

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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January 19, 2025

Second 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
Parish Office: 608 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL
 Denise Duda, Operations Director
 (630) 257-2776; (630) 257-9372 Fax
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 www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont

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 (630) 257-6488; shirleyt@stcyril.org

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 mleja@sscmlmont.org

Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation

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

Special Masses:

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

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

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

Holy Days of Obligation: As announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM

First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Also available by appointment.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:

Located in the Divine Mercy Chapel in the Parish Life Building. Please contact: Lottie (630) 4442-9441, Mark (773) 727-7934, Margaret mtsniesz@gmail.com

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

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday Closed

Minister of Music: Mira Sojka-Topor
 musicmin@stcyril.org
 (630) 257-2776

Polish School: www.polschool.com
 Halina Szyrzyna
 Principal: (630) 669-9058

Polish Club: John Lichacz, President
 (773) 216-1108
 polishclub@stcyril.org

Minister of Care: Dave Smietanski
 (630) 257-2776

Parish Council: Stan Brzezniak, President

Bulletin: bulletin@stcyril.org

Helping Hands: helpinghands@stcyril.org

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

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

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

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

Parish Website: www.stcyril.org

School Website: www.school.stcyril.org

Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont

School Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMComets



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

Tomorrow marks the beginning of a new administration in D.C.

Whether you voted for him or not, I believe a few comments are in order from a Catholic perspective. First,

Catholicism has always encouraged active and faithful participation in the public square where policies and laws are created that influence and control the lives of all people. We should feel the obligation to let our love of God guide the love we have for our country. It's too easy to let our faith be something strictly personal, something we just take care of on a Sunday morning. It's also quite understandable to feel apathetic about what those put in office by the electoral process say and do with the authority they possess. So, the first thing all of us believers should commit to is to pray that officials exercise their authority with a strong sense that any authority they have comes to them from above. The words of Jesus before Pilate are just as true today as when first uttered. So let us pray that everyone from President Trump down to the newest "dog catcher" consider the counsel of faithful religious people around them. We should recall the words of John Adams, the second president, who said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

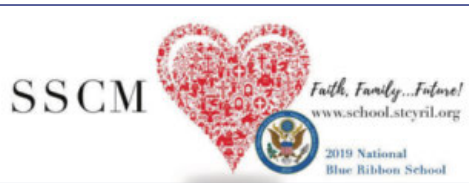
There are a number of people who have fought against the Trump campaign, often sighting his checkered moral past. Top of their list are those examples of "womanizing" or "philandering" of the past. Only God knows the accuracy of all the accusations we've been made aware, but suffice it to say, few are saying he's without any sin. Lest such an awareness of such a checkered past cause a deeper sense of apathy in one's patriotic soul; I believe God would have us pray for him and his continual conversion. There is something strange or out of the ordinary about a man whose track record of marriages and relationships is less than stellar who has worked so hard at renewing the deep respect for God's gift of life by promoting prolife policies and personnel as well as biblical marriage. There is a natural tendency for people who have failed in this

area of life to support more liberal pro-abortion policies. The new President's pro-life efforts are there for the viewing. The heated opposition to his campaign by those committed to abortion rights shows the world he is not following the normal course of a philanderer. There is good reason to believe he can continue the road of conversion and a deeper walk with the Lord. Other political figures whose Christian credentials were much more prominent often compromise the Catholic teaching about respect for life of the unborn and use their authority to maintain abortion rights. Let's pray this week, not just for this new President, but for a renewal of the sense of "Christendom" for our country. I pray too, if I am right about his sense of conversion that he will inspire other folks with "checkered moral histories" to a deeper conversion to Christ.

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

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

- Join Father Valdi in May of 2025 for a sentimental journey to Poland. Don't miss out on this meaningful experience. Please see the bulletin for more details.
- **Effective immediately, the Parish Life Building has new office hours. Monday through Friday the offices will be open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We will still be closed on Saturday and Sunday.**
- A new year means tax time! If you would like a print out of your contributions from 2024, see the bulletin for the form to fill out and send to the office.
- Our PLB offices will be closed on Monday, January 20th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Catholic Schools Week will begin soon with many activities that you are invited to including an Open House. See the principal's article in today's bulletin for more details and please consider Catholic education for your children.
- On January 25th & 26th, there will be a second collection for the Church in Latin America. Please 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 past week students took home their second trimester progress reports! It's hard to believe we have passed the halfway mark in the school year.

The month of January is a busy time for our school. Students are preparing for the school play, basketball teams are practicing and playing on a regular basis, and we have started the re-registration process for the 2024-2025 school year!

Re-registration is an important time for the school. The number of students we have registered will help us to determine the budget, make purchases, and set tuition for the next year. The month of January is also important because Catholic schools throughout our nation join and celebrate "Catholic Schools Week." This year's celebration will begin at 9:30 Mass on Sunday, January 26th. It will be followed by our Open House and Social in school. Please take a few moments that day and visit us in school. The Open House will go until 1:00! Please see the schedule of events for the entire week.

This month we also open registration to new families. We will have tours during the Open House, but we can also arrange private tours. Please contact the office at 630-257-6488 for more information.

Thank you so much for your generous support and continued guidance to our school. We hold you in our prayers each day.

Mrs. S. Tkachuk



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

Sunday, January 26th

SS. Cyril and Methodius School Celebrates our Parish ~

- School Families and Staff gather for the 9:30 Mass.
- Students in full school uniform will receive a special Principal's Dress Down Pass from Mrs. Tkachuk!
- Open House and Book Fair from 10:30-1:00!
- Prospective families are welcome to join us for tours!

Monday, January 27th

SS. Cyril and Methodius School Celebrates our Nation ~

- Dress in red, white, and blue!
- Wheel of Wisdom Assembly! (PreK thru Grade 4 at 9:00) (Grades 5 thru 8 at 10:00)
- Patriotic Sing Along (Parents, please join us in the gym at 1:30)!
- Classes visit the Book Fair!

Tuesday, January 28th

SS. Cyril and Methodius School Celebrates our Faculty and Staff ~

- Special Luncheon for faculty and staff.
- Dress in your teacher's favorite color.
- Classes will visit the Book Fair!

Wednesday, January 29th

SS. Cyril and Methodius School Celebrates our Students and Families ~

- Free Chick-Fil-A for lunch!
- Dress Down Day!
- Free-throw contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus!
- Faith Partner Board Games during the day.
- Classes will visit the Book Fair!
- NO HOMEWORK!

Thursday, January 30th

SS. Cyril and Methodius School Celebrates Careers and Vocations ~

- Special visits from parents and parishioners sharing their careers with the students!
- Students should dress for a career or college!

Friday, January 31st

SS. Cyril and Methodius School Celebrates our Community ~

- All School Mass at 8:15AM! "Special Person/People are welcome to join us and sit with the children during mass! This could be parents, grandparents, Godparents, Aunts or Uncles!"
- Dress in spirit wear OR red and white!
- Students will assemble "Bags of Blessings" for the community along with special cards for seniors!

UNITED IN FAITH AND COMMUNITY!



SS Cyril & Methodius
Religious Education Program
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www.re.stcyril.org

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator



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

IMPORTANT NO CLASSES

Monday 1/20/2025

Wednesday 1/22/2025

**In observance of Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday*

Thank you to Father Valdi and the Carmelite priest for celebrating our Monthly Mass with us!

Thank you to our 3rd and 6th graders for reading and thank you to all RE families that attended!

We are looking forward to our 1st and 5th grade classes participating in the next RE monthly mass on 2/23/2025.



Sacrament of Reconciliation
February 1, 2025

Sacrament of Confirmation
March 8, 2025

11:00AM MASS



12:00PM MASS



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

St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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

Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS:

Sundays: 8:15am, 10:00am and 12:00pm (TLM)

WEEKDAYS:

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat 8:00am,
Wed 7pm, Fri 6pm

ADORATION:

Adoration on Wednesday 5-7pm.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

Wednesday 6:00pm & Saturday 8:30am.
Otherwise by appointment.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:

Contact the rectory office.

SICK & HOMEBOUND PASTORAL CARE:

Please notify rectory.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Wed, Thu & Fri: 9:00am to 2:00pm.



Our Lady of Fatima Statue

You may host our beautiful statue for one week (Sun to Sun). Scan to sign up or go to historicstjames.org.

FEBRUARY OPENINGS



Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

Dr Clark Forsythe, Pro-life Leader,
Coming to St James - Sat, Mar 15
The Sag Bridge Mission Society is proud to present a talk by Dr Forsythe, Senior Counsel for Americans United for Life and prolific writer on pro-life policies. Details to follow.



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

Can you imagine living in the cold?

As you count your blessings, could you help a homeless man feel warmth? Place blankets & men's coats, new or in good condition, in Charlie's Chapel. (Please no women's or children's.)

Wine & Wisdom - Jan 22

Come learn about "synodality," aided in part by a Bishop Barron video. What does it portend for our Catholic Church?

Wine & Wisdom - Jan 29

We welcome St James' own Mary Burruss who will share her personal testimony and experience with Rachel's Vineyard. Come hear Mary's important pro-life view.

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

An Opportunity to Bolster Your Parenting Skills

A new program for parents of pre-school and elementary school children will focus on the goal of Catholic parenting & methods to instill excellence & teach specific virtues. Jim & Joyce Coughlin will run the sessions & the Sag Bridge Mission Society is supporting. Leave the children home one evening a month & come build your confidence & hope as you engage in the adventure of raising children. First session will be Thur, Jan 23, 7-8:30 at Kingswood Academy, 133 Plainfield Rd, Darien. Contact james-coughlin@sbcglobal.net to register.

Together We Stand For The Unborn

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

JOYFUL AGAIN!!

Are you widowed and still hurting?

What: Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop and Spiritual Retreat
When: March 1st and 2nd, 2025
Where: University of St Mary's of the Lake, Mundelein, IL
 (Commute or stay overnight.)

For further information, call: 708-354-7211.
 Email us at info@joyfulagain.org
 website: www.joyfulagain.org

Attention Young Married Couples



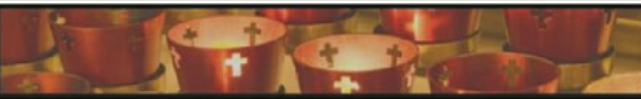
Follow this code to send a message to Kamile to learn more about how to join a faith-filled & fun community for "recently" marrieds.

At 3PM Every Friday

Be part of the St James prayer sentinel! Gather for prayer each Friday at Access Health to pray for the moms & dads considering abortion – and for their babies. Invoke our Lord's Mercy at the Mercy Hour!

Ministry of Care

If you or a loved one is homebound & would like to receive the Eucharist, please sign up online or via paper form in Church, or call Fr Koys or rectory.



VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 1/19/25
 St. James Altar & Rosary Society
 All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 United States of America
 For Our Children—Heather, Ryan & Colleen



Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

- MONDAY, JANUARY 20**
 8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Bernice Raj
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**
 8:00AM ☩Michael Alagno
 ☩Kay McNally
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**
 7:00PM ☩Joseph M. Slowik
 Health & Healing—Neal Hartz
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**
 6:30AM Safe Trip for Pilgrims to Washington, DC
 8:00AM ☩Grace Maher
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**
 6:00PM ☩Kay McNally
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**
 8:00AM ☩Mary Lou Donzelli

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**
 8:15AM ☩Kay McNally
 Birthday Blessings—Olivia Ryan
 10AM ☩Liane DeSitter
 ☩Raymond & ☩Rosemarie Graceffa
 12:00PM ☩Gabriel Jara
 Health & Healing—Christopher Miranda

Altar Flowers

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

JANE HOPSON

Our Weekly Offering



Our weekly *Offertory* collection from January 12, 2025 was \$3,509. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$1,415.

Christmas collection will be reported at a later date.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
8:15am	Alex Pawlikowski, Eric Delacorre, Aden Burke, Mark Henze
10am	Marty & Tommy Comer, Matthew Sullivan, Daniel Newsom

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



TRANSFORM LIVES

THROUGH THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



Chicago's archdiocesan Catholic schools provide a strong academic foundation enriched by values of faith, service and compassion. For many families, especially in areas of the city facing significant financial and social challenges, accessing this life-changing education remains just out of reach.

Catholic schools nurture the whole child – mind, body and spirit – instilling integrity, service and leadership values. These schools foster a sense of belonging and purpose, creating environments where students are educated and inspired to make a difference in their communities.

All of our Catholic schools serve our communities generously, but some schools face significant financial needs. These schools serve diverse, vibrant communities where families often face financial hardships. Your support directly impacts these families, helping to ensure that more children have access to the quality education they deserve— regardless of their economic situation.

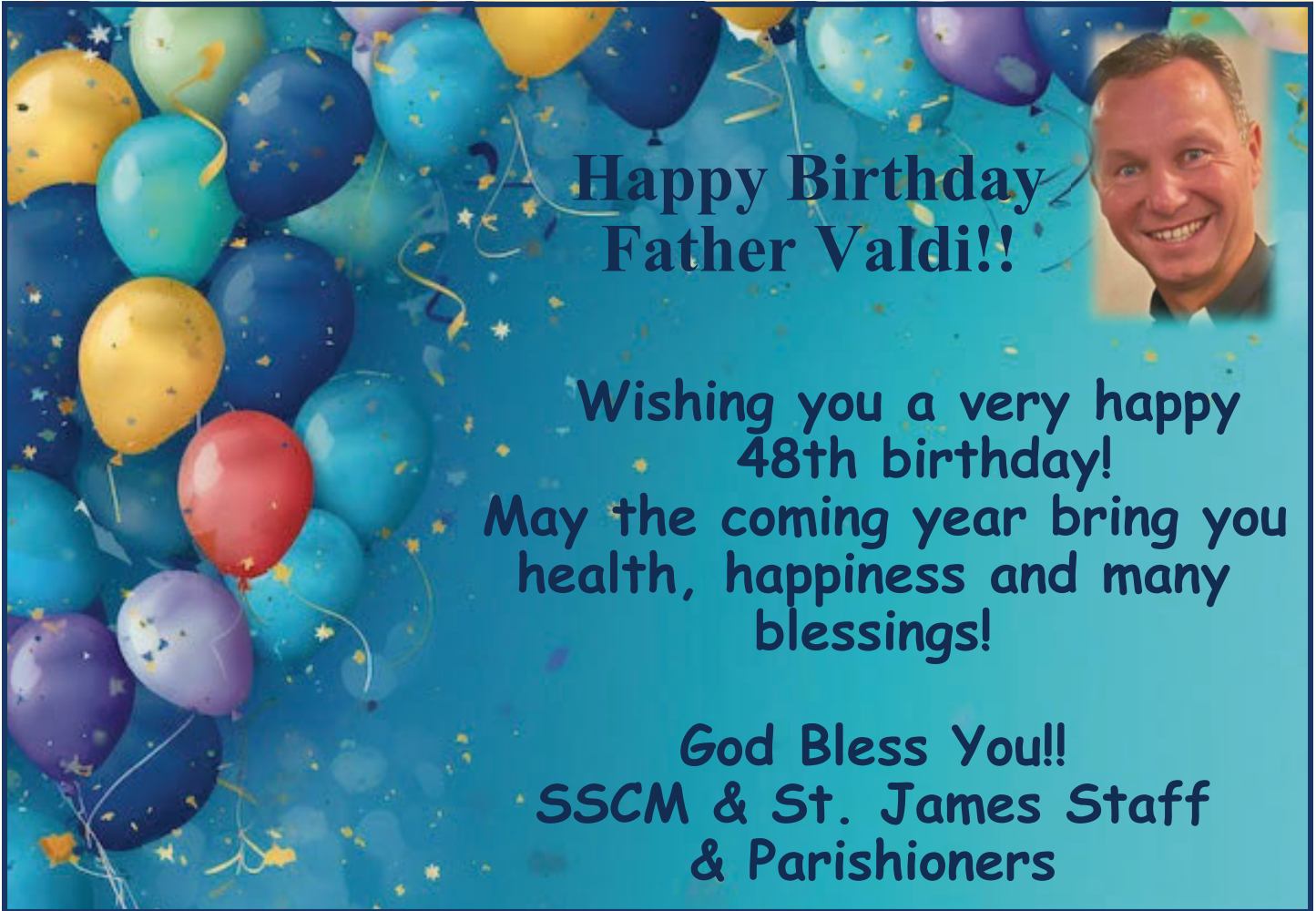
Your gift to the Catholic Schools Scholarship Program:

- **Provides Access:** Removes financial barriers for families in need.
- **Transforms Lives:** Gives children the tools they need to succeed academically and spiritually.
- **Strengthens Communities:** Builds neighborhoods with a focus on faith, service and care for one another

Please consider supporting schools where the need is greatest. Every dollar you give helps ensure that Catholic education's values and teachings reach those who will benefit from them most.

Join Us in Making a Difference
archchicago.org/scholarships





**Knights of Columbus Tamale Sale
Sunday, February 9th**

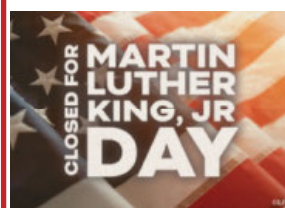
The Lemont Knights of Columbus will again offer Tamales for sale after all February 9th, Sunday Masses for Super Bowl Sunday. The cost of the Tamales are \$11.00 per 1/2 dozen and \$22.00 per full dozen. Pork or Chicken Tamales will be available at the end of each Sunday mass-while supplies last.

Proceeds support charitable works of the Lemont Knights of Columbus, particularly in the Lemont community.



**Second Collection-
January 25th & 26th
Church in
Latin America**

Next week there will be a second collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America & the Caribbean do not have access to church programs & ministries because of rising secular culture, rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers & sisters in Latin America & the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ.



The Parish Life Building Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

DONATE BLOOD

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

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

LOCATION: COMMUNITY ROOM
 15780 New Avenue, Lemont 60439

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED/WALK INS WELCOME

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

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

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

HELP SAVE LIVES IN THE COMMUNITY

49th Emil Domagalski Basketball Tournament and 36th Lady Comet Classic Spotlight Game

4th/5th grade girls' basketball team highlighted at halftime of the girls' game.

Saturday, January 25, 2025
 Lemont High School Gym
 800 Porter Street, Lemont, IL

"Out of uniform" pass for students attending games on Jan 25.

Tournament Game Schedule

3 team round robin format

Saturday, January 25	2:00 pm boys	St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick vs. SS. Cyril and Methodius
	3:15 pm boys	St. Alphonsus/St. Patrick vs. Old Quarry Boys
	4:30 pm girls	Lady Comet Classic Spotlight Game SS. Cyril and Methodius vs. Lemont Girls
	6:00 pm boys	Old Quarry vs. SS. Cyril and Methodius

COMETS

CYPRIANS

METHONIANS

Come cheer for the St. Cyril's 8th grade girls' and boy's basketball teams! Everyone is invited!
Let's pack the place! Wear RED!!

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed!!

SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish is looking for lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for all the English Masses but especially the 5:00 and 12:30 Masses. If you are interested in becoming a lector or Eucharistic Minister for our parish, please see the training information below. You can also call Trish at 630-257-2776 or email her at tnickleski@sscmlemont.org for more information. Please think consider helping out in one of these ministries. You will find it very rewarding!

VICARIATE V

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

MINISTRY COMMISSION Presents:

LITURGY TRAINING

Initial Training for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist & Initial Training for Lectors

Description of presentation:
 These sessions provide training for Liturgical Ministers. ALL trainees attend Tuesday evening's Scriptural foundation, overview of the liturgy, and discern their call to liturgical ministry. Specific ministry formation follows.

Part 1 Liturgy Formation Tuesday, February 11 (required for ALL called to liturgical ministry).

Part 2 Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is Wednesday, February 12. Participants will learn the theology and practical skills for serving as a Liturgical Minister at Mass. This training is required by the Archdiocese of Chicago for all those serving in this ministry.

Part 2 Training for Lectors is Thursday, February 13. Participants will learn the theological and practical skills necessary to proclaim the Word of God at Holy Mass.

DAY AND DATE OF PRESENTATION:

Tuesday (All), Wednesday (EOMs),
 Thursday (Lectors) -
 February 11-13, 2025

TIME:
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

LOCATION:
 Incarnation Church
 5757 W. 127th Street, Crestwood, IL
Handicap accessible, park and enter under the canopy

Kathy McNicholas is a pastoral associate and director of lifelong formation at Incarnation St. Terrence Parish. Her passion is for Jesus and accompanying adults on their Catholic faith journey.

PLEASE REGISTER AT: <https://ministrycommissionv5.com/>

2024 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2024 will be mailed upon request only. If you would like your statement, please fill out the information below and return it via the PLB drop box, by mail or place it in the collection basket at church. Please include your envelope number. Your statement will be mailed to you after January 31st.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Envelope #: _____



**Z biurka wikariusza pastora
Droży Parafianie,**

Jutro rozpoczyna urzędować nowa administracja w Waszyngtonie. Niezależnie od tego, czy głosował/aś na obecnego prezydenta, czy nie, uważam, że kilka uwag z katolickiej

perspektywy jest wskazane. Po pierwsze, katolicyzm zawsze zachęcał do aktywnego i wiernego uczestnictwa w życiu publicznym, gdzie tworzone są prawa wpływające na życie wszystkich ludzi. Powinniśmy czuć się zobowiązani, aby nasza miłość do Boga kierowała miłością, jaką darzymy nasz kraj. Z łatwością możemy sobie pozwolić na to, aby nasza wiara stała się czymś ściśle prywatnym, czymś, czym zajmujemy się jedynie w niedzielny poranek.

Zrozumiałe jest również, że można czuć apatię wobec tego, co osoby wybrane w procesie wyborczym mówią i robią z władzą, którą posiadają. Dlatego pierwszą rzeczą, do której wszyscy wierzący powinni się zobowiązać, jest modlitwa za urzędników, aby wykonywali swoją władzę z głębokim przekonaniem, że każda władza, jaką mają, pochodzi z góry. Słowa Jezusa przed Pilatem są dziś tak samo prawdziwe, jak kiedyś, gdy zostały wypowiedziane. Módlmy się zatem, aby wszyscy, od prezydenta Trumpa po przeciętnego „zjadacza chleba” brali pod uwagę rady ludzi religijnych wokół siebie.

Powinniśmy przypomnieć sobie słowa Johna Adams, drugiego prezydenta Stanów, który powiedział: „Ten rząd został stworzony wyłącznie dla ludzi religijnych i moralnych. Bez nich nie przetrwa.” Jest wiele osób, które walczyły przeciwko kampanii Trumpa, często przywołując jego burzliwą moralną przeszłość. Na szczycie listy zarzutów znajdują się przykłady „kobietoznawstwa” lub „niewierności” z przeszłości. Tylko Bóg zna dokładność wszystkich oskarżeń, o których słyszeliśmy, ale wystarczy powiedzieć, że niewiele osób twierdzi, iż jest on bez grzechu.

Niech świadomość tej burzliwej przeszłości nie powoduje głębszego poczucia apatii w patriotycznej duszy. Wierzę, że Bóg chce, abyśmy modlili się za niego i za jego nawrócenie. Jest coś niezwykłego w człowieku, którego historia małżeństw i relacji jest daleka od ideału, a który tak ciężko pracował nad odnowieniem głębszego szacunku dla Bożego daru życia poprzez promowanie bardziej liberalnej polityki pro-life i biblijnego małżeństwa. Istnieje naturalna tendencja u ludzi, którzy zawiedli w tej dziedzinie życia, do wspierania bardziej

liberalnych polityk proaborcyjnych.

Wysiłki pro-life nowego prezydenta są widoczne. Gorący sprzeciw wobec jego kampanii ze strony tych, którzy popierają prawa do aborcji, pokazuje światu, że nie podąża on zwykłą drogą osoby o podobnej przeszłości. Istnieje dobry powód, by wierzyć, że może kontynuować drogę nawrócenia i głębszej więzi z Panem. Inne postacie polityczne, których chrześcijańskie kwalifikacje były znacznie bardziej widoczne, często kompromitowały nauczanie Kościoła katolickiego o szacunku dla życia nienarodzonych, wykorzystując swoją władzę do utrzymania prawa do aborcji.

Módlmy się w tym tygodniu nie tylko za nowego prezydenta, ale także za odnowienie poczucia „chrześcijaństwa” w naszym kraju. Modlę się również, aby, jeśli mam rację co do jego nawrócenia, zainspirował on innych ludzi z „burzliwą przeszłością moralną” do głębszego nawrócenia ku Chrystusowi.

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

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- Dołącz do pielgrzymko-wycieczki z ks. Waldemarem „Valdi” w maju 2025 roku i wybierz się na jedną z najpiękniejszych podróży do Polski. Więcej strzegółów w biuletynie.
- **Uwaga! Zmiana godzin otwarcia parafialnego.** W trybie natychmiastowym biuro będzie otwarte od poniedziałku do piątku w godzinach 8:00AM – 4:00PM. Soboty i niedziele biuro nieczynne.
- Nowy rok to również okres podatkowy! W celu uzyskania zestawienia złożonych składek w roku 2024 proszę wypełnić formularz znajdujący się w biuletynie a następnie przesłać go do biura.
- W poniedziałek, 20 stycznia 2025, biuro będzie nieczynne z okazji Dnia Martina Luthera Kinga.
- Wkrótce rozpocznie się Tydzień Szkół Katolickich obejmujący wiele wydarzeń, na które zapraszamy podczas zwiedzania szkoły. Po szczegółowe informacje zapraszamy do artykułu dyrektora szkoły. Katolickie szkoły to odpowiednie wychowanie i dobre wyniki w nauce.
- Podczas weekendu, 25 i 26 stycznia druga kolekta zbierana będzie na rzecz Kościoła w Ameryce Łacińskiej.

Mass Intentions

Monday — January 20th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY

Tuesday — January 21st7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR JOEY CONRAD (19 birth)
by Parents7:00 PM DZIEKCYNNNO-BŁAGALNA INT. KASI
I KRZYSZTOFA (Rocznica Ślubu)by Rodzice
DZIEKCYNNNO-BŁAGALNA W INT.
KS. WALDEMARA (urodziny)
by Danuta i Peter
O BOŻE BŁ. DLA MONIKI WITKOWSKI
(urodziny)
by Rodzice✠ AUGUST MIĘTUS
by Mama z Rodziną**Wednesday — January 22nd**

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Thursday — January 23rd

7:00 AM FOR ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

Friday — January 24th

7:00 AM CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

✠ STANLEY & VICTORIA LAYMAN
by Marc & Rita Gimbel**Saturday — January 25th**

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

5:00 PM ✠ KS. BRONISŁAW WOJDYLA (1 Anniv.)

Fr. Valdi by Family✠ LOUIS ZIOLKOWSKI
by Joe Sniegowski✠ HENRY & GENEVIEVE MROZEK
by Family✠ ADAM KOZIEL
by Lottie & Walter Koziel**Sunday — January 26th**

7:00 AM ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Fr. Valdi ✠ EDMUND & TERESE BREZINSKI

by Philip Brezinski

8:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA ALEXANDRA

Carmelite DZIAŁA (urodziny)

by Rodzina

✠ JÓZEF LENART
by Anna Miskiewicz✠ HELENA I STANISŁAW GONDEK
by Syn✠ HELENA I JÓZEF BYRDAK I SYN ANDRZEJ
by Celina i Władysław Mrozek

9:30 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Fr. Valdi ✠ RAYMOND PERISIN

by St. Cyril Celestial Choir

✠ JACQUELINE BOSH
by Doug & Trish Nickleski✠ EUGENIA & FRANCISZEK KALITA
by Family

11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA LUDWIKA I MARI I GAL (urodziny)

Carmelite by Dzieci✠ KS. MIECZYŚLAW JANOSIK (1 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Rodzina Janosik✠ FRANCISZEK LICHOSYT
by Córka✠ ANNA KOCHAN (7 Rocznica Śmierci)
by Córka Beata z Rodziną

12:30 PM ✠ EDWARD & JADWIGA SULARSKI

Fr. Valdi by Family

2:00 PM ✠ MARIA STRAUB

Carmelite by Córka Dorota z Rodziną

✠ KAROL MACHAJ

by Rodzina

✠ ZBIGNIEW OCHYRA (Rocznica Śmierci)

by Rodzina

✠ WŁADYSŁAWA OCHYRA (Rocznica Śmierci)

by Rodzina

7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Fr. Valdi

Prayers for California

Amid wildfires and chaos, families have been forced to flee, lives disrupted, and homes destroyed. To those facing loss and uncertainty, and to the brave souls standing guard against danger—our hearts and prayers are with you. May strength, safety, and hope guide you through this difficult time. Stay strong—better days are ahead.

Pray for ...

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

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

The name of an individual will stay on the prayer list for two months. Please contact the parish office if you would like to prolong the prayer request.

**Parish Contributions
 January 11 & 12, 2024**

Envelopes	504	13,583.00
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Total		16,315.00

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2nd Collection—SSCM School \$2,284.00

Christmas Eve & Day \$82,136.00

Christmas Flowers \$7,638.00

504 envelopes plus 117 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 33% of 2,100 registered parishioner families.

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**Day of Prayer for the
 Legal Protection of
 Unborn Children**

The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

And while, on June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization decision overturned Roe v. Wade, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children. So, great prayer and advocacy is still very needed.

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.



Please pray for...

We ask you to please keep in your prayers the following parishioners who are on active duty in the military:

Capt. Catherine R. Chappell, Pilot HC130, U.S. Air Force; **Frank Romanowski**, Army Combat Medic; **SPC Ryan Sherwood**; **PVT Robert Kyle O’Hare**, US Army; **Dominic Maiella**, US Marine Corps; **Jonathan Plonka**, US Air Force; **Matas Maleiska**, US Navy; **Cole Kowalczyk**, Army Specialist; **LT. Colonel Ken Hussey**, Army

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

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

Our next senior luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 4th at 12:00 PM in the PLB. To reserve your spot, please place \$10 in a sealed envelope with your name on it and hand it into the PLB front offices by 10:00 AM on Friday, January 31st.

****No admission will be allowed into the luncheon if you do not have a prior reservation.**

Looking forward to seeing you all at the luncheon! Have a safe and warm January!

For the President:

Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness,

and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides.

May he encourage due respect for virtue and religion.

May he execute the laws with justice and mercy.

May he seek to restrain crime, vice, and immorality.

We are in a Jubilee Year! *What Does that Mean for Me?*

The Year 2025 is declared by the Church as a Jubilee Year of Hope. On December 25, Pope Francis opened the Jubilee Door at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, called "The Holy Door," to begin an international 'Year of Hope' in this world full of violence and confusion. The faithful are called to pray, study, and make pilgrimages of hope, and will receive more graces than ever for our efforts. The Year of Jubilee will continue until next January 6, 2026.

During each month of this Jubilee Year, one or more Jubilees dedicated to different groups will be celebrated in Rome. In January, for example, there is the Jubilee of the World of Communications, in February the Jubilee of Artists, in April the Jubilee of Teenagers, etc.

A Jubilee is one of the most significant events of the Catholic Church that occurs only about every 25 years. A Jubilee year, declared by the Holy Father, offers the faithful an opportunity for transformation in holiness through additional graces that can help us reach heaven.

Why? Because it makes available to the faithful all the easy means to obtain benefits from the 'treasury' of the Church, for example, a plenary indulgence, which returns the soul to the sinless state it was in when it received Baptism. A Jubilee year should be a time of spiritual renewal for all Catholics.

How does a plenary indulgence work? In the Sacrament of Penance sins are forgiven. However, the temporal punishment required by divine justice remains. The indulgence grants remission of all temporal punishment in purgatory, so that if a person dies after receiving this gift, he or she goes directly to heaven.

There are specific actions and conditions required for receiving this indulgence, including being in the state of grace, taking a pilgrimage to a Jubilee site, and saying certain prayers. We will explore the conditions for receiving these graces and indulgences in a future article.

What should we do first to enter into this Jubilee Year of Hope? Deepen your understanding of HOPE. A good way to do this is to **read or reread and pray over the Encyclical *Spe Salvi* (Saved in Hope)** written by Pope Benedict XVI. It is available free in any language at Vatican.va.

"Now the time has come for a new Jubilee, when once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite

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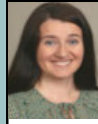
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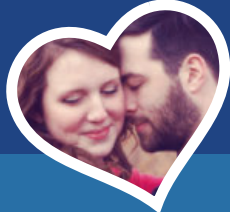


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