

St. Lawrence Parish

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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 10:00 AM

Weekdays:

Tuesday 08:00 AM followed by
Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
Thursday 05:30 PM

Neighboring Parishes

Resurrection, Allenton: Saturday Vigil 6:30pm, Sunday 8:30am
Wednesday 6:30pm, 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,
Saturday 8:00am

PARISH WEBSITE

www.stlawrence-parish.com



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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: 10:00 AM 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

Knights of Columbus Unity Council 12743:

Contact—Paul Petri 262-644-7440 or prumpet@charter.net

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MASS INTENTIONS

05 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Steve Klink

06 Sunday:

10:00am Mass †Virginia Blodgett

07 Monday: Vigil Mass—Holy Day

07:00pm Mass †Eldon Beistle, Agnes Beistle

08 Tuesday: Holy Day—Immaculate Conception

8:00am Mass †Eugene & Leona Beine & Donna Breuer

09 Wednesday:

10 Thursday: (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE)

5:30pm Mass †Elizabeth Minz

11 Friday:

12 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Clemens & Sylveria Infalt

13 Sunday:

10:00am Mass †Marie Feldhusen

MINISTRIES

07 Vigil Mass

Lector: Jacquelyn Haas

All other ministries volunteer

08 Holy Day

Lector: Ken Kainz

All other ministries volunteer

12 Saturday

Lector: Christie Christie

Servers: No Servers

Eucharistic Ministers: No Eucharistic Ministers

Host:

Cup:

Host to Choir:

Ushers: Dave & Chris Mueller, Steve Krebs, Nancy Pfeifer

13 Sunday

Lector: Volunteer

Servers: No Servers

Eucharistic Ministers: No Eucharistic Ministers

Host:

Cup:

Ushers: Mike & Sue Schmidt, Dave & Jan Braun

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Please see our Parish website for a link to the daily Mass readings

FINANCIAL REPORT

NOVEMBER 21 & 22

Membership: \$ 5,288.42

Offertory: \$ 353.10

Improvement Fund: \$ 1,084.62

PARISH LEADERSHIP

Trustees: Scott Kenitz Maureen Gehring

Pastoral Council:

Chair - Angie Cleary Vice Chair - Greg Recker

Secretary - Joan Krebs

At-Large - Russ Koth, Kenny Baus, Jackie Infalt

Finance Council:

Chair - Annette Mueller

Members - Maureen Gehring, Scott Kenitz, Brendan Kons,
Joan Krebs, Kenny Baus

FROM THE SHARED PASTOR'S DESK:

1. **Tuesday, December 08, 2020** – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a **holyday of obligation**.

2. **2020 Milwaukee Archdiocese Priest Statistics** – As of October 31, we have **284** diocesan priests, of whom **145** are in active assignments, & **139** are retired, an overall decline of **6** priests attributable to 4 newly ordained, **6** newly retired, and **10** deaths among our retirees; of the **145** active priests, **104** are in parishes (**2** less than previous year), **20** are in special work (**1** more than previous year), **8** are not in a diocesan assignment (**1** more than previous year), and **5** are advanced study leave (same as previous year); of the remaining active priests, **8** await assignment, are unassignable, or on sick/medical/personal/administrative leave. While we plan on **3** newly ordained this spring and **6** more in 2022 (and see continued interest among our young men in a vocation to the priesthood), the ratio of fully active priests to senior priests is now at **51%/49%**. The largest age group of priests, **170** out of **284**, are above the age of 65 (count me in that group) and the largest ordination classes that lasted through the 1970's are reaching retirement age (count me in this group, too, **but not ready yet**). If we continue to sustain healthy ordination classes & bring in a few missionary priests each year, we will have priests to lead our parishes into the next decade. Coupled with the dedicated help-out commitment of our senior priests, permanent deacons, parish directors and other lay ecclesial ministers, our parishes can remain vibrant. Our Archdiocese continues to do better in this regard than others in our state. We have a total of **284** priests for **193** parishes; La Crosse has **159** priests for **135** parishes; Green Bay has **150** priests for **156** parishes, Superior has **53** priests for **103** parishes, and Madison has **126** priests for **102** parishes. Let's count ourselves blest ...

3. **What Has Changed** – When I was a child, few Catholics skipped Sunday Mass. Saturday mornings were weddings or funerals; Saturday afternoons/evenings were for Confessions (there were no Masses of anticipation); parishes had a tight schedule with 4-5 Masses each Sunday, beginning as early as 5:45AM for early risers and finishing with 12 Noon Mass for sleepyheads, Baptisms afterward. From my earliest years, I learned the meaning of Mass and its value for everyday living. This began to change shortly after Vatican Council II (1962-1965). Why? First, a chief reason for lack of church attendance now (well before coronavirus) is that many Catholics fail to appreciate the Mass as Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Before Vatican II, Catholics firmly believed that Jesus' sacrifice on the cross was renewed each week in an un-bloody manner on the altar; the bread and the wine truly became the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ; when we received Holy Communion, we received the living Christ! This faith was a powerful incentive for coming as often as we could. When I was a young, I was an altar server for 6AM daily Mass; I recall seeing high school youth from the neighborhood attending before walking to school! We early risers who served that Mass got breakfast in the rectory with our priests afterward, before going to school and attending daily Mass again with the whole school; we counted ourselves fortunate! Second, guilt was a strong motivating factor. We learned that it was a mortal sin to miss Mass without a serious reason on Sundays or Holydays of Obligation (by the way, the Church still teaches this as true). This was embedded in our consciences! Third, our secular world has a materialistic impact on much of what we do that weakens faith commitments. Other weekend activities – sports, etc. – sometimes compete so heavily for attention that participation in these can take precedence, sadly, over Mass. Also, family-based prayer & spiritual activity has waned in many cases to a perfunctory grace before meals (what about thanksgiving afterward) or being told to go to your room to say your night prayers, as if prayer was but a personal, private matter.

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FROM THE SHARED PASTOR'S DESK: (CONTINUED)

There was a movement when I was young called "The Family that Prays Together Stays Together." So true! Experiences I truly remember were our family Rosary, me kneeling with the couch arm as my support, the blue vigil lights and the statue of the Blessed Mother atop the TV (prayer before entertainment) and going with Dad on Saturdays as he helped my aunt, Sr. Mary Helene, bring needed help to the poor. Without Mass and family prayer, how can children develop a strong Catholic identity? With little help to form their consciences, our younger Catholics often develop beliefs and practices more in accord with the promptings of popular culture and not in the spirit and way of Jesus. Last, the clergy scandals haven't helped. Many Catholics, esp. those already marginalized, stopped coming altogether. Some have a difficulty trusting clergy, questioning Church moral teachings if not followed in the exemplary manner they rightfully expected. Due to additional anxieties, fear and stress that go with mitigating the present coronavirus, our comeback to Mass is being further delayed, but all renewals begin with thinking about it again, again and again!

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

If you would like more information about our school, a social distancing tour, meet with the teacher or a family registration folder, please contact Cheryl Jaeger, Principal/Marketing Director - cheryl.jaeger@stpeterslinger.org or 262-644-8083 x3100. For more information, check out our website: www.spcsslinger.org. May God bless you and your families as you consider this important decision for your child.

Calendar Raffle Tickets - Calendar of CASH Raffle is back! Here is another chance for you to win some money! Raffle tickets will be \$20.00 each. There will be extra tickets in back of church. You may return the ticket stub with cash or check in an envelope and put it in the collection basket. Please make sure the envelope is labeled - Calendar of CASH Raffle. State law requires ONLY one name on the ticket!

Scrip is always available at St. Peter before/after masses in the church hall or from the school office. St. Peter scrip cards always make a great Christmas gift and they support your parish. Scrip can be ordered with prestopay, check, or cash. It will be available based on inventory in the school office. Scrip Office Hours will be Monday-Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Contact: Yvonne Stucke 262-644-8083 x3105 or schoolsecretary@stpeterslinger.org

Any questions or want to set up an account, please contact Jenny Zuern, Scrip Coordinator, at 262-224-0653 or scrip@stpeterslinger.org

HARTFORD AREA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday December 23rd, 12:30 pm to 5:30 pm, at the Hartford Senior Center, 730 Highland Ave, Hartford.

Safe social distancing measures are in place and it is required all donors wear masks or face coverings. Covid-19 antibody testing on all successful blood donations!

New donors are always welcome!! Anyone 17 years of age or older, weight of 110 lbs or over, and in good health is eligible to donate. Please bring a picture I.D. Appointments are suggested

PARISH CALENDAR

2021		
January	21	Finance Council Meeting 6:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting 7:15 PM
February	09	Christian Women Meeting 6:30 PM
March	08-10	Tri-Parish Mission at St. Lawrence
August	08	175th Anniversary & Feast Day Celebration with Archbishop ListECKi

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—GOAL \$250,000

As of November 19, pledges total \$255,043 (102% of our goal) and we have received \$243,400. Thank you!

HOLY DAY—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times at St. Lawrence are December 7 at 7:00 PM and December 8 at 8:00 AM.



To receive credit in 2020 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!

ADVENT SACRIFICE

Journey - A Ministry of the Catholic Parishes of Washington County that Educates and Empowers those with Special Needs in their Faith...

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 props meet 12 times a year for 90 minutes from October thru April.

Archdiocese Coronavirus Emergency Fund

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee created the Coronavirus Emergency Fund to help alleviate the financial hardship caused by the outbreak. Thanks to your generosity, the fund is providing emergency needs to local families including food, personal care items, rent assistance and job referral services. To date, 38 grants have been distributed to our parishes, St. Vincent de Paul chapters and local Catholic programs. If you are able, please consider making a donation now to help alleviate the growing financial hardship caused by the pandemic in our area. Even small gifts make a difference. We do miracles with it.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Please pick up a copy of the 2020 Advent Devotional booklets available at the church entrances. These books are courtesy of our Knights of Columbus Council Unity Council 12743.

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