

# ST. LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SANDOVAL, ILLINOIS

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 25, 2025

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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.

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#### MASS INTENTIONS

May 25 Parishioners

May 27 Eline Deadmond **Beverly Schaubert** Harry Lusch

Jun 01 Rose Mary Jourdan

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 18, 2025

\$1,176.00 Envelopes Loose 361.00 **Building Fund** 100.00 Shalom 70.00 Convent Rent 700.00 Seminarian Ed 100.00 Cemetery Fund 50.00 Communication 161.00

Attendance - 101 -

20.00

Home Mission

Thank you for all your donations.

# LITURGICAL ROLES

\*\*\*\*\*\*\* May 25, 2025

SERVERS: Loren Pepple II **GREETERS:** Dennis Krupp

Brenda Schaubert

**LECTOR:** David Schulte **GIFT BEARERS:** Cindy Lusch & Bob Perry

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: CANTOR:** Marlene Lackey Dennis Krupp (Body of Christ) **COUNTERS TEAM:** Bob Perry

Eugene & Nancy Nalewajka (Blood of Christ)

\*\*\*\*\*\*\* June 01, 2025

SERVERS: Eugene Nalewajka **GREETERS:** Cindy Lusch

Theresa Ingles

**LECTOR:** Mary Williams GIFT BEARERS: Brenda Schaubert & Bob Perry

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: CANTOR:** Marlene Lackey

**COUNTERS TEAM:** Linda DeKalb Wayne Houser (Body of Christ) Theresa Ingles

Mary Jo Jones & Jane Waddell (Blood of Christ)

## LOOKING AHEAD

Sun May 25 6<sup>th</sup> 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

**KNIGHTS WILL BE SELLING BASEBALL TICKETS AFTER MASS** 

Tues May 27 MASS:

St. Lawrence 9:00 am

Sat May 31 MASS:

St. Mary: 4:00 pm

Sun Jun 01

**ASCENSION of the LORD** 

Theresa Ingles

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

## SPECIAL INTEREST

# OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MAY 26 - 29, 2025

# **Knights News**

The St. Lawrence Knights are selling raffle tickets for a 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. The Knights will be selling tickets after Mass.

The Knights will be having a breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, June 8th from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Hall. The menu will be sausage, eggs, biscuits, gravy, pancakes, fruit cocktail, coffee, milk, and juice. Free will offering. All profits from this breakfast will assist with Knights of Columbus charities. Please invite your family and friends.



# Neacon Dan Laquet

Luke tells us in the Acts of the Apostles that Jesus was seen in his risen form for forty days. After those forty days, Jesus ascended into heaven. The feast of today marks this stage of transition in the story of incarnation and resurrection – that Jesus will not be seen in his earthly body anymore. Luke describes this "withdrawal" of Jesus in terms of being "lifted up", and Mark, in his Gospel, describes it as "being taken up into heaven". I would like to focus on two phrases from the first reading of today which capture important dimensions of our Christian life, namely, we have our eyes fixed on heaven but at the same time we have our feet firm on the ground.

Eyes Fixed on Heaven: "He was lifted up while they looked on" (Acts 1:9)

The feast of today invites us to look up, to have our eyes fixed on heaven. Luke tells us in the gospel: "Then he took them out as far as the out-skirts of Bethany, and raising his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven." He goes on to add in the Acts of the Apostles, as we heard in the first reading of today, "As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight." What did this mean for his apostles?

This description of Luke reminds us of what happened in the Hebrew Scriptures. The Second Book of Kings (2King 2:9-15) tells us how one day Elijah was with his disciple Elisha near the river Jordan. Suddenly there appeared a chariot of fire drawn by horses of fire. Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind as Elisha looked up to heaven. From that time Elisha received the spirit of his master and was empowered to continue his mission in the world. In fact, from then on Elisha was able to perform the same deeds as his master, this would also be the case for Jesus' apostles.

Luke reminds us, through his own narration in the readings of today, that we will be empowered by the Spirit to do the same things that our Lord and master Jesus performed. In similar words, St Paul, writing to the Colossians, assures them – and us: "Since you have been raised up to be with Christ, you must look for the things that are above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on things above, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed..., you too will be revealed with him in glory" (Col 3:1-4). That is why, in the gospel of today, Luke tells us that after the parting of Jesus his disciples "went back to Jerusalem full of joy".

Feet Firm on the Earth: "Why are you standing here looking into the sky?" (Acts 1:11) Looking up to heaven is not meant to be an escape from life here be-low. The disciples are told in the Acts of the Apostles, "Why are you Galileans standing here looking into the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will come back in the same way as you have seen him go to heaven" They can't possibly be "witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to earth's remotest end", if they kept standing there just gazing at the sky. The disciples' belief in the Risen Lord, the power of the Spirit in them, and their hope in the second coming of Jesus must be expressed in their commitment to trans-forming the world. Yes, they need to have their feet firm on the earth.

Elsewhere, Jesus tells us, "Blessed are those servants that the Lord, on his return, will find busy at work serving their brothers and sisters." (Lk 12:35-48). During the transfiguration of the Lord, when Peter wanted to pitch tents on the mountain-top to get lost in the clouds, Jesus brought them down the mountain, back to the challenge of daily life (Lk 9:28-37). Moments of looking up to heaven, being on the mountain-top, and experiences of being elated are necessary and important in our spiritual lives. They are moments of grace. However, the fruits of those moments are truly expressed in the trials of daily life. People of faith must also have their feet firm on the earth. As Christians we are not lost in the narrow confines of this world. We have a sense of upward and forward-looking hope. At the same time, we are 'not lost in the clouds." For us, genuine holiness consists of the meaningful integration of the spiritual and mundane aspects of our daily life.



# Respect Life Corner 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 25, 2025

Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

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# 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 Knabe & Dunphy Family

If, you would like to put a picture in front of the Sanctuary Candle put it up there on the  $1^{\rm st}$  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.



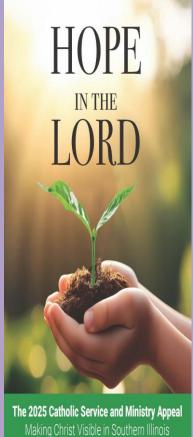
# RECENTLY DEPARTED SOULS

2025

Victoria (Vic) Steele Mary Kay Gunther

# Vocation Corner 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter May 25, 2025

Jesus prepares the apostles for his return to His Father in heaven. He gives us His peace. Unfortunately, peace has not always been upon us. This weekend, we gratefully and prayerfully remember all those who sacrificed their lives serving our country. This ultimate giving of oneself, as Christ did. is the most selfless act of love we humans perform. That raises the question - are we that giving of our spiritual selves? Today provides an opportunity for us to take a moment to reflect on how well we are fulfilling our vocation in life - ordained, married, consecrated, or single. Perhaps a prayer of recommitment is appropriate as we give thanks for those who have sacrificed so much for us.



# 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.

# Quote for the week: God can make a way when there seems no way. Just ask him.

## Sixth Week of Easter

John's Gospel offers us comfort and peace in a very direct way for the 6th Sunday of Easter. Jesus says "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid."

On Thursday in some dioceses, we celebrate **The Ascension** of the Lord. In the rest of the world it is celebrated on Sunday.

Our Easter season readings from Acts of the Apostles continue this week. We read of Paul converting a wealthy cloth trader, Lydia; of the dramatic conversion and baptism of the jailer and his family; Paul's bold speech to the crowd at the Areopagus and his fearless preaching in Corinth, despite the growing threat from the Jews. We also see how followers of Paul catch the fire of his faith and now begin to convert others.

In John's Gospel, we realize we are approaching Pentecost in a few weeks as Jesus begins to speak of his leaving the earth and of the coming of the "Advocate" - the Spirit of Truth. The image of the Trinity is clear: "when the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father...." To his disciples, the idea of his leaving fills their hearts with grief but Jesus reassures them, "it is better for you that I go" so that the Spirit can come to them. The Spirit "will guide you to all truth." Jesus promises, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn, while the world rejoices; you will grieve, but your grief will become joy." "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." "Whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you."

Whether the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated this Thursday or on Sunday, it is a stirring story from Acts of the Apostles of Jesus leaving his disciples and promising them the support of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel of **Luke** tells of Jesus as he led his disciples out "as far as Bethany. raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven."

On Sunday, those dioceses celebrating the Ascension on Thursday will celebrate the **Seventh Sunday of Easter**. As if in preparation for Pentecost Sunday, we read in Acts of the stoning of Stephen, who is "filled with the Holy Spirit." In John's Gospel the poetic words of Jesus are a love song to us as he prays to his Father, "Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me...."

# **Daily Prayer This Week**

We sometimes keep the idea of the Trinity firmly in our heads, rather than move it to our hearts. Our logical, practical minds cannot make sense out of three persons in one God.

But clearly this week Jesus wants us to have some sense of what the Trinity is - a continuation of the seamless love and identity between him and the Father. It is the Spirit of that love between them that lives on in us today, guiding us and helping us to follow the message of Jesus' life. It is that Spirit of Jesus that is with us in each of the difficult and joyous moments of our days.

Jesus invites us to discover the power of the Spirit in our lives through an awareness of "the Advocate" supporting us each day. Jesus encourages us in the same kind of intimate relationship he has with the Father. The startling idea of this close, personal conversation one might have with a parent, models for us how we can speak to him.

If we feel tongue-tied or don't know where to begin, that is exactly the place to start. Each morning as we awaken, we can speak from our hearts.

Loving Jesus, I'm not sure how to do this. I can feel in my heart an emptiness or longing for something deeper in my relationship, but I don't always know where to begin. Help me to open my heart to you this day, and to carry with me the sense of how much you love me and how much you want this kind of personal relationship with me.

Let me feel your Spirit present with me as I face the challenges of the day and let me live my life this day as vour follower, in the peace of your love.

It is a simple prayer and one that we can remember as we go about our day, head to a meeting, stand in the kitchen or fold laundry. It is not complicated to have a closer relationship with God but it takes focus. And always, we can end our day with a simple prayer of thanks for the many blessings of the day.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: h ps://onlineministries.creighton.edu/Collabora veMinistry/Praver/A1-OT-30.html

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

**6**<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Easter May 25, 2025 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 (4) Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29

**Ascension of the Lord** June 01, 2025 Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47:2-, 6-9 (6) **Ephesians 1:17-23** 

Mark 16:15-20

#400 The Day of Resurrection Gathering: Pres. Of Gifts: #487 Holy Is His Name #798 Spirit and Grace Communion: Recessional: #407 At the Lamb's High Feast

Readings: 915



## **Heading Off to High School!**

Our St. Mary's 8th Grade Graduation was nothing short of magical. It's never easy saying goodbye to Junior High, but this sendoff? Absolutely perfect. The church was filled with joy, a few tears, and a whole lot of pride. Our Gospel reminded us: "Be not afraid." And that's what I told them—heading off to high school might feel a little scary, but God walks every step with you. I've had the joy of knowing this amazing crew since they were in third grade. I've watched them grow in faith, friendship, and wisdom. I've seen them serve at Mass, lead by example, and bring laughter to the halls. What a gift they've been to our parish and school community.

Each graduate brings something unique and beautiful to their families, our church, and the world. They are smart, kind, funny, faith-filled, and ready for the next chapter.





We're deeply grateful to Ashlee Wethington Photography and Tim Ferguson for generously capturing and sharing beautiful moments from graduation, first communion, sports, and school events. Thank you so much—we truly appreciate you! Your time and talent mean so much to our community. Thanks to you, these special memories will be cherished for years to come.





Clear the Clutter for a cause!" Rummage Sale donations accepted June 2nd-4th

Don't forget to start gathering your items for the St. Mary School PTO Rummage Sale! Do-nation drop-off dates are **Mon-day**, **June 2nd through Wednesday**, **June 4th**, **2025**, so now's the perfect time to clean out closets, garages, and storage bins. Be sure to have everything ready to go before the sale kicks off on Thursday, June 5th. Let's make this event a big success with lots of great donations!

## SMS CALENDAR WINNERS

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025 AMANDA SPENNER – CENTRALIA ANDREA WILLIAMS - 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 26, 2025 Acts 16:11-15 Psalm 149:1b-6a, 9b John 15:26B 16:4a

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 Acts 16:22-34 Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 John 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 Acts 17:15, 22B 18:1 Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14 John 16:12-15

Thursday, May 29, 2025 Acts 18:1-8 Psalm 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4 John 16:16-20

Friday, May 30, 2025 Acts 18:9-18 Psalm 47:2-7 John 16:20-23

Saturday, May 31, 2025 Zephaniah 3:14-18a Isaiah 12:2-4cd, 5-6 Luke 1:39-56

# 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

# 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

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

#### **BIRTHDAY**

06-01 Samantha Hall

06-16 Barb Spears

06-16 Carlton Wright

07-01 Margarite (Lammers) Rohner

07-08 Karlie Nattier

07-11Jennifer Cain

07-18 Joyce Pryor

07-20 Rachel Peters

07-22 Ricardo Alonso

07-25 Sarah (Rohner) Gebke

07-27 Tracy (Gillett) Minton

07-28 Brent Toedte

## **ANNIVER**SARY

05-28 Eric & Joan Laughhunn

06-02 Bill & Mary Hall

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 07-11 Kevin & Debbie Conrad

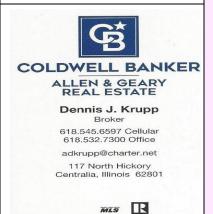
07-30 Tom & Theresa Ingles

#### 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.



Each office is independently owned and operated 194

**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

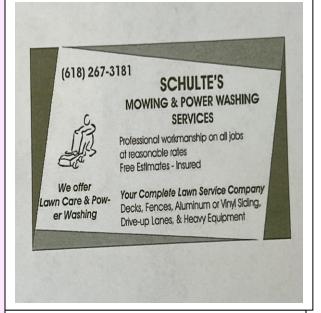
29-19 Beverly Schaubert

# **Prayer for Vocations**

Gracious God. You have called us through Baptism to discipleship, believing in your Son, Jesus Christ, who has sent us to bring the Good News of salvation to the world. We pray to you, asking that you grant us more priests and religious who will help us build up your Church in the Diocese of Belleville and the world. Stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many of our youth. Grant to them the willingness and generosity to give of themselves in service to our Lord Jesus and His people. May a new generation of priests. deacons, sisters and brothers be a sign of your presence among us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord Amen.

# PRAYER REQUEST – CAN YOU PLEASE GO OVER THESE NAMES TO SEE IF ANY NEEDS 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, Traci Deadmond, Linda DeKalb, Jared Fogerson, Don Frazier, Sue Gambill, Debra (Small) Gerrish, Mary Gore, Ron & 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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