



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS INTENTIONS:

7/24/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Gary Morris (Family)
 7/25/21 Sun. 10:00am +Ricardo Martinez (Martinez Family)

7/26/21 Mon. No Mass
 7/27/21 Tues. 6:30pm +Merrill Harvey (Brian Helgeson)
 +Tom Perkins (Jim & Joylene Fair)

7/28/21 Wed. 7:30am +Alice Jirmasek (M/M Bruce Tjelle)
 +Myrt Finn (George Black)

7/29/21 Thurs. 7:30am +Mary Maher (John & Sue Schulze)
 +John Austin (Tim, Carrie & Mark)

7/30/21 Fri. No Mass
 7/31/21 Sat. 4:00pm +Dolores Mack (Kurt & Betsy Lutz)
 8/1/21 Sun. 10:00am +Todd Sandeno (Charlotte Morris)

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	Euch. Min.
7/24 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	R. Chase
7/25 Sun. 10am	C. Male	R. Hollmeyer
7/31 Sat. 4pm	A. Wargo	S. Myrick
8/1 Sun. 10am	M. Pfeifer	D. Pfeifer

Holy Father's Intention for the month of July:
General Intention: Social friendship. We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



Weekly Income:
Sunday Collection \$ 1726.00
Improvement \$ 393.00

Thank you! Your support is appreciated!

Online Giving is not available any longer to parishes through the Diocese of Joliet Universal Offertory Giving. We are looking into establishing online giving on our own parish website. We will keep you updated when this will be available. Sorry for the inconvenience and thank you for your continued support to our parish.

Parish Staff:

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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!

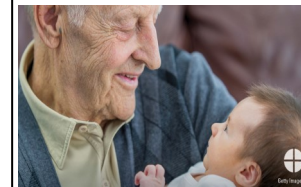
Funeral Dinner Co-Chairs for July
 Monica Granger 237-2714
 Cindy Christensen 237-8873

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!

Giving Tree-Our Giving Tree is up for the month of July. We are collecting school supplies for the local schools. If you can donate, please take a tag from our Giving Tree and return by the end of July. Again thank you for your support in our efforts to help the needy children with these supplies.

RE Families: This summer, we will offer two options for registration. Families will be able to register online through a link that will be shared August 1st. Families can also print registration documents and bring them to the rectory or weekend Mass. We ask all families to complete registration by September 1st to allow us time to prepare for our **first day of RE on September 12th**. Payments for RE can be brought to the first day of RE, to the rectory or to weekend Mass. Additional information will be shared in email and on the website for families.



Today is the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly! It is important for grandparents to meet their grandchildren and for grandchildren to meet their

grandparents, because — as the prophet Joel says — grandparents, before their grandchildren, will dream, and have illusions [great desires], and young people, taking strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy.” — Pope Francis, January 31, 2021 *Copyright © 2021, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.*

Essex Community Club will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, July 25 at the Essex Community Hall, 217 Paris St., from 7 am to noon. Serving 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.

"Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favorable light at all times and under all circumstances." — St. Vincent de Paul

News & Upcoming Events

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week **July 25–31, 2021** “To have ... To hold ... To honor, Natural Family Planning, Supporting God’s gifts of love and life in marriage” is the theme of this year’s National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, an educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God’s vision for marriage and promote the methods of Natural Family Planning. Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a general title for ethical, natural, safe and effective methods for both achieving and avoiding pregnancy in marriage. NFP methods teach couples how to observe and interpret the wife’s signs of fertility and infertility. In the words of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, NFP methods “respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them and favor the education of an authentic freedom.” (CCC, no. 2370) The Catholic Church invites all the faithful to embrace God’s plan for married love. Learn more about these beautiful teachings which support the use of NFP in marriage at usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/church-teaching. *Copyright © 2021, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, DC. All rights reserved.*

Word of Life-“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other.” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Married Love and the Gift of Life”

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25 July 2021
 2 Kings 4:42-44. Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18.
 Ephesians 4:1-6. John 6:1-15.

Enough to Share. So much in the gospel today. Large crowd following Jesus. Nearness of Passover, the remembering of rescue from slavery. The need to eat, thus, the need to provide a meal. A giving of bread and fish by a little boy. Bounty. Sharing. Wasting nothing. Right here in the heart of summer, it is time to read the letter of Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, on fraternity and social friendship. [Download a free study guide from the USCCB: https://www.usccb.org/resources/fratelli-tutti-study-guide.](https://www.usccb.org/resources/fratelli-tutti-study-guide)

- Even if it seems I may not have enough, what food can I share?
- Even if it seems I may not have enough, what comfort can I provide for someone?
- Even if it seems I may not have enough, what do I have that I will not waste, that I will gather up, save, and recycle?