

# *SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish*

## *St. James at Sag Bridge Mission*

### **Parish Staff**

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*February 2, 2025*

*The Presentation of The Lord*



### **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><b>Parish Information</b></p> <p><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</p>	<p><b>Minister of Music:</b> Mira Sojka-Topor musicmin@stcyril.org (630) 257-2776</p>
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<p><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)</p>	<p><b>Minister of Care:</b> Dave Smietanski (630) 257-2776</p>
<p><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)</p>	<p><b>Parish Council:</b> Stan Brzezniak, President</p>
<p>Holy Days of Obligation: As announced</p>	<p><b>Bulletin:</b> bulletin@stcyril.org</p>
<p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</b> Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM Also available by appointment.</p>	<p><b>Helping Hands:</b> helpinghands@stcyril.org</p> <p><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</p>
<p><b>Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:</b> Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass</p>	<p><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.</p>
<p><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</p>	<p><b>Marriage:</b> The bride and groom are encouraged to be registered, active, contributing parishioners of SS. Cyril &amp; 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><b>Parish Office Hours: Each weekday the office will be closed between the hours of 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM.</b> Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Saturday &amp; Sunday Closed</p>	<p><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.</p>
	<p><b>Parish Website:</b> www.stcyril.org</p>
	<p><b>School Website:</b> www.school.stcyril.org</p>
	<p><b>Parish Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont</p>
	<p><b>School Facebook Page:</b> www.facebook.com/SSCMComets</p>



**From the desk of Father Koys**  
**Dear Parishioners,**  
 We hear those unforgettable words of the Prophet Simeon, “Nunc Dimittis”, (now dismiss) It has the spirit of “Ok, I can die now, I’ve seen the beginning of what I have longed for.” First and foremost, this is the declaration that Jesus is the long awaited Savior. But Simeon’s peaceful attitude in the final stage of his life can also be our prayer too.

There is a scene in *The Lord of the Rings* that captures this important saintly understanding of life and death. Admittedly, many who watch Tolkien’s parable are left wondering, where are the Catholic themes? Allow me to share just one insight. In this famous Trilogy, we find King Theoden dying on the battlefield. Theoden, who was King of Rohan, dies fighting for the Kingdom of Gondor. This fact alone shows he has a Catholic virtue; the virtue of seeing the universal nature of his mission. In this he is somewhat like General Casmir Pulaski, who was a native Pole. He is killed on the last day of the Siege of Savannah, during the American Revolution. Both Theoden and Pulaski fight because they see the cause is just. They stand above the error of General Robert E Lee, who disliked slavery, but nonetheless fought for his “motherland”, Virginia.

It was the evil Saruman who had corrupted Theoden’s mind and body. The good guy, Gandalf, acts like Moses whose staff cured the Israelites from the snake bites. He brings Theoden back to his strong and kingly best with his staff. During the epic battle to save Middle Earth, we find Theoden paraphrasing Simeon. Theoden’s granddaughter, Éowyn, declares, “I’m going to save you.” With all the confidence of Simeon, Theoden responds, “You already did. I go to my fathers; in whose company I shall not be ashamed.” It is a clean conscience and knowledge of God’s mercy that allows us the grace of a peaceful death. Theoden died at peace because he saw the battle was all but won and he is dying a

hero and not a coward.

Like Simeon, you and I become heroes when we stand up in public and declare Christ is King. This powerful tale pushes us to contemplate our preparedness for eternity. What is it that we long for? What is it that we are willing to fight for? To die for? Do we long for the reign of Our Lord today?

And now I want to say something directly to any young adult Catholic who maybe reading this and who is living with their “significant other”. As I ponder Simeon’s prayer, I cannot help but think of a thousand mothers who long to see their son or daughter marry in the Catholic church. If I’ve heard it once, I’ve heard it a hundred times, “I only wish, that before I die, my precious child, would come back to the church and get married.”

There is a real connection between these two prayers. Jesus lived and died to establish His church so don’t be afraid dear young ones to take that step into reality. When we declare boldly that marriage is a sacrament, we declare Christ is king.

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

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

- A new year means tax time! If you would like a print out of your contributions from 2024, see the bulletin for the form to fill out and send to the office.
- **Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed!!** SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish is looking for lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for all the English Masses but especially the 5:00 and 12:30 Masses. You can find more information in the bulletin on how to sign up and receive training.
- Don’t forget to purchase your tamales after each Mass next weekend, Sunday, February 9th. The Knights of Columbus will once again be selling delicious tamales to enjoy with the Super Bowl, **while supplies last.**



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

Dear Parishioners,

We have ended a successful celebration of Catholic Schools Week!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Open House/Social. It was great to see so many current and prospective new families, along with SSCM School alumni!

If you were not able to attend, we are still offering tours and shadow days. Kindly call our office at 630-257-6488 for information.

During the week we celebrated our community, teachers and staff, nation, a variety of careers, and vocations to the religious life. We also enjoyed dressing down, special lunches, the Wheel of Wisdom, Knights of Columbus basketball contest, patriotic sing along, and the book fair, just to name a few!

Most importantly of all we were able to join in prayer and share a beautiful closing mass. The "Special People" in the lives of our students were able to join us and then visit our school.

Thank you to everyone who celebrated with us and welcome to everyone joining our school in the future!

Enjoy these beautiful photos from Catholic Schools Week.

This weekend we celebrate our second graders as they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time!

All the best,  
Mrs. S. Tkachuk  
Principal



**Valentine  
Bingo!**

GRAB YOUR BESTIE AND COME JOIN US FOR  
A NIGHT OF BINGO FUN!

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025!**

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS SCHOOL GYM!  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M./ STARTS AT 6:30 P.M.

CASH PRIZES AWARDED TO ALL WINNERS -  
WE KINDLY ASK THAT NO OUTSIDE FOOD  
OR DRINK BE BROUGHT IN -

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE  
INCLUDING BEER AND WINE!  
MUST BE 21 YEARS OLD ATTEND-

*hope to see  
you there!*



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

Mrs. Monika Leja – RE Administrator

Our first grade Friday class recently learned about the importance of Holy Mass and the Last Supper.



8th grade Confirmation candidates are hard at work finishing up their Confirmation preparations. They have completing reports on their chosen saint, writing a personal letter to the Bishop as well as to their sponsor, and they are working on completing their service projects. We are looking forward to celebrating with all our parish Confirmandi and Bishop Casey on March 8th!



*Lamb of God, Make me new again!  
Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders on celebrating the sacrament of First Reconciliation this Saturday!*

When we go astray, Jesus our Good Shepherd always welcomes us back with joy and makes us new again.

On this special day of First Reconciliation, may you know God's love and forgiveness the He has for you and for each and every one of us. -Amen

## St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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

### Mass Schedule

**WEEKENDS:**

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

**WEEKDAYS:**

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

**ADORATION:**

Adoration on Wednesday 5-7pm.

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE:**

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

**BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:**

Contact the rectory office.

**SICK & HOMEBOUND PASTORAL CARE:**

Please notify rectory.

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:**

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



### Our Lady of Fatima Statue

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

**FEBRUARY OPENINGS**



Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!

### CELEBRATE

## The Gift of Your Marriage

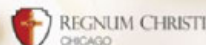
Saturday, February 22, 2025

St. James at Sag Bridge  
10600 Archer Ave, Lemont

11:00 Talk followed by  
Mass with renewal of vows

1:15 Lunch at Alpine Banquets  
8230 S Cass Ave, Darien

\$100 per couple



### Wine & Wisdom – Feb 5

We hear much about Vatican II, but do we really know what its documents contain? Come hear Jim Coughlin address the facts about Lumen Gentium, which clarifies the nature and mission of the Catholic Church.

*Wine & Wisdom – Feb 12*

*A little food, a little drink, and an examination of some recent communications from Bishop Strickland. Join us as Paul Devitt leads the discussion.*

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



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Knights of Columbus Tamale Fundraiser  
Sunday February 9, 2025**

### **Super Bowl Sunday**

After all masses, while supplies last. Pork or chicken tamales, \$11 per 1/2 dozen, \$22 per dozen. Proceeds support Lemont K of C charitable works.

### **Have you wrapped up in a blanket lately?**

We don't think too much about getting all warm & comfy on the couch with a blanket. Please do think: Might you have a blanket that you won't miss, but it could make the difference to a homeless man. Place blankets & men's coats, new or in good condition, in Charlie's Chapel. (Please no women's or children's.)



**First Confession**  
 On Sat, Feb 8, the First Communion class at St James will experience their First Confessions. Pray for them. And consider: Are you are a good example of regularly receiving this sacrament? Are you prepared?

**Theology of the Body**  
**Thurs, Feb 6 – 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 wonderful aspects of human love. All adults are invited to join in as Fr Koys leads the discussion.

**And after the March for Life - what?**  
 As proud as we are of the St James pilgrims to DC, we can't rest on the laurels of that trip. The ongoing work of changing hearts & minds must continue. Dozens & dozens of babies die each week at Access Health. Join us in the trenches of prayer for the little ones and their parents. 3pm each Friday.

**Cenacle Rosary – Feb 7**  
 As part of our First Friday devotions, we will pray the Cenacle Rosary on Friday, Feb 7, immediately after the 6pm Mass in the rectory. Join us to pray and to listen to a selection from Our Mother Mary's locutions to Fr Gobbi.



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

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

**VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 2/2/25**  
 St. James Altar & Rosary Society  
 All the Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 United States of America  
 For Our Children—Heather, Ryan & Colleen



**Mass Intentions**  
*Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3**  
 8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Anna Gacek  
 †Dennis Slowik  
 †Henry Matlawski

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**  
 8:00AM Birthday Health & Blessings—Margaret Gal

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
 7:00PM †Rochelle Haklin  
 Health & Healing-Sr Maria Paulina Sterling

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6**  
 8:00AM Health & Healing—Neal Hartz

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
 6:00PM †James Slowik  
 Blessings for the Kwak Family

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
 8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Margaret Gal

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
 8:15AM †Tony Ortiz  
 †Tim Leahy  
 10AM †Anthony & †Cecelia Perille  
 For Living & Deceased Members of the Lahart & Lustig Families  
 12:00PM †Richard McKay

**Altar Flowers**  
 Our beautiful bouquets of flowers surrounding our altar were made available by:  
**KAYT MILLER—IN LOVING MEMORY OF SUSANNA MARIE MILLER**

**Our Weekly Offering**

Our weekly *Offertory* collection from January 26, 2025 was \$4,364. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totalled \$1,970.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

MASS	ALTAR SERVERS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
8:15am	Joe Beecher, Mark Henze, Aden Burke, Eric Delactorre
10am	Matthew & Max Naglak, Matthew Rebello, Will & Conor Pawlisz

# Archdiocese of Chicago "Coming Soon 2025 Catholic Appeal"



**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Please join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word during 9:30 AM Mass each Sunday for Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> graders **Join Us!!!**

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

## TRANSFORM LIVES

THROUGH THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

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

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

**Your gift to the Catholic Schools Scholarship Program:**

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

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

**Join Us in Making a Difference**  
[archchicago.org/scholarships](http://archchicago.org/scholarships)

### Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed!!

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

VICARIATE V ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO  
MINISTRY COMMISSION Presents:

## LITURGY TRAINING

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

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

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

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

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

**DAY AND DATE OF PRESENTATION:**  
Tuesday (All), Wednesday (EOMs),  
Thursday (Lectors) -  
February 11-13, 2025

**TIME:**  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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

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

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

### Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2025

**Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

**Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.**





### A Note From Cardinal Blasé Cupich

The Church teaches that receiving Holy Communion is not a private action but a communal one, as the very word "communion" implies. For that reason the norm established by Holy See for the universal Church and approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is for the faithful to process together as an expression of their coming forward as the Body of Christ and to receive Holy Communion standing. Processions are an ancient practice of the Church and have been part of the liturgy from the earliest days, assisting the faithful to always keep in mind that we are a pilgrim people, making our way together to the fulness of the heavenly banquet Christ has prepared for us. We process into the church. We process up to bring the gifts. We process to receive Holy Communion. We process out to carry the Lord into the world.

Nothing should be done to impede this sacred ritual of receiving communion or diminish its powerful symbol by disrupting an important moment in which the faithful, in processing together, express their faith that they are called to become the very Body of Christ they receive. Certainly reverence can and should be expressed by bowing before the reception of Holy Communion, but no one should engage in a gesture that calls attention to oneself or disrupts the flow of the procession by assuming another posture. That would be contrary to the norms and tradition of the church, which all the faithful are urged to respect and observe.



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

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



### *Baptisms: December 1, 2024 through January 25, 2025 Welcome our Newest Members into our Faith Community*



CALLIE J., daughter of Timothy and Emily (Maher) Nosal  
 SOPHIA MARGARET, daughter of Nicholas and Megan (Maloney) Niemiec  
 EMERYK ALLEN, son of Andrew and Skylar (Parsons) Plewa  
 ROSE MARIA, daughter of Jacek and Lisa (Gawron) Wesolowski  
 LIVIA KOS, daughter of Sebastian and Sylvia (Bart) Kos  
 AGATA NATALIA, daughter of Filip and Natalia (Krzysciak) Konieczny  
 LOGAN JACK, son of Jacob and Alexandra (Laniewski) Murawski  
 CASPER PIOTR, son of Piotr and Kenzie (Niestrom) Mierzwa  
 VIOLET VIVIAN, daughter of Michael and Anna (Jozefiak) Husek  
 RORY ADALYNN, daughter of Brent and Tara (Tatro) DiBartelo  
 ANTHONY JOSEPH, son of Peter and Paolina (Enrico) Cabaj  
 MILA GRACE, daughter of Alexander and Megan (Wangelin) Orda

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To świetna okazja do promocji swojej firmy i ukazania zaangażowania w życie polskiej społeczności i parafii Św. Cyryla i Metodego w Lemont

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Full page, 1/2 page, &amp; 1/4 page

For pricing details or additional information,  
please feel free to reach out to usA great opportunity to promote your business and demonstrate  
your commitment to the life of the Polish community and the  
parish of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Lemont

Contact Us:

Ph. 773-216-1108

Email: [polishclub@stcyril.org](mailto:polishclub@stcyril.org)

RSVP by February 15, 2025

Polish Club of Lemont  
In Association with SS Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church

January 11, 2025

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are delighted to extend a formal invitation to you to join us for the 20th Annual Polish Heritage Day, hosted by the Polish Club of Lemont. This year's theme is "The Katyn Massacre". Together, we will honor the memory of its victims with a heartfelt tribute to this significant chapter in history while celebrating the rich heritage of Polish culture.

Please join us on **February 23, 2025**, at the Father Gilewski Center at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, located at 607 Sobieski St. in Lemont. The festivities will begin at 8:00 a.m. with the opening of the Exposition Hall, where you'll have the opportunity to explore a variety of exhibits.To make this community-driven event possible, we rely on your generous support. **Sponsorship tables** will be available for purchase to showcase your business (\$250 for a full 2x8 table and \$125 for a half table). We will gladly display your business advertisement free of charge in our event's PowerPoint presentation, welcome banner, and posters if you choose to provide them. In addition to sponsorship tables, we are offering the opportunity to advertise in our **newspaper bulletin**, with the following options: *Full-Page, Half-Page and Quarter-Page advertisement*. For pricing details or additional information, please feel free to reach out to us. A donation of any amount will also be greatly appreciated. We encourage you to bring your family, friends, and colleagues and share the joy and warmth of the Polish culture with them.

The main program will start at 2:00 pm with a Polish Mass, followed by a ceremony and selection of the "Pole of the Year 2025". This is an occasion to recognize and honor an exceptional individual who has made a significant impact in our community.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this special occasion and experience the vibrant and welcoming Polish community in Lemont. We appreciate your continued support, and we look forward to your attendance.

To RSVP or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, contact us via email at [polishclub@stcyril.org](mailto:polishclub@stcyril.org) or phone at (773) 216-1108 by February 15, 2025.

Respectfully,

Committee of Polish Heritage Day

Klub Polski  
w LemontXX DZIEŃ POLSKI W LEMONT  
23 LUTEGO 2025**ZBRODNIĄ KATYŃSKĄ****SERDECZNIE  
ZAPRASZAMY  
NA DZIEŃ  
POLSKI**który odbędzie się w  
sali gimnastycznej  
SSCM w Lemont  
(608 Sobieski St.)

- Uroczysta Msza Święta o godzinie 14:00
- Akademia i główne uroczystości o godzinie 15:00

**W PROGRAMIE**

- Calodzienna wystawa poświęcona Zbrodni Katyńskiej
- Kiermasz polskich biznesów – wsparcie lokalnych przedsiębiorców
- Smaczne zakąski i poczęstunek dla wszystkich gości
- Ogłoszenie zwycięzcy tytułu "Polak Roku 2025"

Zapraszamy wszystkich do wspólnej refleksji i uczczenia pamięci w duchu polskiej historii i jedności.

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wszystkim jest to deklaracja, że Jezus jest długo wyczekiwany Zbawicielem. Ale spokojna postawa Symeona w ostatnim etapie jego życia może stać się także naszą modlitwą.

W powieści Władcy Pierścieni jest scena, która oddaje to święte zrozumienie życia i śmierci. Wielu, oglądając przypowieść Tolkiena, zastanawia się, gdzie są katolickie motywy. A więc pozwólcie, że podzielę się jednym spostrzeżeniem. W tej słynnej trylogii widzimy, jak król Théoden umiera na polu bitwy. Théoden, król Rohanu, ginie walcząc o królestwo Gondoru. Sam ten fakt pokazuje, że posiada katolicką cnotę – cnotę dostrzegania powszechnej natury swojej misji. Jego zachowanie można również porównać do postawy generała Kazimierza Pułaskiego, który był Polakiem i zginął na polu bitwy ostatniego dnia oblężenia Savannah podczas rewolucji amerykańskiej. Podobnie Théoden, jak i Pułaski walczą w przekonaniu o bardzo ważną sprawę. Wznoszą się ponad błąd generała Roberta E. Lee, który nie pochwałal niewolnictwa, ale mimo to walczył za swoją „ojczyznę” – Wirginię.

To zły Saruman zdeprawował umysł i ciało Théodena. Dobry Gandalf działa niczym Mojżesz, którego różga uzdrawiała Izraelitów od ukąszeń węży. Przywraca Théodena do jego dawnej królewskiej świetności. Podczas epickiej bitwy o ocalenie Śródziemia, Théoden parafrazuje Symeona. Wnuczka Théodena, Éowyn, mówi: „Zamierzam cię uratować.” Z całą pewnością Symeona Théoden odpowiada: „Już to zrobiłaś. Idę do moich ojców, w których towarzystwie nie będę się wstydził.” Czyste sumienie i świadomość Bożego miłosierdzia dają nam łaskę spokojnej śmierci. Théoden umiera w pokoju, ponieważ widzi, że bitwa jest niemal wygrana, a on umiera jako bohater, a nie tchórz.

Podobnie jak Symeon, Ty i ja stajemy się bohaterami, gdy publicznie ogłaszamy, że Chrystus jest Królem. Ta potężna opowieść skłania nas do rozważań nad naszym przygotowaniem na wieczność i zadania sobie kilku pytań. Za czym tęsknimy? O co jesteśmy gotowi walczyć? Za co umrzeć? Czy pragniemy panowania naszego Pana już dziś?

Teraz chcę zwrócić się bezpośrednio do młodych katolików, którzy mogą to czytać i żyją ze swoją „drugą połówką”. Rozważając modlitwę Symeona, trudno ominąć myśl o tysiącach matek, które pragną zobaczyć, jak ich syn lub córka zawiera małżeństwo w Kościele katolickim. Jeśli usłyszałem to raz, słyszałem to setki razy: „Jedynym moim życzeniem, zanim umrę, jest to, aby moje ukochane dziecko wróciło do Kościoła i wzięło ślub.”

Istnieje prawdziwe połączenie między tymi dwoma modlitwami. Jezus żył i umarł, aby ustanowić swój Kościół, więc nie bójcie się, drodzy młodzi, zrobić tego kroku ku rzeczywistości. Kiedy odważnie deklarujemy, że małżeństwo jest sakramentem, ogłaszamy, że Chrystus jest Królem.

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

#### Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- Nowy rok to również okres podatkowy! W celu uzyskania zestawienia złożonych składek w roku 2024 proszę wypełnić formularz znajdujący się w biuletynie a następnie przesłać go do biura.
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- Rycerze Kolumba w przyszły weekend zapraszają do zakupu pysznych tamales po każdej Mszy św. aż do wyczerpania. To wspaniała przekąska oglądając Super Bowl!

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday — February 3rd**

7:00 AM GOD’S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY  
 † LUDWINA KIETA  
 by Basia & Joe

**Tuesday — February 4th**

7:00 AM † JANE GRZYBOWSKI  
 by Chet Kowalkowski  
 7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I OPIEKĘ M.B. DLA RYSZARDA WITKOWSKI (urodziny)  
 by Żona z Dziecmi  
 † JÓZEF I LUDWIKA SZUBA  
 by Rodzina Polak  
 † ROZALIA I KAZIMIERZ SZUŁAKIEWICZ  
 by Rodzina

O BOŻE BŁ. DLA KASI PRĘDKI (urodziny)  
 by Rodzice

**Wednesday — February 5th**

7:00 AM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED  
 GOD’S BLESSINGS & HEALTH FOR ZOFIA  
 PREDKI (birth)  
 by Marek & Family

**Thursday — February 6th**

7:00 AM † FOR ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY

**Friday — February 7th (First Friday)**

7:00 AM ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY  
 7:00 PM O BOŻE BŁ. I ZDROWIE DLA STANISŁAWA  
 (urodziny)  
 Fr. Valdi by Żona z Rodziną

† CZESŁAW ZAGRANICZNY  
 by Rodzina Prędko  
 † AUGUSTYN PRĘDKI  
 by Rodzina Prędko

**Saturday — February 8th**

7:00 AM FATHER’S DAY NOVENA  
 5:00 PM † DENNIS D. DROZD  
 by Drozd Family  
 Fr. Valdi † ZOFIA DRAG  
 by Margaret & Christopher Czupta  
 † FRANCISZKA DZIABA (4 Anniv.)  
 by Family

**Sunday — February 9th**

7:00 AM † WLADYSLAW & MARIA KOWALCZYK  
 Fr. Valdi by Daughter

† ROSE CISEK  
 by Family  
 † LUDWIG LESNICKI  
 by Walter & Sophie Lesnicki

8:00 AM † PIOTR I ANIELA GAWRON (Rocznica Śmierci)  
 Carmelite by Syn Tadeusz z Rodziną  
 † JOHN BUDZ (10 Rocznica Śmierci)  
 by Rodzina

† ZYGMUNT, DANUTA I KRZYSZTOF KMIECIK  
 by Rodzina Zych  
 † JÓZEFA I ANTONI ŁAZARZ (Rocznice Śmierci)  
 by Rodzina

9:30 AM † RITA LUDWIG

Fr. Valdi by Beverly Marzec  
 11:00 AM DZIĘKCZYNNO-BŁAGALNA O ZDROWIE I BŁ.  
 Carmelite BOŻE DLA MARI I STANISŁAWA KOWALCZYK  
 (40 Rocznica Ślubu)  
 by Dzieci

† JAN SURÓWKA (Rocznica Śmierci)  
 by Andrzej Surówka z Rodziną  
 † WLADYSLAW I MARIA KOWALCZYK  
 by Rodzina  
 † ZOFIA I ANDRZEJ JANKOWICZ  
 by Wnuczka

12:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED

Fr. Valdi † FRANCES & BILL JANIK  
 by Family  
 † MALGORZATA BIZUB  
 by Family

2:00 PM † FELIKSA CZEBIENIAK

Carmelite by Friend (znajoma)  
 † JANINA SUCHMIEL (6 Rocznica Śmierci)  
 by Rodzina

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



**2024 Contribution Statements**

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

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

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| Mark Malewski & Family | Cindy Evankoe    |
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| Grace Dunbar           | Joseph Dziekan   |


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.

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In your prayers, please remember the soul of **Joseph R. Vittorio.** May his soul and the soul of all our faithfully departed family and friends rest in everlasting peace.



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 **Please pray for...**  
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### Where Are These Holy Doors for the Jubilee Year?

The Vatican announced that, for the 2025 Jubilee of Hope that five "Holy Doors" have been opened, just as Pope Francis opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The official five Holy Doors were specified by Pope Francis when he officially proclaimed the 2025 Ordinary Jubilee. The Holy Doors will be located at the Basilica of St. Peter, the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, the Basilica of St. Mary Major, and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. A fifth door will also be located at the Rebibbia Prison in Rome, which Pope Francis opened himself.

Here in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we can join with the Universal Church in prayer and pilgrimage throughout this Jubilee year. Cardinal Cupich opened the Jubilee Year locally by celebrating a special Mass at Holy Name Cathedral on December 29, 2024. Throughout the year, through December 28, 2025, all are invited to participate in the Jubilee by visiting designated Pilgrimage Sites. The Pilgrimage could be by an individual, a family group, or a group of the faithful from a parish organization.



Holy Door sites designated in the Archdiocese of Chicago include Holy Name Cathedral and can be found on the Archdiocesan Jubilee of Hope website. Some official Jubilee 2025 Holy Door Pilgrimage sites near Lemont include:

- St. Cletus in La Grange
- St. Michael in Orland Park
- St. Rita of Cascia in Chicago
- St. Gianna Molla in Evergreen Park
- St. Veronica in Flossmoor
- Our Lady Mother of the Church Polish Mission in Willow Springs

Can't make it to Rome or even out of town? Yes, you can get these blessings if you are homebound.

Those who for various reasons cannot participate in a Pilgrimage or visit, particularly the sick and people who are elderly and alone, e.g., confined to the home, those incarcerated, can obtain the Jubilee indulgence, under the same conditions if, united in spirit with the faithful who take part in person, they recite the Our Father, the Profession of Faith and invocations to Mary. The full Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence can be found at [usccb.org/resources/Indulgence\\_Vatican\\_Bollettino.pdf](http://usccb.org/resources/Indulgence_Vatican_Bollettino.pdf)

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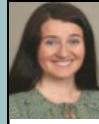
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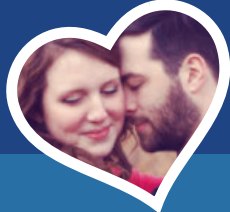


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