

Saint Lawrence Catholic Parish

530 Tenth Ave N
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Christ in the Wilderness by Ivan Nikolaevich Kramskoi (1837-1887)
State Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow, Russia

First Sunday of Lent February 22, 2026 Year A Readings # 808

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AFTER SUNDAY MASS
ADORATION UNTIL NOON ON FRIDAYS**

LENTEN REGULATIONS: Why?

For Jesus, who suffered for our sins.

Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.
- USCCB

Rosary prayed before Holy Mass W-F 6:35 a.m.

Rosaries are available in the back of church and in the Gathering Space

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, February 23 *St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*

7:00 AM — Communion Service

Tuesday, February 24

5:00 PM — + **Repose of the Soul of Bernice Thomas**

Wednesday, February 25

7:00 AM — + **Repose of the Souls of Louie and Caroline Schiferl**

Thursday, February 26

7:00 AM — + **Repose of the Soul of Robert Oowski**

Friday, February 27 *St. Gregory of Narek* **ABSTINENCE**

7:00 AM — **Intention for Jacinta Maria**

ADORATION UNTIL NOON All Fridays in Lent

Saturday, February 28 Day:

6:00 PM — + **Repose of the Soul of Theresa Zanetti Diver**

Sunday, March 1 *Second Sunday of Lent - Stations of the Cross after Mass*

10:30 AM — **Parishioners in Fr. Barry's Care**

Saint Philip Parish Masses:

Wednesday, Feb 18 8:45 AM — L/D Leo & Alice Sprangers Family

Friday, February 20 8:45 AM — + Bert Jagodzinski

Saturday, February 21 4:00 PM — + Fred Hefty

Sunday, February 22 8:30 AM — + Ron Peters



The month of February is dedicated to the HOLY FAMILY

Office Hours: M-Th 9-5, F 8-12

Parish Office — 715-421-5777

Email — slparishwr@gmail.com

Website — saintlawrencewr.org

Facebook "St. Lawrence Church"

Confession: Fri 6:30-6:45am & Sat 5:30-5:50pm, or by appointment.

Baptism/Marriage/OCIA: Please contact the Parish office.

Anointing of the Sick: Those seriously ill or having surgery should call the Parish Office to request a visit from Fr Barry.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Friday during Lent and First Fridays, after 7am Holy Mass until noon; 24/7 at Marian Center, 241 Apricot St (Ss. Peter & Paul) Adoration allows us to be in the real presence of the Lord where He pours grace into souls. Plan to spend some quiet time in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Secular Franciscans meet every 3rd Thursday at 4:30pm at St. Lawrence. Contact Pat Ruesch 715-569-3994.

Celebrate Recovery meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm at St. Lawrence.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A Readings #811

| | February 28, 6PM | March 1, 10:30AM |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Hospitality | Dan & Amy | Schoenick Family |
| Readers | Sarah | Ann |
| Servers | Brennan, Caleb, Hudson | Dominic, Francis, Jimmy |
| Eucharist | Sandy, Matt, Dan | Don, Judy, Patti |
| LiveStream | | Josh |

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REMINDER: FISH FRIES begin Friday, February 20. We are in need of salads and pies to serve at our fish fries. Use the Sign-Up Genius link <https://bit.ly/2026fishfry> There is also a paper sign-up available in the Gathering Space.



Ladies Please join us on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, for a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help near Champion, WI! We depart from St. Lawrence at 8am and return 5/6pm. A pre-boxed lunch is included. Registration forms with details are in the back of church. *We have room for a few more sign-ups! Bring a friend!*

LENTEN RETREAT Join us on March 22 to learn about St. Maximilian Kolbe and his companions' triumph over the darkness of Auschwitz. During the retreat, we will share a meal together, watch the video "Triumph of the Heart", and then discuss what we watched. Retreat cost is \$20 per person. (Due to the rights of the film, we have had to charge per person to view the video.) This is a retreat, not just a movie viewing, so the \$20 price applies whether you join us for a meal or not. Tickets can be purchased at OLQH & St. Lawrence parish offices.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe (1894–1941) was a Polish Conventual Franciscan friar and martyr who famously sacrificed his life for a stranger in the Auschwitz concentration camp during World War II. As a child, Kolbe had a vision of the Virgin Mary holding two crowns: white for purity and red for martyrdom. He accepted both. He founded the Army of the Immaculate and utilized modern technology, including a radio station and a high-circulation newspaper, to spread the Gospel. He spent years as a missionary in Japan, founding a monastery in Nagasaki that later survived the atomic blast. In 1941, he was arrested by the Gestapo for sheltering thousands of refugees including approximately 1,500 Jews.

Weekly Donations Feb 14/15

Envelopes - \$2,640.00
Online Giving - \$813.46
Ash Wednesday - \$75.00
Plate Collection - \$454.75
Votive Candles - \$79.00
Building Fund - \$50.00
Lent Little Black Books - \$55.00
Annual Appeal Rebate - \$1,176.66



Thank you!

Thank you for supporting our youth by coming to our very first Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast and many thanks to all who helped plan, decorate, cook, serve, and clean!

This summer, there will be a level 1a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Formation held at St. Philip the Apostle in Rudolph. The formation is an excellent way by which one can learn more about the faith. The dates for the Formation are June 29, 30, and July 1, AND August 10, 11, and 12 from 9:00-4:30. Level 1a is a total of 6 days, however auditors are welcome for a shorter time. For more information, contact: re.saintphilip@gmail.com

2026 Lenten Collections February 18th (Ash Wednesday) – April 5th (Easter) During Lent in addition to giving something up consider doing something extra. As we have done in the past, here are some ideas. Please place your donations in the collection bin in the gathering space in church. Thank you for helping support our community.

First Choice Pregnancy Center Diapers sizes 5 & 6, pull ups 4T & 5T, baby wipes, baby toys, crib sheets, waterproof crib mattress covers, health & safety kits, nursing supplies & pillows, Avent/Dr. Brown bottles, swaddles, baby towels girl & boy clothing 0-5T.

Family Center Canned fruit, canned pasta, canned beans, rice side dishes, soup, potato side dishes, pasta sides, hamburger & tuna helper, pancake syrup, jelly, sloppy Joe mix, Macaroni & Cheese, canned chicken & tuna, tomato sauce & paste, body wash, 13 gallon garbage bags, Shampoo & conditioner, general cleaning sprays.

FOCUS food pantry Dry pasta, jelly, peanut butter, canned soups, ramen noodles, toilet paper, dish soap, shampoo, tampons, laundry soap, liquid hand soap.

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Beginning Feb 3 Adult Faith Formation Study - The Rescue Project

The Rescue Project seeks to proclaim the Gospel in a compelling, attractive way over eight weeks in a small-group format. All adults are invited to join us in discovering the story. The adventure you were born for beckons!

Date: every Tuesday at 7:45am, **ending March 31.**

Location: St. Lawrence. The study is free, and everyone is welcome! *Led by Rebecca Zalar*

Friends in Faith Join us the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at 2PM at Sts. Peter and Paul lower level for a lively discussion of our Catholic Faith.

March 2 - Finishing our study of Isaiah 53

March 16 - New Series: "The Cost of Being a Follower"

Deacon Mike offers a study of St. Luke on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 10AM at Sacred Heart & St. Alexander.

Inquiries: S. Barbara 715-869-7347 // Dcn Mike 715-573-2310



Love INC is supported by partner churches in the Wisconsin Rapids area. *St. Lawrence is the only Catholic partner church associated with Love INC!*

Love INC: 2026 New Hope Life Skills Classes:

Classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 6- 7:30pm. A free meal is served at 5:30pm.

Feb 17 - Mar 31: The 5 Love Languages, Gary Chapman. Discover the most simple, effective, and immediate way to strengthen your relationships to experience greater joy and satisfaction with your loved ones. Classes are geared to strengthening all relationships, not just to couples.

Apr 14 - May 19: Tame Your Thoughts, Max Lucado. Renewing your mind will lead to a transformed life. Feeling weighed down by worry? Caught up in a web of self-critical thoughts? With God's help, you can learn to renew your mind, break free from negative patterns, and become a little more like Jesus every day.

2026 Royal Parents Plant Sale

Order by Monday, March 2. Pick up Friday, May 8 in time for Mother's Day. Order forms in the back. Partnered with Wunrows Greenhouse.



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Cade Statz

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CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

Discover your God-given spiritual gifts.

You have received gifts in Baptism through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discern specific charisms you were given!

March 21, 2026

Our Lady of Peace Parish,
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Further Details
& to Register



Catherine of Siena
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Presenters

Saturday, March 21, 2026



Parable of the
Talents (Mt.
25:14-30)
What Gifts has
God given You?

You will:

- Become aware of the signs and characteristics of 24 charisms.
- Take the Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory.
- Begin to recognize the charisms—spiritual gifts—you've been given.
- Learning how using your charisms will bring you greater purpose, joy, and peace.
- Understand why charisms are essential to serve others.

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Come one, Come All! Fr. Sam Martin will be our guest speaker at Sacred Heart Parish, Nekoosa on Sunday, March 1. After the 10:30 Mass, you can join us in the Church basement to hear him speak on Reconciliation and Forgiveness. A light lunch will be served. There is no cost for this event.

Port Edwards Lions Pancake Brunch and Bake Sale Benefit for Youth Baseball and Softball. Buttermilk, chocolate chip, and cranberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and applesauce. All you can eat, Sunday March 8, 8:00 a.m. to noon, Port Edwards High School Cafeteria.

March 21 – St. Wenceslaus Lenten/Centennial Retreat starting at 2pm ending with Mass at 6pm. Fr. Damian Joseph Redfern and Fr. Sam Martin. there will a light lunch between speakers, with confessions from 5pm until Mass with Fr. Sam Martin as the main celebrant.

St. Andrew Dinner Join Bishop Battersby and the priests of the area for Vespers, dinner, and reflection on the priesthood in La Crosse. For high school and older men interested in the priesthood. Please register at least one week in advance:

www.diolc.org/priesthood

Sunday, March 22 @ 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 12 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 26 @ 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

New Parishioners....All new families are most welcome to the parish and are kindly asked to register at the Parish Office as soon as possible. **Current Parishioners....**Please inform the Office of any address or phone number changes.

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