PARISH STAFF
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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
FROM THE SHARED ASSOCIATE PASTOR’S DESK:

“Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness… Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God’s own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member.” - from a Christmas homily by Saint Leo the Great

In a few short days, we will celebrate the grand Solemnity of the Birth of Jesus. I pray that this celebration will be one of great joy, peace, and blessing for you and your families. Know of my love and prayers for all of you in this most joyous time of the year. In this time, we remember that God became human so that humans might become like God. That is the great part of this celebration. At Christmas, we are reminded that God became like us to give us a grand dignity, a noble purpose. This is why Christmas is such a time of joy –we are reminded how wonderfully God has made us –and how magnificently re-created us through the coming of his Son Jesus in the flesh.

Also, I have now been here for over six months. I want to thank Father Rick for his kindness and generosity to me in these months, and I look forward to the time ahead. I thank all of you for welcoming me so warmly and generously into your lives. May God reward you for your generosity!

Finally, there is a practice in the Church of priests visiting and blessing families’ homes during the Christmas season. If you’d like to have your home blessed, call me at the parish office (ext. 2205) or e-mail me – and we can probably find a time to make it work. The prayers for home blessings are relatively brief, so it doesn’t have to be a huge commitment (maybe 15 minutes). (And – yes – I am shamelessly inviting myself to your home – hopefully to get to know more families and maybe even remember your name!)

Merry Christmas!

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

FINANCIAL REPORT
Information for the weekend of December 14 & 15 will be in next week’s bulletin due to an early printing deadline.

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

MASS INTENTIONS
21 Saturday: 04:00 pm Mass †The Krebs & Muesch Families; Gene Hoerth & Jack Schoebel
22 Sunday: 09:45 am Mass †Ray Heftet & Parents; Roland, Ervin, Helen & Steve Beine
23 Monday:
24 Tuesday: Christmas Eve 04:00 pm Mass †Melvin Beistle
25 Wednesday: Christmas Day 9:45 am Mass †Roman & Audrey Wagner
26 Thursday: 08:00 am Mass For those in military service
27 Friday:
28 Saturday: 04:00 pm Mass †Werner Lofy; Irvin & Rosemary Beistle
29 Sunday: 09:45 am Mass †Mary Jo Borlen

MINISTRIES
24 Christmas Eve
Lector: Elaine Strupp
Servers: Taylor & Alana Riley
Eucharistic Ministers:
Host: Al Simays, Chris Mueller, Gertie Krebs
Cup: Peter Strupp; Mary Montag
Host to Choir: Cheryl Gehring
Ushers: Volunteers

25 Christmas Day
Lector: Abby Kons
Servers: Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers:
Host: Linda Breuer, Judy Beaudot, Donna Kauper
Cup: Jane Becker, Amy Meyer
Host to Choir: Kim Ehrensberger
Ushers: Volunteers

28 Saturday
Lector: Volunteer
Servers: Tommy & Marek Glogovsky
Eucharistic Ministers:
Host: Gertie Krebs, Kim Ehrensberger, Mary Montag
Cup: Cheryl Gehring, Peter Strupp
Host to Choir: Ed Aumann
Ushers: Lois Olsen, Alan Melichar, Dave & Chris Mueller

29 Sunday
Lector: Julie Riley
Servers: Sami Gundrum & Emily Schmidt
Eucharistic Ministers:
Host: Donna Kauper, Abby Kons, Scott Schmidt
Cup: Mike Schmidt, Ree Koth
Ushers: Tim & Maggie Hofmaier, Jacob Beier, Phil Klink
Parish Support
To receive credit in 2019 funds must be in the Parish Office no later than noon on December 31.
The recommended Annual Donation is:
- Family-$500, Single-$250, Student/Nursing Home-$25.
Thank you for supporting our Parish!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
Nativity Pageant Encore Performance! Our children will be presenting a Farmer's Tale in honor of our new shared associate pastor. We would love for all our farmers to attend!
Nativity Pageant final practice is December 23 (5:30-6:30 p.m.) in the church. The Farmer's Tale will be performed on Tuesday, December 24 at 3:45 p.m. before the Christmas Eve Mass. Performers are to arrive by 3:15 p.m. in the church basement to put on costumes. At the beginning of Mass, Nativity Pageant children will process in with Father Schmeckel to place the Baby Jesus in the manger.

Family Adoration will be on Wednesday, January 1, starting at 6 p.m. in the St. Lawrence church. All are welcome to come and adore our newborn King with the K-11 students and their families, as we give thanks to Mary on the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Merry Christmas, St. Lawrence Religious Education Families and Parishioners! We give you all the gift of prayer through His word: "I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with the power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." Eph. 3:16-17

St. Lawrence Mass Christmas Schedule Change
No Tuesday morning Mass on December 24
No 7:30 am Mass on Christmas Day

The Parish Office will be closed December 24.

NEARBY PARISHES MASS SCHEDULE
Resurrection:
Christmas Eve – 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm
Christmas Day – 8:30 am
Solemnity of Mary-New Year’s – January 1 - 9:30 am

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Graham Stilp
son of Christian & Rebecca

PARISH CALENDAR
2020
August: 09 Feast Day with Bishop Jeffrey Haines

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
This verse from John's Gospel beautifully depicts the wonder, awe and joy of Christmas, for God has made his dwelling among us. What we celebrate is truly remarkable. Our God is not distant, removed, or even unfamiliar to us. Rather, our God is personal, interested and devoted to each one of us.

The scene at Bethlehem on that first Christmas night may appear to be quite different from the Christmas scenes you and I will celebrate with family and friends, but little has changed in 2,000 years. Our world is still marked by suffering and pain; people are still swept away from believing by doubt and despair; and the busyness and distractions of this life still offer little room for faith and devotion. Yet, God still dwells among us; we still see his glory … full of grace and truth. Each Christmas, our hearts become the little manger in Bethlehem, welcoming God in the most humble of surroundings.

There is not a more worthy place for God to dwell than in a heart fully given to Him. This is the greatest “gift-exchange” imaginable: He offers us His life and we offer Him our love. During this blessed Christmas season, I pray that all of us, together, can more fully enter into this exchange. Let us approach the sacraments with new fervor and devotion. Let us reach out of our comfortable lifestyles and give to those less fortunate. Let us, united in the love of Christ, seek to share that love with those who have yet to encounter it. May God bless you and your families this Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

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