

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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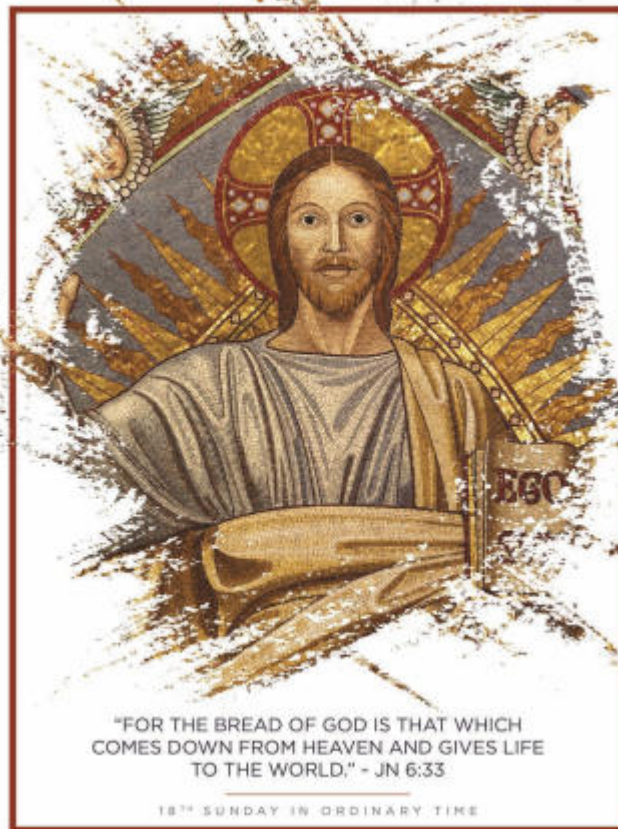


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BULLETIN & ANNOUNCEMENTS DEADLINE: Submit information to the Parish Office by noon on Monday.

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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

31 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Robert, Marilyn & Michael Cleary

01 Sunday:

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

02 Monday: Mass at St. Matthias

08:00am Mass †Bernie & Dave Beck

†Deceased Members of Dornacker Family

03 Tuesday:

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

04 Wednesday:

05 Thursday:

5:30pm Mass †Kate Weninger

06 Friday:

07 Saturday:

4:00pm Mass †Steve Klink

†Merle Hofmaier

08 Sunday: St. Lawrence Feast Day

10:00am Mass For Our Parish

MINISTRIES

07 Saturday

Lector: Mary Montag

Servers: No Servers

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host: Mary Montag

Host to Choir: Al Simays

Ushers: Nancy Pfeifer, Steve Krebs, Lois Olson,

Mary Aufdermauer

08 Sunday

Lector: Katie Cleary

Servers: No Servers

Eucharistic Ministers:

Host: Concelebrant

Host to Choir: Mike Schmidt

Ushers: Mike & Jean Briggs, Jeff Becker, Bob Hefter

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

	July 17 & 18	July 24 & 25
Membership:	\$ 3,756.42	\$ 1,395.00
Offertory:	\$ 821.42	\$ 557.50
Improvement Fund:	\$ ———	\$ 704.00

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. This Weekend's Readings – Like last weekend's, involve something we all enjoy and need – food! We are told about Moses quieting the grumbling spirits and stomachs of God's people, telling them God promised not to allow them to die in the desert on the way to the Promised Land and would provide them bread from heaven six days a week; they were to gather only one day's portion at a time, except on the sixth day when a double portion was to be gathered so they could keep the Sabbath rest. God also supplied flocks of quail so that they would have meat each evening while on their journey. When Jesus multiplied five loaves and two fish to feed thousands, the people thought He would be a new Moses, supplying them with abundant, free food, but Jesus performed this miracle to help them understand what He truly wanted to give them as food; Himself, His Body and His Blood in that Most Holy Eucharist that He was about to offer for the first time in Holy Thursday's upper room! It's tempting to see food as an end in itself and make of it an obsession – "What are we to eat, what are we to drink; etc., etc., etc." During the pandemic a food obsession manifested itself in several ways – concern about prices & shortages, frustration with not being able to dine in where we used to go out, and putting on extra pounds as many found "comfort" in food, harming health while fearing for their lives. We might benefit from a reemphasis on the virtue of "temperance." Usually associated with problems of overindulgence in alcoholic spirits, it is actually the virtue which encourages moderation in all things and helps us to manage our appetites with right reason; it's put into practice through fasting! That Jesus fasted regularly is well known; that saints have nearly all incorporated it into their spiritual lives is well-attested. While no one may like to consider gluttony a problem, the fact that a large percentage of our population is considered by experts to be obese and that over 50% put on weight during the pandemic (while some were blessed with weight loss) speaks volumes about excessive indulgence and overeating problems we may be having as a culture. What does healthy physical, spiritual fasting look like? St. Thomas Aquinas (who struggled with weight problems all his life) said gluttony can be manifest in fussiness with tastes and fine food, eating between meals without good reason, eating too expensively, too quickly or greedily. In our time many diet programs have little to do with self-control: artificial sweeteners allow us to think we can eat more desserts and drink more soft drinks without paying the price for our sweet tooth; we think we can have pleasures without consequences! A priest in Denver offers these ideas for fasting to strengthen temperance whenever food or drink are considered: stop grazing between meals and eating unnecessarily; don't put snacks or candy where you can eat without thinking; on occasion, forego salt, pepper and condiments on your food – we don't live to eat, we eat to live; don't give in to satisfying your thirst right away - sip rather than gulp; limit caffeine intake, try for one or more caffeine-free days a week; when out to eat, don't always order your favorite food – go with your second choice once and a while (money saved can be part of a more generous tip or given to charity); stop complaining about food you may be served (Jesus said good manners involve "eating what is set before you ...") and, if not exactly to your particular liking, offer it up and pray for your cook, wait staff, and those who die of hunger each day; maintain holy abstinence from meat on all Fridays (highly recommended practice that, if forgotten or neglected, no longer carries eternal penalty); be sure to fast at least one hour prior to receiving Holy Communion. Remember, we don't live by bread alone but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. A soul that is well-fed and nourished by regular prayer and weekly reception of Jesus in Holy Communion, the Bread of Life, will never hunger or thirst; the earthen vessels holding such souls, satisfied with less, are then more readily, truly nourished by what God the Father has sent down for us from heaven; Jesus, His Son, the Bread of Life.

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FROM THE SHARED PASTOR'S DESK: (CONTINUED)

2. 2021 Catholic Stewardship Appeal – Reports recent progress exceeding our goal of **\$20,400** by **108.74%**, gift/pledges now totaling **\$22,183** from **121** donors or **20.27%** of our membership; thank you ever so much! Archdiocesan-wide, gift/pledges now total **\$6,391,390** raised toward a goal of **\$8.1** million from **25,410** donors – again, thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for 2021-2022 Faith Formation continues. If you missed the first discount deadline, you can still save \$25 if you register by August 1. You may contact the parish office or Joan Krebs (262-305-2774) for more information about registration.

ST. PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Are you looking for a school reflecting your FAITH, VIRTUES, and EXCELLENT ACADEMICS? St. Peter Catholic School could be the perfect place for your child! If you would like more information about our school, a registration folder, to schedule a social distancing tour, meet with the teacher; please contact Cheryl Jaeger, Principal/Marketing Director at 262-644-8083 x3100 or cheryl.jaeger@stpeterslinger.org

For more information, check out our website: www.spcsslinger.org. May God bless you and your families as you consider this important decision for your child.

Job Openings:

Art Teacher (part-time/possibly full time with another school)

Second Grade Teacher (full time)

Computer Teacher (part-time)

Please contact Cheryl Jaeger for more information.

HARTFORD AREA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, August 4

12:30pm to 5:30pm, at the Hartford Senior Center, 730 Highland Ave Hartford.

As a thank you, all attempting donors will receive: a Summerfest code to redeem for a general admission ticket (valid email address required) AND a Versiti water bottle, while supplies last. 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. Donors are not required to wear masks. New donors are always welcome!! Anyone 17 years of age or older, weight of 110 lbs or over, and in good health is eligible to donate. Please bring a picture I.D.

“HOMEWORK” FROM FR. JONATHON

If you were at a Mass that I celebrated last Sunday, I gave you the homework of finding and dusting off your family's Bible (or call us if you need one). This week's homework, if you don't see me, is to find last Sunday's Gospel and re-read it. Last Sunday's Gospel was from John 6:1-15. If you need help finding that passage, let me know!

PARISH CALENDAR

2021

August 08 175th Anniversary & Feast Day
Celebration with Archbishop ListECKi

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN—GOAL \$250,000

As of July 27, pledges total \$256,043 (102% of our goal) and we have received \$254,301. Thank you!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

A little over 2 years ago we launched the campaign with a goal of raising \$250,000.00- and completing several projects before our 175th anniversary celebration with hopefulness and prayer. Our prayers were answered. We are happy to report we have reached our goal on time and within the budget!

We have completed the following projects: a new roof for the school; new paving and concrete in front of the school and near the rectory; a new basement floor; new flooring for the sanctuary space; tuck pointing and sealing of the church and rectory; new doors; and a new sound system-which still has a few additions and tweaks.

We will be providing a complete report in several weeks, but want to formally thank EVERYONE for your support-whether it be spiritual, financial, or physical work and volunteering. Our Parish is truly blessed.

We wish you all a Happy 175th Anniversary!



to the family of Eugene Hefter

FEAST DAY UPDATE

We have had a tremendous response for our Feast Day! There will be seating inside the tent. But, if you prefer outside seating please feel free to bring lawn chairs.



Please return tickets/money no later than noon on August 8. Need more tickets??? Pickup at any of the weekend Masses or in the Parish Office.

Raffle update: to date our ticket sales are \$8,040. Remember—the more we sell the higher the prizes!

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