

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

June 28th, 2020

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Parish Office Hours

Dave Ecke (DRE):

Monday-Friday 8:00-Noon

Kim Siegler (Secretary/
Bookkeeper):

Wednesday and Thursday
9:30-4:00

Dave will be available to answer phone calls everyday (M-F) 8-Noon. If you need to reach Kim outside of her office hour times you can call 715-741-0153. Please feel free to leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible.
THANKS!!!

Mass Schedule and Intention

Tuesday 6:00 pm at St. Lawrence - Jesse Joosten

Wednesday 8:45 am at St. Philips - Betty Ann Dorshorst

Thursday 7:00 am at St. Lawrence - Marilyn Rasmussen

Friday 7:00 am at St. Lawrence - Bob Milkey

Friday 8:45 am at St. Philips - Special Intension

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Philips - Jim Kuhn

Saturday 6:00 pm at St. Lawrence - Mike, Judy, Eric Waldvogel

Sunday 8:30 at St. Philips - Marv Ziebell

Sunday 10:30 at St. Lawrence - For the Parish

For health and healing for Theresa Zanetti, Marie Kaszuba, Eileen Folgert, Dawn Weaver and all whose names appear on the prayer list, we pray to the Lord. For the soul of Laverne Blazel, we pray to the Lord. And for all the souls of the faithful departed, that through the mercy of God, they may rest in peace, we pray to the Lord.

St. Lawrence Directory

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

Rectory Phone - - - - - 715-421-5777

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Parish Staff

Pastor - - - - - Rev. Janusz Kowalski

Deacon - - - - - Kevin Ray

Senior Deacon - - - - - Jim Landry

Parish Facilities Manager - - - - Corey Siegler

Evangelization/Formation - - - - Dave Ecke

Secretary/Bookkeeper - - - - - Kim Siegler

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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<u>Liturgical Roles – July 4th and 5th</u>	
<u>Eucharist</u>	N/A
<u>Hospitality</u>	6:00 PM — TBD 10:30 AM — Greg and Bobette P
<u>Lector</u>	6:00PM – Connie Landry 10:30AM – Dawn Olson
<u>Altar</u>	6:00PM — Joey and Scott Mathews 10:30AM — Dmitri Pesko and Caroline Bovee
<u>Music</u>	N/A

Sunday Readings:

2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16a

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

Mt 10: 37-42 (97)



“Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them.”

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX



Ord. 13 – A : Deacon Kevin Ray

There were two ordination events at the cathedral this past week. There were big processions with incense and herd of clergy... the priest and deacon candidates all dressed in white...and the Bishop in full battle gear. They were both very big deals, and one could be forgiven for thinking that ordination was a little like a coronation...except that I know it won't be too long before someone in their first parish will be telling these men that the lightbulb in the ladies restroom has burned out...and could he please do something about it. I don't want to sound cynical...most clergy **love** what they do...only it's often **not what they** expected. They imagined they would spend hours in a big chair writing lofty sermons and keeping appointments with people for whom they would always have the answers. They thought they would respond to mail promptly...thought they would pray more. Instead...they return phone calls, break up fights, and proofread bulletins.

They also complain a lot...as I am doing right now. It seems to go with the territory...for I don't know anyone who can complain better than a bunch of clergy. You might suppose it's because the work really is hard...but I think it's because we were all expecting something different...something (well) **holier** than this. But I notice a boastfulness to our complaining too. We sound like people who have stayed up all night with a colicky baby...and we want everyone to know how exhausting it is to have a child who needs you like that...but whom you wouldn't give up for anything...because it's also wonderful to serve someone who so clearly requires what you have to offer. If you ask parents... they will probably admit that staying up all night was not what they had in mind when they decided to have a baby. They were thinking of Little League and ballet...bedtime stories...Christmas morning and someone whose breath smelled like bubble gum when they pressed their face against yours and said “I love you daddy.” In other words...it was mostly **romance**...that is...5% fact...15% hearsay...80% fantasy. And yet...romance is an incredibly potent motivator. Without romance...we might never bind ourselves to another and learn how to negotiate life together. Without romance...we might never decide to get married...bear children and find out what it means to give our life for the life of another. It's a kind of bait and switch job parenting does. We reach for our illusions...what we lay hold of...is truth. It can be shocking...but it's also salvific...because without the ideal...we'd never have attempted to grasp the real. Romance, too, is how God grows us in faith. We sign up with God for a crisis-free life...a string of divinely-coordinated successes...a quiet sense of moral superiority...Easter lilies and “comfort and joy”...and what we get is a call to perseverance...the demands of a relationship with God in prayer...responsibility...and servanthood. It's exactly what God told us it would be in today's readings...but somehow...we forgot.

Today Jesus does not say that the worthy disciple was the one who was merely baptized. .

He does not say that the worthy disciple is the one who keeps the commandments, who doesn't speak evil of anyone, doesn't harm anyone..

He does not say that the worthy disciple is the one who always comes to Mass.

He does not even say that the worthy disciple is one who prays each day.

And, Jesus does not say that the worthy disciple is someone who considers Jesus important, who tries to live life in accordance with his teachings.

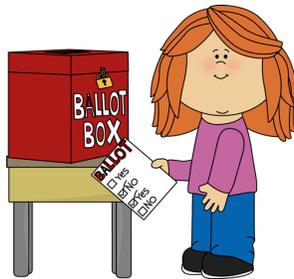
Jesus gives us the criterion in today's Gospel, and it is not an easy one. Listen to him again: “The one who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and the one who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. The one who does not take up his Cross to follow me is not worthy of me.” In other words, to be a worthy disciple of Jesus means two things: first, to love him above all other loves, or, as he said elsewhere, with all our mind, heart, soul and strength; and second, to love him so much that we will be willing to suffer for him, taking up our Cross to follow him. I would like to point out that what we are signing up for and what we actually get was made clear in Jesus own baptism. “You are my beloved Son”, the voice boomed from heaven...but the next thing we know Jesus in ushered into the desert with no food...no water...no support. I don't know if you have ever thought of it in this way...but...like marriage and ordination...baptism is meant to be sort of **demotion**. In the big picture...all these rituals make us **other people's** servants. Unlike a coronation...they are a step down...not up. It's no wonder people balk at it.

I heard from a deacon whose supervising pastor liked to do things with a splash...and so he leapt at the chance to baptize a three year old at the Easter Vigil...by immersion. All went well at rehearsal...but on the big night the girl stiffened as her parents lifter her up. Bracing her feet against the large tank...decorated with ivy...she screamed, “Don't do it!” She was only three...but her instincts were good. Somewhere...she had a sense of what would be asked of her as a Christian...and she wanted no part of it.

“Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?” That's how Paul puts it...and the answer in “yes, we know...we just **forget** sometimes”. But...thank God...life keeps reminding us. Every day that we get up...review our carefully planned agendas...and watch them come apart by 10 AM...we remember. Every day that you set out to e God's gift to humanity...and end up shouting at your children...you remember. My friend...our illusions may **bring us** to faith...but it is only after **they have died**... that **we actually become** God's servants.



We are seeking a few more volunteers interested in being trained to run the equipment for livestream Masses on Sunday and during the week. If you are interested, please call Josh Schoenick at: 715-315-1945



Reminder: Faithful Citizenship – Election 2020 We are in an election year, making it that much more important to form our consciences in light of Catholic teaching and principles. For abundant resources on this topic, visit diolc.org/faithful-citizenship.



“Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person. Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.”

— MOTHER TERESA, RELIGIOUS SISTER

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Anointing of the Sick

In James 5:14 we read “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.



You are rich, when you are content and happy with what you have.

From The Diocese

Stewardship: food for thought As we reopen, it is an excellent time to remind ourselves that stewardship is caring for the whole person. Stewardship popularly focuses on the three extrinsic aspects of time, talent, and treasure. By focusing on the external, we ultimately end in a utilitarian effect, “what can they do for us?” Often leaving people feeling used. Stewardship focusing on the person will promote a greater sense of community. They, as a person, are essential and a vital part of the community because of who they are, not for what they can do for us. Stewarding the whole person is critical for rebuilding and reinvigorating our faith communities, which draws us back to Christ’s given mission to share the good news of the Gospel. So why do we focus on the externals of stewardship?

It is more manageable than concentrating on a full relationship, and it helps satisfy our self-interest more quickly. Stewarding of the whole person does not exclude the need for them to contribute their time, talent, and treasure. Stewarding the whole person encompasses those elements, so the whole person is an active participant in our community. Our communications should reinforce the mission of our Church, locally (parish), regionally (diocese), and globally. To reinvigorate our parish communities, we must remind our members why our parish communities are essential both for the person and the larger society. Encouraging witness to the importance of our Catholic Faith personally and highlighting the effects of the parish’s mission in the community at large is the two-prong approach to rebuilding our faith communities.



There is no greater injustice in the world today than the shedding of the innocent blood of unborn children. We will never be able to build a culture of life if we do not respect the dignity of the human person at all stages of life. We must build our society as it once was, founded upon respect for life and the right to life and the pursuit of happiness.

Have a Laugh Today!

There’s the story of the pastor and his deacon who were working on fixing up the rectory roof.

The deacon was on a ladder nailing. Each time he reached into his nail pouch and pulled out a nail he’d look at it, and either toss it over his shoulder or nail it into the roof.

The pastor watched for a while, puzzled. Then he couldn’t stand it any longer and yelled up, “Why are you throwing away some of the nails?”

The deacon explained, “When I pull it out of my nail pouch, if it’s pointed toward me I throw it away. If it’s pointed toward the house, then I can use it safely!”

The pastor became very frustrated at this and shouted, “That’s stupid! Don’t throw away the nails that are pointed toward you! They’re for the other side of the roof!”



ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

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