



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS INTENTIONS:

- 2/20/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Lou & Jean Naretto (+Mary Lou & Jim Smolik)
- 2/21/21 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners
- 2/22/21 Mon. No Mass
- 2/23/21 Tues. 6:30pm +Mary & Joseph Bacigalupo (Bill Bacigalupo)
- 2/24/21 Wed. 7:30am +Mary Lou Smolik (Elaine Joyce)
- 2/25/21 Thurs. 7:30am +Janis Winchell (Family)
- 2/26/21 Fri. No Mass
- 2/27/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Evelyn Ford (Tom Ford & Koslowski Families)
- 2/28/21 Sun. 10:00am +Bill & Donna McClintock (Gretz 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	Greeters	Ushers
2/20 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	Ford/Homerding	Residori
2/21 Sun. 10am	T. Peterson	Himes	Himes
2/27 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	Ford/Homerding	Residori
2/28 Sun. 10am	P. Holohan	Pfeifer/Volunteer	Pfeifer

Holy Father's Intention for the month of February:

General Intention: Violence against women. We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



Weekly Income:
Sunday Collection \$ 1650.00
Improvement Collection \$ 80.00

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:

Father Stanley Drewniak, *Pastor*
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Anne Simms & Tiffany Staab *CCD Directors*

Office Hours: 9-1 Monday -Friday (Due to the Pandemic our office is open by appointment only at this time).

St. Lawrence Rectory (815) 237-2230
Maria Hakey, *Bulletin* (815) 237-8268

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

Stations of the Cross—are a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. We will not be having Stations of the Cross in person this Lent. However, we have pamphlets available to help you and your family participate in this devotion at your home. We encourage you to pray Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Monday, February 22 at 4pm Catholic Charities' and Northern Illinois Food Bank **Mobile Food Pantry** will be distributing food in South Wilmington at St. Lawrence Church parking lot (snow, rain or shine). **Participants are asked to remain in their cars.** The Mobile Food Pantry will use a "drive thru" method to distribute pre-packaged groceries to ensure that all participants are safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. You do not have to be Catholic to participate. Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs. This Mobile Food Truck is **sponsored by St. Lawrence Giving Tree Donors. Thank you!!!**

Volunteers, we need your help with Traffic Control at 2pm, if you can help us, we would really appreciate it. All other volunteers, please arrive by 3:15pm and wear a mask. Thank you! We appreciate **ALL** of our volunteers!

Pledge your gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Please



prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its \$9700 goal. Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to our parish, for our needs. To make a gift, complete and return your pledge envelope in the mail, visit jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

The Word of Life—"Abortion affects countless marriages more than many people recognize. But there is no doubt that God will bring great healing to those who trust in his infinite mercy. If a past abortion can be acknowledged and addressed, a married couple can make great strides in experiencing even more fully God's design that 'the two shall become one' (Mt 19:5)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Healing within Marriage from an Abortion"
respectlife.org/healing-in-marriage

News & Upcoming Events

The Lenten Season begins on **Ash Wednesday** and concludes when the Triduum Fast begins with the Church's celebration of the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Fast and Abstinence Regulations**

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday** and all the **Fridays of Lent.**
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast and to abstain on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday.**
3. On **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year; all, in addition to following the Lenten regulations, are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

"As Lent is the time for greater love, listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' Jesus tells us. What are we to repent? Our indifference, our hardness of heart. What are we to believe? Jesus thirsts even now, in your heart and in the poor — He knows your weakness. He wants only your love, wants only the chance to love you." *Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

First Sunday of Lent – 21 February 2021

Genesis 9:8-15. Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Peter 3:18-22. Mark 1:12-15.

It's Okay to Be Tempted. True. But it is not okay to give in. Just as Jesus spent his forty days in the desert protected by the Spirit, let us have the same trust that God guides us on this Lenten retreat to right Kingdom thinking, speaking, and behaving. Let us sing with the Psalmist that God's ways are love and truth, guiding the humble to justice.

- Since the Kingdom of God is at hand, how will I repent?
- What must I stop saying and doing to embrace more fully this Kingdom?
- How can I work for justice?