



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS INTENTIONS:

1/1/22 Sat. 4:00pm Parishioners
1/2/22 Sun. 10:00am +Mary Lou Smolik (Dan & Janet Anderson)

1/3/22 Mon. No Mass
1/4/22 Tues. 6:30pm +Constantine Family
1/5/22 Wed. 7:30am +Dolores Mack (Arlene Carter)
+Janis Winchell (Family)
1/6/22 Thurs. 7:30am +Michael Joyce (Donna & Larry Meyer)
+Connie Muzzarelli (Denis & Wanda Lardi)

1/7/22 Fri. No Mass
1/8/22 Sat. 4:00pm +Evelyn Ford (Linda Vercler)
1/9/22 Sun. 10:00am +Louie Peterson (Curt & Linda Christensen & Family)

If you would like a Mass Intention said, please contact the Parish Office. Suggested Donations 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	Euch. Min.	Servers
1/1 Sat. 4pm	C. Frobish	M. Theis	A. & N. Himes
1/2 Sun. 10am	M. Pfeifer	D. Pfeifer	N. & O. Siano
1/8 Sat. 4pm	D. Wollgast	R. Chase	K. & R. Shute
1/9 Sun. 10am	T. Peterson	L. Himes	K. & L. Scheuber

Holy Father's Intention for the month of January:

General Intention: For true human fraternity. We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



Weekly Income:
Sunday Collection \$ 1424.00
Christmas Offering \$ 4237.00
Improvement Collection \$ 85.00
Snow Removal \$ 20.00
Thank you! Your support is appreciated!

Improvement Collection in January designated for Snow Removal. If you wish for your Improvement Donations to go towards Snow Removal costs this winter, please write "Snow Removal" on your Improvement Envelopes. 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 swkr Catholics.org Thank you!

Blessing of a Home—Although there are fine texts for the blessing of homes, neither the *Book of Blessings* nor *Catholic Households Blessings and Prayers* explains the traditional method for blessing homes this day using incense, chalk (an incarnational image because it reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made), and "Jordan water." The chalk is used to mark over doorways. The numerals consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the magi—Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar—and also stand for the Latin motto *Christos mansion benedict* ("May Christ bless the house"). We have available to you Epiphany Kits and instructions so you can bless your homes.

Eucharistic Adoration—January 5 from 11am – 1pm at St. Lawrence O'Toole in Essex. Everyone is invited to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament on every 1st **Wednesday of the month.** Hope you can find time to stop by an visit with Jesus during this time.

Statement of Contributions—If you would like a tax statement of your contributions for 2021, please call the Rectory 815-237-2230. Statements can only be prepared if you use your weekly Offertory Envelopes.

Update—If you discontinued your home phone and just use a cell phone, please call the Rectory with update or put a note in the Collection basket in an envelope marked "UPDATE". We can't get a hold of people for the funeral dinners and parish functions. Thank you!

Statistical Parish Data for the year 2021

Baptisms - 8
Weddings - 1
Funerals - 8
Registered Families - 279

NEW YEAR BLESSING—May Angels keep you night and day, and Mary guide you on your way; and may the Christ-Child fill your heart with peace, as He only can impart - - All this and more I ask for you, **BLESSINGS to last the New Year through.**

Happy New Year!

News & Upcoming Events

Support the works of the Lord through the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal -The 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) is now underway, and we are asking everyone to pledge their support to this important effort for our diocese, and our parish. This year's CMAA theme, *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*, illustrates how the many ministries our annual appeal supports allow us to join together to do God's work throughout our diocese. From helping the poor and vulnerable to forming future priests and educating people of all ages in the faith, the ministries funded through your gifts are far more extensive than our parish could provide on its own. Our parish's goal for the 2022 CMAA is \$10,700, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office to request one.

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10).

"We must always remember that God does everything well, although we may not see the reason of what He does."
—St. Philip Neri

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord [Christmas] Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God – Saturday, 01 January 2022 Numbers 6:22-27. Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8. Galatians 4:4-7. Luke 2:16-21.

The Manger. The shepherds find Jesus, not in a crib, but in a manger, a feedbox for cattle. This image reminds us that he is indeed food for us now – Body and Blood in Communion. Let us also be amazed. What continues to amaze me about Jesus' gift of himself? How can I glorify and praise God this day and this new year? What mercy work can I do to help those in need of shelter?

The Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity – Sunday, 02 January 2022 Isaiah 60:1-6. Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6. Matthew 2:1-12.

Gifts. The Magi, these foreign interpreters of dreams, do the following: follow a star, travel a great distance, trust the words of others, bring and give gifts. In some countries, Epiphany and not Christmas is gift-giving day. This twelfth-day (when on the traditional 6th of January) brings to completion the manifestation of Christ – first to the Jews and today to everyone. No one is foreign to God's good grace. How will I search diligently for Jesus? Because God is merciful to me, what mercy work can I do for another? What gifts will I give to others in need?

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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 January
Thalia Wilson 237-8595
Betsy Lutz 252-0157