

ST. MARCUS & ST. LAWRENCE * January 2, 2022

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b

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St Lawrence Faith Formation:

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING: Classes for grades 1-9 will meet on Jan. 5th from 6:45-8:00 p.m. As directed by our Bishop, all students in our programs will view the Safe Environment DVD, appropriate for their age. We plan to do this during Jan. and Feb. This is an annual request from our Bishop. If parents wish to preview the material, please contact Betty to arrange a time.

CONFIRMATION: (grade 10) Will gather for class on Wed., Jan 12th from 6:45-8:00 p.m. in the lower level of the church.

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: 12/12/2021

Adult	\$2311
Loose	\$585
Religious Retirement	\$335
Immaculate Conception	\$811
Christmas	\$600
Christmas Flowers	\$75
Thanksgiving	\$20
Candles	\$6
Donuts	\$16

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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!



A return to ORDINARY TIME: As the Christmas season comes to a close, we invite all to assist us as we put away the Christmas finery. We'll begin after 10:00 mass on Sun., Jan.9th. Many hands will make the task effortless.

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:

January 2022 - The students and staff are returning to school after their Christmas break, but remembering as we start this new calendar year, it is still the Christmas season.

Catholic Schools Raffle - The raffle will begin on January 14th - Watch for more information to come.

Want to know more about SJAS? - We encourage anyone who is interested in learning more about St. John's Area School to call our school at 320-968-7972 or visit our website at saintjohnsschool.net You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

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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, or call (320) 532-4455.

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EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING:

One popular religious tradition since the Middle Ages has been associated with the feast of Epiphany: the blessing of homes with holy water and chalk. The holy water is used as a pledge of cleansing and protection and is sprinkled in the rooms of the house. This prayer may be said as the home is sprinkled: "Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. You have blessed the earth with abundant water. May it be for us a pledge of cleansing and protection." The ritual continues by marking the top of the door with "20 + CMB + 22" while saying this prayer: "The three wisemen, Caspar, Melchoir and Balthasar followed the star of God's Son who became man two thousand and eleven years ago. May Christ bless our dwelling and remain with us throughout the new year." The initials CMB represent the kings and may also symbolize the first letters of the blessing "Christus mansionem benedicat: May Christ bless the house." The marking of the doorpost symbolizes our wish for Christ to dwell with us and that we may treat all who enter our homes as Christ. Please help yourself to holy water and chalk.

The Epiphany of the Lord:

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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Faith Formation Upcoming Events:

January 22nd - First Reconciliation at 11:00am at St. Lawrence.

January 26th – All Students/Families/Church Congregation- Free Community Bingo Night- 6:30PM-7:45PM at St. Marcus. Prizes will be from Clear Lake Community!



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: 12/12/2021

Adult	\$1617
Loose	\$402
Youth	\$2
Christmas	\$250
Christmas Flowers	\$50
Immaculate Conception	\$200
Religious Retirement	\$10

Mass Schedule & Intentions **January 3 - January 9**

St. Lawrence

Tuesday - 8am * Kevin & Deb Durken

Sunday - 10am + Phil Moeller

St. Marcus

Monday - 8am + Audrey Imholte

Wednesday - 8am * Linda & Craig Mohr and Family

Saturday - 5pm * William and Susan Gray

Sunday - 8am * For the People

Liturgical Ministers Schedule **January 8 & 9th**

St. Lawrence

Sunday, 10:00AM

EUCHARIST: Steve & Jeanette Struffert

LECTOR: Carol Zimmerman

USHERS: Roy & Cindy Schneider

ALTAR SERVERS: Abbey Wheeler, Dane Wheeler

St. Marcus

Saturday, 5:00PM

SACRISTAN: Tom Hentges

EUCHARIST: Carol Tembreull

LECTOR: Carol Tembreull

USHERS: Ann Gray, Dolores Berger

ALTAR SERVERS: Annabel Paavola

Sunday, 8:00AM

SACRISTAN: Mare Simpler

EUCHARIST: Peggy Berger

LECTOR: Carlos Lopez

USHERS: Larry & Darlene Gallus

ALTAR SERVERS: Addelyn Goenner

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Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-
17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-
52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk
4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-
16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and
9b/Jn 3:22-30

* 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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Mass Schedule

Weekend.....Sunday: 10am

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

Reconciliation.....Sundays following Mass

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.....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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