



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS INTENTIONS:

1/02/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Evelyn Ford (John Robisky)
 1/03/21 Sun. 10:00am +Tom Poole (Jeanne Harvey)

1/04/21 Mon. No Mass
 1/05/21 Tues 6:30pm +Julia Wozniak (Duane & Donna Lewis)
 +Myrt Finn (George Black)
 1/06/21 Wed. 7:30am +Constantine Family
 1/07/21 Thurs. 7:30am+Mildred Dinelli (David & Cathie Huston)
 1/08/21 Fri. No Mass
 1/09/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Delores Austin (Jim Fair Family)
 1/10/21 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners

If you would like a Mass Intention said please contact the Rectory.
 Suggested donation is \$10.

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
1/02 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	Chase	Residori
1/03 Sun. 10am	P. Holohan	Hollmeyer	Hollmeyer
1/09 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	Ford	Residori
1/10 Sun. 10am	C. Male	Pfeifer	Pfeifer

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 \$ 1372.00
Improvement Collection \$ 5075.00
Christmas Collection \$ 4294.00
Christmas Children Envelopes \$ 10.00

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.

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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

Thank you -We are very grateful for all of those supporters and benefactors during the Christmas season to St. Lawrence Church. It is beautiful that being enriched through a Gift from heaven we know how to share what we have with others. Thank you! Fr. Stan

2021 Sunday Offering Envelopes—We have chosen a new offering envelope program with Our Sunday Visitor of Huntington, Indiana. This program offers our parish office a better means of address corrections, new parishioner start-up, and communication with our office computer programs. The envelopes are colorful and based on Scripture readings that we hear each Sunday. Please be sure to look through the entire packet each month. There may be some enlightening information inserted. Envelopes will be mailed quarterly. Thank you for your continued support of St. Lawrence Catholic Church. If do not receive envelopes in the mail, please contact the parish office at 815-237-2230. Thank you and May God Bless you always!

Blessing of a Home—Although there are fine texts for the blessing of homes, neither the *Book of Blessings* nor *Catholic Households Blessings and Prayers* explains the traditional method for blessing homes this day using incense, chalk (an incarnational image because it reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made), and “Jordan water.” The chalk is used to mark over doorways. The numerals consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the magi—Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar—and also stand for the Latin motto *Christos mansion benedict* (“May Christ bless the house”). We have available to you Epiphany Kits and instructions so you can bless your homes.

2020 Virtual Giving Tree-Thank you to all that made donations this year for the mobile food truck. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. With your help (donations or volunteering), our Parish is able to provide this valuable service to those in need. With your help we have collected \$ 1,785.00 towards future mobile food trucks. Mobile food truck donations may be made in memory of a loved one and are accepted any time of the year. Our next Mobile Truck is on Monday, January 11th.

Welcome! We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Lawrence Parish. If you haven't already done so, please register with the rectory office. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board or on our website swkrcatholics.org Thank you!

News & Upcoming Events

NEW YEAR BLESSING—May Angels keep you night and day, and Mary guide you on your way; and may the Christ-Child fill your heart with peace, as He only can impart- - All this and more I ask for you, **BLESSINGS to last the New Year through.**

"If we do not risk anything for God we will never do anything great for Him." — St. Louis De Montfort

The Word of Life- “Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world.”
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “*The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary*”

Feast of EPIPHANY (the Magi)

In choosing to be born for us, God chose to be known by us. He, therefore, reveals Himself in this way, in order that this great sacrament of His love may not be an occasion for us of great misunderstanding. Today the Magi find, crying in the manger, the one they have followed as He was shone in the sky. Today, the Magi see clearly, in swaddling clothes, the one they have long awaited as He lay hidden among the stars. Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: **heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man.** One whom the whole universe cannot contain, now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die. So the Gentiles, who were the last, become now the first: **the faith of the Magi is the first fruits of the belief of the Gentiles.**

The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity – 03 Jan. 2021
 Isaiah 60:1-6. Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6. Matthew 2:1-12.

Copartners in the Promise. The readings and this solemnity are filled with competing images and persons. Darkness and light. Christians of Jewish heritage and Gentiles. Chosen people and coheirs, copartners. Herod and the Magi. Epiphany teaches us this: all are members of the same body, all are coheirs of God's goodness, all are copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus.

- Like the Magi, how will I give homage to Christ today?
- Whom do I look down upon that I must see as a copartner with me?
- What treasure will I give away, will I offer to another?