

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

608 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL 60439

Parish Staff

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Rev. Waldemar "Valdi" Stawiarski

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Deacon Neil Rogers

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Monika Leja

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Bulletin Editor



December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



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

Parish Office: 608 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL
Denise Duda, Business Manager
(630) 257-2776; (630) 257-9372 Fax
rectory@stecyrl.org
website: www.stecyrl.org
www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont

School: 607 Sobieski Street, Lemont, IL
Shirley Tkachuk, Principal
(630) 257-6488; shirleyt@stecyrl.org

Religious Education: Monika Leja,
Religious Education Administrator
(630) 257-9314; mleja@sccmlemont.org

Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Saturday: 7:00 AM St. Cyril's
Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday Obligation
Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM (Polish), 10:30 AM,
12:00 PM, 1:30 PM (Polish)
5:00 PM (Tri-Parish), Held at St. Cyril's

Special Masses:

Tuesday PM: 7:45 PM (Polish), devotions at 7 PM
First Friday: 7:00 AM, 7:00 PM (Polish)
First Saturday: 9:00 PM (Polish) after devotions
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 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Saturday & Sunday Closed

Minister of Music: Mira Sojka-Topor
musicmin@stecyrl.org
(630) 257-2776

Polish School: www.polschool.com
Halina Szyrzyna
Principal: (630) 669-9058

Polish Club 331-253-8044
polishclub@stecyrl.org

Minister of Care: Lynette Kulpinski (630) 257-2776

Parish Council: James Gliwa, President
(630) 370-6706

Bulletin: bulletin@stecyrl.org

Helping Hands: helpinghands@stecyrl.org

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.stecyrl.org

School Website: www.school.stecyrl.org

Parish Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMLemont

School Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SSCMComets

**From the Pastor's Desk**

Paintings depicting the escape of the Holy Family to Egypt show Mary with Jesus in her arms, riding a camel led by Joseph.

As we learn from the Gospel chosen for Holy Family Sunday, King Herod wanted to desperately deprive the newborn Jesus of life, that the angel had to warn Joseph in his dream to run with his family as far as possible from Bethlehem.

There was nothing romantic for Joseph and Mary in this necessity of escaping to another country. Their reality was far from a lovely camel or donkey ride. They had to abandon their earlier plans for a peaceful return from Bethlehem to Nazareth, to live in a family home and raise their child, Jesus. This family had to fight for their lives.

On the Feast of the Holy Family, we thank God for our families, who in this day and age live in a country where peace is guaranteed. This is a great blessing, sacrificed for by many who care about our safety.

However, we cannot forget about those who do not have such peaceful living conditions as we have, or maybe have never experienced peace because of continuous anxiety and threat to family life. Let's not forget about those whose family life at this time breaks into small pieces by various enslavement and indifference.

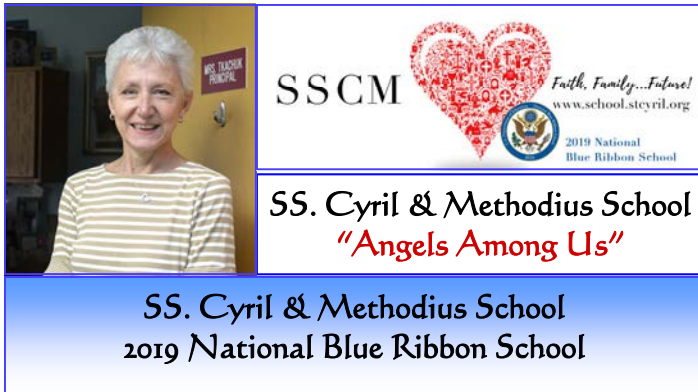
Christmas brings good memories, warm feelings, children's smiles and surprising gifts. It is truly a blessing knowing that Christ has united Himself to every *human being* and shared His life with us. Through Him, we belong to God's family forever. Jesus brought holiness to Joseph and Mary's family, but He also brings holiness to our families today. Let's enjoy the Holy Family and build our families on their example.

And now a few things I want you to know:

- Thank you for your great participation in our Christmas celebration. Thanks to all who have helped us to celebrate Christmas in such a special way here at SS. Cyril & Methodius. Thanks to the Art & Environment Committee members along with many volunteers for decorating our church so beautifully including the gym and the outside. Thanks to the Music Ministry singers and musicians for providing great music. Thanks to Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers for your help. Thanks to kids for performing the Christmas pageant. Thanks to counting teams for counting your generous Christmas donations. Thanks to my staff and deacons for your work. Keep the spirit of Christmas alive.
- Due to many early bulletin deadlines, we are finally able to publish the final number for our Anniversary Banquet. While having fun celebrating, we have raised \$9,200. Thanks again to our sponsors and donors for their generosity and the Anniversary Committee with Mr. James Gliwa as the chairperson for their hard work and support. **THIS MONEY WILL GO TOWARD THE OPERATING BUDGET**
- I want to inform you that Mr. Robert Schmidt, our Facility Manager has retired as of December 27th. He has been taking care of us and of our campus for last 5 years. I want to thank him for his work in this challenging, construction period and I wish him the best and good health. Thank you Robert and God bless you and your family. After several interviews, we have chosen Ryszard Witkowski, as our new full time maintenance employee. Welcome Ryszard and good luck.

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

Fr. Valdi



Dear Parents,

Our students, faculty and staff are off enjoying this beautiful time of the year!

Just a few reminders.....

- Classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.
- "Early Bird" registration will end on January 22nd. Please call the office (630-257-6488) if you have any questions.
- Our annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week will begin on Sunday, January 26th. Please plan on joining us! Details will be shared in upcoming bulletins.
- We invite new and prospective families to join us during our "Meet SS. Cyril and Methodius Blue Ribbon School" Open House from 11:30-2:00 PM on the 26th.
- Please call our office at 630-257-6488, ext. 21 if you have any questions.

As always, thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school.

Happy New Year,

Mrs. S. Tkachuk
Principal

Just a reminder.....there is still time to help a student attend our school through the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program!

- Every dollar donated to this program through Empower Illinois between Dec. 1, 2019 and Feb. 29, 2020 and designated to a school (SS. Cyril and Methodius) operated by the Archdiocese of

Chicago will be matched with two dollars from this pool (limitations apply). The program will end when all matching funds have been depleted or on Feb. 29, 2020, whichever comes first.

- A \$5,000 donation will have a tremendous impact. With the 75 percent tax credit you receive on the donation and this match, it will have a net cost to you of \$1,250 and will provide \$15,000 in scholarships for low-income families.
- After April 1, 2020, any matching gift program funds that are not awarded at a designated school will be reallocated to low-income students at schools with unmet demand.
- Donors who would like to receive the tax credit for their 2019 taxes should begin the process prior to Dec. 16, 2019 to ensure they have enough time to make their gift by Dec. 31, 2019.
- Please visit www.empowerillinois.org





**SS Cyril & Methodius
Religious Education News**

by *Monika Leja*
Religious Education
Administrator



*Wishing all of our RE
students, their families,
and our staff a happy,
healthy, and blessed 2020!*



December was a
busy month for us!
Thank you to Fr
Valdi for praying
with our bilingual

sessions
and for
blessing
the



Immaculate
Conception
medallions.

The students
also had
opportunities
to get a little
crafty. They
made Advent
wreaths,



Nativity scenes, made their
own rosaries, and finally we
ended the semester making
Christmas cards in Sivre
Hall/PLB and everyone had a
treat too. All the classes
enjoyed this time together!
Thank you to our 8th graders
for helping clean up too! ☺



*We hope everyone is enjoying their time off and
look forward to seeing everyone in class again
beginning on January 5th, 2020*

SS. Cyril & Methodius Future Parish Rectory

When we decided to demolish the old rectory, we anticipated replacing it with a second floor residence on the Parish Life Building. As prudent stewards of our resources, we gave up that option because we found it too expensive but never abandoned the idea to build a suitable rectory for our parish. Since the Parish Life Building has been completed, we now return to the idea of the rectory. The little house (23ft x 37ft) at 541 Ledochowski Street will be demolished because the renovation of it is not feasible (\$100,000-\$150,000 estimated by our Parish contractors).

The dimension of the future rectory will be 40ft x 77ft, one level, senior friendly, with a two-car garage and a partial basement. It will include two living quarters with accommodations to house a guest priest and a common kitchen/dining/living area. The total cost of the new construction is \$300,000. Our plans have received the final approval from Blase Cardinal Cupich, and the General Contractor (Kasper Construction) has been selected and approved as well by the Archdiocese.

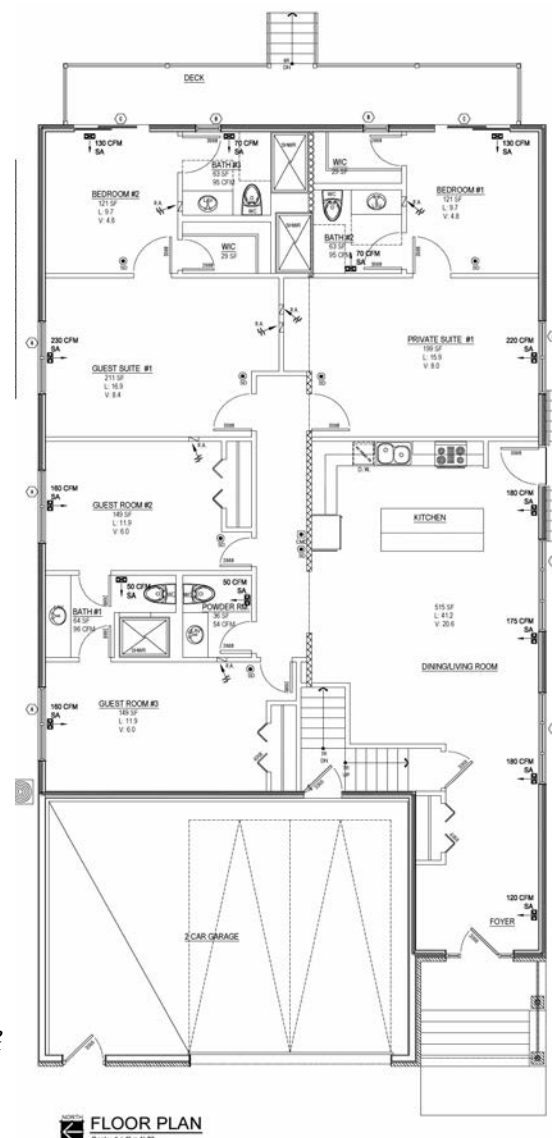
We are asking for your support in funding this project which is the last missing piece to complete our campus and to secure clergy presence for our parish. Please consider a \$1,000 donation to the Rectory Building Fund. **In recognition of your support, you will receive a memorial brick (a \$200.00 value) on our expanded Walk of Love in front of the Parish Life Building.** Please pray about it and show your care and love for your priests by donating.

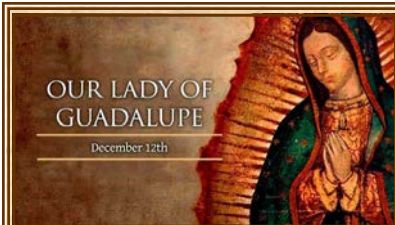
Plan zburzenia starej plebanii zakładał zbudowanie drugiego piętra na nowym Ośrodku Duszpasterskim, które miało pełnić funkcje plebanii. Jako rozsądni zarządcy naszych środków zrezygnowaliśmy z tego rozwiązania, bo okazało się ono za drogie. Nigdy jednak nie porzuciliśmy planu budowy plebanii przy naszym kościele. Po wybudowaniu Ośrodka Duszpasterskiego wracamy do planu budowy plebanii. Mały domek (23x37 stóp) przy ulicy Ledochowski 541 zostanie zburzony, bo remont jest nieopłacalny (\$100.000-150.000 wycena parafialnych kontraktorów).

Przyszła Plebania będzie mieć rozmiary 40x77 stóp. Będzie to dom jednopiętrowy, przyjazny dla seniorów, z garażem na dwa samochody i częściowym podpiwniczeniem. Na nowej plebanii będą dwa mieszkania dwupokojowe i zakwaterowanie dla księdza gościa ze wspólną kuchnią, jadalnią i pokojem wypoczynkowym. Całkowity koszt budowy wyniesie \$300,000. Nasz plan budowy otrzymał ostateczne zatwierdzenie przez kardynała Blase Cupich i został już wybrany wykonawca (Kasper Construction).

Prosimy o pomoc w sfinansowaniu tego przedsięwzięcia, które jest ostatnim brakującym elementem naszego kampusu, co zabezpieczy obecność księży przy naszym kościele. Prosimy o rozważenie ofiary w wysokości \$1,000 na rzecz nowej Plebanii.

Jako gest wdzięczności każdy ofiarodawca otrzyma pamiątkową cegielkę (wartość 200 dolarów) na naszym nowym placu kościelnym (Walk of Love) przed budynkiem Ośrodka Duszpasterskiego. Przemysłmy i przemódlmy tą prośbę i złożmy swoją ofiarę płynącą z serca, która będzie wyrazem naszej troski i życzliwości o swoich księży.





Thank you and have a wonderful Holiday Season

On December 12, 2019, Fr. Thomas Koys (SSCM Associate Pastor) and parishioners at the Mission Church St James at Sag Bridge, Lemont, IL hosted the Novena and Celebration to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Front Cover:

Nativity

Jean-Baptiste-Marie Pierre (1714-1789)

Oil on canvas

Private collection, Paris

**Closed for
New Year's
Day**

The parish office will be closed for
New Year's on:

**Wednesday, January 1st
Happy New Year!!**



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



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 food pantry here in Lemont who delivers food. Deliveries provide additional assistance to those who are unable to get to the food pantry due to physical disabilities, 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.

New Year's Masses



New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31st 2019

7:00 AM

4:00 PM (English)

5:30 PM (Polish)

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:30 AM (Polish)

10:30 AM (English)

12:00 PM (English)

1:30 PM (Polish)

Holy Day of Obligation

2019 Contribution Statements

Contribution statements for 2019 will be mailed upon **request** only. If you would like your statement, please fill out below and return to the rectory or place in the collection basket at church. Your statement will be mailed to you after January 31st.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Envelope #: _____

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



PERSONAL BENEFIT, COMMON GOOD

ILLINOIS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS



INCREASE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

The state program Invest in Kids offers a transformational opportunity for Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools through tax credit scholarships (TCS). Children in our state from low-income families will have access to new scholarships to attend non-public schools. Tax credit scholarships cover up to 100 percent of tuition and fees for students. Scholarship eligibility is based on a family's income. For example, a student could receive a scholarship if his/her family income is less than \$72,900.

LOWER YOUR TAX BILL

Invest in Kids provides Illinois state income tax credits to individuals and corporations that contribute money to an approved Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). SGOs are independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that award scholarships to eligible students from low-income families. Individuals and corporations may receive a credit for their Illinois state taxes equal to 75 percent of donations to an SGO. Individuals can designate their donation to a school or subset of schools.

INVEST IN KIDS IN THREE EASY STEPS



1. APPLY FOR A TAX CREDIT AT MYTAX.ILLINOIS.GOV

Applicants are required to have a MyTax Illinois account. Visit archchicago.org/tcs for step-by-step instructions for creating an account and applying for the tax credit.



2. DONATE TO AN SGO WITHIN 60 DAYS

Once the application is approved, donate to a Scholarship Granting Organization, such as Empower Illinois or Big Shoulders Fund SGO, within 60 days.

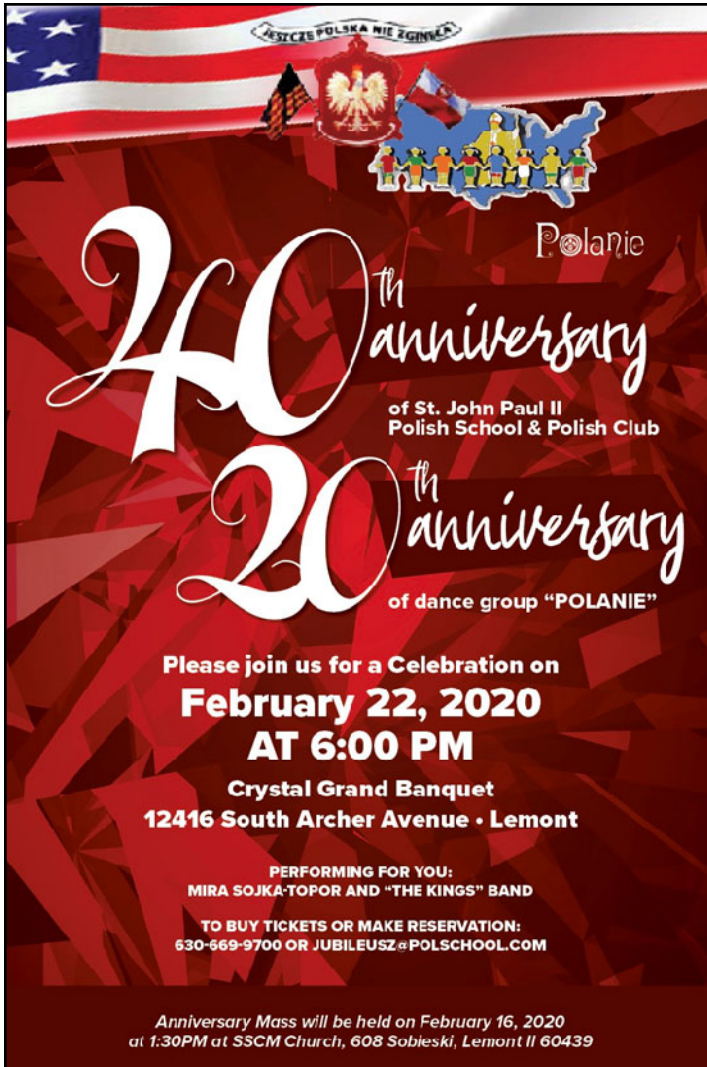


3. DESIGNATE TO CHICAGO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

During the donation process, donors have the option to donate to a specific Catholic school or the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic Schools.

ARCHDIOCESE TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE

archchicago.org/tcs | 312.534.2617 | tcs@archchicago.org



40th anniversary
of St. John Paul II
Polish School & Polish Club

20th anniversary
of dance group "POLANIE"

Please join us for a Celebration on
February 22, 2020
AT 6:00 PM
Crystal Grand Banquet
12416 South Archer Avenue • Lemont

PERFORMING FOR YOU:
MIRA SOJKA-TOPOR AND "THE KINGS" BAND

TO BUY TICKETS OR MAKE RESERVATION:
630-669-9700 OR JUBILEUSZ@POLSCHOOL.COM

*Anniversary Mass will be held on February 16, 2020
at 1:30PM at SSCM Church, 608 Sobieski, Lemont IL 60439*



**Celebrating Our 40th Anniversary of Polish Club,
40th Anniversary St. John Paul II Polish School,
And the 20th Anniversary for dance group "Polanie"**

*Save the Date: 02/22/2020. Look for our invitation for
the Jubilee at the*

POLANIE

Dear Friends,

In the 2019/20 school year, the St. John Paul II Polish School and the Polish Club will celebrate their 40th anniversary, and the Polanie Dance Group their 20th. For this reason, the organizing committee is issuing a commemorative album filled with history of the school, pictures, wishes, advertisements, and donations. Appearing in our album would be a great promotional or advertising opportunity for you or your business. Your financial support would also help fund our initiative.

If you would like to be a part of this great celebration for the Polish Communities in Lemont, please fill out this form and mail or email it before November 30, 2019.

ADVERTISEMENT AND DONATION FORM / RATES FOR ADVERTISEMENT & WISHES

1. RUBIN PAGE: \$400.00
2. FULL PAGE: \$200.00
3. HALF PAGE: \$100.00
4. QUARTER PAGE: \$50.00
5. OTHER: _____

Name: _____	
Company Name: _____	
Address: _____	
Phone #: _____	
Add Fee: _____	
Optional Donation: _____	
Total	Contribution:

Please send advertisements/wishes before December 31st, 2019 as a PDF file or other to email address:
jubileusz@polschool.com

Please make checks payable to St. John Paul II Polish School and send together with an advertisement form to:

Polska Szkoła im. św. Jana Pawła II - Jubileusz
608 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL 60439

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any questions, please contact: 630-669-9700

Federal Employer Identification: EIN# 36-4375823 and we are registered 501(c)(3); donations are tax deductible to extent allowed by law.

**SSCM Ministry of Care**

The men and women of the Ministry of Care bring Communion to the homebound in their home. The Ministry of Care has members who minister to both English and Polish speaking parishioners. If you, or a parishioner you know, are in need of the services offered by the Ministry of Care, or if you would like to become a minister, please contact the parish office at (630) 257-2776.

**Widowed and feeling stuck?**

*Come and find ways to move
toward inner peace and new hope
in life.*

**Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry
program presents a
Retreat/workshop for men& women**

March 14th & 15th, 2020
Mt. Assisi Center, Lemont

To register call: 708-354-7211.
e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com
website: www.joyfulagain.org

**Choir Corner
Thursdays**

2:15 - school choir practice
2:45- bell choir
5pm - Polish children's choir
5:45 - English adult choir
7pm- Polish adult choir



Jeszcze Polska nie zginęła

40lecie
Polskiej Szkoły
im. św. Jana Pawła II,
i Klubu Polskiego

20lecie
Zespołu Tanecznego
"Polanie"

Zapraszamy na Bankiet
22 Lutego 2020
o godz. 6-tej wieczorem
Crystal Grand Banquet
12416 South Archer Avenue • Lemont

ZESPÓŁ NA ŻYWO:
MIROSLAWA SOJKA-TOPOR I THE KINGS

SPRZEDAŻ I REZERWACJA BILETÓW:
630-669-9700 LUB JUBILEUSZ@POLSCHOOL.COM

JUBILEUSZOWA MSZA ŚWIĘTA ODBĘDZIE SIĘ W NIEDZIELĘ,
16 LUTEGO 2020 R. W KOŚCIELE, SSCM GODZINIE 1:30 PM



Jubileusz 40-lecia Klubu Polskiego,
40-lecia Polskiej Szkoły im. św. Jana Pawła II
oraz 20-lecia Zespołu Tanecznego "POLANIE" w Lemont

40 lat minęło jak jeden dzień...
20 lat, a może mniej, uczyłem się dopiero żyć...

POLANIE

Szanowni Państwo,

W roku szkolnym 2019/2020 Polska Szkoła im. św. Jana Pawła II i Klub Polski świętują 40-lecie swojej działalności, a Zespół „Polanie” 20-lecie. W związku z tym organizujemy wspólny bankiet i wydajemy pamiątkową książkę. Zapraszamy Państwa do umieszczenia reklamy swojego biznesu, złożenia życzeń, gratulacji na stronach naszego pamiętnika jubileuszowego lub dowolnej donacji finansowej.

Zapraszamy na Bankiet Jubileuszowy, który odbędzie się
22 lutego 2020 w Crystal Grand Banquet, 12416 S. Archer Ave., Lemont, IL 60439

FORMULARZ REKLAMY I DONACJI / OPLATY ZA REKLAMĘ I ŻYCZENIA

1. RUBINOWA STRONA: \$400.00
2. CAŁA STRONA: \$200.00
3. 1/2 STRONY: \$100.00
4. 1/4 STRONY: \$50.00
5. INNE: _____

Imię i Nazwisko: _____

Nazwa Firmy: _____

Adres: _____

Telefon: _____

Oplata za reklamę: _____

Dowolna Donacja: _____

Suma: _____

Reklamę / życzenia prosimy wysłać do 31 grudnia 2019 w formie PDF lub w innej na adres e-maila:
Jubileusz@polschool.com

Proszę wystawić czek na Polska Szkoła im. św. Jana Pawła II i wysłać razem z formą na adres:
Polska Szkoła im. św. Jana Pawła II - Jubileusz
608 Sobieski St., Lemont, IL 60439

Podpis: _____ Data: _____

Po więcej informacji proszę dzwonić na numer tel. 630-669-9700

Numer podatkowy: EIN# 36-4375823 and 501© (3); donacje zwolnione są z podatku.

Low-Gluten Hosts Available

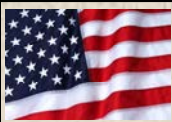


SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish has low-gluten hosts (.002% or <20ppm) available for parishioners who have wheat-related allergies or intolerances. If you or your child have not been receiving communion because of gluten levels in the hosts you can now request low-gluten hosts prior to Mass. The Catholic Church firmly believes that because Jesus used wheat bread at the Last Supper, communion hosts must be made with wheat. The low-gluten hosts we are using are produced in strict adherence to Canon Law.

Procedure: The low-gluten hosts are consecrated in a special container (ciborium) and are physically separated from the other hosts when kept in the tabernacle.

Reception: At Communion time, please join the line for the Priest-celebrant of the Mass. He will be holding the special container of low-gluten hosts. When you approach the celebrant, after you bow to the Blessed Sacrament, request a low-gluten host. The priest will then offer you the Body of Christ from the special container.

Please consult your personal physician prior to consuming the low gluten host. More information can be found through the Catholic Celiac Society:
www.catholicceliacs.org



Zrzeszenie Amerykańsko Polskie
organizuje **bezpłatne kursy,**
przygotowujące do egzaminu na
obywatelstwo.

Kursy rozpoczną się w **styczniu 2020.**

Zajęcia odbywać się będą w tygodniu wieczorami oraz w soboty i niedziele na północy i południu Chicago.

W celu zapisania się proszę dzwonić na numer
773-282-1122 x400.

Bardzo proszę o umieszczenie tego komunikatu
w biuletynie i serdecznie z góry dziękuję – Janina

3834 North Cicero Avenue • Chicago, IL 60641 •
773/282-1122 • Fax 773/282-4718

***Drodzy Parafianie,***

Obrazy przedstawiające ucieczkę Świętej Rodziny do Egiptu ukazują Maryję z Jezusem na ręku, jadą na wielbłądzie prowadzonym przez Józefa.

Jak dowiadujemy się z Ewangelii wybranej na dzisiejsze święto, król Herod tak bardzo chciał pozbawić życia nowo narodzonego Jezusa, że anioł musiał ostrzec Józefa we śnie, aby uciekał z rodziną jak najdalej od Betlejem.

W tej konieczności ratowania się ucieczką do innego kraju nie było nic romantycznego dla Józefa i Maryi. Ich rzeczywistość była daleka od uroczej przejażdżki na wielbłądzie czy osłicy. Musieli porzucić wcześniejsze plany na spokojny powrót z Betlejem do Nazaretu, zamieszkanie w rodzinnym w domu i spokojne wychowywanie Jezusa. Ta rodzina musiała walczyć o życie.

W Święto Najświętszej Rodziny dziękujemy, że nasze rodziny żyją w czasach i w tym kraju, gdzie pokój jest zapewniony. To wielkie błogosławieństwo okupione ofiarą wielu, którzy dbają o nasze bezpieczeństwo.

Nie możemy jednak zapomnieć o tych, którzy nie mają takich spokojnych warunków życia jak my, a może nigdy ich nie mieli, bo cały czas niepokój i zagrożenie życia rodziny, oraz o tych, których życie rodzinne w tym właśnie czasie rozpada się na drobne kawałki przez różne zniewolenia i obojętność.

Boże Narodzenie, to wiele dobrych wspomnień, ciepłych uczuć, uśmiechy dzieci i zaskakujące prezenty. Chrystus stając się człowiekiem i wchodząc w relacje z ludźmi jest błogosławionym wydarzeniem historii. Przez Niego na zawsze należymy do rodziny Bożej. Jezus przyniósł świętość do Rodziny Józefa i Maryi, ale Jezus przynosi również świętość do naszych Rodzin. Ucieszymy się więc Świętą Rodziną i na Ich wzorze budujemy nasze rodziny.

Kilka spraw z życia parafii:

- *Dziękuję za tak liczne uczestniczenie we wspólnym przeżywaniu świąt Bożego Narodzenia.*

Dziękuję wszystkim, którzy swą pomocą przyczynili się do wyjątkowego świętowania w naszej parafii, ŚŚ. Cyryla i Metodego. Dziękuję grupie dekorującej kościół (Art & Environment Committee) z wieloma wolontariuszami za tak piękny wystrój naszej świątyni, wewnątrz i na zewnątrz, i sali gimnastycznej. Dziękuję chórowi za wspaniałą oprawę muzyczną. Dziękuję Marszałkom, Lektorom, Szafarzom Eucharystii za ich pomoc. Dziękuję dzieciom za udział w konkursie. Dziękuję grupom, które pomogły przy zliczaniu waszych hojnych świątecznych datków. Dziękuję pracownikom i diakonom za ich pracę. Niech Boże Narodzenie pozostanie na długo w Waszych sercach.

- *Ponieważ świąteczne biuletyny musiały zostać wysłane do druku wcześniej, dopiero teraz podajemy dochód z bankietu parafialnego (135 Rocznicy Istnienia Parafii). Wspólnie świętując zebraliśmy \$9,200. Jeszcze raz dziękuję wszystkim sponsorom i ofiarodawcom za ich hojność oraz całemu Komitetowi z przewodniczącym, panem James Gliwa za ich ciężką pracę. CAŁA SUMA ZOSTAŁA PRZEKAZANA DO BUDŻETU OPERACYJNEGO PARAFII.*
- *Chciałem poinformować że pan Bob Schmidt, konserwator/manager budynków parafialnych, przeszedł na emeryturę 27-go grudnia. Pragnę mu bardzo podziękować za jego ciężką pracę w okresie ostatnich 5 lat, a szczególnie w okresie budowy. Życzę jemu i rodzinie dużo zdrowia i wiele łask Bożych. Po kilkunastu spotkaniach o pracę wybraliśmy pana Ryszarda Witkowskiego zatrudniając go na pełen etat. Witamy pana Ryszarda i życzymy powodzenia!*

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

Mass Intentions

Monday — December 30th

- 7:00 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR GUZIOR FAMILY
by Richard Guzior
✠ HELENA OBLAZNA
by Jozef & Anna Waliczek
✠ KENNETH ULANSKI
by Wife & Children

Tuesday — December 31st

- 7:00 AM ✠ MICHAEL RUDIS
by Jim & Dana Blase
✠ Jozef Szczepanski
4:00 PM ✠ MARIA KAJPUST (anniversary)
(English) by Family
✠ HAROLD SZYMANSKI
by Mr. & Mrs. R. Mikal
✠ SYLVESTER CICIURA
by Deacon Mike Ciciura
5:30 PM ✠ ALOJZY WONTORCZYK
(Polish) by Żona
✠ MARIA KAJPUST
by Teresa Fiotek
✠ MARIA I MACIEJ JANDURA
by Córka z Rodziną

Wednesday — January 1st

- 8:30 AM O BOZE BŁ. DLA RODZIN GRELE I ŁABOJEWSKI
by Rodzina Grele
✠ STANISŁAW MAKA
by Wiktoria Para z Rodziną
✠ JOHN BUDZ
by Żona z Dziećmi
10:30 AM ✠ THADDEUS BASIORKA (3 month anniversary)
by Basiorka Family
12:00 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR SUSAN CYCON
by Grele Family
✠ JOHN CHLEBEK
by Wife & Family
1:30 PM ✠ GABRIELA SOLCANI
by Rodzina Helegda
✠ STANISŁAW FALTYN
by Zofia Ligas
✠ MARIAN CŹWIK
by Żona z Rodziną

Thursday — January 2nd

- 7:00 AM ✠ STANISŁAW SMALEC
by Lukanus Family
✠ SHARON CISEK
by Noreen & Fred Fisher

Friday — January 3rd

- 7:00 AM ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY
✠ ALOJZY WONTORCZYK
by Wife & Children
✠ JOHN, JANINA, JÓZEF SUCHMIEL
by Family
7:00 PM ✠ EMILIA STYRCZULA I LUDWIKA CZUBIAK
by Wiktoria Para i Anna Mąka
✠ CZESŁAW ZAGRANICZNY
by Żona
✠ AUGUSTYN PRĘDKI
by Rodzina Prędkie

Saturday — January 4th

- 7:00 AM MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA
11:00 AM WEDDING: *Aubrey Waddick & Luke Currie*
5:00 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED
✠ EUGENIUSZ & MARIA MSZAL
by Jozef & Janina Mszal
✠ MARGARET "RONE" LEJA
by Fr. Valdi Stawiarski & Parish
9:00 PM ✠ ZOFIA I JÓZEF GONCIARCZYK
by Rodzina Kas
✠ ADAM GŁOWACZ (2 Rocznicą Śmierci)
by Rodzina Kas
✠ JAN KUBIAK

Sunday — January 5th

- 7:00 AM ✠ THADDEUS BASIORKA
by Family
✠ HAROLD SZYMANSKI
by Mrs. Anita Scholz
✠ SHARON CISEK
by Monika Bochenek
8:30 AM ✠ JAN, ANIELA I STANISŁAW STASZEL
by Soistra
✠ CHESTER TOMALA
by Christine Budz & Children
✠ JAN ŁUCARZ
by Córka z Rodziną
10:30 AM GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALTH FOR SUSAN CYCON
by Grele Family
GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR PIOTR ZABORNIK (21 birth)
by Parents
✠ ELEANOR M. POVALISH
by Terry Sniegowski & Family
12:00 PM GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ANIA (birthday)
by Mama
GOD'S BLESSINGS & HEALTH FOR MARIE NIEDOSPIAL
by Grele Family
1:30 PM ✠ STANISŁAW I MARIANNA PARA
by Walter Para z Rodziną
✠ ALOJZY GJADŁA (Rocznicą Śmierci)
by Córka z Rodziną
✠ JÓZEF OLSZEWSKI
by Córki
5:00 PM FOR ALL PARISHIONERS LIVING & DECEASED



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

Vilma Colon
Mike Masternak
Kristin Leary
Jean Brown
Jay Brown
William Schreier

Stephen Casica
Nena Casica
Paul Friedl
Charlie Walker
Virginia Kozlowski

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.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, January 3rd: First Friday; Prayers for vocations at 6 PM in the chapel; Polish Mass at 7 PM

Saturday, January 4th: First Saturday; Devotions at 7 PM followed by Polish Mass at 9 PM

Attendance
December 7th & 8th, 2019

<u>Mass time</u>	<u>Count</u>	<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
5:00 PM	182	112	\$2,214.00
7:00 AM	109	58	1,310.00
8:30 AM	368	170	2,398.00
10:30 AM	400	112	2,283.00
12:00 PM	197	81	1,499.00
1:30 PM	285	72	1,189.00
5:00 PM	162	27	947.00
9:00 PM		6	284.00
<u>Large Donations</u>			1900.00
Total	1,703	650	\$14,024.00

Parish Contributions
December 14 & 15 2019

Envelopes	615	\$11,784.00
Children's Envelopes	12	34.00
GiveCentral (12/9-12/15)	74	<u>2,151.00</u>
Total		\$13,969.00

Budgeted: \$14,600.00 | Actual: \$13,969.00 | (\$631)

615 envelopes plus 74 GiveCentral Sunday donations represent 33% of 2,100 registered parishioner families.

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

Parish Contributions

Due to an early printer deadline, contributions totals for the weekend of December 21st & 22nd are not available for this bulletin. Totals will be reported in next week's bulletin.



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; **CPL Timothy Blickhahn**, USMC, South Korea; **Capt. Jacob Ziolkowski**, US Army, Alaska; **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.



Blessed Sacrament Candle Intention

For Week of December 30th Through January 5th

(Church)
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
✠THADDEUS BASIORKA
by Parents



**May Perpetual Light
Shine Upon Him**

In your prayers, please remember the soul of **Robert T. Kalkowski**. May his soul and the souls of all our faithfully departed family and friends rest in everlasting peace.



Maria Kois & Lukasz Wrobel
Anna Krupa & Jordan Burcenski
Kathy Para & Chris Lukanus

SS. Cyril & Methodius Parish

"Beat the Lotto" 50 – 50 – 50

50 drawings – one each Monday thru 12-30-2019

Ticket forms are on tables in church, on our website or contact Nancy for additional info: 630-257-2860

Winner on December 16th:

Frank Conaghan - \$466.00

Due to an earlier publication deadline, we are unable to print the winner of the December 23rd drawing. We will announce it in the January 5th bulletin.

Liturgical Ministers' Weekend Schedule

January 4th & January 5th	Celebrant	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers		Altar Servers
5:00 PM English Mass	Fr. Stawiarski	E. Schneider R. Suchecki	D. Arenberg J. Doyle S. Nosal	S. Pavlovic A. Rimbo	Gillian M. Max. M. Noah T.
7:00 AM English Mass	Fr. Stawiarski w/ Dcn. Rogers	K. Johnson K. Politza	J. Cisek S. Politza P. Rusnak	L. Wesolowski S. Woynierowski	Hannah G. Robby P. Gabi P.
8:30 AM Polish Mass	Salvatorian	H. Gudzowski G. Witkowski	U. Pazdan T. Kadelak S. Kadelak	B. Bogun R. Witkowski	Violet M. Christopher P. Jakub W.
10:30 AM English Mass	Fr. Stawiarski w/ Dcn. Ciciura	N. Ciesla M. O'Hare	S. Antonopoulos L. Barnett S. Ciesla E. Czupta L. DeBella	S. Mendoza N. O'Hare Y. Sullivan C. Tomala	Fabian B. Matthew C. Aidan O.
12:00 PM English Mass	Fr. Stawiarski w/ Dcn. Ciciura	M. Leja A. Leja	J. Blickhahn S. Galassi G. Galassi	J. Mielczarek T. Torres	Maddy F. Bart L. Brian S.
1:30 PM Polish Mass	Salvatorian	T. Karpiesiuk M. Sniezko	T. Karpiesiuk P. Sniezko		David K. Jakub K. Paul S.
5:00 PM Tri-parish	Fr. Koys	K. Quinn	D. Grand T. Tinoco		

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