

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

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September 15, 2024

Twenty-fourth 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.

Parish Information		Minister of Music:	Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776
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	Polish School:	www.polschool.com Halina Szyrzyna Principal: (630) 669-9058
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Mass Schedule:		Parish Council:	Joe Martello, President
Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM		Bulletin:	bulletin@stcyril.org
Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation		Helping Hands:	helpinghands@stcyril.org
Sunday: 7:00 AM (English-No Music), 8:00 AM (Polish), 9:30 AM (English), 11:00 AM (Polish), 12:30 PM (English), 2:00 PM (Polish), 7:30 PM (English-No Music)		New Parishioners:	Download the new parishioner form online on our website. The form can be handed into the donation basket at Mass, mailed in, or brought into the parish office
Special Masses:		Baptisms:	Parents need to be registered, active and supporting parishioners prior to arranging a baptism at St. Cyril's. If this is a firstborn child, the parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class. Both sponsors should be adults and one an active, practicing Catholic.
Tuesday PM: devotions at 7 PM, 7:45 PM (Polish)		Marriage:	The bride and groom are encouraged to be registered, active, contributing parishioners of SS. Cyril & Methodius. Arrangements are to be made with a priest or deacon as soon as possible. A Marriage Preparation Program is a requirement of the Archdiocese. To schedule a wedding, please contact the parish office.
First Friday: 7:00 AM (English), 7:00 PM (Polish)		Social Media:	In an effort to enhance communication with our parishioners and visitors, please visit these websites to stay better connected with the many events and ministries of our parish.
First Saturday: devotions at 7 PM (Polish), 9:00 PM (Polish)		Parish Website:	www.stcyril.org
Holy Days of Obligation: As announced		School Website:	www.school.stcyril.org
Sacrament of Reconciliation:		Parish Facebook Page:	www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM		School Facebook Page:	www.facebook.com/SSCMComets
First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM			
Also available by appointment.			
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:			
Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass			
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:			
Located in the Divine Mercy Chapel in the Parish Life Building. Please contact: Lottie (630) 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		



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

We hear the amazing two prong response of Jesus to Peter in the Gospel. First, it’s Peter’s profession of faith in Jesus, “You are the Christ”. Then comes the whammy, “Get behind me Satan.” We need to learn a lot about ourselves as we learn about Peter. A quote from the classic Catholic author, Frank Sheed can shed some light on this dualism, this back and forth quality of our lives.

“Never think that the way of man is prosaic, (that is simple, or one dimensional). We are a mixture of matter and spirit, and in this we resemble no other creature on earth. We are the only beings who die and do not stay dead: it seems an odd way to our goal that as the last stage on the way to it, all of us, saint and sinner, should fall apart. We are the only beings with an everlasting destiny who have not reached their “final state”. By comparison there is something cozy and settled about angels, for they are simply either good or bad. Men are the only beings whose destiny is uncertain... We are the only creatures who can choose what side we want to be on for our final destiny. We are the only beings left who can either choose or refuse God.”

Jesus of course knew all about heaven, hell and purgatory. Peter did not. Jesus knew our life in this world required lots of choices. But for the most part, all the important choices we make fall under the two prongs of today’s gospel. First, we must make a choice that we accept, we believe, we adore Christ as the living God. All our catechism, all our doctrines and creedal beliefs flow from this first choice. But there is a second choice that flows from this first. It involves the taking up of our particular cross. Rejecting the cross in this world snuffs out our commitment to the first choice. How could Peter have known all this? How is it that we choose to ignore this “odd mixture of life”, as Frank Sheed calls it? For me, the answer lies in the fact that we do not think enough about heaven, hell and purgatory. We may know what they mean. We may even accept them as realities. But we don’t really consider them as our ultimate destiny very often.

And here is where the second reading sheds light on the problems with the easier spiritual road of Martin Luther and all the “reformers”. St James reminds us, “faith of itself, if it does not have works is dead.” Pray every day that God will show you the reward for carrying your cross. Pray our society will correct our most grievous errors. I saw a billboard the other day: “Welcome to Chicago, where abortion is healthcare”. Can’t you hear Jesus responding, “Chicago, get behind me Satan”?

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

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

- **SAVE THE DATE: November 9, 2024** will be our parish's 140th Anniversary Mass & Dinner Dance Celebration. To sign up to become a sponsor and find more details about the event, please see the flyer in the bulletin.
- Join Father Valdi for a Pilgrimage to Wisconsin on September 26th & 27th. For more details and to sign up, please see the ad in the bulletin.
- Please see the letter in this bulletin from the Archdiocese of Chicago regarding kneelers.

September 26-27, 2024

**GOOD NEWS:
 DEADLINE EXTENDED!!**

\$395

PILGRIMAGE TO WISCONSIN

**HOLY HILL, CHAMPION, LA CROSSE
 +OCTOBERFEST & WINE TASTING**

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- Accommodation in a high-class tourist hotel
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- History talk in Champion
- Daily Mass reservations
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THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Meals other than those listed in the services
- Entrance tickets to Oktoberfest (cost approx. \$30/person)
- Wine tasting at one of the local wineries (cost approx. \$20/person)
- Personal expenses: beverages, customary tips, etc.
- Single room supplement \$100

ENROLLMENT STARTS: 6/25/2024
 FINAL PAYMENT: 8/15/2024

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"Strength for the Journey"

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
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Dear Parents,

This Sunday, September 15th is Catechetical Sunday. It is a special day set aside each year to recognize those who teach the faith through word and example to our children.

Please say a special prayer of thanks for the entire SS. Cyril and Methodius School Faculty and Staff. We are blessed to have them work with our students and families sharing their faith every day!



SS. Cyril and Methodius School Faculty and Staff:

John Brady
Maeva Gillen
Denise Coules
Tracey Ocampo
Tony Fisher
Paulina Strama
Jennifer Wysocki
Bernice Kucera
Nicole O'Hare
Jackie Lazowski

Robyn Rush
Bożena Wrona
Danielle West
Gracy Sowa
Kelsey Grennell
Robert Villasenor
Ron Hilger
Bernadine Andersen
Amber Anzalone
Kim Gardner



Heartfelt Thank You!

To Our School Families and the entire Lemont Community-

We wanted to extend our deepest appreciation to all of you for your support with the SSCM Carnival! If you made it out, you know the fun everyone had! We are truly grateful for your support! If you were unable to make it out, we are sorry you couldn't be here and hope you can join us for another event sometime! Thank you for your patience and understanding that we are a small Catholic school just trying to raise money and bring the community together!

We would like to give a HUGE SHOUT OUT to Susan Bradac, Annette Zubek, and ALL of the hard-working Carnival Committee for their endless hours of personal time putting things together to make this the success that it was! You are all incredible!

A HUGE SHOUT OUT to all of the selfless volunteers who have children currently at the school and those who returned to give us a hand! Your support is both humbling and heart warming! This is not possible without all of you!

Thank you to Father Uddi for his support, blessing, and his cooking skills!

Thank you to all of our Teachers, Lemont Police Dept., vendors, bands, and especially our grillers from the SSCM Cafe! You are all amazing! A thank you to all of our students who helped with set up and clean up! Thank you to our technology department for setting us up electronically!

While we know having a carnival in the middle of a small town is not exactly ideal, it is truly something special to see an entire community come together! It gives us all that feeling of family and togetherness which is a wonderful thing!

We know a thank you is not nearly enough to express all the gratitude in our hearts, but know that we value each of you. All of the help, support, patience, and dedication you all have given is beyond appreciated.

"CATECHISTS ARE PEOPLE WHO KEEP THE MEMORY OF GOD ALIVE; THEY KEEP IT ALIVE IN THEMSELVES AND THEY ARE ABLE TO REVIVE IT IN OTHERS."

- POPE FRANCIS



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

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator



Words can hardly express how grateful we are for all of our catechists and staff, because without them our program would not exist! We appreciate their dedication and passion for passing on our faith to the many children of our parish community. We extend a most heartfelt thanks to our entire SSCM RE staff for their dedication and patience and for all that they do to make our RE program a success.

May God bless you all!

MONDAY SESSION CATECHISTS

Debbie Grand	Nicole Jaronczyk
Laurie Gornick	Monika Morajka
Margaret Las-Marusarz	Laura Sciacca
Allen Pratt	Jim Crockett

WEDNESDAY SESSION CATECHISTS

Tina Madanowski	Pam Dzik
Donna Lichacz	Katherine Hilgart
Lori Barnett	John Pazdziora
Mary Ameriks	Dave Smietanski

FRIDAY SESSION CATECHISTS

Hanna Biedrzycki	Margaret Sniezko
Walter Smreczak	Daniel Janosik
Grazyna Pawlikowski	Magdalena Jasiurkowska
Donna Ligas	Anna Kaczor
Marek Predki	



Catechetical Sunday
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

A PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

2024/25 CATECHETICAL YEAR

Monday (English) 5:30—7:00PM
** begins 9/23/2024*

Wednesday session (English)
6:00—7:30PM
** begins 9/25/2024*

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



The Fall campaign runs **Sept 25 thru Nov 3**. Our group will continue to gather at Access Health, 1700 75th St, Downers Grove, each **Friday at 3pm**. Pray with us &/or sign up for individual prayer time at 40daysforlife.com



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.



JOYFUL AGAIN!!

Is a retreat/workshop for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life.

When: September 18 & 19, 2024 (Wed & Thurs)
Where: St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, IL
For further information, call: 708-354-7211.

Email us at info@joyfulagain.org
website: www.joyfulagain.org

Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!



Miles Christi – Sept 27-29 – Dewitt, MI
Info at mileschristi.org/enkindle. Fr Koys will pay half registration fee for Anchor attendees. Contact him.

Altar & Rosary knows how to throw a party!
A fabulous time was had by all at the annual Parish Picnic– even the very large snake! See all the action in the photo album on our website under "Our Parish."



Many Thanks to the talented volunteer who reattached the handrail leading to the rectory basement & in time for CCD classes! With gratitude we honor his request for anonymity. Do you have a talent to share?

Honoring Mary

Fr Koys celebrated Mass in the beautiful grotto at St Mary's. The Knights of Columbus Council 1599 in Lemont sponsored the Mass on September 7. Additional photos in our website photo album.



Knights of Columbus

Bike for Life

September 21 at 9:00 AM

Join the ride from Aurora's Planned Parenthood to Randy Morris IVF Clinic in Naperville. See flyer in Church or contact John Zabinski 630-747-8439



Today, Sunday, Sept 15th, begins our membership drive. ALL ladies of the parish are cordially invited to join the A&R Society. "Many hands make light work." Consider sharing your talents with our group. Are you already a member? Come see how you can get more involved to show St. James all our love—"let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

Wine & Wisdom – Sept 18

Fr Scott Haynes will enlighten us (via Zoom) on the "Sword of St. Michael," a series of seven churches which stretch from Ireland to Israel in perfect alignment. We will learn of the history, miracles & spiritual significance of each of these sites."

Wine & Wisdom – Sept 25

The movie "Dysconnected" will be the topic. What's the trans movement really about? How can we help stop it?

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



Sandwich Making Ministry

Saturday, Sept 21 is our next date to make lunches for our neighbors in need. 7am in the Hall. For more info call Tim Meece 312.498.7186

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Anyone seeking Baptism or the other sacraments of initiation (Eucharist & Confirmation), or who simply wants to learn more about the Catholic faith, please call Fr Koys or the rectory. First class Sept. 29, 11am.

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.

Upcoming Weddings:

*Sonia Styrzula & Damian Paczek
 Paulina Stafira & Matthew May*

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 9/15/24

St. James Altar & Rosary Society
 All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 United States of America
 For Our Children—Heather, Ryan & Colleen
 Blessings & Thanksgiving--Anna Slowinska
 For a Safe Trip

Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00AM ✚James Marlowe
 Blessings & Thanksgiving--Anna Slowinska

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:00AM Health & Healing--Frank Podczewinski
 Health & Healing--Fr. Robert Coleman

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00PM Donna & Peter Borzecki-25th Wedding Anniv
 ✚Julie Burruss

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Therese Lattal
 ✚Joseph Altieri

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:00PM ✚Jo Ann Bumetta
 ✚Halina Jablonowska

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:00AM Health & Healing—Sue Pawlisz
 ✚James Marlowe

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:15AM ✚Joe Slowik
 Health & Healing--Seve Rohrbacher
 Brother Keiren Hamilton—Blessings on 1st
 Profession of vows

10AM: ✚Maria Piech
 ✚Barbara Medala
 ✚Kurt Schefer

12:00PM: ✚Bradley Davis
 Health & Healing--Sr Maria Paulina Sterling

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

**RICH & MARY BURRUSS—FOR BURRUSS FAMILY
 AND
 STEVE & DEBBIE SPANSKI—IN MEMORY OF
 THE HAYES & SPANKSKI GRANDPARENTS**

Our Weekly Offering



Our weekly *Offertory* collection from September 8, 2024 was \$3,857. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$2,918. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
8:15am	Ricky, Peter & Luke Gomez, Alex Pawlikowski
10am	Matthew Rebello, Christian Cozzi, Will & Conor Pawlisz



October Senior Luncheon
Tuesday, October 1st
12:00 Noon in the PLB

It is a pleasure to announce the return of senior luncheons. The first one will be on Tuesday, October 1st at 12 PM. Again, you can expect a delicious meal, great company, 50/50, bingo, etc.

Coleen Mast, will introduce a new program, "Aging Faithfully" with John Cisek's assistance.

The Best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the First was made.
-Robert Browning

**Second Collection ~ September 21st & 22nd
Seminarian Education**

The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Please support the men seeking to answer God's call to a life of service as a priest.



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.



TALK SAVES LIVES

A Brief Introduction to Suicide Prevention

Autumn leaves graphic

Date
Sunday, September 29, 2024


Time
4:00 PM CST

Location
St. Bernard Parish
13030 W 143rd Street
Homer Glen, IL 60491

RSVP
Not required
Any questions: Please contact
Peggy Grill pgrill36@gmail.com

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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.

OCIA FORMERLY RCIA



Where do you begin?
Well, you just begin from where you are right now!

Many adults who are entering the Catholic Church, or even those who are thinking about it, follow a process called "OCIA" (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly called RCIA).

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Trish Nickleski at tnickleski@sscmlemont.org, even if you are an adult baptized Catholic but haven't received First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

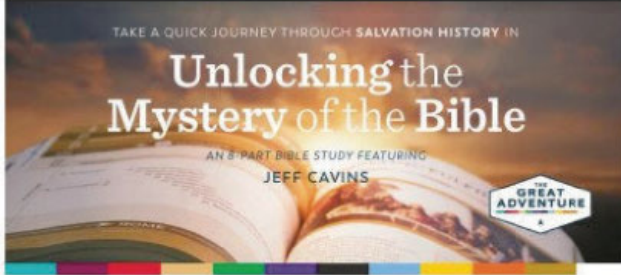
If possible, please fill out the OCIA Application Form which is available in the back of the church and bring it to the Parish Office.

Classes began September 24, 2024, and end a couple of weeks after Easter. Classes are held in conjunction with St. Alphonsus / St. Patrick Parish. We meet on Tuesday evenings in the St. Alphonsus Ministry Building from 7-8:30 PM.

TAKE A QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH SALVATION HISTORY IN

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

AN 8-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING
JEFF CAVINS



Many Catholics want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you get the "big picture" by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how to read the Bible so that you can actually understand it.

Aided by the unique color-coded Bible Timeline® Chart, which arranges the key people, places, and events of Scripture in chronological order, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you discover the story of salvation history and understand how you fit into God's plan. This eight-session study program includes video presentations that explore all twelve time periods of *The Bible Timeline* Chart.

Dates: Thursdays, October 10, 2024 – October 24, 2024; November 7, 2024 – November 21, 2024; and December 5, 2024 – December 12, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Place: St. Patrick Church Hall

Registration: Please contact Kevin Cody at kcody-stats@comcast.net or Coleen Mast at cmast@archchicago.org to register for the program. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Parish Office at 630-257-2414.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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Very Rev. William T. Corcoran, Ph.D.
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August 11th, 2024

Rev. Waldemar Stawiarski
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10600 South Archer Avenue, Lemont, Illinois 60439

Dear Frs. Valdi and Tom,

I am writing to you after our recent conversations about the use of kneelers for the reception of Holy Communion at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, and St. James Mission. After consultation with Cardinal Cupich and the Episcopal Council, this letter confirms that it is necessary that you remove the kneelers that had been placed at the communion stations and follow the procedure in use throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago for the reception of Holy Communion. People are welcome to kneel to receive Holy Communion, but kneelers can not to be provided.

I am appreciative of the good ministry that you are providing to the Catholics of Lemont.

Sincerely yours,

Very Rev. William T. Corcoran Ph.D.,

Interim Vicar for Vicariate V.

Ks. Proboszczu Valdi i ks. Tom,

Drodzy Parafianie, pragnę się z Wami podzielić informacjami odnośnie stosowania klęczników przy przyjmowaniu Komunii Świętej w kościele św. Cyryla i Metodego oraz Misji Św. Jakuba. Po konsultacji z kardynałem Cupichem i Radą Episkopatu niniejszy list potwierdza, że konieczne jest usunięcie klęczników umieszczonych przy stanowiskach podczas przyjmowania Komunii św. jako takich samych zasad w całej Archidiecezji Chicago. Tzn. że jeżeli ktoś chce to może uklęknąć podczas przyjmowania Komunii św. ale klęczniki nie będą zapewnione. Jesteśmy wdzięczni za Waszą posługę kapłańską w Lemont.

*Z poważaniem,
Ks. William T. Corcoran Ph.D
Dziekan*



Respect Life Committee "Gift Card" Shower

The Respect Life Committee will be hosting a "Gift Card" shower for Waterleaf Womens Center in Aurora the first 2 weeks in September, starting on September 1st. We encourage our parishioners to participate by picking a gift card suggestion/reminder card from the baskets on the back tables, purchase the gift card and return to the box by Sept 15th. Their website is waterleafwc.org to see what they offer to women in need. Call Vicki 630-303-2945 with questions.

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

GOLD LEVEL Event Sponsor
\$3,000 per sponsorship

Gold Sponsor OPPORTUNITIES:

<p>Centerpiece Sponsorship – Fulfilled Mr. & Mrs. Christopher & Margaret Czupta, Quality Truck and Trailer Repair</p> <p>Wine with Dinner Sponsorship ← Still Available!</p> <p>Sweet Table Sponsorship – Fulfilled Mr. & Mrs. Ed & Jane Bleka & Family</p> <p>Chair/Linen Sponsorship ← Still Available!</p> <p>Top Shelf Upgrade Sponsorship – Fulfilled Mr. & Mrs. John & Donna Nowobilski, Northstar Foods, Inc.</p> <p>Passed Hors d'oeuvres Sponsorship – Fulfilled Bobak's Signature Events</p>	<p>Your Gold Sponsorship Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Event Tickets Included • Priority Seating at a prestigious Gold Table • Enjoy Bottle Service at your Gold Table • Receive prominent Recognition at the Event and on our Sponsors Board
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Don't delay, secure your commitment and sponsorship today!

SILVER LEVEL Event Sponsor
\$1,000 per sponsorship

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

Current Silver Level Sponsors:

- CPHM Construction, Michael Hope
- Organization "Kolo 37-Gron-Lesnica", Stanislaw Janik, President
- State Farm Insurance, Annie Kinsley
- Mr. John Cisek & Ms. Marianna Bak
- Ms. Rosemarie McAdam
- Mr. & Mrs. John & Agnieszka Nowobilski
- Mr. & Mrs. Mark & Judy Merzlock

Sponsorships Opportunities are still AVAILABLE!

ALL LEVELS OF SPONSORSHIPS ARE WELCOME!

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



"Kto Śpiewa Dwa Razy Się Modli"
(Św. Augustyn)

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.

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**Z biurka wikariusza pastora
Drodzy Parafianie,**

W dzisiejszej Ewangelii słyszymy niesamowitą, dwutorową odpowiedź Jezusa na słowa Piotra. Najpierw jest to Credo czyli Wyznanie Wiary: „Ty jesteś Mesjaszem”. A potem przychodzi szokująca odpowiedź: „Zejdź mi z oczu, szatanie”. Musimy wiele nauczyć się o sobie, analizując życie Piotra. Cytat z klasycznego katolickiego autora, Franka Sheeda, może rzucić trochę światła na ten dualizm czyli zmienną naturę naszego życia.

„Nigdy nie myśl, że droga człowieka jest prozaiczna, czyli prosta lub jednowymiarowa. Jesteśmy mieszaniną materii i ducha, i pod tym względem nie przypominamy żadnego innego stworzenia na ziemi. Jesteśmy jedynymi istotami, które umierają, ale nie pozostają martwe: wydaje się to dziwną drogą do naszego celu, że na ostatnim etapie tej drogi wszyscy, zarówno święci, jak i grzesznicy, powinni się rozpadać. Jesteśmy jedynymi istotami z wiecznym przeznaczeniem, które jeszcze nie osiągnęły swojego „ostatecznego stanu”. W porównaniu z nami anioły wydają się być w pewnym sensie „przytulne” i ustabilizowane, ponieważ są po prostu dobre albo złe. Ludzie są jedynymi istotami, których przeznaczenie jest niepewne... Jesteśmy jedynymi stworzeniami, które mogą wybrać, po której stronie chcą stanąć dla swojego ostatecznego przeznaczenia. Jesteśmy jedynymi istotami, które mogą albo wybrać, albo odrzucić Boga.”

Jezus oczywiście wiedział wszystko o niebie, piekle i czyścicy, natomiast Piotr nie. Jezus wiedział, że nasze życie na tym świecie wymaga wielu wyborów. Jednak w większości przypadków, wszystkie ważne decyzje, które podejmujemy, wpisują się w dwie kwestie dzisiejszej Ewangelii. Po pierwsze, musimy dokonać wyboru, że akceptujemy, wierzymy i adorujemy Chrystusa jako żywego Boga. Cała nasza katolicka wiara i wszystkie nasze doktryny wypływają z tego pierwszego wyboru. Ale jest też drugi wybór, który wynika z tego pierwszego. Chodzi o podjęcie naszego konkretnego krzyża. Odrzucenie krzyża na tym świecie gasi nasze zaangażowanie w ten pierwszy wybór. Zastanawia mnie jak Piotr mógł to wszystko zrozumieć? Jak to możliwe, że wybieramy ignorowanie tej „dziwnej mieszanki życia” określone przez Franka Sheeda. Dla mnie odpowiedź leży w tym, że nie myślimy wystarczająco często o niebie, piekle i czyścicy, pomimo tego, że wiemy co one oznaczają. Możemy to wszystko nawet akceptować jako rzeczywistość życia. Ale rzadko rozważamy je jako nasze ostateczne przeznaczenie. I tutaj drugie czytanie rzuca światło na problemy związane z łatwiejszą duchową drogą Marcina Lutra i wszystkich

„reformatorów”. Święty Jakub przypomina nam: „Wiara bez uczynków jest martwa”. Módl się każdego dnia, aby Bóg pokazał ci nagrodę za niesienie swojego krzyża. Módl się, aby nasze społeczeństwo poprawiło swoje najbardziej rażące błędy. Widziałem niedawno billboard: „Witamy w Chicago, gdzie aborcja jest opieką zdrowotną”. Czy nie słyszysz, jak Jezus odpowiada: „Chicago, zejdź mi z oczu, szatanie”?

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

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Mass Intentions

Monday — September 16th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
✚ JONAS MALEISKA
by Jodwalis Family

Tuesday — September 17th

7:00 AM ✚ ROBERT V. WHEELER
by Dottie & Time Waugh
7:00 PM DZIEKCZYNNNA Z PROŚBA O BOŻE BŁ. DLA DANUTY I PIOTRA BORZECKI (25 Rocznicia Ślubu)
by Mama
✚ KAROL MACHAJ
by Rodzina

Wednesday — September 18th

7:00 AM ✚ TED FLORYNSKI
by Wife & Family
✚ DANA R. BLASÉ
by Jim Blase & Family

Thursday — September 19th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR SERAFINA GAL (birth)
by Family
✚ HELEN GLIWA
by James & Dianna Gliwa
✚ JENEFER A. HOOTEN (7 Anniv.)
by Mark Sendra

Friday — September 20th

7:00 AM ✚ ROBERT V. LENZI
by Rick & Peggy Sniegowski
✚ EMILY REMIASZ
by Family

Saturday — September 21st

7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR NATALIA & JIMMY (Anniv.)
by Family

1:00 PM *Wedding: Sara Kosela and Anthony Niemiec*

3:00 PM *Wedding: Anne Lebert and John Calzaretta*

5:00 PM ✚ ALBIN & STANISLAW ZAGATA
Fr. Noga by Jozef & Janina Mszal

Sunday — September 22nd

7:00 AM ✚ LUCILLE SIKORA
Fr. Valdi by Altar & Rosary Society
8:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA NATALI I DANIELA LAS (Rocznicia Ślubu)
Carmelite by Rodzice
✚ ZA ZMARŁYCH CZŁONKÓW KLUBU POLSKIEGO W LEMONT
✚ JAN KACZMARSKI
by Córka z Rodziną

9:30 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Fr. Valdi ✚ DCN NORB LESNIESKI (8 Anniv.)
by Mark & Sue Sniegowski
11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA ILONY I PAWŁA STASZEL (Rocznicia Ślubu)
Carmelite by Rodzice
O BOŻE BŁ. DLA JOHN I KASIA GAL (12 Rocznicia Ślubu)
O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA MICHELLE CHOLICZ (Roczek)
by Dziadkowie

✚ HELENA I STANISLAW OBŁAŻNY
by J.S. Nowobilski
12:30 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR JOHN & ROSE WILCZEWSKI (60 Wedd. Anniv.)
Fr. Valdi by Donna Chefalo, John & Michael Wilczewski
✚ SISTER M. ALACOQUE (Anniv.)
by John Grele

✚ JAKUB CHLEBEK (5 Anniv.)
by Elizabeth Chlebek

✚ EMILY REMIASZ
by Little Academy
2:00 PM O DARY DUCHA ŚW. DLA NATALI LEŚNICKI
Carmelite I EWY STOCH
O DARY DUCHA ŚW. DLA IZABELI MAREK
I STELI PODRĄŻA

✚ MICHAŁ I MARIA KRĘŻEL
by Syn z Rodziną
7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
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| Chad Martinson | |

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.

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*Grace Thomas and Joe Couri
Married September 6, 2024*

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*Natalie Rutkowski and Kyle Porter
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*Lindsay Cardosi and Daniel Gilbert
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Holy Hour Details
Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel
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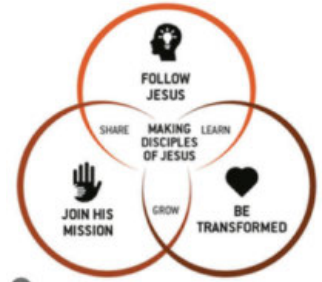
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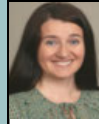
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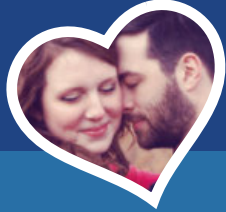
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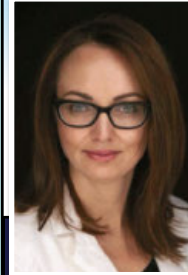
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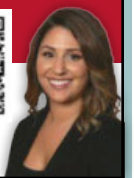
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