

ST. MARCUS & ST. LAWRENCE * January 9, 2022

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I HOPE I AM LIKE HIM

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely

from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

AT MY GRANDSON'S BAPTISM, THE PRIEST PUT A BIB ON THE BABY. I DO NOT REMEMBER SEEING THIS BEFORE. WHY IS THIS DONE? IS IT SOMETHING NEW?

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically

presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply

placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.



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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 through 9 will meet on Jan. 12th 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. Remember to bring your "paperwork" please.

CASTAWAY 2022: This awesome experience for students in grades 9-12 will take place near Detroit Lakes MN from Mar. 25-27. We do need an adult or two to assist with chaperoning our group. These adults will also need to attend planning meetings. Contact Betty for further information. Registrations need to be received by Jan. 26th to ensure a spot for this incredible weekend of: skits, prayer, music, mass, meeting new friends, fantastic food, fun and fellowship and a chance to renew your spirit and strengthen your relationship with God.

First Communion:

Informational Meeting is scheduled for 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 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.

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".

St. Lawrence Stewardship: 12/19/2021

Adult	\$1865
Loose	\$1256
Religious Retirement	\$35
Immaculate Conception	\$90
Christmas	\$630
Christmas Flowers	\$205
Donuts	\$69

ST. LAWRENCE

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.

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 - Wishing you a very Happy New Year from everyone at St John's Area School. The students have returned to school after their Christmas break and begin the new year as we conclude the Christmas season.

Catholic Schools Raffle - The raffle will begin on January 14th - Watch for more information to come. The raffle tickets will be available from SJAS families, or you will also be able to contact the school if you are interested. Every dollar that is raised, stays with our school!

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.

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



July 4th Church Bazaar Planning Meeting:

There will be a July 4th Church Bazaar planning meeting at 7pm on Thursday, January 20th. We will plan to meet in the Church entry. Please bring ideas, as we need to make some decisions on how to move ahead for 2022.

Everyone welcome to attend!

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, or call (320) 532-4455.

Stewardship as a Way of Life:

“John answered them all, I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming ... He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit” (Luke 3:16).

The Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

Feeling disconnected? Every married couple deserves the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next virtual weekends in this area will be held Feb 12-14 2021 and Feb 18-28 2021. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at 612-756-8720 or applications@twincitieswwme.org

March for Life:

Please join us for the 2022 MCCL March for Life at 12 noon on Saturday, Jan. 22, on the state Capitol grounds in St. Paul. It will be followed at 12:30 with a brief program on the Capitol steps.

At the 2022 March for Life, we will commemorate the tens of millions of lives that have been lost and the women and men who have been wounded. We will call for an end to Roe v. Wade, a grave injustice and a constitutional catastrophe. We will send the message that both unborn children and their mothers deserve protection, support, and love—that all human beings, no matter their age or their size, have human rights. And we will tell the world that we won’t stop working until everyone is protected.

Come participate in this special event and lend your voice on behalf of those who need us. Pro-life signs will be available; you are also free to bring your own. Some groups and churches rent buses for transportation to the March; unfortunately, MCCL cannot maintain a list of these buses. In the case of bad weather, please check this website or call us at 612-825-6831 for updates.

This Jan. 22, let’s march together for life. Be sure to bring pro-life friends, family members, church members, or others with you. We’ll see you at the **March for Life!**

ST. MARCUS

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 Personal Prayer Time And Blessed Sacrament Adoration

We have the opportunity to honor Jesus by visiting the Blessed Sacrament after Mass on Wednesdays – 8:30am -to 12:30pm. You are welcome to attend any time during these hours and spend special time with Jesus.

St. Marcus Stewardship: 12/19/2021

Adult	\$4,705
Loose	\$233
Donuts	\$79
Christmas	\$1,400
Christmas Flowers	\$75
Immaculate Conception	\$63
Religious Retirement	\$70

Mass Schedule & Intentions

January 10 - January 16

St. Lawrence

Tuesday - 8am * Kevin & Deb Durken

Sunday - 10am * For the People

St. Marcus

Monday - 8am * Dean & Joanne Binsfeld & Family

Wednesday - 8am + Raphael & Dolores Imdieke
+ Alphonse Imdieke

Saturday - 5pm + Paul Orton

Sunday - 8am + Howard & Greta Gray

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

January 15th & 16th

St. Lawrence

Sunday, 10:00AM

EUCCHARIST: Mark & Jackie Trushenski

LECTOR: Sherry Schwarzkopf

USHERS: Warren & Judy Peschl

ALTAR SERVERS: Will Middleton, David Middleton

St. Marcus

Saturday, 5:00PM

SACRISTAN: Tom Hentges

EUCCHARIST: Tom Hentges

LECTOR: Barb Hentges

USHERS: Felix & Rose Schmiesing

ALTAR SERVERS: Michael and Preston Thielen

Sunday, 8:00AM

SACRISTAN: Ed Ploof

EUCCHARIST: Pat Barthelemy

LECTOR: Ed Ploof

USHERS: Pat & Sharon Barthelemy

ALTAR SERVERS: Landon and Thatcher Blum

Birthline

is our featured advertiser of the week! Thank you for advertising in our bulletin. The advertising pays for all the paper and printing costs of our bulletin.

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

* 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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Faith Formation: Betty

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Parish Hall Caretaker: Carol320-968-7502

Mass Schedule

Weekend.....Sunday: 10am

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

Reconciliation.....Sundays following Mass

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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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