

# St. Laurence Parish



Jewett at Standish Streets,  
Elgin, Illinois 60123

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

**Saturday - 4:00 PM**  
**Sundays - 7:15, 9:00, 11:00 AM**  
**Daily Mass -**  
**8:00 AM Tuesday—Friday**  
**6:00 p.m. Thursday**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
**Saturday from 3:00 - 3:45 PM**  
**Special times upon request**

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**  
**Marriage Preparation Program required**  
**6 months notice necessary**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
**8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday—Friday**

**REGISTRATION**  
**All new parishioners are requested**  
**to register through the parish office.**

## PASTORAL STAFF

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## February 28, 2016



## Mass Intentions

### WEEKDAYS

March 1 - 4, 2016

Tuesday, March 1  
8:00 a.m. + Bob Kramer by Wanda Doherty & Family

Wednesday, March 2  
8:00 a.m. + Kay Wilhelmi by John Fialko

Thursday, March 3  
8:00 a.m. + Marilyn A. Hoagland by Larry Hoagland  
6:00 p.m. + Marilyn Malsi by Diocese of Covington, KY.

Friday, March 4  
8:00 a.m. + Angeline Valenti, by St. Laurence Parish Family

### WEEKEND MASSES

March 5 & 6, 2016

Saturday, March 5  
4:00 p.m. + Deceased Members of the Greve Family by Gin Lossau & St. Laurence Parish Family

Sunday, March 6  
7:15 a.m. + Bradley Van de Drink by Family  
9:00 a.m. + Baltazar Nino by Alvarado Family  
11:00 a.m. + Robert Kramer by Lowell & Marie Seyller

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTER—Sherman Hospital

March 4, 2016 - Anna Gotter

**BAPTISM**—Parents are required to meet with Fr. Andrew before the Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated. If you are expecting a baby, please contact Fr. Andrew before the delivery of your baby. He can be reached at 847-468-6900. **Baptisms are celebrated the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after Mass.**

**BULLETIN NEWS**—All articles for the bulletin are due into the parish office one week prior to when you want the event to appear.



### Bulletin Briefs

“Chastity also includes much more than just waiting until marriage to have sex...It means loving the way we’re created to love—respecting our sexuality and living it out as we’re meant to.”

## Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**PRAYER LIST**—For the strengthening in faith of all who are afflicted in body, mind or spirit please pray for:

Eliezer Alejandres, Terry Baranowski, Eleanor Bell, Timm Berg, Kathleen Camarena, Dennis DeBoer, Judy Eckerson, John Fitzgerald, Ron Glogowski, Ellie Grudnowski, Ed Haering, Warren Honert, Cindy Huyvaert, Don Johnston, Joseph Kicinski, John G. Kolakowski, Cliff Kramer, Colin Kramer, Sandy Litts, Emily McCullough, Michael Melvin, Lois & Lyle Mousel, William O’Brien, Connie Patino, Betty Pekofske, Bonnie Penera, Sandra Plazewski, Donna Sardina, Mike Shannon, Richard Tucker, Irene Weidner.



### We Pray for Our Military—

**AIR FORCE:** Staff Sgt. Eric Charckon, Major Victoria Cramer, Airman Patrick Schubert, **ARMY:** Sgt. Daniel J. Duffy, 1st. Sgt. Eric Case, Cpl. Jennifer (Clough) Korfmacher, Sgt. Charles Korfmacher, 1st. Lt. Thomas Martin, Sgt. Jacob McDonald, **COAST GUARD:** Cadet 3rd Class Allison Rychtanek, **MARINES:** Pfc. Patrick Metz, **NAVY:** Seaman Apprentice Terrance M. Alexander, Seaman Recruit Timothy M. Alexander, CDR Bettina Sauter, Corpsman Nick Toufexis. May God protect them and return them safely to their families.

*We pray for the repose of the soul of Dale DeWitt, James Phelps & James Blazina,*

*Brother of Joan Rossi.*

*We ask God to keep their families in His care!*



### Stewardship Collection February 13 & 14, 2016

• Total giving this week-	\$ 7,636.29
• Year-to-Date Actual-	\$ 275,657.68
• Year-to-Date Budget-	\$ 262,400.00
• YTD Surplus/Deficit	\$ 5,057.68

Fiscal 2015-16 Full Year Budget.....\$410,000

THANK YOU



### SEDER MEAL

**Tuesday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m.**

Enrich Holy Week by joining with the Parish Family in a celebration of the Seder Meal, a special ritual of the Jewish Festival of Passover commemorating the release of Israel from Egyptian slavery. We will celebrate, as Jesus did, this ritual meal of history, readings, song, and stories to find a deep and strong expression of our own Faith during this Lenten Season. Please bring a dish to share (meat casserole, vegetable, salad or dessert) with our St. Laurence Family. There will be sign up sheets in the back of church after all Masses the weekends of March 5/6 & 11/12, 2016.

During Lent, Mass will be celebrated each **Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m.** Stations of the Cross will be after the Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated during Lent as follows:



#### Weekdays

After the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday evenings after the 6:00 p.m. Mass

#### Weekends

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. (before Mass)

#### Wednesday, March 16, 2016 - "Be Reconciled"

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*"Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the center once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace."*

- Pope Francis

**LIFE MATTERS**—Any woman who is pregnant and in need can turn for help to the pro-life movement. She never has to feel that abortion is the only option. People anywhere in the country can find assistance at the following numbers: The Life Center-847 622-1235; Fox Valley Pregnancy-847 697-0200; Catholic Charities-800 759-7626; National Life Center-800 848-5683; For Post-Abortion Healing Project Rachel-800 593-2273 or 815 387-3379 or 877 467-3463. Names are kept confidential.

### Vocations Corner: *What Holds You Back?*

*Fr. Keith Romke, Director of Vocations*

I know that I've probably written about this topic before, but it has been on my mind recently so I figured maybe it would be worth mentioning again! So often as we discern we can try to think about and focus on the things that God may be calling us to. This of course is a good thing. However, sometimes we feel stuck, as if God isn't telling us one way or the other what the next step is or in what direction He wants for us to go. When this happens I think that it can be helpful to shift our focus away from a consideration of the things that God might be calling us to and instead to spend some time thinking *really hard* on the things that God might be calling us to let go of! If God is calling a young man to the priesthood, but the man is only discerning which of two high-powered corporate jobs God might be calling him to, he'll never hear God's true call even though he is "discerning." The only way that he will receive the true answer is if he takes some time to consider what God *might* be calling him to let go of! Remember, it is only when we are empty (by letting go of our ideas and desires) that we will be capable of being filled by God! So pray about what holds you back, and then maybe you'll find it easier to go forward.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



**HOLY THURSDAY - March 24th**  
**6:30 P.M.—Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
**Adoration After Mass until 10:00 p.m.**

### GOOD FRIDAY - March 25th

**3:00 P.M. - Celebration of the**  
**Lord's Passion**  
**& Veneration of Cross**



### HOLY SATURDAY - March 26th

**9:00 a.m. - Blessing of the Easter Food**

**7:30 p.m. - Easter Vigil**



### EASTER SUNDAY - March 27th

#### Masses

**7:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.**



**St. Vincent dePaul Society**—We have a joint group with members of St. Thomas More Church in Elgin. Our next meeting will be at **St. Laurence Church on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.** Please come to one of our meetings and learn about all the worthwhile work that we do for the needy of our community. Questions, call 847 628-5170.

### World Wide Marriage Encounter:

*Just as Peter, John and James experienced the Transformation of Jesus, let Jesus transform your Marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are March 4-6 in Madison, WI; April 15-17 in Brookfield, WI; and May 20-22 in Crystal Lake, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call 888-547-5653.*

*What are you doing for Lent?*

**Reflect on the Life of Mary**


This Jubilee Year is entrusted to Mary, our Mother of Mercy. Set aside time during this Lenten season to contemplate the life of Mary—her “yes” when asked to become the mother of Jesus, her visit to Elizabeth, the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus, her hidden life with Him in Nazareth, how she witnessed the extraordinary acts of mercy He exhibited in His public life, and the way she stood by the foot of the cross as he forgave the people who crucified him. Ask yourself: In what ways does your life reflect the life of Mary?

*“May the sweetness of her countenance watch over us in this Holy Year, so that all of us may rediscover the joy of God’s tenderness.” - Pope Francis*

**Deepen Your Love**

Pope Francis tells us that the real meaning of love can never be selfish or superficial and that love by its very nature, is something, “concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviors that are shown in daily living.” Every morning during Lent, remind yourself that you are called to love God and to love your neighbor. Every evening examine your conscience in the light of how loving you were throughout the day.

*Keep following...*



If you would be interested in helping the Parish this next season with lawn maintenance, Father Andrew would be interested in speaking with you. We are seeking volunteers to defray the cost of our landscaping. If interested please call the Parish Office at 847-468-6900 to set up an appointment with Father.

Please join us on **Thursday, March 3, 2015, following the Stations of the Cross** for Eucharist Adoration. St. Laurence holds the Holy Hour of Eucharist Adoration and Holy Rosary for Life the first Thursday of each month.



**Financial Committee Report**

The Finance Committee has been exploring several ideas to generate revenue for the Parish and its school. There are two primary objectives: 1) to eliminate the debt and 2) to increase school enrollment through the establishment of incentives. As part of the plan, the Committee is creating a sub-committee for the purpose of grant acquisitions. Therefore, I am asking anyone who has grant writing/research experience to inform me through the Parish Office to assist the people already assigned to this sub-committee. It is our hope that this can be a team approach to minimize the work each committee member has to complete.

**“DIVORCE AND THE YEAR OF MERCY - WHERE DO I STAND?”**

In this year of mercy - what does that mean for Catholics who are divorced?

- Can I continue to receive Eucharist?
- Can my children receive their sacraments?
- What about annulments and the annulment process?

We invite you to an evening to explore many common myths about divorce and what the Church teaches and also to learn about annulments and what other resources are available for Catholics who are divorced.

**Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

**7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.**

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**

215 Thomas More Dr., Elgin

For more information contact Sharon Hall

847 - 888-1682

**CHARISMATIC MASS & PRAYER FOR HEALING**

**Sunday, March 13, 2016**

**2:45 Praise and Worship**

**St. Mary Church**

**400 Fulton St., Elgin, 60120**

Main Celebrant Father Christopher Kuhn

*In response to Pope Francis Year of Mercy, come join us in celebrating the greatest act of mercy—Our Lord giving Himself to us in the Eucharist.*

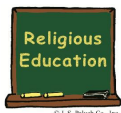
**For information call Linda at 815-264-3240 or [trumpetpraise@frontier.com](mailto:trumpetpraise@frontier.com)**

**Altar Ministry for the Weekend of March 5 & 6, 2016**

<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Altar Server</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Tom Guetschow	Sam Eisen Mason McGraw	Kay Gotter, Greg Soohov Lauren Soohov, Debbie Wever
<b>7:15 a.m.</b>	Joan Ziethen	Karen Perez Adrian Rodriguez	Mitch Esterino, Natalea Gudino-Leon, Loli Gudino, Marlene Gurley
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Joyanne Fabsits	Amanda Popovich Elizabeth Salzman	William Heinosz, Bob & Kathy Jones, Mary Loechner, Deacon Plazewski
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Larry Smith	Max Schaff Simon Zielke	Briana Collins, Max Marcordes Melanie Marcordes, JoAnn Smith

## Religious Education—

Our next class will meet on **Wednesday, March 2, 2016, from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.**



**CONFIRMATION** is **Saturday, March 5, at 10 am.** All students should arrive by 9:15 am. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact Briana Collins at the parish office (847-468-6900).

## Palm Sunday Bake Sale

Make sure to mark your calendars for our annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. It will be held the weekend of **March 19 / 20**. We are asking you to make your special cookies, cakes, pies, candies and other treats. All you shoppers, come hungry!



### **BUTTER BRAID SALE**

*Our Cub Scouts are selling delicious Butter Braid pastries. Choose from a variety of flavors: cream cheese, apple, cinnamon, raspberry, caramel and strawberry/cream cheese. Two variety packs are also available: All-American (apple, cinnamon, cherry) and Cream Cheese (strawberry/cream cheese, cream cheese, blueberry/cream cheese). Individual Butter Braids are \$13 and variety packs are \$37. Payment is due at the time of order. Place your order with a Cub Scout or visit our table and try a sample after masses on **February 27 & 28**. Pick-up will be **Friday, March 11, in the church lobby from 2:30—3:30 p.m.** Contact Margie Kwill 847-217-0965 with any questions or to place an order.*

*Thank you for your support!*

### **Preparing for Holy Week Retreat**

Persons of all faith traditions are invited to join the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, for the upcoming Holy Week Retreat. The event will take place from 7 p.m., Friday, March 18, to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at Providence Spirituality and Conference Center. The retreat will offer a time to reflect on the Good Friday liturgy, and will conclude with the Liturgy of Palm Sunday, followed by brunch at the O'Shaughnessy Dining Hall. Cost is \$200, which includes meals and lodging. Register online at [Events.SistersofProvidence.org](http://Events.SistersofProvidence.org) or by calling 812-535-2952 or emailing [jfrost@spsmw.org](mailto:jfrost@spsmw.org).



### **FOOD COLLECTION**

We will be **collecting goods for the food pantry**. There are many in our community who are not financially able to provide the necessary food for their families. The food collected will be distributed by the Interfaith Food Pantry. **Please bring your donations on the 1st weekend of each month. The next collection will be March 5 / 6, 2016.**

# School News

**TRIFECTA TICKETS—***Congratulations to the winners of the February 22, 2016 drawing:*

**\$100—B. Lonski**  
**\$75—K. Bertrand**  
**\$50—L. Hogland**

**The School will pray the Stations of the Cross**

**Mondays at 10:30 a.m. (grades 5-8)**  
**February 29,**  
**March 7, 14 & 21**

**Fridays at 12:20 p.m. (grades 1-4)**  
**March 4, 11 & 18**

**Please join the students on their Lenten journey!**

### **Why Send Your Child to St. Laurence:**

- Catholic tradition and academic excellence developed in a community grounded in faith.
- Balanced curriculum which includes art, music and physical education.
- Educated to serving others and developing leadership skills.
- Safe and disciplined environment.
- Dedicated faculty who help students reach their highest potential.

We are now accepting registrations for the 2016/2017 school year. If you would like more information or a tour of St. Laurence School, please call the school office at 847 468-6100. You may also visit our website at [www.stlaurenceschool.com](http://www.stlaurenceschool.com).

***This week remember that even Jesus was refreshed by doing His Father's will.***

### **ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL TIDAL WAVE**

Annual Auction and Dinner Dance

**April 9, 2016**

**“Shine Bright Like a Diamond”**

This event will begin the school's  
75th Anniversary Celebration.

To donate a gift, receive a sponsorship, or to make reservations please contact the Tidal Wave office at [tidalwave2016@steds.org](mailto:tidalwave2016@steds.org) or call 847-741-7535 ext. 123.



We encourage our parishioners to support the businesses using our bulletin. This week we highlight:

McLean Auto Repair  
965 N. McLean Blvd.  
(847) 741-9576

Complete Automotive Maintenance