

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

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December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

*"Rejoice,
prepare to receive our Savior!"*



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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Parish Office:	608 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL Denise Duda, Operations Director (630) 257-2776; (630) 257-9372 Fax rectory@stcyril.org website: www.stcyril.org www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont	Polish School:	www.polschool.com Halina Szyrzyna Principal: (630) 669-9058
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Mass Schedule:		Parish Council:	Stan Brzezniak, President
Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM		Bulletin:	bulletin@stcyril.org
Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation		Helping Hands:	helpinghands@stcyril.org
Sunday: 7:00 AM (English-No Music), 8:00 AM (Polish), 9:30 AM (English), 11:00 AM (Polish), 12:30 PM (English), 2:00 PM (Polish), 7:30 PM (English-No Music)		New Parishioners:	Download the new parishioner form online on our website. The form can be handed into the donation basket at Mass, mailed in, or brought into the parish office
Special Masses:		Baptisms:	Parents need to be registered, active and supporting parishioners prior to arranging a baptism at St. Cyril's. If this is a firstborn child, the parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class. Both sponsors should be adults and one an active, practicing Catholic.
Tuesday PM: devotions at 7 PM, 7:45 PM (Polish)		Marriage:	The bride and groom are encouraged to be registered, active, contributing parishioners of SS. Cyril & Methodius. Arrangements are to be made with a priest or deacon as soon as possible. A Marriage Preparation Program is a requirement of the Archdiocese. To schedule a wedding, please contact the parish office.
First Friday: 7:00 AM (English), 7:00 PM (Polish)		Social Media:	In an effort to enhance communication with our parishioners and visitors, please visit these websites to stay better connected with the many events and ministries of our parish.
First Saturday: devotions at 7 PM (Polish), 9:00 PM (Polish)		Parish Website:	www.stcyril.org
Holy Days of Obligation: As announced		School Website:	www.school.stcyril.org
Sacrament of Reconciliation:		Parish Facebook Page:	www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM		School Facebook Page:	www.facebook.com/SSCMComets
First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM			
Also available by appointment.			
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:			
Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass			
Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:			
Located in the Divine Mercy Chapel in the Parish Life Building. Please contact: Lottie (630) 4442-9441, Mark (773) 727-7934, Margaret mtsniesz@gmail.com			
Parish Office Hours: Each weekday the office will be closed between the hours of 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM.			
Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM			
Saturday & Sunday Closed			



Dear Parishioners,

John the Baptist had many very attentive listeners. They were primarily imperial officers and soldiers who listened intently to what he said. Yet, it was just an ordinary sermon at the Jordan river, where John called for conversion: God's Kingdom is close! Repent! There have been ages since this sermon, and the question asked of him by the listeners is still being heard: What are we to do? Whoever dared to change his life asked John for baptism.

At the Jordan river, John baptized many of those who had come to this remote area to listen to him. These people were deeply longing for change, for new begging, and to abandon old roads. No road seemed too long, none too difficult to be able to absorb John's words. Through his eyes, imperial officers and soldiers were those who dared to make a transformation. He opened the possibility of sharing his own life with others who were drawn to the Jordan. He proclaimed the coming of the Kingdom of God to everyone, as if it had already been at the door.

Repent! Dear brothers and sisters, deep down in all of us is the desire for change: the transformation of the world, the transformation of humanity, and most important, the desire to change ourselves. Let us face the great challenges facing the world and ask ourselves: What can I do to build peace in the world, to help the hungry?

The illuminated streets look beautiful during Advent. In order to make our world a bit brighter, we need different lights. And these are ignited everywhere where the transformation of life takes place, where internal peace is lit in our hearts, where someone shares with others.

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.
- SS. Cyril & Methodius' Food Pantry is once again collecting donations for Christmas Breakfast and Dinner meals to be delivered to those in need in our community. Please see the bulletin for information and our website for the links to sign up to donate.
- Please see the bulletin for the Christmas Season Mass and Reconciliation Schedule for SSCM and St. James.
- Monday, December 16th, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will take place at 5:00-8:00 PM in SSCM Church.
- **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.**

English Advent Mission

Warm greetings from Kenya! I am Fr Maciek Zielinski; a Combonian Missionary and I have been serving as a missionary in Kenya for 11 years. I will be sharing my faith and my missionary experience with you during this year's **Advent Mission** - to which I already invite you all. It will be a bit different than usual, with many missionary accents, photos and videos from Africa.

Advent Mission program:

Sunday – December 15th:
Introduction to Mission Talk during weekend Masses

Monday – December 16th:
6:00 PM – Mission Talk (Parish Life Building)

Tuesday - December 17th:
6:00 PM - Mission Talk (Parish Life Building)

Wednesday - December 18th:
6:00 PM - Holy Mass (Church)





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

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents,

We are in the third week of Advent and ready to start the final week of school prior to Christmas!

On Wednesday, December 18th our Kindergarten students assisted by their PreK-4 friends will present their Christmas program to family and friends. They always bring a special beauty to this event.

Then, on Thursday, the 19th our First Graders and their Eighth Grade Faith Partners will present the school's Christmas Pageant at 1PM in church. We invite you to join us in prayer!

The beginning of a new year will not find us slowing down. We will be starting the 2025-2026 registration process for current school families. That will be followed by registration for families who will be joining our school.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 26th we will begin our annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week on that day! Please join us in prayer at the 9:30 mass followed by an Open House in our school. We hope to see you there!

Please call our office at 630-257-6488 to schedule a tour, shadow day,

or to receive more information regarding SS. Cyril and Methodius. We are a National Blue-Ribbon School! Tuition assistance is available.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to SS. Cyril and Methodius School!
All the best,
Mrs. Shirley A. Tkachuk
Principal



Pictures From Our Secret Santa Shop! The Students Love This Tradition of Buying Gifts For Their Loved Ones! Thank You To All of The Parent Volunteers!





**SS Cyril & Methodius
Religious Education Program**
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Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator

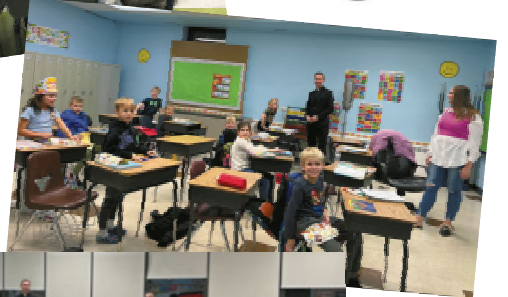
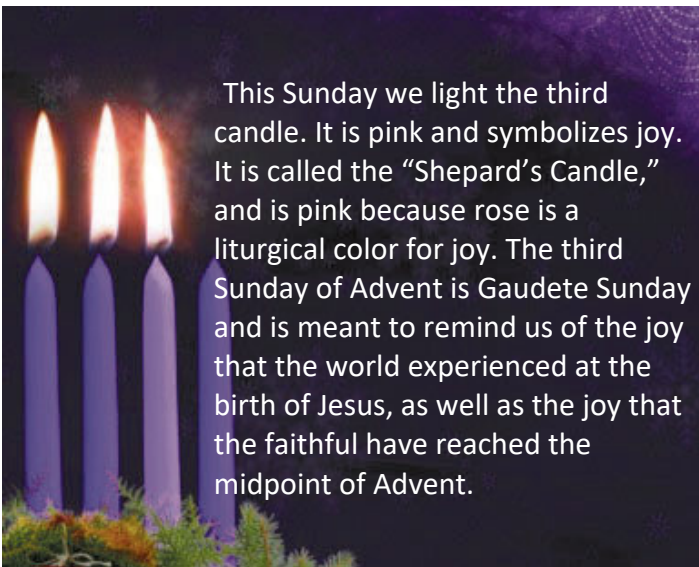
Students from the Monday session enjoyed a visit with Father Valdi while working on Advent activities.



The Third Sunday of Advent

Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, December 24:
Christmas Eve Masses
5:00 pm & Midnight

Wednesday, December 25:
Christmas Day Masses
8:15am, 10:00am and 12pm

Tuesday December 31:
New Year's Eve Mass
5:00pm Vigil Mass

Wednesday, January 1:
New Year's Day Masses
10am and 12:00pm



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.

**JANUARY & FEBRUARY
OPENINGS BEGINNING JAN 5**



Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

**The rectory office will be closed from
Monday, Dec 23 to Friday, Dec 27,
and Wednesday, January 1.**

**In case of an emergency, call the rectory.
There is an emergency phone number on
the greeting that you may call.**

Prepare for the Arrival of the Christ Child Confession Schedule

At SSCM

Monday, Dec 16, many priests 5 to 8 pm

At St James

Wed, Dec 18, during adoration, 5 to 7pm

Thurs, Dec 19, after 8am Mass, 9 to 10am

Fri, Dec 20, before 6pm Mass, 5 to 6pm

Sat, Dec 21, after 8am Mass, 8:30 to 9:30am



Sandwich Making Ministry

On Dec 21 you are invited to come to Sag Hall at 7am to help assemble 150 lunches which are taken to St Thomas More, Chicago, to distribute to those in need. For info call Tim at 312-498-7186.

Don't miss the adventures at this year's
St Stephen's Day Hike ~ Thurs, Dec 26 ~ 10am



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.)



A **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the A & R ladies who worked so hard to host the wonderful Christmas dinner last week. It is a great undertaking to have an event that looks flawless. And there are too many ladies who worked so hard to thank any one individually. The Altar & Rosary Society wishes everyone a beautiful Advent season as we prepare for the celebration of our Lord's birth. Wishing our parish families and friends hope, peace, joy and love this season.

2025 FLOWER SIGNUP CHART:
 Now available in the back of Church.
 There are two flower arrangements
 per date & each bouquet is \$35.00.

Wine & Wisdom – Dec 18
 Francis Thomas, Anchor member and movie
 director & producer will share his film, "A
 Strange Encounter" & answer our
 questions about the film & the process

*Wine & Wisdom – Our next session will be Jan 8 when we
 will touch on the topic of euthanasia*

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

Christmas Pageant!
 The children of St James' CCD
 program will present the
 Christmas Story. Don't miss it!
 Sunday, December 22, 3pm
 Chesterton Academy of the Holy
 Family, 5205 Kingston Ave., Lisle



Friendsgiving – Anchor Style
 Our young adult group enjoys friendship and food at
 their annual Thanksgiving event on Nov 30,
 sponsored by the Sag Bridge Mission Society.

Together We Stand For The Unborn

Fr Koys has magnanimously agreed to once
 again take a busload of teenagers to Washing-
 ton DC for the National March for Life. This is an
 invaluable pilgrimage for our young people! All
 may register now. Start at historicstjames.org.



Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16
 8:00AM ✠Tom Krebs
 For the Virtue of Patience

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
 8:00AM ✠Bob Foley
 Deceased Members of Krebs/Tully Families

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
 7:00PM ✠Joe Slowik
 Deceased Members-Rebello/D'Souza Families

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19
 8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Gabrielle Pawlikowski
 Birthday Blessings—Bobby Hipsley III

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20
 6:00PM ✠Thomas Egan
 ✠Fr. John Grigus

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21
 8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Pamela Maliszewski
 Poor Souls in Purgatory

Fourth Sunday of Advent
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
 8:15AM ✠Margaret Windstedt
 ✠Joe Slowik
 10AM: Health & Healing—Steve Rohrbacher
 Deceased Members of the Salmon Family
 12:00PM: ✠Andy Karas
 In Thanksgiving for Many Blessings

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

**BETH DiVIRGILIO—IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 ROSE MARY O'SHEA & RALPH O'SHEA**

Our Weekly Offering

Our reporting of the weekly *Offertory* collection
 from December 8, will be delayed due to early
 submission to the bulletin publisher.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22
8:15am	Mark Henze, Alex Pawlikowski, Christos & Frankie Latsonas
10am	Christian Cozzi, Will & Conor Pawlisz, Marty & Tommy Comer



Dear Friends of SS. Cyril and Methodius School,

Our entire school family hopes you are doing well! We are into the beautiful Season of Advent. It is a most special time of year as we think and prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the greatest gift anyone has ever received!

As a school, we are deeply thankful for all our families and parishioners. Your constant guidance and support are truly a blessing! Please know we hold you in our prayers every school day.

This year our school has faced the challenge of a \$300,000 budget shortfall. It is a large, but not insurmountable amount. The shortfall is the result of families leaving our school over the summer months.

Representatives from the Archdiocese of Chicago met with Father Valdi, Denise Duda, and myself to develop a plan to help our school. Everyone's goal is to not just help the school this year, but to continue as we always have, to be financially sound for the future.

The result of this meeting was to begin the "SS. Cyril and Methodius School-Keep SSCM Excellent"- \$600,000 Challenge. The school has been challenged to raise \$300,00. The parish is offering a dollar-for-dollar match up to \$300,000 over the next two years.

Thanks to the hard work of Father Valdi, and his commitment to the success of our school, several parishioners and school families who were contacted have already responded and are helping us to reach our goal. Our school is extremely grateful for their support! We are more than two-thirds of the way to achieving our goal!

Now we are reaching out to all parishioners and school families to contribute what you can to help us get to \$300,000. A pledge card is included. Please consider how you can help and return the card to the collection basket or to school.

Whether you are a current or former school family, a parishioner, an SSCM Alum, or someone who is the product of Catholic education, you have the chance to give back, for all the blessings you have already received in your life!

Catholic schools in our nation have been paramount in teaching the values that parents seek to instill in their children. At SS. Cyril & Methodius School, we have worked hard and take pride in teaching a well-rounded education that has served as a foundation for a better future since 1884.

Thank you all for your support!

Shirley Tkachuk
Principal

***Please see the "Keep SSCM Excellent"
Pledge Card on Page 9.**

SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY TO POLAND

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Oplatki



We have oplatki available on tables in the back of church. A free will offering for the oplatki is greatly appreciated.

"KEEP SSCM EXCELLENT" PLEDGE CARD

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____
EMAIL: _____

I COMMIT TO GIVE \$ _____ by March 1st.

Thank you for your generosity!!

I believe this is a defining moment and I will not hold back.
 I prayerfully commit to step out in faith and pledge this generous amount.



Christmas Season Schedule of Services 2024

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th in Church

1:00 PM (English)
3:00 PM Children's Mass (English)
5:00 PM (English)
8:00 PM Children's Mass (Polish)
10:00 PM (Polish)
12:00 Midnight Mass (English)

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

7:00 AM (English)
8:00 AM (Polish)
9:30 AM (English)
11:00 AM (Polish)
12:30 PM (English)
2:00 PM (Polish)

Feast of St. Stephen, Thursday, December 26th

7:00 AM (English)
11:30 AM (Polish)
7:00 PM (Polish)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass Tuesday, December 31st

4:00 PM (English)
5:30 PM (Polish)

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st, 2025

8:00 AM (Polish)
9:30 AM (English)
11:00 AM (Polish)
12:30 PM (English)



The Sacrament of Reconciliation-Advent

St. Cyril's: Monday, December 16th: Individual Confessions (English & Polish) 5:00-8:00PM

Oplátek 2024

22 grudnia
Niedziela 12 PM
 sala gimnastyczna SSCM

- ★ Tradycyjne dzielenie się opłatkiem
- ★ Jasełka w wykonaniu dzieci i młodzieży Małej Oazy Dzieci Fatimskich
- ★ Występ zespołu tanecznego "POLANIE"
- ★ Kolędowanie
- ★ Poczestunek




Klub Polski w Lemont



Z całego serca dziękujemy uczniom i rodzinom Polskiej Szkoły im. św. Jana Pawła II za hojny dar żywności. Wasze wsparcie trafiło bezpośrednio do Helping Hands Food Pantry, wspierającej lokalne rodziny w potrzebie.

Ten piękny gest pokazuje, jak silny jest duch solidarności i współczucia, który łączy szkoły SS Cyril & Methodius School i Polską Szkołę im. św. Jana Pawła II. Wspólnie uczymy dzieci, jak ważne jest dzielenie się i troska o innych.



The Blessed Sacrament candle that burns above the altar 24/7 is available to be sponsored for an intention or in memory of loved ones. This candle is replaced every Monday morning. We also have a Blessed Sacrament candle in our Divine Mercy Chapel which is available for intentions. Please call our parish office to make arrangements to book your week and to specify which Blessed Sacrament candle you would like to sponsor. A donation of \$100 is requested, and the intention along with the name of the donor will be acknowledged in our bulletin.

Prezent dla siebie i dla innych!

Auto Magnet

Klub Polski sprzedaje magnesy po Mszach w każdą niedzielę Adwentu oraz podczas Rekolekcji Adwentowych.



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Drodzy Parafianie,

Jan Chrzciciel miał wielu bardzo uważnych słuchaczy. Byli to przede wszystkim celnicy i żołnierze, którzy w skupieniu wsłuchiwali się w to, co mówił. A przecież było to tylko zwyczajne kazanie nad Jordanem,

w którym Jan wzywał do nawrócenia: *Bliskie jest Królestwo Boże! Nawracajcie się! Od tego kazania minęły już wieki, a ciągle jeszcze słyhać zadawane mu wtedy przez słuchaczy pytanie: Co mamy czynić? Kto odważył się na przemianę życia, prosił Jana o chrzest.*

Nad Jordanem Jan ochrzcił wielu spośród tych, którzy na to odludzie przychodzili z daleka, aby go słuchać. Byli to ludzie, w których głęboko tkwiła tęsknota za przemianą, za nowym początkiem, za porzuceniem starych dróg. Żadna droga nie wydawała się zbyt długa, żadna zbyt uciążliwa, by móc chłonąć słowa Jana. W jego oczach celnicy i żołnierze byli tymi, którzy odważyli się, by dokonać w sobie przemiany. Wszystkim, którzy ciągnęli nad Jordan, Jan otwierał możliwość dzielenia własnego życia z innymi. Wszystkim głosił nadejście Królestwa Bożego, tak jakby już stało u drzwi.

Nawracajcie się! Moi drodzy, w nas wszystkich głęboko tkwi pragnienie przemiany: przemiany świata, przemiany ludzkości, przede wszystkim zaś pragnienie przemiany samych siebie. Zechciejmy w obliczu wielkich wyzwań, które stoją przed światem, postawić sobie pytanie: Co mogę uczynić by budować pokój na świecie, by pomóc głodującym?

Pięknie wyglądają w czasie Adwentu oświetlone ulice. Aby uczynić nieco jaśniejszym nasz świat potrzeba jednakże innych światel. Te zaś zapalają się wszędzie tam, gdzie dokonuje się przemiana życia, gdzie ktoś rozpoczyna od nowa, gdzie ktoś dzieli się z innymi.

Dziękuję za ciągłe wsparcie i hojność dla Parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego. Życzę milego tygodnia i niech Bóg błogosławi Was i Waszych najbliższych,
Ks. Waldemar

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- *Dolóż 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.*
- *Spizarnia w naszej parafii, ŚŚ. Cyryla i Metodego po raz kolejny zbiera darowizny na świąteczne śniadania i kolacje, które będą dostarczone potrzebującym rodzinom w naszej wspólnocie. Więcej informacji można znaleźć w biuletynie, a na naszej stronie internetowej znajdują się linki umożliwiające rejestrację i przekazywanie darowizn.*
- *W biuletynie zamieszczony został harmonogram Mszy św. i spowiedzi okresu świątecznego w parafii ŚŚ. Cyryla i Metodego i parafii Św. Jakuba.*
- *Spowiedź przedświąteczna odbędzie się w poniedziałek, 16 grudnia, w kościele SS. Cyryla i Metodego od godz. 5:00PM - 8:00PM.*
- **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.*

Szczęść Boże,

Gorące pozdrowienia z Kenii! Jestem o. Maciek Zieliński, misjonarz kombonianin i od 11 lat posługuję jako misjonarz w Kenii. Swoją wiarą i doświadczeniem misyjnym będę dzielił się z Wami podczas tegorocznych **Rekolekcji Adwentowych** - na które już teraz wszystkich zapraszam. Będą one nieco inne niż zwykle, z wieloma akcentami misyjnymi, a także ze zdjęciami i filmami z Afryki.

Program Rekolekcji:

Niedziela – 15 Grudnia:

W prowadzenie do rekolekcji

Poniedziałek - 16 Grudnia:

11:30 AM – Msza i nauka rekolekcyjna
8:00 PM – Nauka rekolekcyjna

Wtorek - 17 Grudnia:

11:30 AM – Msza i nauka rekolekcyjna
7:00 PM – Msza i nauka rekolekcyjna

Środa - 18 Grudnia:

11:30 AM – Msza i nauka rekolekcyjna
7:00 PM – Msza i nauka rekolekcyjna



Mass Intentions

Monday — December 16th

- 7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
✠ NORBERT MANKOWSKI (Anniv.)
by Adeline
- 11:30 AM DLA WSZYSTKICH BIORĄCYCH UDIAŁ
W REKOLEKCJACH ADWENTOWYCH
✠ STANISŁAW MAKA (Rocznica Śmierci)
by Rodzina Boduch
- 8:00 PM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH I ZMARŁYCH
DLA WSZYSTKICH BIORĄCYCH UDIAŁ
W REKOLEKCJACH ADWENTOWYCH

Tuesday — December 17th

- 7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ZOFIA PASCIAK (birth)
by Grandparents
✠ FOR ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY
by Bialas Family
✠ ROBERT V. WHEELER
by Carol Schimpf
- 11:30 AM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH I ZMARŁYCH
- 7:00 PM ✠ BRONISŁAWA I JÓZEF KAPUŚNIK
by Marysia

Wednesday — December 18th

- 7:00 AM ✠ BRONISŁAWA & FAMILY MEMBERS
✠ TED FLORYNSKI
by Wife & Family
- 11:30 AM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH I ZMARŁYCH
- 7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA ANDRZEJA
MILAN (urodziny)
by Siostry

Thursday — December 19th

- 7:00 AM FOR ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY
✠ JUDY JELINSKI
by Mrs. Jessica McCutcheon

Friday — December 20th

- 7:00 AM ✠ HELEN ERCOLI
by Ercoli Family
✠ SR. M. BRONISIA KAPUSNIK
by Marie
✠ ALPHONSES MANKOWSKI (Anniv.)
by Adeline

Saturday — December 21st

- 7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
- 5:00 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ADAM BUJAK (birth)
by Family
- Fr. Koys**
✠ CLAUDETTE WALSHLAGER
by Robert Mankowski
✠ JOHN F. PAVLOVIC
by Barnett Family
✠ EDDIE BLAZONCZYK SR.
by Family

Sunday — December 22nd (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

- 7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALTH FOR THERESA
Fr. Valdi BENNER
by Friend
✠ CZESŁAW HANUSIAK
by Family
- 8:00 AM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH I ZMARŁYCH
Carmelite ✠ ADAM KOZIEL
by Lottie & Walter Koziel
- 9:30 AM ✠ ZUZANNA JASKULA
Fr. Valdi by Family
✠ JOHN RAFACZ
by Rafacz Family
✠ STANISŁAW NOWOBILSKI
by Tim & Kathy Aurricchio

- 11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA ZOFII
Carmelite I WŁADYSŁAWA CHLEBEK
by Córka z Rodziną
✠ KS MIECZYŚLAW JANOSIK
by Pracownicy 70W. Madison
✠ ADAM I ZOFIA GRELE
by Syn Jan
✠ STANISŁAWA BEDA
by Roman Glodowski z Rodziną
- 12:30 PM THANKSGIVING & GRATITUDE FOR KALATA
Fr. Valdi FAMILY
✠ ANN & RUDY KURINEC
by Mike & Laura Kurinec
✠ JOSEPH SOWA
by Mike & Laura Kurinec
✠ ZYGMUNT NIERADKA
by Jane & Enil Janowiak
- 2:00 PM ✠ ALOJZY SZPERLAK
Carmelite by Rodzina
✠ ANNA I JÓZEF BLEKA
by Teresa Bleka z Rodziną
✠ STANISŁAW I WANDA KRZYSTYNIAK
by Teresa Bleka z Rodziną
✠ JÓZEF SUCHMIEL (Rocznica Śmierci)
by Rodzina
- 7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
Fr. Valdi

Children's Liturgy
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Please join us for Children's
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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
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Daniel Byrne Szafoni	Bob Duscet
Marge Doucet	Mike Laskowski
Ann Pere	Denise Johnson
Charlie Wickey	Alexander Dziaba
Guy Martin	Carol Preis
Joan Albert	Irene Forst
Ray Przezdziecki	Terry Hallandworth
William Podborny	Nick Gorisch
Stanislaw Kopera	Mark Malewski & Family
Cindy Evankoe	Malgorzata Bies

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.

Due to an earlier publication deadline, the contribution totals for the weekend of December 7th & 8th are unavailable for this bulletin. They will be in next week's bulletin.



Wedding Banns

Jennifer Redmond and Justin Munns



*Blessed Sacrament Candle Intention
For Week of December 16th Through
December 22nd ~Church*

✠ ZA DUSZĘ Ś.P. STANISŁAWA BEDA
by Roman Głodowski z Rodziną



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.



Helping Hands of St. Cyril and Methodius

This year we are helping our families in need providing them with both Christmas Dinner and Christmas Breakfast. We are asking for your assistance in donating supplies for these special holiday meals. Drop off is Saturday, December 21st from 9 am-8 pm at the Benson house, 1264 Durham Lane, Lemont.

You can access the links to sign up to donate at our website: www.stcyril.org.

Our families appreciate your generosity.

We also provide monthly gift cards to families in need. We are in need of \$25 gift card donations for food or big box stores. Examples include Jewel, Aldi, Pete's, Target, Walmart, Meijer. If you would like to contribute with monetary donations, please drop in the box labeled Helping Hands located in the back of church or electronically at Give Central: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/320/event/14677>.

About Helping Hands Food Pantry

SSCM runs a food pantry servicing several local Lemont Area families in need with both food and monetary contributions monthly. We are the only Lemont food pantry who delivers food. Deliveries provide additional assistance to those who are unable to get to the food pantry due to physical inabilities, work schedules, and or lack of transportation. We accept food donations at our parish office during regular business hours and the first week of the month during mass. Monetary donations can be made in the collection area 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.



*Do you know a couple who got married in the last 5 years?
Invite them to build a good marriage foundation by joining us at*

Newlyweds Experiencing Tomorrow (N.E.X.T)

Our Newlywed Group is thriving and beginning to grow their families. We meet twice a month on the first and third Monday evenings, here at the SSCM Parish Life Building. We welcome 'newer' newlyweds to join us at any time. We enjoy a delicious dinner and interesting discussions on topics that enrich our marriage and our faith.

We are using the 'Beloved' online marriage enrichment series and in the next few months will be discussing topics such as:

- How the sacramental bond makes a difference, and how to use those graces
- How to grow a deeper unity yet maintain our individuality
- What does it mean to make a 'total gift of oneself'?
- Handling conflict and communication
- How to build a thriving marriage with new couples' skills and habits that single people don't have
- How to strengthen our marriage now to be prepared to handle challenges to come



Our speakers have given us practical tools for growing a strong relationship. We've discussed chores, food, money, expectations, sexuality, authentic love, natural family planning and even had a ballroom dancing lesson to teach us harmonious cooperation.

We recently had a speaker help us prepare for raising our future children in the virtues of obedience, orderliness, and sincerity – the first three virtues a child must learn before the age of reason. And, of course, we learned which virtues we need to develop in order to

overcome our natural selfishness and keep our marriage strong in love. Kindness, patience, fortitude, responsibility, humility, generosity, moderation, and perseverance are all on our to-do lists.

We have interviewed experienced mentor couples from the parish who made themselves available to meet with us for friendship and support. Some of us have already chosen a mentor couple that is a good match for us.

Besides that, we have a lot of fun at our meetings, we are developing good friendships with other newlyweds, and supporting one another in faith.

Use the QR code above to join our GroupMe Chat and learn about our N.E.X.T. events.

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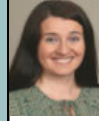
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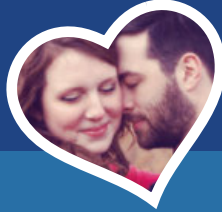
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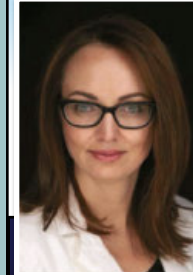
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