

# *SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish*

## *St. James at Sag Bridge Mission*

### **Parish Staff**

#### **Pastoral Ministry**

Rev. Waldemar "Valdi"  
Stawiarski  
*Pastor*

Rev. Thomas Koys  
*Associate Pastor*

#### **Education**

Shirley Tkachuk  
*Parish School Principal*

Monika Leja  
*R.E. Administrator*

*R.E. Administrative Assistant*

#### **Liturgy**

Trish Nickleski  
*Liturgy Coordinator*

#### **Music Ministry**

Mirosława Sojka-Topor  
*Music Director*

#### **Administration**

Denise Duda  
*Operations Director*

Lynn Bailey

Ann Noonan

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Peggy Sniegowski, Ann Noonan  
*Parish Secretaries*

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*Evangelization Coordinator*

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*Cook/Housekeeper*

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Paul Siro  
*Maintenance*



*March 30, 2025*

*Fourth 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.

<b>Parish Information</b>		<b>Minister of Music:</b>	Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776
<b>Parish Office:</b>	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	<b>Polish School:</b>	www.polschool.com Halina Szyrzyna Principal: (630) 669-9058
<b>School:</b>	607 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL Shirley Tkachuk, Principal (630) 257-6488; shirleyt@stcyril.org	<b>Polish Club:</b>	John Lichacz, President (773) 216-1108 polishclub@stcyril.org
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<b>Mass Schedule:</b> 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)		<b>Parish Council:</b>	Stan Brzezniak, President
<b>Special Masses:</b> 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		<b>Bulletin:</b>	bulletin@stcyril.org
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM Also available by appointment.		<b>Helping Hands:</b>	helpinghands@stcyril.org
<b>Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:</b> Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass		<b>New Parishioners:</b> Download the new parishioner form online on our website. The form can be handed into the donation basket at Mass, mailed in, or brought into the parish office	
<b>Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:</b> Located in the Divine Mercy Chapel in the Parish Life Building. Please contact: Lottie (630) 4442-9441, Mark (773) 727-7934, Margaret mtsniesz@gmail.com		<b>Baptisms:</b> Parents need to be registered, active and supporting parishioners prior to arranging a baptism at St. Cyril's. If this is a firstborn child, the parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Preparation Class. Both sponsors should be adults and one an active, practicing Catholic.	
<b>Parish Office Hours:</b> 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		<b>Marriage:</b> The bride and groom are encouraged to be registered, active, contributing parishioners of SS. Cyril & Methodius. Arrangements are to be made with a priest or deacon as soon as possible. A Marriage Preparation Program is a requirement of the Archdiocese. To schedule a wedding, please contact the parish office.	
		<b>Social Media:</b> In an effort to enhance communication with our parishioners and visitors, please visit these websites to stay better connected with the many events and ministries of our parish.	
		<b>Parish Website:</b> www.stcyril.org	
		<b>School Website:</b> www.school.stcyril.org	
		<b>Parish Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont	
		<b>School Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/SSCMComets	



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

Each Lent we're treated with the story of the man born blind. It's a long gospel, so I think the church is just trying to get us ready for the real long Passion reading. But there are so many details in this narrative worth contemplating. One detail that might go unnoticed is the fact that the leaders accuse the blind man of faking his blindness all his days. Doesn't that make you want to say, "Are you kidding me?" Who goes their whole life pretending to be blind. Forcing one into a life of misery and poverty? Such a stupid accusation reinforces the fact that they hated Jesus so much that they were ready to believe the unbelievable assertion that a blind man fakes his blindness rather than believe the fact that this "man Jesus" was the Messiah. Or at least the fact that God was working miracles through Jesus.

This theme calls to mind a frequent refrain: A.B.C. That's Anything But Catholicism. It's a common refrain we hear when someone is "investigating" religions. When a person feels the need for religion in their life or already have a religion but want a better one, they will explore Buddhism or Witchcraft or even Scientology. Full disclosure, I do enjoy studying these kinds of religions, but I'm almost always left laughing or at least scratching my head thinking, "Are you kidding me?" "Who would believe this stuff?" The antiphon refrain, "ABC" echoes in my mind. These I might call the "exotic" options to Catholicism. But ABC also plays its role in the more mainstream religious quest. Maybe it has even happened to you. It is common in the world of Protestant denominations to seek out a different church when the one you're in isn't "feeding you". A Methodist will easily become a Lutheran, or a Baptist will gladly become a Presbyterian if the preaching or music or fellowship is better there. It's important to note that there is nothing "sacred" in the notion of "church" in these denominations. All the "church stuff" that you see, that is the buildings, the preacher, the music and even the fellowship are all natural, man made. So, if they're man made, they can be man broken.

This is why the question, "Who is this man Jesus?" in the Bible is very similar to the question, "What is the nature of the church?" for us. If you listen carefully to the stories of converts (The Coming Home Network on EWTN is a great place for such stories) you will often hear the refrain, "ABC". When Scott Hahn told his wife Kimberly that he wanted to become Catholic, she fell right in line. She cried, "Oh Scott, couldn't we at least become Anglican?"

Now don't get me wrong. I love Anglicans. I love Baptists and Lutherans. But no denomination thinks that its origin comes directly from the mind and workings of Jesus Christ. Because I think Jesus is not only the Messiah but also the second person in the Most Holy Trinity, I can't be satisfied with a man-made religion. I want what He wants even if it means certain sacrifices to my worldly lifestyle.

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

**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.
- Please return CRS your rice bowls by April 13th, Palm Sunday. We truly appreciate your support and generosity.
- English Lenten Mission will take place at St. James At Sag Bridge on April 6th, 7th, & 8th. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more information.
- Helping Hands of SSCM will once again be collecting donations for Easter breakfast and dinner meals and gift cards for those in need. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for more information. You can find the links to sign up to donate on our website or Facebook page.
- Please see our Easter Schedule for Holy Week services and Reconciliation times in our bulletin.





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

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

Dear Parents,

You may notice we try to share pictures from school masses on a regular basis. School masses are just one of the many things we do to live our faith. Our entire school attends mass with the older students acting as "faith partners" to assist their younger friends as needed.

The teachers "take turns" throughout the course of the year planning the weekly masses. They are provided the readings, and work with their students to develop a theme, along with writing an Opening Comment and Prayers of Faithful.

Students are given the opportunity to read in church and/or present the gifts during the Offertory. The readings are practiced in school, at home, and in church. They learn how to share God's words to the larger community. In addition, we always invite parents to join us in prayer! Weekly school masses are just one of the ways our students learn, live, and deepen their Catholic faith!

We had our second fish fry on Friday, March 21st. Thank you to Mr. Jason Zagraniczny, who chairs and organizes the event along with all the volunteers who helped to make the evening successful for our school! Mark your calendars for this year's final fish fry on April 4th.

All the best,

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 [lazowskijackie@stcyril.org](mailto:lazowskijackie@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





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

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator



Thank you to all RE families and Staff Members who were participating in our last monthly Mass this past Sunday. We are truly grateful to all Students and Staff Members who were sharing God's word with others during our monthly Masses throughout the 2024/25 catechetical year. Your involvement and participation are always greatly appreciated, and we hope you continue to be part of our church family. Our ministry looks forward to working with everyone in the new 2025/26 school-catechetical year. Congratulations to our Kindergartners and their Parents from the Friday session for a wonderful participation in the 11am Mass. Blessings to All!



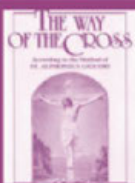
# St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

The Spring campaign is active now through April 13. Access Health, 1700 75<sup>th</sup> 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](http://40daysforlife.com)



### Stations – Fridays 6:45pm

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!



### First Friday & First Saturday

*April 4 ~ Mass at 6pm followed by the Stations of the Cross*  
*April 5 ~ Morning Prayer 7:45, Mass 8, then Adoration, Confession, Rosary and Fatima devotions.*

### Lenten Soup

Join the Altar & Rosary Society for food & fellowship each Lenten Friday Lower Level of Rectory 4:00 to 5:30 before 6pm Mass & 6:45 Stations of the Cross. Delicious meatless soups from A&R & bread. April 4 & 11 will be the last ones.



### JOYFUL AGAIN!!

**Are you widowed and still hurting?**  
Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop & Retreat April 5 & 6, 2025, St Mary's Retreat House, Lemont  
For further information, call: 708-354-7211.

Email us at [info@joyfulagain.org](mailto:info@joyfulagain.org)  
website: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)

St. James at Sag Bridge



Altar & Rosary  
Society  
FOUNDED 1958

Our THANK YOUS this week are in abundance as we had so many hands that came together to make Father and Charlie's birthday celebration nothing short of **WONDERFUL!** Can we start with the **FOOD?** We are more than blessed with some real talent in the kitchen and beyond. These ladies never disappoint. Sag hall was filled with beautiful decorations that paired perfectly with the merriment of the party goers and guests of honor. Laughter and smiles were everywhere. This kind of pure family fun can only happen when we all give from our hearts, and the ladies of the Altar and Rosary Society are **ALL HEART**. So thank you to them and thank you to anyone who lent a helping hand, whether in set up, serving, baking, cooking or clean up, we appreciate every person who helped make this important celebration a success once again.



### Our Lady of Fatima Statue

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

### APRIL OPENINGS



Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

### Lenten Program! Eucharistic Consecration

Never too late to join Fr Koys & the Sag Bridge Mission Society on a spiritual journey this Lent leading to individual consecration to the Eucharist on Holy Thursday. Live in Sag Hall Wednesdays at 8pm or watch through [www.historicstjames.org](http://www.historicstjames.org). Click "Parish Videos" tab at top & watch.



### Water & Wisdom – April 2


We forego food & drink as a Lenten discipline. But join us for continuing discussion of *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*. Come to Sag Hall after Mass or watch the livestream. It's an inexhaustible topic!

*Water & Wisdom – April 9*

*The third session of the Lenten Book Program – 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory – will take place in Sag Hall or watch the livestream. It's the source & summit of our faith!*

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





*Celebrate With Us*

FATHER THOMAS KOYS  
40 Year Ordination Anniversary

DETAILS      WHERE      REGISTER

MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> | 4PM - 7PM  
DINNER, DESSERT & ENTERTAINMENT

**\$80/person**  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>

PUBLIC LANDING  
200 W. 8TH STREET  
LOCKPORT, IL 60441

SCAN WITH PHONE  
OR VISIT  
[www.historicstjames.org](http://www.historicstjames.org)



**PARISH LENTEN MISSION  
FR. RICK HEILMAN**

Welcome Fr Heilman to St James at Mass on **Sunday, Apr 6!**

That evening at 7pm, Fr Heilman will speak on how to use Catholic media to prepare for Easter & life on earth too.

**Monday, Apr 7** at 6:30pm, Fr Heilman will speak after the children's Stations of the Cross in Church.

**Tuesday, Apr 8** at 7pm, Father will help us to "Pray Like a Champion."

Come hear this very sought-after speaker – one of the first priest podcasters & the founder of Grace Force & Rosary Across the Nation – 1, 2, or 3 evenings!

**Theology of the Body**

**Thurs, April 3 – 7 to 8:30pm – Sag Hall**

"Theology of the Body" is a series of talks given by St. Pope John Paul II at his papal audiences. He explores many aspects of human love. All adults are invited to join Fr Koys in the discussion.

**VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/30/25**

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 31**

**8:00AM** Health & Healing—Neal Hartz  
✠Marianna & ✠Stefan Kostrzewcy

**TUESDAY, APRIL 1**

**8:00AM** Health & Healing—Sr Maria-Paulina Sterling

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2**

**7:00PM** ✠Michael Alagno  
✠Dr. Noreen Salmon

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3**

**8:00AM** ✠Robert Andrews

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4**

**6:00PM** ✠Mary Wenzel  
Blessings for the Kwak Family

**SATURDAY, APRIL 5**

**8:00AM** ✠Rochelle Haklin  
✠Mary Wenzel

***Fifth Sunday of Lent***

**SUNDAY, APRIL 6**

**8:15AM** James & Fe Gosnell—Wedding Anniversary  
Blessings for the Fatima statue families

**10AM** Birthday Blessings—Jan Raj  
✠Jan & ✠Zofia Gubala

**12:00PM** ✠Richard McKay  
✠John Giroux

***Altar Flowers***

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

EMMA ARREAGA  
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS MARISA SOLORSAN

***Our Weekly Offering***

Our weekly *Offertory* collection from March 23, 2025 was \$5,327. Our *Maintenance* collection was \$2,065. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$1,962. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, APRIL 6	
8:15am	Joe Beecher, Aden Burke, Alex Pawlikowski, Eric Delatorre	
10am	Matthew Rebello, Daniel Newsom, Christian Cozzi, Ricky, Peter & Luke Gomez	



# LENTEN MISSION

~ APRIL 6, 7 & 8 ~

*ST. JAMES AT SAG BRIDGE, LEMONT, IL*



Join us as we welcome **Fr. Rick Heilman**, a very sought-after speaker, one of the first priest podcasters, and the founder of Grace Force & Rosary Across the Nation!

On Sunday, Fr Heilman will explain how to use Catholic media to prepare for Easter & life on earth, too.

On Monday, he will narrate the children's living Stations of the Cross.

On Tuesday, Father will help us 'Pray Like a Champion'.

Sunday (4/6)

8:15am, 10am, Noon Masses

7pm, 'Using Catholic Media to Prepare for Easter'

Monday (4/7)

6:30pm, Living Stations of the Cross

Tuesday (4/8)

7pm, 'Pray Like a Champion'

WWW.HISTORICSTJAMES.ORG

*Pray. Fast. Give*



## SS. Cyril and Methodius Helping Hands Food Pantry

This year we are helping our families in need providing them with both Easter Breakfast and Easter Dinner. We are asking for your assistance in donating supplies for these special holiday meals.

Drop off is Thursday, April 17th

from 9am-8pm at the Benson house, 1264 Durham Lane, Lemont.

If you are unable to purchase items due to being out of town, please sign up and reach out to Kristyn to coordinate an early drop off for shelf stable items or payment for the helping hands team to shop.

**You can access the links to sign up to donate at our website:**  
[www.stecvrl.org](http://www.stecvrl.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>.

If you, or anyone you know are in need please contact the parish rectory.



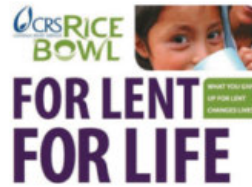
## Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent

March 7th through April 11th

6:30 PM English Stations

7:00 PM Bilingual Mass

7:30 PM Polish Stations



## Rice Bowls

**CRS Rice Bowls are due back by April 13th, Palm Sunday. You can return them to the back of Church in the basket provided. Thank you for helping CRS this Lenten season.**



## 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

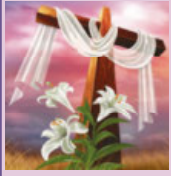
if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Those who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful, are not obliged. The special

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

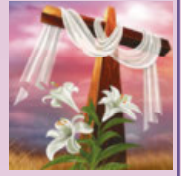


The Blessed Sacrament candle that burns above the altar 24/7 is available to be sponsored for an intention or in memory of loved ones. This candle is replaced every Monday morning. We also have a Blessed Sacrament candle in our Divine Mercy Chapel which is available for intentions. Please call our parish 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.





## Easter Schedule of Services 2025 SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish



### Palm Sunday

Palms will be blessed and distributed at every Mass

Mass on Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM (Polish), 9:30 AM,  
11:00 AM (Polish), 12:30 PM,  
2:00 PM (Polish), 7:30 PM

### Easter Triduum

#### Holy Thursday

*No Morning Mass*

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

(Bilingual English & Polish)

Adoration following Mass until midnight

#### Good Friday

English Stations of the Cross 10:00 AM

Polish Stations of the Cross 4:30 PM

Service of the Lord's Passion and Death:

12:00 Noon (Polish), 3:00 PM (English),

5:00 PM (Polish), 7:00 PM (English)

*Vigil will be kept at the Lord's tomb throughout the night until Saturday at 6:45 PM*

#### Holy Saturday

##### Blessing of Food Baskets:

9:00 AM (Polish), 10:00 AM (English), 11:00 AM (Polish),

12:00 PM Noon (English), 1:00 PM (Polish)

*No Confessions and no 5:00 PM Mass*

Easter Vigil Mass (English) 7:00 PM

#### Easter Sunday Masses

5:00 AM - Polish

7:00 AM - English

8:00 AM - Polish

9:30 AM - English

11:00 AM - Polish

12:30 PM - English

*NO 2:00 PM or 7:30 PM Mass*

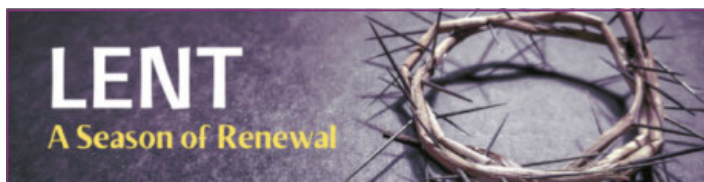
### *Sacrament of Reconciliation at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church*

***Monday, April 14th:*** Reconciliation Individual Confessions

\*10 Priests will be available for confessions in English and Polish

5:00 - 8:00 PM Church





**Nabożeństwo pięciu pierwszych sobót miesiąca!**  
**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION!**

**CONDITIONS TO FULFILL THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

1. Go to confession (within eight days before or after the first Saturday).
2. Receive Holy Communion.
3. Say five decades of the Holy Rosary.
4. Meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary with the goal of keeping Our Lady company (for example, while in church or before an image or statue of Our Lady).

**April 5th**  
7AM - English Mass  
7PM - Polish Devotion and Mass

**WARUNKI NABOŻEŃSTWA PIERWSZYCH SOBÓT MIESIĄCA**

1. Spowiedź św. (może być odprawiona wcześniej)
2. Komunia Św. w pięć pierwszych sobót
3. Różaniec - pięć tajemnic
4. Medytacja (15 min)

**Klub Polski w Lemont**

**Niedziela, 6 kwietnia**  
godz. 9am po Mszy św.  
**Miesięczne Spotkanie Klubu**

**Okazja do dyskusji na temat:**

- Katastrofy Smoleńskiej oraz
- Dwudziestej rocznicy odejścia Św. JPPI
- Rocznicę Hołdu Pruskiego

Klub Polski zaprasza wszystkich członków, sympatyków oraz tych, którzy kochają Polską Tradycję, Wiarę i Kulturę.

Można też zjeść śniadanie w nowym towarzystwie!  
Świeże ciastka, przepyszne kanapki oraz najlepsza kawa w okolicy!

**Pierwsza środa miesiąca**  
**9 kwietnia**  
**Różaniec Rodziców za Dzieci**

**7PM:**  
**Spowiedź**  
**Adoracja**  
**Różaniec**  
**Msza Św.**

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

**The First Friday**  
**April 4th**

**Pierwszy Piątek Miesiąca!**  
**4 Kwietnia, 2025**

**7:00 AM**  
(English)  
&  
**7:00 PM**  
**MSZA ŚW.**  
(bilingual)

"I promise you, in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the first Friday for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance; they shall not die in my disgrace nor without receiving the sacraments; my divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in that last moment." — Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary

**"Kto dziewięć piątków odprawi jak trzeba, nie umrze w grzechach, lecz pójdzie do nieba"**

**New Kiosk News**

For those of you who have not noticed there are new Lenten books and pamphlets available in the kiosk in the back of the church. I hope you are able to make use of them.

**Knights of Columbus**  
Lemont 1599

Join us for  
**Living Stations of the Cross**  
Saturday April 12 @ noon  
St. Mary's Franciscan Center  
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**Z biurka wikariusza pastora****Drodzy Parafianie,**

Każdego roku w Wielkim Poście słyszymy Ewangelię o człowieku niewidomym od urodzenia. To długa Ewangelia, więc myślę, że Kościół po prostu próbuje przygotować nas na naprawdę długą lekturę o Męce Pańskiej. W tej narracji jest tak wiele szczegółów, które warto rozważyć. Jeden z nich, który może łatwo umknąć uwadze, to fakt, że przywódcy oskarżają niewidomego o udawanie ślepoty przez całe życie. Czytając to chce się powiedzieć: „Czy wy żartujecie?” Kto spędza całe życie, udając niewidomego? Skazując się na życie w nędzy i ubóstwie? Tak absurdalne oskarżenie pokazuje, jak bardzo nienawidzili Jezusa. Byli gotowi uwierzyć w coś tak niewiarygodnego, jak to, że człowiek przez całe życie symuluje ślepotę, zamiast uwierzyć, że „o to, ten człowiek o imieniu Jezus” jest Mesjaszem. Albo przynajmniej, że Bóg dokonuje cudów przez Niego.

Ta scena przypomina mi jeden z moich częstych refrenów: ABC – Anything But Catholicism (Cokolwiek, Byle Nie Katolicyzm). To dość powszechny motyw, który można zauważyć u osób „poszukujących” religii. Kiedy ktoś czuje, że potrzebuje religii w swoim życiu lub ma już jakąś, ale chce znaleźć „lepszą”, często zaczyna eksplorować buddyzm, czary czy nawet scjentologię. Szczerze mówiąc, lubię studiować tego typu religie, ale niemal zawsze kończy się to śmiechem lub przynajmniej niedowierzaniem: „Czy wy żartujecie? Kto w to wierzy?” I wtedy w mojej głowie znów rozbrzmiewa refren ABC. Mogę to nazwać „egzotycznymi” opcjami katolicyzmu. Ale ABC odgrywa również swoją rolę w bardziej powszechnym poszukiwaniu religijnym. Może nawet to przydarzyło się Tobie. W świecie protestanckich denominacji dość powszechne jest szukanie nowego Kościoła, gdy obecny „nie karmi duchowo”. Metodysta bez problemu zostanie luteraninem, baptysta chętnie przejdzie do wspólnoty presbiteriańskiej, jeśli kazania, muzyka czy atmosfera są tam lepsze. Warto zauważyć, że w tych denominacjach nie istnieje żadne „święte” rozumienie Kościoła. Wszystko, co widzimy – budynki, kaznodzieje, muzyka, wspólnota – jest czymś naturalnym, stworzonym przez ludzi. A jeśli zostało stworzone przez ludzi, to może zostać przez nich zniszczone.

Dlatego pytanie „Kim jest ten człowiek o imieniu Jezus?” w Ewangelii jest bardzo podobne do pytania „Co znaczy Kościół dla nas?”. Jeśli posłuchasz uważnie historii konwertytów (polecam The Coming Home Network – Sieć Programu Domowego na kanale EWTN), gdzie często usłyszysz refren ABC. Kiedy Scott Hahn powiedział swojej żonie Kimberly, że chce zostać katolikiem, jej pierwszą reakcją było rozpaczliwe: „Och, Scott, czy nie moglibyśmy przynajmniej zostać anglikanami?”

Nie zrozum mnie źle. Kocham anglikanów, baptystów i luteranów. Ale żadna denominacja nie twierdzi, że jej początki pochodzą bezpośrednio z umysłu i działania Jezusa Chrystusa. A ponieważ wierzę, że Jezus nie tylko jest Mesjaszem, ale także Drugą Osobą Trójcy Świętej, nie mogę zadowolić się religią stworzoną przez ludzi. Chcę tego, czego chce On – nawet jeśli oznacza to pewne poświęcenia w moim ziemskim życiu.

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

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### Polish Lenten Mission Held at SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

Please join us this Lenten season for our Polish Mission lead by Father Piotr Lapa. The Mission will take place starting Sunday, March 30th during all Masses. It will continue from Monday, March 31st through Wednesday, April 2nd at 11:30 AM & 7:00 PM each day.

## Mass Intentions

**Monday — March 31st**

- 7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY  
✠ JANE GRZYBOWSKI  
by Janina Janik Leja
- 11:30 AM ✠ ANIELA I FRANCISZEK MOLEK I SYNOWIE,  
STANISŁAW, JAN I JÓZEF  
by Rodzina  
✠ STANISŁAW I MARIA CHLEBEK  
by Synowa  
✠ HELEN I FLORIAN SENDRA  
by Siostra  
✠ LUDWIKA I JAN KARKULA  
by Wnuczka Aniela Jagiełło
- 7:00 PM ✠ JAN I MARIA GIĄDA  
by Rodzina  
✠ JÓZEF CUDZICH (1 Rocznicą Śmierci)  
by Żona z Rodziną  
✠ HIERONIMA PALASIWEICZ  
by Monika Bochenek z Rodziną

**Tuesday — April 1st**

- 7:00 AM ✠ CATHERINE GIANAKEAS (1 Anniv.)  
by Mercy Evn  
✠ JUDY JELINSKI  
by Johson & Pecoraro Family
- 11:30 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA RODZINY SKOBEL  
✠ BRONISŁAW I JAN JAGIEŁŁO  
by Synowa Aniela Jagiełło  
✠ JANINA I LUDWIK KRYGOWSKI  
by Siostra  
✠ JAN TUREK  
by Szwagierka Aniela Jagiełło
- 7:00 PM DZIEKCYNNO-BŁAGALNA DLA MATEUSZA  
(urodziny)  
by Rodzina  
✠ EUGENIUSZ SANDRZYK  
✠ AUGUSTYN PRĘDKI  
by Rodzina Prędkie  
✠ CZESŁAW ZAGRANICZNY  
by Maria Zagraniczny

**Wednesday — April 2nd**

- 7:00 AM ✠ LOUIS ZIOLKOWSKI (1 Anniv.)  
by Wife, Lorraine Ziolkowski
- 11:30 AM ✠ ANDRZEJ I MARIA HRESKA  
by Córkę  
✠ ANNA JAŃCY  
by Frank i Mary Kowalczyk  
✠ JOHN CHLEBEK I SYN STANLEY  
by Mary Chlebek
- 7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA MARKA (urodziny)  
by Rodzina  
✠ ANDRZEJ BIZUB (13 Rocznicą Śmierci)  
by Rodzina

**Thursday — April 3rd**

- 7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALTH FOR BARBARA  
by Aunt & Uncle  
✠ FRANK WOZNAK  
by Mary Beyer & Daughter

**Friday — April 4th (First Friday)**

- 7:00 AM ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY  
✠ JAMES STEFFGEN  
by Marie
- 7:00 PM ✠ ALOJZY WONTORCZYK  
by Rodzina Hage
- Fr. Valdi ✠ WŁADYSŁAW I ANIELA KOBYLARCZYK  
by Rodzina  
✠ FRANCISZEK I MARIA NYKAZA I SYN JANUSZEK  
by Siostra Krystyna

**Saturday — April 5th (First Saturday)**

- 7:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA  
✠ JOSEPH TINOCO  
by Tinoco Family
- 1:00 PM *Wedding: Mackinley Underwood and Sebastian Sochacki*
- 3:00 PM *Wedding: Aubrey Zwartz and Shane Durkin*
- 5:00 PM ✠ SHARON MCCARTHY & HARRY KIELMA  
by Family
- Fr. Koy's 9:00 PM W INT. PANU BOGU WIADOMEJ
- Fr. Valdi ✠ JÓZEF MILAN  
by Rodzina

**Sunday — April 6th (Fifth Sunday of Lent)**

- 7:00 AM FOR ALL INTENTIONS IN OUR CHAPEL  
INTENTION BOOK  
Fr. Noga ✠ RICHARD ABRAMOWSKI  
by Denise & John O'Conner
- 8:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. DLA ŻYJĄCYCH CZŁONKÓW KLUBU  
Fr. Valdi POLSKIEGO  
O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA RODZINY BIALAS  
✠ TADEUSZ I MAŁGORZATA KOSTRO  
by Rodzina  
✠ MARIA I STANISŁAW KNAPIK  
by Siostra
- 9:30 AM ✠ PAUL CIMINO (1 Anniv.)  
Fr. Noga by Family
- 11:00 AM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA SYLWI (urodziny)  
Fr. Valdi by Rodzina  
✠ KS. PRAŁAT JÓZEF BENDYK  
by Rodzina Grele  
✠ FRANCISZEK SKUPIEŃ  
by Rodzina Janosik  
O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA KS. JÓZEFA MILAN  
by Rodzina Milan
- 12:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED  
Fr. Rataj GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR DIANE WILCZEK &  
FAMILY  
by Parents  
✠ CHESTER TYLKA (5 Anniv.)  
by Wife & Family  
✠ ANTONI MARIA KOWALCZYK  
by Family
- 2:00 PM W INT. PRÓSB ZANOSZONYCH W KAPLICY  
Fr. Valdi WIECZYSTEJ ADORACJI  
✠ LETICIA DIAZ  
by Halina z Rodziną  
O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA KAZIMIERZA CISŁO  
(urodziny)  
by Rodzina  
✠ MARIA I ANDRZEJ SĄDELSKI I SYN  
WŁADYSŁAW  
by Anna Sądejski
- 7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED  
Fr. Rataj



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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.

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Carol Preis	Joan Albert
Irene Forst	Ray Przedziecki
Terry Hallandworth	William Podborny
Mark Malewski & Family	Cindy Evankoe
Malgorzata Bies	John Dzielski
Grace Dunbar	Joseph Dziekan
Mike Laskowski	Bob & Marge Douset
Bethany Gryfakis	Angie Korab
Frances James	

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.

**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.*

*Altar & Rosary  
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*The next Altar & Rosary Society Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 12, at 10 AM in the Parish Life Building (PLB) Meeting Rooms 1 & 2.*

*Bring a friend!  
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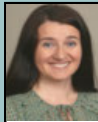
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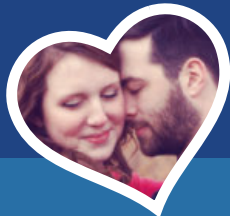
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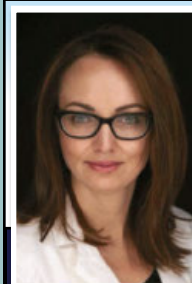
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