

ST. LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SANDOVAL, ILLINOIS

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANAUARY 21, 2024

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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 21 The Church

Jan 25 Robert Williams Brian Isaak Anthony & Gary Kornenewski

Jan 28 Linda McGibany Rose Mary Jourdan Mike Shaffer Tom & Teddy Holstlaw Personal Intentions

LITURGICAL ROLES

SERVERS: Eugene Nalewajka GREETERS: Brenda Schaubert

Theresa Ingles

LECTOR: Mary Clark GIFT BEARERS: Brenda Schaubert- Bob Perry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: CANTOR: Marlene Lackey
Theresa Oldham (Body of Christ) COUNTER TEAM: Jan Gillett
Need 2 for (Blood of Christ) Theresa Ingles

SERVERS: Dave Peters GREETERS: Linda DeKalb
Ren Biggs

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: CANTOR: Marlene Lackey
Dennis Krupp (Body of Christ) COUNTER TEAM: Barb Spears

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Jan 14, 2024

Envelopes \$ 360.00

Loose 12.00

First Offering 20.00

Solemnity of Mary 20.00

Altar Sodality 50.00

Attendance -33-

Thank you for all your donations.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun Jan 21 Thurs J MASS: 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

Thurs Jan 25 MASS:

St. Lawrence: 9:00 am

Sat Jan 27 MASS:

St. Mary: 4:00 pm

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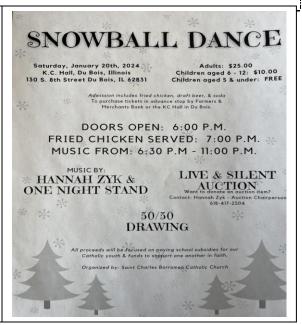
OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Knights News

For those who ordered, donuts will be available on January 28th after mass from the Fourth Degree Knights of the Santa Maria Assembly fundraiser.

The Knights annual dues payers fish fry was postponed until Monday, February 19th 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.

With winter weather here, volunteers are needed to assist with snow removal on Saturdays when necessary in preparation for Sunday morning mass. Contact David Schulte if willing to help.



PASTOR'S PAGE

Quote for the week: "Faith lifts the soul. Hope supports it. Experience says it must. And Love says let it be!"
"St. Elizabeth Ann Seton"

The Third Week of Ordinary Time

Sunday is the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. The readings include the wonderful story from **Mark's Gospel** repeated from last week's weekday readings: Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James and John. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Monday is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. Thursday is the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle. Friday we remember Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, bishops.

This is the third week of readings from Samuel, this week from the **Second Book of Samuel**. A young David is anointed King of Israel and with his army, captures the city of Zion. In the festivities that followed, Samuel offers the delightful image of a joyful David at the Ark of the Covenant, "dancing before the LORD with abandon ... with shouts of joy and to the sound of the horn." The Lord tells David, "I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his Kingdom firm." David sees Bathsheba, the beautiful wife of Uriah the Hittite and after having relations with her, he orders Uriah to the front of a battle where he is killed. Nathan the prophet confronts David, who repents.

In Mark's Gospel this week, we have many familiar stories. The scribes, hearing of his many healings, accuse Jesus of being possessed by Satan. He replies that a house is divided against itself cannot stand. Mary and other relatives arrive at a home where Jesus is teaching, but Jesus does not go to them, saying, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." He tells the parable of the sower and the seeds which fall on fertile ground and rocky soil. "Those sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." He encourages his disciples not to hide their light "under a bushel basket" and tells the story of the mustard seed, the tiniest seed which grows into one of the largest bushes. In Saturday's gospel the apostles are frightened on a boat in a storm until Jesus awakens to calm the wind and seas.

On the **Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mark's Gospel brings us the story of Jesus driving out unclean spirits from a man in the synagogue. The people are impressed because he taught with authority in ways the scribes did not and they marveled that even the unclean spirits obey him.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site:

h ps://onlineministries.creighton.edu/Collabora veMinistry/Prayer/A1-OT-30.html

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a week where Jesus speaks of seeds being planted and of growing. We are still at the beginning of a new year, and this is a good time to answer the call in our hearts to spend more time with Jesus, in prayer.

"I'm not very good at prayer," we might say. "I don't have the time to pray." Jesus is not waiting for us to be perfect before we talk to him - he is simply waiting, right now, for us to come to him in our own humanity. This week we are invited to uncover the light of our faith, the light that warms the longing we feel in our souls for something different or deeper in our relationship with God. At this beginning of the year, we might step back and examine the ways we talk with Jesus - and the ways we hold him at arm's length.

We are being called into a relationship, a friendship, with someone who delights in us and waits for us to release our fears and come out of hiding. Where do we start? With the desire.

It can be so simple to take the empty moments of our day and just tell the same Jesus who healed and loved on earth, what is in our hearts. In the early morning moments before we get out of bed, while in the shower or traveling to work, cooking or walking the dog - we can stop and open our hearts. "Jesus, you know what is in my heart. You know what my needs are. Help me to be more open to the way you are calling me in my life."

Our prayer can be as simple as opening our hands on our lap for a moment and saying in our own words, "Show me how to come out of hiding. Give me the courage to let go of my fears and bring myself to you in honesty. Let me drop the many defenses I carry that keep me from feeling how deeply you love and accept me."

There is no right or wrong way to approach Jesus - the only right thing is that we come with an open heart and our own desire for something deeper.

Every evening as we end our day, we can sit at the edge of our bed with our hands open and say, "Thank you." We can reflect on the many ways we felt the love of God in our lives that day. What tiny seed was planted in my life to bloom? Where did I shine the light of my own faith on someone?

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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 Nancy Berry, Leo & Jeannie Nalewajka

April 2025 Joe & Florence Altadonna

May 2025 Nancy Berry, Leo & Jeannie Nalewajka

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 1st 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

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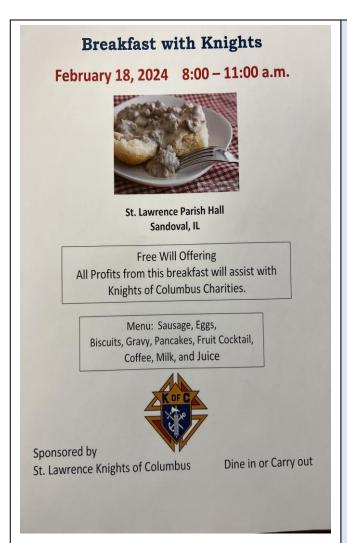
The New Prices: \$30.00 for Delivery \$25.00 on Line \$35. for Both-Delivery & on Line

Respect Life Bulletin Corner

January 21, 2024

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."

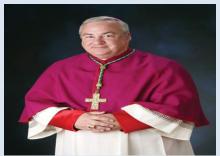
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The Collect for Week 6

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.

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.



Travel Light in 2024 January 8, 2024

Recently while flying on a plane, I was struck by the sight of numerous passengers trying to cram their bags into the overhead bins on the plane. The scene made me reflect about how often we try to take too much with us when we travel. My own preference is to "travel light."

What does it look like for us to "travel light" in 2024? I suggest that we begin by letting go of some of the baggage we carry with us through life.

First, let's drop the grudges we hold against people. Many of us can hold a grudge for a long time. In some cases we might even forget the source of the grudge, yet we still cling to it. How much lighter we will feel if we let go of the grudge and allow ourselves to move on from the original upset.

Second, let's drop our feelings of envy toward others. Too frequently we can fixate on what we don't have rather than be grateful for what we do have. Instead we may concentrate on the blessings other people seem to have and lose sight of the blessings God has given us. Let's let go of envy and be more mindful of the presence and action of God in our lives.

Third, let's drop what can be the heaviest bag we carry through life, anger. From childhood to adulthood, any one of us can experience feeling angry toward others. The source of our anger can be the hurt we experience due to being mistreated by people or when people mistreated our family members or those that we love. What would it take for us to let go of anger over the past? Can I look to Jesus to help me understand how I can live without becoming angry as much as I have in the past.

I encourage all our readers to "travel light" in 2024, so we can follow the Lord more closely and spontaneously. Let's strive to imitate Jesus in how we live today.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Bishop Michael McGovern

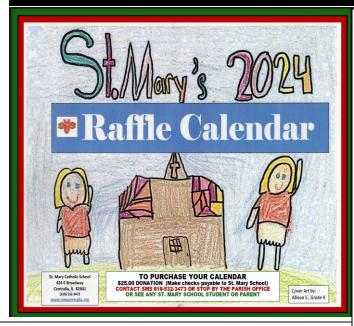
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time January 21, 2024 Jonah 3:1-5,10 Psalm: 25:4-9 (4a) 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20 4th Sunday In Ordinary Time January 28, 2024 Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm: 95:1-2,6-7,7-9(8) 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

Processional #578 All Creatures of Our God and King Offertory #824 Christ Be Our Light Communion #632 I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light Recessional #812 Take the Word of God with You Readings 935

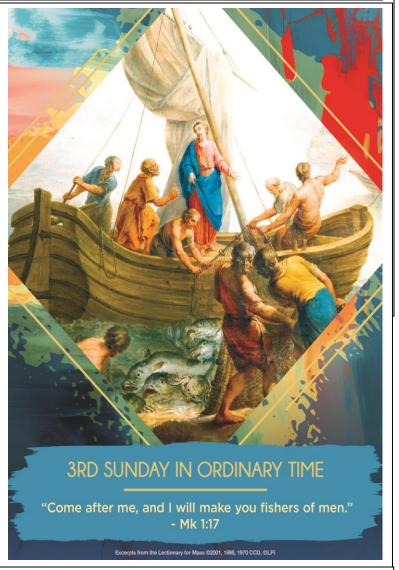




2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







DISCOVER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Celebrating Our Faith Community, Students, Parents, Teachers, Parish Community, Vocations, and Volunteers

- Academics
- Character
- Faith

Join the Celebration of Catholic Schools Week! Experience the Spirit of Faith, Academic Excellence, and Compassionate Service. We Welcome Families, Students, and Community Members to Participate in a Week Full of Activities.

Oddwalk

Join St. Mary School Centralia and St. Mary School, Mt. Vernon for the closing of Catholic School's Week!

St. Mary School Gym, Centralis Friday, February 2, 2024!

All School Mass - 10:30 a.m. Oddwalk - 12:30 p.m. CELEBRATE WITH US OPEN TO ALL

Schools celebrate students during National Catholic Schools Week by planning enjoyable and meaningful activities for them and

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024 - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

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.

Does anyone know what happened to the walker that was in the front lobby? If you have any information vou can call Theresa Ingles at the Parish Office. (618)247-3300

ZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ

Parish Of Pilgrimage to **Fatima and Lourdes**

Please join us on a pilgrimage with Fr. Charles Robinson, F.I. to Fatima and Lourdes, with a stop in Avila Spain, as well as Azpeitia, Spain where St. Ignatius of Loyola was born, and more! Daily Mass. September 10-19, 2024. \$3595/per person. **\$150** early bird discount if registered by Feb. 15th, **2024.** For more information please visit www.OoHTours.com or call us

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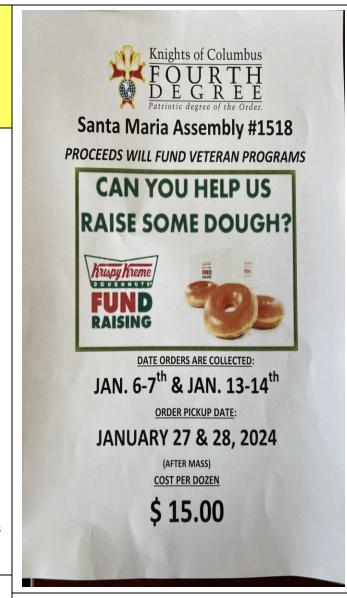
The Cemetery Committee would like to thank those who have so generously donated to the Cemetery Fund. At anytime a donation to the Cemetery Fund can be made by marking your check or envelope 'Cemetery'. As everyone is well aware the cost of fuel is on the rise which impacts our cost of maintenance. FYI: 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

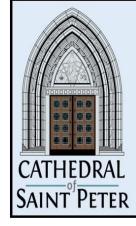
may contact the Cemetery

618.247.3135 or the Parish

Chair, Cora Oehmke at

Office.





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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 welcome awaits you. Contact Sa Tiemann, or visit us at St. Lawrence. Contact Sally

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

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BIRTHDAY

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

03-23 Chris Williams

03-29 Lacy Toedte

04-06 James Nattier

04-13 Mickayla (Schulte) Skibinski

04-16 Johnny Bosler

04-16 Lana Nalewajka

ANNIVERSARY

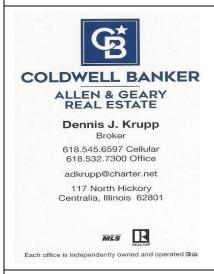
02-08 Clayton & Kay Cain 03-22 Charles & Jolynn Garrett

SHALOM IS NEEDING HELP

WEDNESDAY, February 07, 2024 SETTING UP FROM 5:00 PM - ?. DISTRIBUTE ON SATURADY, February 10, 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.



REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES IN JANUARY:

01-20 Mary Burns

01-22 Curtis Fark

01-92 Elmer J. Gambetta

01-20 Kaden Lyons

01-21 JoAnn Maroccio

01-21 Bonnie Richeson

01-05 Lucille C. Spinner

04-78 Melvin Poli

04-23 Norma (Wimberly) Saale

07-83 Joe Resch

07-20 Barb Steele

09-17 Mary Lyons

09-97 Rita Lusch

09-95 Dennis H. McGibany

09-93 Helen T. Oehmke

09-92 Phillip Russell

09-95 Victor D. Warren

10-10 Frances Hawley

12-04 Anthony Korzenewski

12-08 Jack Seats

15-02 Robert "Bobby" Hill

15-10 Gary M. Kornenewski

15-16 John Stack

16-15 James "Jim" Gambetta

16-17 Beanie Lusch

16-21 Tina Suarez

16-17 Cecelia Wiedle

21-92 Ethel Merkle

23-98 Brain Keith Isaak

23-94 Lena M. Wurm 25-06 Charles W. Saale

25-16 Norman Williams

26-15 Evelyn Barton

26-90 Margorie Warnock

26-15 Robert Williams

27-08 DeSolena G. Foutch

27-01 Mary Mae Leuty

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

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.





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