



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS INTENTIONS:

- 1/16/21 Sat. 4:00pm +M/M Carl Robisky (John Robisky)
- 1/17/21 Sun. 10:00am +Louie Peterson (Annie Syrstad)
- 1/18/21 Mon. No Mass
- 1/19/21 Tues 6:30pm +Lawrence Gretz (Kurt & Betsy Lutz)
+Joseph Bacigalupo (Mark, Becky & Lauren Finn)
- 1/20/21 Wed. 7:30am +Cecilia Maxard (Family)
+LaVerne Naretto (S.E. Grundy Seniors)
- 1/21/21 Thurs. 7:30am+Mary Kaye Yatuni (Dale & Lynn Stellano)
- 1/22/21 Fri. No Mass
- 1/23/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Patrick McElroy & Jennie Lenzie (Brian McElroy)
- 1/24/21 Sun. 10:00am +Cinotto & Pomatto Families (Family)

REMEMBER in PRAYER our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so we may live in freedom and in peace!

Liturgical Schedule	Lector	Greeters	Ushers
1/16 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	Lutz	Wollgast
1/17 Sun. 10am	T. Staab	Himes	Himes
1/23 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	Chase	Perkins
1/24 Sun. 10am	C. Male	Hollmeyer	Hollmeyer

Holy Father's Intention for the month of January:

General Intention: Human fraternity. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



Weekly Income:
Sunday Collection \$ 1801.00
Improvement Collection \$ 150.00

Thank you! Your support is appreciated!

To donate **online please go to www.dioceseofjoliet.org** and select Donate (green button) then select Universal Offertory Giving. To be of assistance, the Diocese has set up a universal offertory fund for any Diocese of Joliet parish. All monies will be directed to the parish of your choice. Thank you.

Parish Staff:

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Hall Rentals - Call the Office

Mass Schedule:

Sat. - 4:00pm
 Sun. - 10:00am
 Tues. 6:30pm
 Wed. & Thurs. - 7:30am

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:30pm - 4:00pm.

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM - Baptisms are celebrated during the 10:00 am Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

MARRIAGES -Diocesan policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the pastor before setting a date. No weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS - Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Venus Frances 'Fran' Allen who entered Eternal Life. Eternal Rest Grant to her O Lord. May her soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!

Thank you to the volunteers who braved the cold and gave their time to help out at the Mobile Food Truck last Monday. We assisted **125** families with food. The next Mobile Food Truck will be coming February 22th at 4pm. Thank you to all those who have generously made donations towards future Mobile trucks to come to St. Lawrence Church so we can continue our mission of helping those in need in our community. It is greatly appreciated.

On **January 23-24, 2021**, the Diocese of Joliet parishes will take up an important collection, funding relief efforts in two parts of the world in great need. **Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa**-The Church in Africa is joyous and faith-filled, but it also has unique pastoral challenges due to poverty, high rates of disease, food shortages, and migration. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for us to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions support Catholic education, family life programs, and child protection initiatives that help strengthen and build the growing African Church. The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that all the faithful have access to resources to help them grow in the faith. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/africa. **Collection for the Church in Latin America**-For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers makes it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation so people can grow closer to Christ. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. This will be a combined collection.

Living Faith Pocket books are available for you at no charge. The January-February-March issue is on the back table. Opening an issue of Living Faith is like bringing a beautiful liturgy into your home, since each daily devotion draws on a Scripture passage from the Mass readings.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 18th.

"Love takes up where knowledge leaves off."
 — St. Thomas Aquinas

News & Upcoming Events



We'll come to you
 a virtual marriage encounter



restore
communication

rekindle
romance

renew
commitment

2021 February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 7PM
 For more information call 630-577-0778 or to apply go to www.wme-Chicagoland.org



The Word of Life-“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is *always and radically incompatible* with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Living the Gospel of Life,” © 1998 USCCB.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17 January 2021

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19. Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10.

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20. John 1:35-42.

Listening, Discerning and Watching, Coming, Seeing, Finding. These words ending in *-ing* (technically “gerunds”) in the first and gospel readings indicate some continuing action. They point out good Christian behaviors as we start this winter time between the seasons of Christmas and Lent. Like Samuel, we want to be always listening for God’s voice, even while needing the help of another for discerning it. Like the Baptist, we want to be watching for Jesus moving among us, looking for his activity in surprising ways in our midst and, perhaps, the surprising people around us.

- How am I coming closer to Jesus day by day, week by week?
- How am I seeing Jesus active in our world?
- How am I finding myself following Jesus without question?