

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

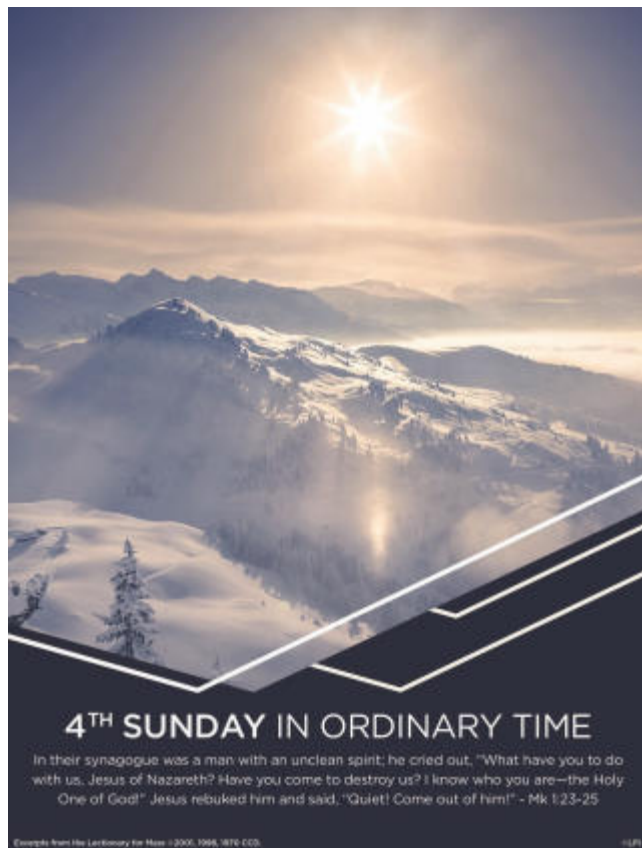
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Bulletin & Announcements Deadline: Submit information to the Parish Office by noon on Monday.

*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 31, 2021 •

St. Lawrence Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

30 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Joe Reinders

31 Sunday:

10:00am Mass †Marie, Edward Jr. & Jeffrey Schnorenberg

01 Monday:

02 Tuesday:

8:00am Mass †Bernie & Dave Beck

03 Wednesday:

04 Thursday:

5:30pm Mass †Esther Kainz

05 Friday:

06 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Roman, Audrey & Kathy Wagner

07 Sunday:

10:00am Mass Pro Populo

MINISTRIES

06 Saturday

Lector: Greg Recker

Servers: No Servers

Eucharistic Ministers: No Eucharistic Ministers

Host:

Cup:

Host to Choir:

Ushers: Nancy Pfeifer, Steve Krebs, Jeff & Lisa Szukalski

07 Sunday

Lector: Katie Cleary

Servers: No Servers

Eucharistic Ministers: No Eucharistic Ministers

Host:

Cup:

Ushers: Mike & Jean Briggs, Bill Klink, Jeff Becker

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

January 16 & 17

Membership: \$ Will be reported next week

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 Presentation of the Lord – Is observed this Tuesday, along with fanciful ground hog's day! While Punxatawney Phil's shadow allegedly has something to do with the remaining length of winter, the Presentation of the Lord sees the light of Christ growing among us as our Christmas cycle comes to official completion. Often called "Candlemas" because candles are blessed for church and home prayer use, this feast looks forward to Christ as the Light Who will dispel all darkness, not merely making a few more weeks of winter bearable, but bringing us the light of new hope; I hope your Christmas was as bright as Bethlehem's star, as rich as the Magi's treasures & as serene as a silent night!

2. Saint Blaise Blessing – Current circumstances are certainly considered a sufficient reason to avoid administration of this popular sacramental blessing in the usual manner, touching multiple recipients with the same blessed candles & saying the somewhat lengthy prayer of blessing over each recipient while they are in close proximity to the minister. We supplied the traditional blessing for throats in the alternate manner as prescribed after all Masses this weekend: the priest, hands extended (maybe holding the traditional crossed candles) over the people, blessed all present, and said the prayer once only for all together. If you were not in church this weekend, the same manner of blessing will be available on the actual feast day, Wednesday, after 8AM Mass @ St. Peter's and 6:30PM Mass @ Resurrection.

3. 2020 Catholic Stewardship Appeal – Reports more progress as of 01/04/2021 of **\$23,812.10** given/pledged toward goal of **\$20,400**, putting us **\$3,412** over goal (**116.73%**) from **133** donors or **22.13%** of our membership; so incredibly and blessedly generous; thank you! Archdiocesan wide the Appeal received **\$9,273,459** from **29,280** donors toward **\$8.1 million** goal; thank you for being an amazing part of an unprecedented success! The 2020 Catholic Stewardship Appeal concludes today; Appeal 2021 begins next weekend; Greg Recker will be our new promoter, stepping up for Dave Wenninger who performed this service for many years; thank you!

4. Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday (February 17) – While Ash Wednesday is not a holyday of obligation and, as such, there is no requirement for the clergy or the faithful to receive the imposition of ashes, it is rightly observed as a celebration of high importance, and many will surely wish to participate, even amid the current COVID-19 difficulties. The Holy See has modified the method for distributing ashes as follows: "The priest will bless the ashes & will sprinkle them with Holy Water in silence. Then he will address all present, and only once say the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Then, cleansing his hands and putting on a face mask, ashes will be distributed to those who come to the priest, or, if appropriate, he will go to them in their places. Ashes will be lightly sprinkled on the head of each recipient in silence." These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between minister and recipients and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to recipients. It recalls the biblical method of putting on sackcloth and ashes as a sign of penance. Recipients may kneel or stand, making a profound bow, or even be seated in consideration of age or disability. While marking foreheads is our custom, placing ashes on top of heads is within Catholic ritual rules as the Roman Missal only says that ministers "places the ashes," without specifying how. This way of distributing ashes is a normal practice at the Vatican, in Italy and other European countries but is not well known here. We may look a little bit "cleaner," but nonetheless still be truly penitent! Given that going back to work with ashes "on display" upon our foreheads always made Catholic appearances more noticeable, maybe this method will help us stay a bit more closely aligned with Jesus' desire that we keep

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FROM THE SHARED PASTOR'S DESK: (CONTINUED)

increased almsgiving, praying, and fasting secret, not done to be noticed, praised or rewarded by recognition, only doing these to please the Father in heaven ... "and Your Father, who sees in secret what is hidden will repay you."

5. Catholic Schools Week - Was anticipated by our school children, staff and families with an "under-the-radar" visit by Archbishop ListECKI at last week's Thursday 8AM Mass. Living within communities that can gratefully boast to have a very fine public education district, we nonetheless underscore the importance of maintaining an option for parents to choose a Catholic Education for their pre-middle school youngsters, Grade 3K through Grade 5, establishing for them a firm foundation in faith for everything that lies ahead. Ask our alumni, old and new; they'll say what a difference it makes having Jesus as a teacher in every classroom on a daily basis, gracing work and play, God's plan and kingdom a part of every academic subject, and also as moral underpinning for the formation of the good character so needed to influence a changing world for the better as we move forward. Invest yourselves in Catholic Education – and pray for St. Peter Catholic School; and I hope you enjoyed their video visit with you at this weekend's Masses!

ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

February 23, 2021 2:00—6:00PM

200 E. WASHINGTON STREET—SLINGER

Your help is needed now more than ever.

Please sign up at: https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/211937

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

If you would like more information about our school, a social distancing tour, meet with a 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.

Open House and Tours for New Families Only: Due to the pandemic and social distancing, we are only allowing new families to sign up for the open house and tours on Sunday, January 31 from 11:30 – 1:00 pm. Please use sign up genius that is posted in the flyer in the bulletin, look on the website www.spcsslinger.org or you can call the school office to set up a time. We will only allow three new families per allotted time frame. We ask that you please wear a mask.

If you are not able to attend the open house and tour on Sunday, January 31, please contact Ms. Cheryl Jaeger, Principal/Marketing Director, to schedule a date and time. cheryl.jaeger@stpeterslinger.org



PARISH CALENDAR

2021

February	09	Christian Women Meeting 6:30 PM
	18	Finance Council Meeting 6:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting 7:15 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 26, pledges total \$255,493 (102% of our goal) and we have received \$245,749. Thank you!

175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FUN FACTS

Did you know the picture in the medallion at the top of each stained glass window is different throughout the church and each picture has its own meaning?



FEBRUARY 26 — DRIVE THRU ONLY

More details to follow.

We are accepting donations towards the food and supplies. Please place donations in the box in the center aisle of church. Thank you!

NOTE FROM FATHER JONATHON

I just want to let you know that I will be away from the parish from February 1-12. During the first week, I will be making my annual spiritual retreat, and then some time of rest. Please know of my prayers for you and your families during this time away! God bless.

HARTFORD AREA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE,

Wednesday, February 3 & 17, 12:30pm to 5:30pm, at the Hartford Senior Center, 730 Highland Ave Hartford. Schedule your appointment today. Call 877-BE-A-HERO (877-232-4376) or online at www.versiti.org/hartford. New donors are always welcome!! Please bring a picture I.D.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CORNER

The Christian Women are helping the Seed of Hope Pregnancy Center gather much needed items for families and babies. We are looking for brand new (only) items due back to the church pack and play by next weekend. 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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