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

• December 29, 2019 •
St. Lawrence Parish

MASS INTENTIONS
28 Saturday:
04:00 pm Mass †Werner Lofy; Irvin & Rosemary Beistle
29 Sunday:
09:45 am Mass †Mary Jo Borlen
30 Monday:
31 Tuesday:  Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil
04:00 pm Mass †Ralph Boden
01 Wednesday:  Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
08:00 am Mass †Ron Reinke
02 Thursday:
08:00 am Mass For those in military service
03 Friday:
04 Saturday:
04:00 pm Mass †Michelle Heftler; Roman & Audrey Wagner
05 Sunday:
09:45 am Mass †Steve & Kurt Klink; Sylvester Goeller

MINISTRIES
31 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil
Lector:  Volunteer
Servers:  Landon & Brianna Gehring
Eucharistic Ministers:  Volunteers
Ushers:  Volunteers
01 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Lector:  Angie Cleary
Servers:  Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers:  Volunteers
Ushers:  Volunteers
04 Saturday
Lector:  Christie Christie
Servers:  Mitchell & Madalynn Regan
Eucharistic Ministers:
Host:  Elaine Morinelli
Cup:  Chris Mueller, Cheryl Gehring
Host to Choir:  Mary Aufermayer
Ushers:  Jeff & Lisa Szukalski, LeRoy Infalt, Nancy Pfeifer
05 Sunday
Lector:  Discipleship
Servers:  Cheyanne & Beau Kedinger
Eucharistic Ministers:
Host:  Judy Beaudot
Cup:  Sharon Steinbach, Scott Schmidt
Ushers:  Discipleship, Emil & Brenda Becker

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

FINANCIAL REPORT
Weekend of December 14 & 15
Membership: $ 7,720.42
Offertory: $ 625.51
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.  2019 Church Support Gifts – Must actually be 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!

2.  Thank You – For your thoughtful Christmas greetings, prayers and rememberances; it is such an honor and privilege to serve people of lively faith and joy in Christ. May the blessings of this holy season deepen in your hearts throughout a New Year of grace beginning soon! Fr. Rick Stoffel, Fr. Jonathon Schmeckel, and Deacon Bob Derks

3.  2019 Catholic Stewardship Appeal – Recently reports that we have exceeded our $20,000 goal by 101.22% for a total of $23,386 pledged and given by 148 donors or 24.14% of our membership; I am grateful to each of you for your generous participation! Archdiocesan wide the Appeal is slightly behind goal of $7.8 million with $7,573,623.94 given by 30,123 donors but confidence will have our ten-county community of parishes closing this gap soon with success – again, thank you for your generous participation!

4.  Wednesday, January 01, 2020 – Within the Octave of the Lord’s Nativity, is the solemnity of Mary: Mother of God; it is a holyday of obligation. Masses @ both St. Lawrence & St. Peter’s will be 4 PM Tuesday, December 31, 2019, and on Wednesday, January 01, 2020 @ 8 AM; Mass @ Resurrection will be at 9:30 AM Wednesday, January 01, 2020!

5.  Coming Changes @ Mass – At St. Lawrence the number of Extraordinary Ministers distributing the Body of Christ will be reduced from four to two (the distributor for the choir will still bring the Eucharist to those needing it brought to them) as there should be no rush about receiving Christ when reverence is called for (extra stations can/will be added when special feasts/events fill the church) and, consistent with most other parishes, 2nd collections will be taken up after Holy Communion; at St. Peter the number of Extraordinary Ministers distributing the Body of Christ at the 8PM Saturday Mass will be reduced from four to two as regular attendance doesn’t warrant, and, at the 10:30AM Sunday Mass, there will be two additional Extraordinary Ministers available to serve the Lord’s Holy Blood as many receive regularly under both sacred species and the line for the common cup is frequently quite long, discouraging more who may desire to do so; finally, the lector’s kneeler in the sanctuary will be removed; lectors will still process in with the servers, deacon and priest, proclaim the readings, and then, for the homily, Eucharistic Prayer and Holy Communion, take their place with the faithful assembly in the pews, returning to read, if any, announcements, then processing out with the servers, deacon and priest; this has already been practice @ St. Lawrence for some time and will help us take into account that our lectors are true “volunteers” who are not officially installed in this adult ministry as seminarians on their way to Holy Orders are; at Resurrection this change for the lectors is also taking place and will especially help in making appropriate space available in the sanctuary about our newly re-centered altar for those who minister from or at it. These consistencies in our parish cluster at worship, while requiring some adjustment, will become be a sign of collaboration among us; we can look to each other for inspirations and ideas as we worship in each other’s church. You will notice these changes, approved by our Prayer/Worship Committees, our shared pastor and shared associate, beginning with the New Year, 2020!

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FROM THE SHARED PASTOR’S DESK: (CONTINUED)

6. Feast of the Holy Family – Like other human families, the Holy Family experienced its own special situations, anxieties and difficulties. Despite being ideally composed of incomparable people we cannot hope to equal (Joseph the upright man, Mary the virgin-mother, and Jesus the only Son of God), they were burdened by unique trials and subject to the winds of fortune: an emperor’s census edict forced them to become migrants and birth their newborn in a manger far from home. King Herod’s cruel jealousy forced them to flee to Egypt to save the Child’s life from the massacre of the Holy Innocents and fear of Herod’s successor forced their return to Nazareth. They accepted all this as part of the will of God for them and acted accordingly. How, when and where we are as we are is part of God’s will for us; instead of giving in to wishing that we had better circumstances or personalities in our families, we’re called to love one another as we are and let God make of us the best we can be; that is what configures, forms, and shapes us as holy families!!

A NOTE FROM FATHER JONATHON

Blessed Christmas to you and your families! May the peace and joy of the child Jesus in your homes! Know of my prayers for you in this most blessed time of the year. Thank you to all of you who have wished me holiday greetings - in person, through cards, notes, and e-mails! May God reward your generosity.

In the Heart of Jesus,
Fr. Jonathon

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

If you would also like to more information about our school, shadow a classroom for a morning or tour, please contact Cheryl Jaeger, Principal/Marketing Director (262-644-8083 x3100 or cheryl.jaeger@spccslinger.org). For more information, check out our website: www.spccslinger.org. May God bless you and your families as you consider this important decision for your child.

One more week left to purchase Calendar of CASH Raffle Tickets. There are extra tickets in back of church at each parish site. Raffle tickets are $20.00 each. Only one name on the ticket. Return the ticket stub with cash or check (payable to St. Peter Catholic School) in an envelope and put it in the collection basket. Please make sure the envelope is labeled - Calendar of CASH Raffle. All money and ticket stubs are due to the school office by 7:15 am on Monday, January 6, 2020. First drawing at 7:45 am on Monday, January 6, 2020; no tickets added after the first ticket is drawn!

Movie Night-Friday, January 10, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the school gym for all children of our wonderful Tri-Parish community! We will be providing popcorn and Kool-Aid. Please bring along a bottle/cup with a lid for the Kool-Aid. The feature movie is “Toy Story 4” All are welcome to join us.

Sunday, January 26, 2020 Open House - Catholic Schools Week – All current families, new families and Tri-Parish parishioners are invited to come and explore St. Peter Catholic School! Students will participate at 10:30 am Mass at St. Peter Catholic Church with Archbishop Listecki. Open House will begin after Mass until 1:00 pm. A light luncheon will be available. The students will be presenting their Space Fair 2020 in the gym and classrooms! Registration for 2020 – 2021 will be open for new families!

PARISH CALENDAR

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HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

No Tuesday morning Mass on December 31

Masses at St. Lawrence:
December 31 4:00pm
January 1 8:00am

NEIGHBORING PARISHES HOLYDAY SCHEDULE

Resurrection:
Solemnity of Mary-New Year’s – January 1 - 9:30 am
St. Peter:
Solemnity of Mary-New Year’s
December 31 - 4:00 pm
January 1- 8:00 am

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—GOAL $250,000

As of December 15, pledges total $231,807 (92.7% of our goal) and we have received $204,337. Thank you!

Check our website under the tab “Parish Life—Photos” for pictures of the work as it has progressed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Family Adoration, Wednesday, January 1, starting at 6 p.m. in the church. There will be time for silent prayer, along with a special opportunity to heal our hearts and create them anew. 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.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CORNER

Thank you for your cheerful giving with our cookie sale! We appreciate your help in carrying out our mission of supporting families and our parish.

Celebrate the 139th Archconfraternity of Christian Mother’s by joining us for the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Lawrence on Thursday, January 16. We will enjoy a meal at the Mineshaft after Mass.