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

Parish Staff

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Rev. Waldemar "Valdi" Stawiarski *Pastor*

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Associate Pastor

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Roxana Boyden

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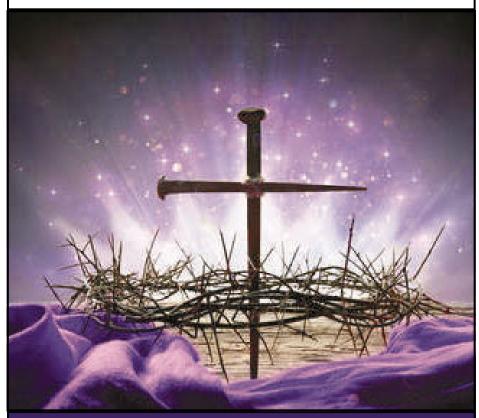
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March 12, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent

"God's great love and care for you has been revealed in Jesus."



Our Parish Mission Statement

We are a family of faith, entrusted with the gospel message of Jesus Christ. Rooted in a rich tradition of worship, service and prayer, we foster the unity and faith of this community. Enlivened by the Spirit, we share our gifts, talents and resources to bring about the Kingdom of God.

The Parish Staff of St. Cyril's and St. James welcomes all to our historic parishes that have carried on the mission of Jesus Christ.

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| Mass Schedule: Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM St Cyril's | | | New Parishioners: Please fill out the registration forms on the welcoming table in the back of chu | |

Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM St. Cyril's 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation Saturday: 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 (Polish),

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 & 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Thursday

9:00 AM to 8:00 PM **Tuesday** 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Friday Saturday & Sunday Closed

gistration 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

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish "United in Faith"



Dear Parishioners.

Today's Gospel reads like a story about the birth of faith within man. Jesus was just a passer-by for the Samaritan woman when they met by the well. You – the woman addressed Jesus. A few moments later, after a few exchanges, she referenced Jesus as Sir - out of

courtesy. Sir is more meaningful than you. When Jesus unveils the shroud over her conscience, she realizes that the stranger in front of her is someone special: "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet," she said. Moments later, sensing that the stranger is more than a prophet, she talks about her and her generation's expectations for the coming of the Messiah. She does not have the courage to tell the stranger that, just maybe, He is the One. But Jesus understood. He confirms her premonitions saying: "I who speak to you am He." She believed and ran off to share her faith with others. After two days, many people had the same conviction and professed: we believe that He truly is the Sayior.

They discovered their faith because faith in Jesus justifies man. Thanks to faith, man is no longer afraid of himself, of his sins, weakness, and often enough, of his stupidity. The path to faith is often long and winding. Is it because God is so remote, so far away? No. The biggest obstacles on the path of our faith are our own life's paths. We mutually complicate our life, pull one another from good and entice each other to sinful ways. The more emptiness, flimsiness and more indifference – the more difficult it is to accept God's gift, faith and absolution. Is man capable of making the path to faith so difficult that he'll not be able to accept the gift of faith and absolution? Perhaps that is what defines eternal damnation.

Faith and the absolution flowing from it are God's gifts. Everything in our life, the world and we ourselves are His gift. As the beneficiaries, we must be willing to accept the gift. The conversation in today's Gospel started with water: "Give me a drink," said Jesus to the woman. Yet He directs her mind to another kind of thirst, which is embedded in all of man. It is the desire of an internal peace, the need to be full of good and truth. The need to placate the desire of love – not only the ordinary kind, or the family kind, but the deep love which we miss, and afterwards, are afraid to admit to. With just a few sentences, but also with the difficulty to define the energy of this spirit, Jesus was able to wake up that desire of love in the Samaritan woman.

What is the lesson for our everyday life? We need open eyes, ears and minds, maybe even hearts. The Samaritan woman met Jesus during an ordinary activity, when she came to the well for water. We can meet God everywhere. He is waiting for us, not necessarily in the

temple. God creates limitless number of opportunities in life where He can touch us with His presence when we're pondering life just like the woman by the well. We can then realize that even though many of our expectations and needs have already been fulfilled, we're waiting for something greater. Let's not forget that the water which Jesus gives us becomes the well needed for eternal life. This is why we need to change our way of thinking, why we need some time in our daily life for reflection and prayer. The type of prayer where we are not just directing our words to God, but one where we're intently listening to the people we meet, what we observe, or what we take away during what seems like life's trivial events when Jesus is talking to us, just like He did with the Samaritan woman by the well. May the time of Lenten reflection open us to God, who's waiting for each of us. May God once again surprise us, so that we notice His gift that's prepared for us, the gift of faith and absolution through which we are born again

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

Fr. Valdi

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

- Once again during Lent, the Rice Bowls will be 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 take place every Friday at 6:30 PM in English and 7:30 PM in Polish with a Bilingual Mass at 7:00 PM.
- This Lent our parish will be participating in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey. All parishioners will be asked to complete a short survey about our parish and your own spirituality. The survey will be open on Ash Wednesday through March 31st. Please see the bulletin for more information.
- During this Lenten season, Helping Hands will be collecting items to help keep the shelves stocked for those in need. Please see the complete list of needed items in the bulletin.
- We are in need of Lectors for our weekend Masses.
 There will be a training session on Thursday, March 30th. More details and how to sign up can be found in the bulletin.
- Please join us for our Lenten Mission. We will have the Polish Mission on Sunday, March 19th-Wednesday, March 22. The English Mission will be on Sunday, March 26th-Tuesday, March 28th. More details can be found in the bulletin.

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish "United in Faith"





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

SS. Cyril & Methodius School 2019 National Blue Ribbon School

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our 8th Graders, their families, and teachers. This weekend they joined with the Religious Education students and received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We hold them all in prayer!

We are continuing to journey together through the Lenten season. We are working with the Parish and using Operation Rice Bowls and attending the Stations of the Cross. Each week different grades are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Also, each morning during our prayers the entire school is given a reflection for that day.

We had our second fish fry this past Friday. My thanks to Mr. John Tracy and all the wonderful volunteers who worked so hard to make the evening a great success!

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

Financial assistance is available.

Sincerely, Mrs. S. Tkachuk Principal



Last week we also acknowledged the students who were recommended by their teachers for exhibiting kindness in school. I know you join me in congratulating the following:

Marigold Pearson

Zachary Grundovskyi

Krzysztof Chowaniec

Maks Blaszynski

Rose Radtke

Nellie Curylo

Adrianna Guzy

Johnny Antolak

Brett Small

Amelia Sowa

Sophia Zubek

Max Plewa

Roxanna Stelmach

Julian Baczynski Alex Hofferica

Eli Cardona-Tapia

Alex Lichner

Matthew Guzy

Michael Plewa

Frejya Boyden

Emily Beranek

Amelia Glod

Bernard Golemo

Clare Galateo

Sara Gabor





March 11, 2023 10:00AM Mass

Akroush, Andreana Antolak, Vivian Anzalone, Olívia Batovskí, Selín Bawiec, Emily Bobak, Amelia Bradac, Isabella Bratkiv, Meghan Brutus, Emma Colarelli, Sarah Devoy, Avery Fracaro, Anthony Galateo, Clare Galica, María Gallik, Victoria Gryglak, Domíník

Guzy, Andrew Hamilton, Kolbe Howe, Ashley Jaszczuk, Ella Kass, Natalia Kiel, Bianca Kluska, Níkola Kobylarczyk, Maya Kopinski, Alexis Krzyzak, Vanessa Kulaga, Makenzie Kuruc, Gabriela Lys, Damian Maka, Mateusz McClelland, Chase McKenna, Izabella McMahon, Mía
Munoz, Abigail
Murray, Grace
Opalacz, Xavier
Owca, Daniel
Pontrelli, Jessica
Spang, Ronan
Stelmach, Roxanna
Strehlau, Mackenzie
Tomala, Alexander
Waclaw, Maciej
Waligora, Luciana
Walkosz, Sofia
Zubek, Sophia
Zyskowska, Dominica

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class of 2023!

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

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



March 11, 2023 2:00PM Mass

Abad, Gavin Bak, Joshua Barnett, Fabian Baro, Olivia Chlebek, Gabe Chrobak, Wesley Chuchra, Matthew Comer, John Comer, Marty Cummins, Cara Fedorovích, Emma Ferdynus, Layla Glotzbach, Lucas Gomez, Richard Gornick, Jenna Greiner, Charlotte Hagen, Andres Hyla, Claudía Karl, Bridget

Klesk, Natalie

Krueger, David Krzysiak, Jakub Kwak, Lydia Lambert, Jonas Lazarowicz, Jacob Lindow, Luciana Lolli. Lucia Martinez, Julizabeth Mielczarek, Anthony Mierzwa, Kyler Montague, Tyler Mroz, Elizabeth Murdock, Alexa Neumann, Lily Palma, Jackson Pawlikowski, Alex Pawlisz, William Písula, Sarah Plys, Sara

Kolasík, Jacob

Pobiega, Colin Poniatowski, David Rafacz, Victor Reilley, Sean Rzepa, Audrina Schmidt, Anna Solano, Lizette Sullivan, Matthew Swanson, Kyle Szpak, Nícole Szymaszek, Sebastian Tirabassi, Maximilian Trybula, Brianna Vondra, Justin Walus, Mark Wernio, Oliver Wojtkielewicz, Pawel Zieba, Alicia

St. James at Sag Bridge Mission

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



The Spring campaign runs thru Apr 2. Meet with St James group at Access Health, 1700 75th Str, Downers Grove, each *Friday 3pm*. Sign up for other times at 40daysforlife.com



Our Lady of Fatima Statue

You may host our beautiful statue for one week (Sun to Sun). Sign up at historicstjames.org Questions? Call Maria Kwak at 312-439-0022

Pray the rosary daily & in public when possible!



Every Friday in March!

Soup Suppers Join your St James friends for a meatless meal of soup & bread. 5pm in rectory. March 17, 24 & 31.

All are welcome! Meal by Altar & Rosary Society; free will offering. If possible, sign up for each week thru link on our website so we can plan. Followed by Mass at 7 & Stations.

Disciple Maker Index Follow this QR code to take a survey about your discipleship journey. Archdiocesan program for info to help parishes make decisions on how to help us grow our faith



Fasting & Abstinence During Lent

Abstinence from meat is required every Friday Fasting is required on Good Friday.

Throughout Lent Fri evening Mass is at 7pm Followed by Stations of the Cross



THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023 WHEATON ACADEMY FINE ARTS CENTER



Fr Koys' book "The Ashes that Still Remain," examining the meaning of "person" in the context of both the Civil War & abortion is now available in audio. Forward by Fr Frank Pavone. Listen & then speak up for life! audible

Water & Wisdom

During Lent we gather, but foregothe wine. The topics are still interesting! After 7pm Mass each Wednesday. Adoration 5-7, Confessions 6-7



Three delicious soups were on the menu last Friday at our first Lenten "SOUP SUPPER" held before 7:00 p.m. mass and stations of the cross. A lovely group of parishioners enjoyed conversation and soup in the rectory basement. We hope you can join us this Friday as 3 new recipes will be served!

An EASTER BRUNCH is being planned for April 2nd (Palm Sunday). All parishioners are invited for festivities including an Easter egg hunt for the young ones. Details to come next week.

ST. JOSEPH DAY TABLE

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Birthday Celebration

in honor of

Fr. Fom & Charlie!

SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH 3:00-6:00 PM (\$30 por person)

Live Music!!!

Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner, Desserts, Beer, Wine & Coffee!

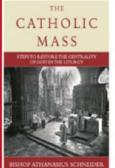


ILLINAIS MARCH FOR

First ever! Illinois March for Life

Tuesday, March 21 Springfield 10am - Mass w/Bp Paprocki Noon - Rally at the Capitol 1pm - March around the Capitol 2pm - Meet with representatives

Join Fr Koys to pray, march, and plead. Don't let Illinois be a haven for abortion! There is a group hotel rate for Mon 3/20, or drive down Tues. All details & Sign-up at historicstjames.org



This Thursday - Book Club

Our first discussion of Bishop Schneider's "The Catholic Mass" will be led by Fr Scott Haynes on Mar 16 at 7pm in Sag Hall. He will lead again on Mar 23, and Fr Koys will handle the finale on Mar 30. Didn't read? Come anyway!

JOINT PARISH LENTEN MISSION

See all the info about the Mission elsewhere in this bulletin. Sun, Mar 26, 5pm Fr Ryan Brady will speak at St Cyril's; Mon, Mar 27, 7pm Movie on St Padre Pio at St James; & Tues, Mar 28, Fr Koys will lead "Best of FORMED.org" 7pm at St Cyril's. Come to one, two, or three!

VOTIVE OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 3/12/23

St. James Altar & Rosary Society All the Poor Souls in Purgatory United States of America In Honor of Mary, Undoer of Knots

Mass Intentions

Note: Please allow 2 weeks notice to book Mass intentions

Monday, March 13

8:00AM Birthday Blessings—John Zabinski Health & Blessings—Anna Wilczek

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Ann Noonan

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

7:00PM Prank & PJosephine Tessitore PRose Bafia

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

8:00AM Birthday Blessings—Don Ryan Health & Healing—Carissa Kimmel TKathy Ficaro

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

7:00pm Birthday Health & Blessings—Fr. Tom Koys \$\Psi\$Joseph Scialabba

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

8:00AM Health & Blessings—Anna Wilczek

Fourth Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8:15AM: Health & Healing—Kathleen McNally
Living & Deceased Members of the
Altar & Rosary Society

For Our Lady of Fatima Travelling Statue Hosts— May Our Lady of Fatima & the Sacred Heart of Jesus grant them blessings and all graces

10AM: PJames & PIrene Wall

Birthday Blessings—Fr. Tom Koys 12pm: Health & Blessings—John Bafia

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

Monica Piotrowski—In Loving Memory of Nathan John Piotrowski



Our weekly Offertory collection from March 5, 2023 was \$5,807. Our Maintenance collection was \$1,497. Online Giving (Give Central) for regular and Maintenance collections totalled \$2,703.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!



Easy Giving

Use this QR code to access St James' GiveCentral donation page. Or text "SagBridge" to 630-250-5786. Thank you!



It's official! The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** is a great way to reflect on your own spiritual growth while helping our parish plan for the future.

Complete the short, 10-15 minute anonymous survey at catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi or scan the code, or find a paper copy in the narthex or parish office after Mass.

Available from **Ash Wednesday**, **February 22 to March 31**. Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.



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Stations of the Cross Every Friday During Lent

6:30 PM English Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Bilingual Mass
7:30 PM Polish Stations of the Cross

VICARIATE V RACHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO MINISTRY COMMISSION Presents:

Lector Training

Initial Training for Lectors Thursday, March 30th 2023



Participants will learn the theological and practical skills necessary to proclaim the Word and serve as a Lector at Mass

DAY AND DATE OF PRESENTATION:

Thursday -March 30th 2023 Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish Life Building Meeting Room 1



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

Please register at: https://ministrycommissionv5.com/

Contact: Trish Nicckleski, SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish Liturgy 630-257-2776



Lectors Needed

We are in need of lectors to read at the weekend Masses. If you are interested in serving SSCM at Sunday Mass as a lector please

call Trish Nickleski at 630-257-2776 or register using the above link. Training for all new lectors will be on March 30th from 6:30—8:30 PM here at SSCM. Once you have completed the training you will be placed on the schedule and begin to read at Mass. Please consider getting involved as a lector at Mass we really need your help!!



CRS Rice Bowls will be available once again during this Lenten Season. You can pick up a rice bowl

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



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 <u>Give Central</u>; 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
- Jars of spaghetti sauce and spaghetti
- Rice and Pasta side dishes
- Instant Potatoes
- Hamburger Helper
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Cereal
- Salad Dressing, Ketchup and Mustard

The pantry can always use Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products.

If you are interested in joining the Helping Hands team please reach out to Kristyn Benson at kristynbenson1248@gmail.com.

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. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, 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!

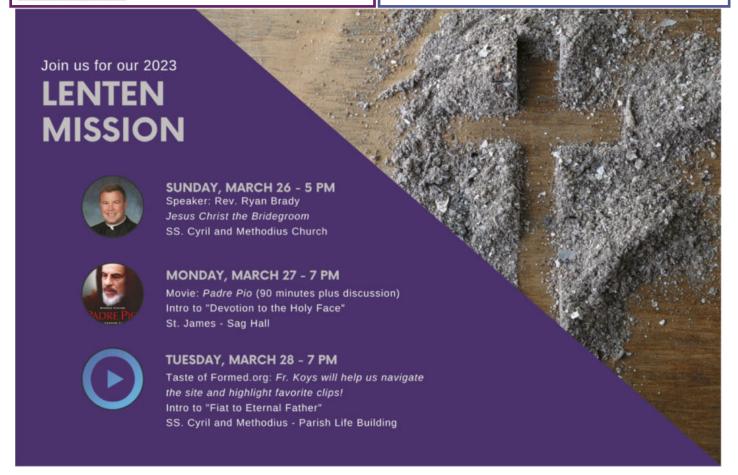
What: Retreat/workshop for Widowed Men & Women

When: April 1 & 2 (2-day program-overnight encouraged)

Where: St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont, Illinois (Commute or stay overnight.)

For further information, call: 708-354-7211. e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

website: www.joyfulagain.org





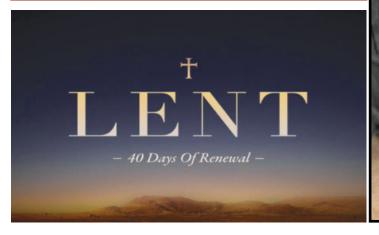
To wiadomość oficjalna! **Ankieta Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** jest świetnym sposobem, aby zastanowić się nad własnym rozwojem duchowym oraz pomóc naszej parafii w planowaniu przyszłości.

Wypełnij krótką, **anonimową** ankietę na portalu: **catholicleaders.org/chicagodmi**, zeskanuj poniższy kod lub poszukaj drukowanej wersji ankiety w przed-sionku kościoła lub biurze parafialnym. Odpowiedź na ankietę zabierze ci to od 10 do 15 minut.

Ankieta będzie dostępna od Środy Popielcowej 22 lutego do 31 marca. Nie przegap tej okazji! Pozwól, aby inni usłyszeli twój głos!



W tym Wielkim Poście nasza parafia będzie uczestniczyć w ankiecie Index Apostoła (Disciple Maker Index - DMI). Wszyscy parafianie zostaną poproszeni o wypełnienie krótkiej ankiety na temat naszej parafii i własnej duchowości. Dostęp do ankiety można uzyskać za pośrednictwem naszej strony internetowej lub za pomocą powyższego kodu QR. Jeśli preferujesz ankietę na papierze, można ją znaleźć na stolikach z tyłu kościoła. Proszę wypełnić i zwrócić do biura parafialnego. Pomożcie nam i poświęćcie trochę czasu na wypełnienie tej krótkiej ankiety. Ważne jest, aby każdy przekazał swoją opinię w celu ulepszenia duchowej strony naszej wspólnoty parafialnej.







Let Franciscan Sisters of Chicago be your next exciting opportunity!

- Full-time Plant Operations Technician
- Full-time Housekeeping
- Reception (Every other Saturday 1-8:30pm & as needed.)

Interested? Call Claudine @ (630) 243-3600



SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish "United in Faith"



Drodzy Parafianie,

Czytana dziś Ewangelia jest opowieścią o budzeniu się wiary w człowieku. Dla samarytańskiej kobiety Jezus najpierw jest zwykłym przechodniem spotkanym przy studni. Ty – zwraca się do Niego kobieta. Chwilę później, po kilku zaledwie zdaniach rozmowy, pada z jej ust słowo Panie – na razie tylko jako

zwyczajny, grzecznościowy zwrot. Ale to już więcej, niż zwykłe ty. Gdy odsłonił tajemnice jej sumienia, niewiasta zrozumiała, że Nieznajomy to ktoś wyjątkowy: "Panie, widzę, że jesteś prorokiem" – mówi do Niego. Chwilę później, przeczuwając, że Nieznajomy jest kimś więcej, niż prorokiem, mówi o oczekiwaniach swoich i swojego pokolenia na przyjście Mesjasza. Nie ma odwagi powiedzieć Nieznajomemu, że to chyba On jest tym Oczekiwanym. Jezus zrozumiał. Potwierdza jej przeczucia, mówiąc: Jestem Nim Ja, który z tobą mówię. Kobieta uwierzyła i biegnie dzielić się wiarą z innymi. Po dwóch dniach będzie to już przekonanie wielu ludzi, którzy wyznają: Wierzymy że On prawdziwie jest Zbawicielem.

Doszli do wiary, bo to wiara w Jezusa usprawiedliwia człowieka. Dzięki wierze grzeszny człowiek przestaje się bać samego siebie, swoich grzechów, swojej słabości, a niejednokrotnie swojej głupoty. Droga do wiary bywa długa i kręta. Czy dlatego, że Bóg jest tak odległy? Nie. Większą przeszkodą na drodze wiary są spłątane drogi naszego życia. A płączemy je sami. Każdy z nas inaczej plącze drogi swego życia i żeby tylko swjego. Wzajemnie komplikujemy życie, jedni drugich odwodząc od dobra lub prowokując do złego. Im więcej bezmyślności, im więcej bylejakości, im więcej obojętności – tym trudniej przyjąć Boży dar – i wiary, i usprawiedliwienia. Czy człowiek może sobie tę drogę utrudnić do tego stopnia, że nie przyjmie daru wiary i usprawiedliwienia? Niestety, może i to właśnie jest wieczne potępienie.

Wiara i płynące z niej usprawiedliwienie jest darem Boga. Zresztą – wszystko w naszym życiu, cały świat i my sami jest Jego darem. Rzecz w tym, by obdarowany potrafił dar przyjąć. Rozmowa w Ewangelii zaczęła się od wody: "Daj Mi pić!" – mówi Jezus do niewiasty. I kieruje jej myśl ku innemu pragnieniu, które jest w każdym człowieku. Jest to pragnienie wewnętrznego pokoju, potrzeba nasycenia się dobrem i prawdą. Chęć zaspokojenia pragnienia miłości – i to nie tylko tej zwyczajnej, rodzinnej, lecz głębi miłości, do której tęsknimy, często bojąc się do tego przyznać. Jezus kilkoma zdaniami, ale także jakimś trudnym do nazwania promieniowaniem siły swego ducha obudził w Samarytance to pragnienie.

A jaka z tego wszystkiego nauka dla naszej codzienności? Potrzebujemy otwartych oczu, uszu i umysłów, a może i serc? Samarytanka spotkała Jezusa w zwyczajnym miejscu przy banalnej czynności, gdy przyszła po wodę do studni. Boga możemy spotkać

wszędzie. On na nas czeka niekoniecznie w świątyni. Tyle przecież zaskakujących sytuacji w życiu, które Bóg stwarza, byśmy musieli się otrzeć o Jego obecność i zamyślić, jak owa kobieta przy studni. I uświadomić sobie, że choć tyle naszych oczekiwań i potrzeb już jest zaspokojonych, to przecież czekamy na coś więcej. I nie zapomnieć, że jest woda, która Jezus daje, a która staje się źródłem wody wytryskającej ku życiu wiecznemu. Dlatego potrzebny nam nawyk myślenia, potrzebna codzienna chwila wyciszenia na refleksję i modlitwę. Potrzebna modlitwa nie słów do Boga kierowanych, ale wsłuchiwanie się w to, co przez spotkanych ludzi, przez codzienne sprawy, przez błahe nieraz wydarzenia mówi do nas Jezus... Jak do Samarytanki przy studni. Czas Wielkiego Postu, czas rekolekcji, może nas na nowo otworzyć na Boga, czekającego na każdego i każdą z nas. Oby zaskoczył nas kolejny raz. Obyśmy dostrzegli wtedy dar, jaki dla nas przygotował. Dar wiary i usprawiedliwienia, dzięki któremu rodzimy się na nowo

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

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Mass Intentions

Monday — March 13th

IN REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS 7:00 AM FOR THE SINS COMMITTED AGAINST THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY

> ♣ LUDWINA KIETA by Lukanus Kieta

Tuesday — March 14th

IN REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS 7:00 AM FOR THE SINS COMMITTED AGAINST THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

> ♥ WLADYSLAWA ZYCH by Danuta Wontorczyk **†** BERNADINE WOJNOWSKI

by Friend

7:30 PM TOFIA BABIARZ (4 Rocznica Śmierci) by Rodzina

> ♣ JAN NIEMIEC by Szwagier ♣ HENRY MSCISZ

by Szwagier **♥ JULIA KOZIEL**

by Walter & Lottie Koziel

Wednesday — March 15th

7:00 AM IN REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS FOR THE SINS COMMITTED AGAINST THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

♣ JAN & ANNA SKITAL

by Family ♥ MARIUSZ PAZDAN

by Ludwik & Wieslawa Pazdan

Thursday -March 16th

IN REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS 7:00 AM FOR THE SINS COMMITTED AGAINST THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

GOD'S BLESSINGS & RETURN TO HEALTH FOR

SHIRLEY SOKOLOWSKI

by Basia K.

♥ WALTER GLIWA by James & Dianna Gliwa

Friday - March 17th

7:00 ÅM IN REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS FOR THE SINS COMMITTED AGAINST THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

> → HELENA KOPINSKA by Zalinski Family

† ANNA MAKA by Stanislaw & Maria Gal

by Brat

> by Janina i Józef Mszal

☆ FRANCISZEK I MARIA MAJ by Rodzina

♣ ZBIGNIEW GACEK

Saturday - March 18th

7:00 AM IN REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS FOR THE SINS COMMITTED AGAINST THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

> → HELEN MANKOWSKI by Joanne Klosowski & Family

♣ KAROLINA KEDZIOR by Marie

₱ JOZEF, WANDA, WLADYSLAW & WIESLAW CISLO by Cislo Family

5:00 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR KRYSTYNA CWIK (birth)

by Friend Fr. Noga

◆ STANLEY KOWALKOWSKI

by Daughter

♥ JOSEPH & ALICE WALUS by Chris Walus

Sunday — March 19th (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

7:00 AM IN REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS FOR THE SINS COMMITTED AGAINST THE Fr.

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by Szwagierka Aniela Jagiełło Stawiarski

₱ FELIKS WIELGOSZ (Rocznica Śmierci)

by Dzieci

♣ JÓZEF GAZDA by Brat z Rodziną

GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ROBERT WALKOSZ (birth) 9:30 AM

♥ GERMAINE REJDUKOWSKI Fr. by Joe & Nancy Wodynski Huynh

♣ CHESTER TOMALA SR. (7 Anniv.)

by Wife & Children

♣ ANDRZEJ BENDYK (Anniv.) by Wife & Family

11:00 AM ♥ TADEUSZ I MAŁGORZATA KOSTRO † JAN CUDZICH (2 Rocznica Śmierci)

by Siostra Stawiarski

T MARIA, JAN I WOJCIECH STASZEL by Córka

† ZMARLI CZŁONKOWIE KLUBU POLSKIEGO

12:30 PM ♥ STEFAN & JOZEFA DZIABA

♣ VINCENTY BRYJA

Samborski & MARGHERITA CAPRARA (2 Anniv.)

by Mendoza Family ☆ WLADYSLAW HYLA by Hyla Family

2:00 PM 🗘 JÓZEF MYNARSKI

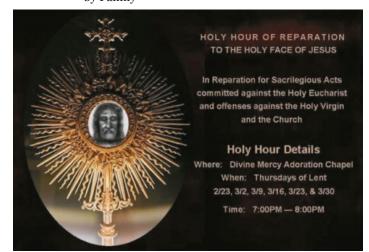
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Please pray for...

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