

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

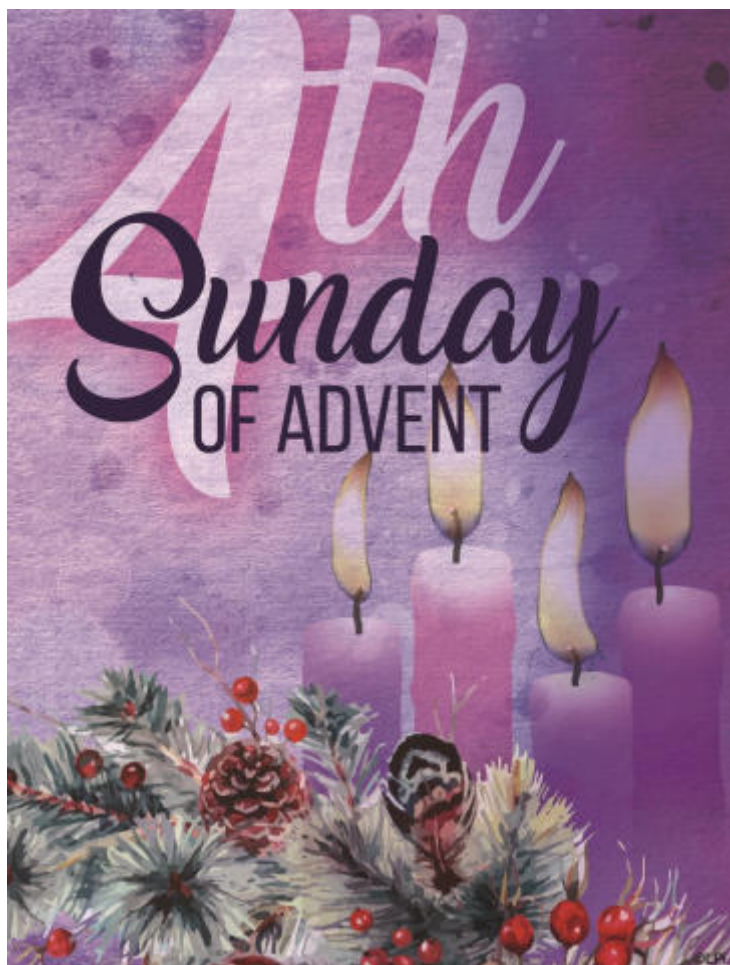
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Bulletin & Announcements Deadline: Submit information to the Parish Office by noon on Monday.



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

• December 20, 2020 •

St. Lawrence Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

19 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Roman & Audrey Wagner

20 Sunday:

10:00am Mass Pro Populo—For the People

21 Monday:

22 Tuesday:

8:00am Mass †Gene Hoerth

23 Wednesday:

24 Thursday: Christmas Eve

4:30pm Mass †Melvin Beistle

7:00pm Mass †Kate Weninger

25 Friday: Christmas Day

7:30am Mass †Ruben Pfeifer & Joe Plavec

9:30am Mass Pro Populo—For the People

26 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Anthony "Sonny" Linskens

27 Sunday:

10:00am Mass †Margie Seyfert; Harold Dietenberger

MINISTRIES

24 4:30 PM

Lector: Mary Montag

Ushers: Fred Montag, Elaine Morinelli, LeRoy Infalt, Wayne Wedell

7:00 PM

Lector: Ken Kainz

Ushers: Tim and Maggie Hofmaier, Mike and Sue Schmidt

25 7:30 AM

Lector: Scott Kenitz

Ushers: Steve Krebs, Gary and Rosanne Hefter, Mary Aufdermauer

9:30 AM

Lector: Abby Kons

Ushers: Mike and Jean Briggs, Jeff Becker, Jim Kauper

26 Saturday

Lector: Nancy Pfeifer

Ushers: Jeff & Lisa Szukalski, Ron & Denise Olszewski

27 Sunday

Lector: Julie Riley

Ushers: Tim & Maggie Hofmaier, Gary & Rosanne Hefter

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 5 & 6

Membership: \$ 2,328.00

Offertory: \$ 423.00

Improvement Fund: \$ _____

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. **Reminders** – While our expanded Christmas Mass schedule should be able to accommodate all wishing to come and worship, your cooperation with our Christmas protocols will make this possible: **our ushers will need you to wait for them to direct you to available seating so we can maximize occupancies, maintaining social distancing – no self-service seating; you & your entire group must arrive together to be seated together - no saving seats; plan to come no earlier than 30 minutes prior to scheduled Mass times, allowing church parking areas to clear after prior Masses and the church to be cleaned/sanitized between Masses; cheerful cooperation encouraged!**

2. **2020 Church Support Gifts** – Must be received in our offices no later than 12/31/2020 in order to be credited for 2020 tax purposes; if you mail yours in, it must be postmarked no later than 12/31/2020; per IRS regulations, all gifts received thereafter, even if donor-designated for 2020, must and will be credited to tax year 2021. Thanks!

3. **The Twelve Days of Christmas** – Is a familiar carol that celebrates the abundance of gifts marking the coming holiday season. "My true love gave to me ..." If one added up the gifts that would be given in this carol, they would certainly fill an entire year! Consider in your heart and soul that God, your true love, has made special, spiritual gifts for you, one each for the traditional twelve days of Christmas: consider them prayerfully!

-Christmas, God becoming human in the person of Jesus, reaffirms His original Word in Genesis that the material world and our lives were made & are good, but can be better through a personal relationship with Him. No need to overly criticize anyone or anything that God loves and wants to redeem!

-The Holy Spirit was deeply involved in Christmas as Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb through His power; this same Holy Spirit transforms bread and wine into Christ's holy Body and Precious Blood at every Mass. Want to feel like it's Christmas Day every day? See you for Sunday Mass!

-Christmas is special because of Easter; we don't celebrate birthdays for dead people but we do for Jesus as He is Risen and death has no more power over Him. "Now we need not fear the grave, for Jesus Christ was born to save; He has opened heaven's door and we shall live forever." Be not afraid of anything!

-In days right after Christmas we remember saints who were martyrs – St. Stephen & the Holy Innocents. Witness to Christ sometimes involves choices that lead to bloodshed and tears, and sometimes, without even knowing it, we glorify the Lord. God sees and remembers the good you do more than you know!

-Christmas involves gifts and gratitude; giving always seems excessive and thanks need be profuse as we receive what we feel we don't deserve. God gives everything and asks nothing in return except thanks! Don't forget to say it often ... to God ... and everyone else, too!

-Christmas is a celebration of generosity. "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." Gifts do not have to be given only at the holidays or special times of need; anytime is a good time to give because alms make up for a multitude of sins. Donate something or some time to a good cause today!

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FROM THE SHARED PASTOR'S DESK: (CONTINUED)

-Christmas trees, decorated with love, can become a "sacramental" of sorts, a sign of our desire to care for our natural resources, to honor all creation as a gift from God. Don't take it down too early!

-The "sounds of the season" which began right after Halloween and sadly ended on Christmas were mostly background music designed to get us to shop, spend, buy, distracting us from the mystery of life and love. Take calm, quiet time to listen to the delicate, beautiful music of Christmas for many days after!

-Christmas embraces the feast of the Holy Family. Families fight and make up, scream and sing, give warm hugs and cold shoulders, but the constant is our desire to be whole, together, so we are never alone; that makes every family, no matter how delightful or difficult, a place where holiness can grow. Bless God for the gifts of your family and friendships!

-There's many a joke about the Christmas "fruitcake," symbolic of many home-made gifts we receive; that sweater which doesn't fit, clever crafts that just gather dust. These represent creativity and imagination, gifts we really need in order to get through these tough times. Do something creative today!

-We have a way of anticipating feasts to suit convenience. When I was a child, Christmas first began with "Midnight Mass," symbolic of a whole world waiting for God to come just in time. Jewish lore says Adam and Eve were created at midnight and Israel was delivered from slavery in Egypt at midnight. "For when peaceful stillness encompasses all things/and the night in its course was half-spent/Your all powerful word from heaven's royal throne/leapt into the doomed land." Stay up late and appreciate the special gift and power of time, and that God always seems to come at just in time and at the right time!

-No one wants Christmas to end, especially Catholics who realize it first concludes on February 2, the Feast of the Lord's Presentation! Hold back a couple Christmas cookies to savor on that Tuesday, remembering Lent is then only two weeks away; thank God for His sweet love willing to suffer for our sakes in Jesus!



IN SEARCH OF YOUNG ADULTS!

SPIRITUS is seeking Catholic young adults, 21-29 years of age, to join the SPIRITUS missionary team this August. SPIRITUS ignites the faith in thousands of young Catholics through retreats and parish youth ministry each year! Missionaries live in community and travel to parishes and schools

throughout Wisconsin; they receive training, formation, spiritual direction, lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance and a \$2,000 stipend upon completion of the 9-month program. It is a unique opportunity to serve our Lord and help young Catholics grow in faith. Visit www.spiritusministries.org/beamissionary, contact Rachel at (920) 722-8918 x113 or recruiter@spiritusministries.org for more information.



DECEMBER 24—CLOSED
DECEMBER 31—OPEN UNTIL NOON

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 December 10, pledges total \$255,393 (102% of our goal) and we have received \$243,750. Thank you!



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Luke Bainbridge &
Leah Klink



To receive credit in 2020 funds must be postmarked December 31 or 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!

NATIVITY SET

The beautiful Nativity set used this year is from St. Matthias.

ADVENT SACRIFICE

Journey - A Ministry of the Catholic Parishes of Washington County

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 meets 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. The fund is providing emergency needs to local families including food, personal care items, rent assistance and job referral services. Grants have been distributed to our parishes, St. Vincent de Paul chapters and local Catholic programs. Even small gifts make a difference. We do miracles with it.

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