rodzina Prędko
✠ MAREK I EMILIA LICHOSYT
by Siostra**Wednesday — January 15th**7:00 AM CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GIANNA CISLO (birth)
by Grandparents
✠ KRZYSZTOF BIALAS
by Family**Thursday — January 16th**7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR KASIA GAL (birth)
✠ FOR ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY**Friday — January 17th**

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Saturday — January 18th7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
✠ TED FLORYNSKI (Anniv.)
by Wife & Family
5:00 PM ✠ JANE GRZYBOWSKI
Fr. Koys by Dianna & James Gliwa
✠ JULIA KOZIEL
by Lottie & Walter Koziel
✠ JANINA OZGA
by Family**Sunday — January 19th**7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
Fr. Koys
8:00 AM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH I ZMARŁYCH
Fr. Valdi ✠ ZA ZMARŁYCH CZŁONKÓW KLUBU POLSKIEGO
✠ STANISŁAW LUKANUS (Rocznica Śmierci)
by Syn z Rodziną
O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA KS. PROBOSZCZA
WALDEMARA (urodziny)
9:30 AM ✠ CHRISTINE KLAER
Fr. Jason by Jenner Family
11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA JADZI
Fr. Valdi STYRCZULA (urodziny)
by Rodzina Milan
O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA JANINY GAWRON
(urodziny)
by Ewa i Andrzej Surówka z Rodziną
✠ STANISŁAW JAGIEŁŁO
by Córka Halina Rafacz
✠ STEFANIA I WŁADYSŁAW KOS
by Helen Kos
12:30 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR MATTHEW &
Fr. Rataj ANTOINETTE CHRACA (1 Anniv.)
by Parents
GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALTH FOR KENNEDY
JACHNA
by Maria Pardol
2:00 PM ✠ HIERONIMA PALASIEWICZ
Fr. Valdi by Monika Bochenek i Rodziną
✠ JÓZEF DZIAŁBA
by Brat
✠ HELENA FLORYN
by Rodzina i Przyjaciele2nd Collection January 11th & 12th
SSCM Parish SchoolThere will be a second collection for SSCM
School. Please support our parish school & help
them to continue to keep providing an excellent
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Shine Upon Them*In your prayers, please remember the souls of
Carole A. Marlowe & Raymond W. Perisin.
May their souls and the soul of all our faithfully
departed family and friends rest in
everlasting peace.Please call the parish office if you
have a loved one you would like
our parish community to pray for.

Emilia Pilecki	Arthur Zelezinski
Michael Rajski	Jaeann Sangerman
Daniel Byrne Szafoni	Bob Duscet
Marge Doucet	Mike Laskowski
Ann Pere	Denise Johnson
Alexander Dziaba	Guy Martin
Carol Preis	Joan Albert
Irene Forst	Ray Przedziecki
Terry Hallandworth	William Podborny
Nick Gorisch	Stanislaw Kopera
Mark Malewski & Family	Cindy Evankoe
Malgorzata Bies	John Dzielski
Grace Dunbar	

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
 December 28 & 29, 2024**

Envelopes	516	12,310.00
Children's Envelopes		.00
GiveCentral (12/23-12/29)	117	<u>2,542.00</u>
Total		14,852.00

Budgeted: \$15,700.00 | Actual: 14,852.00 | (\$848)

516 envelopes plus 117 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 30% of 2,100 registered parishioner families.

**Parish Contributions
 January 4 & 5, 2024**

Envelopes	551	18,047.00
Children's Envelopes		.00
GiveCentral (12/30-1/5)	136	<u>3,197.00</u>
Total		21,244.00

Budgeted: \$15,700.00 | Actual: 21,244.00 | \$5,544

New Year's Eve & Day \$8,401.00

551 envelopes plus 136 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 33% of 2,100 registered parishioner families.

Your donations help meet our immediate needs, repairs and improvements. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

Christmas totals will be included in next weekend's bulletin.



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.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON
 Tuesday, February 4th
 12 Noon ~ PLB**

Our next senior luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 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, January 31st.

****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 January!

Congratulations and God's Blessings



*Jennifer Redmond and Justin Munns
 Married December 31, 2024*

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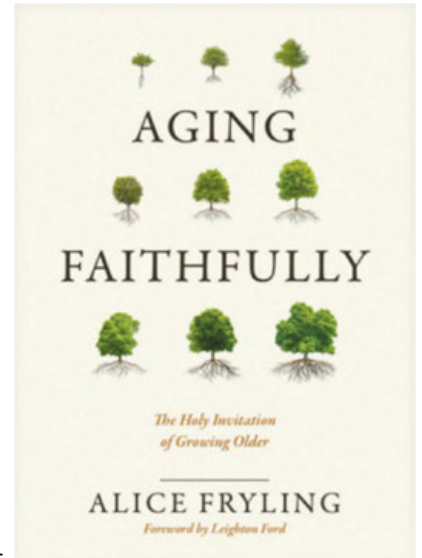
Our Evangelization Team met last summer to brainstorm this year's offerings. One mature senior citizen said, "We have all this stuff for the young adults and families, what do you have for us old people? The Holy Spirit was moving. That was a good point. We started thinking of what our parish can do to help our seniors draw closer to God? After addressing the idea with Fr. Valdi, Jim Gliwa, and Jack Cisek, and a few other meetings, we came up with a good book study idea. Fr. Valdi suggested we use it as enrichment at the monthly senior luncheons. With a couple more volunteers, Lucy Gschwing and Lupe Sanchez, we came up with a plan by seniors for seniors.

The book, ***Aging Faithfully: The Holy Invitation of Growing Older*** by Alice Fryling (available on Amazon) seemed to fit perfectly as a monthly book club discussion. The author has decades of experience as a wise spiritual guide to equip others for this holy adventure of getting older. A former ABC News correspondent, Peggy Wehmeyer, proclaimed, "Reading Alice's book brought me closer to the truth that God has given me everything I need to age not only faithfully, but joyfully."

Even as our bodies age, our desire for a life with meaning and connections does not. Thus, senior gatherings need not be complaint sessions of health problems but can include some wisdom and substance besides some fun. Would you like to grow in life-giving ways as you age? Do you have the courage to *let go* of former ways of thinking to receive God's love and life in new ways?

Join us at the next senior luncheon February 4th. After lunch and before bingo, our parishioner Lucy Gschwing will be leading a discussion from Chapter 3 of "Aging Faithfully." Our first two fall discussions, led by Jack Cisek, helped us consider Chapters 1 & 2 on 'A New Kind of Retirement' and 'Experiencing New Birth as We Age.' Next month, Chapter 3, on 'Holy Losses, Holy Invitations' leads us to understand how the Resurrection of Jesus Christ adds a new dimension of spiritual life to the physical losses in our own health and circumstances. It also challenges us to reflect on God's response to St. Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you my power is made perfect in weakness."

When do we experience strength in weakness? Would you like to age not only faithfully, but joyfully? How can you use your gifts to love others when you are no longer in the workplace? Let's discuss it. Watch the bulletin to RSVP for the February 4th Senior luncheon. Come to eat, have fun, play bingo, and join our post-lunch discussion. Let's grow together.



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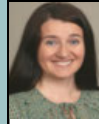
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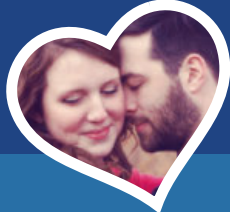


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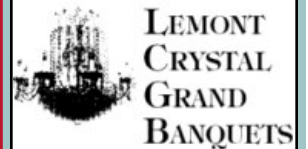
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