

# 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

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UNITY COUNCIL 12743:

Contact—Paul Petri 262-644-7440 or prumpet@charter.net

## PARISH WEBSITE

www.stlawrence-parish.com

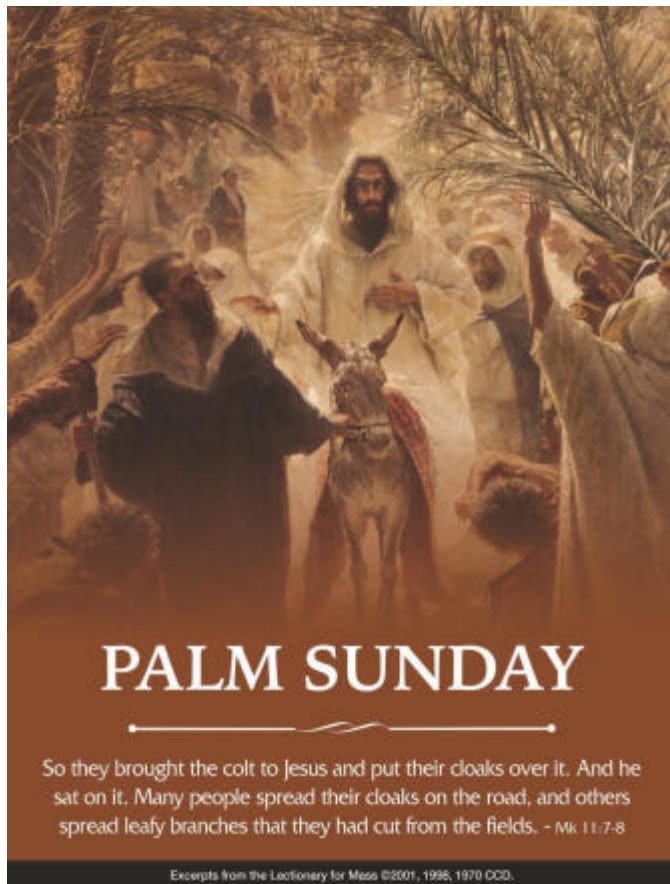


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**BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE:** Submit information to the Parish Office by noon on Monday.

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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

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# St. Lawrence Parish

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 27 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Harriet Peters

### 28 Sunday: Palm Sunday

10:00am Mass Pro Populo—For the People

### 29 Monday:

### 30 Tuesday:

8:00am Mass †Lawrence & Helen Becker and Ray Hefter

### 31 Wednesday:

### 01 Thursday: Holy Thursday

7:00pm Mass †Kate Weninger

### 02 Friday: Good Friday

1:00pm Services

### 03 Saturday: Holy Saturday

8:00pm Mass †Roman & Audrey Wagner

### 04 Sunday: Easter Sunday

10:00am Mass †Harold Dietenberger

## MINISTRIES

### 01 Holy Thursday

**Lector:** Angie Cleary

**Ushers:** Nancy Pfeifer, LeRoy Infalt, Wayne Wedell, Elaine Morinelli

### 02 Good Friday

**Lector:** Mary Montag & Katie Cleary

**Ushers:** Steve Krebs, Fred Montag, Ron & Denise Olszewski

### 03 Saturday

**Lector:** Nancy Pfeifer & Russ Koth

**Servers:** No Servers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** No Eucharistic Ministers

Host:

Cup:

Host to Choir:

**Ushers:** Gary & Rosanne Hefter, Tim & Maggie Hofmaier

### 04 Sunday

**Lector:** Scott Kenitz

**Servers:** No Servers

**Eucharistic Ministers:** No Eucharistic Ministers

Host:

Cup:

**Ushers:** (not available at time of printing)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### March 13 & 14

Membership: \$ 2,383.00

Offertory: \$ 510.00

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. April 01, 2021** – May be a feast day for atheists as Psalm 14:1 reads, “The fool says in his heart “There is no God.”

**2. ‘What Can We Do’** – Is an exasperated question arising when the state of things in the world seems overwhelming and insufficiently good. I’m convinced determination to do simple things within our ability to freely choose may be the best antidote to what we deplore. Too many people engage or participate in **gossip**, saying nasty things about other people in an attempt to make it or themselves look good or better than others. Both branding & labeling are the beginning of fueling divisions that make it difficult to promote or pursue the common good. St. Paul said: “No foul language should come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for needed edification, that it may impart grace to those who hear” (Ephesians 4:29), his way of saying “if you don’t have anything nice to say, then don’t say anything at all.” We are also too **competitive**. Too many want to be loved more than others, get better grades, be the best player on the team, have the most influence, etc. While healthy competition can help bring out the best in us, when competition becomes the sole driving force of our lives and all about our egos, we forget we were created by God to share life in a committed collaboration for the good of all from which each will benefit. Some say “if you compare, you will despair.” Comparison is a subtle form of unhealthy competition. Again, St. Paul says: “Each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason to boast with regard to himself alone, and not with regard to someone else; for each will bear his own load” (Galatians 6:4-5). Our tendency to **make divisions** over differences is deplorable, unnecessary, and unhelpful. Mutual respect furthers the common good, rather than characterizing a generation or political party in order to fix boundaries of acceptance or understanding; calling out people as “liberal or conservative, old or young, modern or traditional,” does little to help find common ground. St. Paul says: “There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone” (1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

**3. The Gift of Sunday** – For his recent column in the Catholic Herald, our Archbishop wrote some stirring words: “For a multitude of reasons Covid-19 related, people were discouraged from attending Sunday Mass.” However, since only 25 to 30% of those claiming to be Catholic attended Mass on Sunday pre-pandemic, there must be more to it. Some in our society have persuaded us that worship is not an essential activity and have attempted to separate us from our responsibility before God. Often people ask about certain weekdays, “Is it or isn’t it a holyday of obligation?” when trying to fit in a mid-week feast day of Mary, the Lord or certain saints into their lives those days. That confusion is understandable at times but the premiere holyday of obligation always has been and is the weekly observance of the Lord’s Day at Sunday Mass, not a sporadic regularity (1-2X monthly or less ) that some imagine fulfills God’s law, but consistent week-after-week loyalty that demonstrates responsibility. “There are legitimate excuses, such as illness, a charitable duty, impossibilities, travel, etc., but **slloth** is not one of them,” wrote Archbishop ListECKI. “It is hard for me to imagine a person who claims they love someone and then arbitrarily fails to show up at a dinner that expresses the love. Imagine a person who gives a response that states, “I will do it on my own time or when I wish.” For a Catholic, there is only one priority in life and that is the expression of love for God and living in such a way as to merit being in heaven with Him forever. Without that as our priority, our lives become fragmented and pulled in so many directions that it’s no wonder we sometimes our lives lack purpose or meaning. The Church teaches, contrary to preference for a lower standard, that intentionally missing Mass on Sunday is a grave sin.

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

Archbishop Listecki says, "We do not like to talk about sin, but we must because it concerns the salvation of our souls. Sin is a destruction of our relationship with God. Think of the First Commandment – *I am the Lord thy God; thou shalt not have strange gods before me.* What gods do we place ahead of our God?" Lest we think we entirely fulfill the Sunday obligation by attending Mass for an hour alone, remember the obligation includes making Sunday different from other days of the week, resting, renewing family ties, being recreated so the coming week finds us cheerfully ready for the next round of routines!

**4. What's A Plenary Indulgence?** – Associated with the Year of St. Joseph, Pope Francis has made available a possibility of gaining a plenary indulgence (full remission of temporal punishment for sins and the resulting satisfaction owed to God). While going to Confession and a perfect act of contrition bestow this spiritual benefit for oneself or for souls in purgatory, Pope Francis has decreed that it may also be gained by meditating on St. Joseph and following his example by performing a spiritual or corporal work of mercy during this year devoted to his intercession.

**5. Holy Week and Easter** – Due to continuing pandemic concerns and restrictions, Holy Week services as well as Easter Masses in every parish throughout the Archdiocese will experience some abbreviations and simplification as we still exercise an abundance of caution. We're strongly discouraged from having the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday and not to process through the church with the Blessed Sacrament; there will, however, be Adoration afterward. For Good Friday, adoration of the holy cross will be by simple genuflection, profound bow, or kneeling without physical contact with the cross. On Holy Saturday, the lighting of the Easter candle will be performed in the sanctuary and, at all Easter Masses, sprinkling with Baptismal Holy Water will be offered, but using water freshly blessed for each Mass. Remember last year that churches were closed and all was *virtual* for these holiest of days; rejoice in what we can do!

## 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](mailto:cheryl.jaeger@stpeterslinger.org) or 262-644-8083 x3100.

For more information, check out our website: [www.spcssl.org](http://www.spcssl.org). May God bless you and your families as you consider this important decision for your child.

SAVE Another Date for St. Peter Famous Fish Fry – Special thank you to our wonderful and fantastic co-chairs: Mike & Aleena Heldt and Darrell & Jess Wiedmeyer! We will be having another fish fry on Friday, May 7!

## THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DINNER IS NOW A VIRTUAL EVENT!

Join in the laughter on Tuesday, April 13 at 6:00 PM as Archbishop Listecki, Cardinal Dolan, Bishop Hying and Cardinal Harvey share stories with Portia Young about growing up Catholic and attending Catholic schools. The event is FREE but donations are encouraged for the GIFTS (Grant Initiatives For Today's Students) program. These grants provide innovation in our Catholic Schools for resources needed to enhance student curriculum. Register Today! Contact Cindy Lukowitz at [lukowitzc@archmil.org](mailto:lukowitzc@archmil.org) or 414-769-3572 with questions.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### 2021

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

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—GOAL \$250,000

As of March 18, pledges total \$255,593 (102% of our goal) and we have received \$248,473. Thank you!

## 175TH ANNIVERSARY FUN FACT

Did you know the entire altar is carved wood crafted in Belgium and shipped here in 1891?

## 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](mailto:stlawrenceoffice@gmail.com)

## PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

## CHRISTIAN WOMEN CORNER

Quilt and afghan winners will be chosen and contacted after Palm Sunday Mass. Winners do not need to be present to win. Thank you, everyone, for your support and generosity!



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