

ST. LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SANDOVAL, ILLINOIS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 11, 2025

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Founded 1871

A Family of Faith

A Community of Kope

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

HOLY MASS SCHEDOLE: St. Lawrence: Sunday at 8:30 am - Tuesday at 9:00 am - Holy Day Vigil at 6:00 pm St. Elizabeth: Sunday at 9:30 am - St. Mary: Saturday at 4:00 pm - Sunday at 10:30 am - St. Theresa: Sunday at 11:00 am

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

May 11 Rose Mary Jourdan Rosetta Shaffer

May 13 Anna Piasse Mary Gerrish Roy Griffin Frank Resch Jr.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 04, 2025

Envelopes \$1,228.00 Loose 214.00 **Building Fund** 200.00 Home Mission 20.00 **CSMA** 50.00 **Shalom** 70.00 Communication 5.00 Rice Bowl 143.28 Cemetery Fund 60.00 Seminarian Ed 5.00

Attendance 99 -

Thank you for all your donations.

LITURGICAL ROLES

SERVERS: Dave Peters GREETERS: Brenda Schaubert

Ren Biggs

LECTOR: Bill Broda GIFT BEARERS: Cindy Lusch & Bob Perry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:

Jaime Toedt (Body of Christ)

Mary Jo Jones & Jane Waddell (Blood of Christ)

SERVERS: Eugene Nalewajka

Sierra Ford

LECTOR: Mary Clark GIFT BEARERS: Anna Adams & Bob Perry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: CANTOR: Marlene Lackey

Theresa Oldham (Body of Christ) COUNTERS TEAM: Barb Spears

Kim Schulte & Wayne Houser (Blood of Christ)

Theresa Ingles

LOOKING AHEAD

Sun May 11 4th SUNDAY of EASTER

MASS:

CONFESSION 8:00-8:20

St. Lawrence: 8:30 am St. Elizabeth: 9:30 am

St. Mary: 10:30 am St. Theresa: 11:00 am Tues May 13 MASS:

St. Lawrence 9:00 am

Sat May 17 MASS:

St. Mary: 4:00 pm

Sun May 18

5th SUNDAY of EASTER

MASS:

CONFESSION 8:00-8:20

CANTOR: Marlene Lackey

GREETERS: Anna Adams

COUNTERS TEAM: Jan Gillett

Theresa Ingles

St. Lawrence: 8:30 am St. Elizabeth: 9:30 am St. Mary: 10:30 am St. Theresa: 11:00 am

OF SPECIAL INTEREST



Knights News

The St. Lawrence Knights are selling raffle tickets for Cardinals vs. Cubs baseball game at Busch Stadium. The winner will get four seats in the all-inclusive National Car Rental Club with unlimited food and drink. Parking is also included. Game date is June 25, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. The drawing will be held on June 16th at the monthly KC meeting. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Get your raffle ticket from Grand Knight David Schulte or any St. Lawrence Knight.



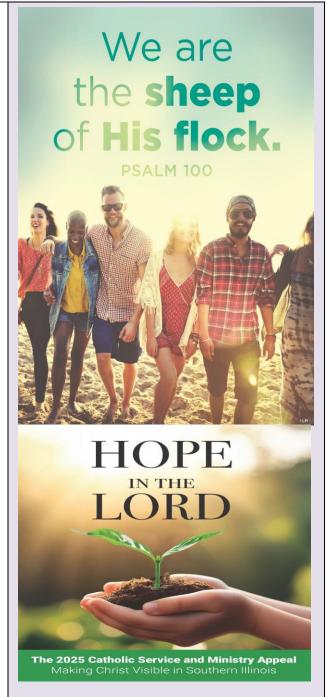
Reverend Steven Pautler

Can You Hear Me Now? - Said the Good Shepherd

There's this guy—we'll call him Shep—who bought a fancy new smartphone with all the bells and whistles. It could recognize his face, check the weather, and practically make a cup of coffee. One day, Shep showed it off at the diner, saying, "Watch this. I can call my dog from anywhere using this app." He pressed a button, the phone made a bark sound, and his golden retriever, Lambchop, came running like she'd just heard the voice of heaven. His buddy, impressed, asked, "Does she always come when you call?" Shep grinned, "Oh, she hears me every time. Whether she listens? That's between her and God." Truth is, we're a lot like Lambchop. We hear the voice of the Good Shepherd—sometimes through Scripture, sometimes in silence, sometimes through the kindness or correction of another—but whether we truly listen is another story. We may hear Jesus inviting us into prayer, into deeper trust, or into a new beginning, but too often we're already halfway toward some distraction before we even think to pause and respond. The world is full of squirrels—busy schedules, social media, fears, anxieties—that pull our attention in every direction. Over the past two weeks, I've had the joy of witnessing 30 young members of our parishes receive their First Holy Communion. Their wide eyes, folded hands, and joyful hearts reminded me what it looks like to respond to Jesus with pure, eager faith—no hesitation, no distractions. In their innocence and wonder, we see the beauty of what it means to truly listen to the Shepherd's voice and follow Him without reservation.

But as we grow older, faith can get more complicated. The innocence of childhood gives way to the weight of responsibilities, questions, and doubts. We build walls, protect ourselves, get busy. We might still hear the voice of the Shepherd through a prompting in prayer or the nudge of our conscience, but instead of running toward Him like Lambchop, we pause, calculate, and sometimes walk the other way. Still, Jesus continues to call. He says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life... and no one can take them out of my hand" (John 10:27-28). What a promise—that even when we stray or get distracted, He knows our name and never lets go. One of the greatest assurances of our faith is that the Shepherd never tires of calling us back. He doesn't just wait for us to figure things out— He actively seeks us. Through the Eucharist, through one another, and through the grace of the sacraments, Jesus reaches into the chaos of our lives and says, "I've got you." He's not some distant voice through a speaker. He's present, personal, and persistent. The hands that once reached out to Peter sinking in the waves now reach out to you and me, again and again, saying, "You are mine."

This week, I encourage you to slow down and intentionally listen for the Shepherd's voice. Whether it's in a moment of quiet, a walk outside, the laughter of your children, or in the stillness after Communion—He is speaking. Let's take a cue from our First Communicants and run toward Him with open hearts and joyful faith. Because no matter how far we've wandered, no matter how long it's been, the Shepherd is calling—and He always brings His sheep home.



The 2025 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Hope in the Lord

Your contribution to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal enables the Office of Education to impact the lives of over 10,283 students at 25 Catholic grade schools, three Catholic high schools and in PSR (Parish School of Religion) classes throughout our Belleville Diocese. If you haven't already done so, we prayerfully ask you to consider making a gift to the 2025 Appeal today...no amount is too large or too small! Thank you.



St. Lawrence Church

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of May in loving memory of...

Nancy Berry, Leo & Jeannie Nalewajka

In Loving Memory

May 2025 Nancy Berry, Leo & Jeannie Nalewajka

June 2025 John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny,

& Burns Family

July 2025 Marcus Oehmke

August 2025 Marcella Schulte

September 2025 Jim Gore.

Shedelbower & Gore Familes

October 2025 Bobby Hill,

Aaron & Dorothy Niepoetter

November 2025 John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny

& Burns Family

December 2025 Shaun Ford

January 2026 Altadonna Family

February 2026 Mike Shaffer

March 2026 John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny

& Burns Family

April 2026 John, Freda, Eddy, Raymond, Danny Burns

& Burns Family

May 2026 Open

June 2026 Ron Clark

July 2026 Marcus, Marilyn & Robert Oehmke

August 2026 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

2025

Victoria (Vic) Steele

Vocation Corner 4th Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025

We celebrate and congratulate all our Mothers today in their acceptance of one of the greatest vocations there is – Motherhood. Blessings on them all for all their sacrifices and their love. Today is also World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), to the Religious life in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of mission "ad gentes". (From

the USCCB website)

Respect Life Corner 4th Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025

"Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own." **USCCB Secretariat of Pro-**

Life Activities, "Radical Solidarity"

Our pregnancy resource highlight is Life Network of Southern Illinois located in Red Bud. Life Network provides a variety of services such as free pregnancy testing, limited ultrasounds, limited STI testing & treatment, parenting & life skills classes, baby supplies, and a fatherhood mentorship program, and are open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3. They are located at 324 N. Main St... Red Bud, IL 62278 and can be contacted at 618.282.4225.

Quote for the week: You may be the hope someone finds today.

Fourth Week of Easter

On the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, the **Acts of the Apostles** shows us Paul and Barnabas and the turmoil they faced. The Gentiles were delighted with the good news of Jesus and but the Jews were angry and expelled them from their territory. In a brief, but powerful story from **John's Gospel**, Jesus offers comfort to those who follow him: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

Wednesday is the **Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle**, with its own special readings.

The first readings this week continue the story of the growth of the community, through the **Acts of the Apostles**.

For the gospels this week, we read from John's Gospel, chapters 10, 12, 13 and 14 - all emphasizing who Jesus is - from the Father and one with the Father. He has come to bring us light and life. He promises us that he is the gate, the way to life. And, he assures us that if we make our home in him, he will be in us, and we will thereby be one with Jesus and the Father. He says, "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved." "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." "Whoever believes in me believes not only in me but also in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me sees the one who sent me." "From now on I am telling you before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe that I AM." "Do not let your hearts be troubled." "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." "If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

The Fifth Sunday of Easter brings us stories from Acts of the Apostles of Paul and Barnabas and their work in the early church. They spread the good news to the Gentiles and then "called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles." John's Gospel returns to the Last Supper. Jesus gives his followers a new way of life: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Daily Prayer This Week

This will be a powerful week to reflect upon Jesus as our gate, our gate keeper and our shepherd.

Who among us hasn't felt threatened or fearful or lost at one time or another? To the degree we have any of that in our hearts this week, we can bring it all to the Lord. The words of the beautiful song by Marty Haugen come to mind: "Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life." Beyond what we want and what we fear is where each one of us can ask to be guided, cared for. The intimacy of knowledge is a wonderful grace to ask for each day, as well. Lord, I want to enjoy how you know me through and through, so much more than I know myself - even what I don't admit, acknowledge or accept in myself. You know and love me. O Lord, how I desire to know you. Show yourself to me. Let me recognize your voice, your urgings, your comfort and your call.

We can ask for graces about the areas of darkness we are going to have to walk through, engage in and wrestle with each day this week. We can ask to be brought to the Father by Jesus. We can confidently ask that we might be able to do what Jesus does - in the very places we find ourselves this week.

Imagine how helped we will be this week to wake each morning and just have these kind of prayers on our lips. As we focus them throughout each day, we will be doing two things: letting these desires deepen in our hearts in the background of our consciousness, and we will let them interact and transform the options before us and the choices we make. We will be able to feel how good this feels, how it lightens our spirits and how it helps us end each day feeling a gifted intimacy with our Lord.

Each night we can look back over the day with gratitude, even as we get ready for bed. Later in the week, we can begin to want to hear the upcoming Sunday gospel, longing to hear Jesus say to us: "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

4[™] Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025 Acts 13:14, 43-52 Psalm 100:1-3, 5 (3c) Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 John 10:27-30 5TH Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025 Acts 14:21-27 Psalm 145:8-13 Revelation 21:1-5a John 13:31-33a, 34-35

Gathering: #808 Sheperd of Souls
Pres. Of Gifts: #690 The King of Love

Pres. Of Gifts: #690 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Communion: #791 Gift of Finest Wheat Recessional: #409 Be Joyful, Mary

Readings: 909



Pre-K Blasts Off Into Learning!

It's been a whirlwind of excitement for our Pre-K students as they continue their Z-to-A Countdown to Summer! This week was packed with hands-on learning, big smiles, and out-of-this-world adventures.

One of the most magical moments came when the children gathered outside to release the butterflies they had watched grow from tiny caterpillars. With wide eyes and gentle hands, they said goodbye to their winged friends, sending them fluttering into the sunshine. It was a beautiful lesson in life, nature, and letting go—a reminder that growth takes time, patience, and a little bit of wonder. The classroom also transformed into a space station as our little astronauts took a journey into outer space. Decked out in handmade space helmets and fueled by their imaginations, they explored planets, counted stars, and even had a pretend moonwalk! Learning about the solar system sparked big questions and even bigger dreams: "Can I be an astronaut?" "How do rockets work?" From butterfly wings to blast-offs, our Pre-K students have been busy learning, exploring, and growing together. As summer approaches, we can't wait to see what the final days of the countdown will bring!



Clear the Clutter, Dance Like a Chicken!

What a weekend at SMS! Our first Chicken and Beer Dance in years was a clucking good time—filled with laughs, love, and even some competitive chicken races. Huge thanks to the amazing families who gave our kindergarten chicks loving forever homes and to everyone who made this event such a hit. We truly are blessed with the best community. The dance floor was packed, the music was hopping, and the energy was unforgettable! From start to finish, it was a night full of joy, laughter, and school spirit. Events like this remind us just how special our SMS family truly is. Here's to more fun (and feathers) in the future!"



SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025 ALICE KRUPP – CENTRALIA DAKOTRA STARR - CENTRALIA



SUNDAY MASS

- St. Mary (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.
- St. Mary (Vigil) Carlyle 4:30 p.m.
- St. Mary 7:30 a.m.
- St. Lawrence 8:30 a.m.
- St. Elizabeth 9:30 a.m.
- St. Mary 10:30 a.m.
- St. Theresa 11:00 a.m.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday, May 12, 2025 Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 42:2-3 – 43:3-4 John 10:1-10

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 Acts 11:19-26 Psalm 87:1b-7 John 10:22-30

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Psalm 113:1-8 John 15:9-17

Thursday, May 15, 2025 Acts 15:13-25 Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27 John 13:16-20

Friday, May 16, 2025 Acts 13:26-33 Psalm 2:6-11ab John 14:1-6

Saturday, May 17, 2025 Acts 13:44-52 Psalm 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4 John 14:7-14

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

ST. MARY, CENTRALIA SATURDAY FROM 3:15 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.

ST. MARY, MT. VERNON SATURDAY FROM 4:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M

ST. LAWRENCE, SANDOVAL SUNDAY FROM 8:00 A.M. - 8:15 A.M.

Breakfast with Knights

June 8, 2025 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

SAINT MARY PARISH, MOUNT VERON

2025 ST. MARY PARISH-WIDE

May 14, 2025 | 7:00 PM a life-changi

TICKETS
AVAILABLE
in the Church

in the Church office & online!

Scan Position



\$30 in office | \$33 online



REVISED MASS SCHEDULE BEGINING MAY 3, 2025

WEEKEND MASSES REMAIN THE SAME

MONDAY - NO MASS

TUESDAY - 8:30 A.M. - FELICIAN CHAPEL TUESDAY - 9:00 A.M. - ST. LAWRENCE TUESDAY - 4:30 P.M. - FELICIAN CHAPEL EXPOSITION, ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

WEDNESDAY - 8:30 A.M. - ST. MARY CHURCH (MOVED TO THE CHAPEL STARTING MAY 28TH) THURSDAY - 12:00 P.M. - ST. MARY HOSPITAL

FRIDAY - NO MASS

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BIRTHDAY

05-11 Mary (Schaubert) Williams

05-15 Fr. Jose Jacob

05-16Allison Lammers

05-16 Blake Lammers

05-17 Eugene Nalewajka

05-17 Bettye (Resch) Williams

05-19 Kaiden Alonso

05-23 Phyllis Aydt

06-01 Samantha Hall

06-16 Barb Spears

06-16 Carlton Wright

07-01 Margarite (Lammers) Rohner

07-08 Karlie Nattier

07-11Jennifer Cain

ANNIVERSARY

05-20 Tony & Lana Nalewajka

05-28 Eric & Joan Laughhunn

06-08 Danny & Judy Fark

06-12 Eugene & Nancy Nalewajka

06-25 Carl & Mary Altadonna

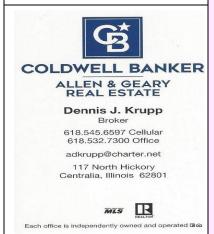
07-08 Clayton & Jennifer Cain

07-10 Dennis & Alice Krupp

SHALOM IS NEEDING HELP

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025 2025SETTING UP FROM 9:30 AM - ?. DISTRIBUTE ON SATURDAY, MAY 17, 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 MAY

05-86 Theresa S. Hall

10-86 Collins Kannall

13-98 Louisa Anna Massa

13-96 Bernice Tackett

14-13 Anna Piasse

16-96 Mary Catherine Gerrish

16-06 Roy G. Griffin

16-95 rank W. Resch Jr.

19-18 Melvin Burns

20-09 Josephine Kisiala

22-13 Eilene Deadmond

29-19 Beverly Schaubert

PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF A POPE

from the Roman Missal
O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with
unfailing care, grant in your
boundless fatherly love a
pastor for your Church who
will please you by his
holiness and to us show
watchful care. 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.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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, Craig Church, Heather Clark, Mindy Clark, Daisy Conrad, Linda DeKalb, Jared Fogerson, Don Frazier, Sue Gambill, Debra (Small) Gerrish, Mary Gore, Barb Grasher, Debbie Grasher, Alexus Hall, Bill & Mary Hall, Mary Ann Hall, Tom Hall, Shay & Sara Hodge, Michelle Irvin, Wilma Jourdan, Bob Kannall, Cassy Karcher, Marlene Lackey, Judy Jenkins, Karleigh McClaren, Tracy Minton, John Mullen, Jerry Nitz, Earl Nolte, Jeff Orrell, Susan Parrish, Wayne Pepple, Rachel & Sandie Peters, Brenda Pinkston, Jerry Ratermann, Pat (Gerrish) Roestel, Kenny & Mary Saatkamp, Rachael Sager, Otto Schaffer, Kim Schulte, Fr. Carl Schrage, Shamus, Jack Shanafelt, Mickayla Skibinski, John Alan Small, Milya Smith, Zelma (Wurm) Smith, Patti & Jerome Stack, Brittany Starbreck, Evelyn Szatkowski, Janette Torrance, Jane Waddell, Waylon Vick, Ledger Whisenand, Ella Wiemerslager, Sara Wright.





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