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

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March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.

Parish Information

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(630) 257-2776

Parish Council: Joe Martello, President

Bulletin: bulletin@stcyril.org

Helping Hands: helpinghands@stcyril.org

Mass Schedule:
Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM St. Cyril's
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)

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 (English),
9:00 PM (Polish)
Holy Days of Obligation: As announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30 PM
First Fridays: 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Also available by appointment.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:
Following the Monday morning 7:00 AM Mass

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration:
Located in the Divine Mercy Chapel in the Parish Life Building.

Parish Office Hours: Each weekday the office will be closed between the hours of 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM.

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday	9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Tuesday	9:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Friday	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday	Closed

New Parishioners: Please fill out the registration forms on the welcoming table in the back of church & place in the registration box, collection basket or return them to the parish office. You may also complete the form online on our website.

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.

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.

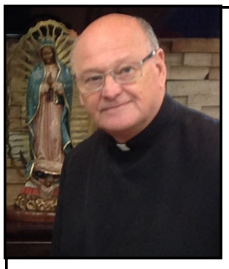
Social Media: In an effort to enhance communication with our parishioners and visitors, please visit these websites to stay better connected with the many events and ministries of our parish.

Parish Website: www.stcyril.org

School Website: www.school.stcyril.org

Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont

School Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMComets



From the Associate Paster's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Converts and Cosmos, part 1

This Sunday, the story of the Prodigal Son screams at us about the important lesson of forgiveness. Being a merciful person presents extremely difficult choices. We need to connect this admonition of God to His offer to help us. Remember, God also tells us, "Ask and you will receive, seek and you will find". When forgiving someone is difficult, then we must ask God for the grace to forgive them in the name of Christ. And it should be known that we are able to forgive only with the grace of God for a heavenly cause. And what should that cause be? Their conversion. Lent often brings to mind the stories of conversions. During Lent, the people who are preparing for Baptism and or Confirmation and Communion intensify their study and participation in the life of the church. One of the great converts to Catholicism is G.K. Chesterton. Let's contemplate just a snippet of his wisdom.

Chesterton says, "Every man conceives himself as moving about in a cosmos of some kind." His "cosmos" is front and center of his life and influences everything. The ocean is the fish's "cosmos". A doctor lives in the "cosmos" called "hospitals". A teacher's cosmos is called the school. Now, we all know what hospitals and schools are, but they are not the cosmos in which we live unless we area medical person or teacher. Consider a man who needs a hospital. If it's an emergency, the hospital of choice will most likely be the closest hospital. Questions about who owns the hospital, how are legal disputes judicated, what pharmacies are used or even salaries of employees all of which are extremely important to the doctor are inconsequential to the man with a broken arm. G.K. uses this fact of life to explain something about his reason for converting to Catholicism. He explains, his attitude about all the different religions was like a man's attitude about different hospitals. He knows there are many religions, but the basic question "which one is the best religion" wasn't a burning concern. A carpenter knows there are many hospitals, but the question of which one is the best, is always which one is the best for me now, as I have this problem. The carpenter's "cosmos" revolves around tools, real estate and floor plans. So, just as when a man decides to become a doctor, his interest in hospitals intensifies or when a woman decides to become a teacher her interest in school intensifies so our interests in religion intensifies when we see the world in which we live as "God's cosmos".

It was this realization that everything belongs to God's "cosmos" that opened his heart and his mind to the possibility that that religion which goes about calling itself "universal" aka: catholic, just might be the best one suited for explaining and guiding us through God's "cosmos". There is nothing that lies outside of God's "cosmos". Therefore, religion must be a very wide and important cosmos and a person truly interested in religion cannot keep to the "neutral attitude" that dominates most people's lives. Before his interest in Catholicism was piqued, he wasn't passionate about which religion was the best. But Catholics (back in those days) had a belief that Catholicism was indeed the best religion. And so he had to find out for himself. It was this thoughtful study that caused him to "swim the Tiber". So, in case you miss my main point here, it's simple. Yes, my friend, Catholicism is the best religion.

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

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

- Sign up now for Perpetual Adoration in the Divine Mercy Chapel. There are still openings to offer an hour of your time to Jesus.
- Father Valdi is on his 6 month sabbatical. Please pray for him during this time of renewal.
- Once again the Rice Bowls are available in the back of church for our Lenten alms to benefit the Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your participation and support.
- Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays at 6:30 PM in English and 7:30 PM in Polish. Please see the bulletin for more information regarding Stations on First Fridays.
- **All Parish Families**: Now that SS. Cyril & Methodius and St. James have joined together, it is time for a new Parish Directory! Please see the flyer in the bulletin regarding our upcoming appointments to schedule a your family's photo session to help complete our new church family album.
- 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, and go on our Facebook page or website to find the links to sign up to donate.
- The group, Bridge For Poland, is collecting items to send to Poland for the Ukrainian refugees. Please see a list of items needed in the bulletin & a complete flyer can be found on our website and Facebook page.

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

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 each week. 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 the Faithful.

Students are given to opportunity to read in church and/or present the gifts. Those reading will practice in school, at home, and in church. They learn how to share God's words to the larger community. The school always invites parents to join us in prayer!

Weekly school masses are just one of the ways our students learn, live, and deepen their Catholic faith!

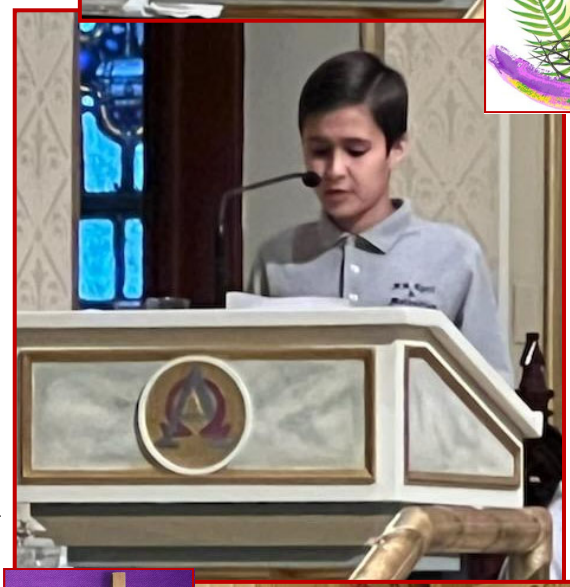
We had our second fish fry on Friday, March 18th. Thank you to Mr. John Tracy who chairs and organizes the event along with all the volunteers who helped to make the evening a great success for our school!

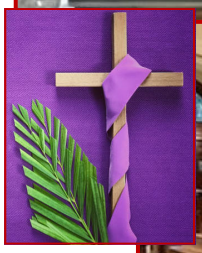
If you are interested in finding out about our school and all we have to offer your child, please call the office at 630-257-6488, ext. 21 or email lazowskijackie@stcyril.org. We would be happy to arrange a private tour along with answering all your questions. Financial assistance is available.

All the best,

Mrs. S. Tkachuk
Principal

6th Graders leading Mass





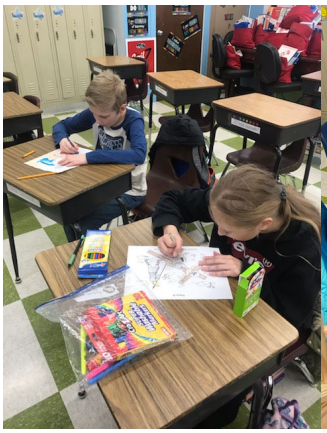
SS Cyril & Methodius
Religious Education Program
stcyrilre@sscmlemont.org
(630)257-9314
www.re.stcyril.org
Mrs Monika Leja – RE Administrator

Spring is finally here and some of our classes have enjoyed taking advantage of the nice weather outside during their class time.

Mrs Maturlak's 7th grade class (Monday) praying the Rosary by the Grotto.

Mr Smietanski's 8th grade class (Monday) walking around the church while Mr & Mrs Sciacca's 6th grade class reads their lesson.

Many of our classes have been making special Easter crafts too!



St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

10600 S. Archer Avenue | Lemont, Illinois 60439-9344 | (Ph) 630.257.7000 | (Fax) 630.257.7912
Email: stjames1833@att.net | Website: www.historicstjames.org

More than 100 gathered on Fr Koys' birthday to wish him and Charlie Hughes the very best in the coming year. The Altar & Rosary Society again presented a fabulous spread of food, and merriment abounded. Michel Domingue provided great accompaniment.

Palm Sunday Apr 10
Noon Mass is moved to begin at 12:30pm

Wednesday at St James

Water & Wisdom each Wed for the duration of Lent. Still great content (& water!). Adoration: 5-7pm & Confessions: 6-7pm & Mass: 7pm

Cardinal Newman's Holy Week Sermons

Madonna Muscarello will lead two discussions on select sermons Mon Apr 11, 9:30-11:30am and Tues Apr 12, 7-9pm. Hold the dates.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Daily through Apr 10
Access Health Center – 1700 75th Street Downers Grove (just east of 355). Pray-ers needed 7am to 7pm each day. Sign up: 40daysforlife.com/downersgrove
We gather each Friday 3pm

Fridays During Lent

**Abstinence from meat is required.
Mass is at 7pm followed by Stations of the Cross.
First Friday-April 2, 6pm-Cenacle Rosary in Hall**

Our Lady of Fatima Statue

Everyone is invited to host our beautiful statue for one week (Sun to Sun).
Openings in May and June.
See our website historicstjames.org
Questions? call Maria Kwak at 312-439-0022

Sycamore

A wonderful opportunity to enrich your faith this Lent. Sunday evenings during lent from March 6-April 10 at Ss Cyril & Methodius. For more information and to sign up go to historicstjames.org

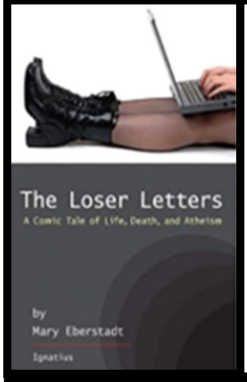
Looking for young ladies to enhance the beauty of our Mass. If you'd like to ring the bells for "Jesus I adore you" please contact Fr Koys.

St. James at Sag Bridge
Altar & Rosary Society
FOUNDED 1953

SAVE THE DATE!!! Saturday April 2nd at 9:30am. Join the Altar and Rosary Society in the rectory basement. We will have our monthly meeting, along with election of officers. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

Mr John Ellison
"How a Christian Might Hope to Benefit From the Study of Philosophy"

Join us for an enlightening presentation by this popular teacher of Philosophy, History & Latin at Chesterton Academy of the Holy Family. Sponsored by the Sag Bridge Mission Society. 2nd in the Wine & Cheese Lecture Series.
~ Saturday, April 2 ~ 7-9pm ~ Sag Hall~
Sign up link at our website: historicstjames.org



Book Club

The Loser Letters: A Comic Tale of Life, Death, and Atheism. Limited copies available in Church - $15 donation. 1st meeting at Water & Wisdom, Wed, Mar 30 after 7pm Mass. Teens & Young Adults please join us!

Aid to Ukraine

The Dominican Sisters in Justice are sending money to aid refugees in Ukraine. Envelopes in back of church. Checks payable to "Dominican Sisters" note "Ukraine." Drop in collection basket or mail.

2022 FLOWER SIGNUP CHART:
Available in the back of Church. Dates are still available Each bouquet is $35.00.

Our Weekly Offering

Our weekly *Offertory* collection from March 20, 2022 was $4,789. Our *Maintenance* collection was $5,135. Online giving (Give Central) for regular and maintenance collections totaled $1,258.

Thank you for your generosity!!

Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

Monday, March 28
8:00am Health & Healing-Bartek Mawka
✝Rochelle Haklin
Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 29
8:00am ✝James Burke
Birthday Blessings-Jacob Halon

Wednesday, March 30
7:00 pm Health & Healing-Roberta Pieta
Birthday Blessings-Richard Burruss

Thursday, March 31
8:00am ✝Rochelle Haklin
Health & Healing—Cathy Warren
✝Jeanette Cannon

Friday, April 1
7:00pm ✝Raymond Hagen
Conversion for Stan

Saturday, April 2
8:00am ✝Mike Alagno
In Reparation to Mary's Immaculate Heart for sins of the United States

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 3
8:15am: Living & Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary Society
✝Zygmunt Kolodenny
10:00am: ✝Joe Ragusa
✝James Grisolano
12pm: ✝Mary Glaubitz
✝Ryan Osowski

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

The Piotrowski Family
And
The Pawlisz Family-Birthday Blessings for Shea

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/27/22

St. James Altar & Rosary Society
All the Poor Souls in Purgatory
United States of America
Special Intention for Axton Schoell
In Memory of Rochelle Haklin

It's Time to Update History!

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

2022 Directory

Our new Directory will not be complete without YOU!!

Make your appointment after Mass
on the following dates:
St. James: March 13, 20, 27 and April 3rd
S.S. Cyril Methodius: March 19, 20, 26 and 27th
April 2, 3, 9 and 10th
OR
Online: www. ucdir.com
Church Code: IL209
Password: Photos

Photo Sessions:
St. James: April 21 – 23rd
S.S. Cyril Methodius: April 19 – 20th
May 11 – 14, 17 – 21, 24 – 25th

Have Questions – Call us
St. James: Margaret Ryan 630–728–3212
S.S. Cyril Methodius: Dianna Gliwa 630-926-8588

Bringing Families Together

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We are in search of volunteers to help parishioners make appointments for our new church directory. We need volunteers for approximetely 15-20 minutes after each Mass.
Please see the flyer in the bulletin for a list of volunteer dates. For any questions, please call Dianna Gliwa at (630) 926-8588.

Every day people in our parish are becoming widowed. We would like to help your Bereavement Ministry by offering this program for widowed men and women as they take the next step in their healing journey after attending your parish bereavement meetings.

We are happy to announce the resumption of this program.

Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at **St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois.** The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. -- All are welcome.

What: Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women
When: June 25 & 26, 2022 (2-day program)
Where: St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois
For further information , call: 708-354-7211
e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
website: www.joyfulagain.org

Bridge for POLAND

"Bridge for Poland is an organized structural action of help, directly for war refugee and relocation centers in Poland. All donated items will be transported by LOT Polish Airlines directly to Poland.

Donations to help Ukrainian refugees in Poland (items needed listed below) will be collected in our Parish beginning Sunday, March 13th. All donations can be placed in the container located next to our rectory (parking lot #3) every day from 7:30 am to 8:00 pm.

Thermal films; Sleeping bags; Sleeping mats (covered with foil); Raincoats; Hygiene measures: toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary napkins, diapers (also for adults); Combs; Thermal underwear: women, men's, children's (new in the pack); Clothing; Bedding sheets, sheets, blankets (packaged); Towels with microfiber; Reusable kitchen utensils: plates, cups, forks, knives, cups made of silicone or plastic approved for contact with food; Disinfectants; Reusable masks, disposable masks; Flashlights; Candles; Individual first aid kits; Bandages; Medical dressing kits; Haemostatic agents; Tourniquet; Rubber haemostatis tourniquet; Splints; Pipettes; Non-sterile gloves; Sterile gloves; Scissors for cutting clothes and shoes; Pulse oximeters; Evacuation loops (rescue); Carabiners (as for climbing); Medical backpacks; Mattresses: inflatable and blankets (in the package); Sleeping mats; Field binoculars; 36L Backpacks; Knee pads and armrests; Tactical gloves; Tactical footwear; Tape and roller carriers for carrying patients; Evacuation scarf with carabiner; Power generators; Mascots: stuffed animals

Helping Hands of St. Cyril and Methodius

This year we are helping our families in need providing them with both Easter Dinner and Easter Breakfast. We are asking for your assistance in donating supplies for these special holiday meals. Drop off is Wednesday, April 13th from 9am-8pm at the Benson house, 1264 Durham Lane, Lemont.

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

Our families appreciate your generosity.

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

About Helping Hands Food Pantry

SSCM runs a food pantry servicing several local Lemont Area families in need with both food and monetary contributions monthly. We are the only Lemont food pantry who delivers food. Deliveries provide additional assistance to those who are unable to get to the food pantry due to physical inabilities, work schedules, and or lack of transportation. We accept food donations at our parish office during regular business hours and the first week of the month during mass. Monetary donations can be made in the collection area in the back of church or electronically at Give Central: https://www.givecentral.org/location/320/event/14677.

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

Help Stock our Helping Hands Food Pantry Shelves

During the season of Lent we will be hosting a food drive to help keep the Helping Hands Food Pantry shelves stocked. Currently we are servicing over ten local Lemont Area families in need monthly with both food and monetary contributions. We have many parishioners who help satisfy these needs, stocking shelves, packing bags, delivering food and making monetary contributions.

Here are a few things you should be aware of:

- Please bring all nonperishable food, cleaning supplies and personal items to church and leave in the back of church or bring to the Parish Life Building during regular business hours.
- We do ask that you do not donate expired food. We cannot give expired food to the families that we help and we will throw expired food out.
- Monetary donations can be made in the collection area in the back of church or electronically at Give Central: https://www.givecentral.org/location/320/event/14677.

Top 10 items needed:

- **Canned meat such as Chicken. Beef and Vienna sausage**
- **Dinty Moore Beef Stew or Chicken and Dumplings**
- **Spaghetti O's, Ravioli and canned spaghetti etc.**
- **Jars of spaghetti sauce and spaghetti**
- **Rice and Pasta side dishes**
- **Instant Potatoes**
- **Hamburger Helper**
- **Peanut Butter and Jelly**
- **Pancake Mix and Syrup**
- **Cereal**

The pantry can always use paper goods, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products too.

If you are interested in joining the Helping Hands team please reach out to Kristyn Benson at kristynbenson124_8@gmail.com.

Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent

English Stations at 6:30 PM

Polish Stations at 7:30 PM

Schedule for Stations on the First Fridays during Lent: March 4th and April 1st

6:30 PM English Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM English Mass*

7:30 PM Polish Stations of the Cross

*Mass is in English because Father Koys will be celebrating the Mass and he does not speak Polish.

Let Franciscan Sisters of Chicago be your next exciting opportunity!

- **Full-time positions with sign-on bonus: RN, LPN, C.N.A**
- **Part-time positions: RN, LPN, C.N.A**
- **Full-time Plant Operations Technician**
- **Part-time Housekeeping**

Interested? Call Claudine @ (630) 243-3600

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Please consider using GiveCentral for online parish donations. Sign up at www.givecentral.org

Matko Boża, Módl się za Nami!

Co to jest konsekracja?

- Jest odpowiedzią na Boże wezwanie do duchowej konsekracji. Oznacza to podjęcie świadomej, chętnej decyzji o oddaniu swojej duszy, umysłu, serca i ciała Panu Bogu. Ta decyzja musi być decyzją woli, inteligencji i uczucia.

- To całkowite poświęcenie chrześcijanina, który oddaje się Bogu przez rece Maryi, aby pozwolić Mu całkowicie uświęcić swoją duszę.

- Wierzący w poświęceniu ofiarowuje Bogu „swój czas, swoje plany, swoje posiadłości, siebie, swoje wszystko".

Dlaczego katolicy poświęcają się Maryi?

Konsekracja Maryi jest poświęceniem się „doskonałym środkom" (Montfort), które Jezus wybrał, aby zjednoczyć się z nami i odwrotnie. Poświęcenie się Maryi uwydatnia głębię i prawdę naszego oddania Chrystusowi. ... Oddajemy się tej Bożej konsekracji przez Maryję, która wskazuje drogę do Serca Jezusa.

Jedną z korzyści jest to, że konsekracja jest bronią wyzwolenia i pomaga w niszczeniu błędnych wyobrażeń. Kolejną korzyścią jest to, że sprawia, że Maryja i Bóg walczą w naszym imieniu!

PROGRAM ZAWIERZENIA

Pierwsze spotkanie:
- **Czwartek- 31 Marca 2022 r. o 7:00 pm**, w PLB Salce (w nowym budynku)
- Przedstawienie Programu i Udostępnienie Potrzebnego Materiału
- Koszt Całego Materiału $35

Drugie spotkanie:
- Wtorek – 4 Kwietnia 2022 r. w PLB salce o 6:30 pm.
- Możliwość Spowiedzi
- Uzupełniające Informacje
- Dodatkowe Pytania/Odpowiedzi

Dzień Zawierzenia:
- **Wtorek - 3 maja 2022 r.**
- Nabożeństwo i Msza Święta 7:00 pm
- Uroczyste Zawierzenie ze Świecami
- Złożenie Róż Matce Bożej
- Wręczenie Certyfikatów

Prosimy o rejestrację pod numerem * Maria (630) 364-8085 * Teresa (708) 703-2700

Z biurka wikariusza pastora
Drodzy Parafianie,
W tę niedzielę opowieść o synu marnotrawnym wymownie krzyczy do nas o ważnej lekcji przebaczenia. Bycie osobą miłosierną to niezwykle trudne wybory. Musimy połączyć to upomnienie Boga z Jego propozycją pomocy nam. Pamiętajcie, że Bóg mówi do nas: „Proście, a będzie wam dane, szukajcie, a znajdziecie". Kiedy przebaczenie przychodzi z trudnością, musimy prosić Boga o łaskę przebaczenia w imię Chrystusa. Powinno się wiedzieć, że tylko z łaską Bożą jesteśmy w stanie przebaczyć w niebiańskiej sprawie. A jaka powinna być ta przyczyna? Ich nawrócenie. Wielki Post często przynosi na myśl historie nawróceń. W okresie Wielkiego Postu osoby przygotowujące się do chrztu lub bierzmowania i komunii pogłębiają naukę i udział w życiu Kościoła. Jednym z wielkich nawróceń na katolicyzm jest G.K. Chesterton. Przyjrzyjmy się tylko fragmentowi jego mądrości.

Chesterton mówi: „Każdy człowiek wyobraża sobie, że porusza się w jakiejś przestrzeni". Jego „przestrzeń" jest ważnym czynnikiem jego życia i wpływa na wszystko. Ocean to „przestrzeń" dla ryb. Lekarz przebywa w „przestrzeni" zwanej szpitalami. „Przestrzeń" nauczyciela nazywa się szkołą. Teraz wszyscy wiemy, czym są szpitale i szkoły, ale nie są one przestrzenią, w której żyjemy, chyba że jesteśmy osobą medyczną lub nauczycielem. Pomyśl o człowieku, który musi znaleźć się w szpitalu. Jeśli jest to nagły wypadek, najprawdopodobniej dokona wyboru najbliższego szpitala. Pytania takie jak, kto jest właścicielem szpitala, w jaki sposób rozstrzygane są spory prawne, z jakich aptek korzysta, jakie wynagrodzenia mają pracownicy, czyli te wszystkie czynniki, które są niezwykle ważne dla lekarza, nie mają znaczenia dla mężczyzny ze złamaną ręką.

G.K. posługuje się tym faktem, aby wyjaśnić powody, dla których przeszedł na katolicyzm. Wyjaśnia, że jego stosunek do różnych religii był jak stosunek mężczyzny do różnych szpitali. Wie, że jest wiele religii, ale zadając podstawowe pytanie „która z nich jest najlepsza" nie było najważniejszym problemem. Podobnie jak stolarz, który wie, że jest wiele szpitali, ale pytanie, który z nich jest najlepszy, to zawsze ten, który jest najbliżej gdy zaistnieje potrzeba skorzystania z niego. „Przestrzeń" stolarza kręci się wokół narzędzi, nieruchomości i planów budowniczych. Tak więc, na przykład, gdy mężczyzna postanawia zostać lekarzem, wzrasta jego zainteresowanie szpitalami lub gdy kobieta postanawia zostać nauczycielem, nasila się jej zainteresowanie szkołą, dlatego nasze zainteresowanie religią nasila się, gdy widzimy świat, w którym żyjemy jako „Boża przestrzeń".

To właśnie uświadomienie sobie, że wszystko należy do „przestrzeni" Boga, otworzyło G.K. serce i umysł na ewentualność, że ta religia, która nazywa się „uniwersalną", czyli katolicką, wszystko przedstawia jasno i prowadzi prosto do Bożej „przestrzeni". Nie ma nic, co znajduje się poza Bożą „przestrzenią". Dlatego religia musi być bardzo szeroką i ważną „przestrzenią", a osoba naprawdę zainteresowana nią nie może trzymać się „neutralnej postawy", która dominuje życia większości ludzi. Zaczem G.K. Chesterton rozbudził w sobie zainteresowanie katolicyzmem, nie pasjonował się tym, która religia była najlepsza. Ale katolicy (w tamtych czasach) wierzyli, że katolicyzm jest rzeczywiście najlepszą religią. A on musiał więc sam się przekonać. To właśnie to przemyślane studium skłoniło go do „przepłynięcia Tybru". Tak więc, jeśli przegapisz mój główny punkt tutaj, to jest to proste. Przyjacielu, katolicyzm jest najlepszą religią.
Fr Thomas Koys, M.A.,S.T.L.

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- *Poświęć tylko godzinę swojego czasu Jezusowi i zapisz się na adorację w Kaplicy Bożego Miłosierdzia. Mamy nadal wolne miejsca.*
- *Ks. Waldemar rozpoczął swój 6-miesięczny urlop zawodowy. Proszę, polecajcie go w swoich modlitwach.*
- *W raz z nadchodzącym Wielkim Postem wesprzejmy swą jałmużną tzw. miseczki ryżowe, których celem jest wsparcie Katolickiej Służby Pomocy.*
- *Stacje Drogi Krzyżowej będą odprawiane w piatki o godz. 18:30 po angielksu i o godz. 19:30 po polsku. Proszę zapoznać się z dodatkowymi informacjami w biuletynie odnośnie Drogi Krzyżowej w pierwsze piatki.*
- ***Do wszystkich w parafialnych rodzin:** Odkąd staliśmy się nową Wspólnotą Parafialną Św. Cyryla i Metodego oraz Misji Św. Jakuba jest to wspaniała okazja do utworzenia nowego Katalogu Parafialnego. Po więcej informacji zapraszamy do biuletynu w celu zaplanowania daty na sesję zdjęciową swojej rodziny. Proszę pomóżcie skompletować nasz nowy parafialny album.*
- *Organizacja Pomocne Dłonie (Helping Hands) w naszej parafii po raz kolejny będzie zbierać ofiary na wielkanocne śniadania i obiady oraz karty podarunkowe. Proszę zapoznać się z ulotką w biuletynie. Donacje można składać przez parafialną stronę internetową lub na stronie Facebooka.*
- *Orgaznicja Most dla Polski (Bridge for Poland) zbiera przedmioty, które wysłane są do Polski dla ofirar wojny na Ukrainie. Prosimy zapoznać się z listą rzeczy potrzebnych w biuletynie i ulotce na naszej stronie internetowej i Facebooku. Potrzeby wciąż są duże, a liczba poszkodowanych rośnie.*

W każdy pierwszy poniedziałek miesiąca, przy parafii św.Daniela Proroka, na południu Chicago, będzie miała dyżur s.Maksymiliana z Poradni Rachel, która pomaga rodzicom po stracie dziecka z powodu poronienia i aborcji, oraz udziela pomocy kobietom w niechcianej ciąży.

Godzinę spotkania trzeba ustalić wcześniej, dzwoniąc do Siostry, na numer telefonu: 773 656 7703. Zapewniamy pełną dyskrecję.

Mass Intentions

Monday — March 28th
7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ALEX (birth)
by Mama
✞ FRANK LASKO
by Kathy Tomala

Tuesday — March 29th
7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR DANA LICHACZ & FAMILY
by Kolodziej Family
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR LUKASZ
by Family
✞ TADEUSZ KAJPUST
by Las Family
7:30 PM ✞ ANDRZEJ BENDYK
by Rodzina Grele
✞ KS. CASIMIR KRZYSIAK
by Rodzina Gostkiewicz
✞ JANINA CIESLIK
by Rodzina
✞ JÓZEF MILAN
by Rodzina

Wednesday — March 30th
7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR JOHN KOPINSKI (11 birth)
by Grandparents
✞ SR. M. ALOYSILLA KEDZIOR
by Marie
✞ WŁADYSŁAW MADURA
by Family

Thursday — March 31st
7:00 AM SPECIAL INTENTION FOR MAREK & FAMILY
by Friend
✞ BETTY PIHOS
by Todd & Robert Jelinski
✞ KEN WILSON
by Lorraine Wood

Friday — April 1st (First Friday)
7:00 AM ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
✞ JUDY JELINSKI
by Jessica McCutcheon
✞ FRANCISZKA DZIABA
by Family
7:00 PM ✞ KAJETAN KRUPA
by Rodzina Maturlak
✞ HALINKA WILCZEK
by Czesław Zarębczan z Rodziną
✞ ALOJZY WONTORCZYK
by Żona
✞ ZOFIA I BRONISŁAW SWIATLOWSKI
by Maria Zagraniczny
✞ JOHN Chlebek
by Wife & Family

Saturday — April 2nd (First Saturday)
7:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
✞ BERNARD REILAND
by Grandson
✞ IRENA URKOSKI-SKRZYPCZAK
by Danuta & Peter
11:00 AM *Wedding: Laura Ringo and Andrew Hayes*
3:00 PM *Wedding: Valerie Renkor and Don McKendry*
5:00 PM ✞ JAN LAS
Fr. by Mszal Family
Koys ✞ JOZEF DZIABA
by Family
✞ RENEE GEMBALA
by Don & Rita Suchecki
9:00 PM WYNAGRADZAJĄCA NAJŚWIĘTSZEMU SERCU
Fr. Puslecki JEZUSA I MARYI ZA GRZECHY CAŁEGO ŚWIATA
✞ ZOFIA I BRONISŁAW ŚWIATŁOWSKI
by Maria Zagraniczny
✞ JÓZEF MILAN
by Rodzina
✞ MARIAN ĆWIK
by Rodzina
✞ AUGUSTYN PRĘDKI
by Rodzina Prędki
✞ CZESŁAW ZAGRANICZNY
by Rodzina Prędki

Sunday — April 3rd
7:00 AM ✞ PATRICIA REILAND
Fr. by Grandson
Koys ✞ JOSEPH TINOCO
by MaryBeth Rudis
✞ MICHAEL RUDIS (Anniv.)
by Family
8:00 AM ✞ WŁADYSŁAW CZUBIAK
Fr. by Anna Kopec
Michalek ✞ JAN I LUDWINA BUDZ
by Ludwika
✞ WOJCIECH I KAROLINA CIŚLAK
by Leona Cislak
9:30 AM ✞ RUTH MADDEN
Fr. by Neil & Trish Rogers
Hogan ✞ JOZEF WINSKI
w/Dcn. by Stella Winski
Rogers ✞ FR. JÓZEF BENDYK
by Kathy Tomala & Family
11:00 AM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN, ŻYJĄCYCH I ZMARŁYCH
Fr. ✞ MARIA ROZMYSŁOWSKA
Michalek by Beata z Rodziną
✞ KS. PRAŁAT JÓZEF BENDYK
by Rodzina Grele
12:30 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR BERNADETA & JOZEF
Fr. PALKA (20 Wedd. Anniv.)
Hogan ✞ GARY NEMETH
w/Dcn. by Neil & Trish Rogers
Rogers ✞ CATHERINE CALLAHAN
by Neil & Trish Rogers
2:00 PM ✞ JOHN & CHRISTINE BUDZ
Fr. by Rodzina
Michalek ✞ ANTONI I MARIA KOWALCZYK (Rocznica Śmierci)
by Frank & Mary Kowalczyk
✞ JOHN CHLEBEK
by Żona z Rodziną
7:30 PM ✞ ALDO FORTINO
Fr. by Virginia Bartucci
Koys ✞ JOZEF KAPUSCIARZ
by Stasiak Family
✞ EUGENIUSZ SANDRZYK
by Son & Family

Welcome to Our Faith Family

Elijah Casimir

Baptized:
February 27, 2022
Parents:
Casey and Melissa (Szperlak) Ciesla

Parish Contributions
March 19 & 20 2022

Envelopes	485	12,530.00
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Total		15,235.00

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485 envelopes plus 117 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 29% of 2,100 registered parishioner families.

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

Deaths

May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him

In your prayers, please remember the soul of **John P. Nugent.** May his soul and the souls 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

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

Pray for …

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

Frances Rocamora
Marisa Grant
Ed Nieponski
Jose Gaona
Rob Doucet
Chester Skibinski
Emilia Pilecki
Mary Sue Johnson
Minerva Rocamora
Byron Thoren
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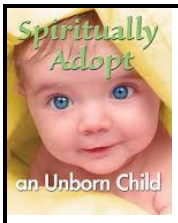
Donna
Candy Carmen
Kristen Leary
Leon Chmielewski Jr.

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.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF AN UNBORN CHILD

The members of SS. Cyril and Methodius parish family will have the opportunity to "spiritually" adopt a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies you are being asked to"adopt".

You may "adopt" a child individually or as a family by signing up during the weekend of 3/27/21. You will be asked to name the child for whom you will be praying, thereby giving the baby the humanity he or she deserves. You will be asked to pray for your unborn child each day for 9 months (a short prayer and one decade of rosary).

There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one and share the love for life that God have given you?

An official pledge to pray will take place during each Holy Mass on Sunday, March 27th.

"And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me." (Mt 18:5)

DUCHOWA ADOPCJA DZIECKA POCZĘTEGO

Zapraszamy do podjęcia corocznego dzieła modlitwy w obronie dzieci nienarodzonych, zagrożonych aborcją. Uroczysta msza św z ceremonią przyrzeczeń odbędzie się w niedzielę 27 marca podczas wszystkich mszy św.

„I kto by przyjął jedno takie dziecko w imię Moje, Mnie przyjmuje" (Mt 18,5)

Czym jest duchowa adopcja?

Każdego dnia ponad 4000 dzieci traci swoje życie w aborcji. Właśnie te dzieci pragniemy objąć naszą modlitwą. Duchowa adopcja jest osobistą modlitwę o ocalenie życia jednego dziecka wybranego przez Boga oraz o potrzebne łaski dla jego biologicznych rodziców. Zobowiązaniami są: krótka modlitwa oraz jedna dziesiątka różańca świętego codziennie przez dziewięć miesięcy, okres wzrostu dziecka w łonie matki.

Evangelize Little Catholics with "Questions for God"

Young children's minds are open and ready to learn, even inside the womb! A new program we are piloting here at St. Cyril's and St. James helps parents of babies and young children to teach them the truths of the faith each day for ten minutes from the time in the womb until they are five years old.

This program is based on a series of ten children's books called, "Questions for God." The program was written by Peggy Olds, a former CCD teacher at St. James, and the books are now certified nationally by the US Bishops as 'in conformance with the Catechism of the Catholic Church.' "Questions for God" consists of ten beautifully illustrated children's books answering the questions, and one family book about praying the rosary illustrating all its mysteries.

We have four young families from St. Cyril's and St. James trying out the program now, and plan to invite parents of our parish newly baptized babies to participate once we finish our trial run, make any necessary adjustments to expand its impact.

This is how it works: Each day at home, the parents read one of the ten books to their child(ren) and pray the rosary with them. Then once a month the parents and children will meet as a group to read and discuss the books together, pray the rosary, and support one another in living the faith. These 'Little Catholics' will have little Catholic friends who also know and practice the faith. Parents will know they are not alone in raising Catholics leaders for the future.

Can you imagine these little children memorizing ten "Questions for God" books over the next five years? That's what happens when parents repeat reading any book over and over again. What a blessing it will be for the parents to know and articulate the faith, and their children to learn the basics before they even go to school! What children's books could be more important to memorize?

Some of the ten "Questions for God" books are entitled:

God, Who are You?
God, Tell Me About Creation
God, How Did Jesus Save Us?
God, How Did You Begin Our Church?
God, Does Jesus Keep Helping Us?
God, When Will We Be With You?

EVANGELIZATION ACTION IDEAS THIS WEEK:

1. If you are a parent of a baby or toddler and would like to help pilot our "Little Catholics: Questions for God" program or help implement it in the fall, contact Coleen Mast at the email address below.
2. Pray for our pilot project "Questions for God" for our Little Catholics, that the parents persevere in reading the books to their young ones, teaching the faith, and praying the rosary.
3. Look at the website. www.questionsforGodbooks.com and view the books. Maybe you know a parent of young children who would appreciate this set as a gift and read them to their child each night for the next 5 years, forming them well in our beautiful faith.

Coleen Mast, Evangelization Coordinator, SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish and St. James Mission cmast@archchicago.org

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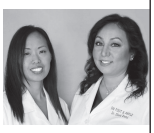

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