

# ST. MARCUS & ST. LAWRENCE \* January 16, 2022

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## IT TAKES ALL KINDS

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're

getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as

we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!



# ST. LAWRENCE

## **St Lawrence Faith Formation:**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING:** Classes for grades 1 through 9 will meet on Jan. 19th 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 19th 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 this 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 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.

## **Duelm Knights of Columbus Breakfast:**

Sunday, Jan. 23rd at the St Lawrence Parish Hall, Duelm. Serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, caramel rolls, fruit & beverage from 8:30 AM - 12PM.

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

KC's Breakfast: Sunday, January 23rd at 8:30am  
Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 8th at 7:00pm

## **St. Lawrence Stewardship 12/25 & 12/26, 2021**

Adult .....	\$1,455
Loose .....	\$104
Religious Retirement .....	\$5
Immaculate Conception .....	\$30
Christmas .....	\$5,529
Christmas Flowers .....	\$127
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$2
Visitor .....	\$20

# ST. LAWRENCE

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to those assisted in our return to Ordinary Time by taking down the Christmas finery. You are appreciated!

## **Ministry Volunteers:**

It's time to let us know your intentions as we look to prepare the Ministry schedule for March through August, 2022. We are in need of Ministers for all Ministries, in particular servers (grades 3 through high school) Please contact the Parish Office (968-7502) during office hours, or leave a voice message if you are interested in becoming a Minister OR if you are currently a Minister, let us know your needs or if you wish to take a break from you Ministry. We appreciate your attention to this.

## **NUMBERS:**

If you have recently changed phone numbers or addresses we ask you to kindly get in touch with our Parish office to share your new contact information so we can keep our records current. Thanks!

## **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.

## **SJAS News:**

**Catholic Schools Week** - January 30th - February 5th. This is always a fun week as we celebrate our school.

**Catholic Schools Raffle** - Raffle tickets were sent to our families on January 14th, so they are now available. Raffle tickets will be available from SJAS families, or you can contact the school if you are interested. Every dollar that is raised, stays with our school!

## **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".

## **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!*

## **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 at 968-7521.

# 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.

## **Stewardship as a Way of Life:**

*"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (1 Corinthians 12:7).*

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us .

## **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](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Brent & Tracy at 612-756-8720 or [applications@twincitieswwme.org](mailto: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!

## **Sacristans, Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality and Altar Servers:**

Please let your Minister Chair know if you have any changes to the next Ministers Schedule (which runs from March through August 2022) – by Noon on Tuesday, February 1st. The Chair contact information is on the schedule. Thank you very much!

## **Liturgical Volunteers Welcomed!**

As we gather together as one for Mass, we realize that Mass cannot happen with just one person. It takes a team of people with different talents and gifts to help make our Communion Mass celebration a success. Where is God calling you to help out?

Below are various way you can get involved with Liturgical Ministries in the St. Marcus Community. Sacristans, Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers) or Altar Servers. We welcome you to become a Volunteer! We will guide you through each of these positions. Please call the office at 320-743-2481 if you are interested or if you have any questions. **Thank You!**



## **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: 12/25 & 12/26, 2021**

Adult .....	\$3,761
Loose .....	\$623
Youth .....	\$14
Christmas .....	\$6,795
Christmas Flowers .....	\$350
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$10

## **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

**January 17 - January 23**

### **St. Lawrence**

Tuesday - 8am + David Moeller

Sunday - 10am + Cyril & Phyllis Struffert

### **St. Marcus**

Monday - 8am + Lucille Goenner

Wednesday - 8am + Sister Annella

Saturday - 5pm + Rick Klinessmid

Sunday - 8am \* For the People

## **Liturgical Ministers Schedule January 22nd & 23rd**

### **St. Lawrence**

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

EUCCHARIST: Renee Doetkott, Deb Hennek

LECTOR: Mike Doetkott

USHERS: Brandon Helmbrecht, Josh Kampa

ALTAR SERVERS: Mark Middleton, Tim Middleton

### **St. Marcus**

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

SACRISTAN: Michelle Goenner

EUCCHARIST: Bridget Huber

LECTOR: Bridget Huber

USHERS: Jim & Kathy Arbeiter

ALTAR SERVERS: Taryn and Treah Huber

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

SACRISTAN: Darlene Gallus

EUCCHARIST: Larry Gallus

LECTOR: Carlos Lopez

USHERS: Larry & Darlene Gallus

ALTAR SERVERS: David and Jackson Herman

### **Busse's**

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## **Readings for the week of January 16, 2022**

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

\* 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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### **Parish Staff**

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**Faith Formation:** Betty

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### **Administrative Assistant:**

Ann.....320-968-7502

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

### **Mass Schedule**

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

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

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

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### **Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Coordinator**

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### **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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