



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS INTENTIONS:

- 4/24/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Lawrence Gretz (Gretz Family)
 4/25/21 Sun. 10:00am +Todd Sandeno (Danny & Rosalie Lardi)
 1:00pm First Communion
- 4/26/21 Mon. No Mass
 4/27/21 Tues. 6:30pm +Loretta Lewis (Duane & Donna Lewis)
 +Cecilia Maxard (Regina & Paul Chase)
- 4/28/21 Wed. 7:30am +John Austin (M. Bono & Family)
 +Delores Austin (Marilyn Bono)
- 4/29/21 Thurs. 7:30am +Mary Lou Smolik (Norm & Donita Lardi)
 +Rita Ann Youskevch (Douglas Family)
- 4/30/21 Fri. No Mass
 5/1/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Evelyn Ford (Flynn Family)
 5/2/21 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners

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
4/24 Sat. 4pm	P. Holohan	Myrick/Homerding	Residori Himes
4/25 Sun. 10am	D. Wollgast	Himes	Himes
5/01 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	Ford/Homerding	Residori Himes
5/02 Sun. 10am	D. Wollgast	Himes	Himes

Holy Father's Intention for the month of April:

General Intention: Fundamental rights. We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Weekly Income:	
Sunday Collection	\$ 1,834.00
Easter Offering	\$ 300.00
Improvement Collection	\$ 299.00

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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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

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!

Support the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** today! Over 40% of dioceses United States and its territories are considered mission territories, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Thank you to GSW HS Youth Philanthropy for sponsoring the Mobile Food Truck on Monday. We were able to help 101 families. Also, thank you to all our volunteers. Thank you to everyone who help us continue this outreach ministry at St. Lawrence, helping those in need in our community. Thank you! The next Mobile will be on Monday, May 17th sponsored by the Donnelly Family in memory of Arthur Sr., Elaine and Scott Donnelly.

RE News - Keep our First Communion Students in your prayers as they receive Jesus for the first time at First Holy Communion this weekend, April 25th. May God bless each and every one of them. Just a reminder we will have our final RE online session on May 2nd. Topic will be May Crowning, Celebrating Mother Mary. We would love to see all of the students at the **May Crowning on Sunday, May 2nd** at our 10 AM Mass. We will have flowers available for the students to process in and offer to the Blessed Virgin Mary to recognize Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth! It's traditional for girls to wear their First Communion or Easter dresses for the May crowning, and for the boys to wear their Sunday best as well.

The **Volunteer Schedule** for May can be found on our website swkrcatholics.org under the ministry tab. If you would like a printed copy, please call the Parish Office. Thank you for volunteering.

Have you considered volunteering to be a Lector, Greeter or Usher? We are always looking for more volunteers. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

News & Upcoming Events

Essex Lions Club will host breakfast on Sunday, Sunday, April 25 at the Essex Lions Club, 217 Paris St., from 7 am to noon. The Lions will serve biscuits and gravy, pancakes, French toast, hash browns, bacon, sausage, eggs (any way), toast, orange juice, milk and coffee. The cost will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12 and Under 6 eat FREE.

Prayer to St. Joseph -Good St. Joseph, As you led the Holy Family, watch over our families. Help our family and all families to know and share God's love. In our family relationships, may we find healing and seek to be holy. May our fathers help us to become faithful disciples of Jesus who share our love for Him. As foster father of Jesus, watch over all who serve as spiritual fathers. In a special way, bless our Holy Father, our Bishop, and our priests. May they follow your humble example in their fatherly care for the people of God, the Church. With Mary, you raised Jesus the High Priest. You know our need for priests. Please raise up good and holy priests from our families to serve the people of our diocese. May our children and grandchildren hear and say "yes" to the call of Jesus, just as you and Mary did. Good St. Joseph, pray for us.
Year of St. Joseph | March 19, 2020 — March 19, 2021

"When I was at the end of my rope, God was holding the other end". - Anonymous

The Word of Life- "Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children. ... People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil [of abortion], especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government." Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, "Priorities at the Polls"



Fourth Sunday of Easter – 25 April 2021

Acts 4:8-12. Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29. 1 John 3:1-2. John 10:11-18.

Being Good. Jesus is good. He is the best of shepherds. He knows and protects, leads and loves. He offers himself as a pattern for our own living.

Who needs my guidance?

Who needs my love and protection?

How will I be good today, this week, this Easter Time?