



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS INTENTIONS:

3/6/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Lee Gunderson (Bob & Sue Suddick)
 3/7/21 Sun. 10:00am +Michael Joyce (Family)
 3/8/21 Mon. No Mass
 3/9/21 Tues. 6:30pm +Lou & Jean Naretto (Danny & Loli Pope)
 3/10/21 Wed. 7:30am +Cecilia Maxard (Joe & Barb Bexson)
 +Dale Grieff (Rodney & Sharon Ford)
 3/11/21 Thurs. 7:30am +Tracy Horrie Jr. (Art & Gina Connor)
 +Joseph Bacigalupo (Jeff Veronda)
 3/12/21 Fri. No Mass
 3/13/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Denice Muzzarelli (Kurt & Betsy Lutz)
 3/14/21 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners AND Peter J. Schultz
 (Cindy, Kailyn & Chelsea)

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
3/6 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	Myrick/Homerding	Residori
3/7 Sun. 10am	C. Male	Himes	Himes
3/13 Sat. 4pm	T. Peterson	Lutz/Homerding	Residori
3/14 Sun. 10am	T. Staab	Pfeifer/Volunteer	Pfeifer

Holy Father's Intention for the month of March:
General Intention: Sacrament of reconciliation. Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Weekly Income:
Sunday Collection \$ 1745.00
Children envelopes \$ 0
Improvement Collection \$ 180.00

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

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 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

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Ronald Eskra, Michael Bumpous and Lucille Lenzie who entered Eternal Life. Eternal Rest Grant to them O Lord. May their soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace!

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!

Religious Education

Religious Ed Students & Families, the March on-line lesson is available now on our website swkrcatholics.org under the Religious Ed tab. Topic: Easter. Thank you for helping your child/children continue their faith journey.

Easter Flowers-If you would like to make a donation towards our Easter Flowers, there is a Easter Flower envelope included with your envelopes. Please complete and put into the collection basket. If you don't have envelopes, please use a plain white envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and include a list of whom the flowers are in memory or Honor of. Make checks payable to St. Lawrence Church. Thank you!

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT? *In the words of Pope Francis*

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
 Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
 Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
 Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
 Fast from worries and have trust in God.
 Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
 Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
 Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
 Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
 Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
 Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

REMINDER- Daylight Savings Time begins on March 14th.

News & Upcoming Events

Celebrate the Year of St. Joseph!

On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared a special Year of St. Joseph to run through December 8, 2021. This marks the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX. Pope Francis began the year with a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart)*. The Holy Father reflected that Covid-19 "has helped us see more clearly the importance of ordinary people who, though far from the limelight exercise patience and offer hope every day." St. Joseph is the epitome of the quiet, ordinary person moving behind the scenes - and yet he shapes all of human history with his quiet guidance, protection, holiness, and acceptance of God's will. "Go to Joseph with extreme confidence, because I do not remember having asked anything from St. Joseph, without having obtained it readily." St Padre Pio. Get to know St. Joseph. Everything we know about St. Joseph comes from scripture and tradition.

"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." -- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

The Word of Life- "[The Gospel of Life] is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (*The Gospel of Life* 5)



Third Sunday of Lent - 07 March 2021

Exodus 17:3-7. Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9. Romans 5:1-2, 5-8. John 4:5-42.

Year A readings

Thirsting. During the Exodus, the People of the Hebrews grumbled for water. At God's direction, Moses provided it. At the well in Samaria, the woman came for potable water. But Jesus provided living water. She was forever changed.

- For what am I really thirsty?
- How is it that only Jesus can slake that thirst for me?
- Drinking this living water now, what words and deeds must I change?