

# *SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish*

## *St. James at Sag Bridge Mission*

### **Parish Staff**

**Pastoral Ministry**  
Rev. Waldemar "Valdi"  
Stawiarski  
*Pastor*

Rev. Thomas Koys  
*Associate Pastor*

**Education**  
Shirley Tkachuk  
*Parish School Principal*

Monika Leja  
*R.E. Administrator*

*R.E. Administrative Assistant*

**Liturgy**  
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*Liturgy Coordinator*

**Music Ministry**  
Mirosława Sojka-Topor  
*Music Director*

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*Operations Director*

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Ann Noonan  
*Assistant Business Managers*

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Peggy Sniegowski, Ann Noonan  
*Parish Secretaries*

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*Bulletin Editor*

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*Evangelization Coordinator*

Bernice Raj  
*Cook/Housekeeper*

Ryszard Witkowski  
Paul Siro  
*Maintenance*



*April 13, 2025*

*Palm Sunday of The Passion 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.

<b>Parish Information</b>		<b>Minister of Music:</b>	Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776
<b>Parish Office:</b>	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	<b>Polish School:</b>	www.polschool.com Halina Szyrzyna Principal: (630) 669-9058
<b>School:</b>	607 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL Shirley Tkachuk, Principal (630) 257-6488; shirleyt@stcyril.org	<b>Polish Club:</b>	John Lichacz, President (773) 216-1108 polishclub@stcyril.org
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<b>Mass Schedule:</b>		<b>Parish Council:</b>	Stan Brzezniak, President
Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM		<b>Bulletin:</b>	bulletin@stcyril.org
Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation		<b>Helping Hands:</b>	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)		<b>New Parishioners:</b> 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	
<b>Special Masses:</b>		<b>Baptisms:</b> 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)		<b>Marriage:</b> 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)		<b>Social Media:</b> 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)		<b>Parish Website:</b> www.stcyril.org	
Holy Days of Obligation: As announced		<b>School Website:</b> www.school.stcyril.org	
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b>		<b>Parish Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont	
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM		<b>School Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/SSCMComets	
First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM			
Also available by appointment.			
<b>Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:</b>			
Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass			
<b>Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:</b>			
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			
<b>Parish Office Hours: Each weekday the office will be closed between the hours of 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM.</b>			
Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM			
Saturday & Sunday Closed			





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

As we begin Holy Week and try to enter into the deepest mysteries of our faith, I wish to comment on the invitation that went out to participate in a kind of communal spiritual exercise. I'm referring to the fact that a number of us have been walking this Lent with a beautiful book (provided free by the Sag Bridge Mission Society to anyone who wished to take part) called "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory." Instead of quoting a few great lines from this book I wish to extol the virtues of doing such an activity on a parish level. The book was a simple read but what became difficult, was the time necessary to "keep up with the chapters". I use the phrase "keep up" purposely. When we say "keeping up with" a few thoughts come to mind. First, we might think of running a race. As in "I have to keep up with the guy in front of me". Or as in "Keeping up with the Jones". But as the days of Lent rolled along there was a kind of fear in falling behind in the chapters of the book. I didn't want to lose any chance to share something wonderful about the Eucharist. The pressure was not so much to win a race but to find the treasure. But the kind of treasure we were looking for was a treasure that increases in value when you share it. It doesn't lose value like when pirates have to split up the treasure they found amongst themselves.

I've read many books as an individual of course. I love to read and so I absorb what I absorb, and I move on. But reading a book "as a parish" is different. It's a unique way of uniting people. I hope those of you who did "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" found this to be true. While reading the lessons, we were, of course reading for our own spiritual benefit. But knowing others were reading it too, and that there were opportunities to share our thoughts, created the desire to share what we learned with others. People talk a lot about unity in a community but reading a book as a community is rarely thought of as a way to build that unity. Reading "33 Days" had this effect on many of us. I am reminded of what one mom said to me as I ponder why the younger generation doesn't have the experience my generation had when it comes to sings-a-long songs.

She said, our young people all listen to their favorite artists on Spotify or YouTunes, so their generation has few songs they all know. Hence singing a song together isn't so easy. I like discovering songs that can be sung together for the mere fact that singing together is good.

It occurs to me that our Catholic faith possesses similar characteristics. Love for the Eucharist should be one of those things that unites us as a faith community. Unfortunately, I'm not so sure that that love sings in the hearts of Catholics across the board. One of the more powerful points Matthew Kelly makes in this book is the following. "Despite all the things that can lead people to leave Catholicism, those who believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist...don't leave."

**Have a blessed Holy Week and Happy Easter,**

**Fr. Waldemar Stawiarski &**

**Fr. Thomas Koys & the Parish Staff**

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

- **Attention Parishioners ~ Please do not take the laminated collection cards with you, please leave them in the pew rack after you make your donation. Thank you!**
- Please return CRS your rice bowls by April 13th, Palm Sunday. We truly appreciate your support and generosity.
- Helping Hands of SSCM will once again be collecting donations for Easter breakfast and dinner meals and gift cards for those in need. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more information. You can find the links to sign up to donate on our website or Facebook page.
- Please see our Easter Schedule for Holy Week services and Reconciliation times in our bulletin.
- There will be a second collection the weekend of April 13th, for our parish school. Please consider making a donation to help keep SSCM School Excellent.
- We are looking for 6 volunteers that would like to participate in Holy Thursday feet washing. Please see the bulletin for more information.
- The Good Friday collection on April 18th, will be for the Holy Land. More details are in the bulletin.



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

*SS. Cyril & Methodius School*  
*2019 National Blue Ribbon School*

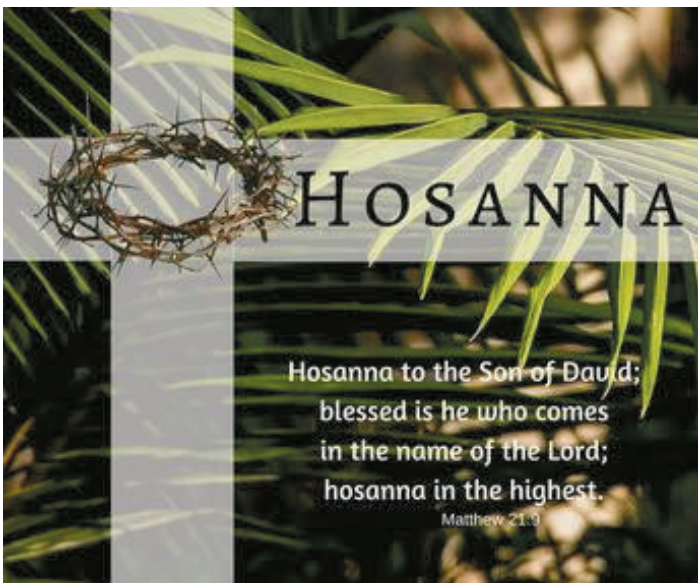
Dear Parishioners,

We have almost reached the end of our Lenten journey, and our school family of faith is preparing to enter Holy Week.

We are accepting registrations for the  
2025-2026 school year!

Thank you as always for your continued support of our school!

Mrs. S. Tkachuk,  
Principal

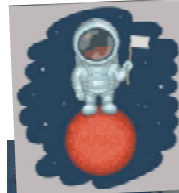


If you are interested in finding out about our school and all we have to offer your child, please call the office at 630-257-6488, ext. 21 or email [lazowskijackie@stcyril.org](mailto:lazowskijackie@stcyril.org). We would be happy to arrange a private tour and/or shadow day along with answering all your questions.

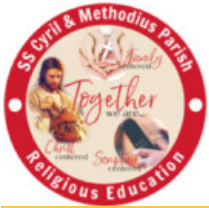
Financial assistance is available.

5th & 6th grade went to Mars! The kids all had an amazing time blasting off in a NASA mission simulation where half the class was at Mission Control on Earth and the other half was "on Mars" collecting data.

Students had to work together in order to complete their mission, and we can't wait to put what we learned to use in class at SSCM!







**SS Cyril & Methodius  
Religious Education Program**  
[stcyrilre@sscmlemont.org](mailto:stcyrilre@sscmlemont.org)  
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Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator

## Palm Sunday

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Hosts,  
Heaven and Earth full of Your Glory!  
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He,  
who comes in the Name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest.

Loving God as we celebrate this  
Palm Sunday

Help us to reflect on the beginning of  
Holy Week.



During the Lenten Season our students gather in the church to pray and reflect on the Stations of the Cross led by Father Valdi, our Pastor.



Our 3rd grade students from Mrs. Gornick's class made St. Patrick's greeting cards for Seniors living in Marian Village Senior Community in Homer Glen, IL. All Seniors were extremely happy to receive the cards. They felt so special and valued!



Seniors from Marian Village Community also made cards for our students.



Our 5th grade students from Mrs. Las's class learning about different prayers and made the Five finger prayer craft



Our 1st graders from Mrs. Grand's class are learning about Holy Trinity





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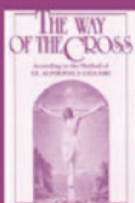
You've never experienced an Easter Sunrise? They aren't always sunny but are always uplifting! We will meet at 5:30am Easter morning on Rt 83 just north of the blue bridge that's north of Archer. Come welcome the risen Lord with prayer, song & joy!

## CONFESSION TIMES

In preparation for Easter Eucharist:  
Mon, 4/14, 5-8pm at SSCM (10 priests)  
Wed, 4/16, 5-7pm at StJ  
Good Fri, 4/18, Noon-1pm at StJ  
Good Fri, 4/18, 3-4pm at StJ

## Fasting & Abstinence During Lent

Abstinence from meat is required every Friday  
Additionally, fasting is required on Good Friday,  
and encouraged on Holy Saturday.



Stations of the Cross  
St Alphonsus Ligouri's  
beautiful prayers accompanying Jesus  
Good Friday, Apr 18, Noon & 3pm  
(Outside). Divine Mercy Chaplet to follow.

## Water & Wisdom – April 16

We forego food & drink as a Lenten discipline. But join us for the final chance for discussion on *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*. Come to Sag Hall after Mass or watch the livestream. It's an inexhaustible topic!

*Wine & Wisdom – April 23*

*We will return to food, drink, and varying topics following our Eucharistic devotion. Join us when you can!*

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



## 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](http://historicstjames.org).

## MAY OPENINGS



Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Joseph Beecher is working on his Eagle Scout Project, which will involve refinishing wrought ironwork around Sag Hall. The work primarily involves brushing, scraping, priming and painting. If you have an interest in helping with the project, there is a sign-up sheet located in the back of the Church. Work dates and times will be announced soon. Food and drinks will be provided! Call 630-862-9236 for more info.



## Spiritual Adoption of Unborn

Join us to pray daily for an unborn baby from now till Christmas. If you missed the prayer card:

Dear Jesus, by the intercession of Mary, Your mother, who bore You so lovingly, and of St. Joseph, a strong man of faith who protected you both, I pray to You for the lives of all unborn children. Please provide their parents the grace and courage they need to raise their children according to Your plan. Amen.  
**Or the shorter version by Bishop Sheen:**  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby whom I have spiritually adopted. Amen.

*St. James at Sag Bridge*



## A BLESSED PALM SUNDAY TO ALL AS WE BEGIN HOLY WEEK

With the conclusion of our Lenten Soup event, much appreciation to the ladies who prepared the many varieties of soup that were served each Friday. Thank you also to Tammy Hayes, who chaired this event.





### The Paschal Triduum

#### 4/17 - HOLY THURSDAY

- MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER-7PM
- ADORATION TO MIDNIGHT

#### 4/18 - GOOD FRIDAY

- OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
NOON & 3PM
- CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S  
PASSION-7PM

#### 4/19 - HOLY SATURDAY

- BLESSING OF BASKETS-1 PM
- EASTER VIGIL-7PM

#### 4/20 - EASTER SUNDAY

- MASS- 8:15, 10, 12

### *Celebrate With Us*

FATHER THOMAS KOYS

40 Year Ordination Anniversary

#### DETAILS

MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> | 4PM - 7PM  
DINNER, DESSERT & ENTERTAINMENT

**\$80/person**

REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED BY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

#### WHERE

**PUBLIC LANDING**  
200 W. 8TH STREET  
LOCKPORT, IL 60441

#### REGISTER



or visit

[www.historicstjames.org](http://www.historicstjames.org)

For all questions please contact Debbie Spanski 630.229.1078

### DRINKING SAINTS



THE SINNER'S GUIDE TO A  
HOLY HAPPY HOUR

Michael R. Foley

### Dr Michael Foley at St James - Sun, May 4, 7pm

The Sag Bridge Mission Society  
presents Michael Foley, author of  
the popular *Drinking with the  
Saints*, as he reveals the five secrets  
to drinking like a saint. Dr Foley is a  
Catholic theologian, a professor at  
Baylor University, and a self-taught  
mixologist. Don't miss it!



### Mass Intentions

*Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions*

#### MONDAY, APRIL 14

8:00AM ✠Kay McNally  
Blessings for Stanley

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 15

8:00AM Health & Healing—Neal Hartz  
Health & Healing—Irene McGrath

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

7:00PM Health & Healing--Sr Maria Paulina Sterling  
Health & Healing—Mary Bartik

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 17

#### **HOLY THURSDAY—MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

7:00PM ✠Wayne F. Weiler  
Birthday Blessings/Intentions of Matthew Bush  
ADORATION UNTIL MIDNIGHT

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 18

#### **GOOD FRIDAY**

12 NOON & 3PM: STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
7:00PM LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 19

#### **HOLY SATURDAY—EASTER VIGIL**

1:00PM Blessing of baskets  
7:00PM ✠Mary Wenzel  
Health & Healing—Irene McGrath

#### **Easter Sunday**

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 20

8:15AM Deceased Members of Nowaczyk Family  
✠Kay McNally  
10AM Birthday Blessings—Walt Noonan  
Adam & Bernice Raj—Wedding Anniversary  
12:00PM ✠Frank Gal  
✠John Gal

### Our Weekly Offering



Our weekly *Offertory* collection from  
April 6, 2025 was \$5,692. Online  
giving (Give Central) for regular and  
maintenance collections totalled \$3,288.  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

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

MIKE & SHAWN WILSON  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF SHIRLEY WILSON  
AND  
BERNICE & ADAM RAJ—WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

### Upcoming Weddings:

Christopher Gomez & Samantha Domagala  
Brian Domek & Helena Fugiel







### Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet


If anyone would like to participate in the foot washing during **Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 PM, April 17th**, please sign up on the sheet, on the table, in the back of church. **Six people are needed.**

*Pray. Fast. Give*



### Good Friday Collection April 18th Collection for the Holy Land

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection.



**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)

**Palm Sunday celebrates  
Jesus' triumphal entry  
into Jerusalem and  
marks the start of Holy  
Week, the final days of  
his earthly ministry.**



### SS. Cyril and Methodius Helping Hands Food Pantry

This year we are helping our families in need providing them with both Easter Breakfast and Easter Dinner. We are asking for your assistance in donating supplies for these special holiday meals. Drop off is Thursday, April 17th

from 9am-8pm at the Benson house, 1264 Durham Lane, Lemont.

If you are unable to purchase items due to being out of town, please sign up and reach out to Kristyn to coordinate an early drop off for shelf stable items or payment for the helping hands team to shop.

**You can access the links to sign up to donate at our website:**  
[www.stcyril.org](http://www.stcyril.org).

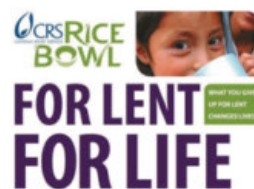
Our families appreciate your generosity.

We also provide monthly gift cards to families in need. We are in need of \$25 gift card donations for food or big box stores. Examples include Jewel, Aldi, Pete's, Target, Walmart, Meijer. If you would like to contribute with monetary donations, please drop in the box labeled Helping Hands located in the back of church or electronically at Give Central:

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/320/event/14677>.

If you, or anyone you know are in need please contact the parish rectory.

*Hosanna!*



### Just A Reminder!!

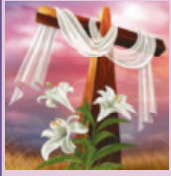
If you have not already done so, please return your CRS Rice Bowls as soon as possible. You can return them in the back of the Church or to the Parish Life Building offices. Thank you again for your generosity.

### 2nd Collection April 12th & 13th SSCM Parish School

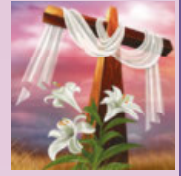
There will be a second collection for SSCM School. Please support our parish school & help them to continue to keep providing an excellent Catholic education.







## Easter Schedule of Services 2025 SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish



### Palm Sunday

Palms will be blessed and distributed at every Mass

Mass on Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM (Polish), 9:30 AM,  
11:00 AM (Polish), 12:30 PM,  
2:00 PM (Polish), 7:30 PM

### Easter Triduum

#### Holy Thursday

*No Morning Mass*

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

(Bilingual English & Polish)

Adoration following Mass until midnight

#### Good Friday

English Stations of the Cross 10:00 AM

Polish Stations of the Cross 4:30 PM

Service of the Lord's Passion and Death:

12:00 Noon (Polish), 3:00 PM (English),

5:00 PM (Polish), 7:00 PM (English)

*Vigil will be kept at the Lord's tomb throughout the night until Saturday at 6:45 PM*

#### Holy Saturday

##### Blessing of Food Baskets:

9:00 AM (Polish), 10:00 AM (English), 11:00 AM (Polish),

12:00 PM Noon (English), 1:00 PM (Polish)

*No Confessions and no 5:00 PM Mass*

Easter Vigil Mass (English) 7:00 PM

#### Easter Sunday Masses

5:00 AM - Polish

7:00 AM - English

8:00 AM - Polish

9:30 AM - English

11:00 AM - Polish

12:30 PM - English

*NO 2:00 PM or 7:30 PM Mass*

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church*

***Monday, April 14th:*** Reconciliation Individual Confessions

\*10 Priests will be available for confessions in English and Polish

5:00 - 8:00 PM Church





# Święconka 2025


## Niedziela, 27 kwietnia

po Mszy św. o godz. 8 rano

**W programie:**

- ♣ Sztuka teatralna pt. **„Uwierz i poznaj Miłosierdzie”** występują dzieci i młodzież z grupy Małej Oazy Dzieci Fatimskich
- ♣ Występ Zespołu Tanecznego **„Polanie”**
- ♣ Gry i zabawy dla dzieci
- ♣ Smaczny poczęstunek


**KLUB POLSKI w Lemont**




OUR  
JOURNEY of  
**HOPE**  
Cancer Care Ministry  
Lemont Faith Community

Community  
Faith-Based  
Cancer Support Group

**April Gathering**  
Monday, April 21, 2025  
6:30 – 8:30PM  
St. Alphonsus Parish Center  
[Corner of Logan & Walnut, Walnut entrance]



Spring is in the air  
Behold, I am doing a new thing, now it springs forth.  
Isaiah 43:18




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

MISSION STATEMENT	GOAL STATEMENT	QUESTIONS?
As a Christian faith-based cancer support group, it is our mission to offer hope to patients, survivors, families, and all those affected by cancer through fellowship, prayer, information, and resources.	To provide a safe and loving place for participants to express their feelings, share their stories, and have an opportunity to seek God's grace.	Tess Kearney tdavoren1@gmail.com 630-335-3225 Kevin Cody kcody-stals@comcast.net 630-257-2371

# HOSANNA


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"Hosanna to the Son of David / blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."  
MATTHEW 21:9



GOOD  
FRIDAY

**Good Friday Regulations ~**  
Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older. Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age and not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Those who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful, are not obliged. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.



Deaths

*May Perpetual Light  
Shine Upon Them*

In your prayers, please remember the souls of  
**Dennis Kozak, Theresa Bush &  
Jozefa Maciorowski.**  
May their souls and the soul of all our faithfully  
departed family and friends rest in  
everlasting peace.





### **Z biurka wikariusza pastora**

#### **Drodzy Parafianie,**

Gdy rozpoczynamy Wielki Tydzień i staramy się wejść w najgłębsze tajemnice naszej wiary, chciałbym skomentować zaproszenie do udziału w pewnym wspólnotowym ćwiczeniu duchowym. Mam na myśli fakt, że wielu z nas przeżywało tegoroczny Wielki Post, czytając piękną książkę pt. „33 Dni do Eucharystycznej Chwały” (dostarczoną bezpłatnie przez Sag Bridge Mission Society każdemu, kto chciał wziąć udział). Zamiast cytować kilka pięknych fragmentów z tej książki, chciałbym podkreślić zalety takiej inicjatywy na poziomie parafialnym. Książka była łatwa w odbiorze, ale wyzwaniem okazało się znalezienie czasu, by „nadążyć z rozdziałami”. Używam słowa „nadążyć” celowo. Gdy mówimy „nadążyć”, przychodzi nam na myśl różne obrazy. Po pierwsze, może to być wyścig: „Muszę nadążyć za tym, kto biegnie przede mną”. Może to być również rywalizacja społeczna: „Nadążyć za sąsiadami”. Jednak w miarę upływu dni Wielkiego Postu pojawiał się pewien lęk przed pozostaniem w tyle z czytaniem. Nie chciałem stracić okazji do odkrycia czegoś wspaniałego na temat Eucharystii. Presja nie polegała na tym, by wygrać wyścig, ale by odnaleźć skarb. Ale ten skarb różnił się od tych, o które walczą piraci – gdyż nie tracił wartości, gdy dzieliliśmy się nim z innymi. Wręcz przeciwnie, im więcej go dzieliliśmy, tym bardziej rósł.

Oczywiście, przeczytałem wiele książek w swoim życiu. Kocham czytać, więc pochłaniam treść, wyciągam z niej wnioski i idę dalej. Jednak czytanie książki „jako parafia” to zupełnie inne doświadczenie. Jest to wyjątkowy sposób jednoczenia ludzi. Mam nadzieję, że Ci z Was, którzy wzięli udział w lekturze „33 Dni do Eucharystycznej Chwały”, również to odczuli. Czytając kolejne rozdziały, robiliśmy to dla własnego duchowego dobra. Ale świadomość, że inni również czytają tę książkę i że będziemy mogli podzielić się swoimi przemyśleniami, budziła pragnienie dzielenia się tym, co odkryliśmy. Wiele mówi się o jedności we wspólnocie, ale rzadko myśli się o wspólnym czytaniu książki jako sposobie budowania tej jedności. A jednak „33 Dni” miało właśnie taki efekt. Przypomina mi to pewną rozmowę z matką, która poinformowała mnie o tym, że młodsze pokolenie nie ma już takiego doświadczenia wspólnego śpiewania, jak miało jej

pokolenie. Powiedziała: „Nasza młodzież słucha swoich ulubionych wykonawców na Spotify lub YouTube, więc ich pokolenie ma niewiele piosenek, które wszyscy znają. Dlatego śpiewanie razem nie przychodzi im łatwo”.

Myślę, że nasza katolicka wiara ma pewne podobieństwa do tej sytuacji. Miłość do Eucharystii powinna być tym, co jednoczy nas jako wspólnotę wiary. Niestety, nie jestem pewien, czy ta miłość „śpiewa” w sercach wszystkich katolików. Jednym z najmocniejszych spostrzeżeń, jakie Matthew Kelly zawarł w tej książce, jest następujące zdanie: „Pomimo wszystkich rzeczy, które mogą skłonić ludzi do odejścia od katolicyzmu, Ci, którzy wierzą, że Jezus jest prawdziwie obecny w Eucharystii... nie odchodzą”.

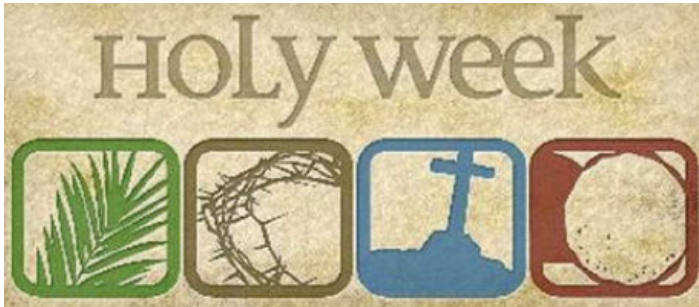
### **Błogosławionych Świąt Wielkanocnych,**

**Ks. Waldemar Stawiarski i ks. Thomas Koys wraz z Personelem Parafialnym.**

#### **Kilka spraw z życia parafii:**

- **Uwaga parafianie ~ Prosimy nie zabierać laminowanych kart zbiórki. Po dokonaniu darowizny prosimy o pozostawienie ich na stojaku w ławkach. Dziękuję!**
- Prosimy o zwrot tzw. miseczek ryżu z wielkopostną jałmużną do niedzieli Palmowej, 13 kwietnia. Dziękujemy za Wasze wsparcie i hojność.
- Organizacja Pomocne Dłonie po raz kolejny będzie zbierać donacje na wielkanocne śniadania i obiady oraz karty padarunkowe dla potrzebujących. Donacje można złożyć na pomoc linku na naszej stronie parafialnej lub na Facebooku. Więcej informacji w biuletynie.
- Prosimy o zapoznanie się z harmonogramem nabożeństw Wielkiego Tygodnia i spowiedzi umieszczonym w biuletynie.
- W weekend 13 kwietnia druga kolekta zostanie złożona na rzecz naszej szkoły parafialnej. Prosimy o wsparcie w celu utrzymania wysokiego standardu szkoły SSCM.
- Zapraszam 6 chętnych osób do umywania nóg podczas obrezędu liturgii wielkoczwartkowej. Więcej informacji w biuletynie.
- Kolekta Wielkopiątkowa przeznaczona będzie na pomoc chrześcijanom Ziemi Świętej. Dodatkowe informacje w biuletynie.





### Mass Intentions

#### Monday — April 14th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY  
✠ KENNETH KEDZIOR  
by Mom  
✠ LORRAINE STEFFGEN  
by Marie

#### Tuesday — April 15th

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED  
7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA ZOFII KALATA (urodziny)  
by Córka z Rodziną  
✠ HALINA BUDZIK (Rocznica Śmierci)  
by Rodzina Grele  
✠ JULIA KOZIEL  
by Lottie & Walter Koziel  
✠ HELENA DZIEDZIC  
by Rodzina

#### Wednesday — April 16th

7:00 AM ✠ TED FLORYNSKI  
by Teddy, Diane & Aspen

#### Thursday — April 17th (Holy Thursday)

7:00 AM NO MASS  
7:00 PM ✠ ADAM CHOLEWA  
by Family  
Fr. Valdi ✠ ERIC SABANOV  
by Dan & Suzette Sabanov

#### Friday — April 18th (Good Friday)

NO MASSES

#### Saturday — April 19th (Holy Saturday)

7:00 AM NO MASSES  
7:00 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR BEAU, MADELYN & MALLORY HENSLEY (birth)  
Fr. Valdi by Family

✠ RAY PERISIN  
by Family  
✠ ANDRZEJ MIETUS  
by Sandrzyk Family

#### Sunday — April 20th (Easter Sunday)

5:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA RODZIN GRELE, ŁAMBOJEWSKI I KANKOŁ  
Fr. Valdi ✠ ALBINA I JÓZEF KOIS  
by Córka  
✠ JOHN I CHRISTINE BUDZ  
by Rodzina  
✠ JAN STRAMA (10 Rocznica Śmierci)  
by Rodzina  
7:00 AM ✠ MARY BETH RUDIS  
Fr. Jason by Altar & Rosary Society  
✠ ANNA WALUS  
by Albert Walus & Sons  
8:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I POWRÓT DO ZDROWIA DLA JULIANKI SĘK  
Fr. Valdi ✠ ALOJZY WONTORCZYK  
by Rodzina Ligas

✠ ZA MARŁYCH CZŁONKÓW KLUBU POLSKIEGO  
✠ JOHN CHLEBEK I SYN STANLEY  
by Marie Chlebek

9:30 AM ✠ DECEASED MEMBERS OF DROZDZ & GRAND  
Fr. Valdi FAMILIES  
by Bill Grand Family  
✠ EMILIO & RAFFAELLA PASTORE  
by Family  
✠ ROBERT & JULIE JELINSKI  
by Robert Todd Jelinski  
✠ FRANCESCO & AMELIA PERFETTI  
by Family  
11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA PAWŁA (40 urodziny)  
Fr. Valdi by Mama

✠ ANNA LACIAK I SYN RICHARD  
by Jan Laciak z Rodziną  
✠ CEZARY STRAUB  
by Córka Dorota z Rodziną  
✠ HELENA FLORYN  
by Grażyna Strączek z Rodziną  
✠ MAŁGORZATA I ANDRZEJ BIZUB  
by Rodzina  
✠ ANIELA I MACHAŁ HARLA  
by Rodzina

12:30 PM ✠ RITA LUDWIG  
Fr. Valdi by Jeff & Julie Ziolkowski  
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR DAMIAN MACHAJ & FAMILY (birth)  
by Family  
✠ WLADYSLAW ZAPALA & JOE WOZNIAK  
by Zapala Family  
✠ DECEASED MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS  
by Mike & Laura Kurinec  
✠ ADAM KOZIEL  
by Lottie & Walter Koziel



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For Week of April 13th Through  
April 20th ~Church*

✠ ZA DUSZĘ Ś.P. ALOJZY WONTORCZYK  
by Rodzina



Pray for ...

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

Emilia Pilecki	Guy Martin
Carol Preis	Joan Albert
Irene Forst	Ray Przechdziecki
Terry Hallandworth	William Podborny
Mark Malewski & Family	Cindy Evankoe
Malgorzata Bies	John Dzielski
Grace Dunbar	Joseph Dziekan
Mike Laskowski	Bob & Marge Douset
Bethany Gryfakis	Angie Korab
Frances James	

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  
April 5 & 6, 2025**

Envelopes	556	15,116.00
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556 envelopes plus 130 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 33% of 2,100 registered parishioner families.

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*Congratulations and God's Blessings*

*Mackinley Underwood and Sebastian Sochacki  
Married April 5, 2025*

*Congratulations and God's Blessings*

*Aubrey Zwartz and Shane Durkin  
Married April 5, 2025*

**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; **Lt. Jacob Halon**

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



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*Wedding Banns*

*Cortney McInerney and Samuel Wiatr*

Closed in Observance of  
*Good Friday*



**The Parish Life Building offices will be closed on Friday, April 18th in observance of Good Friday.**

Lord, we pray for all who are preparing to celebrate the Easter sacraments, that they may enter more deeply into the mystery of God's unconditional love through the celebrations of Holy Week.  
Lord, hear our prayer.

*Palm Sunday*  
**Hosanna To The King of Kings**

*marie manesoff*



## The Children's Liturgy of the Word will NOT meet on Easter Sunday



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