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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:
9/05/20 Sat. 4:00pm +George & Cecilia Maxard(Mark & Bobbi King)
9/06/20 Sun. 10:00am +Peter J. Schultz (Mary Jane Waggoner)
9/07/20 Mon. No Mass
9/08/20 Tues. 6:30pm +Tom H. Perkins (Charlotte Morris)
+Marlene Chapman (Carl & Sherry Pohl)
+Pat Kiska (Rick & Susan Myrick)
9/09/20 Wed. 7:30am +Gary Morris (Troy & Michele Scholes)
+Delores Austin (Richard & Cathy Joyce)
9/10/20 Thurs. 7:30am +Mildred Dinelli (Phil Dinelli)
+Esther Sorensen (Jim & Joylene Fair)
9/11/20 Fri. No Mass
9/12/20 Sat. 4:00pm +James X Schultz (Jim R. & Terri Schultz)
9/13/20 Sun. 10:00am + Michael Joyce (Family)

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
9/05	Sat.	4pm	C. Frobish	Hopwood	Harvey/Perkins
9/06	Sun.	10am	P. Holohan	Himes	Himes/Himes
9/12	Sat.	4pm	A. Wargo	Ford	Residori/Perkins
9/13	Sun.	10am	C. Male	Doglio	Doglio/Pfeifer

Holy Father's Intention for the month of September:
General Intention: Respect for the Planet's Resources. That the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Weekly Income:
Sunday Collection $ 1618.00
Children Envelopes $ 15.00
Improvement $ 90.00
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.

FROM AROUND THE PARISH

Our condolences to the family and friends of Mary Kaye Yatuni 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!

Thursday, September 3rd, was Father Stanley's Birthday. **Happy Belated Birthday Fr. Stanley!!** We wish you good health and many more birthdays to come.

The **Parish Office** is open only by appointment at this time, if you need an appointment, please call. The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day! Everyone have a Safe and Happy Labor Day!

Families, Please check out our website for information on Religious Education for the 20/21 School Year and for directions on registration. The first On-line Lesson will be available on September 13th.

P.A.D.S. Public Action to Deliver Shelter
We have received a note from the PADS shelter that because of COVID 19, there will not be a need for volunteers for the homeless shelter. Unfortunately, though, the pandemic extremely affects people without the means for food and shelter. Clients will be housed at the Economy Inn in Morris this season. Anyone who can donate gift cards in increments of $10 from the fast food restaurants within walking distance of the Economy Inn on Rt. 47 would be greatly appreciated. These will be distributed to those who are housed by PADS. You can drop these off here at mass, in the office or at the library in Morris. Thank you to all who help support those less fortunate in these difficult times.

Stewardship Prayer for September- Heavenly Father, Even during this time of pandemic, September is a month that offers hope for things to come: our daily life has a new rhythm, there are new beginnings and a new energy. In this month of accelerating activities, keep us mindful that we live for Christ and not for ourselves, and that to be good stewards of his Gospel should be our goal each and every day. In this month of transition help us find a deeper spiritual balance in our lives that takes time for you and listens to the promptings of your Spirit. And in a time when we are discouraged from physically embracing one another, help us find ways to manifest your loving embrace to our neighbors. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

News & Upcoming Events

The Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows. This devotion recalls the Blessed Virgin Mary's spiritual martyrdom in virtue of her perfect union with the Passion of Christ. This was her role in salvation history, and what merited her place as the spiritual Mother of all Christians. This is symbolized by a single sword, or seven swords, piercing Mary's suffering heart, as foretold in Simeon's prophecy. Traditionally the Church meditates on the "Seven Sorrows" of our Blessed Mother: the prophecy of Simeon; the Holy Family's flight into Egypt; the loss of the Child Jesus for three days; the meeting of Mary and Jesus as he carried his cross; Jesus' crucifixion and death; Jesus' sacred body taken down from the cross; and Jesus' burial. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15th.

"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"
Matthew 25:40

The Word of Life—"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion"

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 06 September 2020
Ezekiel 33:7-9. Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9. Romans 13:8-10. Matthew 18:15-20.
Christ Is Present. The readings today lay out our duty to dissuade the wicked from their ways (Ezekiel); to not harden our hearts (Psalm); to love, love, love (Romans); and to lead sisters and brothers out of sin (Matthew). Important. Necessary. Baptismal duty. But let the last gospel sentence become our guide this week: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." Christ is always present. Christ is surely with us now in the liturgy, in Communion, in all the sacraments, in his word proclaimed, in the praying and singing Church – and in this pandemic. As few as two or three of us assures his presence.

- What is God saying to me about un-hardening my heart?
- Let me read a Bible passage each day this week, either reprising the Sunday readings or using this week's gospels of Luke 7 and 8. What is Christ saying to me each day?
- With whom can I gather, even if kept from the church building, to sing God's praise?