

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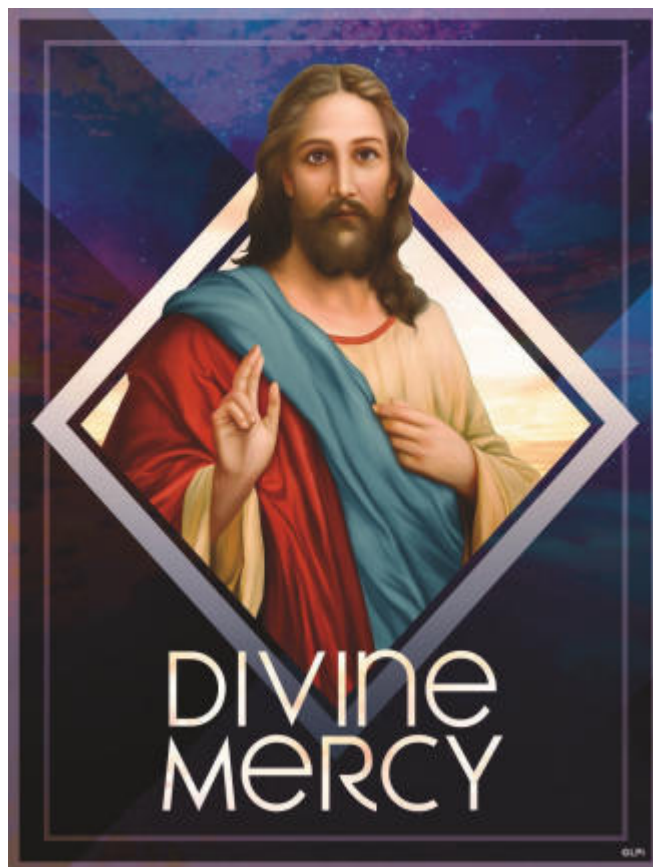
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BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE: Submit information to the Parish Office by noon on Monday.

*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

• April 11, 2021 •

St. Lawrence Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

10 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass Pro Populo—For the People
†Anthony “Sonny” Linskens

11 Sunday:

10:00am Mass †George Zacher

12 Monday:

13 Tuesday:

8:00am Mass †Joe Reinders

14 Wednesday:

15 Thursday:

5:30pm Mass †Lawrence, Helen & Julie Becker & Ray Heffer

16 Friday:

17 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Dorothy Frey

18 Sunday:

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

MINISTRIES

17 Saturday

Lector: Christie Christie

Servers: No Servers

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host: Elaine Morinelli

Ushers: Ron & Denise Olszewski, Elaine Morinelli,
LeRoy Infalt

18 Sunday

Lector: Julie Riley

Servers: No Servers

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host: Mike Schmidt

Ushers: Mike & Sue Schmidt, Jim Kauper, Wayne Wedell

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

	March 27 & 28	April 3 & 4
Membership:	\$ 1,167.61	\$ 2,258.00
Offertory:	\$ 480.36	\$ 839.87
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. Grateful words of heartfelt thanks – For your Easter greetings, prayers, remembrances and treats which we both deeply appreciate and will surely enjoy. Thanks for your kindness and generosity!

2. Next Weekend – The Archdiocese of Milwaukee will observe in all our parishes the beginning of our annual **Safe Environment Week** as an expression of our ongoing commitment and concern to increase awareness about child abuse/neglect and to work to promote the social/emotional well-being of children, youth, and families in a safe, healthy & nurturing environment as part of rebuilding the trust broken during the clergy misconduct crisis. I ask parishioners to include this intention in your daily prayers throughout the remaining month of April.

3. Confession – “When a man goes down on his knees in the confessional because he has sinned, at that very moment he adds to his own dignity. No matter how heavily his sins weigh upon his conscience, no matter how seriously they have diminished his dignity, the very act of turning again to God is a manifestation of the special dignity of a man, his spiritual grandeur, the grandeur of the personal meeting of God and man, in the inner truth of conscience.” Cardinal Karol Wojtyla (later St. Pope John Paul II) in *Sign of Contradiction*.

4. Dialing Up A Bit – It is good for us to have restored in all three churches a manageable kind of procession forward to receive Holy Communion at Mass; it gives a feeling of some return to normal as we continue to mitigate the potential spread of virus. To date, there have been no known transmissions related to church attendance; my heartfelt thanks to those who help keep our facilities clean; we encourage continued masking and social distancing out of respect for one another; we'll make significant small dial-ups as recommended by our Archdiocesan matrix and get through this!

5. Divine Mercy Sunday – St. Faustina Kowalska (feast day October 05; canonized by then Pope John Paul II in the year 2000) had a special devotion to the Divine Mercy; in one of her visions she saw Our Lord with rays of mercy flowing as streams of multi-hued light from His heart. This image is displayed either by picture or statue in each of our parishes. On the occasion of her canonization, and in accord with her wishes, John Paul II established the 2nd Sunday of Easter as a universal feast-day dedicated to the Divine Mercy, a “perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in the divine goodness, the difficulties and trials that await men and women in the coming years.” It is an interesting fact that this devotion was banned for a while by the Vatican as it seemed to lack sufficient theological sophistication and was suspected by some to be heretical. This was largely due to poor translations of Sr. Faustina’s diary which is at times unintelligible due to her ungrammatical, unpunctuated writing style (she was barely literate). A better translation resulted in the ban being lifted by the Vatican and the devotion receiving widespread popularity.

6. Why Unleavened Bread for Holy Communion? – While “Easter Bread” conjures up images of special, very sweet and sometimes highly decorated yeast breads shared to end Lent & celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection, the original Easter bread is the unleavened bread Jesus gave His disciples at the Last Supper and on the road to Emmaus, the bread still consecrated by the priest, raised up, adored in imitation of Christ and shared by the faithful during every Communion. The use of unleavened bread was prescribed for the Jewish Passover Meal in the Book of Exodus and continued to be used in observant remembrance of freedom from slavery in Egypt; the Last Supper took place the night before or on the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Passover), so the Church has little doubt that Jesus used ‘unleavened’ bread at that first Eucharist before He died.

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FROM THE SHARED PASTOR'S DESK: (CONTINUED)

The early Church met weekly for a communal meal; separated from this was the celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) and distribution of Holy Communion near its' end; this meant for a while that leavened bread from the communal meal was sometimes used for the Body of Christ. After a time, the Church began to reserve Holy Communion for the sick, dying, and imprisoned, facing possible martyrdom; as they did, they found that unleavened bread lasted longer and was far less crumbly, more suitable for reverent reposition. By 900AD the use of unleavened bread became standard for Latin Rite (Roman) Catholics. In addition, biblical scholarship says that when Jesus taught us how to pray, He referred to "daily bread" as a gift for which we ought to be grateful; daily bread was the "bread of the poor," normally made only of wheat flour and water and baked on a hot rock amidst an open fire oven, resulting in a cracker-like consistency; it was used for dipping/scooping food from common bowls by family and friends who reclined at table together. The daily bread of the poor then becomes the Body of Christ now!

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.spcssl.org. May God bless you and your families as you consider this important decision for your child.

SAVE the Date for St. Peter Famous Fish Fry – Friday, May 7!



Bob Hefter, Mike Schmidt, Russ Hoefs & Steve Krebs for Spring cleanup of the Church grounds

CEMETERY DECORATIONS

Please remove all Fall/Winter decorations from St. Lawrence & St. Matthias cemeteries by May 1. Thank you!

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Did You Know...

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has a Victim Assistance Coordinator that has assists survivors of sexual abuse to navigate through the process of reporting abuse and receiving counselling services. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can be reached at (414) 758-2232.

HARTFORD AREA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, April 14, 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. Safe social distancing measures will be in place to ensure donor safety. Covid-19 antibody testing on all successful blood donations! New donors are always welcome!! Please bring a picture I.D.

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



SUNDAY, April 11

*Cole Gehring
John Sullivan
Max Kocan
Emmerson Weber*

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—GOAL \$250,000

As of April 4, pledges total \$255,593 (102% of our goal) and we have received \$248,473. Thank you!

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Our total for the Good Friday Collection was \$867.96. Thank you for supporting the Holy Land!

LENT SACRIFICE

Our Lent Sacrifice for the benefit of The Threshold and Spiritus Ministries totaled \$700. Each will receive a check for \$350.

Thank you for your generous donations!!

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

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CORNER

Congratulations to this year's Christian Women Quilt Raffle winners: Donna Mae Beistle (full-size quilt), Ree Koth (twin-size quilt), and Michael and Karen Smith (afghan). Thank you to everyone who participated in our raffle. We raised \$520 to support the St. Lawrence Youth Scholarship and Seed of Hope ministries. We are grateful for your support and hope you have a blessed Easter season!

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