St. Laurence Parish
225 Jewett St.
Elgin, IL 60123

Parish Office: Rectory:
565 Standish St. 226 Orchard St.

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  8:30 AM - NOON
Monday - Thursday  Friday
P - 847-468-6900  F - 847-468-6904
After Hours - 847-531-6203

EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION
Saturday - 4:00 PM, Spanish - 6:00PM
Sundays - 7:15, Bi-lingual 9:00, 11:00 AM
Daily Mass - 8:00 AM Monday - Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Wednesday 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 PM
Special times upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE & BAPTISM
Check our website for more information.
Stlaurenceelgin.org/parish-information

My House Shall Be Called A House of Prayer
Please help us keep a prayerful and reverent atmosphere in the Church before and after Mass.

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You have approached Mount Zion
and the city of the living God,
the heavenly Jerusalem.

Twenty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
SEPTEMBER 1, 2019
Readings for the Week

Monday 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17; Phil 9:10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Happenings

Adoration & Confession is offered every Wednesday from 5-7 pm. An additional Adoration will be held monthly on the fourth Friday from 8-10 pm.

We are called to be humble of heart. Come to a Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn how to love each other with humility. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are September 6-8 in Geneva, IL; October 18-20 in Brookfield, WI or November 8-10 in Geneva, IL.

Visit our website at: alifetimeoflove.org or call (888) 574-5653.

The DCCW—Elgin Deanery invites all women of the Deanery to our September meeting, Tuesday, September 10. Place and time will be in an upcoming bulletin. We invite you to come and hear about us. For more information, contact any of our current officers: Linda Meyer, President, at lmcreative@sbcglobal.net; Mary Danlyluk, Vice President, marydanlyluk@gmail.com; Marilyn Tynor, Treasurer, mcty58@sbcglobal.net; or Paula Davidson, Secretary, swissmiss095@att.net. We would love to meet you!

Youth Ministry Opportunity

Do you enjoy working with young people; planning activities to engage, encourage, and even inspire? St. Laurence Youth Ministry is looking for someone who is at least 18 years old to assist with managing monthly meetings. Our Youth Ministry currently meets once per month for less than two hours. Please open your hearts and prayerfully consider helping the youth at our parish grow and learn about community. Contact Erika Gomez @ 224-629-2760 for information and to volunteer.

Stewardship Collection

Aug 24/25
Total Giving This Week $ 6,106.06
Weekly Budget Amount Needed $ 7,900.00

Altar Ministry Sep 7/8

4:00 Lector - John Muchmore
PM Eucharistic Ministers - Tim Dewees, Kay Gotter, Barb Miller, Daniela Sandoval
           Altar Servers - Cameron Carpio, Isabella Szopa
6:00 Lector - Lala Rodriguez
PM Eucharistic Ministers - Benjamin Blanca, Laura Blanca, Norberto Feliciano, Carmen Perez
           Altar Servers - Alyssa Baugus, Natalia Ramos
7:15 Lector - Kathy Newcomb
AM Eucharistic Ministers - Nicole DeFrenza, Vicky Giuliano, Joanie Gronnett, Chris Stine
           Altar Servers - Colin Tuftedal, Ethan Tuftedal
9:00 Lector - Angelica Rodriguez
AM Eucharistic Ministers - Deacon Joe, William Hejnosz, William Misek
           Altar Servers - Mariana Hernandez
11:00 Lector - Chris Dennison
AM Eucharistic Ministers - Gail Essary, Natalie Koessl, Jim Kararo, Kimberly Mailloux
           Altar Servers - Benjamin Aguirre, Nathalia Aguirre

Hospital Minister

September 6 - Margarita Pantoja

Prayerfully consider volunteering as a hospital Eucharistic Minister. Call Dee @ 708-822-2152.

Altar Flowers

We have open dates for Altar flowers. You can honor or remember a loved one and beautify our Masses.

The workers are the saviors of society, the redeemers of the race. —Eugene V. Debs
Corbella Clinic Invites You to the
2019 CELEBRATION BANQUET

Thursday, September 12, 2019
6-7pm Social Hour, 7-9pm Banquet
Q Center: 1405 N. 5th Ave. (Route 25) in St. Charles, IL

Corbella Clinic offers free, life-affirming medical and support services to women and couples at risk for abortion. Please join us to hear what God has accomplished and what we imagine for our future. To purchase tickets or to support our mission to save lives, go to www.corbellclinic.org or call 847-697-0200.

Monday Morning Bible Study
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Come and See....
The Christian Rite of Initiation for Adults is a process that we are blessed to celebrate in our Parish Community. We invite you to experience the richness and depth of this journey with us. Is Christ calling you to be a witness or a team member or a sponsor? Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming Catholic? Would you like to learn more about your Catholic Faith? Have you been thinking about getting married through the Catholic Church and are not sure what to do? Are you planning to be a God Parent? Are you someone who has been searching for some direction in your faith life? Do you know someone who is? Come to the sessions and experience a safe place to ask your questions. Discover your Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome! Come and see! The Program begins September 8, 2019 and ends on Easter Sunday. Sessions will be on Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Please contact: The Parish office or Deacon Joe Bermea for more information and to sign-up for these RCIA classes. Parish Office: 847-468-6900, Deacon Joe: 847-857-1307.

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Please Pray for:

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


May God protect our members who serve in the armed forces and return them safely to their families:

ARMY: Staff Sgt. Jennifer (Clough) Korfmacher, COAST GUARD: Ensign Allison Rychtanek

We pray for the repose of the soul of

Marvis Grewenig
Family of David Grewenig & Joseph Grewenig, Jr.

Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please notify the Parish office if a parishioner is seriously ill or becomes unable to attend Mass for an extended period of time.

Mass Intentions - Sep 2-8

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Lord, Hear our Prayer.

Por esta época recordamos la natividad de María, madre de Jesús. María es muy popular entre muchos pueblos y en especial en los pueblos latinos. Al principio del mes de septiembre dos naciones toman la fiesta de su nacimiento para recordarla bajo el título de la Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre en Cuba y de Nuestra Señora de Coromoto en Venezuela.

La Virgen del Cobre fue descubierta en el siglo XVI por dos indígenas y un niño africano llamados los tres Juanes, cuando estos fueron al mar en busca de sal. Después de una fuerte tempestad ellos encontraron flotando sobre las olas una pequeña imagen de María con el Niño Dios en brazos. La imagen flotaba sobre una tabla que decía yo soy la Virgen de la Caridad. Milagrosamente la imagen estaba seca.

También en el siglo XVI la Virgen se le apareció al cacique de los indígenas Coromoto en Venezuela. Estos se resistían a la evangelización y ella se apareció sobre las aguas invitándolos al bautizo cristiano.

Estas dos manifestaciones marianas llevan a Jesús en brazos recordándonos que María nada puede sin Cristo.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Giz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God’s plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus’ presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September’s shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives.

Altar means “high place,” yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar’s three steps, chanting Introibo ad altare Dei, or “I will go to the altar of God,” followed by the altar servers’ response, “The God who gives joy to my youth.” Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

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We are told by all spiritual writers that one important point to bear in mind, as we seek to attain humility, is not to be surprised by our own faults and failures.—François Fénelon
Mission Doctors Association will offer the 2019 Midwest Retreat/Seminar, Sept 13 -15, 2019 for Catholic Physicians, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants, and their spouses, considering Short-term mission service in Africa or Latin America. This will be held at Loyola Stritch Medical School, Chicago. Information and Accreditation Statement (for the 11 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)) are available on the web site: www.MissionDoctors.org or by calling the office for more information (213) 368-1872.

Holy water to cross yourself with

School News - Mr. Manuel Cantu

This is dedicated to our St. Laurence students, our future leaders.

Congratulations!
Today is your day
You’re off to Great Places!
You’re off and away!
You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
any direction you choose.
You’re on your own. And you know what you know.
And YOU are the guy who’ll decide where to go.
(From Dr. Seuss “Oh The Places You’ll Go!”)

It was like Christmas morning. Our first day of school was buzzing. What a beautiful start of school at St. Laurence. Students were in their brand new uniforms and sneakers. Everyone was matching. Teachers excitingly greeting their new faces. Eager beavers they were, in welcoming parents and children into their classrooms. Classrooms that will be their home for the next nine months. For the parents it was “yes, alone time again.” The Kinders were sporting their new lunch pals. The Pre-kinders were sad to leave their mommies. The seventh and eighth graders now seem to be feeling too mature for Principal high-fives. Mom and dad were cautiously learning and driving their new student drop-off zone. I have to admit, with the exception of one mommy driver running over a cone and dragging it for twenty yards, things went well. I have come to the realization that the best part of my job is greeting all the happy faces every morning, so vibrant and re-energizing. It’s a great way to start the day. As educators, we are an inspiration to our students, and along with God we shall build America’s future leaders. Let’s Do This.
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An Indomitable Force of Love

One woman founded a religious order, won the Nobel Peace Prize, and became one of the most popular figures of the 20th century. Follow the selfless missionary of Calcutta who brought hope, love, and salvation to the poorest of the poor.

Watch on formed.org

Submission deadline for bulletin entries is Monday at Noon. Send all entries to: office@stlaurenceelgin.org for approval. You can also call 847-468-6900.

Do You Play Piano? Would you be interested in participating in the Liturgy in a new way? St Laurence is looking for additional accompanists to support our Music Ministry during weekend Masses. Perhaps you are willing to share your talent with our parish in this special way. Please contact the parish office for additional information as to how you can be involved in our Music Ministry.

Religious Education

- 9/04/2019-Wednesday, 6:30 pm. Meeting in the Cafeteria for Catechists, Aides and Volunteers
- 9/11/19-Wednesday, 6 – 7:15 pm. FIRST CLASS for grades K – 6th (Please enter through the north school door entrance)
- 9/15/19-Sunday, 9:30 – 10:45 am. FIRST CLASS for grades 7 & 8 Confirmation Prep (Please enter through the north school door entrance)
- NOTE: For those students scheduled to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2020, we will notify you of the scheduled date as soon as that becomes available.
- Please contact the Parish Office @ 847-468-6900 if you still need to register your student.

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS for this year’s program. Please contact Thomas O’Leary @ 815-914-7333 or thomasodre@stlaurenceelgin.org or through the Parish Office.