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

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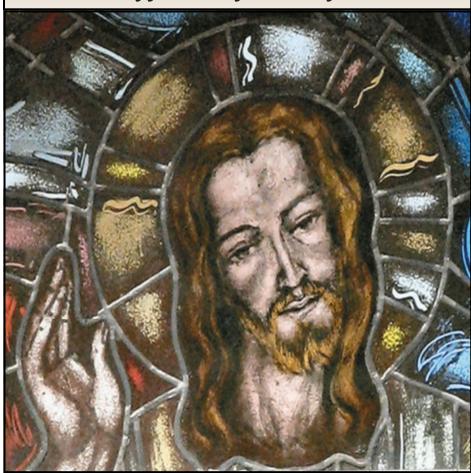
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November 3, 2024 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### 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.

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Mass Schedule:		<b>Helping Hands:</b>	helpinghands@stcyril.org
Saturday: Sunday:	Saturday: 7:00 AM 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation 7:00 AM (English-No Music), 8:00 AM (Polish), 9:30 AM (English), 11:00 AM (Polish), 12:30 PM (English), 2:00 PM (Polish), 7:30 PM (English-No Music)	New Parishioners: Download the new parishioner form online on our website. The form can be handed into the donation basket at Mass, mailed in, or brought into the parish office Baptisms: Parents need to be registered, active and	
Special Mass	ses:	supporting parishioners prior to arranging a baptism	
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)		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.	
Holy Days of	Obligation: As announced	Marriage: The bride and groom are encouraged to be	
Sacrament of Reconciliation:Saturday:4:00 - 4:30 PMFirst Fridays:6:00 - 7:00 PMAlso available by appointment.Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass		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.	
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:		<b>Social Media:</b> In an effort to enhance communication with our parishioners and visitors, please visit these	

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

Parish Office Hours: Each weekday the office will be closed between the hours of 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM. Monday, Wednesday & 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Thursday Tuesday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Saturday & Sunday Closed

SSCMLemont School Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/ **SSCMComets** 

School Website: www.school.stcyril.org

Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/

events and ministries of our parish.

Parish Website: www.stcyril.org

websites to stay better connected with the many



Dear Parishioners,

Current man faces many questions; he asks himself: What is most important in life? What makes a man great in the sight of God and in the eyes of another man? To these questions, God

provides specific answers.

Most important is the love of God and the love of others. Isn't this paradoxical, that in this world of wars, in this world of violence, in this world of depriving humans of dignity, Jesus says that the most important and first, is the love of God and the love in which all humans are engaged - with his own emotions, the mind, with all its physical power or weakness, with its all authority. Isn't this a paradox?

No, it's not, because love is understood in this way, primarily practiced this way, is the engine of human development. It is a factor enriching its soul. This proposition of love presumes the primacy of God, which turns out to be practical for humans too. This kind of love in relation to God makes a great man. A human who loves God with all his heart will also love you with respect.

To understand the importance of the commandments, Jesus shows clearly that there is no true love of humans if there is no love of God in us. The rejection of God's love is the rejection of another person. Therefore, the world needs people who love God with their whole being. In everyday living, this type of love will transform into the practice of respect for others, respect for life, freedom, and truth. In practice, love manifests itself in kindness, joy, justice, patience, courtesy, goodness, and faithfulness. These are the fruits of the Holy Spirit as taught by St. Paul. This is the truth that we should strive for in today's world.

Love wins the world, love wins even when it seems to lose. Jesus showed us which commandment in His kingdom is significant and what is really important to humankind. 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.
- Please remember to turn in your baby bottles this weekend to help support the Greater Chicagoland Women's Center.
- On Saturday, November 16th at 11:00 AM, we will have a bi-lingual Mass followed by a luncheon to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick. Please see the bulletin for information and to learn how to sign up for the luncheon.



#### SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish "United in Faith"

#### November 3, 2024





"Strength for the Journey"

SS. Cyril & Methodius School 2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe but we are in the month of November and getting close to the end of the first trimester! We will end the first trimester grading on Thursday, November 7th. Report cards will go home on Wednesday, the 20th.

Thanks to our SS. Cyril and Methodius School Student Council we celebrated Red Ribbon Week from October 23rd through the 31st. The entire school focused on good character development. Enjoy these great photos of students dressing for the daily themes.

Grades PreK-2 recently enjoyed a visit from the Lemont Fire Department. They learned all about fire safety and got to see the fire truck! On that same day, our entire school participated in a fire drill. We were complimented for the excellent and quiet way our students responded to the drill.

On Tuesday, November 12th we will celebrate "Grandparents Day". We invite all grandparents to join us for the 8:15AM mass and you are welcome to sit with your grandchildren. More information will go home through school. Please remember to attend mass each week as a family!

As always, thank you for your continued support and commitment. You are always in our prayers. Sincerely,

Mrs. S. Tkachuk Principal



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You are invited to join us for ....

"Discover Catholic Schools Week." This will take place in the week of November 17th. Please call our office at 630-257-6488 to arrange for a private, individual tour or shadow day for your child. It is not too soon to begin thinking about the 2024-25 academic year. We are a 2019 National Blue-Ribbon School of academic excellence!



SS Cyril & Methodius Religious Education Program stcyrilre@sscmlemont.org (630)257-9314 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 to we "have to" go to Mass? - Part 2 This week let's look at what are some...

## GOOD REASONS TO GO TO MASS:

- God asks us to make one day holy. God asks us to set aside on day to refocus physically, mentally, and spiritually. We live in a secular world. Going to Mass helps us to see everything from a different perspective. We begin to see in the depths of our being that God is in charge. We can let go of our own agenda because we know that God will inspire us, guide us, and strengthen us for the week ahead.
- Jesus gives us the gift of Himself. When we go to Mass, we are doing what Jesus commanded his followers to do. It is a command to love and to be loved by God. Jesus offers Himself to us the Word of God that we hear and in his Real Presence, offered to us in the Blessed Sacrament at Communion.
- We need to be part of a community. When we come together at Mass to pray and worship god, we fulfill a deep need inside of us to be in communion with other people. The other parishioners—even if we don't know all of them—give us support, affirmation, and encouragement in our attempt to live the Gospel message. They help us to see that we are not alone. They remind us that we are all part of the Body of Christ.
- God has a special message for us. When we listen to the readings, the homily, and the prayers of Mass, God speaks to us in a special way.

- Cont... We should come away from each Mass with at the least one inspiration that will impact our lives in some way. We just have to pay attention and be open to what the Lord is trying to tell us.
- We need to talk to God. When we go to Mass, we speak to God through our singing, our communal responses and prayers, and our personal prayers from the depths of our hearts. During the Mass, we have the opportunity to ask God for what we need, promise God that we will do what He wants us to do, and thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us.



**RE Monthly Mass 10/27/2024 11:00AM** 



Thank you to Father Valdi and Father Andrzej for celebrating our Monthly Mass with us! Thank you to our 2nd and 8th graders for reading and thank you to all RE

families that attended! We are looking forward to our 4th and 7th grade classes participating in the next RE monthly mass on 11/17/2024.

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## St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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"Truth, Beauty, Goodness & Unity"



The official campaign wraps up today. **Closing prayer service today, Nov 3, 3pm at Access Health,** 1700 W 75<sup>th</sup> St, Downers Grove. And remember that <u>St James prays at the abortuary every Friday all</u> <u>year at 3pm</u>. Join us for the rosary. For the babies.

## 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.)

## Theology of the Body

<u>Thurs, Nov 7 – 7 to 8:30pm – Sag Hall</u> "Theology of the Body" is a series of talks given by St. Pope John Paul II at his papal audiences. He explores many wonderful aspects of human love. All adults are invited to join in as Fr Koys leads the discussion.

## Wine & Wisdom – Nov 6

It's Show & Tell on a wonderful topic relics! Fr Koys will teach us about relics and discuss which precious relics are right here in our reliquary (under Our Lady's statue).

Wine & Wisdom – Nov 13 We will be meeting on a topic to be announced.

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

#### 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. The group meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Great topics, food & folks!



#### 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.



## Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!



St James congratulates Michael & Katherine (Gal) Wilczek on the baptism of Joseph John. He joined God's family on October 26. Many blessings always & to his siblings, Godparents & extended families also!

## CatholicCitizens.org Catholic Citizens of Illinois

Friday, Nov 8, Noon at The Carlisle Theresa Farnan, author, lecturer, and USCCB Consultant, will address gender ideology. Go to catholiccitizens.org for more info.



Remember to pray for the baby you spiritually adopted.

## Spare Change?

Please return the baby bottles with spare change or other donation. The beneficiary will be the Women's Centers which exist to help women in a crisis pregnancy. So you are helping them and their babies!



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On October 19 Paulina Stafira & Matthew May entered into the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. May God bless their marriage abundantly!

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.



#### paint and sip - Nov 23, 7-9pm

Kick off your holiday season with step-by-step painting guided by Fr Tom Loya. Art materials and refreshments included in \$35 fee. Registration & pre-payment required Go to historicstjames.org for link. Sponsored by Sag Bridge Mission Society.

#### 50 is a sad number

At least it is when it's the count of babies whose lives were snuffed out each of the most recent four weeks at the Access "Health" Clinic. Hardly a healthy outcome for those precious babies. Come join the pray-ers standing outside to be a voice for life – even a voice silent in prayer.



VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/3/24 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 Special Intention—Pearman Family



## Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4 8:00AM PSam Donzelli Health & Healing—Judy & Roger Kwak

Tuesday, November 5 8:00am PRochelle Haklin

Birthday Blessings—Jennifer Bartik

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 7:00PM PMary Lou & PJoe Donzelli PDebbie Wisser

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 8:00AM PPiotr Gacek Health & Healing—Roger & Judy Kwak Health & Healing—Debbie Bechtlofft

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 6:00PM PFlorian Nowaczyk Health & Healing—Stephanie & Rebecca

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 8:00AM Blessings for the Kwak Family For all Mothers & Children to know and Follow God's Will

#### 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10
 8:15AM PStanley Gawron Health & Healing—Steve Rohrbacher
 10AM: Health & Well Being for my Family Birthday Blessings—Ben Fera
 12:00PM: Deceased Members of the Gal, Szczech, and Chryc Families

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

> THE WIESNERS IN MEMORY OF ROGER WIESNER



Our weekly *Offertory* collection from October 27, 2024 was \$5,363. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$1,290. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

MASS	Altar Servers Sunday, November 10	
8:15am	Mark Henze, Alex Pawlikowski, Aden Burke, Eric Delactorre	
10am	Matthew Sullivan, Daniel Newsom, Marty & Tommy Comer	

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Contact Mike at 773-822-4628

We hope you can join us for food and fellowship!

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#### Drodzy Parafianie,

Współczesny człowiek staje wobec wielu pytań, sam stawia sobie pytanie: co jest w życiu najważniejsze? Co czyni człowieka wielkim w oczach Bożych i w oczach drugiego człowieka? I na to pytanie Jezus

udziela bardzo konkretnej odpowiedzi. Najważniejsza jest miłość Boga i wypływająca z niej miłość bliźniego. Czy nie jest to paradoks, że w świecie wojen, w świecie przemocy, w świecie pozbawiania człowieka godności, Jezus mówi, że najważniejsza i pierwsza jest miłość Boga i to miłość, w którą zaangażowany jest cały człowiek - ze swoją emocjonalnością, ze swoją wolą, umysłem, z całą swoją fizyczną mocą lub małością. Cały we wszystkich swoich władzach. Czy nie jest to paradoks?

Nie, dlatego, że miłość tak rozumiana, tak przede wszystkim praktykowana, jest motorem rozwoju człowieka. Jest czynnikiem ubogacającym jego wnętrze. Taka propozycja miłowania zakłada pierwszeństwo Boga, ale pierwszeństwo, które ze względów praktycznych opłaca się również człowiekowi. Miłość tak zaproponowana przez Jezusa w stosunku do Boga, tak naprawdę czyni człowieka wielkim. Człowiek, który kocha Boga właśnie całym sobą, będzie też miłował drugiego człowieka. Nigdy nie stanie wobec drugiego jako ten, który czyni zło.

Takie pojmowanie ważności przykazań przez Jezusa pokazuje wyraźnie, że nie ma prawdziwego miłowania człowieka, jeżeli nie ma w nas miłości Boga. Odrzucenie miłości Boga jest odrzuceniem drugiego człowieka. Dlatego światu potrzeba ludzi umiejących kochać Boga całymi sobą, w życiu takich ludzi ta miłość przełoży się na praktykę: szacunku innych, poszanowania życia i olności, prawdy, w praktyce miłość przejawia się w życzliwości, radości, sprawiedliwości, cierpliwości, uprzejmości, dobroci, wierności. To są jej owoce płynące od Ducha Świętego jak uczy nas św. Paweł. To jest sprawa o którą nam ludziom współczesnym warto zabiegać.

Miłość zwycięża świat, miłość zwycięża nawet wtedy, gdy wydaje się przegrywa. Dlatego Jezus pokazał nam jakie przykazanie w Jego Królestwie jest najważniejsze i co naprawdę dla człowieka jest najważniejsze.

#### Dziękuję za ciągłe 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.
- Wesprzej Centrum Kobiet w Chicago, zabierając butelkę dla niemowląt z tyłu kościoła i napełniając ją drobnymi. Wasza ofiara pomoże przyszłym mamom i ich dzieciom w potrzebie zdobycia podstawowych środków do życia.Więcej informacji w biuletynie.
- Prosimy o zwrot butelek podczas obecnego weekendu, które wpsieraja Centrum Kobiet w Greater Chicagoland.
- W sobotę 16 listopada o godz. 11:00, odprawiona zostanie dwujęzyczna Msza św. z udzieleniem Sakramentu Namaszczenia Chorych. Po Mszy będzie podany obiad. Więcej informacji w biuletynie odnośnie zapisania się na obiad.



### ZAPROSZENIE NA PIELGRZYMKĘ DO JAPONII

Ks. Tadeusz Dzieszko, proboszcz parafii sw. Faustyny Kowalskiej w Chicago, serdecznie zaprasza na

12 dniową Pielgrzymkę do Kraju Samurajów i Kwitnących Wiśni, czyli Japonii. Pielgrzymką będzie miąłą miejsce w dniąch od 1-go do 12-go kwietnią, 2025 roku, ślądąmi św. Maksymilianą Marią Kolbe i św. Jana Pawłą II. W programie jest rowniez wizytą w w miejscu objąwien Matki Bozej w Akitą.

Program jest bardzo bogąty. Liczbą osob jest ograniczoną. Jesli chcecie wzi**ąć** udzią**i** w tej pielgrzymce to dajcie zną**ć** zanim zabrąknie miejsc. Za cala organizacje jest odpowiedzialne polskie biuro pielgrzymkowe z Rzymu, ktore specjalizuje sie w wyjazdach grupowych miedzy innymi do Japonii. Po wi**ę**cej informacji prosimy dzwoni**ć** do ks. Tadeuszą Dzieszko na nr. (708)932–1102

#### SS. Cyril & Methodius "United in Faith"

**Mass Intentions** Monday - November 4th GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY 7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY ✤ ALTHEA WESOLOWSKI (2 Anniv.) by Dan, Craig & Danny ✤ WANDA CHOLEWA by Family ✤ ZDZISLAW BAGINSKI (1 Anniv.) by Baginski Family Tuesday – November 5th 7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY **<sup>‡</sup> WOJCIECH BIALAS** by Family 7:00 PM ♣ ANDRZEJ I JÓZEF BUDZ by Rodzina JÓZEF, LUDWIKA I BRONISŁAWA SZUBA by Rodzina Polak P BRONISŁAWA I JAN JAGIEŁŁO by Synowa Aniela Jagiełło JÓZEF MILAN by Rodzina Wednesday - November 6th PURGATORIAL SOCIETY 7:00 AM ✤ FRANCISZEK CHOLEWA by Family Thursday - November 7th 7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY ✤ ADAM CHOLEWA by Family Friday - November 8th 7:00 ÅM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY Fr. Valdi GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR EWA SOKOL (birth) by Parents **†** STANISLAW & JANINA SENDRA by Mark Sendra ✤ ROBERT DOUCET JR. (Anniv.) by Mom & Dad Saturday - November 9th 7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY FATHER'S DAY NOVENA FOR A SOUL IN PURGATORY by Bialas Family 11:00 AM Wedding: Natalia Dlugopolski & Piotr Stoch Fr. Valdi by Daughter & Family ✤ JANINA & STANISLAW OZGA by Family ✤ AGNES JANISKY by Son Philip Janisky Sunday - November 10th FOR ALL THOSE PRIESTS, BOTH LIVING & 7:00 AM Fr. Valdi DECEASED WHO HAVE SERVED OUR PARISH 8:00 AM ⊕ FRANCISZEK CHOLEWA by Rodzina Carmelite ✤ JAN ŁABA I STANISŁAW DZIUBASIK by C.W. Mrożek STANISŁAW LAS by Syn z Rodziną ✤ ANNA LAS by Syn z Rodzina FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

9:30 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED Fr. Valdi 
<sup>↑</sup> ADAM KOZIEL by Janina & Stanley Nowobilski <sup>↑</sup> EMILY REMIASZ by Little Academy <sup>↑</sup> MR. & MRS. JOSEPH CIMINO by Paul & Clair Cimino

Carmelite	🕆 STANISŁAW KOMPERDA	
	by Rodzina	
	MICHAŁ GRELE (Rocznica Śmierci)	
	by Rodzice	
	🕆 JÓZEF MILAN (Rocznica Śmierci)	
	by Rodzina Grele	
12:30 PM	🕆 LUKASZ PARDOL	
Fr. Valdi	by Maria Pardol	
	🕆 ANDRZEJ GALICA, HELENA GALICA	
	by Maria Pardol	
	🕆 STANLEY J. KEDZIOR	
	by Marie & Family	
	✤ MARIA, JAN & GRZEGORZ KARKOSZKA	
2:00 PM	BRONIŚŁAWA ZIELIŃSKA	
Carmelite		
	✤ HELENA I HENRYK SAWOŚKO (3 Rocznica Śmierci)	
	by Dzieci	
	WŁADYSŁAW KNAGA (5 Rocznica Śmierci)	
	by Rodzina	

11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKE M.B. DLA ANNY MATURSKI

JANINA PLEWA (4 Rocznica Śmierci) by Siostra Krystyna FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

7:30 PM Fr. Koys



#### May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

In your prayers, please remember the souls of Helena Floryn, Robert Alf Jolly & Charles "Charlie" Edward Wickey. May their souls and the soul of all our faithfully departed family and friends rest in everlasting peace.



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

Emilia Pilecki Michael Rajski Daniel Byrne Szafoni Marge Doucet Ann Pere Charlie Wickey Guy Martin Carol Preis Irene Forst Terry Hallandworth Arthur Zelezinski Jaeann Sangerman Bob Duscet Mike Laskowski Denise Johnson Alexander Dziaba Hieronima Palasiewicz Joan Albert Ray Przezdziecki

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 October 26 & 27, 2024

Envelopes	534	12,279.00
Children's Envelopes	2	2.00
GiveCentral (10/21-10/27)	118	2,562.00
Total		14,843.00

Budgeted: \$15,700.00 | Actual: 14,843.00| (\$857)

534 envelopes plus 118 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 31% of 2,100 registered parishioner families.

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



Michelle Romo and Basel Alwawi Married October 25, 2024

Congratulations and God's Blessings



Magdalena Nowak and Paul Zieba Married October 26, 2024



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.* 



Francisca Almaraz and Daniel Karbarz Married October 25, 2024

Congratulations and God's Blessings



Ashley Chlebek L. Carl Huber Married October 26, 2024

## The Best Kept Secret in Lemont

**Life Changing:** If someone had asked me what is the best kept secret in Lemont, would it be one of the fine restaurants or beautiful nature trails? I would absolutely say it is the magnificent Adoration chapel at SSCM. I have found the experience of going to adoration of one that changed my life. I first signed up when the new parish building was built and took that mandatory pause during COVID. I must admit I was lax about returning and will be forever grateful for the phone call from the Adoration Committee to return.

**Beauty and Grace:** Upon opening the door of the chapel, the beauty of the Divine Mercy mural is breathtaking! It is such a work of art that we are privileged to behold and so conducive to prayer. Kneeling down, Psalm 84 comes to my mind, *"How lovely is your dwelling place Lord, mighty God. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*" What a grace to be in the actual presence of our Lord, just as the apostles were. As Mother Angelica has said, it is a time to "luxuriate" oneself in our Lord's presence.

**Goodness and Mercy:** It's a good idea to bring solid Catholic spiritual reading to help from being distracted. I will sit and pray on my own and then take time to read. When I am looking at the glory of our Lord in the Monstrance, I can't help but thank the Lord for dying on the cross for me and others. As I gaze at our Lord I will pray, *"Forgive me. Thank You. Help me."* I will pray that the Lord speak to me and enlighten me. It is also a time to be mindful of my past sins and times when I was spiritually blind.

**Healing the Soul:** With the continued devotion of Adoration, I have noticed help with my faults and the courage to do apostolate with the people who come into my life. Even if I don't feel inspired when I leave the chapel, I feel the promptings of the Holy Spirit during the week. As Venerable Bishop Sheen has said, *"Even when it seemed so unprofitable and lacking in spiritual intimacy, I still had the sensation of* 



being at least like a dog at the master's door, ready in case he called me. "As St. Teresa of Calcutta has said, "The beginning of prayer is silence. If we really want to pray, we must first learn to listen, for in the silence of heart, God speaks."

I have found spiritual success when I to stick to the time commitment I have made. For anyone that has troubles or worries (which is all of us), praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament is the best remedy to heal the soul.

submitted by an SSCM parishioner, Sue Hope

#### O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and adoration be every moment Thine!

Would you be willing to inspire others with your story of going to Adoration? Send it to our Evangelization Coordinator, Coleen Mast at cmast@archchicago.org. If you do not yet have a regular hour of Adoration, start this week!





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