

# 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

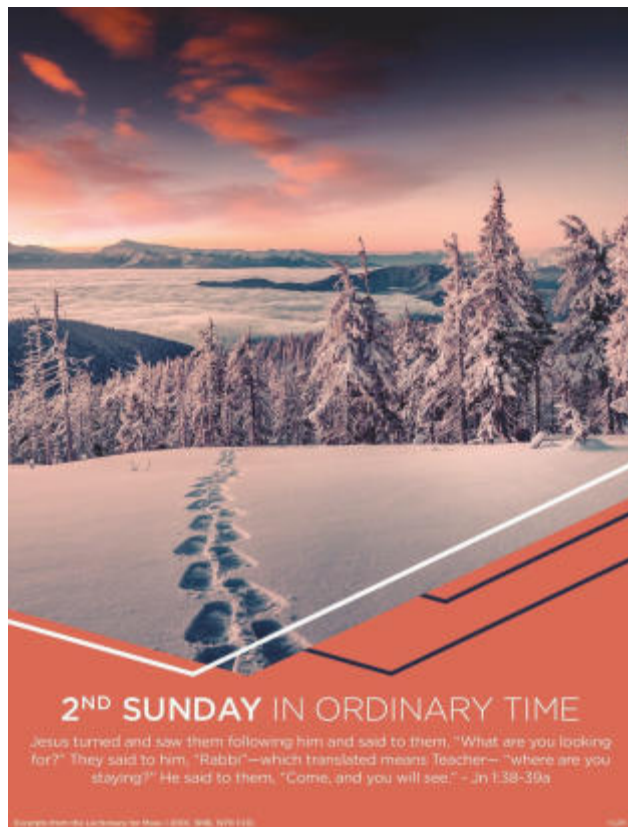


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**Bulletin & Announcements Deadline:** Submit information to the Parish Office by noon on Monday.

*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

• January 17, 2021 •

# St. Lawrence Parish

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 16 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Werner Lofy

### 17 Sunday:

10:00am Mass †Roman & Audrey Wagner

### 18 Monday:

### 19 Tuesday:

8:00am Mass †Herbert Schmidt

### 20 Wednesday:

### 21 Thursday:

5:30pm Mass †Harriet Peters

### 22 Friday:

### 23 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Lawrence & Helen Becker and Ray Hefter

### 24 Sunday:

10:00am Mass †Lawrence Scharrer

## MINISTRIES

### 23 Saturday

**Lector:** Mary Montag

**Servers:** No Servers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** No Eucharistic Ministers

Host:

Cup:

Host to Choir:

**Ushers:** Mary Aufdermauer, Lois Olson,  
Dave & Chris Mueller

### 24 Sunday

**Lector:** Angie Cleary

**Servers:** No Servers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** No Eucharistic Ministers

Host:

Cup:

**Ushers:** Emil & Brenda Becker, Gary & Rosanne Hefter

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

## FINANCIAL REPORT

	January 2 & 3
Membership:	\$ 5,123.00
Offertory:	\$ 788.35
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. Moral Considerations of COVID-19 Vaccination** – In the wake of announcement from pharmaceutical companies about development of safe/effective COVID-19 vaccine, some are having ethical doubts about whether it is OK to receive a vaccine if it was unethically produced using a cell line that came from abortion, a question to which the short answer is YES. For serious reasons (i.e. a threat to one's health and well-being due to age, co-morbidity and significant health conditions that put you in a high-risk group for adverse outcomes from infection) we may receive a vaccine even if it was developed unethically (by the way, the first vaccines which have received emergency approval in the US don't rely on cell-lines from abortion in the manufacturing process). Being older, with underlying medical conditions that put me "at risk," I asked my Catholic doctor's opinion; "When it is offered you, Father, I want you to take it!" was the reply ... and that's my plan! For a detailed explanation of the church's stance on this vaccination, I invite you to please go to [www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org) for a statement from Archbishop ListECKI.

**2. 2020 Catholic Stewardship Appeal** – Reports progress to date of **\$23,810.10** given/pledged toward goal of **\$20,400**, putting us **\$3,412.10 over goal (116.73%)** from **133** donors or **22.13%** of our membership – so generous given these most challenging times; thank you! Archdiocesan wide the Campaign has received **\$8,732,083** toward the goal of **\$8.1** million from **28,511** donors – thanks for numbering us so well among so many generous hearts!

**3. A Right To Life Mass** – Will be offered for our cluster parishes on **Friday, January 22, 2021** in Resurrection Church in Allenton @ **8AM**. All are encouraged to pray for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children!

**4. Grateful words of heartfelt thanks** – To so many of you who extended cheerful, thoughtful Christmas & New Year greetings, offering prayers, remembrances and treats to make the unusually busy days for priests truly blest and a pleasure as we are privileged to serve the great people of these three parishes entrusted to us; thanks so much!

**5. The Real Presence** – In August 2019, the Pew Research Center reported results of a survey of Catholics about how they understand Holy Communion: "Nearly seven-in-ten Catholics say they personally believe that during Catholic Mass, the bread and the wine used in Communion 'are symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.'" In addition: "Just one-third of U.S. Catholics say they believe that 'during Catholic Mass, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus.'" One can always challenge and question the methodologies and accuracy of surveys in any discussion; however, if the results are in part indicative of current perception, we need to make clearer and reclaim a fundamental of Catholic faith. Christ's Person is **entirely, really and substantially contained in the Eucharist** without contradicting His eternal presence with the Father in heaven – and **transubstantiation** is the Church's most suitable, proper way to name the change that the bread and wine undergo in Consecration. This term for 'how' Jesus said He becomes really present among us in the Sacrament was coined in 1215AD and has been consistently affirmed ever since! It basically means that the substance of the bread and wine are changed into the substance of the Body and Blood of Christ when consecrated by a priest, with only the accidental appearances of bread and wine remaining; as such, Holy Communion is truly, really Jesus Himself, not just a symbol of

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## FROM THE SHARED PASTOR'S DESK: (CONTINUED)

Him, present to us under the forms of bread and wine. In other words, a "conversion" of the bread and wine into another reality takes place at the word of Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Conversion is not a simple replacement or somehow a loss of the original; the endurance of the appearances of bread and wine indicates this. Nonetheless, "conversion" is a real change. For example, consider a conversion experience a person may have; their appearance remains the same as before, but they act, feel and think differently, sometimes dramatically, extraordinarily so, because of what they experienced and what that has meant to them; what appears to be the same is truly different! God created us in His image & likeness. Through Baptism and reception of Holy Communion, St. Paul says that we "put on Christ Jesus," so much so that it is no longer we who live our human lives but Christ Who is alive in us." Those who receive Holy Communion frequently and regularly attest to this kind of gradual, profound change & conversion in themselves; and such a change cannot result from merely beholding a symbol; it must and can only result from receiving Jesus Himself into ourselves! *"We should not grow accustomed to the Eucharist and go to Holy Communion as only habit: no! Each time we approach the altar to receive the Eucharist, we must truly renew our "amen" to the Body of Christ. When a priest says "the Body of Christ," we say "amen," but let it be an "amen" that comes from the heart, a committed one. It is Jesus; it is Jesus who saved me; it is Jesus who comes to give me the strength to live; it is Jesus, the living Jesus!"* (Pope Francis, Angelus Address, June 23, 2019).

## FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Volunteers are being sought for our Faith Formation Committee. This group will advise the Pastoral Council as we discern the direction of our Religious Education program. This will include recommendations for hiring a DRE or coordinator for the program and choosing new curriculum materials. Please contact Joan Krebs (262-305-2774) or Angie Cleary (262-224-0714) if you are interested in joining this group.

## PARISH SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER POSITION

Resurrection Parish in Allenton is looking to hire a part time parish secretary/bookkeeper

Tasks (including but not limited to)

- Maintain census membership records of the Parish
- Provide annual contribution reports to parish membership
- Prepare and maintain payroll & insurance recordkeeping
- Maintain Accounts payable on a weekly basis
- Prepare & Record deposits for the parish
- Manage transactional data in Quickbooks
- Preparation of parish bulletin

Qualifications

- Ability to understand the Catholic Church mission and social teachings
- Knowledge of basic accounting/bookkeeping
- Knowledge and experience in office procedures and the use of Excel/MS Word/Publisher/Quickbooks
- Ability to cooperatively work with small groups of volunteers in a professional manner
- Compensation Hourly 10-15 Hours week flexible

To apply send a cover letter and resume to: Instructions to apply: [resurrection.allenton@gmail.com](mailto:resurrection.allenton@gmail.com) or Resurrection Parish, PO Box 96, Allenton WI 53002.

## 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 January 12, pledges total \$255,393 (102% of our goal) and we have received \$244,987. Thank you!

## DID YOU KNOW?

### 175TH ANNIVERSARY FUN FACTS

Fr. Peter Schwaiger's final resting place is right here in the St. Lawrence cemetery? Fr. Schwaiger was our resident pastor and celebrated his last mass on Christmas day in 1902. Father passed away on January 27, 1903 from diabetes at the age of 64. During Fr. Schwaiger's tenure he collected funds for our high altar. Fr. Schwaiger is the only priest buried here.



to the families of  
Doris Mueller,  
Josef "Joe" Hornitschek  
& Charles Walter

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT & SATURDAY MASS ATTENDANCE

On Saturday, Jan 23, St. Lawrence parish is hosting a day-long retreat for our Confirmation students along with a few guests from our neighboring parishes. As in several years past, the group Spiritus will lead the retreat. The Confirmands along with the team leaders will attend 4 PM Mass as the conclusion of their day of prayer, reflection, and engagement. This will add about 35 people to our typical attendance at 4 PM Mass. Spiritus leaders will also be seeking donations to further their mission. Please note that 4 of the available front pews on each side will be reserved for the group. We ask your prayers for these young people and cooperation with our church capacity guidelines.

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN CORNER

We are throwing a baby shower for the Seed of Hope Pregnancy Help Center and you are invited! At 6:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 9, we will gather in the St. Joseph's room for baby shower fun and our meeting. Everyone may wear a blue or pink shirt/sweater to show their support of babies and families in need.

If you would like to make a donation to the Seed of Hope Pregnancy Center put brand new items in the pack and play located in the back of the church through February 7 or bring to the baby shower meeting. Seed of Hope is unable to accept used items at this time. High priority needs are wipes, My Brest Friend nursing pillows, swaddling blankets, new spring/summer clothing - sizes Newborn-12 months, and diapers.



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