

# *SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish*

## *St. James at Sag Bridge Mission*

### **Parish Staff**

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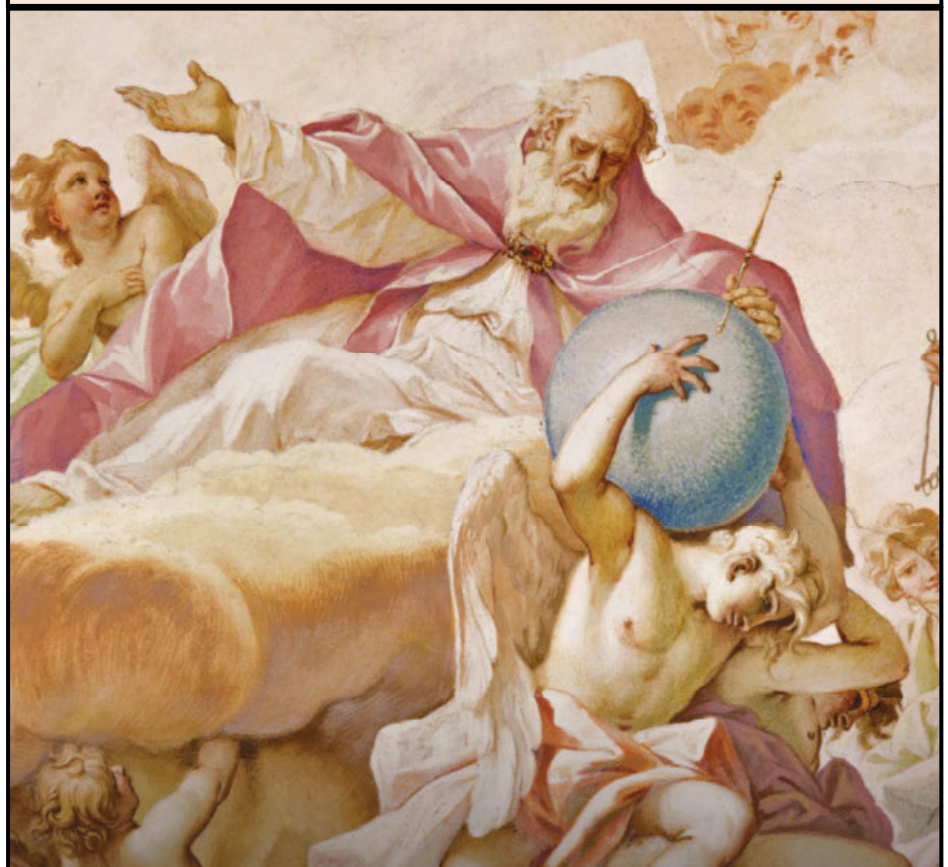
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*Maintenance*



*November 17, 2024*

*Thirty-third 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.

	<b>Parish Information</b>	<b>Minister of Music:</b>	Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776
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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>			
<b>Monday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 AM to 3:00 PM</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00 AM to 8:00 PM</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00 AM to 1:00 PM</b>		
<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>		



**Dear Parishioners,**

Today is the 33rd Sunday in ordinary time, the penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year. The readings have a certain sense of tension and expectation.

Gradually, the truth emerges from them about the ultimate destiny of the world and man's fate foreseen by God. The end of the liturgical year is meant to remind us of our vocation to eternity and the transience and fragility of this world in which we live.

Today's readings, both from the Book of the Prophet Daniel and the Gospel of St. Mark, reveal an apocalyptic vision of a certain end that is determined by God's Providence. The history of the world, so muddled and tragic, is - despite our frequent doubts - led by God towards the ultimate goal, towards the appearance of His kingdom.

In addition to a warning, there is also an incentive for a holy life based on justice and love, to live in humility and simplicity in service to God and neighbor, and in praising God for the simplest manifestations of His presence. In choosing this road, we will not be afraid of the future. We will go into eternity with courage, as if for the promised reward, for meeting with the beloved person - because it will indeed be the same. The announcement of judgment also means that there is hope that God will accept the unjustly suffering. Sometimes, when we spread our hands helplessly, when our eyes are filled with tears, and our fist is clenched in anger, it is the memory of God's righteousness, the end of evil set by God, that brings us relief and hope.

Jesus in today's Gospel invites us to be vigilant, to read his signs in a skillful manner. In the analogy, as we observe the world of creatures and nature, we draw conclusions about the time of harvest, the change of seasons; we observe the events similarly taking place in the world. A Christian who bases his life on God

finds strength in an intimate relationship with God in prayer, in listening to His Word, in feeding on the Holy Eucharist, all by which he will be able to discern the true coming of the Lord. He will be able to reject false prophecies, sometimes having the appearance of truth, and focus on this only and real coming, longingly awaited for. However, Christ himself assures us that this moment will always remain a mystery.

**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.
- There will be a second collection this weekend November 16th & 17th for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please see the bulletin for more information about helping those in poverty.
- We invite everyone to our Thanksgiving Mass Thursday, November 28th at 9 AM. May this beautiful feast be for us a day of gratitude to God for all that he gives us. Feel free to bring some food to be blessed at this Mass.
- Helping Hands of SS. Cyril & Methodius are helping families in need by providing them with Thanksgiving Dinner. Please see the bulletin to learn ways that you can help make food or monetary donations.
- The SSCM "Tree of Love" ministry will begin their 35th year bringing Christmas joy to those in need. Please grab a tag or 2 from the trees in the back of the Church and help fulfill the wishes of others. See the bulletin for more details.



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

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

Dear Parishioners,

This week we are celebrating "Discover Catholic Schools Week." We invite all who are interested in finding out what SS. Cyril and Methodius School has to offer to join us during the day to see students and staff at work along with having all questions answered. We hope you will be able to join us!

First trimester report cards will also go home this week Wednesday. It is hard to believe we are one-third of the way through the school year!!

On Friday, November 22nd we will come together as a school family and celebrate our 19th annual Thanksgiving Feast! It is a wonderful event and a fantastic way to begin the holiday season here in school.

We celebrated Grandparents Day on Tuesday, November 12th. Besides joining us for mass, our guests were able to enjoy some social time afterwards. We are including some photos for you to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school!

Mrs. S. Tkachuk  
Principal

It is not too soon to begin thinking about the 2025-26 academic year. Call our office (630-257-6488, ext. 21) to arrange for a private, individual tour or shadow day for your child. We are a 2019 National Blue-Ribbon School of academic excellence!





SS Cyril & Methodius  
Religious Education Program  
[stcyrilre@sscmlmont.org](mailto:stcyrilre@sscmlmont.org)  
(630)257-9314  
[www.re.stcyril.org](http://www.re.stcyril.org)

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator

As we gather together to celebrate the monthly RE masses we invite you to learn about...

### Why do we “have to” go to Mass? - Part 3

This week let’s look at what are some...

#### **MORE GOOD REASONS TO GO TO MASS:**

- **People need our prayers.** We can pray for other people anytime, but when we pray for others during Mass, we pray in a special way. It doesn’t matter if the other people are separated from us by distance or death. The Mass brings us together in the Body of Christ, and we become the communion of saints. It is part of the cosmic dimension of the Mass that unites heaven and earth by reaching across time and space.
- **We need to stand up for what we believe.** Being a follower of Jesus is counter-cultural. At every Mass, we have the opportunity to stand up and proclaim what we believe publicly. We admit that we believe in God, in Jesus, in the Holy Spirit, in the Catholic Church, in the communion of saints, in the forgiveness of sins, and in life after death. It is a powerful statement of allegiance and an opportunity to recommit ourselves.
- **We need to acknowledge that we make mistakes.** At every Mass, we have the opportunity to review the past week. We admit that we have sinned in thought, in word, in deed, in what we have done and what we have failed to do. We seek forgiveness, and we are assured that God still loves us. Before we receive Communion, we admit that we are not worthy and ask God to heal us. Going to Mass helps us to strengthen our commitment to live moral lives.

- **We need ritual in our lives.** Mass is a ritual, which means that through the repetition of prayers, movements, and the changing of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, we are formed, disciplined, and consoled. The “sameness” of the Mass carries us along the spiritual journey—even when we don’t “feel” like praying. The “sameness” of the ritual allows us to be transformed on a soul level, even if we are unaware of what is happening.
- **We need to experience something bigger than ourselves.** When we go to Mass, we share in the death and resurrection of Jesus. When we offer our ordinary lives to God through Jesus, we enter into God’s great plan for the world. We are strengthened by the Gospel message to all people. The Mass gives meaning and purpose to our lives. It gives us a sense of destiny and offers the kind of peace that the world cannot give. It helps us develop a sense of wonder and awe. It helps us to see that there is something bigger than ourselves.



Thank you to Father Valdi and  
Father Stan for celebrating our  
Monthly Mass with us!

Thank you to our 4th and 7th graders  
for reading and thank you to all RE  
families that attended!

We are looking forward to our 3rd and  
6th grade classes participating in the  
next RE monthly mass on 1/12/2025.

## St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

10600 S. Archer Avenue | Lemont, Illinois 60439-9344 | (Ph) 630.257.7000 |  
Email: [stjames1833@att.net](mailto:stjames1833@att.net) | Website: [www.historicstjames.org](http://www.historicstjames.org)

“Truth, Beauty, Goodness & Unity”

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



Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

### As cold weather arrives...

Can you help homeless men stay warm this winter? Place blankets & men's coats, new or in good condition, in the box in Charlie's Chapel. (Please no women's or children's.)

### Attention Young Married Couples



Follow this code to message Kamile to learn more about how to join a faith-filled & fun community for couples married fewer than 5 years. Nov 18 meeting will welcome new members. 7pm at St Cyril's. Or email [cmast@archchicago.org](mailto:cmast@archchicago.org)

### Wine & Wisdom – Nov 20

A *Return to Tradition* video highlighting a meeting Pope Francis held with Cdl's Cupich, McElroy & Tobin will kick off the discussion this week. Join us as we gain perspective.

*Wine & Wisdom – Nov 27*  
No gathering. Time to prepare the turkey!

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

Join us for Altar & Rosary Society's Annual

## St. James Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 8th

Cost is \$35 per person

Live Music / Sing-Alongs / Raffle Baskets

visit [www.historicstjames.org](http://www.historicstjames.org)  
for further details/to signup and to pay online

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

5 to 6pm in Sag Hall. Contact Margaret Ryan with questions: 630-728-3212

### PRAYER OF ST. GERTRUDE FOR THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.



**Don't miss the opportunity!**  
**Saturday, Nov 23, 7-9pm**  
**Paint and Sip**

Limited space for an invaluable painting lesson from Fr Tom Loya. Art materials and refreshments included in \$35 fee. Registration & pre-payment required. Go to [historicstjames.org](http://historicstjames.org) for link. Sponsored by Sag Bridge Mission Society.

**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!

**A Happy Death: Monastic Wisdom for the End of Life**  
**Saturday, November 23, 10am to 12pm**  
 This is a free event. Topics will include the Catholic Church's teachings on the dignity of the human person, suffering & death, and proper funeral and burial practices.  
**Where: Monastery of the Holy Cross**  
 3111 S. Aberdeen Street, Chicago  
[www.chicagomonk.org](http://www.chicagomonk.org)  
 773-927-7424  
 Register at <https://tinyurl.com/22deydd3>

**Christmas**  
 + Craft Fair +  
 Nov. 30 | 10 to 1  
 St. James at Sag Bridge; 10600 Archer Ave., Lemont  
 Register for a Vendor Table  
 Adults: \$50; Children: \$35  
 + [tirzahspang@gmail.com](mailto:tirzahspang@gmail.com) +  
 (630) 703- 9761



**VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/17/24**  
 St. James Altar & Rosary Society  
 All the Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 United States of America  
 For Our Children—Heather, Ryan & Colleen  
 In Loving Memory—Joe Slowik



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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18**  
 8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Peter Liberti  
 Birthday Blessings—Diana Krishnan

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19**  
 8:00AM ✠John Kent  
 ✠Maria Walkosz

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**  
 7:00PM ✠Virginia Donovan  
 ✠Dee Ficaro

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21**  
 8:00AM Health & Happiness for my Family  
 Intentions of the Lambert Family

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**  
 6:00PM ✠Joe Slowik  
 Social & Spiritual Well-Being of all Students

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23**  
 8:00AM Megan Bucich—for a Good Experience at her New School

**Feast of Christ the King**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24**  
 8:15AM ✠Debbie Wisser  
 ✠Debra Carvatta  
 10AM: Health & Healing—Sr Maria Paulina Sterling  
 ✠Dee Ficaro  
 12:00PM: Don & Margaret Ryan 40th Wedding Anniv  
 Health & Healing—Steve Rohrbacher

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

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS—PETER LIBERTI**  
**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS—DIANA KRISHNAN**

**Our Weekly Offering**

Our weekly *Offertory* collection from November 10, 2024 was \$4,719. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$3,090.  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24
8:15am	Eric Delacorre, Aden Burke, Joe Beecher, Christos & Frankie Latsonas
10am	Matthew Rebello, Daniel Newsom, Marty & Tommy Comer



**Helping Hands of St. Cyril and Methodius  
THANKSGIVING DINNER DONATIONS**

This year we are helping our families in need by providing them Thanksgiving Dinner. We are asking for your assistance in donating supplies for this holiday meal. The drop-off is Saturday, November 23rd from 9am-3pm at the Benson house, 1264 Durham Lane, Lemont. Please use the link below to select your specific family grocery and supply contributions.

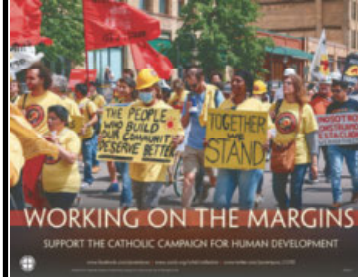
Our families appreciate your generosity.

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

<https://www.signuggenius.com/go/904054DAEAD2EA6FC1-52735377-meal/>

If you would like to donate a \$25.00 gift card to a grocery store or Big Box Store, that would be helpful, and they can be placed in the box labeled 'Helping Hands' in the back of church. 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.



**Second Collection  
This Weekend  
Catholic Campaign  
for Human  
Development**

The annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) collection will take place on the weekend of November 16th and 17th. For over 50 years, CCHD has been working in partnership with community organizations to address the root causes of poverty in the United States. Please help support this worthy cause.



**Please join us for  
Thanksgiving Mass on  
Thursday,  
November 28th at 9 AM.**

**This year, we are asking  
each family to bring in  
a non-perishable food item to  
donate to our food pantry. Your  
donations are greatly appreciated.**

**Please Join Us!**

**SS. Cyril & Methodius  
Altar & Rosary Society  
Christmas Luncheon**

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

**White Fence Farm  
1376 Joliet Road  
Romeoville, IL 60446  
(630) 739-1720**

Lunch: 12:00 PM ~ Noon  
Cost: \$20.00 ~ Cash Bar  
Optional \$10.00 Grab Bag Gift  
Chance Raffle Tickets

**RSVP by November 30, 2024**  
Linda Wesolowski- (630) 257-6869  
Guadalupe Sanchez-(630) 243-6626  
Fran Klappa-Cales (630) 257-6985

**Christmas  
Cheer!**

**December Senior Luncheon**  
Tuesday, December 3rd  
12:00 Noon in the PLB

We would like you to join us for our December luncheon. Join us for fine food from Pete's Market, fellowship, good discussions, BINGO, 50-50 and door prizes.

To reserve your spot, please put your name on an envelope, include \$10 per person and drop it off to the PLB front office by 11:30 AM on Friday, November 29th.

**\*\* Please bring a wrapped white elephant gift for a Christmas exchange \*\***

**Hope to see you there!**





## SS. Cyril & Methodius "Tree of Love"

*As Christmastime draws near, once again we are asking that you open your hearts and help the needy through our "Tree of Love."*

*Starting the weekend of November 16th and 17th, we will begin our 35th annual "Tree of Love" ministry. Our trees will be up in the back of the church decorated with tags designated with items from the wish lists of persons in need. This year we are collecting gifts and gift cards. Our gifts will benefit the following organizations:*

- ♦ *Mercy Home (a Catholic run home for abused and abandoned boys and girls)*
- ♦ *Helping Hands program of SS. Cyril & Methodius parish*
- ♦ *The Women's Center (a South suburban pro-life center)*
- ♦ *Sister House (a Catholic run homeless women's shelter in Chicago)*

*Please follow these simple guidelines:*

- ♦ *Select a tag from the tree*
- ♦ *Purchase the gift card or item on your tag.*
- ♦ *If a gift card, please attach Gift Card (with authorization receipt) to the gift tag and place under or on the tree.*
- ♦ *If a gift, please tape your Tree of Love tag on the outside of your wrapped gift.*
- ♦ *Return the unwrapped gift by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st.*

*Merry Christmas and may God bless you for supporting the work of SSCM Tree of Love.*

*For any questions, please contact: Hannah at 630-644-6777*

***"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." John 3:16***



## SEMINARIUM ODNOWY WIARY

MSZA ŚW. I KONFERENCJA:

- 11/17/2024 (niedziela)  
8AM / 11AM / 2PM
- 11/18 – 22/2024 (pon- pt) 7PM
- 11/23/2024 (sobota) 7PM  
Wieczór uwielbienia

Seminarium prowadzi -  
**KS. JAROSŁAW GRABOWSKI**  
 Kapłan archidiecezji  
 częstochowskiej,  
 Redaktor naczelny  
 Tygodnika Katolickiego  
 NIEDZIELA

### SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS

PARISH 608 SOBIESKI ST,  
 LEMONT, IL 60439

- 1 DZIEŃ: O Bogu dla poszukujących,  
Bóg nie jest tajemniczą zagadką.
- 2 DZIEŃ: O wierze dla wątpiących.  
Warto wierzyć w Boga.
- 3 DZIEŃ: O pojednaniu dla tych,  
którzy przegrywają z pokusami.
- 4 DZIEŃ: O Kościele bez kompleksów.  
Nie ma wiary bez wspólnoty.
- 5 DZIEŃ: O dialogu dla otwartych,  
którzy potrafią słuchać innych.
- 6 DZIEŃ: O wieczności dla tych,  
którzy boją się śmierci.



## SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY TO POLAND

Kraków, Wieliczka, Wadowice,  
 Zakopane, Auschwitz, Częstochowa,  
 Toruń, Malbork, Gdańsk, Sopot,  
 Warszawa

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



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### ZAPROSZENIE NA PIELGRZYMKĘ DO JAPONII

*Ks. Tadeusz Dzieszko, proboszcz parafii św. Faustyny Kowalskiej w Chicago, serdecznie zaprasza na 12 dniową Pielgrzymkę do Kraju Samurajów i Kwitnących Wiśni, czyli Japonii. Pielgrzymka będzie miała miejsce w dniach od 1-go do 12-go kwietnia, 2025 roku, śladami św. Maksymiliana Marią Kolbe i św. Jana Pawła II. W programie jest również wizyta w miejscu objawień Matki Bożej w Akita.*

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

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ATTENTION:

As of November 28th, SS. Cyril & Methodius will no longer have a subscription to FORMED. Since SSCM & St. James are one parish, you can still access FORMED through St. James' subscription.



### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Beginning December 1st  
 during 9:30 AM Mass  
 each Sunday for  
 Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> graders  
**Join us!**



### **Drodzy Parafianie,**

Trzydziesta trzecia niedziela zwykła, to przedostatnia niedziela roku liturgicznego. W czytaniach mszalnych w tych dniach daje się odczuć pewne napięcie, oczekiwanie. Stopniowo wylania się z nich prawda

o przewidzianym przez Boga ostatecznym losie świata i człowieka. Schyłek roku liturgicznego ma nam przypominać o naszym powołaniu do wieczności, o przemijalności i kruchości tego świata w którym żyjemy.

Dzisiejsze czytania, zarówno z Księgi Daniela, jak i z Ewangelii wg św. Marka kreśląc apokaliptyczne wizje pewnego końca, chcą nam powiedzieć, że istnieje kres wyznaczony przez Bożą Opatrzność. Dzieje świata, tak bardzo zagmatwane i tragiczne, są – mimo naszych częstych wątpliwości – prowadzone przez Boga ku ostatecznemu celowi, ku pojawieniu się Jego królestwa.

Ale to słowo, oprócz wymiaru pewnej przestrogi, jest również zachętą do świętego życia, opartego o sprawiedliwość i miłość, o przeżywanie swojej codzienności w pokorze i prostocie, w służbie Bogu i bliźnim, w uwielbieniu Boga za najprostsze przejawy Jego obecności. Żyjąc w ten sposób, nie będziemy lękali się przyszłości, będziemy szli ku wieczności z odwagą, jak po obiecaną nagrodę, jak na spotkanie z najukochańszą osobą – bo tak też w istocie będzie. Zapowiedź sprawiedliwego sądu to również nadzieja na to, że Bóg ujmie się za wszystkimi, którzy niesprawiedliwie cierpią. Czasem, gdy bezradnie rozkładamy ręce, gdy oczy zroszone są łzami, gdy w gniewie zaciska się nasza pięść, bo tak reagujemy, to właśnie pamięć o Bożej sprawiedliwości, o tym, że jest kres zła wyznaczony przez Boga i również Jemu znany jest kres złoczyńców, przynosi nam ulgę i nadzieję.

Pan Jezus w dzisiejszej Ewangelii zachęca nas do czujności, do umiejętnego odczytywania znaków Jego nadejścia. Z jednej strony Pan Jezus mówi, że tak jak obserwujemy świat stworzeń, przyrody i na tej podstawie wyciągamy wnioski o czasie plonu, zbioru owoców, zmianie pory roku, to podobnie mamy obserwować wydarzenia, jakie dokonują się na świecie. Chrześcijanin, który opiera swoje życie na Bogu, znajduje siłę w intymnej relacji z Bogiem na modlitwie, w słuchaniu jego Słowa, w karmieniu się Najświętszą Eucharystią, będzie umiał rozeznaczyć prawdziwe nadejście Pana. Będzie potrafił odrzucić fałszywe prorocтва, mające czasem

pozory prawdy, i skupić się na tym jedynym przyjsciu, na które przecież z utęsknieniem czeka. A z drugiej strony sam Chrystus zapewnia, że ten moment pozostanie na zawsze tajemnicą.

Z tej dzisiejszej refleksji wypływa dla nas perspektywa pełna nadziei, że jest przygotowane każdemu z nas wieczne szczęście po Bożej prawicy, że pokornie ufając Bogu i opierając się o Niego, On sam będzie nas strzegł i nieustannie ukazywał nam ścieżkę życia pośród tylu innych, prowadzących ku śmierci.

**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.
- Podczas przyszłego weekendu, 16 i 17 listopada, druga kolekta zostanie przeznaczona na rzecz Katolickiej Kompanii Rozwoju Człowieka. Więcej informacji jak pomóc rodzinom żyjącym w ubóstwie znajduje się w biuletynie.
- Zapraszamy wszystkich na Mszę Dziękczynną w czwartek, 28 listopada o godzinie 9:00. Niech to piękne święto będzie dla nas dniem wdzięczności Bogu za wszystko, co nam daje. Zachęcamy do przyniesienia ze sobą pokarmów, które zostaną poświęcone podczas tej Mszy.
- Organizacja Pomocne Dłonie w naszej parafii pragnie pomóc potrzebującym rodzinom w zorganizowaniu dla ich rodzin kolacji z okazji Święta Dziękczynienia. W biuletynie znajdują się informacje w jaki sposób możesz wesprzeć ofiarując produkty spożywcze lub ofiary pieniężne.
- Pragniemy podzielić się z Wami wspaniałą nowiną odnośnie organizacji w naszej parafii „Drzewko Miłości”, która w tym roku obchodzi 35-lecie swojej służby niosąc święteczną radość potrzebującym rodzinom. Zabierz karteczkę z choinki umieszczonej w tyle kościoła i pomóż wprowadzić radość w serca tych, którzy są w potrzebie. Więcej informacji w biuletynie.

## Mass Intentions

**Monday — November 18th**

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY  
✠ JOSEPHINE GAJDA  
by Family

**Tuesday — November 19th**

7:00 AM ✠ JOHN KENT  
by Family & Friends  
✠ WANDA CHOLEWA  
by Family  
✠ TED FLORYNSKI  
by Wife & Family  
✠ JOSEPH & MARY CIELESZ  
by Joan & Family  
7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA KASI I ROBERTA LIGAS  
(Rocznica Ślubu)  
by Mama  
✠ JAN MALCMAN  
by Helena z Rodziną  
✠ MARIA, JAN I WOJCIECH STASZEL  
by Rodzina  
✠ BRONISŁAWA STYRCZULA  
by Anna Miętus z Rodziną

**Wednesday — November 20th**

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

**Thursday — November 21st**

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

**Friday — November 22nd**

7:00 AM ✠ LOUIS ZIOLKOWSKI  
by Beverly Marzec  
✠ WOJCIECH BIALAS  
by Family  
✠ ALICE M. GOULD  
by Scott Family  
✠ MELVIN KRZEMINSKI  
by Family

**Saturday — November 23rd**

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR KALATA-KEDZIOR FAMILIES  
by Marie  
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR LUKASZ & MORGAN  
by Grandparents  
✠ BOLESŁAW LATA  
by Family

1:00 PM *Wedding: Maria Zieba and Kyle Spink's*

5:00 PM ✠ ADAM KOZIEL  
**Fr. Koys** by Mark & Teresa Koziel  
✠ CLAUDETTE WALSchLAGER  
by Mary Beth Rudis  
✠ MARIA JELCZ (1 month after death)  
by Wolniakowski Family

**Sunday — November 24th**

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS, HEALTH & HEALING FOR  
**Fr. Valdi** STANLEY KOPERA  
by Maria Malewski  
✠ EDMUND & THERESE BREZINSKI  
by Family

8:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA JANA (urodziny) I ANTONINA  
**Carmelite** WOJNAROWICZ  
✠ ZOFIA I BRONISŁAW MAKA  
by Rodzina  
✠ STANISŁAW GORYL  
by Syn z Rodziną  
✠ MARIA CZERWIEN (4 Rocznica Śmierci)  
by Brat z Bratową

9:30 AM ✠ ROBERT JOLLY  
**Fr. Valdi** by Groselak Family  
✠ ANDRZEJ BIZUB  
by Family

✠ EMILY REMIASZ

by Family

✠ CHERYLE YANOWSKY-LONG

by Monika Bochenek

11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA ALICJI I TADEUSZA  
**Carmelite** JABŁONSKI (Rocznica Ślubu)  
by Dzieci

✠ ANTONI GŁOGOWSKI (5 Rocznica Śmierci)  
by Rodzina

✠ MICHAEL GRELE

by Barbara Koukol

✠ KONRAD KRZEMIEŃ (2 Rocznica Śmierci)

by Córka z Rodziną

12:30 PM ✠ MARIAN CZERWIEN

**Fr. Valdi** ✠ ANNA KOWALKOWSKA

by Family

✠ AGNIESZKA WARZECHA

by Friend

✠ WLADYSLAW ZAPALA & CLARK FRANCIS

by Bozena Pustulka

2:00 PM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH I ZMARŁYCH  
**Carmelite** O BOŻE BŁ I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA SAMUELA  
SZKLARZ (urodziny)

by Dziadkowie

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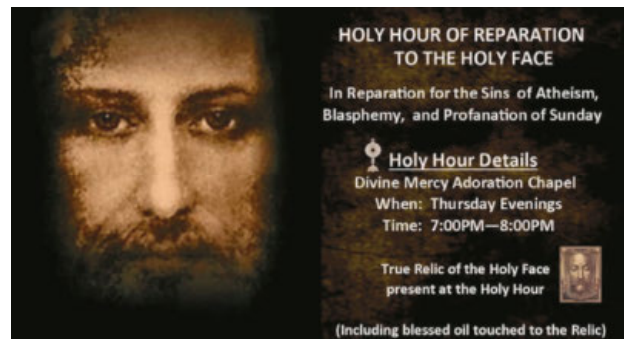
by Babcia

✠ JAN I ANNA ZIĘBA

by Rodzina

7:30 PM ✠ ADAM KOZIEL

**Fr. Valdi** by Basia & Daughter



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

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Charlie Wickey	Alexander Dziaba
Guy Martin	Hieronima Palasiewicz
Carol Preis	Joan Albert
Irene Forst	Ray Przewdziecki
Terry Hallandworth	William Podborny
Nick Gorisch	

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



Wedding Banns

*Jaycie Shake and Francis Dudek*

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*Natalia Dlugopolski and Piotr Stoch  
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*May Perpetual Light  
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In your prayers, please remember the soul of  
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 May his soul and the soul of all our faithfully departed family and friends rest in everlasting peace.

## Who Am I To Judge? Part 2 Responding to Relativism with Love and Logic

The eighteen parishioners who participated in our fall Adult Study Program, "Who Am I to Judge?" shared some of the insights they gained about Relativism vs. Truth.

Comments from the Teen and Adult Participants include:

- In a relativistic world that says, "Be yourself," people use that as an excuse to sin. God wants us to live a life of virtue and be more like He created us to be. We will be happier when we're virtuous.
- God's laws provide boundaries for living according to our human dignity. Relativism has no universal boundaries, but everyone makes up their own rules, becoming their own god.
- The moral law is written by God to help us grow in love. Relativism wounds people.
- Relativism claims that your choices don't matter to others; but they really do.
- This course taught me the importance of using my voice to spread God's teachings, which will bring more happiness to others in this morally confused society.
- To love is to will the good of the other. When someone is disagreeing with some eternal truth, and I know that their erroneous belief is not in their best interest. It is my duty, if I love them, to teach them the truth kindly without being offensive or defensive.
- I learned how to frame my discussion points in the context of love and care for the person. You don't have to compromise conviction to be compassionate.
- Since God has written his laws on the human heart, a person who disregards God suffers from cognitive dissonance; their sinful actions are not matching their beliefs, so instead of giving up the sin, they try to change their beliefs. Telling them of God's mercy can help them overcome this.
- It is NOT loving to refrain from telling someone that their life choice will hurt them. The Spiritual Works of Mercy include, "Admonish the sinner, Instruct the ignorant, and Council the doubtful."
- Catholics have the Truth from God. We should be courageous about declaring it. Relativism has never been proven an effective solution to life's dilemmas.
- Relativism is not morally neutral; it is an imposition of godlessness on society.
- The motto for relativism is "I did it my way." Jesus said, "Follow me."



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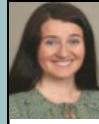
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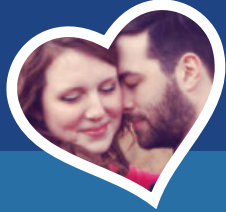
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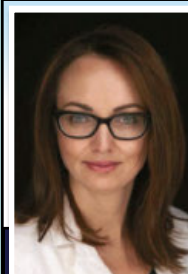
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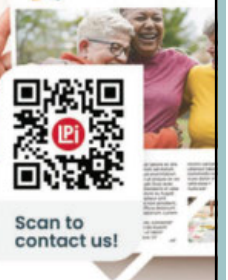
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