



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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!

MASS INTENTIONS:


4/3/21 Sat.	8:00pm	Easter Vigil –For Parishioners
4/4/21 Sun.	10:00am	Easter Sunday—For Parishioners
4/5/21 Mon.	No Mass	
4/6/21 Tues.	6:30pm	+Merrill Harvey (Greg & Mona Sorensen) +Cecilia Maxard (Denis & Wanda Lardi)
4/7/21 Wed.	7:30am	+Frank Nykiel (Hanna Drewniak) +Mary Kaye Yatuni (Jim & Joylene Fair)
4/8/21 Thurs.	7:30am	+James X Schultz (John & Lin Hopwood) +Larry “Dee Dee” Lardi (Jim & Joylene Fair)
4/9/21 Fri.	No Mass	
4/10/21 Sat.	4:00pm	+James X Schultz (Grandchildren)
4/11/21 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	Greeters	Ushers
4/3 (Easter Vigil)	Wargo/Peterson	Harvey/Hopwood	Harvey
4/4 (Easter Sunday)	Staab	Himes	Himes
4/10 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	Ford/Homerding	Residori
4/11 Sun. 10am	C. Male	Pfeifer/Chase	Pfeifer

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	\$ 1588.00
Improvement Collection	\$ 185.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 35.00

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

My Brothers and Sisters, Christ is risen! Alleluia! Let us pray to the Lord at this time that he may grant us to experience the joy of his light; let us pray that we ourselves may become bearers of his light, and that through the Church, Christ’s radiant face may enter our world. Happy Easter! Fr. Stan

At the Easter Vigil, Father will bless the Easter Candle and the Holy Water. We will have small bottles for anyone wanting to take some Holy Water home with them after Mass. The water itself is not magic. Its power depends on the prayers, faith and devotion of the person who uses it. In making the Sign of the Cross with holy water, one expresses faith in God as Father, God as Son, and God as Holy Spirit and asks God's blessing in the name of the same three divine persons. This ritual action of blessing oneself also serves as a reminder of ones baptism. Benefits of using Holy Water are reminding us of our Baptismal promises, privileges and obligations. It is enabling us to open our hearts for the presence of God’s grace. Use in a reasonable way.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, April 5th and Friday, April 9th.

Easter Basket Recycle Program—The Knights of Columbus Council #1574 are again collecting unwanted Easter baskets, eggs and grass. There is a container in front of St. Lawrence, Sacred Heart and St. Mary's. We are also collecting broken or unwanted religious items for repair and redistribution or proper disposal.

If you would like a Missalette to use at Mass, please don’t hesitate to ask one of the greeters or ushers for one. Once you have received your Missalette, please know that it will be your responsibility to take it home with you after Mass and bring it back for your own personal use each week. Missalettes are not to be returned after Mass or left in the pews from one week to the next, due to Covid 19 restrictions. Thank you!

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!

News & Upcoming Events



April 11th– Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Lord's Divine Mercy Sunday grants forgiveness of all sins and punishment on the Feast of Divine Mercy, Mercy Sunday, mercy for even the most hardened sinners! **Divine Mercy Novena**-The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday April 2, and concludes Saturday, April 10. In private revelation to St. Faustina, Jesus asked that the Feast of Divine Mercy be preceded by a novena praying for nine intentions with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The novena can be accessed online at www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena.php.

The Word of Life- “Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (*Spe salvi* 31).”USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life” (Citing Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi* © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter – Saturday night, 03 April 2021 Genesis 1:1–2:2. Genesis 22:1-18. Exodus 14:15–15:1. Isaiah 54:5-14. Isaiah 55:1-11. Baruch 3:9-15, 32–4:4. Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28. Romans 6:3 -11. Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. Mark 16:1-7. **Wanting to Start at the Fire.** So many things will not happen this night at the church because of COVID-19...and needing to stay safe. Perhaps no roaring fire, no lighting and carrying candles, no Baptism by immersion, no drinking from the common cup. But Christ saved long ago and still saves us now. He is with us. We need him. Who needs me?

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord At the Mass during the Day – Sunday, 04 April 2021 Acts 10:34a, 37-43. Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. Colossians 3:1 -4. **OR** 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8. Sequence – **Christians, to the Paschal Victim.** John 20:1-9. **OR** Luke 24:13-35. **“Clear Out the Old Yeast.”** St. Paul speaks these words to us today. Get rid of old yeast to make a fresh batch of dough. Shed, he says, the old yeast of malice and wickedness and use, he says, the new yeast of sincerity and truth. For Christ is risen. What do I need to shed? What truth will I tell – kindly yet boldly? My new yeast will be _____?

May your heart and your home be filled with the Blessings of Easter!