

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

January 12, 2020

Baptism of the Lord



St. Lawrence Directory

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Parish Staff

Pastor - - - - -Rev. Janusz Kowalski

Deacon - - - - - Kevin Ray

Senior Deacon - - - - -Jim Landry

Evangelization/Formation - - - - Dave Ecke

Secretary/Bookkeeper - - Wendy Schlaefer

Mass Schedule

Mon - Wed—Communion Service 7:00 am

Tuesday—6:00 pm

Thurs. & Fri.—7:00 am

Saturday—6:00 pm

Sunday—10:30 am

Sacraments

Baptism: Baptismal classes are required for parents having their infants baptized. Contact Dave Ecke at the Parish Office.

Confession: Saturday 5:30 p.m. before Mass (weekday & Sunday) or by appointment.

Marriage: Please notify the Pastor/Parish Office as soon as you are engaged, but not less than nine months prior to the wedding date. A marriage preparation retreat is necessary, call St. Vincent de Paul for upcoming dates (715) 423-2111.

Anointing of the Sick: Those seriously ill or undergoing surgery should call the rectory to request an appointment with Pastor Janusz.

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Sunday's Scripture

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-11:3

Matthew 3:13-17

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, January 13

7:00 AM Com. Service

Tuesday, January 14

7:00 AM Com. Service

6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 15

7:00 AM †Com. Service

Thursday, January 16

7:00 AM Chris Barten Family

10:00 AM Arborwood

Friday, January 17

7:00AM †Mary Cournoyer

12:00 PM Holy Hour

Saturday, January 18

6:00 PM †Ann Stout

Sunday, January 19

10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Lawrence/St. Philip and guests

6:00 PM Sunday Evening Mass @ OLQH

Please let the office know if you would like to schedule intentions for your loved ones. There are many Masses available in 2020.

SICK CALLS: Call Fr. Swing 715-886-3422

Liturgical Roles – January 18th & 19th

Eucharist 6:00PM – Evan Ruesch, Sue Akey, Deacon
10:30 AM – Wendy Schooley, Ken Lila, Deacon

Hospitality 6:00 PM — Danny & Jennifer Slusser
10:30 AM — Amy & Carissa Hauke

Lector 6:00PM – Dawn Olson
10:30AM – Elaine Skibba

Altar 6:00PM — Evan & Patrick Ruesch
10:30AM — Gabe & Simeon Hauke

Music 6:00PM — Bill A/Ann R
10:30AM — Choir/Jerry/Carol

Snow Crew #3-Kizewski, Stoltz, Lorbeck

FAITH FORMATION

The next Confirmation Class is Sunday, January 19 at 9:00am.

Our next Faith Formation classes will be Wednesday, **January 15 at 6:00pm for grades 1 through 8.** We will explore Church, Sacraments, and Baptism

The next Youth Mass will be on January 26.

**Fr. Janusz's birthday is January 15.
Blessings to you, Father, and many happy returns!**

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord—Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

Reading 2—Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Gospel—Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Thanks to the families that donated to the Hat and Mitten Tree during Advent. The numerous hats, mittens and scarves collected were donated to an area school and Shephard's Loft. You made a big difference in someone's life.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update We have received gifts and pledges of \$32,364 towards our goal of \$42,155. That's 77% of our goal! Thank you to the 107 families who gave!

Men's Renewal Retreat

What does it mean to "be a man of the cross"? Find out by joining us for a one-day retreat focusing on practical ways to daily live out the Gospel call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. We'll receive great insights from Deacon Ralph Poyo, who was a favorite speaker from the fall Men of the Cross Conference, to embrace our crosses and learn of ways to become the man, father, husband, son that God intended.

Details: When: February 15, 9am– 3pm Where: St. John the Baptist Parish, 201 W Blodgett St, Marshfield, WI
Cost: \$25/person (Includes morning snack and lunch) - \$30 at the door. To register, go to: <http://menofthecross.org/>

Is your marriage drifting apart? - Retrouvaille is designed to give you the tools you need to restore joy and hope to your marriage. Next retreat in our area will be February 14-16, 2020, at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon. "We Needed to Refresh Our Marriage ...It was wonderful." See more comments from program participants at HelpOurMarriage.org . For more information, call 877-922-HOPE (4673) Fully Confidential; or go to: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-help/>

Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Feb. 21-22, 2020 – Stevens Point Through a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™ event at the Stevens Point Airport, Noel Hangar, on February 21-22, 2020, our community will provide 108,000 nutritious meals for God's starving children around the world. We invite you to join us! We need 545 volunteers to pack meals and help raise \$26,000 for this MobilePack™ event. Adults and children 5 years and older will measure and scoop ingredients, seal bags and prepare boxes for shipping. Volunteer registration will open online in January. Event Coordinator is Michelle Shulfer: 715-346-2780, mshulfer@uwsp.edu.

Wisconsin Rapids Deanery "Serenity" Grief Support Group will meet in the St. Vincent de Paul School (Room 105), Wisc. Rapids, on Monday, February 3rd, 1-2pm. If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, please join us for an evening of listening, sharing, prayer, fellowship, refreshments & free self-help materials.

GIVEN is a short, powerful retreat for couples who are married, dating, or engaged. It is an opportunity to share, learn and celebrate marriage with other couples through engaging talks, music, adoration, prayer and reconciliation. This half-day retreat will be offered: Jan. 18 in La Crosse and Feb. 8 in Rothschild. For more information, go to: <https://diolc.org/marriage/marriage-enrichment/>

The Answers to Questions—Part 2 By Father Janusz

The third question, but also the first in the New Testament is from St. Matthew 2:2. Where is the newborn King of the Jews? There was hope. This very interesting question came from the three magi. They were asking the people from the east, the pagans, who arrived in Israel to give homage to the newborn King. St. Matthew also showed us King Herod, just to compare. The Son of Man, given by the Father to the whole world, the Savior of the World. The Magi represented the old world, but Jesus came to bring the old and the new together. He (Jesus) in His body unites all people. This is His mission. Today it is good to tell ourselves, "It is good for me to belong to the church". Do others receive a message about unity, do I build unity in the Church? Let's look very deep into our hearts and ask, "Do I build peace and unity on my mission"? The truth says that to divide something, first we need to own it.

The last question closing the New Testament we find in the Book of Revelation written by St. John the Apostle in Chapter 18:18. This chapter is dedicated to the prophecy about Babilon and it's fall. This city symbolizes debauchery and idolatry. The message is clear, God will come to judge pride and to show that He is the only one true God in the world. This is the vision of victory and this victory wakes up joy.

The Lamb, the last one who won, this one who wrote our names in the book of everlasting life, The Book of Revelation, closes the history of salvation. After all the questions and answers will be a big surprise. No more Babilon, only a new Jerusalem.

Thinking about these four questions, we come to the point, our presence in the history of salvation. Is our way of growing in our faith different than the one from the Bible? Temptation, sin, hope and forgiveness. This is not only the history of salvation in the past, it is also the history of my life which I write every single day.

Pro-Life Corner:

Resolve to make a difference in 2020! It is truly up to you, no one else. It's all in your hands! A few suggestions are:
Spend one hour a week helping to save precious lives at an abortion mill. Volunteer to help at a Pregnancy Care Center. Become better informed on the critical issues of our time and speak-up to defend Life, Family and Faith!



Anointing of the Sick

James 5:14 says "Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." Anointing is not just for the dying. It is also available for anyone suffering from chronic health problems, anticipating a surgery, or undergoing medical testing. Please call the office 715-421-5777 or talk to Father Janusz after Mass to schedule an anointing for you or a loved one.

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