

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church
February 2, 2020
The Presentation of The Lord



St. Lawrence Directory

Rectory Hours- - - Mon-Fri, 8:00am – noon

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Parish Staff

Pastor - - - - - Rev. Janusz Kowalski

Deacon - - - - - Kevin Ray

Senior Deacon - - - - - Jim Landry

Parish Facilities Manager - - Tom Pankonen

Evangelization/Formation - - - - Dave Ecke

Secretary/Bookkeeper - - - - - Kim Siegler

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 Father Janusz 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
Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Monday, February 3

7:00 AM Com. Service

Tuesday, February 4

7:00 AM Com. Service

6:00 PM (Father Becker Here)

Wednesday, February 5

7:00 AM Com. Service

Thursday, February 6

7:00 AM †Jared Dachel

10:00 AM Arborwood

Friday, February 7

7:00AM †Alex Joseph

12:00 PM Holy Hour

Saturday, February 8

6:00 PM †Jane Schiferl

Sunday, February 9

10:30 AM Dcn Jim Landry

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.

Liturgical Roles – February 8th & 9th

Eucharist 6:00PM – Lenny Budzinski, Susie Budzinski, Helen Diver
 10:30 AM– Ron Lorbeck, Sue Akey, Deacon Kevin Ray

Hospitality 6:00 PM — Jim and Dawn Weaver
 10:30 AM — Carissa and Amy Hauke

Lector 6:00PM – Donna Lucin
 10:30AM – Jim Lorbeck

Altar 6:00PM — Amber Schoenick, Callie Schoenick
 10:30AM — Noah Mathews, Josh Mathews

Music 6:00PM — Jerry O
 10:30AM — Bill A. Janet A.

Snow Crew #2—Hauke and Newton

FAITH FORMATION

The next Confirmation Classes are Sunday, February 16 at 9:00am.

FEBRUARY 19 - POTLUCK DINNER 6:00 pm

Our next Faith Formation classes will be Wednesday, February 5 at 6:00pm for grades 1 through 8. We will explore Mass: Jesus, public life and miracles

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord GOD: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek, And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, Refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD. Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the LORD, as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life. Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted --and you yourself a sword will pierce-- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Kim Siegler has accepted the position of Secretary and Bookkeeper at St. Lawrence, effective Monday, February 3. Please stop in to welcome her and introduce yourself! (Our offices are now in the Early Education Building across from the rectory.)

FYI—Father Janusz will be away Tuesday, January 28th through Tuesday, February 11th.

Cleaning Day has been set for church dining hall/ kitchen for Tuesday Feb 4, 2020 beginning at 8:30am. Both standing and sitting jobs will be available. Bring buckets and cleaning supplies. We can use men for some of jobs so if know anyone interested please encourage them to come.

CCW luncheon- first annual winter luncheon for members and any women parish members will be on Monday Feb 3, 2020 at Perkins at noon. Come and enjoy some social time together. Please let Peggy or any other office know if you can attend.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update We have received gifts and pledges of \$33,594 towards our goal of \$42,155. That's 80% of our goal! Thank you to the 114 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.

National Marriage Week February 7-14

This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. All married couples are encouraged to spend a little time on a 7-day virtual retreat titled "Stories from the Domestic Church." This and other valuable resources are available for couples, pastors, and parishes at foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/

Knights of Columbus

February 10: Fourth Degree St. Valentine's Dinner with the Ladies at Sacred Heart Parish, Nekoosa. Social begins at 5:30 pm with Dinner at 6:30 pm.

February 13: Regular Council meeting at 7:00 pm with the Officer's meeting at 6:30 pm at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Cafeteria. Will have Election of Delegates to the State Convention.

Assumption News

What Parents Say About Assumption Catholic Schools

Parents of the students of your Catholic schools rave about the education their students receive. We are thankful for the spiritual leadership, teaching the same virtues and values at school that our children receive at home, the tenderness and caring of teachers, the smaller class sizes support quality learning practice, the participation in school of other parents... the list is endless and priceless. Talk to a parent of an Assumption student. Consider enrolling your most precious child – for more information, please call 715/422-0901.

50th Jubilee Anniversary

We want to invite couples who are celebrating 50 years of sacramental marriage to one of three events being held this summer. Please call the parish office to register no later than March 1, 2020.

Pro-Life Corner:

Abortion and racism are both symptoms of a fundamental human error. The error is thinking that when someone stands in the way of our wants, we can justify getting that person out of our lives. Abortion and racism stem from the same poisonous root, selfishness. - Dr. Alveda King



School News Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated Jan 27–Feb 2. Please join us in our excitement and spread the word about what a great school we have here. If you would like to visit our schools and see what a day in the life of a Catholic school student entails. Please call the ACS Enrollment office at 715-422-0900 to make a reservation.



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