

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish St. James Mission

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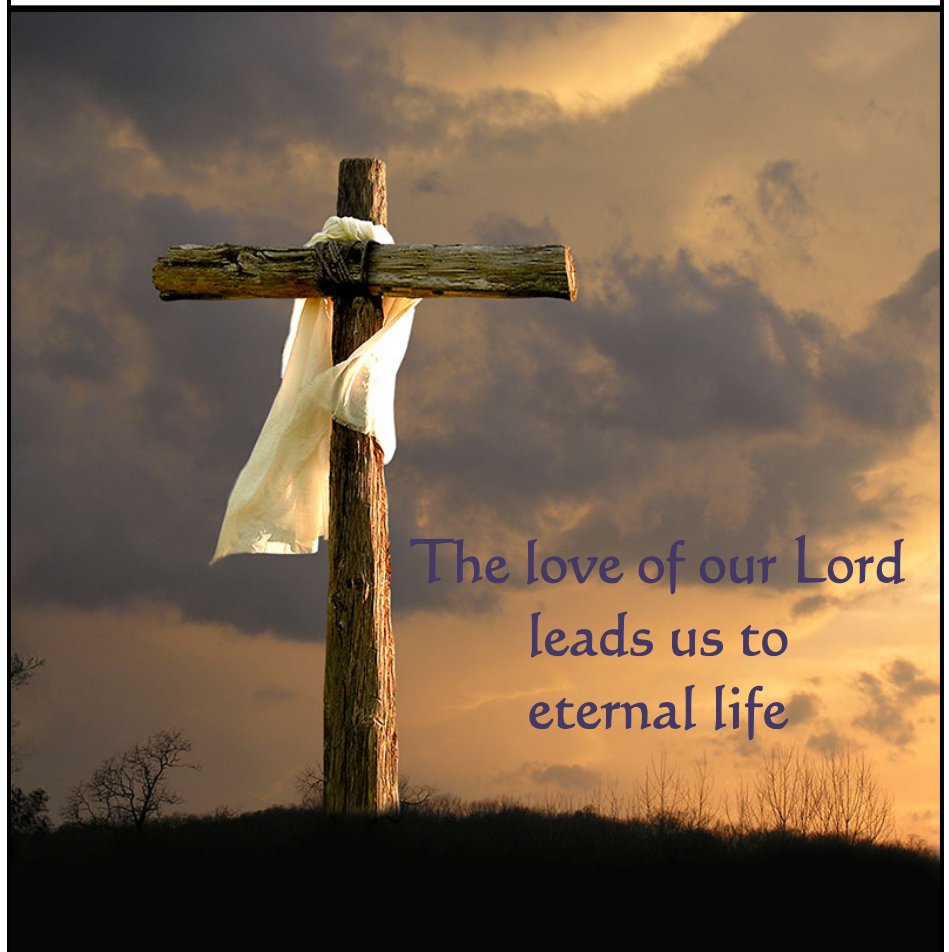
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March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent



The love of our Lord
leads us to
eternal life

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.

Welcome to SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

The Parish Staff of St. Cyril's welcomes all to our historic parish that has carried on the mission of Jesus since 1884.

Parish Information

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Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM St. Cyril's
Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation
Sunday: 7:00 AM (No Music), 8:00 AM (Polish),
9:30 AM, 11:00 AM (Polish),
12:30 PM, 2:00 PM (Polish),
7:30 PM (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, 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-Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Saturday & Sunday Closed

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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 Pastor's Desk*

The readings of this weekend remind us that we have finally reached the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Holy Week is not too far away. During these Lenten days, all Christians have been doing penance and fasting. We would consider it to be normal for a good Christian, during this season, to try to live as Christ asks us to live in today's Gospel. The norm to follow is of the grain of wheat that is transformed and gives much fruit. It would be a pity if we allowed these days of Lent to pass without trying to live out a more spirit filled life. Yet, at the same time, we should remember that if the grain of wheat does not die first, it remains just a grain of wheat; it is not transformed into something new.

In the Gospel Reading, Saint John tells us that Jesus already knows that he will die and that he is preparing himself for that event. But he also knows that, with his death, a new people will be born, what today, we call the universal Church. Many people talk about Jesus as if he were radically different from us. They say that he could stand the pain of the crucifixion because he was God. But Jesus was not like that. In his human nature, Jesus had all of the problems and pains that we have. He was like us in everything but sin. That is why he probably feared death, just as much as we do. The Greeks who came to talk to Jesus during the feast of the Passover in Jerusalem got to hear very human words of Our Lord. Jesus did not believe that the Cross signified failure. But that does not mean that he was not afraid of it, just as we would be. This is understandable because crucifixion meant unimaginable suffering.

We also have to suffer in this life, but in reality the crosses we are called to carry are much smaller than Jesus' cross. Yet, we are called to bear our crosses with the same patience and courage. We should understand that it is better to accept suffering, as it comes, because we all have to carry our cross for better or for worse. Many Christians refuse to accept any sacrifice that they are asked to make. They say: "As long as I'm living, I want to live well." With that idea in mind they completely separate themselves from God, try to take advantage of others, and try to make as much money as possible without worrying where it comes from. They seem to have an incredible need to live life as they wish without taking into consideration the consequences of what they do for themselves or for others. But this way of living is not exactly what God asks of us.

Saint Paul, in the Second Reading, tells us that even though Christ was God, he lived in this world and took on a human nature, and because of this he learned about

the suffering that is part of life. This is what we do. We learn to live because of the challenges we go through. We learn that if we want to follow Jesus, we have to take up our cross, just as he did

My friends, our faith should show us that if we want to dedicate ourselves totally to Christ, we have to make a firm commitment to follow him. Only in this way, will the grain of wheat that is our spiritual life give fruit. We also heard in the Gospel reading what we need to do to allow this to happen in our life. Whoever loves his life loses it and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Let's keep this in mind as we continue our Lenten journey.

And now a few things I want you to know:

- We are in need of volunteers to help deep clean our church each Wednesday at 9:00 AM. Please help keep our church safe for all Masses to continue.
- Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:30 PM in English and 7:30 PM in Polish. Sign up is required. Please see the bulletin for more details.
- Rice Bowls are now available in the back of church for our Lenten alms to benefit the Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your participation and support.
- Sign up for Perpetual Adoration in the Divine Mercy Chapel. There are still openings to offer an hour of your time to Jesus.
- Purchase a Divine Mercy yard sign. For sale after the Masses on March 14th & 21st. See the ad in the bulletin for more details.
- Helping Hands will be delivering groceries to families in need to help provide them with Easter breakfast and dinner. Please see the bulletin for more information and where to sign up to help those in need this Lenten season.
- The Easter schedule including, confession date and time and the Holy Week schedule is in today's bulletin.
- Please check out page 8 of our bulletin to meet our newest staff member, Coleen Mast. Learn about the Renew My Church-New Evangelization Team for SSCM & St. James Mission that Coleen will lead. Join me in welcoming her to our staff and our parish.

Thanks for your continuous support and generosity toward SS. Cyril and Methodius Church. Have a nice weekend and God bless you and your loved ones.

Fr. Valdi



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Dear Parishioners,

We have almost reached the end of our Lenten journey and our school family of faith is preparing to enter Holy Week.

On Tuesday we celebrated a beautiful school mass attended by Grades 3,4, and 5. Please enjoy the pictures from their liturgy.

We are accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school year!

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.

Thank you as always for your continued support of our school!

Mrs. S. Tkachuk,
Principal




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Dear Religious Education Families,

Praying the Stations of the Cross—alone or with a group—is a Lenten tradition. Read and pray these stations very slowly. Imagine the scene in Jerusalem as Jesus walked his Way of the Cross. Often, the Stations of the Cross is an action prayer. Catholics walk to the fourteen stations of the Way of the Cross and stop to pray at each one. We invite you to reflect on these stations together as a family. Here is a great video going through the Stations of the Cross: <https://bit.ly/3rRWj11>



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1. **Jesus is condemned to death.** Jesus was accused of many crimes he didn't commit. He didn't defend himself. He knew he needed to die for our sins.
2. **Jesus accepts the cross.** The cross was big and heavy. It was hard for Jesus to carry it. Jesus carried the heavy cross without complaining once.
3. **Jesus falls the first time.** Jesus was already badly wounded when he fell the first time. It must have hurt very much. Jesus got up and kept on going.
4. **Jesus meets his mother.** Jesus knew that his mother was sad to see him suffering so much. But he was so happy she came to him. Mary loved Jesus very much.
5. **Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus.** Simon didn't come to help Jesus but to see what was going on. Then he was ordered by the soldiers to carry the cross, because Jesus was having such a hard time.
6. **Veronica wipes Jesus' face.** Veronica loved Jesus very much. When she stepped out to wipe his face, she risked getting in big trouble from the soldiers. Her love and kindness overcame her fear.
7. **Jesus falls a second time.** Jesus fell again because he was so weak and tired from all his wounds. He still didn't give up. He got back up and continued on.
8. **Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.** A lot of people were against Jesus, but a lot of people followed him. They were his faithful friends.
9. **Jesus falls a third time.** It's unbelievable that Jesus fell again and the soldiers didn't help him. They only yelled louder for him to get up and continue on. Jesus didn't get mad at them; he forgave them.
10. **Jesus is stripped of his clothes.** To be without clothes in front of everyone is a humiliating thing. Jesus wasn't ashamed because he knew his Father in heaven loved him and everyone who was there.
11. **Jesus is crucified.** The soldiers drove nails through Jesus' hands and feet. They lifted up the cross and put it in place. Jesus was in a lot of pain.
12. **Jesus dies on the cross.** When Jesus died, the sky got dark and the ground started to shake. This made some people very scared. They saw that Jesus was innocent and that they had made a big mistake.
13. **Jesus' body is taken down from the cross.** Joseph of Arimathea gave Jesus his own burial cave because Jesus didn't have a place to be buried. Joseph was another one of Jesus' friends who took a risk to help him.
14. **Jesus is laid in the tomb.** Even when things look very difficult and sad, there is always hope that God can bring new life.

Resource: www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources and www.wau.org/resources



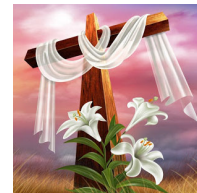
Easter 2021

Palm Sunday*

Palms will be blessed and distributed at every Mass

Mass on Saturday at 5:00 PM

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



Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday*

No Morning Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM (Bilingual English & Polish)

Adoration following Mass until midnight

Good Friday*

English Stations of the Cross 10:00 AM

Polish Stations of the Cross 4:30 PM

Service of the Lord's Passion and Death:

12:00 Noon (Polish), 3:00 PM (English), 5:00 PM (Polish), 7:00 PM (English)

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

Holy Saturday*

Blessing of Food Baskets:

Due to the pandemic this year, we will have a drive by basket blessing on Saturday, April 3rd from 10:00 AM until Noon. On that day, you will drive up to the front of the church and stop and Fr. Valdi will bless your baskets while you remain in your car. This is for everyone's safety and we thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

No Confessions and no 5:00 PM Mass on Holy Saturday.

Easter Vigil Mass (English) 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday Masses*

5:00 AM - Church-Polish

7:00 AM - Church English

8:00 AM - Church-Polish

9:30 AM - Church-English

11:00 AM - Church-Polish

12:30 PM - Church-English

2:00 PM - Church-Polish

NO 7:30 PM Mass

***Registration for Mass is required. The registration link for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, will be available on Monday, March 29th at 9:00 AM on our website. The registration link for Easter Sunday will be available on Tuesday, March 30th at 9:00 AM on our website. All Masses will be celebrated live in the Church. Once the Church reaches capacity, then you will be seated in the following locations where Mass will be live-streamed for you to watch: Chapel, Parish Life Building and the school gym. Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing must be followed.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday, March 29th: Reconciliation Individual Confessions (English and Polish)

4:00 - 8:00 PM Parish School

Due to the pandemic, individual confessions will take place in the Parish School. Registration will take place at the door. A limited number of people will be allowed in the building at a time. Temperatures will be taken at the door.

Masks are required and social distancing will be maintained at all times.



Helping Hands Easter Meal Donations:

The Helping Hands Ministry will be delivering groceries to our Helping Hands families. We could use your help with donations. You can sign up to donate the items needed through sign up genius. The link for this can be found on our website at www.stcyril.org. The donations will be dropped off at the Benson House on March 31 from 9:00 AM until 8:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Kristyn at 312-656-6711 or email her at kristynbenenson1246@gmail.com. Please consider helping those who are less fortunate than you are this, Easter.

Stations of the Cross Every Friday in Lent



English Stations at 6:30 PM

Polish Stations at 7:30 PM

Due to the pandemic, we will **not** be having the 7:00 PM Bilingual Mass on Fridays this year. **Registration for Stations each week is required.** The registration link is available on our website. **Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing must be followed.**



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!

DIVINE MERCY YARD SIGN



Divine Mercy yard signs

will be available in two sizes.

Sale in the church after

the Holy Masses on March 14 & 21

or call Grace for order: 630-257-5094

Obrazy Jezusa Miłosiernego

będą do nabycia w dwóch rozmiarach.

Sprzedaż w kościele po Mszach Świętych

14, 15, 16, 17 oraz 21 Marca.

W sprawie zamówień można dzwonić do

P. Grażyny (630) 257-5094





Renew My Church → New Evangelization Team for SSCM & St. James Mission

Spiritual Renewal is the ultimate goal of the Renew My Church Program; that is, to have parishes full of members enlivened by the Holy Spirit, witnessing their Catholic faith, and sharing the message of salvation with everyone for generations to come. To foster this culture of evangelization within all parish ministries, the Archdiocese asks each new parish reality to select an Evangelization Coordinator and an Evangelization Team. Our team will consist of 10-15 members of St. Cyril & Methodius and St. James Mission combined.

To lead this Evangelization Team, we are adding to our part-time staff Coleen Mast, an experienced evangelist and catechist who joined our parish this past year. Coleen is an International Speaker, Author, Professional Life Coach, and Radio Host on EWTN Global Catholic Radio Network. She hosts a national call-in advice show, "Mast Appeal" on Saturday mornings, bringing thousands of people closer to Christ in their everyday life choices. Coleen holds a Master's Degree, four teaching specialties, and an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Humane Letters for her writings on the human person. She has served two terms as an advisory to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as for the Vatican Pontifical Council for the Family in Rome under Pope St. John Paul II. Coleen and her husband, Kent have five grown children.

The most important aspect of evangelization and spiritual renewal for our parish is your prayers. Let us join together asking God to help us grow our faith and give us opportunities to share his message of love, forgiveness, and salvation in Jesus Christ, so that we can make 'His Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.'

The Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship has organized various resources and training programs for us to utilize to build an ongoing spiritual renewal and culture of evangelization that will be durable and last for decades.



Lenten Fast for Creation Care

This Lent, consider a Lenten Sacrifice focused on Care for God's Creation



Why a Lenten Creation Care Fast? Things we buy impact our environment, take time from our life and often control us.

WEEK SIX: 24/7 consumerism exhausts workers, resources, and distracts us spiritually. Pope Francis urges us to seek a simpler, less materialistic life. Observing the Sabbath encouraged detachment from temporal goods by putting aside time for God. Try designating days this week for a more contemplative state, giving up buying "stuff", and pre-purchasing only the minimum essentials.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
M A R C H	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

"Stuff" Fast - Set aside specific days to devote your free time to contemplative thought, prayer and spiritual development. Pre-purchase necessary essentials and try to buy nothing on those days. Think about "what things do I really need?".



"CONGRATULATIONS"

TO OUR SECOND TRIMESTER HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

HIGH HONORS (5TH GRADE)

ANDREJA MICIULYTE
MARIELLA MORAN
WILL SAGOTZ
ALLIE TILLY

HONORS (5TH GRADE)

PATRICK BERANEK
MYKOLAS CEPAS
DANIEL KHAN
ENZO LOCOCO
NICK O'BOYLE
AIDAN TRACY

HONORABLE MENTION (5TH GRADE)

JOE BERANEK
LUCAS BRADAC
OLIVIER GLINKOWSKI
CHRISTIAN HOFFERCA
VANESSA JURGAITIS

HIGH HONORS (6TH GRADE)

AMELIA BOBAK
ISABELLA BRADAC
MEGHAN BRATKIV
AVERY DEVOY
ANTHONY FRACARO
ANDREW GUZY
MAKENZIE KULAGA
GRACE MURRAY
JESSICA PONTRELLI
MACKENZIE STREHLAU
ALEXANDER TOMALA
SOPHIA ZUBEK

HONORS (6TH GRADE)

BIANCA KIEL

HONORABLE MENTION (6TH GRADE)

CLARE GALATEO

HIGH HONORS (7TH GRADE)

AMELIA BRZEZNIAK
NATHAN CEROCKE
MATTHEW CIESLA
MATTHEW DABROWSKI
JULIA GALICA
ANDRE LABUDA
SEAN MURRAY
MATTHEW O'BOYLE
JACOB PERSKI
VIJA POLIKAITIS
MICHAEL TILLY
DOMINIK TOMALA

HONORS (7TH GRADE)

HONORABLE MENTION (7TH GRADE)

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JONATHAN BARANOWSKI
AUBREY HENSLEY
ANTHONY IAQUINTA
NICHOLAS QUAID
PAUL STRACZEK
NOAH TIENDA

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ELIZABETH BRATKIV
NORA GALATEO
ARIS MAURUKAS
KIERA MORAN
AIDAN O'HARE
CHRISTOPHER PTASZEK
ALINA TOMALA
LAUREN TRACY

HONORS (8TH GRADE)

DOMENICO LOCOCO
THOMAS O'MALLEY
CLARE RUDDY
HANNAH SCHNEIDER
COLLEEN ULATOWSKI

HONORABLE MENTION (8TH GRADE)

ALEXANDER CAPIC
BLAKE JENNER
HANNAH GORNICK
JOHN O'MALLEY
LEAH PLAHM

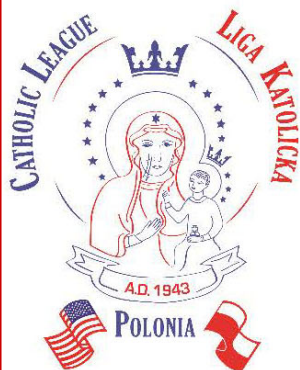
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The Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia St. John Paul the Great Scholarships offered for fourth year

Bishop Andrew P. Wypych, in the name of the **Catholic League for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia**, announces with great joy, that 31 students of Polonia are already benefiting from scholarships from the *Liga*. For the academic year of **2021-2022**, fifteen new St. John Paul the Great renewable scholarships of \$5,000 each, will be awarded to selected students of Polonia, in the pilot region encompassing Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

We congratulate the recent recipients and their families and now invite students of Polish descent, who are active in their parish and participate in Polonia organizations that partner with Liga, to apply for the Saint John Paul the Great scholarship for the academic year of 2021-2022. Applications and supporting documents are being accepted now through March 31, 2021.

For further details regarding eligibility, selection criteria, and a downloadable application please visit www.catholicleaguepolonia.org.

Do not hesitate, for together, we can build a new chapter of Polonia in the USA



Liga Katolicka Pomocy Religijnej Polsce i Polonii Przyznaje po raz czwarty, prestiżowe odnawialne Stypendium Akademickie im. Św. Jana Pawła Wielkiego

Biskup Andrzej P. Wypych w imieniu **Ligi Katolickiej Pomocy Religijnej Polsce i Polonii** z wielką radością zawiadamia, że grupa 31 stypendystów do tej pory już otrzymała prestiżowe odnawialne Stypendium Akademickie Ligi, im. św. Jana Pawła Wielkiego. W roku akademickim 2021-2022 piętnaście Stypendiów w wysokości \$5,000 każde zostało przygotowane przez „Ligę”, dla z kwalifikującej się Polonijnej młodzieży akademickiej w regionie obejmującym Illinois, Indiana, i Wisconsin.

Gratulujemy otrzymanego stypendium tegorocznym stypendystom i ich rodzinom a teraz zapraszamy potencjalnych stypendystów polskiego pochodzenia, którzy aktywnie angażują się w pracach swojej parafii, albo współpracujących z nami Polonijnych Organizacjach, do ubiegania się o odnawialne stypendia na rok akademicki 2021-2022. Termin składania aplikacji i wspomagających dokumentów upływa z dniem **31 Marca 2021 roku**.

Po więcej informacji dotyczących kwalifikacji stypendialnej jak również kryteriów przyznawania stypendiów oraz innych dokumentów do pobrania należy odwiedzić stronę „Ligi” www.catholicleaguepolonia.org

Nie wahaj się, razem z nami możesz rozpocząć nowy rozdział historii Polonii w Ameryce!

**Drodzy Parafianie,**

Czytania dzisiejszej niedzieli przypominają nam, że dotarliśmy do piątej niedzieli Wielkiego Postu i zbliżamy się do Wielkiego Tygodnia. Podczas tych dni Wielkiego Postu, wszyscy chrześcijanie pokutowali i pościli. Uważamy, że jest to normalne, aby dobrzy chrześcijanie właśnie w tym okresie czasu żyli tak jak Chrystus prosi nas w dzisiejszej Ewangelii. Wzorcem do naśladowania jest ziarno pszenicy, które obumierając przynosi obfity plon. Byłoby wielką szkodą gdybyśmy przegapili mijające dni Wielkiego Postu i nie próbowali duchowo się przygotować. Musimy również pamiętać, że gdyby ziarno pszenicy pierwsze nie obumarło, to pozostałoby tylko ziarnem pszenicy i nie przemieniłoby się w coś nowego.

W Ewangelii, Święty Jan mówi nam, że Jezus już wie o swojej śmierci i przygotowuje się na to wydarzenie. Jezus również wie, że przez Jego śmierć narodzią się nowi ludzie, co dzisiaj nazywamy Kościołem Powszechnym. Wielu ludzi mówi o Jezusie jakby zasadniczo różnił się od nas. Mówią, że mógł wytrzymać ból ukrzyżowania, ponieważ był Bogiem, ale tak nie było. W swojej ludzkiej naturze, Jezus miał takie same problemy i bóle jakie i my mamy. Był podobny do nas we wszystkim oprócz grzechu. Prawdopodobnie dlatego obawiał się śmierci tak samo jak my. Grecy, którzy przyszli do Jerozolimy w święto Paschy, aby porozmawiać z Jezusem, mogli usłyszeć ludzkie słowa Naszego Pana. Jezus nie wierzył, że Krzyż oznacza upadek, ale nie znaczyło to, że się nie lękał. Lękał się tak samo jak my i to jest całkowicie zrozumiałe, ponieważ ukrzyżowanie oznaczało niewyobrażalne cierpienie.

W naszym życiu my również mamy cierpienia, ale prawdą jest, że krzyż, który zostaliśmy powołani nieść, jest dużo mniejszy niż krzyż Jezusa. Zostaliśmy powołani, aby nieść nasze krzyże z taką samą cierpliwością i odwagą. Powinniśmy zrozumieć, że lepiej jest przyjąć cierpienie, które na nas przychodzi, gdyż wszyscy musimy nieść swoje krzyże na dobre czy na złe. Wielu chrześcijan nie chce wziąć na siebie wyrzeczeń, o które są proszeni. Mówią: "Jak długo żyję, chcę żyć dobrze wygodnie." Żyjąc z tą myślą, całkowicie odzielają się od Boga próbując wykorzystywać innych i próbując zarobić jak najwięcej pieniędzy nie zważając skąd pochodzą. Wydaje się, że mają nieodpartą potrzebę życia, tak samo jak nie chcą wziąć pod uwagę konsekwencji swojego postępowania. Ten sposób życia nie jest dokładnie taki, do jakiego wzywa nas Bóg.

W drugim czytaniu, Święty Paweł mówi nam, że pomimo to, że Chrystus był Bogiem, żył na tym świecie i przyjął ludzką naturę, poznał co znaczy cierpienie, które jest częścią naszego życia. Uczymy się żyć dzięki wezwaniom, które musimy przejść. Uczymy się, że jeśli chcemy naśladować Jezusa, to musimy tak jak On wziąć swój krzyż. Przyjaciele! Nasza wiara powinna wskazać nam, że jeśli chcemy całkowicie poświęcić się Chrystusowi, musimy zrobić szczere postanowienie naśladowania Go. Jedynie w ten sposób ziarno pszenicy symbolizujące nasze życie duchowe wyda plon.

W dzisiejszej Ewangelii słyszeliśmy również co musimy zrobić, aby tak się stało. Ten, kto miłuje swoje życie, traci je, a kto nienawidzi swego życia na tym świecie, zachowa je na życie wieczne. Zachowajmy te słowa w pamięci, kontynuując czas Wielkiego Postu.

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- Potrzebujemy wolontariuszy, którzy pomogą nam w gruntownym czyszczeniu kościoła w każdą środę o godzinie 9:00 rano. Prosimy Was o pomoc abyśmy mogli bezpiecznie kontynuować Msze św. w naszym kościele.
- Stacje Drogi Krzyżowej odprawiane są w piątki o godz. 18:30 po angielsku i o godz. 19:30 po polsku. Wymagana jest wcześniejsza rejestracja. Więcej informacji w biuletynie.
- W tyle kościoła umieszczone zostały tzw. „Ryżowe Miseczki” wielkopostnej jałmużny. Wasza ofiara pomaga biednym i głodnym. Dziękujemy za Waszą darowiznę.
- Poświęć tylko godzinę swojego czasu Jezusowi i zapisz się na adorację w Kaplicy Bożego Miłosierdzia. Mamy nadal wolne miejsca.
- Po weekendowych Mszach Św. 14 i 21 marca będziemy sprzedawać plakaty Miłosierdzia Bożego. Więcej informacji w biuletynie.
- Organizacja Pomocne Dłonie będzie dostarczać artykuły spożywcze potrzebującym rodzinom w celu zapewnienia im śniadania wielkanocnego i obiadu. Zapraszamy po więcej informacji do biuletynu gdzie znajdują się informacje odnośnie rejestracji i pomocy potrzebującym podczas Wielkiego Postu.
- W dzisiejszym biuletynie został umieszczony harmonogram wielkanocny obejmujący, rozkład Mszy Św. podczas Wielkiego Tygodnia, i Wielkanocy oraz spowiedź.
- Zapraszamy na stronę 8 biuletynu aby zapoznać się z naszym najnowszym pracownikiem, Coleen Mast. Dowiedz się więcej o grupie Ewangelizacji programu Odnów Mój Kościół, którą pokieruje Coleen. Grupa ta będzie działać w parafii SS. Cyryla i Metodego i Misji św. Jakuba. Witamy Coleen w naszej parafii i życzymy jej owocnej pracy.

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

Xs. Waldemar

Mass Intentions**Monday — March 22nd**

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ALEXANDRA
by Grandparents

Tuesday — March 23rd

7:00 AM ✠ REV. L. DUDLEY DAY O.S.A.
by Scott Family
✠ JEAN SROKA
by Joseph Sroka Family
7:30 PM ✠ EMILIA I MAREK LICHOSYT
by Rodzina Wontorczyk
✠ JAN I LUDWINA BUDZ
by Józef i Anna Budz
✠ JÓZEFA ŁUCARZ
by Siostrzenica
✠ JOANNA ZAGATA
by Tosia Urbala

Wednesday — March 24th

7:00 AM THANKSGIVING & GRATITUDE FOR
FR. W. STAWIARSKI & FR. T. KOYS
by B. Rajca
✠ CHRISTINE BUDZ
by Family & Friends

Thursday — March 25th

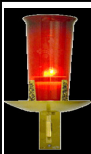
7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR QUINN FAMILY
by Scott Family
THANKSGIVING & GRATITUDE FOR GRZEGORZ
by Mama
✠ GENIE NOWAK
by Polak Family

Friday — March 26th

7:00 AM ✠ JOHN KAZMIERCZAK
by Sister
✠ CLAUDETTE WALSCHLAGER
by John Cisek
✠ DECEASED MEMBERS OF RUTKOWSKI FAMILY
by Joann Sroka

Saturday — March 27th

7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALTH FOR STANLEY NOWOBILSKI
by Aleksandra Ligas
✠ ALBINA GAL
by Aleksandra Ligas
✠ MIKE BEATTY
by Ted Las & Family
5:00 PM ✠ KENNETH GIGNAC
by Neil & Trish Rogers
✠ Mike Mulroy
by Doug & Trish Nickleski
✠ DOROTHY PAVLOVIC
by Nancy Johnson



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Sunday — March 28th

7:00 AM ✠ JOANNA ZAGATA
by Tosia Urbala
✠ GENOWEFA WOJDYLA (Anniv.)
by Son Wacław & Family
8:00 AM ✠ JOANNA I FRANCISZEK LICHOSYT
by Rodzina Wontorczyk
✠ KS. CASIMIR KRZYSIAK
by Rodzina Gostkiewicz
✠ KAROLINA ZIĘBA (2 Rocznicia Śmierci)
by Zofia i Kazimierz Szkodoń
9:30 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALTH FOR JESSIE DZIUBASIK
by Grele Family
✠ ADAM BORZECKI
by Monika Rusin
✠ JOHN & DIANE JENNER
by Peggy & Rick Sniegowski
11:00 AM ZA WSZYSTKICH PARAFIAN ŻYWYCH I ZMARŁYCH
O BOŻE BŁ. DLA ŁUKASZA (urodziny)
by Rodzina
✠ ALEX WONTORCZYK
by Rodzina Bochenek
12:30 PM ✠ RICHARD MARTELLO
by Norman Martello Family
✠ JOZEF I MARIA WALUS
by Jan Walus Family
✠ CHESTER TOMALA
by Kathy Tomala & Family
2:00 PM ✠ JAN KAWA (3 Rocznicia Śmierci)
by Siostra Barbara
✠ ANTONI KOWALCZYK
by Frank i Maria Kowalczyk
✠ HALINKA I MARIA WILCZEK
by Frank i Maria Kowalczyk
7:30 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED



Pray for ...

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

William Podborny	Angie Sojka
Alicia Casica	Timothy Casica
Mary Kay Nieponski	Annette Robinson
Nena Casica	Vilma Colon
Chester Skibinski	Kristen Leary
Donna	Emilia Pilecki
Harrison Vedra	Stuart Sievers
Marie Szymanski	William Jendzio
Ted Kania	

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

Parish Contributions March 13 & March 14 2021

Envelopes	487	11,694.00
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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.



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Jeżeli pragniesz hojnie wesprzeć parafię w swoim testamencie aby mogła wzrastać i rozwijać się w nadchodzących latach, możesz dołączyć poniższe oświadczenie: Przeznaczam (sumę \$ _____)

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Liturgical Ministers' Weekend Schedule

March 27th & March 28th	Celebrant	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	
5:00 PM English Mass	Fr. Stawiarski w/ Dcn. Rogers	N. Johnson	Deacon Neil	
7:00 AM English Mass	Fr. Koys	A. Wozniak	J. Cisek	
8:00 AM Polish Mass	Fr. Stawiarski	K. Zagraniczny T. Kadelak	M. Zelek J. Lichacz	
9:30 AM English Mass	Fr. Stawiarski	N. Gonsiorowski	J. Popow	
11:00 AM Polish Mass	Fr. Stawiarski	M. Predki P. Snieszko	T. Karpiesiuk G. Koszarek	
12:30 PM English Mass	Fr. Stawiarski	E. Dejewski	J. Gliwa	
2:00 PM Polish Mass	Fr. Stawiarski	G. Witkowski R. Witkowski	R. Witkowski	
7:30 PM English Mass	Fr. Koys	NOT FILLED	NONE	

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