

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
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

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MASS INTENTIONS

01 Saturday:

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

02 Sunday:

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

03 Monday:

04 Tuesday:

8:00am Mass †Charles Walter

05 Wednesday:

06 Thursday:

5:30pm Mass †Thomas Schellinger

07 Friday:

08 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Harold Dietenberger

09 Sunday:

10:00am Mass †Dorothy Frey
†Donald & Dorothy Pfeifer

MINISTRIES

08 Saturday

Lector: Mary Montag

Servers: No Servers

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host: Mary Aufdermauer

Ushers: Dave & Chris Mueller, Ron & Denise Olszewski

09 Sunday

Lector: Scott Kenitz

Servers: No Servers

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host: Judy Beaudot

Ushers: Mike & Jean Briggs, Jeff & Jane Becker

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

	April 24 & 25
Membership:	\$ 855.00
Offertory:	\$ 600.00
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 ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S DESK:

If you've been following my bulletin writings (and some of my preaching and commentary), you know that I have frequently mentioned and promoted Archbishop Listecky's *Gift of Sunday* movement. As I understand his efforts and writings, he is asking each Catholic in the Archdiocese to reconsider how important Sunday is as day of rest from God and participation in the Holy Mass every week. He is also asking each of us to pray, think, and study – **so that we can give a testimony and witness** for our belief and practices as Catholics. *Many* people in our parishes have asked, complained or challenged the movement saying, "We already go to Mass every Sunday. Talk to someone else. Send these books, pamphlets, and questions to the people not coming.

My response to that mindset is this:

1. Too many Catholics, including those who attend Sunday mass weekly, **cannot express why they go to Mass** week in and week out. Saint Peter writes, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." (1 Pt 3:15) The *Gift of Sunday* resources (which were hopefully shoved into your hands by an usher at some point while leaving Mass) are supposed to help each of us develop real words and reasons to talk about our own relationship with Jesus.
2. The Archbishop, Father Rick, and I would love to talk to the people who don't come to Mass every week. But, quite frankly, we don't know those people. Those people don't sit at the rectory table for dinner every Sunday night. Those people don't work in the office space next to mine. Those people don't usually make conversation with me at the bar or in the grocery store. Do you know who they *do* talk to in all of those places? You!

I don't write these things to make us feel bad about not being a "Jesus freak" to our coworkers, friends, and family members. Rather, I repeat the encouragements about the *Gift of Sunday* so that we are always ready to give a "reason for our hope" as Saint Peter tells us. Even more, bringing others into a friendship with Jesus will fill us with joy of the Apostles.

Which brings me to the final point today: This week we celebrate the **Feast of the Apostles Philip and James** on May 3. Both Philip and James were among the Twelve devoted followers of Jesus. After Pentecost, like all of Jesus' disciples (except for Judas), they are filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit to bring the Good News to all the corners of the world. Indeed, the Responsorial Psalm for the Mass today reads: "Their message goes out through all the earth." As the disciples covered the planet, all of them died a martyr's death. Tradition tells us that Saint Philip may have died by crucifixion, and Saint James was thrown from the top of the Temple in Jerusalem and *then* stoned to death. Even if we don't have lots of details of their lives, we get the sense that they willingly accepted these cruel endings of their earthly lives because they were waiting for Jesus and life with Him in Heaven.

Does this same joy and longing for Jesus consume our lives? This week let us ask the Apostles to pray for us to have the same zeal, joy and courage they had!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for Faith Formation classes for the 2021-2022 school year has started. Parents of current students will receive an email with details. Paper copies of the forms are available in the back of church. 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 are available in the back of church.

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

TRUSTEE NOMINATION

Nominations are open for one trustee position. Candidates must be Catholic, registered, practicing parish members and at least 25 years old. Candidates must be nominated in writing by 10 or more registered parish members (nomination forms available in the Parish Office). Nominations close Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 11:00 am. The election, if required, will be held the weekend of June 5 & 6.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Are you, or someone you know, interested in serving our Parish in a more meaningful way? Share some of your time, God-given talents and energy as a member of the Pastoral Council to help shape the future of St. Lawrence Parish. Duties include attending a meeting in the evening September through June, contributing input and advice on Parish matters, occasionally attending meetings of Pastoral Council committees, and providing strategic input and vision. This is an outstanding opportunity for you to make a real difference in our Parish. Candidates must be registered members of the Parish and at least 18 years of age. Two new members will be selected for three year terms. Nominations close Sunday, May 16, 2021. For more information contact: Greg Recker (262-644-5428) or any other Pastoral Council member.

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

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

LOOKING FOR A RIDE TO MASS

A parishioner living in Hartford is looking for a ride to Mass on Sunday mornings. Please contact Sue Hogan (daughter) at 262-343-6488 if you can provide a ride.

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 27, pledges total \$255,793 (102% of our goal) and we have received \$249,525. Thank you!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Our new doors have been installed! The sound system is the final project of the campaign and the components have been ordered. We continue to meet the budget set by the committee. Thank you for your ongoing support and patience. We anticipate meeting our goal of having all of the projects completed before our 175th anniversary celebration.

175TH ANNIVERSARY FUN FACT

Did you know there are 4 small carvings next to the statues of John, Matthew, Mark and Luke on the high altar? John's attribute is the eagle; Matthew is portrayed by a winged cherub; Mark's attribute is a lion and Luke's attribute is an ox?

175TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Formal invitations will be handed out after Mass the weekends of May 1 & 2, 8 & 9 and 15 & 16.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dennis & Julie Regan
25 Years!

Marriage
Banns

II.
Matthew Joyce &
Adrianna Garcia

WISCONSIN CLERGY ABUSE INVESTIGATION

An article posted Thursday, April 22, said an investigation will be launched by the State of Wisconsin Attorney General's Office; the Archdiocese of Milwaukee participated in the meeting held this past Monday & will keep us posted. As such news may cause abuse survivors anxiety, please pray for those who have been negatively impacted by clergy sexual abuse of a minor, asking God for healing and peace. Survivors with concerns may call Stephanie Delmore, Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Milwaukee Archdiocese, @ 414-769-3332.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CORNER

Thank you Deacon Bob, for being our Spiritual Director and for teaching us about Saint Faustina and Divine Mercy. We thank God for your guidance and zeal for the faith!

It's "Glam Night" with the Christian Women. On Tuesday, May 11, wear your fancy jewelry (real or costume) to our final meeting of the year. Everyone can show off their jewels, share their stories, and enjoy a special speaker about Foster Care in Washington County. Arrive at 6 p.m. for your last-chance to enter to win the Good Deed Grand Prize Beauty basket.

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