



ST. LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SANDOVAL, ILLINOIS

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 19, 2025

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE: St. Lawrence: Sunday-8:30 am – Thursday-8:30 am - Holy Day Vigil-6:00 pm

St. Mary-Centralia: Saturday-4:00 pm – Sunday-10:30 am – St. Mary-Carlyle: Saturday-4:30 pm-Sunday-10:00 am

St. Teresa-Marydale: Saturday-7:30 pm – Sunday-8:00 am

Reconciliation: Before Sunday Mass 8:00 am - 8:20 am.

Baptism: 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

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Visit us on Facebook: St. Lawrence Catholic Church

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 19 Bobby Hill
Oct 23 Carolyn Seats
Joseph Saale
Andrew Evans
Marie Bauman
Oct 26 Don & Barb Rohner
Oct 30 Christine Hotlkamp
Ida Hubbell
Fred Smith

LITURGICAL ROLES

October 19, 2025 *****
SERVERS: Eugene Nalewajka
Theresa Ingles
LECTOR: Mary Williams
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:
Deacon Dan Laquet (Body of Christ)
Mary Jo Jones & Jane Waddell (Blood of Christ)
GREETERS: Cindy Lusch
GIFT BEARERS Cindy Lusch & Bob Perry
CANTOR: Marlene Lackey
ORGANIST: Mary Ann Weatherspoon
COUNTERS TEAM: Bob Perry
Theresa Ingles

October 26, 2025 *****
SERVERS: Dave Peters
Brenda Schaubert
LECTOR: Bill Broda
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:
Deacon Dan Laquet (Body of Christ)
Eugene & Nancy Nalewajka (Blood of Christ)
GREETERS: Cindy Lusch
GIFT BEARERS Cindy Lusch & Bob Perry
CANTOR: Marlene Lackey
ORGANIST: Mary Ann Weatherspoon
COUNTERS TEAM: Jan Gillett
Theresa Ingles

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

October 12, 2025

Envelopes	\$871.00
Loose	176.00
Building Fund	30.00
Sanctuary Candle	30.00
Mass Intentions	40.00
Cemetery Fund	180.00

Attendance – 65 -

Thank you for all
your donations.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun Oct 19
29th Sunday in OT
MASS:
CONFESSION 8:00-8:20
St. Lawrence: 8:30 am
St. Teresa:
Marydale: 8:00 am
St. Mary:
Carlyle: 10:00 pm
St. Mary: 10:30 am

Mon Oct 20
Knights Meeting
7:00 pm

Thurs Oct 23
MASS:
St. Lawrence: 8:30 am

Sat Oct 25
MASS:
St. Mary: 4:00 pm
St. Mary: Carlyle 4:30 pm
St. Teresa:
Marydale 7:30 pm

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

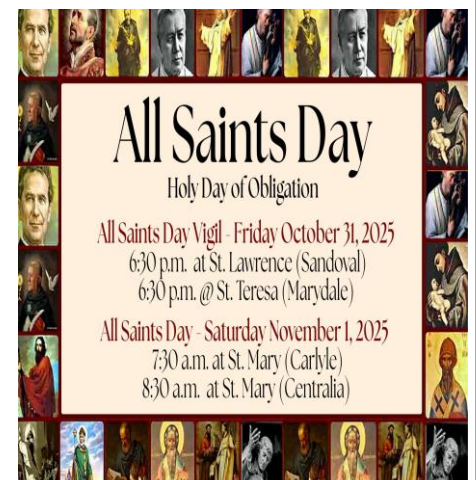
WELCOME FATHER GEORGE MAUCK & DEACON DAN LAQUET

Knights News

The rosary will be prayed before mass every Sunday in October for Pro Life.

Our council will be collecting for the Marion County Pregnancy Care Clinic during the month of October. There will be a playpen set up in the entrance to church for items like baby clothes, diapers, baby toys, etc. Baby bottles will also be available for monetary donations.

Raffle tickets are available at the entrances to church to benefit the Illinois Vocations Support Program. Tickets are \$5.00 a piece or five tickets for \$20.00. Put filled in raffle tickets, cash, or **check payable to St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus** in an envelope marked **Vocations Raffle** and drop in Sunday collection basket. Give to support seminarians.





Message from our Pastor

Father Steven Pautler

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-

Theme: “When Life Makes No Sense... Keep Knocking”

Sometimes life gives us questions that make us scratch our heads. Like why doctors and lawyers “practice” after all those years of school. Or why abbreviation is such a long word. Or why do we all turn down the radio when trying to read a house number. I’ve done that once more than I care to admit. It’s like lowering the volume will suddenly give me eagle vision.

Then there’s the boxing ring. It’s square. Yet we call it a ring. I can live with that mystery. But “deer crossing” signs? I’ve never seen a deer politely wait for the right spot. And the fool and his money? Who introduced them in the first place? And don’t get me started on silent letters. If you’re not going to show up to work, you shouldn’t be in the world at all.

These little absurdities remind us how much in this world we simply don’t understand. But they’re harmless mysteries. Then there are the heavier ones. Why does a healthy child get sick. Why do accidents shatter ordinary days. Why do some prayers feel unanswered. Those aren’t funny. They hurt. They leave us looking up at the heavens asking why.

In Gospel of Luke 18:1-8, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow who keeps pestering the unjust judge until she gets her answer. The point is simple. Keep praying. Even when the heavens seem silent. Even when the mysteries pile up. God isn’t like that judge. He hears. He listens. He answers in time.

Sometimes faith grows best in the dark. Not when everything is clear, but when nothing adds up. When prayer feels like shouting into the wind, we stand in the company of every saint who ever struggled with God’s silence. The persistent widow didn’t walk away. She showed up again and again, tired but determined. That’s the heart of real prayer. It’s less about getting answers and more about staying in the conversation. Faith deepens in that steady rhythm of trust and keeps us anchored when the storm howls.

We’re not called to understand every twist and turn. We’re called to trust. To keep praying. To stand at the door and keep knocking. The questions may stay unanswered. But faith keeps us steady when life doesn’t make sense. God doesn’t owe us a flowchart. He gives us his presence. And sometimes, that’s the only answer we need. Faith isn’t a puzzle to solve. It’s a relationship to keep. When life makes no sense, hold the line. Keep praying. Keep knocking. God’s silence doesn’t mean He’s left the room. It means He’s working where we can’t see. Trust doesn’t erase the mystery, but it anchors the soul while we wait.

This week’s question:

My grandson just announced that he’s attracted to persons of the same sex.

I don’t want to lose his love or offend him. What do I do?

Answer:

Start with love. Thank him for trusting you and let him know nothing changes your love for him. The Church calls us to treat every person with dignity and respect while holding to God’s plan for human sexuality. Listen, don’t preach. Keep the relationship strong. Pray for him and ask God for the wisdom to witness to Christ’s truth with tenderness and compassion.



Respect Life Corner October 19, 2025

Join thousands of Catholics praying a Respect Life Month novena Wednesday, October 22 – Thursday, October 30. Get daily prayers, reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org!

¡Únanse a los miles de católicos mediante el rezo de una novena por el Mes Respetemos la Vida desde el martes 22 de octubre al miércoles 30 de octubre. Reciban oraciones y reflexiones diarias, y más. ¡Inscríbanse en respectlife.org!



St. Lawrence Church

**The Sanctuary Candle for the month of October
in loving memory of...**

**Bobby Hill,
Aaron, Dorothy, John & Delphine Niepoetter**

In Loving Memory

October 2025	Bobby Hill, Aaron, Dorothy, John & Delphine Niepoetter
November 2025	John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny Burns & Burns Family
December 2025	Shaun Ford
January 2026	Altadonna Family
February 2026	Mike Shaffer
March 2026	John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny Burns & Burns Family
April 2026	John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny Burns & Burns Family
May 2026	Marcella Schulte
June 2026	Ron Clark
July 2026	Marcus, Marilyn & Robert Oehmke
August 2026	Knabe & Dunphy Family
September 2026	John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny, & Burns Family
October 2026	Bobby Hill, Aaron, Dorothy, John & Delphine Niepoetter
November 2026	Open
December 2026	Shaun Ford

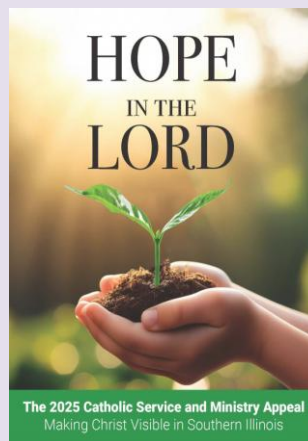
If, you would like to put a picture in front of the Sanctuary Candle put it up there on the 1st of the month until the last day of the month. You don't have to put a picture up if you don't want to. It is up to you.



RECENTLY DEPARTED SOULS

2025

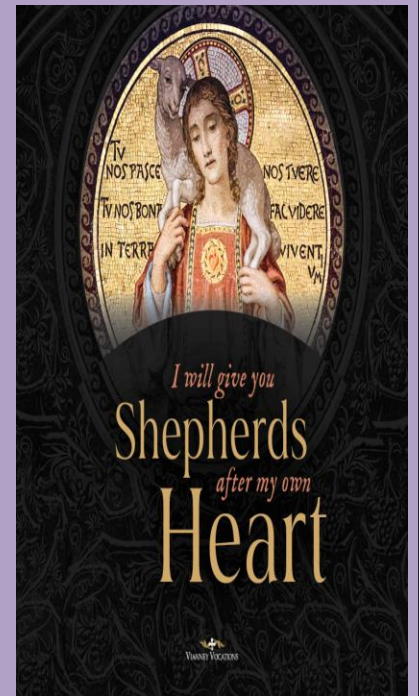
Mary Kay Gunther
Michael Wooden
Victoria (Vic) Steele
Sharon (Jane) Rizzo



The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Hope in the Lord

With confidence in the Lord, today we are asking for your support of this year's Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Your generous response will help our diocesan ministries grow and the compassion of Jesus will be experienced more profoundly in our communities by those who are in need.

Please consider making your gift today!



Vocation Corners October 19, 2025

"My call to religious life began with a construction project at my college dorm. As jackhammers rang outside, I sought refuge in the chapel and at campus ministry events. My faith began to flourish and during those years I providentially met a De La Salle Christian brother who opened up new opportunities for community and service. My Catholic education...played a significant role in my discernment. I similarly attribute my vocation in large part to my family, who have always encouraged me to be faithful to God and a disciple of Christ. My advice to anyone discerning is to remain true to yourself and God. Dedicate yourself to growing in faith, service, justice, hope and love." Brother Kyle Mena, Brothers of the Christian Schools; Columbia Magazine, Oct. 2021.

Quote for the week: You are unstoppable when you are determined to grow.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

For the Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time, through the parable of the persistent widow wearing down the unjust judge, Jesus urges us to have faith. "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them?"

We continue with the second of four weeks of weekday readings from Paul's Letter to the Romans. This is Paul's longest letter and was written from Greece as he prepared to visit Rome.

Our gospels continue with Luke's Gospel and multiple stories of Jesus exhorting us to be prepared, to beware of greed and that our "life does not consist of possessions." Jesus' mission is to bring peace and healing. We are to be prepared for the times our Lord comes to us. Much is expected of us who have been entrusted with so much. Jesus has come to set a fire among us, which will probably also place us at odds with others, even others we love. Yet, Jesus calls us to read the signs of our times and to make peace with our opponents if we can. We are being fertilized to bear fruit.

On the Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time we have Jesus' dramatic story of the Pharisee and the tax collector standing in the temple, the Pharisee relieved that "I am not like the rest of humanity" and the tax collector with eyes down, begging for mercy. "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a terrific week to ask for the gift of freedom. Each day, when we focus ourselves in the morning, and throughout each busy day, we can keep asking God to help us, to give us what we need to become freer. There's freedom "from" and freedom "for." We can ask to be released from what has a hold on us. If we ask, we can trust that God will give us the grace to understand the habits and desires that hold us back from intimacy with God. We can ask to be more honest with ourselves about them, and to grow in a desire to discover what we would be like without them. We can pray to be free for whatever God desires of us. If we express our desire to be placed at the service of others and to be able to give our lives away more generously, we can trust that God will let Jesus set our hearts on fire.

The Word helps us each week. Sometimes, one phrase or one story will carry us for several days. Other weeks, we will have to look back at the readings to hear a reminder, an encouragement, a call. I might stay with the words, "give to God what is God's." On a given day it might be a great grace to realize all is gift, including the members of my family, the gifts I've been given to do my work, the graces offered me this very day. If I hear the words of Jesus, "life does not consist in possessions," we might ask him to show me how this is meant for me this week. Perhaps I will imagine myself as that tree that isn't bearing much fruit. Instead of cutting me down, our Lord is patient and willing to nourish me and cultivate me, so that I can bear fruit.

All week, we speak with our Lord, friend to friend, expressing whatever is in our hearts. No matter how busy we are, we will grow in gratitude as we see how much Jesus can do with our open hearts.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site:
<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/A1-OT-30.html>

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2025
Exodus 17:8-13
Psalms 121:1-8
2 Timothy 3:14; 4:2
Luke 18:1-8

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025
Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Psalms 34:2-3, 17-19, 23
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16/18
Luke 18:9-14

Gathering: #574 Glory and Praise to Our God
Pres. of Gifts: #696 In Every Age
Communion: #786 I Received the Living God
Recessional: #618 I Sing the Might Power God

Readings: 1014



St. Mary/Willow Grove Softball Team Claims 4th Place at State!

Community Celebrates their Incredible Journey!

St. Mary School is bursting with pride as we celebrate the incredible accomplishment of our St. Mary/Willow Grove softball team, who battled their way to a hard-earned 4th place finish at the State Tournament! These remarkable young athletes demonstrated unwavering determination, strength, and teamwork through two fiercely competitive games, leaving everything on the field and representing our schools with heart and honor. Their journey—filled with dedication, faith, and perseverance—was one to remember, and the celebration continued as the community lined State Route 161 to welcome them home in a powerful show of support and pride. Congratulations, SMS Ladies — your legacy is one we will never forget!



Running with Heart: Wildcards on the Road to State

Congratulations to our St. Mary/Willow Grove Cross Country runners on a successful season. We are proud of each of you for your dedication and hard work. A special cheer goes to Griffin and Madalynn, who are heading to State! Pictured above is our St. Mary/Willow Grove Cross Country Team.

On the left are Hanna, Griffin, and Brody. On the right are Callen, Mrs. Pryor, and Griffin. In the bottom left, Griffin stands with Coach Robby Pender, and on the bottom right is Madalynn, ready to race her way to State.

PURRS FROM THE PEW - Sister Fluff of Divine Mischief

Operation Mouse-Out:

Fluff's Halloween Master Plan

My dearest parish friends, A furry storm is brewing. This morning, I received a royal message from Aunt Sister Gracie, the fearless guardian of the Magic Kingdom. She announced she has success-fully kept the Kingdom mouse-free. Which is impressive, considering Mickey and Minnie still think they run the place! Let's just say Aunt Gracie and those two have a "working relationship." She's coming here for Halloween! To my Trunk or Treat! If I show up looking like myself, Sister Gracie will spot me instantly. And so will all of you. That means hugs, kisses, and enough head pats to flatten my fur. As much as I enjoy the attention, it will delay my sacred candy-collecting mission. I must remain unseen. I've narrowed my costume choices to three. Angel wings for holiness. A tiny monk robe for quiet dignity. Or a sneaky bat costume to flutter past the candy tables unnoticed. Students, your advice is needed. Help me pick the perfect disguise so Aunt Gracie and the crowd don't catch me mid-candy raid. Paws, prayers, and undercover plans Sister Fluff, F.D.M. Feline of Divine Mischief



SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025

JON CROCEE - NOKOMIS
RYAN WARD - CENTRALIA

SUNDAY MASSES:

Sandoval:
St. Lawrence - 8:30 a.m.

Centralia:
St. Mary (Vigil) - 4:00 p.m.
St. Mary - 10:30 a.m.

Carlyle:
St. Mary (Vigil) - 4:30 p.m.
St. Mary - 10:00 am

Marydale:
St. Teresa (Vigil) - 7:30 pm
St. Teresa - 8:00 am

Salem:
St. Theresa (Vigil) - 5:00 pm

Kinmundy:
St. Elizabeth - 7:30 am

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, October 20, 2025
Romans 4:20-25
Luke 1:69-75
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 21, 2025
Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21
Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-10, 17
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 22, 2025
Romans 6:12-18
Psalm 124:1b-8
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday, October 23, 2025
Romans 6:19-23
Psalm 1:1-4, 6
Luke 12:49-53

Friday, October 24, 2025
Romans 7:18-25a
Psalm 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday, October 25, 2025
Romans 8:1-11
Psalm 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Luke 13:1-9



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Remembering our Faithfully Departed

Memorial Mass

Sunday, November 2, 2025
St. Lawrence Church at 8:30 a.m.
St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m.

Rosary & Blessing of Graves

Sunday, November 2, 2025
St. Lawrence Cemetery 12:00 p.m.
Calvary Cemetery at 1:30 p.m.



St. Mary School Turkey BINGO

AND VENDOR FAIR- NOVEMBER 9TH

11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

VENDORS WANTED!

Vendors may set up from 8 AM to 11 AM. The cost is \$30 per booth, and electricity is available. Email today to claim your spot and receive a vendor registration form! Registration is first come, first serve. Duplicate vendors will be placed on a waiting list. For more information, contact Caitlin Harting at charting@stmarycentralia.org.



St John Paul II *Feast Day, October 22*

Aid for Women

Saving Lives and Empowering Women Since 1978

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Your donation will make a difference in the lives of a mother and her baby. Aid for Women provides the emotional, practical, and spiritual support that a woman needs to choose life for her unborn baby and to create a brighter future for herself and her child.

Learn more, and donate online here:



BIRTHDAY

10-21 Ella Santiago
 10-27 Alexis Hall
 10-27 Maddi Hill
 11-11 Sr. Marlene Buese
 11-11 Colton Hill
 11-14 Kalyn (Nalewajka) Schilling
 11-14 Natalie Toedte
 11-16 Kay (Burns) Cain
 11-19 Peggy Spinner
 11-20 Larry Saale
 11-26 Mark Szatkowski
 11-28 Jarrod Rhodes
 12-01 Callie Alonso
 12-01 Tim Aydt
 12-03 Kennedy Laffoon
 12-11 Alice Krupp
 12-14 Andrea Pryor
 12-15 Michael Hill
 12-19 Debbie (Sullivan) Conrad

ANNIVERSARY

10-23 Brandon & Mickayla Skibinski
 11-11 Joe & Laura Shepler
 11-13 John & Margarite Rohner
 12-30 James & Annette Nattier

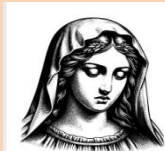
SHALOM IS NEEDING HELP

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025
 SETTING UP FROM 9:30 AM - ?.
 DISTRIBUTE ON SATURDAY,
 NOVEMBER 15, 2025 FROM 7:00 AM -
 9:30 AM FOR MORE INFORMATION
 CONTACT BRENDA SCHAUBERT

**Those in nursing homes or
 assisted living are:** Gerald &
 Phyllis Fanger. Please pray for
 them, their families and their
 care-givers.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED OCTOBER

02-23 Mike Shaffer
 03-10 Joseph Saale
 07-90 Amelia Fizzon
 07-92 Michael Lusch
 07-17 Phillip Lusch
 08-88 Merle Lutell
 08-97 Fred Smith
 09-07 Alice Pinkowski
 09-04 Louis Schaubert
 10-17 Ray Resch
 12-11 Thelma Dickens
 12-90 Clara Grobelny
 12-22 Carolyn Seats
 13-89 Jasper Catalana
 14-06 Ralph Spinner
 15-97 Charles Daniels
 15-97 Paul Wurm
 20-99 Ida Hubbell
 20-09 Irene Kozuszek
 25-89 Andrew Evans
 25-88 Joseph Lusch
 27-13 Marie Bouman
 27-07 Christine Holskamp



***Mary, Queen of Heaven,
 shelter us beneath your
 mantle and steady our hearts
 with courage that leads us
 ever closer to the saving love
 of Christ your Son.***

PRAYER REQUEST – CAN YOU PLEASE GO OVER THESE NAMES TO SEE IF ANY NEEDED TO BE REMOVED PLEASE LET OFFICE KNOW

2 Special Cancer People, Chris Berry, Brianna
 Blakley, Clayton & Kay Cain, Craig Church,
 Heather Clark, Mindy Clark, Daisy Conrad,
 Linda DeKalb, Jared Fogerson, Don Frazier,
 Sue Gambill, Debra (Small) Gerrish, Drew
 Gore, Mary Gore, Ron & Barb Grasher, Debbie
 Grasher, Alexis Hall, Bill & Mary Hall, Mary
 Ann Hall, Tom Hall, Michelle Irvin, Wilma
 Jourdan, Judy Jenkins, Bob Kannall, Cassy
 Karcher, Curt & Marlene Lackey, Tom Lusch,
 Karleigh McClaren, Tracy Minton, John Mullen,
 Jerry Nitz, Earl Nolte, Jeff Orrell, Rachel &
 Sandie Peters, Brenda Pinkston, Jerry
 Ratermann, Pat (Gerrish) Roestel, Larry Saale,
 Kenny & Mary Saatkamp, Rachael Sager, Otto
 Schaffer, Tim Schaubert, Kim Schulte, Fr. Carl
 Schrage, Jack Shanafelt, Mickayla Skibinski,
 John Alan Small, Milya Smith, Patti & Jerome
 Stack, Brittany Starbreck, Evelyn Szatkowski,
 Janette Torrance, Jane Waddell, Waylon Vick,
 Ledger Whisenand, Ella Wiemerslager, Sara
 Wright.

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