

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

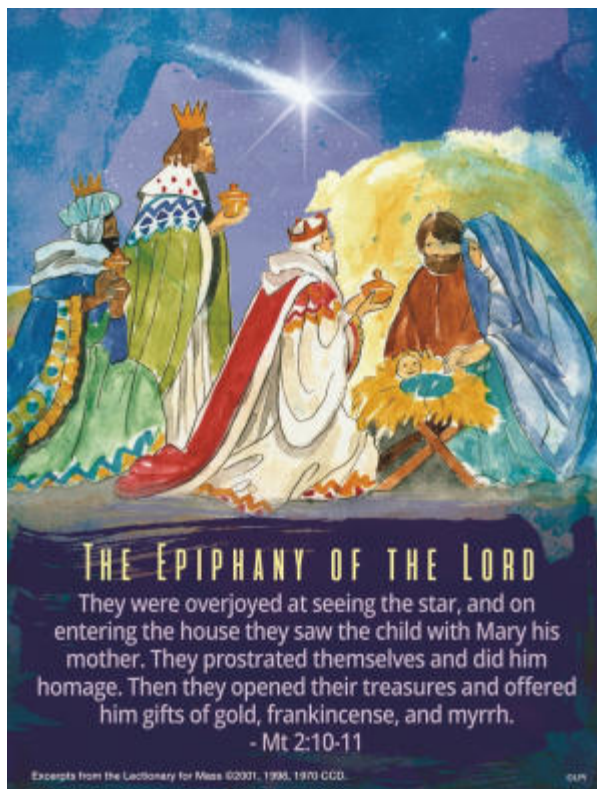


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Bulletin & Announcements Deadline: Submit information to the Parish Office by noon on Monday.

*The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with Joy. Psalm 126:3
Celebrating 175 years as a faith filled community!*



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

02 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass Pro Populo—For the People
†Roman & Audrey Wagner

03 Sunday:

10:00am Mass †James & Marie Feldhusen & Family

04 Monday:

05 Tuesday:

8:00am Mass †Marvin Hahn

06 Wednesday:

07 Thursday:

5:30pm Mass †Steve & Kurt Klink

08 Friday:

09 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Robert, Marilyn & Michael Cleary

10 Sunday:

10:00am Mass †Margie Seyfert

MINISTRIES

09 Saturday

Lector: Ken Kainz

Servers: No Servers

Eucharistic Ministers: No Eucharistic Ministers

Host:

Cup:

Host to Choir:

Ushers: Nancy Pfeifer, Fred & Mary Montag, Steve Krebs

10 Sunday

Lector: Scott Kenitz

Servers: No Servers

Eucharistic Ministers: No Eucharistic Ministers

Host:

Cup:

Ushers: Dave & Jan Braun, Jeff Becker, Phil Klink

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Information will be in next week's bulletin due
to an early printing deadline

Membership: \$
Offertory: \$
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. The Epiphany – My favorite feast in the Christmas cycle is this weekend. Eastern Orthodox brethren observe it as their Christmas, first exchanging gifts this weekend. Why? At the Lord's Nativity, God gave the world His best gift, Jesus; all we can do is be awestruck and give thanks; in no way can God's gift be outdone! When Magi arrive with mysterious gifts of their own for Him, our gifts to each other become symbolic of a willingness to give what is most precious, a love without measure that counts not the cost. Their typical representation as young, middle aged, and older, white, brown and black skinned, and yet all princes, reminds us of the equal dignity of all in God's sight.

2. The Holy Innocents – Matthew's gospel reports King Herod ordering the massacre of all boys two years of age and under in hope of thwarting the newborn king of the Jews from ascendancy to his throne. Some ask how many boys were killed. Well, if historians are correct, Bethlehem was a village of about 1,000 and, considering the high infant mortality rates then, an annual birth rate of 30 would mean male children two & under numbering about 20. Various Christian traditions have speculated 14,000 (Byzantine liturgy), 64,000 (Syrian calendar of saints), even up to 144,000 as some related the Innocents' martyrdoms to the number of the redeemed as mentioned in the Book of Revelation. No matter how many or few, every child's, every person's life is precious, sacred, to be cherished & to be kept safe!

3. A Good New Year's Resolution – Learn a little more Church history. Why? Most Catholics in the United States learn history as taught in the media and American public educational systems without recognizing that it has a secular bias against the Church; my parents always told me, just because it's on TV doesn't mean it's true! And so it is for many a thing said about the Catholic Church in history. Ex: When discussing the history of 16th-century England, most movies and textbooks refer to Mary Tudor, the legitimate Catholic Queen (1553-1558), as "Bloody Mary," whereas her half-sister (and illegitimate ruler) Elizabeth I (1558-1603) is called "Good Queen Bess" and celebrated as one of England's greatest rulers. This false anti-Catholic narrative presents Mary as a "bloodthirsty tyrant" who wickedly stamped out the Protestant faith of her people and Elizabeth as the strong "Virgin Queen" who brought in an age of prosperity to the nation and was beloved as she exhibited her people's strong Protestant convictions. Well, in reality, Mary was adored by her people and restored Catholic faith to England **through an act of Parliament** after a schismatic heresy embraced by her father (Henry VIII) and half-brother (Edward VI). Elizabeth was a figurehead, used and controlled by powerful men and interests behind the scenes. It was during her rule that the first state-sponsored persecution of the Catholic Church in Europe since the Roman Empire was undertaken. Under Elizabeth's reign, her officials killed, tortured, and imprisoned thousands of English subjects simply because they were Catholic! That's rarely presented because of a social anti-Catholic bias that still surfaces from time to time, masking itself cleverly as something other than what it is, an attempt to disqualify Catholic identity from exercising religious liberty through social interaction. That's why it's vital for us to know our real history: to defend our Church and faith when maligned, misrepresented, when myths about us are presented as if they were facts. We should be able to freely, joyfully embrace our Catholic identity as our history indicates so much about which we can be proud.

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FROM THE SHARED PASTOR'S DESK: (CONTINUED)

Like any group populated by flawed human beings, we've truthfully had bad and embarrassing moments (recent clergy sexual misconduct scandals), but there is no community over the past 2,000 years more resilient than the Catholic Church, always coming back as improved and better despite the worst, all by the grace of God! I recommend that you read *The Real Story of Catholic History: Answering Twenty Centuries of Anti-Catholic Myths*: visit www.shop.catholic.com.

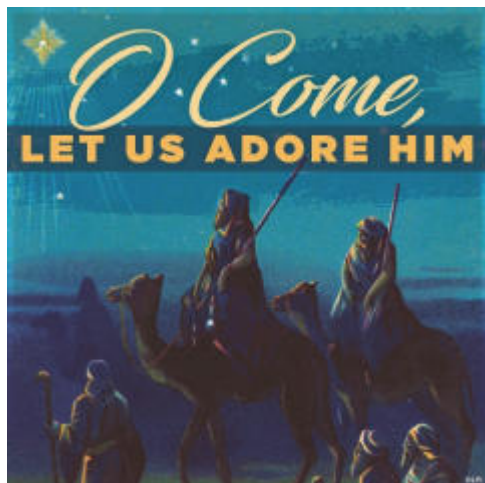
4. Why is Receiving Holy Communion So Important? -

"We cannot separate our lives from the Eucharist; the moment we do, something breaks. Our lives must be woven around the Eucharist. As Jesus to be with you, to work with you that you may be able to pray the work. You must be really sure that you have received Jesus. After that, you cannot give your tongue, your thoughts or your heart to bitterness. Put your sins into the chalice for the Precious Blood to wash away. One drop is capable of washing away all the sins of the world! We must be faithful to the smallness of the Eucharist, that simple piece of bread that even a child can take in. We have so much that we don't care about the small things. If we do not care, we will lose our grip on the Eucharist – on our lives. The Eucharist is so small. I was giving Communion this morning. My two fingers were holding Jesus. Try to realize that Jesus allows Himself to be broken. Make yourselves feel the need of each other. The Passion and the Eucharist should open our eyes to that smallness: This is my body, Take and eat – the small piece of bread. Today let us realize our own littleness in comparison with the Bread of Life." (St. Teresa of Calcutta)



Scams which misrepresent a request from your clergy or church, especially by email or text, are an unfortunate feature of life, especially during holiday

seasons. If something comes representing to be from us, asking for particular attention or assistance, please always delete and disregard!



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 22, pledges total \$255,393 (102% of our goal) and we have received \$244,937. Thank you!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO US!!

2021 marks the 175th anniversary of our Parish. Stay tuned for more information on our plans for celebrating!

RESPECT LIFE MASS

January 22, 2021 at 8:00 AM in Resurrection Church, Allenton; all members of our parish cluster are encouraged and welcome to attend.



to the family of
James Feldhusen

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.

Last Weekend to purchase Calendar of CASH Raffle Tickets - Another chance for you to win some money! Raffle tickets are \$20.00 each. State law requires ONLY one name on the ticket!

All Calendar of CASH of Raffle Tickets are due to the school office on Monday, January 4 by 7:30 am. We will be drawing our first ticket that morning.

Scrip now offers an option to ship gift cards to your home. You must use the App from a mobile phone called "Raise Right". There is a small fee associated with delivery.

Scrip is always available from the school office. Scrip can be ordered with prepayment, 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—schoolsecretary@stpeterslinger.org or 262-644-8083 x3105.

Any questions or want to set up an account, please contact us at scrip@stpeterslinger.org

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