

ST. LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SANDOVAL, ILLINOIS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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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.

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

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 11 Linda McGibany
Mike Shaffer
John Andrews
Tom & Teddy Holstlaw
Harry & Josephine
Rohner

Feb 14 Butch Williams
Marc Oehmke
Mike Shaffer
Clarence & Florence
Beckmann

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Feb 04, 2024

 Envelopes
 \$1,366.00

 Loose
 113.00

 Building Fund
 200.00

 Messenger
 90.00

 Shalom
 50.00

 Ash Wednesday
 25.00

 B& I Mission
 5.00

Thank you for all your donations.

Attendance -91-

LITURGICAL ROLES

SERVERS: Loren Pepple II GREETERS: Dennis Krupp

Brenda Schaubert

LECTOR: Theresa Oldham **GIFT BEARERS:** Linda DeKalb- Bob Perry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:Wayne Houser (Body of Christ)

CANTOR: Marlene Lackey
COUNTER TEAM: Bob Perry

Need 2 for (Blood of Christ)

SERVERS: Eugene Nalewajka GREETERS: Linda DeKalb
Theresa Ingles

LECTOR: Bill Broda GIFT BEARERS: Brenda Schaubert- Bob Perry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: CANTOR: Marlene Lackey

Jaime Toedte (Body of Christ)

COUNTER TEAM: Jan Gillett
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Theresa Ingles

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun Feb 11 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

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Wed Feb 14
ASH WEDNESDAY
MASS:

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St. Lawrence: 9:00 am St. Theresa: 7:00 pm

Thurs Feb 15 MASS:

St. Lawrence: 9:00 am

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SPECIAL INTEREST

Knights News

The Knights next fundraiser will be a breakfast held on Sunday, February 18th. The menu will be sausage, eggs, biscuits, gravy, pancakes, fruit cocktail, coffee, milk, and juice. This will be a free will offering. All profits will assist with Knights of Columbus charities. Invite your family and friends.

The Knights annual dues payers fish fry will be 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.

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.

Sat Feb 18

St. Mary: 4:00 pm

MASS:

Theresa Ingles

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.

PASTOR'S PAGE

Quote for the week: Are you drowning? Remember your Life Guard walks on water.

The Sixth Week of Ordinary Time

On the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time we hear Matthew's Gospel. Jesus speaks to his followers about religious laws and also of our own relationships. Go to offer gifts to God at the altar, but first, Jesus says, "Leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Cyril, monk, and Saint Methodius, bishop.

We continue with first readings from the Book of Genesis. This is the beginning of the story of salvation: Cain and Abel, Noah and the Ark, the Tower of Babel. The week concludes with the Letter to the Hebrews' summary of the beliefs of our ancestors in the faith.

As we follow Jesus' ministry in Mark's Gospel, we witness Jesus' discouragement as he again encounters the challenges of the religious leaders: "he sighed from the depth of his spirit." As they retreat to the other side of the lake, Jesus warns his disciples against the rebellious "leaven" of the Pharisees and reminds them of the meaning of the miracle of the loaves - he is like God, come to feed them in whatever desert journey they encounter. Jesus heals a blind man who first sees only in a distorted way - a scene which begins the journey to Jerusalem on which Jesus tries to heal the blindness of his disciples. Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ but rejects Jesus' instruction that he must suffer and die before the resurrection. Jesus rebukes him and instructs his disciples about their discipleship. It is about taking up our own cross with him: "whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it." Then Jesus takes Peter, James and John and shows them his glory, to prepare them for the scandal of the cross.

On the Seventh Week of Ordinary Time, Jesus gives us one of the biggest challenges to living the Christian life: Love Your Enemies. "I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well."

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/B2-OT-06.html

Save the Date: LENTEN MISSION 2024 Dates: February 19, 20, 21 (Mon-Tue-Wed)

Time: 6:30-7:45pm.
Theme: "The Name of God is Mercy":
The Proof is in the Parables
Preacher: Fr. Paulson Veliyannoor,
CMF. PhD

Jesus revealed a Father whose name is mercy and in whom there is absolutely no violence. Beginning from the declara on of his "Mission" Statement" in Nazareth, Jesus preached, lived, died, and finally resurrected for driving home this truth. His parables were all geared to teach us this truth too beau □ful to be true; and hence, they le □ his listeners ini ally stunned, challenged, and disturbed. O en they did not understand the full impact of the parables, which, like a task le □ incomplete, kept gnawing at them from within. Some of the listeners stubbornly refused to work through them. Others sought to kill him, for they could not bear the truth of mercy. Yet others found themselves transformed into a new way of being and doing. In this Lenten Mission,

Father Paulson will guide us through a few select parables and their surprising, disturbing, challenging, but at the end of it all, transforming invita on and poten al. Father Paulson holds a PhD in clinical psychology from California, and licen ate in spiritual theology and masters in mys cism from Spain. He is currently the Director of the Instate of Consecrated Life – Sanyasa (ICLS), India, which offers academic degrees in the theology of consecrated life and works for the renewal and revisioning of the same.



St. Lawrence Church

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

The Burns Family

In Loving Memory

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 Leo & Jeannie Nalewajka

Nancy Berry & Marcus Oehmke

April 2025 Joe & Florence Altadonna

May 2025 Nancy Berry, Leo & Jeannie Nalewajka

June 2025 Open

July 2025 Marcus Oehmke

August 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.

<u>2024</u>

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LENTEN REGULATIONS

FASTING: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition. Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection. ALMSGIVING: The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2462).

Respect Life Bulletin Corner

Feb 11, 2024

World Marriage Day

"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."

USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Lectionary: 77

The arts in all forms create an opportunity to animate our imaginations, see the world in new ways and call us to action. Now, after the pandemic, audiences are finding their way back to share experiences of concerts, films and live performances. My daughters and I recently attended a stage production of Jesus Christ Superstar. Before the show we enjoyed catching up with stories about our careers and our friends. After the show our discussion was about aspects of the performance we found moving, inspiring and surprising. We also remarked about the good timing of our seeing this show shortly before the beginning of Lent.

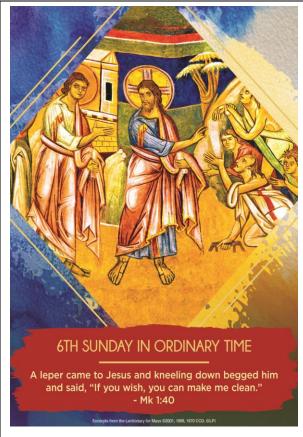
On this last Sunday of Ordinary Time before Lent, we hear more about the life of Jesus as he heals a leper. To give us context for the story, the first reading from Leviticus shares details about the response to leprosy. The actions to be taken by both the priest and the individual are outlined to clarify when a person is unclean. And in today's second reading we hear Paul tell the Corinthians that everything we do should be for the glory of God. Paul says, "just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved." Jesus certainly embodied these words.

In today's Gospel from Mark, we hear the story of Jesus taking pity on a man with leprosy and healing him from the disease. Jesus tells the man to follow the law of the day and go to the priest to be declared clean. Jesus also asks the man to tell no one else about his being healed. Filled with faith and overcome by gratitude, the man cannot help but share the news of the miracle he has experienced.

Seeing Jesus as a healer to all who have faith has always come easily to me, but I struggle to understand why Jesus would compel the man to not tell anyone about his being healed by Jesus. The performance of Jesus Christ Superstar helped me sort this out. The beginning of the show has a joyful and intimate feel. And as the story progresses, the crowds become more frantic and demanding. Caiaphas and the other high priests become more committed to the law. Jesus is living in that tension of wanting to be available to all who express their faith while also feeling the human limits of exhaustion. It is no wonder he asked the man he healed of leprosy to stay quiet.

As I anticipate the beginning of my Lenten journey this week, I pray with these questions: How can I support those who are excluded based on rules and laws? When have I been too afraid to ask for and accept God's mercy? How can I help disrupt systems of oppression in the way of Jesus? And I pray for the grace to know how best to give glory to God.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.





We invite you to join us in marking the beginning of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday on February 14th. Please check Mass times. This solemn day signifies the start of a 40-day journey of reflection, prayer, and fasting, leading up to the celebration of Easter. We look forward to sharing this meaningful time with you and your loved ones. Let us embrace this opportunity for spiritual renewal and deeper connection with our faith.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

6th Sunday In Ordinary Time February 11, 2024 Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 Psalm: 32:1-2,5,11,(7) 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

1 Corinthians 10:31-11 Mark 1:40-45 1st Sunday Of Lent February 18, 2024 Genesis 9:8-15

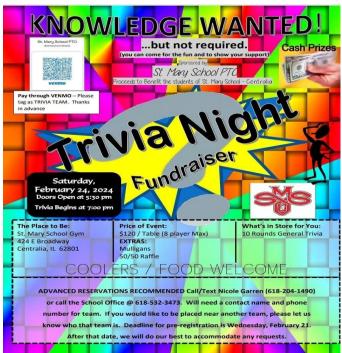
Psalm: 25:4-9, (see10) 1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15

Processional #675 For You Are My God Offertory #688 There is A Balm in Gilead Communion #805 Bread of Life Recessional #608 Let All Things Now Living Readings 944









2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

The ideal candidate holds a teaching certificate from the state of IL or has a bachelor's degree seeking certification and must be a Christian.

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FEBRUARY 14TH - ASH WEDNESDAY

ASHES AND DASH-ST. MARY'S PARKING LOT

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Attention College, HS, and Public School
Students, and those heading to work, stop by
St. Mary's to receive your ashes. Start Lent with
an outward sign of your faith! See you there!

Ash Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	12:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
Mass Schedule	St. Mary Church	St. Mary Hospital	St. Mary Church
Stations of the Cross With Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Each Friday St. Mary Church 2:15 p.m.	Each Thursday St. Mary Church 6:00 p.m.	

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 Sally Tiemann, or visit us at St. Lawrence.



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 you can call Theresa Ingles at the Parish Office. (618)247-3300

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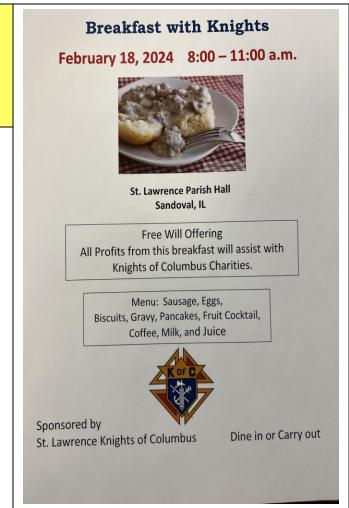
Parish Of Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes

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.QoHTours.com or call us at 1-800-213-4295

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.





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

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

04-20 William Hall

04-28 Brent Toedte

04-29 John Toedte

05-03 Jane Waddell

ANNIVERSARY

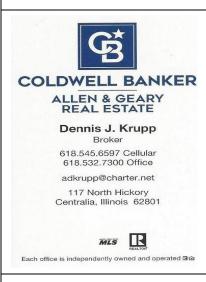
03-22 Charles & Jolynn Garrett

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 FEBRUARY:

01-21 Charlotte Carson

02-14 Marilyn Oehmke

03-94 Marie Theresa Porter

04-98 Cora Elizabeth Schooling

04-90 Walter Schymick

05-07 Clarence Holkamp

05-05 Janice F. Kannall

08-01 Mary F. Hudzik

10-84 William E. Hall

13-09 Eugene Maluchnik

13-92 Dorothy Schweda

14-98 Tony Piasse

14-93 Marie White

20-98 Martha A. Ramsey

21-19 Diana Kelso

23-07 Ann M. Miketta

25-08 Margaret Bowen

25-01 Alison Niepoetter

26-07 Charene Bosler

26-04 Margaret (Peggy) Earle

26-17 Julianna Griffith

26-95 Ralph G. Koppers

28-97 Timothy McCarthy

28-17 Jenna Wooden

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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