

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/Wednesday/Thursday/Saturday 8:00am

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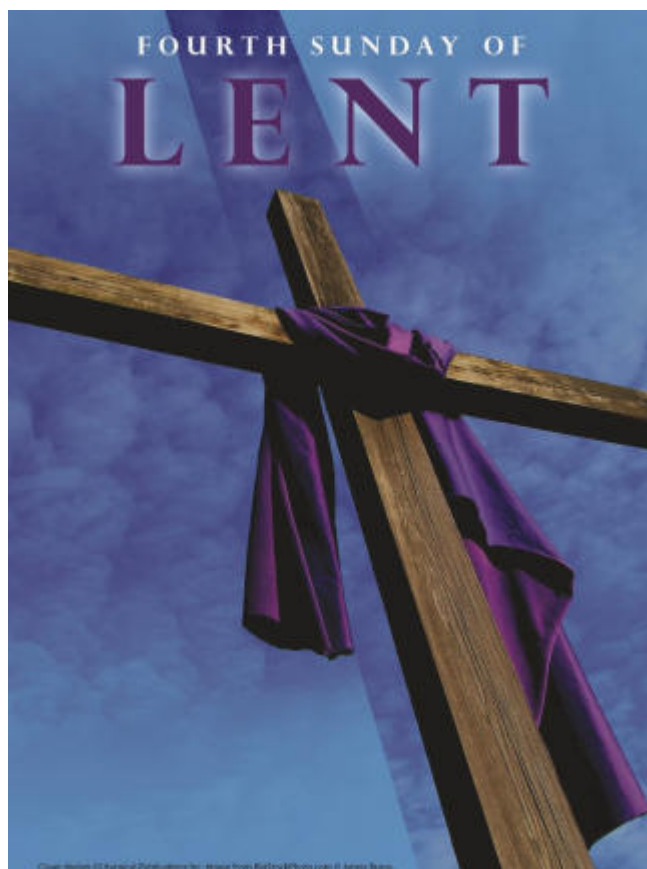


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BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE: Submit information to the Parish Office by noon on Monday.

*The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with Joy. Psalm 126:3
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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

• March 14, 2021 •

MASS INTENTIONS

13 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Werner Lofy

14 Sunday:

10:00am Mass †Joe Reinders

15 Monday:

16 Tuesday:

8:00am Mass †Marie, Edward Jr. & Jeffrey Schnorenberg

17 Wednesday:

18 Thursday:

5:30pm Mass †Doris Mueller

19 Friday:

20 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Marvin Hahn

21 Sunday:

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

MINISTRIES

20 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

21 Sunday

Lector: Katie Cleary

Servers: No Servers

Eucharistic Ministers: No Eucharistic Ministers

Host:

Cup:

Ushers: Dave & Jan Braun, Mike & Sue Schmidt

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

February 27 & 28

Membership: \$ 1,465.00

Offertory: \$ 558.40

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. Thank You St. Joseph! – Normally all the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence, days on which the use of meat, but not eggs, the products of milk, or condiments made of animal fat, is forbidden. An exception is made to this when a solemnity falls on a Friday & this year the **Solemnity of St. Joseph: Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is observed on Friday, March 19, 2021. Lent's violet vestments will be put away for a day in favor of white and foods we have been , unable to take on Fridays we may feast on. What a great way to observe the day before the first calendar of spring; winter has felt long and particularly cold! As my baptismal patron is St. Joseph, I offer him special thanks for his very exceptional intercession this year and urge you to enjoy yourselves! A little about him: although he was far closer to Jesus than any other man, we know extremely little about St. Joseph. While, like Mary, summoned by an experience of angelic intervention for an unexpected role in God's plan of salvation, unlike her, he is mentioned only 14 times in the Bible and then not always by name, and not one word is attributed to him; his actions & presence speak for him! He displays courage when he choose to marry an expectant woman with whom he has not been intimate; obedience when he takes Mary, near time for childbirth, on a long journey to his ancestral town in compliance with an imperial decree and prophetic utterances without assurance of adequate arrangements; deference to God's will, naming a first-born son not after himself but as God commanded; compliance with God's law, becoming Jesus' legal parent as he saw to his circumcision; responsibility for Jesus' and Mary's safety, suddenly taking them on a 100-mile journey to Egypt for safety sake, finding work and accommodations among fellow migrants; responsibility for Jesus' education and apprenticeship as a carpenter; responsibility revealed in anxiety when he nearly lost the teen Jesus while visiting the Jerusalem Temple on a holy pilgrimage. Through all of this, Joseph doesn't get angry or upset; without pause, he trusted in God's providence. While the Bible gives no clue as to what happened to him, tradition holds that Joseph was alive until before Jesus' public ministry began, when people begin to call Jesus "son of the carpenter" or as the "son of Mary," both polite ways of recognizing the influence of the deceased Joseph on Him and that Jesus' mother was a young widow. Is it any wonder that Jesus has so much compassion for the grieving widow at Nain who was burying her only son, knowing a similar set of circumstances would soon fully afflict His own beautiful mother? As such, St. Joseph is the patron of a peaceful death, of workers and fathers, as well as guardian of the Universal Church, God's Holy Family on earth; we ask him to pray for us always! I'm sure St. Patrick, whom we remember Wednesday, doesn't mind that **this is St. Joseph's year** – maybe the two of them will have a heavenly toast together!

2. HOLY WEEK – Last year was entirely 'virtual' and sans in person participation. Since then we've been through quite a lot: the worldwide scourge of the pandemic, the deep wounds of racism torn open with resulting chaos and conflicts, a political season filled with divisions and crude public discourse, economic hardships on every front – so many things have withered our communities. The stories of Jesus' Passion on Palm Sunday and during Holy Week won't be heard in a vacuum and, instead, with ears, hearts, minds and souls particularly tuned to Jesus' suffering. Maybe we will be more appreciative of Jesus' intensity; maybe we will resonate more deeply with the suffering of those who have lost loved ones among the over ½ million dead in our country alone; maybe Jesus' courage will make us more appreciative of it in our essential workers whose determination keeps us safe; maybe we will be more compassionate to those, like Peter, who masked his identity and faith, socially distancing himself from Jesus out of fear; maybe we'll have renewed realization of what an honor it is to be chosen

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FROM THE SHARED PASTOR'S DESK: (CONTINUED)

as a disciple and to follow Jesus closely in and through His Sacraments; maybe, after so many Sundays feeling uneasy about coming to Mass, more of us will renew and restore our in-person attendance, bringing our communities more fully back together in a gradual rising again to new life; don't miss Holy Week this year as, by God's grace, it may mean more than it has ever before.

3. Covid-19 Vaccinations – I've now received both shots and am vaccinated, part of what we hope will be an increasing "herd immunity;" I am told to allow two weeks to pass between the second vaccine dose & understanding myself to be safer when it comes to contracting or transmitting the virus while continuing to mask, social distance and sanitize.

4. March 21: Confirmation Mass – Having received special one-time permission to increase church occupancy, limiting guests, continuing to require masks, social distancing and sanitization procedures, we are pleased to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for all the youth in our cluster parishes during an afternoon Mass next Sunday for them & their families at St. Peter Church so they can enjoy being together as friends – we welcome Auxiliary Bishop Haines for this special celebration. Thanks to all who've helped them and us in any and every way to be ready!

ANNUAL FISH FRY FINANCIAL REPORT

Friday, February 26, 2021

Income:

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| Door Sales | \$4,900.00 |
| Donation at Meat Market | \$ 250.00 |
| Cash Donations (at the door) | \$ 234.00 |
| Donations at church | \$1,265.00 |
| Total Income: | \$6,649.00 |

Expenses:

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| Gehring's Meat Market (includes all fish, potatoes, fish breeding, condiments, & paper supplies) | \$2,253.55 |
| Total Expenses: | \$2,253.55 |
| NET PROFIT | \$4,395.45 |

Thanks to everyone for all their donations with the fish fry. We served 490 fish fries. We want to especially thank Gary Zurn for use of his fryers and the Little Red Inn for their donation of all the oil used in frying. Also thank you to the kids and adults that helped make this fish fry a success. We would not be able to do it without them. Thanks again, The Fish Fry Committee

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CORNER

Our Quilt Raffle is in full swing! Purchase tickets throughout March outside after Mass. Sale prices are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. If you need tickets, contact Joanne Duffek at 262-670-0407 or Jacquelyn Haas at 262-674-4983. We have two beautiful quilts, one full size & one twin size, & an afghan for 3 blessed winners!

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS



- _____ Easter Lilies (5+ flowers) = \$11
- _____ Kalanchoes - \$14
- _____ Azaleas - \$24
- _____ Hydrangeas - \$33.50
- _____ Donations toward other items

In Honor or Memory of:

Donated by: _____

Please respond no later than March 22, 2021

PARISH CALENDAR

2021

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| March | 18 | Finance Council Meeting 6:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting 7:15 PM |
| April | 13 | Christian Women Meeting 6:30 PM |
| August | 08 | 175th Anniversary & Feast Day Celebration with Archbishop ListECKI |

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—GOAL \$250,000

As of March 9, pledges total \$255,593 (102% of our goal) and we have received \$247,811. Thank you!

175TH ANNIVERSARY FUN FACTS

Did you know that in 1962 ground was broken for a new school, replacing the one built in 1886? A year later, 148 students occupied 4 classrooms with grades 1 through 8. Archbishop Cousins dedicated the school on March 31, 1963 and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to all third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students. The school closed in September of 1969, ending 83 plus years of parochial education at St. Lawrence Parish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Our Parish is seeking a part-time Religious Education Coordinator. This position is responsible for the leadership, preparation and administration of all aspects of our faith formation program for approximately 125 children. The individual will oversee all faith formation activities and sacramental preparation (First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation). Must be a Catholic in good standing, have ability to demonstrate initiative, skills working in a collaborative environment and be timely and independent in performing key tasks.

If interested, please submit your letter of introduction, resume, salary requirements and references to:

stlawrenceoffice@gmail.com

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

As part of the "Year of St. Joseph" activities, we are conducting a Consecration to the Holy Family during the Masses on March 20th and 21st.

How to Prepare for the Consecration –

- Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
- Each member of your family is strongly encouraged to go to the sacrament of reconciliation.
- As a family, intentionally choose something to fast from. The fast can be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
- Prepare for the commitment you are making. Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through his Church.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Beginning next weekend, we return to a procession to receive Holy Communion. Those receiving Holy Communion will move towards the walls of the church. (On Mary's side, to the left; on Joseph's side, to the right). Please maintain 6 feet of physical distancing. The ushers and indicators on the floor will assist to keep the appropriate safety protocols and assure comfort and ease of mind for all.

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