

# 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.

*The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with Joy. Psalm 126:3  
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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1995 CCC

## 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

### 24 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Harold Dietenberger

### 25 Sunday:

10:00am Mass †Richard Frey

### 26 Monday:

### 27 Tuesday:

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

### 28 Wednesday:

### 29 Thursday:

5:30pm Mass †Kate Weninger

### 30 Friday:

### 01 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Virginia Blodgett  
25th Wedding Anniversary—  
Dennis & Julie Regan

### 02 Sunday:

10:00am Mass †Harriet Peters  
†Lester & Lillian Ihlenfeld

## MINISTRIES

### 01 Saturday

**Lector:** Denise Klink

**Servers:** No Servers

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Host: Dave Mueller

**Ushers:** Jeff & Lisa Szukalski, Lois Olsen,  
Mary Aufdermauer

### 02 Sunday

**Lector:** Katie Cleary

**Servers:** No Servers

#### Eucharistic Ministers:

Host: Abby Kons

**Ushers:** Tim & Maggie Hofmaier, Bob Hefter, Bill Klink

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

## FINANCIAL REPORT

	April 17 & 18
Membership:	\$ 6,580.42
Offertory:	\$ 431.50
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. Pandemic Impact** – When someone or something has a tremendous impact for good or ill, we tend to note this by placing the word “great” ahead of that to which we refer; for example, over 100 years ago was the first war which impacted the entire world; this was followed by a worldwide economic depression; these are called in history THE GREAT WAR and THE GREAT DEPRESSION, despite the fact that there’s nothing great about violence or poverty; in fact, calling such things “great” feels like a contradiction. Given the worldwide impact of Covid-19, I’m wondering whether history will call it THE GREAT PANDEMIC although there’s nothing particularly great about a deadly virus – except if we consider the negative or positive impact it can have on us, especially if seen by faith with hope. We’re looking forward to the day when physical distancing, face masks & safe-sheltering are no longer part of daily life, when routines can become routine again. We’re looking forward to not having to be afraid of a virus we can’t see or unknowingly spread. We’re looking forward to an end of constant confusion in news or politics, wondering who we should listen to or what to believe. We’re looking forward to gather and visit in groups for significant occasions, to “herd immunity” and a “return to normal.” But we can’t act as if this didn’t happen; we’ll have mixed feelings along with changed circumstances; not everything will open up immediately and not every job will be restored; feelings like anger and fear have a way of lingering in our minds long after events are considered over and done. What’s most important when we’re eventually able to take off our masks is will be to see what kind of persons we’ve become! Those familiar with human nature say major jolts help us learn something about ourselves and can lead to greater insights if we choose to take time and reflect. Maybe that’s the first thing we should do before the “new normal!” **So:** How has my life been affected by the virus? I often wished I had more time; now that I did/do, how do I use it? Do I need to make amends with others for times I overreacted to stress? Do I need to extend forgiveness to others for what they did or didn’t do? What’ve I learned about myself that will be helpful; did I develop healthy habits I don’t want to lose or unhealthy ones I need to lose? Have I shifted some priorities; slowing down, spending more time with family, treasuring social connections and the world of nature? Did I find new ways to relax, take care of myself and enjoy leisure time? Am I in the position to help someone else, taking my mind off my own problems? Have I learned to ask for help when I need it?

**2. 2021 Catholic Stewardship Appeal** – Reports that we **have nearly exceeded** our goal of **\$20,400** by **90.82%** totaling **\$18,528** from **97** donors or **16.25%** of our registered membership – wow, and thank you! While a second mailing is planned by the Archdiocese, only those who have not yet made a 2021 gift/pledge will receive it. Archdiocesan-wide, **\$4,657,866** toward a goal of **\$8.1** million has been received; **+18,890** donors have participated; every gift, no matter the size, is appreciated – additional donor participants are encouraged.

**3. Meaningful Explanation** – With First Holy Communion being celebrated, this is something for us all to think about: A man came to a priest and wanted to make fun of his faith, so he asked, “How can bread and wine turn into the Body and Blood of Christ?” The priest answered, “No problem. You yourself change food into your body and blood, so why can’t Christ do the same?” The man did not give up. He asked, “But how can the entire Body of Christ be in such a small host?” The priest answered, “The same way that a vast landscape before you can fit into your little eye.” The man persisted, “How can the same Christ be present in all your churches at the same time?” The priest took a mirror and let the man look into it. Then he let the mirror fall and it broke into many pieces. He said “There is only one of you and yet can find your face reflected in each piece of that broken mirror at the same time.” Amen.

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

**4. Reminder** – Given the brutally cold winter past and pandemic concerns that limited our ability to hold proper funeral services, a reminder to those who have put-off of necessity such observances until a later date that these can now be more properly scheduled (within current restrictions) and should not be neglected, especially the burial of cremated remains in-ground or in an above-ground crypt (columbarium) in correspondence with the reverence that the Church recommends for the disposition of human remains that will be mysteriously involved in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

**5. Did You Notice** – The new set of altar candle stands? Recovered from the crawlspace beneath St. Matthias Chapel in Nabob, they were lovingly restored by a donor who prefers anonymity. They provide dignified reverence to our altar and sanctuary, presenting the gift of candlelight as a symbol of the Light Who is Christ. Thank you to our parishioners who joined us from St. Matthias for adding so much to our worship and life in a community of generations of faith!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for Faith Formation classes for the 2021-2022 school year begins this week. Parents of current students will receive an email with details. Paper copies of the forms will be available in the back of church beginning the weekend of April 24/25. Forms need to be returned by June 1st to take advantage of the best pricing.

You may contact the parish office or Joan Krebs (262-305-2774) for more information about registration.

## ST. LAWRENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 2021 St. Lawrence Parish scholarships will be available beginning the weekend of April 24/25.

You may contact the parish office or Joan Krebs (262-305-2774) for more information about the scholarship.

## CEMETERY DECORATIONS

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

## TRUSTEE NOMINATION

What is a trustee? Lay trustees provide advice and oversight in the administration of the parish on behalf of their fellow parishioners. The "work" of a parish trustee is essentially to participate in the meetings of the pastoral and finance councils. Beyond that, trustees sign certain documents – the annual report to the Archdiocese, contracts the parish enters into, documents establishing new accounts or authorizing the movement of funds. In order to be elected as a parish trustee, one must be: Catholic; a registered practicing parish member, and at least 25 years old. Watch the bulletin for more information on the upcoming election for one trustee position.

## 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.spcsslinger.org](http://www.spcsslinger.org). May God bless you and your families as you consider this important decision for your child.

## PARISH CALENDAR

### 2021

May	11	Christian Women Meeting 6:30 PM
	20	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 April 20, pledges total \$255,793 (102% of our goal) and we have received \$249,325. Thank you!



*To the family of Geraldine Krebs*



*I.*

*Matthew Joyce &  
Adrianna Garcia*

## WHERE TO FROM HERE?

While there is a general more relaxed atmosphere around we must continue to be vigilant and respectful. Wanting normal however badly doesn't make it so - yet - one simply has to watch and read the news to see what happens when an abundance of caution is relaxed or abandoned.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

In a few short weeks, the Parish will hold nominations for membership on the Pastoral Council. If you are interested in the Parish and would like to be more personally involved, perhaps offering your service this would be a good opportunity. Current knowledge of the Parish certainly helps, but so does vision, a positive intention for involvement, together with awareness of current Faith challenges. Most of all your willingness to share your Talent and Time for the common good is essential.

Please prayerfully consider serving St. Lawrence as a member of the Pastoral Council.

For more information contact: Greg Recker (262-644-5428) or any other Pastoral Council member.

## 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:

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