

ST. LAWRENCE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SANDOVAL, ILLINOIS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

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A Community of Kope

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

HOLY MASS SCHEDOLE: 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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 21Barb Rohner

Sept 25 Dorothy Schaubert John Niepoetter Anton Altadonna

Sept 28 Barb Rohner Rosetta Shaffer

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

September 14, 2025

Envelopes \$2,846.00 Loose 184.00 **Building Fund** 14.778.22 Retired Priest 345.00 Candle Money 53.35 40.00

Special Collections 430.00

Cemetery

Mass Intentions 50.00

60.00

Sanctuary Candle

Attendance -102 -

Thank you for all your donations.

LITURGICAL ROLES

September 21, 2025

GREETERS: Dennis Krupp **SERVERS:** Eugene Nalewajka

> Brenda Schaubert GIFT BEARERS Anna Adams & Bob Perry

LECTOR: David Schulte **CANTOR:** Marlene Lackey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: ORGANIST: Mary Ann Weatherspoon

COUNTERS TEAM: Bob Perry Wayne Houser (Body of Christ) Theresa Ingles

Mary Jo Jones & Jaime Toedte (Blood of Christ)

******** **September 28, 2025**

SERVERS: Dave Peters **GREETERS:** Cindy Lusch

> GIFT BEARERS Brenda Schaubert & Bob Perry Ren Biggs

LECTOR: Mary Williams **CANTOR:** Marlene Lackey

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS: ORGANIST: Mary Ann Weatherspoon

COUNTERS TEAM: Jan Gillett Loren Pepple II (Body of Christ) Kim Schulte & Jane Waddell (Blood of Christ) Theresa Ingles

LOOKING AHEAD

St. Lawrence: 8:30 am

FINANCE COUNCIL

Sun Sept 21

25th 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 **MEETING 11:00 AM**

MASS:

Sat Sept 20 MASS:

Thurs Sept 25

St. Mary: 4:00 pm

St. Mary: Carlyle 4:30 pm

St. Teresa: Marydale 7:30 pm Sun Sept 28 26th Sunday in OT

MASS:

CONFESSION 8:00-8:20 St. Lawrence: 8:30 am

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SPECIAL INTEREST

WELCOME FR. STEVE PAULTER & DEACON DAN LAQUET

Thank you from Father Steve, for all the birthday cards, wishes, calls and text.

Knights News

The annual Intellectual Disabilities Drive (Tootsie Roll Drive) will be held after mass on Sunday, September 21st. The Pork Steak Dinner fundraiser will be on Saturday, September 27th serving from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence Hall. Menu includes pork steak, baked beans, baked potato, applesauce, dessert, and drink. Dine in or carry out. Free will offering. Proceeds go to Knights of Columbus charities.

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

The Knights will sponsor a Pro Life Chain outside St. Lawrence Church on Sunday, October 5th from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chair.

The North Central Vicariate Pro Life Breakfast will be held at the Breese KC Hall this year on Sunday, October 5th serving from 8:00 - 11:30 a.m. The cost of breakfast is \$15.00 per person.

Message from our Pastor Father Steve



Sunday, September 21, 2025 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/ 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13 Theme: *This Is My First Surgery... Said No One You Want Operating on You!*

So you finally get up enough courage to have that surgery you've been putting off for years. Maybe it's a knee replacement, maybe a slipped disk in your back. Either way, it's no "do-it-yourself" YouTube project. This requires serious skill. You walk into the surgeon's office, friendly staff, nice facility, coffee in the waiting room, you feel at home. The surgeon enters, explains the procedure in detail, and then asks the dreaded question: "Any questions for me?"

Off the top of your head you blurt out: "How many times have you performed this procedure, Doctor?" Now, what response are you looking for? "Oh, this will be my first time, but don't worry, I've read the manual"? Or, "I've done this hundreds of times, half-asleep, and with great success"? Trust me, you want the surgeon with the track record, not the rookie still figuring out which end of the scalpel to hold.

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That question, "Can I trust you?"—is exactly what Jesus is pointing to in today's Gospel. He says, "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones." If you can't be trusted with a little, why would anyone hand you something big?

We get this in everyday life. If your teenager can't be trusted to put gas in the car, why would you hand them the keys for a cross-country road trip? If your coworker borrows your stapler and it disappears into a black hole, you're probably not lending them your truck next weekend. Little things matter, because they reveal the kind of people we are.

Jesus goes a step further. He connects earthly trustworthiness with eternal riches. He basically says, "If you can't handle money, stuff, and responsibilities here and now, why would God trust you with the real treasure, His Kingdom?" Ouch. That hits home!

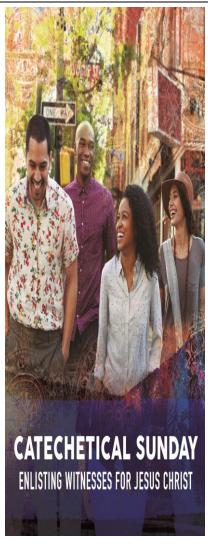
The world tries to convince us that faith is about the big, dramatic moments, the lightning-bolt conversions, the heroic acts of sacrifice. But Jesus is saying it's really about the daily, ordinary choices: Am I honest in small conversations? Do I show up when I said I would? Do I treat people with respect, even when no one's watching? In the end, life is like that surgery. When the time comes, you want to trust the one who's been faithful all along. And God wants to trust us too—not because we've pulled off one big act of holiness, but because we've shown day after day, in small things, that we are His. So let's start small, be faithful, and build a track record that says, "Lord, you can count on me."

This week's question:

I always try to dress up for Mass. But sometimes I'm traveling and show up in shorts and flip-flops. Is that okay?

Answer:

Mass first, fashion second. God's priority is your heart, not your footwear. Dressing respectfully honors the sacredness of the Eucharist, but if life has you casual, don't skip Jesus just because you're wearing sandals. (He wore them too, remember?) When possible, let your clothing reflect reverence, but never let clothes become a barrier to worship.



Respect Life Corner September 21, 2025

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy.

Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninetynine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)*."

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters:

Forgiveness and Healing

After Abortion"



St. Lawrence Church

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

Jim Gore, Shedelbower & Gore Families

In Loving Memory

September 2025 Jim Gore,

Shedelbower & Gore Familes

October 2025 Bobby Hill, Aaron, Dorothy,

John & Delphine 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 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

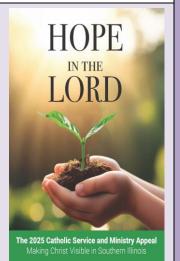
If, you would like to put a picture in front of the Sanctuary Candle put it up there on the 1st of the month until the last day of the month. You don't have to put a picture up if you don't want to. It is up to you.



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

The Messenger, our diocesan newspaper, brings local, national and international news of our Catholic faith right into your home through its print and online editions. Your gift to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal helps to support The Messenger. If you haven't done so, subscribe to The Messenger today and also make your gift to the Appeal! Thank you for your generosity.



Vocation Corners September 21, 2025

"There can be no promotion of vocations or Christian mission apart from constant contemplative prayer. The Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God's word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic adoration, the privileged "place" for our encounter with God...Mary Most Holy, the Mother of our Savior, had the courage to embrace this ideal, placing her youth and her enthusiasm in God's hands. Through her intercession, may we be granted that same openness of heart, that same readiness to respond, "Here I am", to the Lord's call, and that same joy in setting out (cf. Lk 1:39), like her, to proclaim Him to the whole world."

Pope Francis, November 26, 2016 Quote for the week: Nothing can dim the light shines from within

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On the Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Jesus tells the parable of the unjust steward who finds out he's been caught squandering his master's property, and goes out and makes deals to make friends for the future. Jesus acknowledges the steward's prudence and calls us to have, at the very least, prudence about our future. "If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?"

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest. Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest.

The first reading this week comes from the Book of Ezra, one of the first chroniclers of the post-exile period of Judaism. He is responsible for helping hold the restored people together. We finish the week with brief selections from the prophets Haggai and Zechariah, who were prophets during this period. "Consider your ways!" "My spirit continues in your midst; do not fear!"

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus urges us to use our gifts: "No one lights a lamp and hides it under a bushel basket." When his family comes looking for him, Jesus uses the occasion to tell us that we are family to him, if we hear his Word and act on it. Herod is wondering who Jesus really is. He encourages his Apostles to freedom, sending them out to teach and heal, taking nothing with them. Jesus asks his disciples who they think he is. Peter replies for them all, "The Christ of God." Jesus doesn't want them to announce he's the type of Messiah they were looking for. Instead, he tells them of his upcoming passion and death.

The story of the rich man and Lazarus is the focus of the Luke's Gospel on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. This is a classic story of how the tables are turned in the afterlife. The rich man has it good in this life and ignores the plight of poor Lazarus. In the afterlife, it is the rich man who is in torment and Lazarus is the one who is enjoying heaven. The double irony comes when the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his brothers. Jesus responds: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." Will we listen to the one who has risen from the dead?

Daily Prayer This Week

When we place Jesus at the center of our lives, as Paul calls the Colossians to do, two marvelous graces are given us. We experience God's love for us in the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus. As grateful sinners, we then are able to forgive others.

As we begin each day this week, we can let these two graces be part of our reflection. We can ask our Lord to show us his love. We can fearlessly ask to understand who we are as sinners, in the concrete ways each of us falls short, gets distracted, becomes uncentered and makes very unfree choices. We can ask to be forgiven and healed. We can beg for the grace to forgive others. This journey each day might take us into specific patterns, habits, ruts we're in. We may even want to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week, in preparation for celebrating the upcoming Sunday's readings.

We can choose to focus carefully this week on those people we ask for the grace to forgive. Whose faults do I pay most attention to? Whom do I judge harshly? From whom do I withhold forgiveness? If we begin each day, asking our Lord to reveal the answers to these questions, throughout our day, our days this week will show us deeper places where the Lord can forgive us and where we can share that mercy.

From the beginning of the week, we might ask Mary to gently guide us to trust her Son's love and to be more tender in loving those people her Son invites us to forgive and be a source of healing.

Throughout this week, we can also give thanks for the ways we are called to be Jesus' followers - not because we are extremely talented or because we are perfect, but because he saw in us something that he could heal and then send us to heal others. We can be especially attentive to the ways we are blessed in our poverty and in the ways we sometimes experience rejection as his disciples.

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

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY INORDINARY TIME (C)

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 21, 2025 Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113:1-2, 4-8 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2025 Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146:7-10 (1b) 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31

Gathering: #584 Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens
Pres. of Gifts: #632 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Communion: #697 Because the Lord Is My Shepherd
Recessional: #431 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Readings: 1002

Grandparents Day Celebration Brings Joy and Togetherness at SMS

At SMS, we joyfully celebrated Grandparents Day with an event filled with love, laughter, and lasting memories. The day was packed with fun activities and games that brought generations together, creating smiles all around. Laughter echoed through the room as students and their grandparents enjoyed quality time together, sharing stories and making new memories. To top it all off, everyone enjoyed a delicious variety of snacks, adding a sweet touch to a heartwarming day. It was a special celebration that reminded us just how important and cherished our grandparents truly are.



PURRS FROM THE PEW - Sister Fluff of Divine Mischief

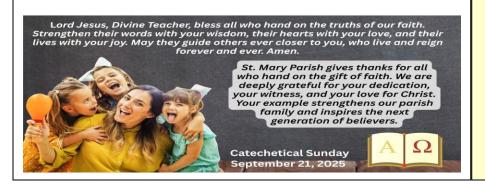
Sister Fluff and the Heat of September!

Friends, let me tell you, this week has been hotter than incense on Easter morning. My beloved window sill, usually my sacred perch, has turned into a scorching skillet. I leapt up for my daily bird-watching and nearly branded my paws. St. Lawrence, patron of those roasted, surely understands my suffering.

I'm still finding Autumnfest crumbs tucked here and there. A popcorn kernel, a sweet dusting of funnel cake, even a blessed sliver of bratwurst—small reminders that stewardship comes in many forms, even for cats.

But the real excitement was Father Steve's birth-day. There was singing—lots of singing. Candy too, mostly Snickers, which I can't eat but certainly sniffed. The problem with birthdays is you never know when Father Steve might appear. He's quick, and I've had to practice holy stealth to avoid being scooped up without warning. Hiding is a spiritual exercise too, you know. Ask St. Joseph, the silent protector. Otherwise, it's been quiet. Hot. Uneventful. My prayer this week is for cooler days, steady crumbs, and a safe corner when the birthday songs begin again. May God bless this parish family with joy in simple things, even if those things happen to roll under the table for me to find.

Purrs and prayers, Sister Fluff, F.D.M. (Feline of Divine Mischief)



SMS CALENDAR WINNERS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

RHONDA PIPER – TROY, IL PERRI DEBERNARDI – 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, September 22, 2025 Ezra 1:1-6 Psalm 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-6 Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Psalm 122:1-4ab, 4cd-5 Luke 8:1-21

Wednesday, September 24, 2025 Ezra 9:5-9 Tobit 13:2-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 Luke 9:1-6

Thursday, September 25, 2025 Haggai 1:1-8 Psalm 149:1b-6a, 9b Luke 9:7-9

Friday, September 26, 2025 Haggai 2:1-9 Psalm 43:1-4 Luke 9:18-22

Saturday, September 27, 2025 Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a Jeremiah 31:10-12ab, 13 Luke 9:43a-45



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ST. LAWRENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #11758

Pork Steak Dinner

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

ST. LAWRENCE HALL, SANDOVAL IL

Serving 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Meal includes pork steak, baked beans, potatoes, applesauce, dessert and drink

DINE IN OR CARRY OUT
FREE WILL OFFERING

Proceeds go towards Knights of Columbus Charities

Thank you for your support!



Sunday, September 28, 2025 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Packaged Meal Includes: 1/2 Fried Chicken,
Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Green Beans, & Slaw

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BIRTHDAY

09-22 Mary Margaret Clark

09-23 Leonard Newcomb

09-24 Linda (Aydt) Moergen

09-26 Bob DeBernardi

09-26 Philip Quandt

09-29 Brookelynn Hill

10-01 Theresa (Niepoetter) Ingles

10-01 Melinda (Harris) Williams

10-08 Carolyn Williams

10-21Ella Santiago

10-27 Alexus 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

ANNIVERSARY

09-25 David & Kim Schulte

10-23 Brandon & Mickayla Skibinski

11-11Joe & Laura Shepler

11-13 John & Margarite Rohner

SHALOM IS NEEDING HELP

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 08, 2025 SETTING UP FROM 9:30 AM - ?. DISTRIBUTE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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 SEPTEMBER

01-23 Jeannie (Walker) Ratermann

04-23 Thomas "Tom" Holstlaw

04-23 Rose Mary Jourdan

10-88 Leo J. Kozuszek

10-15 Dolores Mabry

12-91 Rosanna Littrell

12-88 Stephanie M. Williams

17-21 John Niepoetter

17-21 Barb Rohner

18-09 Fr. H. Thomas Stout

19-87 Anton Altadonna

19-90 Edith Matthews

20-15 Ruth (Thomas) Perry

20-01 Donald "Butch" Williams

21-18 Judy (Just) Saale

25-14Helen Grasher

26-95 Verna M. Hanseman

27-00 Anna B. Basch

27-11 Betty R. Lusch

28-92 Nichols Daniel Thorpe

30-10 Dorothy Schaubert



Just a little over a month away... our Fall Chicken Dinner is set for Sunday, September 21!

Save the date and bring your appetite.





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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, 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, Alexus 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, 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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