

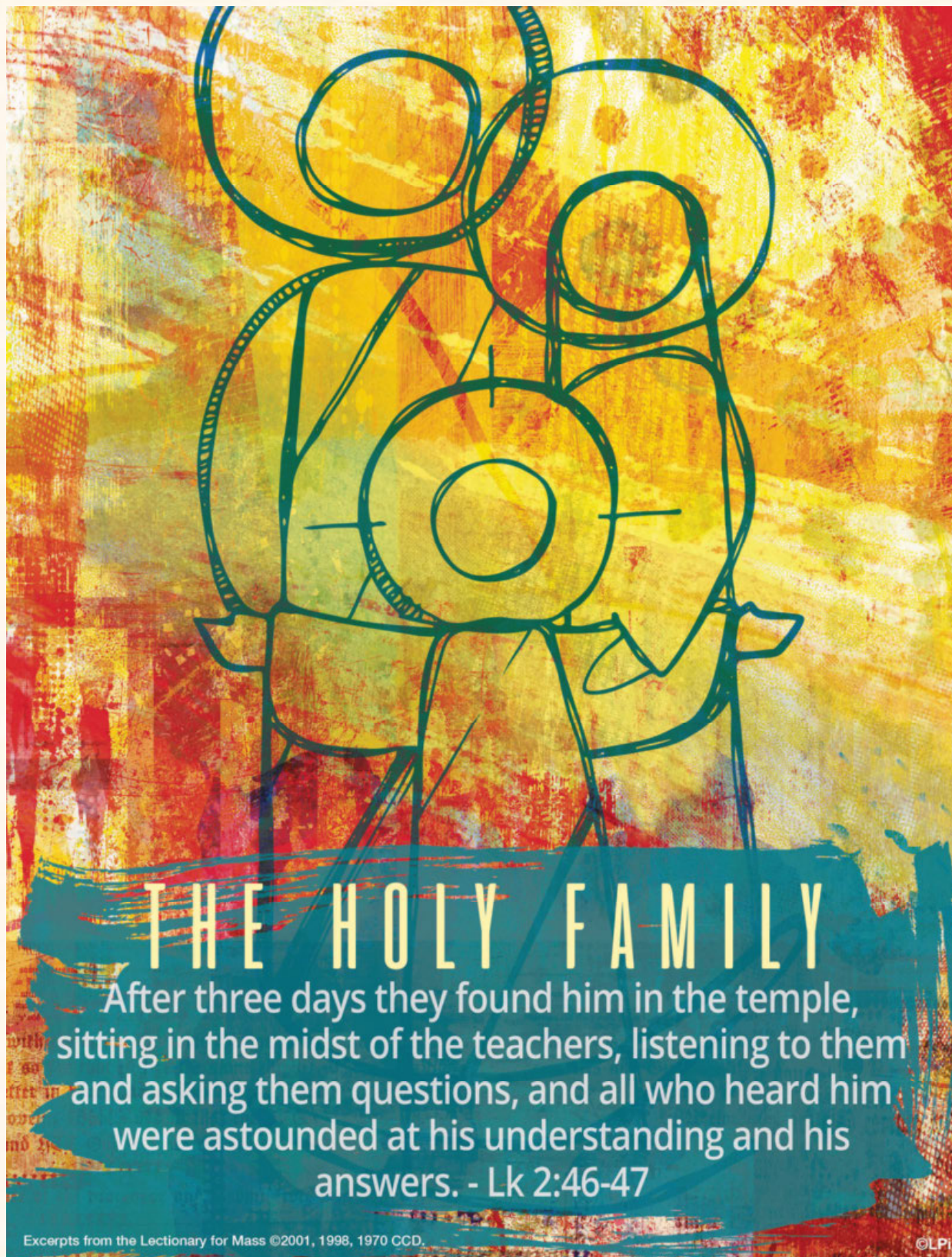
# ST. MARCUS & ST. LAWRENCE \* December 26, 2021

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## THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple,  
sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them  
and asking them questions, and all who heard him  
were astounded at his understanding and his  
answers. - Lk 2:46-47

# ST. LAWRENCE

## **St Lawrence Faith Formation:**

Office: 968-7497 - staffed Wednesdays during class hours.  
For information contact Betty 320-968-6595

All programs are on break so that students can spend time with family. We're hoping that you'll find time today (Dec. 26th) to celebrate your own holy families. Classes resume in January.

The students, teachers, volunteers and staff take this opportunity to wish all a wonderful New Year with many occasions to bless and be blessed.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING:** Classes for grades 1 through 9 are on break so that students can spend time with family. Classes resume on January 5th from 6:45-8:00pm

**CONFIRMATION: (grade 10)** Will resume January 12th from 6:45-8:00pm.

## **First Communion:**

Informational Meeting is scheduled for this week, Wednesday, January 19th; 6:45-8 pm in the St. Lawrence church basement. Parents of second grade students or older children who wish to prepare for this sacrament should plan to attend. This program is in addition to any other religious education classes you may be attending at the present time. The meeting consists of learning about the program and receiving your materials packet.

## **First Reconciliation:**

Will be celebrated by second graders this week Saturday, January 22nd at 11 am in St. Lawrence Church. Please keep these children in your prayers this week. Congratulations to the young people of St. Lawrence and St. Marcus, who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time Saturday. May their light shine as they receive God's love and mercy.

## **Prayer Blankets:**

The St. Lawrence Christian Women have prayer blankets for individuals in our parish community, to provide comfort in a way words cannot. If you know of someone who may be in need because of surgery, illness or grief, please notify Judy Peschl at 968-7521.



## **St Lawrence Prayer Line:**

The St. Lawrence Prayer Line is being updated. Would you like to be included?  
Please contact Sandy 320-333-5371

## **St. Lawrence Stewardship: 12/5/2021**

Adult .....	\$1771
Loose .....	\$154
All Saints .....	\$25
Thanksgiving .....	\$110
Immaculate Conception .....	\$125
Christmas .....	\$90
Candles .....	\$6
Donuts .....	\$28

# ST. LAWRENCE

## **CHRISTMAS MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:**

**THANK YOU** to all who assisted with the Christmas Liturgies, from Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Musicians, to those who prepared the Worship space and all who assembled to celebrate the great feast of Christmas!



## **C.R.O.S.S. Center Donations:**

Donations are always appreciated. Please place non-perishable food or personal hygiene items in the baskets in the entry. Monetary donations are also appreciated and can be placed in the offering basket marked "Cross Center".

## **Coats for Kids:**

The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring "Coats for Kids (and Adults)." Colder weather is here! Please donate new and/or gently used coats and winter scarves, hats, and mittens for all ages. Place them in the container provided in the gathering space at church.

## **Duelm KC's Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 11th at 7:00pm  
KC's Breakfast: Sunday, January 23rd

## **SJAS News:**

**Donations accepted:** We are looking at updating our fire safety system, and we would love to give out more scholarships to families. If you are interested in contributing, or have any questions, please contact the school 320-968-7972.

# St. Marcus & St. Lawrence

**Central Minnesota TEC:** Consider gifting yourself with a TEC retreat. If you are searching, struggling, looking for some direction, in need of support, desiring Christ-centered friendships, and/or want to deepen your relationship with God – A TEC retreat is just the answer. TEC retreats are designed for both youth (age 16+) and adults. For full TEC schedule and details, go to [www.cmtec.org](http://www.cmtec.org), or call (320) 532-4455.



# St. Marcus & St. Lawrence

## Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Saturday, Jan 1st - 10:30am St Lawrence

*(Volunteer Ministers needed)*

### **End of Year Donations:**

Just a friendly reminder — if you plan on giving a contribution to either church—and you want that contribution to be recorded in 2021—please be sure that the church offices receive the contribution in 2021. There has been some confusion in the past and we want to ensure your contribution gets recorded when you want it to. Thank you and God bless you for your time, talents and donations to our churches.

### **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**December 26, 2021**

#### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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# ST. MARCUS



### **Thank you:**

Thank you to all who assisted with the Christmas Liturgies, from Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Musicians to those who prepared the Worship space and all who assembled to celebrate the great feast of Christmas!



We wish all of you a Blessed and Happy New Year!

May God's light shine upon you and your families!

### **Mass Intentions:**

At every Mass celebrated, there can be a specific intention for which the Mass is being celebrated. For example: A Mass can be celebrated for the repose of the soul of someone who has died; or, for someone who is undergoing a medical issue; or, that you will have a safe and relaxing vacation; or, that God will bless us with good weather for our crops and gardens; or, for an increase of faith. Our need for God's presence and support in our lives is a constant. If you would like to have a Mass prayed for a particular intention contact St. Marcus at 320-743-2481. If you don't have a particular date in mind for the intention, you can also drop Mass Intention off in the outdoor drop box at St. Marcus or put the Mass Intention in an envelope in the collection. Each Intention is \$10. Please note if the person you are having the Mass Intention for is alive or deceased. We will note this in the bulletin with either a cross + (deceased) or an \* asterisk (alive) in front of the person's name. We can do one Intention per person per month.

### **St. Marcus Stewardship: 12/5/2021**

Adult .....	\$1687
Loose .....	\$236
Youth .....	\$2
Christmas .....	\$1700
Christmas Flowers .....	\$20
Immaculate Conception .....	\$20
3 Religious Retirement .....	\$5

## **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

### **December 27 - January 2**

#### **St. Lawrence**

Tuesday - 8am + Joe Moeller

Saturday - 10:30am (New Year's Day) + Ervin David

Sunday - 10am + Sandra Hinkemeyer

#### **St. Marcus**

Monday - 12:00 Noon + Audrey Imholte

Wednesday - 8am \* Betty Grell

Saturday - 5pm \* For the People of the Parish

Sunday - 8am + Dick Berger

## **Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

### **January 2nd**

#### **St. Lawrence**

##### **Sunday, 10:00AM**

EUCHARIST: Pat Abfalter, Warren Peschl

LECTOR: Rich Smelter

USHERS: Nick Peschl, Darin Peschl

ALTAR SERVERS: Drew Arnold, Dylan Arnold

#### **St. Marcus**

##### **Saturday, 5:00PM**

SACRISTAN: Jeanne Painter

EUCHARIST: Bridget Huber

LECTOR: Glenna Soenneker

USHERS: Keith Hinkemeyer and Deb Heinis

ALTAR SERVERS: Taryn Huber and Trea Huber

##### **Sunday, 8:00AM**

SACRISTAN: Michelle Goenner

EUCHARIST: Carlos Lopez

LECTOR: Paul Frederickson

USHERS: Michelle Goenner and Mike McDonald

ALTAR SERVERS: David Herman and Jackson Herman

#### **Sherburne State Bank**

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#### **Readings for the week of December 26, 2021**

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

\* For Baptisms, Confessions,  
Marriage or Anointing of the Sick, please contact  
Fr. Joe at 320-743-2481, Extension 2

\* Our Diocese televises Mass  
for anyone who is homebound or sick. This can  
be viewed in all households within our Diocese,  
through KSTC-45 at 11:00AM each Sunday.

\* To plan a funeral, we request that  
you call a funeral home first, and they will  
contact Fr. Joe & also St. Marcus or St. Lawrence.

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**Hours:**.....Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays,  
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**Web Page**.....www.stlawrencechurchofduelm.com

### **Parish Staff**

**Pastor:** Fr. Joseph Backowski.... 320-743-2481 ext 2

**Faith Formation:** Betty

Home Phone (evenings).....320-968-6595

Work Phone.....320-968-7497

\*Staffed only on Wednesdays during class hours.

Email.....st\_lawrence@victorcc.net

**Administrative Assistant:**

Ann.....320-968-7502

Email.....admin@stlawrencechurchofduelm.com

**Parish Hall Caretaker:** Carol .....320-968-7502

### **Mass Schedule**

**Weekend**.....Sunday: 10am

**Weekday**.....Tuesdays at 8:00am

**Reconciliation**.....Sundays following Mass

## St. Marcus

8701 Main Ave, PO Box 237 Clear Lake, MN 55319

**Phone**.....320-743-2481

**Hours:**.....Monday-Thursday, 8am-Noon

**Web Page**.....www.churchofstmarcus.org

### **Parish Staff**

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Extension 2

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**Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Coordinator**

McKay: 320-743-3346

Email.....stmarcusff@frontiernet.net

**Secretary & Bookkeeper:**

.....320-743-2481, Ext. 4

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### **Mass Schedule**

**Weekend:**.....Saturday at 5pm & Sunday at 8:00am

**Weekday**.....Monday & Wednesday 8:00am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**.....Saturday 4:00pm

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