

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

*"Reconcile with God to make yourself
new again"*



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.

<p>Parish Information</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Minister of Music: Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776</p> <p>Polish School: www.polschool.com Halina Szyrzyna Principal: (630) 669-9058</p> <p>Polish Club: John Lichacz, President (773) 216-1108 polishclub@stcyril.org</p>
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<p>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)</p>	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM Also available by appointment.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass</p>	<p>Parish Website: www.stcyril.org School Website: www.school.stcyril.org</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont School Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMComets</p>
<p>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</p>	

**Dear Parishioners,**

In today's Gospel we find concrete guidelines for a good, fruitful experience during the Lenten period which will help us to prepare for the spiritual celebration of Easter. Jesus encourages us to experience Lent as if we were alone in the desert today. In the desert, a man

focuses primarily on what is most important, which is what will help him survive. A "desert" is a place of inner silence and a chance to listen to what God wants to tell us. The beginning of this Lent is an opportunity to give God first place in our lives in order to focus our attention foremost on Him.

This does not mean to go to the desert or isolate ourselves from people and discharge our daily duties for all that time. It could mean that, with good will, we can plan our time and responsibilities to participate in the Lenten Mission in our parish, or Stations of the Cross on Friday, or the Holy Mass. For someone else, the proverbial "desert" will perhaps be ten or fifteen minutes dedicated to daily reading of the Holy Bible during Lent. Someone else may opt for a more active form of their personal spiritual desert, by connecting with greater openness to people in need, those who are lonely and wait for someone to visit, help, support, or at least call.

The example of spiritual warfare was left to us by Christ himself, who was tempted by Satan, yet still won. This is a model for each of us - how to overcome evil, how to overcome the temptations that attack us so often. Jesus gives us three specific hints on how to overcome temptation.

"It is written, one does not live on bread alone."

The point is that while searching for 'materialistic bread' in our lives, do not forget the great need for 'spiritual bread,' which is a living relationship with Christ, such as daily prayer and sacraments, including frequent and regular receiving of the Eucharist and the sacrament of penance and reconciliation.

Secondly, **"You should worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve."** It is worth asking yourself at the beginning of Lent whether there is someone or something, beside God, before whom I bow down to as my personal god. Is this person or item taking away my freedom and true happiness?

Finally, **"You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."** We often have a tendency in our actions, making us obsessed with being close to God by fulfilling some whim, dream, and pious prayer. Not putting God to the test means asking God through prayer to fulfill your own as well as others requests, but at the same time leaving the timing and fulfillment of these requests up to God.

Thank you for your support of our church and school and may God bless you and your loved ones,

Fr. Valdi

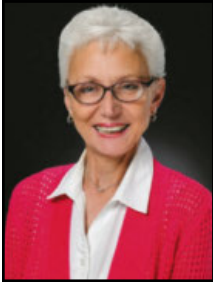
And now a few things the Parish wants you to know:

- **Attention Parishioners ~ Please do not take the laminated collection cards with you, please leave them in the pew rack after you make your donation. Thank you!**
- Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays at 6:30 PM in English and 7:30 PM in Polish with a Bi-Lingual Mass at 7:00 PM, beginning on Friday, March 7th. Please see the bulletin for more information regarding Stations.
- There will be a second collection the weekend of March 8th & 9th, for our parish school. Please consider making a donation to help keep SSCM School Excellent.
- Rice bowls will again be available in the back of church for our Lenten alms to benefit the Catholic Relief Services. Please look for them during the Lenten season. Thank you for your participation and support.
- We would like to thank the Religious Education, Wednesday, 8th grade B class for coming up with this year's Lenten theme, "Reconcile with God to make yourself new again".

**Congratulations and welcome
to our newly ordained
Auxiliary Bishop for
Vicariate V, Robert Fedek.**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO





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

SS. Cyril & Methodius School
2019 National Blue Ribbon School

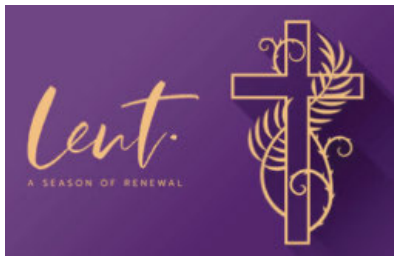
Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our 8th Graders, their families, and teachers. This weekend they joined with the Religious Education students and received the Sacrament of Confirmation. They have worked hard over the past two years learning and growing in their faith. We hold them all in prayer!

We have started our journey through the Lenten season. We are working with the Parish, using Operation Rice Bowl, and attending the Stations of the Cross. Each week different grades are also receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

We had our first fish fry this past Friday. My thanks to Mr. Jason Zagraniczny and all the wonderful volunteers who worked so hard to make the evening successful. We will have two more fish fries, so mark your calendars for March 21st and April 4th.

Sincerely,
Mrs. S. Tkachuk
Principal



If you are interested in finding out about our school and all we have to offer your child, please call the office at 630-257-6488, ext. 21 or email lazowski.jackie@stcyril.org. We would be happy to arrange a private tour and/or shadow day along with answering all your questions.
Financial assistance is available.

JOIN US FOR THE SS CYRIL & METHODIUS SCHOOL'S

fish fry-days

MARCH 7, 21, & APRIL 4 | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
SSCM GYM

OPTIONS INCLUDE
FISH/SHRIMP, FRIES, COLESLAW, KIDS MENU

CASH BAR

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
RAFFLES AND STUDENT BAKE SALE

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE SS CYRIL & METHODIUS SCHOOL

It's time to open up the gates!

S.S. Cyril & Methodius Drama Club
PRESENTS

Disney FROZEN JR.

Wednesday, March 12th -- 7:00 PM
Thursday, March 13th -- 7:00 PM
Friday, March 14th -- 7:00 PM

S.S. Cyril & Methodius School Gymnasium
607 Sobieski St, Lemont, IL

All tickets available for purchase at the door.

Adults -- \$15 Seniors & Students -- \$10
SSCM Students -- Free

SSCM Faith, Family...Future! www.school.stcyril.org 2019 National Blue Ribbon School

March 8, 2025 10:00AM Mass

Akroush Alexander
Antolak Frank
Basiorka Benjamin
Betley Emma
Beranek Emily
Bickham Gabriela
Blaszynski Otylia
Cerocke Grayson
Comer Elizabeth
Church Ethan
Church Kayla
Colarelli Rachel
Gomez Elizabeth
Gomez Luke
Guerra Logan
Guzy Krystian
Henze Alisa

Henze Juliya
Kaplan Ella
Kobylarczyk Alexander
Kolasinski Dawid
Laurenti Layne
Lassak Krystian
Lawler Thomas
Ligas Violet
Mancari Francesco
Martinez Logan
McGrath Maura
Mirowski Jakub
Mirowski Maksymilian
Nardulli Fabiana
Pawlisz Siobhan
Perski Julian
Ramirez Santino

Rickman Bonnie
Rzeplinski Jan
Sevcik Sebastian
Severance Pauline
Small Brett
Sowa Amelia
Sulzberger Alex
Tadros Chloe
Tirabassi Gianna
Tomala Aleksa
Tomala Nicholas
Vagnoni Gisa
Wodka Adam
Zabilka Billy
Zieba Jacob

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class of 2025

May the Father always watch over you,
May the Son ever bless you,
And may the Spirit ever guide you.

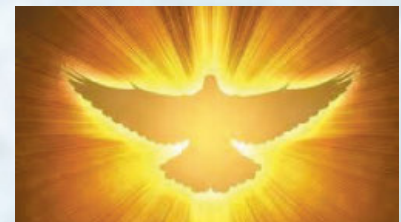
Thank you to Bishop Mark Bartosic, Rev. Waldemar Stawiarski, and
Rev. Thomas Koys, for celebrating this beautiful sacrament with us!

March 8, 2025 2:00PM Mass

Abad Marisa
Anzalone Nicolas
Atkinson Jacob
Bauer Emma
Bielanski Evalyn
Biskup Jacob
Blicharski Lilly
Boreman Alexander
Brutus Leah
Budz Theodore
Bulawa Natalia
Cesarz Natalie
Cherry Marissa
Ciulkin Kevin
Dziubasik Sofia
Gasienica Maja
Gil Johnathan
Gorlicki Maximilian
Gronski Vanessa

Hyla Julianna
Kaczor Sandra
Karkoszka Adam
Kopinski John
Koscielniak Nathan
Kurnat Adrian
Loos Brooklyn
Marakauskas Isabella
Montague Juliette
Morajka Maya
Mroz Victoria
Mucha Isabella
Mulica Stanislaw
Neumann Connor
Ogorek Mateusz
Palma Kaitlyn
Pazdziora Aleksandra
Pietka Olivia
Plahm Ethan

Reyes Lia
Rizzo Angela
Schifano Sofia
Sciubisz Adrian
Sobanski Amelia
Stiles Evan
Tisonczyk Szymon
Torres Jacob
Trybula Ella
Wojciak David
Wojtkielewicz Gabriel
Zyskowska Lena



St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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Email: stjames1833@att.net | Website: www.historicstjames.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

The Spring campaign is active now through April 13. Access Health, 1700 75th Str, Downers Grove. Our regular Friday 3pm prayer hour will continue & many more pray-ers are needed for the daily 12 hour vigil. Sign up through 40daysforlife.com



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.

MARCH OPENINGS



Illinois March for Life
Tuesday, March 25 Springfield
10am - Mass w/Bp Paprocki (tix req'd)
Noon - Rally at the Capitol
1pm - March around the Capitol



Stations of the Cross – Fridays 7pm
A beautiful Lenten tradition!
Join us after 6pm Mass each Friday during Lent to pray St Alphonsus Ligouri's Stations of the Cross. Walk with Jesus!

Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

Lenten Program! Eucharistic Consecration

You are invited to join Fr Koys & the Sag Bridge Mission Society on a spiritual journey this Lent. Pick up your free book now; the program will kick off on Mar 16. The program will lead to individual consecration to the Eucharist on Holy Thursday. Weekly discussions will occur at Wine & Wisdom. Book is free to those who join the program. Do something important this Lent!



Lenten Soup

before Stations on Fridays

ALL ARE WELCOME

Please join us for delicious homemade meatless soups and bread.
Friday evenings at 4:00 - 5:30 pm
during the Lent season starting March 14th
March 21st, 28th and April 4th and 11th.
(prior to 6:00 pm Mass and Stations of the Cross)
In the Rectory lower level.

These soup nights offer a wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish family to enjoy delicious soups, break bread and share our faith!



brought to you by members of the Altar Society

Water & Wisdom – March 12

We forego food & drink as a Lenten discipline. But conversation on current events is important! Paul Devitt will introduce the topic & lead the discussion.

Water & Wisdom – March 19

The first session of the Lenten Book Program – 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory – will take place in Sag Hall or watch the livestream. Get your free book from the Sag Bridge Mission Society at Church while supplies last. Read Intro & first four days to prepare for Mar 19 session.

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

Join Us for our Annual
ST. JOSEPH'S DAY TABLE
(Ioseph fidelissime, ora pro nobis)
 and
Birthday Celebration
 in honor of
Fr. Roys & Charlie!
SUNDAY, MARCH 23
Sag Hall 3:00-6:00pm
\$35 per ticket
PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
visit www.historicstjames.org
 contact Margaret (630) 728-3212
(REGISTRATION CLOSES MARCH 21/LIMITED SEATING/NO WALK-INS PLEASE)
 hosted by the Altar & Rosary Society



Clark Forsythe, Pro-life Leader
Sat, Mar 15 7pm - Sag Hall
 The Sag Bridge Mission Society is proud to invite you to a presentation and Q&A session with Clark Forsythe, Senior Counsel for Americans United for Life, author, teacher & lawyer.

Forsythe has argued cases before federal & state courts & has testified before Congress and state legislatures. He is also a prolific writer on pro-life law issues, having published 2 books, more than 15 law review articles & book chapters, as well as numerous articles. He has been featured in leading newspapers such as the New York Times & Wall Street Journal. Go to our website for the link to register to let us know you're coming.

Sandwich Making Ministry
 On March 15 you are welcome to come to Sag Hall at 7am to help assemble 150 lunches which are distributed to those in need in Chicago. For more info call Tim at 312-498-7186.

Votives
VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/9/25
 St. James Altar & Rosary Society
 All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 United States of America
 For Our Children—Heather, Ryan & Colleen
 In Loving Memory—Joseph M. Slowik



Mass Intentions
Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions
MONDAY, MARCH 10
8:00AM Health & Healing—Kes Jodwalis
 †Vivian Heffley
TUESDAY, MARCH 11
8:00AM †Joseph M. Slowik
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12
7:00PM Health & Healing—Neal Hartz
THURSDAY, MARCH 13
8:00AM †Piotr Gacek
FRIDAY, MARCH 14
6:00PM †Joseph John Wrobel
 †Vivian Heffley
SATURDAY, MARCH 15
8:00AM Health & Healing—Neal Hartz
Second Sunday of Lent
SUNDAY, MARCH 16
8:15AM †Charlie Gotler
 †Kathy Ficaro
10AM Birthday Blessings—Ann Noonan
 Living Members of the Nowaczyk Family
12:00PM †Rose Bafia
 Birthday Blessings—Don Ryan

Altar Flowers
 Our beautiful bouquets of flowers surrounding our altar were made available by:
PAWLISZ FAMILY—BLESSINGS FOR KAY DOLAN AND PAUL DEVITT—INTENTIONS OF IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Our Weekly Offering
 Our weekly *Offertory* collection from March 2, 2025 was \$5,259. Our *Maintenance* collection was \$860. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$1,754. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, MARCH 16
8:15am	Eric Delatorre, Aden Burke, Christos & Frankie Latsonas
10am	Matthew Rebello, Daniel Newsom, Marty & Tommy Comer

2nd Collection March 8th & 9th
SSCM Parish School

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



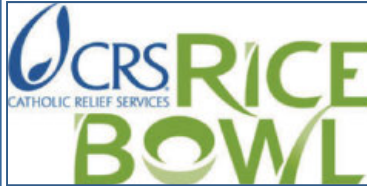
Stations of the Cross Every Friday
During Lent

March 7th through April 11th

6:30 PM English Stations

7:00 PM Bilingual Mass

7:30 PM Polish Stations



CRS Rice Bowls will be available during the upcoming Lenten Season. You can pick up a rice bowl

in the back of Church to fill with your Lenten alms. Help support hunger and poverty alleviation. Lenten alms change lives!



Jeżeli Wasze dziecko chciałoby dołączyć do naszej diakonii **wNIEBOgłosy**, przy parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego, zapraszamy na próby:

KIEDY? WE WTORKI
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

W BUDYNKU PARAFIALNYM GDZIE?

KTO? DZIECI W WIEKU OD 6-13 LAT

PYTANIA PROSIMY KIEROWAĆ:
Tel. (630)257-9314
E-mail: wnieboglosy@stcyril.org



Lenten Regulations
(Ash Wednesday, to the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash

Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to

one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Those who have a medical condition in which fasting may be

considered harmful, are not obliged. The special

Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.





Hope's On The Way Buckets of Hope 2025 Campaign

Each year, the deacons of the Archdiocese of Chicago along with lay volunteers serving in the Hope's On The Way (HOTW) Ministry deliver Buckets of Hope filled with emergency cleaning supplies to victims of natural disasters throughout the United States. Since 2013, HOTW has shipped 8,000 buckets to people stricken by hurricanes, tornadoes and flooding in locations including Texas, Illinois, North Carolina, Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, and many others. HOTW relies on the generosity of parishioners to support this ministry by purchasing cleaning supplies to fill five-gallon buckets that HOTW provides and picks up.

For those parishioners who would like to help fill HOTW Buckets, here is the process:

- Pickup a Product Purchase List after all Masses the weekends of **March 1st & 2nd or March 8th or 9th**. The products to fill the buckets are sorted into five products lists based on the first initial of your last name. The total costs of the products on each products list are similar.
- Purchase the cleaning supplies (typically around \$35 per products lists), and return the products to Church the weekends of **March 15th & 16th or March 22nd & 23rd or March 29th & 30th**.

Thanks in advance for your generosity,
Hope's On The Way Ministry



"REJUVENATE YOUR SPIRIT"

Are you walking through a difficult season in your life?
Has sickness, cancer, loss, grief, and/or caregiving to someone you love touched your life?

How do you find "Peace" through pain and difficulties?
How do you find "Joy" through sadness?
How do you find "Comfort" in despair?
What do you turn to for "Hope"?

JOIN US FOR OUR HALF-DAY RETREAT!

Our Journey of Hope – Lemont is a faith-filled ministry where "God meets us where we are at".
If this speaks to you, please join us and be a part of this day.

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025

Time: 8:30am to 1:00pm

Location: Calvary Church

1375 State St, Lemont, IL, 60439

Cost: FREE

Includes continental breakfast, lunch, speakers, and breakout groups.

This event is sponsored by Our Journey of Hope – Lemont, Calvary Church, and St. Alphonsus & St. Patrick Church.

To register or for more information, please contact:
Tess Kearney – (630) 335-3225 | tdavoren1@gmail.com
and Kevin Cody – kcody-stals@comcast.net

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!



Klub Polski w Lemont



20TH POLISH HERITAGE DAY



XX Dzień Polski przeszedł do historii, pozostawiając niezapomniane wspomnienia. Serdecznie dziękujemy Parafii SSCM, Księdzu Proboszczowi Waldemarowi Stawiarskiemu, Gościom Honorowym, Sponsorom oraz Komitetowi Organizacyjnemu za wspólne świętowanie tego wyjątkowego jubileuszu. Tegoroczne obchody poświęcone były "Zbrodni Katyńskiej", upamiętniając 85. rocznicę tej tragedii. Szczególne podziękowania kierujemy do Grażyny i Ryszarda Witkowskich, inicjatorów Dni Polskich w Lemont. Wyrazy

uznania należą się Janowi i Krzysztofowi Żółtek, Grażynie Witkowskiej oraz Margaret Śnieżko za przygotowanie tekstów i oprawy artystycznej. Podczas uroczystości wystąpili: Jan Żółtek, Polonijna Orkiestra Chicago, Konrad Stankiewicz, Bartosz Koszarek, Hanna Lichacz i Gabrysia Koszarek, a w roli konferansjerów Monika Bochenek i Daniel Janosik. Wspólnie oddaliśmy hołd ofiarom Katynia w zadumie i wzruszeniu. Z radością gratulujemy Andrzejowi Stopie, uhonorowanemu tytułem Polaka Roku 2025. Jego wyróżnienie w roku upamiętnienia ofiar Katynia to symboliczne podkreślenie naszej pamięci i wspólnoty. Dziękujemy sponsorom, Gościom Honorowym oraz Celinie i Walterowi Mrozek za pielęgnowanie polskich tradycji kulinarnych podczas obchodów. Niech pamięć o Zbrodni Katyńskiej będzie naszą dumą i przestrożą dla przyszłych pokoleń. Serdecznie zapraszamy na wystawę przygotowaną przez Klub Polski, a szczególnie przez Zbyszka Podraza, w korytarzu budynku PLB przy Kaplicy Wierzytwej Adoracji. **Po więcej informacji zapraszamy na stronie internetowej: <https://klubpolskilemont.org/> lub FB**





Drodzy Parafianie,

Każdy z nas może znaleźć w dzisiejszej Ewangelii konkretne wskazówki do dobrego, owocnego przeżycia okresu wielkopostnego, mającego przygotować nas do właściwego świętowania Wielkanocy. Jezus zachęca nas do takiego przeżycia Wielkiego Postu, jak byśmy sami wyszli dziś na pustynię. Na pustyni człowiek skupia się przede wszystkim na tym, co najistotniejsze, co pomoże mu przeżyć. „Pustynia” to miejsce wewnętrznego wyciszenia i wsłuchania się w to, co pragnie powiedzieć nam Bóg. Wielki Post, który dopiero co rozpoczęliśmy, jest szansą, aby w naszym życiu oddać Bogu przynależne Mu pierwsze miejsce, by przede wszystkim na Nim skupić naszą uwagę.

Nie znaczy to wcale, że mamy wyjechać na pustynię czy odizolować się od ludzi i zarzucić na cały ten czas swoje codziennie obowiązki. Może jednak przy odrobinie dobrej woli uda się nam tak zaplanować swój czas i obowiązki, by uczestniczyć w wielkopostnych rekolekcjach w naszej parafii czy piątkowej Drodze Krzyżowej, czy Mszy Świętej. Dla kogoś innego przysłowiową „pustynią” będzie może czas dziesięciu, piętnastu minut, jaki każdego dnia w Wielkim Poście poświęci na czytanie Pisma Świętego. Ktoś inny może zdecydować się na bardziej aktywną formę swojej osobistej duchowej pustyni, którą połączy z większym otwarciem się na ludzi potrzebujących pomocy, tych, którzy są często blisko nas i potrzebują naszych odwiedzin, pomocy, wsparcia, dobrego słowa.

Przykład walki duchowej pozostawił nam sam Chrystus, staczając zwycięską bitwę z kuszącym Go szatanem. To wzór dla każdego z nas – jak zwycięsko stawiać opór złemu, jak przetrwać pokusy, które tak często nas atakują. Jezus daje nam trzy konkretne podpowiedzi, jak zwyciężać pokusy.

„**Nie samym chlebem żyje człowiek**”. Chodzi o to, by starając się o chleb materialny w naszym życiu, nie zapomnieć o wielkiej potrzebie chleba duchowego, którym jest żywa relacja z Chrystusem, codzienna modlitwa, sakramenty święte – a pośród nich częsta i regularna Eucharystia oraz sakrament pokuty i pojednania.

„**Panu Bogu samemu będziesz oddawał pokłon i Jemu samemu służyć będziesz**”. Warto zapytać się na początku Wielkiego Postu, czy jest „ktoś” albo „coś” poza Bogiem, przed „kim”, przed „czym” biję pokłony jak przed swoim osobistym bożkiem, który tak naprawdę odbiera mi wolność i prawdziwe szczęście?

„**Nie będziesz wystawiał na próbę Pana, Boga swego**”. Mamy nieraz taką tendencję w naszym działaniu, która uzależnia bycie blisko Boga od spełnienia jakiejś zachcianki, marzenia, pobożnej prośby. Nie wystawiać Boga na próbę, to przedstawiać Mu swoje i innych prośby

i modlitwy, ale jednocześnie pozostawiając Mu do wyboru sposób działania i czas jaki On sam uzna za stosowny.

Scena kuszenia Jezusa na pustyni to obraz duchowej walki, od której nikt z nas nie jest wolny. Możemy ten bój stoczyć zwycięsko tylko wtedy, jeśli naszą bliską relację z Jezusem uczynimy własną duchową tarczą, zbroją i mieczem.

Dziękuję za ciągle wsparcie i hojność dla Parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego. Życzę miłego tygodnia i niech Bóg błogosławi Was i Waszych najbliższych,

Ks. Waldemar

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- **Uwaga parafianie ~ Prosimy nie zabierać laminowanych kart zbiórki. Po dokonaniu darowizny prosimy o pozostawienie ich na stojaku w ławkach. Dziękuję!**
- Począwszy od piątku, 7 marca, droga Krzyżowa będzie odprawiana w piątki o 6:30PM po angielsku i o 7:30PM po polsku, z dwujęzyczną Mszą Świętą o 7:00PM. Więcej informacji w biuletynie.
- Podczas weekendu, 9 marca, druga kolekta będzie przeznaczona na rzecz pomocy naszej parafialnej szkoły. Prosimy o wsparcie, aby utrzymać wysoki poziom szkoły im. SSCM.
- Miseczki jałmużny wielkopostnej będą ponownie dostępne w tyle kościoła w celu przekazania ofiary na rzecz Katolickich Służb Pomocy. Dziękujemy za Wasze wsparcie dla potrzebujących.
- Dziękujemy Wychowaniu Religijnemu ze środy, klasa 8 B za zaproponowanie tegorocznego hasła wielkopostnego: „**Pojednaj się z Bogiem, aby na nowo stać się nowym**”.

Pierwsza środa miesiąca
12 marca
Różaniec Rodziców za Dzieci

7PM:
Spowiedź
Adoracja
Różaniec
Msza Św.

Zapraszamy wszystkie RÓŻE RÓŻANECOWE z Parafii SSCM w Lemont oraz wszystkich chętnych, którzy chcieliby dołączyć do wspólnej modlitwy za dzieci, dzieci chrzestne oraz za wnuków.

Mass Intentions

Monday — March 10th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
✠ CHRISTINE BUDZ
by Family

Tuesday — March 11th

7:00 AM ✠ LOUIS ZIOLKOWSKI
by Anna Wozniak
7:00 PM ✠ STANISŁAW TEPRA
by Żona z Córkami
✠ ADAM MASTALERZ
by Ryszard z Rodziną
✠ ZMARLI Z RODZIN ROCHATKA- SKRZYPCZAK-
URKOSKI-MEDARD
by Danuta i Peter
✠ JOANNA I FRANDISZEK LICHOSYT
by Córka

Wednesday — March 12th

7:00 AM ✠ LEONARD SZCZESNY
by Anna Wozniak

Thursday — March 13th

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Friday — March 14th

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
7:00 PM ✠ JULIA KOZIEL
by Lottie & Walter Koziel

Saturday — March 15th

7:00 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY
5:00 PM ✠ JANE GRZYBOWSKI

Fr. Noga by Tish & Kas Blazonczyk
✠ AVERY CARD

by Chloe Cleveland & Family

Sunday — March 16th (Second Sunday of Lent)

7:00 AM ✠ MARY BETH RUDIS

Fr. Koys by Nancy Johnson
✠ JOHN JR.

by Brother

8:00 AM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH I ZMARŁYCH

Fr. Valdi ✠ ZA ZMARŁYCH CZŁONKÓW KLUBU POLSKIEGO
✠ JÓZEF I FRANCISZKA DZIĄBA

by Rodzina

✠ FELIKS WIELGOSZ (10 Rocznicą Śmierci)

by Żona

9:30 AM ✠ RAYMOND PERISIN

Fr. Noga by Scott & Cindy Wlodarski
✠ WALTER GLIWA

by James & Dianna Gliwa

✠ CHESTER TOMALA SR.

by Kathy Tomala & Family

✠ SARA BLAHA

by Chester & Heather Tomala

11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA KRYSZTYNY

Fr. Valdi MADURA (urodziny)
by Monika B.

✠ SARA DAVILA DEORTIZ

by Anna Milan

✠ JÓZEF I ZOFIA WALKOSZ

by Anna Milan

✠ ZOFIA I FRANCISZEK BABIARZ

by Rodzina

12:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Fr. Rataj GOD'S BLESSING & GOOD HEALTH FOR JANE
KAWECKI

by Zofia Trabka & family

2:00 PM ✠ ANNA LACIAK

Fr. Valdi by Jan Laciak z Rodziną

✠ STANISŁAWA I FRANCISZEK PISKOROWSCY

by Wnuczka

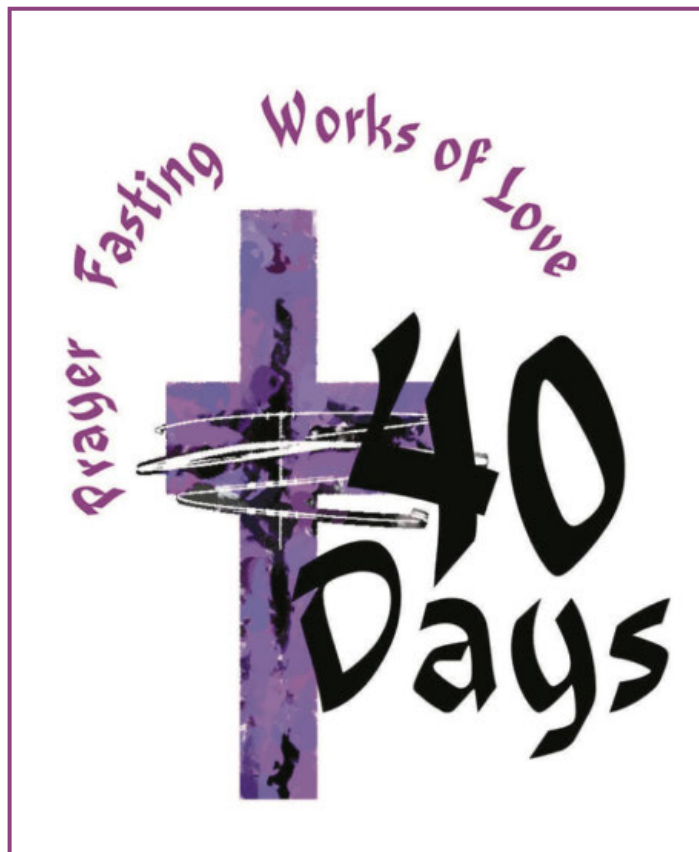
✠ KRYSZYNA NIEMYJSKI

by Rodzina

✠ MARIA I FRANCISZEK JARZYNA

by Wnuczka

7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
Fr. Rataj



Pray for ...

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

Emilia Pilecki

Guy Martin

Carol Preis

Joan Albert

Irene Forst

Ray Przeddziecki

Terry Hallandworth

William Podborny

Mark Malewski & Family

Cindy Evankoe

Malgorzata Bies

John Dzielski

Grace Dunbar

Joseph Dziekan

Mike Laskowski

Bob & Marge Douset

Bethany Gryfakis

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

**Parish Contributions
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May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her

In your prayers, please remember the soul of **Rose M. Kureja**. May her soul and the soul of all our faithfully departed family and friends rest in everlasting peace.



Please pray for...

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

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

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



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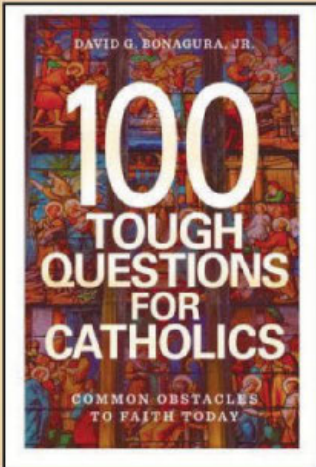




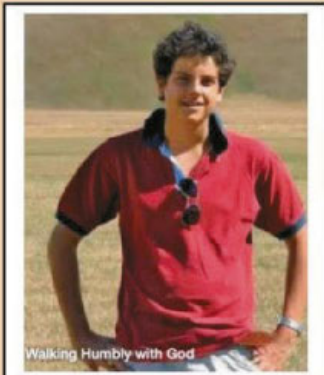
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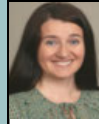
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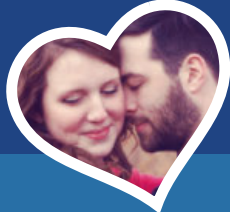


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