

# ST. MARCUS & ST. LAWRENCE \* January 23, 2022

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## PLANT YOUR WORKS IN THE WORD

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

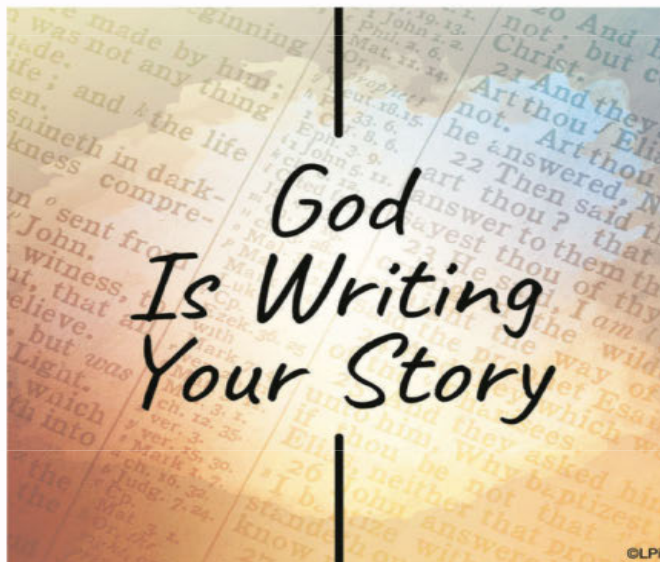
## IS IT RIGHT TO SUE SOMEONE? ISN'T IT A WAY OF GETTING REVENGE?

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system

to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.



# ST. LAWRENCE

## **St Lawrence Faith Formation:**

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

**WEDNESDAY EVENING:** Classes for grades 1 through 9 will meet on Jan. 26th from 6:45-8:00 p.m. As directed by our Bishop, all students in our programs will go through the Safe Environment materials, 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 26th 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.

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

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 8th at 7:00pm

## **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.

## **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 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 1/2/2022**

Adult .....	\$835
Loose .....	\$247
Solemnity of Mary .....	\$277

# ST. LAWRENCE



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

PLEASE JOIN US TODAY - Sunday, Jan. 23rd at the St Lawrence Parish Hall, Duelm. Serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, caramel rolls, fruit & beverage from 8:30 AM - 12PM. All proceeds benefit Pro Life Campaign. Everyone is welcome!

## **VOLUNTEER**



## **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!

## **SJAS News:**

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

**Catholic Schools Raffle** - Our SJAS families have raffle tickets to sell, and they will be available until February 27th. You may also contact the school, if you are interested in buying raffle tickets. 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.

## **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. 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:**

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...” (Nehemiah 8:10).

St Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in

## **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)

## **Benedictine Discernment retreat**

Virtual retreat for women, **Discernment in the Benedictine Way**, February 25-26, 2022 Friday: 7:00pm -Saturday 4:00pm Central Time. This is an opportunity to meet Benedictine sisters from many communities in the USA. Join us for talks on Vocation discernment, Community life, and Prayer. The schedule includes time for Q & A. To attend, register via email at [vocation@benedictinesisters.org](mailto:vocation@benedictinesisters.org). If you have questions about the retreat please contact Sister Lisa Rose at [lrose@csbsju.edu](mailto:lrose@csbsju.edu).

## **Regional Ministry Gathering**

A series of Regional Ministry Gatherings will be held in January and February on the 2023 World Synod of Bishops and the local synodal process in which Pope Francis has asked every diocese in the world to participate. These gatherings are FREE and will be held virtually via Zoom. To register, visit <https://stedio.org/synod-2021-2023> and click on “Regional Ministry Gatherings for the Synod.”

- \*\*\* Wednesday, January 26 at 11AM, The Heart of the Synod: What is a synod and why are we having one now?
- \*\*\* Wednesday, February 9 at 11AM, Our Impact on the Synod: Why does it matter locally?
- \*\*\* Thursday, February 24 at 11AM, Your voice in the Synod: How can you make a difference?

# ST. MARCUS

## **Faith Formation Upcoming Events:**



**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!**



We would like to extend a warm welcome to Dana—our new secretary and bookkeeper! Stop in the office sometime and introduce yourself. The office hours are Monday thru Thursday, 8am to 2pm.

## **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: 1/2/2022**

Adult .....	\$1,120
Loose .....	\$258
Christmas .....	\$260
Gift for Those In Need .....	\$30
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$73

## **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

### **January 24 - January 30**

#### **St. Lawrence**

Tuesday - 8am + Ervin David

Sunday - 10am + Priscilla Kuhn

#### **St. Marcus**

Monday - 8am \* Roger & Lisa Binsfeld

Wednesday - 8am + John Kronenberg

Saturday - 5pm \* For the end of the pandemic

Sunday - 8am \* For the People

## **Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

### **January 29th & 30th**

#### **St. Lawrence**

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

EUCCHARIST: Deb Gilyard, Lori Landowski

LECTOR: Deb Gilyard

USHERS: Keith Landowski, Dave Abfalter

ALTAR SERVERS: Landon Miller, Tessa Bluhm

#### **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

#### **Clearwater Truck Center**

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### **Readings for the week of January 23, 2022**

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-4



\* 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**

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

**Faith Formation:** Betty

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

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

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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

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### **Parish Staff**

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

McKay: 320-743-3346

Email.....stmarcusff@frontiernet.net

### **Secretary & Bookkeeper:**

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

Email.....stmarcussec@frontiernet.net

### **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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