



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS INTENTIONS:

- 5/15/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Gary Morris (Family)
- 5/16/21 Sun. 10:00am +Bill & Donna McClintock (Gretz Family)
- 5/17/21 Mon. No Mass
- 5/18/21 Tues. 6:30pm +Todd Sandeno (Bruce & Deb Tjelle) AND +Richard & Ricky Pianca (Terry & Donna Hampson)
- 5/19/21 Wed. 7:30am +Lena & Spirit Savant (Family)
- 5/20/21 Thurs. 7:30am +Billy Lardi (Jim & Joylene Fair)
- 5/21/21 Fri. No Mass
- 5/22/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Michael Jett (Jim & Joylene Fair)
- 5/23/21 Sun. 10:00am +Tom Poole (M/M Brian Hansen)

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
5/15 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	Homerding/Ford	Perkins
5/16 Sun. 10am	T. Staab	Pfeifer/Chase	Pfeifer
5/22 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	Homerding/Lutz	Residori
5/23 Sun. 10am	P. Holohan	Himes	Himes

Holy Father's Intention for the month of May:

General Intention: The world of finance. Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



Weekly Income:
Sunday Collection \$ 2,896.00
Improvement Collection \$ 590.00
Ascension \$ 125.00

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:

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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
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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!

The parish office will be closed on Friday, May 21st.

Monday, May 17 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 (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 the Donnelly Family in memory of Arthur Sr., Elaine and Scott Donnelly.** 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!

The Ascension of the Lord -Today, we celebrate The Ascension of the Lord!

On the Feast of the Ascension, the church celebrates the return of Christ to the Father, his physical body leaving the earth behind. *Copyright © 2021, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.* Prayer taken from *Catholic Household Blessing and Prayers, Revised Edition.*



Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion. The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for



abortion. **It is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message** before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. We urge Catholics to sign the petition on NoTaxpayerAbortion.com.

News & Upcoming Events

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
 The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view. For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow. I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone. Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020
Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist
 Pope Francis

Word of Life-"Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched 'the Word of life' (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!" Pope Francis, [2020 Easter Vigil Homily](#) © 2020 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

The Ascension of the Lord – [Thursday, 13 May 2021 or] Sunday, 16 May 2021

Acts 1:1-11. Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9. Ephesians 1:17-23. **OR** Ephesians 4:1-23. Mark 16:15-20.

Go. Proclaim. Jesus going to heaven did not give the disciples permission to go home, put up their feet, and dream about the good old days. Jesus said: Go everywhere! Proclaim the gospel! I will work with you.

- Where will I go to do mercy work?
- What good news of Jesus making a difference in the world can I speak?
- How will I trust in Jesus that I am not alone by these words and works _____?