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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!

# ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



**MASS INTENTIONS:**  
 8/22/20 Sat. 4:00pm +Gary Morris (Rodney & Sharon Ford)  
 8/23/20 Sun. 10:00am +Arthur Donnelly Sr. (Family)

8/24/20 Mon. No Mass  
 8/25/20 Tues. 6:30pm +Anne Burkhardt (Mike & Kelly Myers)  
 +Kazimierz Drewniak (John Slanicky)  
 8/26/20 Wed. 7:30am +Anita Drendel (Family)  
 +Constantine Family  
 8/27/20 Thurs. 7:30am +James X. Schultz (Pat & Jim Dinelli)  
 +Tom Poole (M/M Mike Jett)  
 8/28/20 Fri. No Mass  
 8/29/20 Sat. 4:00pm +Frank Mahoney (Jeff & Katy Wepprecht)  
 8/30/20 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	Greeter	Usher
8/22 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	Ford	Perkins/Residori
8/23 Sun. 10am	C. Male	Himes	Himes/Himes
8/29 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	Lutz	Residori/Volunteer
8/30 Sun. 10am	C. Male	Pfeifer	Pfeifer/Pfeifer

**Holy Father's Intention for the month of August:**  
*General Intention:* The Maritime Word. We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fisherman and their families.



**Weekly Income:**  
**Sunday Collection** \$ 942.00  
**Improvement** \$ 226.00  
**Assumption** \$ 416.00  
**Thank you! Your support is appreciated.**

To donate **online please go to [www.dioceseofjoliet.org](http://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.

## FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Our Condolences to Bruce Stimac & Family on the loss of his mother in law, Elvira Meads. May her soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!

**Thank you** to those who were able to help out at the Mobile Food Truck on Monday. We were able to help 125 families. Thank you! We need many volunteers to make the truck run smoothly. Maybe you have thought about helping, we would love to see you next month. The truck will be here on Monday, September 21st thanks to the Diocese of Joliet Rice Bowl Distribution and an Anonymous Donor.

Families, Please check out our website for information on Religious Education for the 20/21 School Year and for directions on registration.

**Volunteers are still Needed**-We are in need of your help with Greeting and Ushering for our Masses. Please consider helping us to continue to have a safe place to worship. Call the Parish Office if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

The **Parish Office** is open only by appointment at this time, if you need an appointment, please call.

**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 [swkr Catholics.org](http://swkr Catholics.org) Thank you!

**The Word of Life**"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
 "How to Build a Culture of Life"

Please keep all teachers, school staff, parents and students in prayer as they begin this new school year amid COVID-19 Pandemic.

"Never give up prayer, and should you find dryness and difficulty, persevere in it for this very reason. God often desires to see what love your soul has, and love is not tried by ease and satisfaction."  
 — St. John of the Cross

## News & Upcoming Events

### A Prayer For Our Church

Heavenly Father, in every age, you have been our refuge. Yet again and still, we stand before you asking for your protection on your Holy Church. We place our Church in your hands, for without you we can do nothing. May Jesus, our High Priest and true compass, continue to lead her in every thought and action to be an instrument of justice, a source of consolation, a sacrament of unity, and a manifestation of your faithful covenant. For the victims of abuse and their families, pour out your healing and your peace. For the leaders of your Church, pour out your Spirit to guide them and inspire their decisions. For those who have followed your call to serve you and your people in holiness, sustain them by your grace. For all the faithful who are searching for answers, embrace them with your love, restore their trust, console them with your clear Gospel message, and renew them with your sacraments. We ask this in the name of your Son and our Brother, and through the Holy Spirit, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever. Amen.



Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven. – St. Rose of Lima

### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23 August 2020

Isaiah 22:19-23. Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8. Romans 11:33-36. Matthew 16:13-20.

**My Experience.** Jesus asks today: Who am I? Peter blurts out: The Christ. In that response, he means the Messiah, the Promised One, the Son of God, the One who saves, redeems, and binds us to God. Quite a mouthful. Profound belief. He is the very foundation of the Church, the People of God.

- What is my experience of Jesus? He is....
- How does my experience bind me to all who believe in him?
- Since I am called to be like him, whom will I save in some small way today?