



# ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



## MASS INTENTIONS:

5/1/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Evelyn Ford (Flynn Family)  
 5/2/21 Sun. 10:00am Parishioners AND Fr. Stanley DREWNIAK (Margaretuas)

5/3/21 Mon. No Mass  
 5/4/21 Tues. 6:30pm +Louie Peterson (Jim & Pat Dinelli) +Sheriff Terry Marketti (Friends)

5/5/21 Wed. 7:30am +Cyril & Josie Finn (Ed Finn)  
 5/6/21 Thurs. 7:30am +Special Intention +Kazimierz DREWNIAK (Hanna DREWNIAK)

5/7/21 Fri. No Mass  
 5/8/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Deceased Members of Residori Family (Tom Residori)

5/9/21 Sun. 10:00am All Mothers

**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
5/01 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	Ford/Homerding	Residori
5/02 Sun. 10am	D. Wollgast	Himes	Himes
5/07 Sat. 4pm	P. Holohan	Homerding/Lutz	Residori
5/08 Sun. 10am	T. Peterson	Hollmeyers	Hollmeyer

### 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 \$ 2,364.00**  
**Home Missions \$ 355.00**  
**Improvement Collection \$ 140.00**

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## 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](http://swkrcatholics.org) Thank you!

**Congratulations** to the following children who received First Holy Communion last weekend. Walter Caton, Kenzie Christensen, Kaitlyn Kersmarki, Callie Lehnus, Laila Morrissey, Lake Schultz, Reese Shute, and Audrey Vanek. Also, thank you to the teachers and parents for preparing these young people for this important Sacrament. Thank you to our Organist, Cindy Christensen, Soloist, Mary Pfeifer, Lectur, Tiffany Staab and Photographer, Don Pfeifer for making the celebration so special. Remember to keep Holy the Sabbath!

## May is the Month of Mary!

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us. Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved. (Lumen Gentium, no. 53) Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed." The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.



Spend time with Mary in prayer during the month of May. Pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## News & Upcoming Events

**Celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker**-To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor. This noble saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work. Consider doing something special this year in honor of Saint Joseph the Worker on May 1.  
**Year of St. Joseph | March 19, 2020 — March 19, 2021**

"O God, Creator of all things, who laid down for the human race the law of work, graciously grant that by the example of Saint Joseph and under his patronage we may complete the works you set us to do and attain the rewards you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ."

- from the Proper of Saints, *Daily Roman Missal*

**Foster Care Awareness Month** -May is Foster Care Awareness Month! Join us in praying for all foster parents and children.

**Word of Life**-"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting" © 2013 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter - 02 May 2021

Acts 9:26-31. Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32. 1 John 3:18-24. John 15:1-8.

**Bearing Much Fruit.** It is the start of May and, in the northern hemisphere, some of us are about spring planting. The tasks today look to future fruit and vegetables. By analogy, God is the gardener. We are the branches, the seeds, the fruit. To be healthy, we let ourselves be tilled around, watered, weeded.

- Because of how I behave now, how will I be tomorrow and in the future?
- What tending work will I let God do to me?
- What can I do to be a more fruitful Christian?

