PARISH STAFF
Very Rev. Richard J. Stoffel, Shared Pastor  
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MISSION STATEMENT  
We, the members of St. Lawrence Parish, believe that we truly become the disciples of the Lord when:  
His words become our words,  
His caring becomes our caring,  
His healing touch becomes our touch  
His life makes us alive.  
We provide opportunities and education for lifelong spiritual growth for all our members.

MASS SCHEDULE  
Weekends:  
Saturday ................................................................. 04:00 PM  
Sunday ................................................................. 09:45 AM

Weekdays:  
Tuesday ............................................................. 08:00 AM followed by  
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion  
Thursday ............................................................. 08:00 AM

Neighboring Parishes  
Resurrection, Allenton:  Saturday Vigil 6:45pm, Sunday 8:30am  
Wednesday/Friday 8:00 am  
St. Peter, Slinger:  Saturday Vigil 5:00pm & 8:00pm, Sunday 7:30am & 10:30am  
Monday 8:00am, Tuesday 6:30pm, Wednesday/Thursday 8:00am

PARISH WEBSITE  
www.stlawrence-parish.com

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK  
facebook.com/stlawrencecatholicparish

Bulletin & Announcements Deadline: Submit information to the Parish Office by noon on Monday.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION  
Baptism: Arrangement to be done with Pastor and Office.

Reconciliation: 3:15-3:45PM Saturday or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrange with Pastor and Office, 9 months prior. Coordinator: Joan Krebs 262-305-2774

Sick & Homebound: Contact Pastor for sacramental needs and visits.

Funeral: Contact Pastor before finalizing details. Coordinator: Denise Klink 262-224-6059

Parish Membership: We welcome new members! Families and single persons (18 years and older) must be registered with the Parish in order to receive services the Parish offers. Please contact the Office to register. If changing address, please notify the Office.

Recommended Annual Donation:  
Family: $500  Single: $250  Student/Nursing Home: $25
MASS INTENTIONS
14 Saturday:
04:00 pm Mass †Harold Baier; Clemens & Sylveria Infalt &
Urban & Celia Komp
15 Sunday:
09:45 am Mass †Marie Feldhusen
16 Monday:
17 Tuesday:
08:00 am Mass †Norbert Krebs
18 Wednesday:
19 Thursday:
08:00 am Mass †Carrie & Hubert Breuer
20 Friday:
21 Saturday:
04:00 pm Mass †The Krebs & Muesch Families;
Gene Hoerth & Jack Schoebel
22 Sunday:
09:45 am Mass †Ray Heffer & Parents;
Roland, Ervin, Helen & Steve Beine

MINISTRIES
21 Saturday
Lector: Christie Christie
Servers: Abby & Brianna Strupp
Eucharistic Ministers:
Host: Elaine Morinelli, Julie Aumann, Cheryl Gehring
Cup: Elaine Strupp, Dave Mueller
Host to Choir: Kim Ehrensberger
Ushers: Elaine Morinelli, Steve Krebs, Fred & Mary Montag

22 Sunday
Lector: Sonny Schaefer
Servers: Landon & Brianna Gehring
Eucharistic Ministers:
Host: Sharon Steinbach, Ree Koth, John Cleary
Cup: Dan Haas, Volunteer
Ushers: Jeff & Jane Becker, Wayne Wedell, Brendan Kons

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Please see our Parish website for a link to the daily Mass readings

FINANCIAL REPORT
Weekend of November 30 & December 1
Membership: $ 2,125.00
Offertory: $ 522.50
Improvement Fund: $ ———

Weekend of December 7 & 8
Membership: $ 4,470.00
Offertory: $ 640.40
Improvement Fund: $ ———

PARISH LEADERSHIP
Trustees: Dennis Regan Scott Kenitz
Pastoral Council:
Chair - Angie Cleary Vice Chair - Al Simays
Secretary - Joan Krebs
At-Large - Russ Koth, Kenny Baus, Greg Recker
Finance Council:
Chair - Annette Mueller
Members - Dennis Regan, Scott Kenitz, Brendan Kons, Joan Krebs, Kenny Baus

FROM THE SHARED PASTOR’S DESK:
1. Advent Training – “The liturgy of Advent, filled with constant allusions to the joyful expectation of the Messiah, helps us to understand the fullness of the value and the meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It’s not just commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village in Judea. Instead, we must understand that our whole life should be an ‘advent,’ in vigilant expectation of Christ’s final coming. To prepare our hearts to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, will come one day to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize His presence in the events of daily life. Advent is then a period of intense training that directs us decisively to the One who has already come, who will come and who continuously comes.” (Pope St. John Paul II)

2. Charitable Giving – Tends to peak at this time of year; retired folks over 70 ½ with 401K programs may be looking for places to give some funds they do not need and must take in required minimum distributions; our parishes welcome and are able to receive such extraordinary gifts through our respective Endowment and Improvement Funds as well as gifts directed to their general operational budgets for special projects. Many younger parishioners work for firms who offer Matching Grant programs for employees, doubling an employee’s church donation up to a specified value. We appreciate all members who may be able to take advantage of opportunities such as these; we also encourage a mindfulness of our parishes in your estate planning, through wills and funeral memorials directed to our parishes and ministries – we thank you very much for any and every kindness extended us!

3. PlatingGrace.com – At www.fatherleofeeds.com families will find an invitation away from many things we get caught up in and back to the dinner table as a family for a delicious meal that satisfies body, mind and soul; recipes as well as much more of interest; check it out; the simple act of creating and sharing a meal together strengthens relationships!

4. Wondering About – How do priests pick the topics of their homilies? To answer this, I share a story. On a particular Sunday a priest in New York was greeting people after Mass. A woman was waiting for him; he could tell that she was angry. She said, “I almost interrupted your homily today because you didn’t say anything about the terrible abortion law just put into effect in our state.” After acknowledging her feelings and sharing his own disgust about the new law, he then explained that the Church wants him to preach on the Sacred Scriptures. If there are issues that the readings speak to in everyday life, they can be addressed at that time. On that Sunday, there was no correlation between the readings and the disappointing new law. He stated that what he believed God wanted him to say; he couldn’t tailor a homily to what one person thought he ought to say. Priests and deacons want their homilies to be relevant and good each week and work hard at preaching (every minute spent at the pulpit requires about an hour in prayer and study); priests and deacons want to speak to issues that touch the hearts as well as the daily lives of our people. Homilies are to affect unity in the name of Jesus Christ for the sake of His Church, preaching what God wills more than what people may always want to hear, comforting the challenged, challenging the comfortable!

5. 2019 Church Support Gifts – Must be actually received by or postmarked to us by no later than December 31, 2019 in order to be accredited to tax year 2019; our strict compliance is required by the IRS; any church support gifts received or postmarked after December 31, 2019, no matter how the check or church envelope may be dated, will be counted and credited as a 2020 church offering. Thank you for your generosity and cooperation!

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To receive credit in 2019 funds must be in the Parish Office no later than noon on December 31.

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Thank you for supporting our Parish!

GIVING TREE

Please take a leaf from the Giving Tree; purchase the item(s) and return the gifts no later than Sunday, December 15. Thank you for your generosity!

The Parish Office will be closed December 24.

ADVENT SACRIFICE

This year our Lent Sacrifice is for the benefit of:

**Journey – Spiritual Advancement for Individuals with Disabilities**

Journey is a Catholic religious education program that is designed to meet the spiritual and sacramental needs of persons ages 6-adult with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Journey meet 12 times a year for 90 minutes from October thru April and is located at St. Frances Cabrini in West Bend.

**Dynamic Catholic**

Dynamic Catholic’s mission is to re-energize the Catholic Church in America by developing world-class resources that inspire people to rediscover the genius of Catholicism. Your support makes it possible to develop free world-class resources for Catholics of all ages.

Please consider giving up a meal or two and donating to these worthy causes.

**In Memory of**

Khelsie Mae Steinbach
daughter of Joseph & Samantha

Donated by: ______________________________________

Please respond by December 15, 2019

PARISH CALENDAR

| 2020          | 09  | Feast Day with Bishop Jeffrey Haines |

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

| ________ | $12 – 6 ½” Red Poinsettia |
| ________ | $12 – 6 ½” White Poinsettia |
| ________ | Donation toward other items needed |

In Honor or Memory of:

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Donated by: ________________________________

CHIEF WOMEN CORNER

Thank you, parishioners, for the wonderful turnout at the annual Christian-Women-sponsored Ponderosa event! We loved your company, and the friendship and prayers of Deacon Bob and Father Jonathon.

IN SYMPATHY

to the families of

Joseph Reinders
Donald Jazdzewski &
Edgar Schwartz