

## ST. LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SANDOVAL, ILLINOIS

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD **JANAUARY 07, 2024**

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# Gary Williams - Jan Gillett

### **ORGANIZATIONS**

**Finance Council Chairman David Schulte** 

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> **Cemetery Committee** Chairman Cora Oehmke

**Knights of Columbus Grand Knight** Jim Nalewajka

**Ladies Sodality President** Mary Williams



Founded 1871

A Family of Faith

a Community of Kope

# SACRAMENTAL LIFE

HOLY MASS SCHEDOLE: St. Lawrence: Sunday at 7:30 am - Thursday at 9:00 am - St. Elizabeth: 9:15 am St. Mary: Saturday at 4:00 pm - Sunday at 10:30 am - St. Theresa: Sunday at 11:00 am

Reconciliation: Before Sunday Mass 7:00 am - 7:20 am.

Buptism: Contact the office for Baptism preparation.

Marriage: Contact Pastor at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the sick. Available as needed and at Mass twice a year.

Communion for the homebound. Contact Pastor or call the office.

Religious vocation. For inquiries, contact Pastor WEB SITE: www.avilaseton.org

## Visit us on Facebook: St. Lawrence Catholic Church

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 07 Linda McGibany Ruth Perry Mike Shaffer Bill & Joe Lusch Family Don & Barb Rohner

Jan 11 Bobby Hill **Jack Seats** John Stack Beanie Lusch

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Envelopes

First Offering

Solemnity of Mary

Attendance -76-

Thank you for all

your donations.

Christmas

Needy

Loose

Dec 31, 2024

\$ 510.00

203.00

45.00

65.00

10.00

10.00

### LITURGICAL ROLES

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* January 07, 2024

SERVERS: Sierra Ford **GREETERS:** Linda DeKalb

Eugene Nalewajka

**LECTOR:** Theresa Oldham **GIFT BEARERS:** Brenda Schaubert-Bob Perry

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: CANTOR:** Marlene Lackey

**COUNTING TEAM:** Linda Dekalb Wayne Houser (Body of Christ) Need 2 for (Blood of Christ) Theresa Ingles

January 14, 2024 SERVERS: Loren Pepple II **GREETERS:** Dennis Krupp

Brenda Schaubert

**LECTOR:** Bill Broda GIFT BEARERS: Linda DeKalb-Bob Perry

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: CANTOR:** Marlene Lackey

**COUNTER TEAM:** Bob Perry Theresa Ingles

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Need 2 for (Blood of Christ)

# LOOKING AHEAD

Sun Jan 07 MASS:

**CONFESSION 7:00-7:20** 

St. Lawrence: 7:30 am St. Elizabeth: 9:15 am St. Mary: 10:30 am

St. Theresa: 11:00 am

Mon Jan 08 **KNIGHTS BLOOD DRIVE** 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Thurs Jan 11 MASS:

St. Lawrence: 9:00 am FINANCE COUNCIL **MEETING 11:00AM** 

Sat Jan 13 MASS:

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St. Mary: 4:00 pm

Sun Jan 14 MASS:

**CONFESSION 7:00-7:20** 

St. Lawrence: 7:30 am St. Elizabeth: 9:15 am St. Mary: 10:30 am St. Theresa: 11:00 am

#### 0 F SPECIAL INTEREST

### **Knights News**

There will be a Red Cross blood drive in the parish hall on Monday, January 8th from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: StLawrenceCC to schedule an appointment. All donations will be appreciated.

The Fourth Degree Knights of the Santa Maria Assembly will be having a Krispy Kreme fundraiser in January. Orders will be taken on January 7th and 14th after mass. Donuts will be available on January 28th after mass.

The Knights annual dues payers fish fry will be on Monday, January 15th at 6:00 p.m. Fish, chicken strips, fries, and drinks will be provided. Knights may bring their wife/guest and a side dish. Anyone interested in joining our council may come also.

## **PASTOR'S PAGE**

Quote for the week: Earth provides enough for each man's needs, but not for everyman's greed.

## **The First Week of Ordinary Time**

For most of the world, January 6, is the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord, although the US celebrates it this Sunday. That is why this year the closing feast of the Christmas Season, the Baptism of the Lord, is celebrated on Sunday, in most of the world, but in the U.S. it is moved to Monday.

Whether we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday or Monday, we hear the Lord say in the first reading from Isaiah, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit." That is echoed in Luke's Gospel, after Jesus' baptism: "And a voice came from heaven, "You

are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." This feast marks the end of the Christmas season. Monday or Tuesday begins Ordinary Time on the Church calendar which will continue until Ash Wednesday.

During the weekdays, we begin a three-week cycle of captivating readings from the First Book of Samuel. We read of Samuel's mother, Hannah, who promises the Lord, "if you give your handmaid a male child, I will give him to the LORD for as long as he lives." Samuel hears a call from the Lord and responds, "Speak, for your servant is listening." An epic battle against the Philistines ends in devastating losses for Israel and the capture of the Ark of the Covenant. In his old age, Samuel rules Israel and the elders ask Samuel to appoint a King to rule them. Samuel meets Saul. "When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the LORD assured him, "This is the man of whom I told you; he is to govern my people."

From now until the beginning of Lent, the weekday gospels are from Mark's Gospel. Mark offers us a look at the beginning of Jesus public ministry. Jesus calls his first disciples, fisherman at work: Simon and Andrew, then James and John. "Then they left their nets and followed him." He drives out evil spirits and heals the sick. He hears the cry of the leper: "If you wish, you can make me clean," and Jesus, "moved with pity" heals him. Friends lower a paralytic from a roof down into the crowd in front of Jesus, who heals him and says, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Jesus extends an invitation to the despised tax collector, Levi: "Follow me."

On the Second Week of Ordinary Time, John's Gospel offers us the story of the calling of the first two disciples. He asks them what they are looking for and when they ask where he lives, he invites them, "Come, and you will see." Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site:

hps://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborapveMinistry/Prayer/A1-OT-30.html

## **Daily Prayer This Week**

In this first week of Ordinary Time, we might find ourselves feeling a little let-down after the Christmas season, especially in parts of the world where it seems cold and dark most days. This is where we can ask for the grace to let the stories of the gospels come alive in our hearts.

The vivid narratives of this week's gospel are packed with stories of Jesus' entering into the lives of real people and touching them in extraordinary ways. These are not far away stories, but ones that have a real meaning for us. This is a week of invitation from Jesus to us, with two invitations for us to ponder in our hearts this week.

Jesus encounters Levi, a Jewish tax collector. Because of his profession, he was probably wealthy but he had humiliated his family and made himself a pariah to most of those around him. Jesus' response to this "outcast" was to invite him to be one of his closest disciples- and to dine at his house.

In our own lives we may find a loneliness or separation from people in our family or others in our lives. We have parts of our lives that are dark and embarrassing and seem unchangeable. It is into this very darkness and discomfort that Jesus extends the same invitation to us -"Follow me." This clear and personal call to us is from Jesus who already knows us and our failings and yet asks us to be with him. We can hear this invitation more clearly if we can be touched with awareness of our own failings and understand more deeply how much we need a savior in our lives. It is then that our hearts open to accept this invitation.

This week Jesus invites us to follow him, as friends and disciples. This is a good week for us to contemplate with Jesus, what we are looking for and how much we want to turn and follow him. We can pray to Jesus for the strength to leave the patterns and habits of our lives that so often turn us away from him and ask for the grace to make a new beginning in our lives. If we can sit with our hands open in humility, we can accept that we can't do this on our own, but know in our hearts that with the help of God, nothing is impossible.

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# St. Lawrence Church

# The Sanctuary Candle for the month of January burns in loving memory of...

### Altadonna Family

# In Loving Memory

January 2024 Altadonna Family

February 2024 The Burns Family

March 2024 John & Freda Burns

April 2024 Joe & Florence Altadonna

May 2024 Cooper Earl (Hall) Grimes

June 2024 Ronald Clark

July 2024 Leo & Jeanne Nalewajka

August 2024 Eric Knabe & Dunphy

September 2024 Nancy Berry

October 24 Bobby Hill,

Aaron & Dorothy Niepoetter

November 2024 Glen & Pauline Walker

December 2024 Delphine Niepoetter

January 2025 Shaun Ford

February 2025 Mike Shaffer

March 2025 Open

April 2025 Joe & Florence Altadonna

May 2025 Open

June 2025 Open

July 2025 Open

If, you would like to put a picture in front of the Sanctuary Candle put it up there on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month until the last day of the month. You don't have to put a picture up if you don't want to. It is up to you.



# RECENTLY DEPARTED SOULS

### 2023

Norma (Wimberly) Saale
Alice Jayne Thorpe
Linda (Hall) McGibany
Jeannie (Walker) Ratermann
Rose Mary (Thomas) Jourdan
Tom Holstlaw
Mike Shaffer
John "Eddy" Burns Jr.

2024

The 2023 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord -Psalm 15

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul truly serves the poorest of the poor through its Cosgrove's Soup Kitchen, SVDP Thrift Store, Help Center and Night Drop-In Center. Men, women and children are provided the basic necessities of life - food, clothing and shelter – and the hope and the tools they need for a better tomorrow. Help St. Vincent de Paul serve those who have no place else to turn. Please make your gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal today.

The Diocese of Belleville is hosting an informational meeting for men (and their spouses) who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate. This meeting will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 10:00 AM in the Undercroft of the Cathedral of St. Peter, 200 W. Harrison Street, Belleville, IL 62220. The Office of Permanent Deacon is considering another new class of aspirants starting in the fall of 2025. Eligibility is extended to men who have reached the ages thirty-three (33) to fifty-six (56) by September 2025. Men older than fifty-six may still apply but require special approval from the Deacon Formation Office and the Bishop. The formation process is a five-year commitment, including academic studies conducted by St. Meinrad School of Theology, spiritual direction, and learning about the deacon's role. Participants are required to attend a three-day meeting once per month over the course of the five-year program. Interested individuals should first discuss their interest with their pastor. For those unable to attend the initial meeting, another session will be scheduled later. This meeting is an opportunity to learn about the process and requirements for becoming a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese.

# Breakfast with Knights

February 18, 2024 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.



St. Lawrence Parish Hall Sandoval, IL

Free Will Offering
All Profits from this breakfast will assist with
Knights of Columbus Charities.

Menu: Sausage, Eggs, Biscuits, Gravy, Pancakes, Fruit Cocktail, Coffee, Milk, and Juice



Sponsored by
St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus

Dine in or Carry out

### The Epiphany of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. The One who said "Let there be light" appeared among us as the Light of the world. Isaiah could have been speaking about our world. Darkness covers the earth. Thick clouds cover the people. I know so many people who are gloomy. Some even appear to thrive on gloom and doom. They look at our world and see nothing but darkness. The world seems to have gone insane. We remember our childhood and wonder why everything can't be like then when the world knew the difference between light and darkness. I constantly remind myself of the words of the author of Ecclesiastes who said, "Do not say: How is it that former times were better than these? For it is not out of wisdom that you ask about this" (Ecc. 7:10).

Although some periods of time are worse than others, darkness descended upon the world with the sin of our first parents. So, what are we to do? First, we receive baptism. In the Letter to the Hebrews, receiving baptism is to be enlightened. This is one of the more popular terms for baptism in the writings of the Apostolic Fathers. The Light came at Christmas, and we have received it. As Isaiah says, the world may dwell in darkness "but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory." Second, by our simple lives as believers, others can walk by our light, by our shining radiance. Finally, when the fire of the Holy Spirit enlightens us, then we see the world differently, too. "Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow." We don't curse the darkness; we light a candle, or better yet, we live in the light of Christ who is much greater than a candle.

The magi "saw his star at its rising ... And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." Brothers and sisters, you and I are that star. If we live in the light of Christ, there will be those who follow that light and discover the child. Of course, not all are interested in the light. Darkness can be quite comforting. Some will even be hostile to the light; Herod lives. Who could have imagined that the baby in the manger was the Light of the world? Let us let our light shine; it will lead people to the Light in that manger.

I leave you with the children's song that we used to sing during Vacation Bible School.

This little light of mine – I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine – I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine – I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine all the time, let it shine.

Let your light shine like the stars in the universe, dear friends. The Light of the world dwells in you. Let it shine. It will lead people to Jesus.

## THE EPIPANY OF THE LORD

The Epiphany of the Lord January 07, 2024 Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

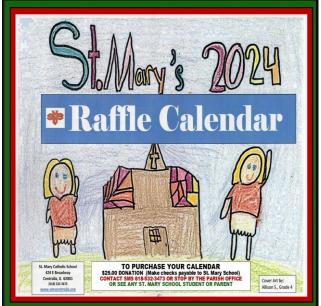
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time November 06, 2023 Malachi 1:14b,-2:2b,8-10

Psalm: 131:1,2,3

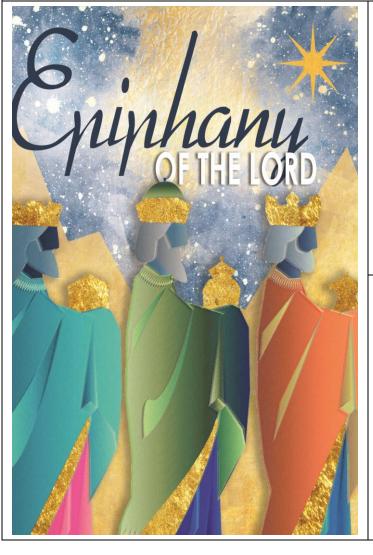
1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13 Matthew: 23:1-12

Processional #329 We Three Kings Offertory #307 A Child Is Born in Bethlehem Communion #328 The First Nowell Recessional #332 Angels From the Realms of Glory Readings 932





WINNERS	AMOUNT	NAME	AFFILIATION
I1 <sup>ST</sup>	\$10,000	PETER J. JUSTEN	7694
2 <sup>ND</sup>	\$2,500	K OF C COUNCIL 4380	4380
3 <sup>RD</sup>	\$1,000	TODD BANKS	15719
4 <sup>TH</sup>	\$1,000	NORM BISHOP CONSULTING LLC	141714
5 <sup>TH</sup>	\$1,000	THOMAS & PATRICIA MCBRIDE	690
6 <sup>TH</sup>	\$1,000	PHILIP FOGERTY	15746
7 <sup>TH</sup>	\$500	DAN & ANN CASING	5573
8 <sup>TH</sup>	\$500	STEVE GALL	1580
9 <sup>TH</sup>	\$500	K OF C COUNCIL 8473	8473
10 <sup>TH</sup>	\$500	STEPHEN & JACQUELINE POBOZNY	1369
11 <sup>TH</sup>	\$200	NEIL DORIGAN	1444
12 <sup>TH</sup>	\$200	STEFFEN	
13 <sup>TH</sup>	\$200	KAREN LANTER	15746
14 <sup>TH</sup>	\$200	DONNA OTTENSMEIER	
15 <sup>TH</sup>	\$200	COUNCIL 11981	11981
16 <sup>TH</sup>	\$100	JERRY SULLIVAN	6483
17 <sup>TH</sup>	\$100	BARBARA KIZELEVICUS	6090
18 <sup>TH</sup>	\$100	MATTHEW WIEST	14463
19 <sup>TH</sup>	\$100	ROMAN RODZIEWICZ	4456
20 <sup>TH</sup>	\$100	STEWART MATTSON	16011
TOTAL	\$20.000		



### **EPIPHANY**





## The Collect for Week 1

Attend to the pleas of your people with heavenly care, O Lord, we pray,

that they may see what must be done and gain strength to do what they have seen.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### **SUNDAY MASS**

St. Mary (Vigil) 4:00 p.m. St. Lawrence - 7:30 a.m. St. Elizabeth - 9:15 a.m. St. Mary - 10:30 a.m.

St. Theresa - 11:00 .m.



The Cemetery Committee would like to thank those who have so generously donated to the Cemetery Fund. At anytime a donation to the Cemetery Fund can be made by marking your check or envelope 'Cemetery'.

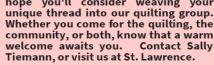
As everyone is well aware the cost of fuel is on the rise which impacts our cost of maintenance. FYI: there are plots available for purchase on the east side of either of the concrete ribbons [rows] that are already in place in the new [south] section.

If you have questions/concerns, you may contact the Cemetery Chair, Cora Oehmke at 618.247.3135 or the Parish Office.



## JOIN MARY'S MERRY QUILTERS MONDAY, ST. LAWRENCE PARISH - 9: 00 A.M.

In the tapestry of life, it's the threads of love, faith, and fellowship that make the most beautiful patterns. We hope you'll consider weaving your unique thread into our quilting group. Whether you come for the quilting, the community, or both, know that a warm



## Altar Sodality Donations Needed

The St. Monica's Altar Sodality

of St. Lawrence Parish has not had a fundraiser in over seven years. So now the time has come when we must ask for donations. Every lady of St Lawrence Parish is automatically a member of the Altar Sodality. There are no membership forms or qualifications and no dues and currently no meetings to attend. The Sodality provides funeral dinners for their families when requested. The Sodality proves the chicken and condiments for these dinners and the accompanying dishes and desserts are generously provided by the ladies of the parish. *The expenses to the Sodality for* these dinners for larger families can run up to \$400. Some families do give a generous donation to help defray the cost, but it is often not enough to cover the full amount. The Sodality also shares in the cost of supplies for the kitchen and hall which are split three ways with the Knights of Columbus and the parish. Rather than holding a fundraiser that takes a lot of work from a dwindling number of workers we are simply asking that you support the ladies by making a donation in the Sunday Collection. Make your check out to "St. Monica's Altar Sodality" and put it or cash in an envelope marked "Altar Sodality" and drop it in the collection basket. If you are making your donation at one of the other churches, please add "St. Monica" or "St Lawrence" to the envelope. Thank you for your generosity! Special Notice: If anyone is interested in starting up again as a more active group please contact Mary Williams. Mary Williams, President - Jane Waddell, Treasurer

### \*\*\*\*\*\*\* Visit us online

### **BIRTHDAY**

01-13 Mary Gore

01-14 Dennis Krupp

01-14 Nancy Nalewajka

01-15 Jamie Nattier

01-19 Bob Perry

01-24 Cora Oehmke

01-26 Joe Hill

01-31 Clay Cain III

02-11 Phillip DeKalb

02-14 Linda DeKalb

02-16 Mary Vogt

02-17 Stacey (Nalewjaka) Ford

03-23 Clayton D. Cain

### **ANNIVERSARY**

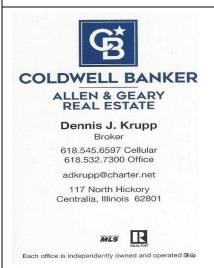
02-08 Clayton & Kay Cain 03-22 Charles & Jolynn Garrett

#### SHALOM IS NEEDING HELP

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2024 SETTING UP FROM 5:00 PM - ?. DISTRIBUTE ON SATURADY, January 13, 2024 FROM 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MARY WILLIAMS.

### Those in nursing homes or assisted living are: Gerald & Phyllis Fanger.

Please pray for them, their families and their care-givers.



# ONES IN JANUARY:

01-20 Mary Burns

01-22 Curtis Fark

01-92 Elmer J. Gambetta

01-21 JoAnn Maroccio

01-21 Bonnie Richeson

01-05 Lucille C. Spinner

04-78 Melvin Poli

04-23 Norma (Wimberly) Saale

07-20 Barb Steele

09-17 Mary Lyons

09-93 Helen T. Oehmke

09-92 Phillip Russell

10-10 Frances Hawley

15-10 Gary M. Kornenewski

16-21 Tina Suarez

23-98 Brain Keith Isaak

23-94 Lena M. Wurm

25-06 Charles W. Saale

26-15 Evelyn Barton

27-08 DeSolena G. Foutch

27-01 Mary Mae Leuty

# REMEMBERING OUR LOVED

01-20 Kaden Lyons

09-97 Rita Lusch

09-95 Dennis H. McGibany

09-95 Victor D. Warren

12-04 Anthony Korzenewski

12-08 Jack Seats

15-02 Robert "Bobby" Hill

15-16 John Stack

16-15 James "Jim" Gambetta

16-17 Beanie Lusch

16-17 Cecelia Wiedle

21-92 Ethel Merkle

26-90 Margorie Warnock

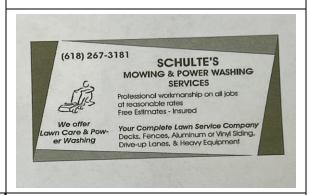
26-15 Robert Williams

27-14 Frances Nalewajka

### PRAYER REQUEST - CAN YOU PLEASE GO **OVER THESE NAMES TO SEE IF ANY NEEEDS** TO BE REMOVED PLEASE LET OFFICE KNOW

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2 Special Cancer People, Chris Berry, Brianna Blakley, Earl Bosler, Shirley Brady, Clayton & Kay Cain, Mindy Clark, Daisy & Kevin Conrad, Phillip DeKalb, Jared Fogerson, Don Frazier, Sue Gambill, Debra (Small) Gerrish, Mary Gore, Debbie Grasher, Alexus Hall, Bill & Mary Hall, Mandi Hardi, Stan Hill, Wayne Houser, Michelle Irvin, Bob Kannall, Marlene Lackey, Judy Jenkins, Beth Mayer, Karleigh McClaren, Tracy Minton, Bob Moore, John Mullen, Jerry Nitz, Jeff Orrell, Susan Parrish, Rachel & Sandie Peters, Brenda Pinkston, Gary Quick, Jerry Ratermann, Joel Rivera, Bart Robbins, Pat (Gerrish) Roestel, Mary Saatkamp, Rachael Sager, Otto Schaffer, Monica Schaubert, Sarah Schlau, Bud Schwartz, Kim Schulte, Shamus, Jack Shanafelt, Mickayla Skibinski, John Alan Small, Milya Smith, Zelma (Wurm) Smith, Patti Stanley, Jerome Stack, Brittany Starbreck, Evelyn Szatkowski, Janette Torrance, Waylon Vick, Sara Wright.





Whether you're new to the Bible, seeking to rekindle your relationship with the Word, or looking for a com-munity to share in your spiritual journey, our Monday Evening Bible Study welcomes you with open arms. For additional information please contact Pete Donnelly.



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