

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:

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PARISH WEBSITE

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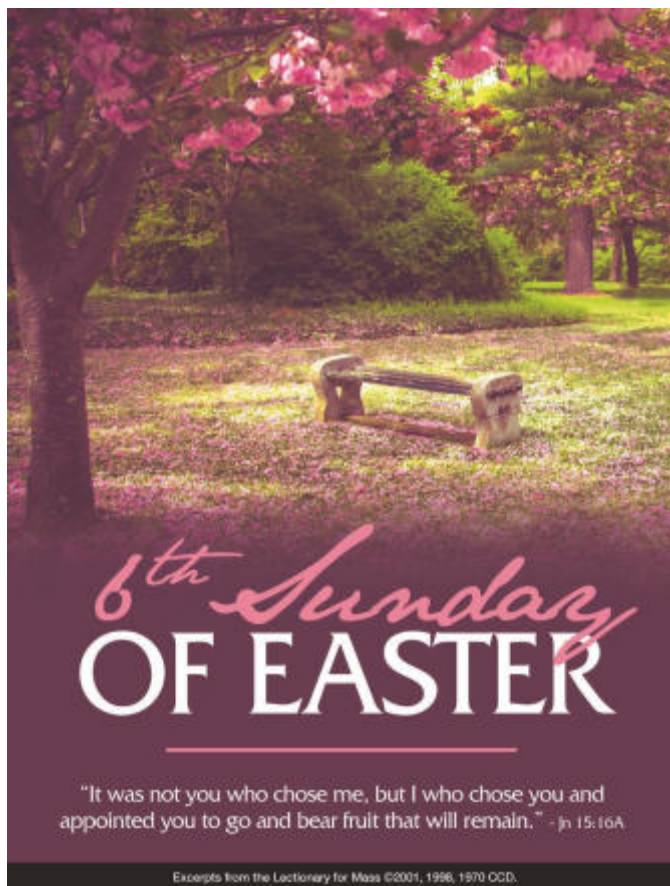


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BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE: Submit information to the Parish Office by noon on Monday.

*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

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MASS INTENTIONS

08 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Harold Dietenberger

09 Sunday:

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

10 Monday:

11 Tuesday:

8:00am Mass †Eugene Schellinger

12 Wednesday:

13 Thursday:

5:30pm Mass †Kate Weninger

14 Friday:

15 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Harold, Margie & Steve Seyfert
†Jack & Nancy Schoebel

16 Sunday:

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

MINISTRIES

15 Saturday

Lector: Nancy Pfeifer

Servers: No Servers

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host: LeRoy Infalt

Ushers: Fred & Mary Montag, LeRoy Infalt, Elaine Morinelli

16 Sunday

Lector: Abby Kons

Servers: No Servers

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host: Jane Becker

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

	May 1 & 2
Membership:	\$ 1,028.00
Offertory:	\$ 427.00
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. Mother's Day – The mother of a large family was in a hurry to get dinner served so that she and her husband could go to a movie on their date-night. Suddenly the TV in the family room was off; computer screens were quiet and not one phone ring tone was heard; all was unusually quiet; she also noticed that she hadn't seen any of her children for a few minutes; as she pondered this anomaly, an alarm sounded and every noise she'd been missing rang-out again through the house; it was only when her teenage daughter walked through the kitchen to say "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY" did she realize that the children had given her the one gift she'd begged for all year long - FIVE MINUTES OF PEACE & QUIET! Ladies, may you enjoy that unusually worthwhile gift and many others, too, for all you are and do! God bless you!

2. St. Damien de Veuster – Is one of my favorite saints; on my first Hawaiian vacation I made the opportunity to visit the site of the leper colony at which he ministered from 1873 until his death in 1889. During the leprosy epidemics, in an effort to control the spread of the disease, victims were forcibly exiled by the Hawaiian government's Board of Health to a settlement on the most isolated promontory of the island of Molokai. Separated from family and having no more than basic necessities and perfunctory periodic doctor visits, those who went there lost hope, felt condemned to die. When Fr. Damien arrived he built coffins for the dead and homes for the living, engineered a water delivery system to bring fresh water closer to the colony, built chapels, and, most important, went to visit every leper to personally wash and bandage their wounds, making sure that he advanced his basic medical skills to match their needs. He saw lepers as individuals worthy of respect, kindness and courtesy, as children of God given a uniquely devastating cross to bear; he was seen as a hero and well received by the lepers but not so much by the authorities who viewed his success as a revelation of their systemic carelessness! Some of these, in an attempt to discredit him and his work, accused him of sexual misconduct with leper girls; American author Robert Louis Stevenson vigorously defended him against all these false accusations. In 1876 the first signs of leprosy appeared in his left foot, but he managed to continue and to do his good work long thereafter – it is said one Sunday morning he began his homily with the most telling words "We lepers ..." and the entire settlement became fully aware of his total commitment to them. In 1888 he was joined in his work by Mother Marianne Cope & her sisters (she continued and improved on his work there until her death in 1918) until he died April 15, 1889. He was buried alongside the chapel he built, amidst many graves he hand-dug for many lepers; his headstone was inscribed with John 15:13 – "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." Decades later his body was exhumed and returned to his native Belgium, but, when beatified in 1995, a portion of his body was returned to his first place of rest; he was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on 10/11/2009. Of further note is that the sisters who came with St. Mother Marianne Cope (herself canonized in 2012) still serve the Hawaiian people together with priests from the Congregation of the Sacred Heart to which Fr. Damien belonged. He is recognized in statues outside the Hawaiian State Capitol and represents Hawaii in Statuary Hall in Washington, D.C. If you ever get to travel to Hawaii, a pilgrimage to visit Molokai is recommended! St. Damien de Veuster, Missionary, Servant of Humanity, pray for us.

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FROM THE SHARED PASTOR'S DESK: (continued)

3. Matrix Updates for Catholic Comeback – You may or will notice the beginnings of changes in our worship restrictions: choirs will again be allowed, hymnals and worship aids will be permitted, individuals may take Holy Communion to a family member with an appropriate pyx (available for purchase), altar servers will begin to be retrained and allowed to return, and the gifts of bread and wine may begin to be brought forward again. Any and all of these changes will be done in full accord with Archdiocesan operational guidelines promulgated by our Archbishop; at this time there is not yet any change in our seating arrangements or occupancy percentages, but upon hearing that a diocese north of us has begun to first change such matters this weekend, I am hopeful and praying that we may hear something from our Archdiocese, possibly after Memorial Day weekend, when a new matrix will be issued. Just keeping you posted ...

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

In accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 187.19 which stipulates that trustees are to be elected "from and by the congregation". Therefore I, Fr. Richard Stoffel, as pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, hereby announce on this weekend of May 8 & 9, 2021 that the trustee election is to be held on the weekend of June 5 & 6, 2021. As pastor of St. Lawrence Congregation I am allowed to nominate a candidate for election. I hereby nominate Scott Kenitz.

Additional candidates are welcome, but must be nominated in writing by 10 or more registered parish members (nomination forms available in the Parish Office). Candidates must be Catholic, registered, practicing parish members and at least 25 years old. Nominations close May 23, 2021 at 11:00 am.

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.

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 May 4, pledges total \$255,793 (102% of our goal) and we have received \$249,525. Thank you!



*Marriage
& Banns*

III.

*Matthew Joyce &
Adrianna Garcia*

THE RETURN OF RURAL LIFE MASSES

We are once again celebrating Rural Life throughout all of our Tri-Parish Masses the weekend of May 15 & 16. This coincides with the feast day of St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers. We invite you to bring your spring seeds to Mass to have them blessed, and there will also be seed packets available at each of the Masses at St. Lawrence. Join us in asking God's blessings for a successful growing season!

PARISH GRANT

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, A SEPARATE 501(c)(3), WAS ESTABLISHED IN JULY 2001 TO SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE TEN COUNTIES OF SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN. THE FOUNDATION WAS ESTABLISHED FOR INDIVIDUALS/FAMILIES WHO WANT TO MAKE A LASTING GIFT THROUGH A DONOR FUND. IT IS FROM THESE DONOR FUNDS THAT GRANTS ARE AWARDED TO THE CAUSES THEY CARE ABOUT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THEY ALSO HELP PARISHES, SCHOOLS AND CATHOLIC ORGANIZATIONS MANAGE THEIR ENDOWMENT FUND ASSETS AND INVEST THEM BASED ON SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE GUIDELINES.

St. Lawrence was honored to be a recipient of a Catholic Community Foundation Grant in 2016 for the installation of the ramp into the church hall.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CORNER

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 Grand Prize Beauty basket.

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