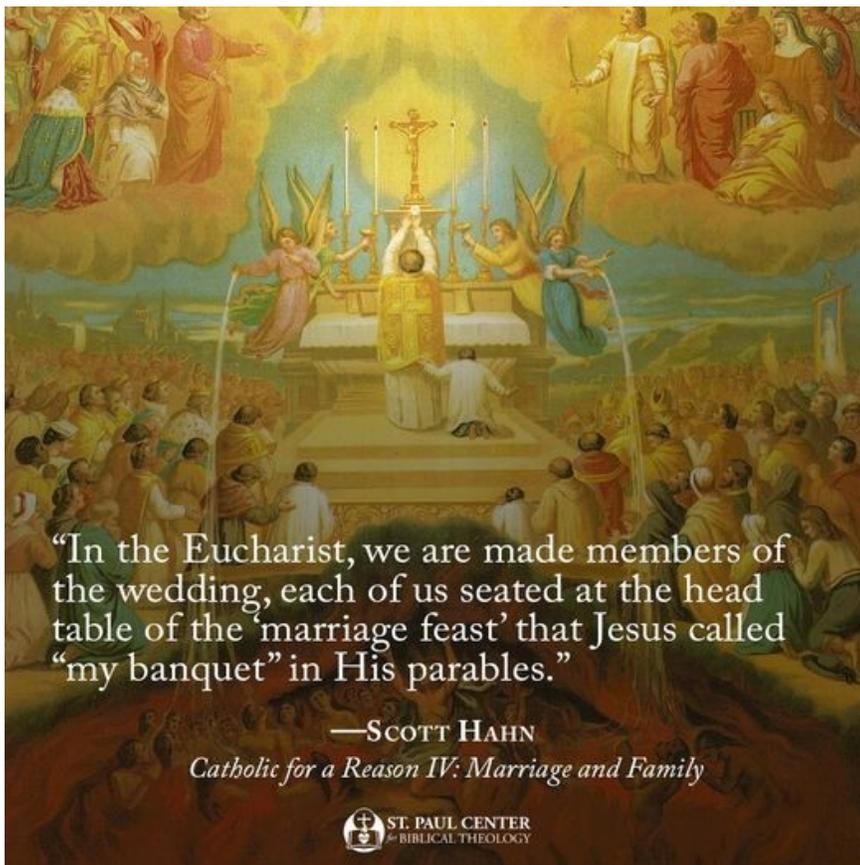


Saint Lawrence Catholic Church



October 25, 2020

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Sunday’s Mass Readings:

Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40

LOW SUNDAY COLLECT THIS WEEKEND BY ST. LAWRENCE CCW—PLEASE BE GENEROUS.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Monday, Oct. 26 7:00 AM Communion Service
 Tuesday, Oct. 27 7:00 AM Communion Service
 6:00 PM --Health fo Courtney
 Wednesday, Oct. 28 7:00 AM Communion Service
 Thursday, Oct. 29 7:00 AM --+Dave Dewitt
 Friday, Oct. 30 7:00 AM --+Larry Dewitt
 Saturday, Oct. 31 6:00 PM --+Richard Budzinski
 Sunday, Nov. 1 10:30 AM --Parishioners of St. Lawrence
 And St. Philip parishes

Monday, Nov. 2 7:00 AM All Souls Day Mass

Confessions are available before every Mass or by appointment. Please call the office to schedule an appointment.

Saint Philip Parish Masses:

Wednesday, Oct. 28 8:45 AM -- Living and deceased members of the Dorshorst & Zimmerman families
 Friday, Oct. 30 8:45 AM -- +Larry Jackan
 Saturday, Oct. 31 4:00 AM -- +Justin Junemann
 Sunday, Nov. 1 8:30 AM -- +Laura Van Asten
Monday, Nov. 2 4:00 PM All Souls Day Mass

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Parish Staff

Pastor - - - - - Rev. Janusz Kowalski
 Deacon - - - - - Kevin Ray
 Senior Deacon - - - - - Jim Landry
 Parish Facilities Manager - - - - Corey Siegler
 DRE/Secretary- - - - - Dave Ecke

* For health and healing for Theresa Zanetti, Marie Kaszuba, Gail Narlock, Ray Starks and all whose names appear on the prayer list, we pray to the Lord.

* May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Sacraments

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

Confession: Saturday 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.

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM -- Noon, Wednesday 8:00 AM– 5:30 PM. Or by appointment.

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Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation and More

Tuesday, Oct. 28—Consecration to Saint Joseph Group Meeting

6:45 PM

Wednesday, Oct. 29—Faith Formation: Saints and sinners: Feast of Simon & Jude, Apostles

6:00 PM

Wednesday, Oct. 29—Confirmation **NOTE THE NEW DAY AND TIME!**

7:30 PM

Saturday, Oct. 31—Awakening To God series: Prayer and the Creed

9:00 AM

SUNDAY, NOV. 1—CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

9:00 AM

Liturgical Roles for 10/31 and 11/01 2020

Hospitality:	6:00 PM Susie and Lenny Budzinski
	10:30 AM Greg P. and Bobbette P.
Lector:	6:00 PM Patrick Ruesch
	10:30 AM Dawn Olson
Altar Server:	6:00 PM Gabe Hauke & Brennan Mohrbacher
	10:30 AM Dmitry Pesko & Caroline Bovee

Thank you all for your generous giving of your time and talents as you serve in the ministries above. Please be sure to find a substitute for those times you cannot make your scheduled service. God Bless you.

October is both Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary, making it a providential time to pray with our Bishops to our Blessed Mother, Patroness of the Unborn, for an end to abortion and other offenses against human life and dignity. The closing Rosary will be led by Archbishop Jerome Listecky on Nov. 1, the Feast of All Saints, concluding with their invocation through the Litany of the Saints.

Schedule of Pro-Life Rosaries Sunday, 7:30-8:00 PM

Oct. 25 —Bishop James Patrick Powers, Diocese of Superior

Nov. 1 —Archbishop Jerome Edward Listecky, Archdiocese of Milwaukee

To participate in these live-streamed Rosaries, visit www.diolc.org/live. May God's grace be poured out upon our state, our nation, and our world.

Homily Notes from Deacon Kevin for The Sunday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time (Year A)

I doubt there is a more frequently used....or **abused** word....than **love**. When I Googled I.o.v.e. this afternoon, I got **467 million** results. It's a word with a dizzying variety of meanings. People have done things "for the love of God" that make angels **weep**... have undertaken things "for love of others" that have **destroyed** the objects of their obsession. Love means a one-night-stand to some....a life-long commitment to others. So I ask you...is there a term more inexact or dangerous in its usage....than **love**? Yet, to my chagrin.... in response to yet another public grilling during the **last week** of his life....Jesus **chooses** the word **Love**...as the summation of the Law and the Prophets.

Now the bible is **so big, so diverse**....that the question "**which** commandment of the Law is the greatest?" is a promising start to a fight. And....at first, Jesus' response doesn't seem **all that** original. He draws a line from Deuteronomy.... A line that Moses had commanded **every** Hebrew to pray....morning and night...."Hear, O Israel...you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and will all your mind." And it was Moses who had **instructed** the Israelites to **write it** on the hearts of their children...And by Jesus' response....Mary must have done her job well. The second part..."You shall love your neighbor..." he lifted from Leviticus, the third book of the Torah. Now, failing to **credit his source** would have gotten him in trouble with his English teacher....but what really would have raised eyebrows.... is that he **places** the two lines on an **equal** footing. "The second **is like** the first" he says...love of neighbor both **mirrors** and **proves** our love of God. So we are back to the chameleon of a word....**except**....Jesus calls for loving "**with all our heart**"....which means it should dominate feelings....not be controlled by them. "**With all our soul**", a stance.... that does not lie passive, but compels us.... **to act**. And, "**With all our mind**", a decision that is focused and directs us..

Now there were two men, neighbors, working together to replace a piece of sidewalk. As they labored... one of them, a retired man, was advising his young neighbor...from the wealth of his experience.... about the need to **raise** children with **gentleness**. At this point the neighborhood gang came racing around the hedge....and not all of them were able to put on the brakes....resulting in a few feet being tracked through the freshly troweled cement. Immediately, the older fellow let loose a string of expletives....and the younger man teased him...saying "Hey...what about being gentle with kids?". "Oh," said the other, "it's easy to love children in the abstract, but it's very, very difficult to love them in the concrete."

And **this is so very** true....as we have all found....to our **own shame**..."love in the abstract" is easy and effortless....a matter of certain airy platitudes...fancy words. But, love in the concrete....can be irksome, difficult and demanding. And the verses from Exodus are **anything** but vague....you **shall not** harm the immigrant....you **shall not** ignore the plight of the voiceless....you **will not** charge interest on a loan to a neighbor. Regrettably, there is little romantic or feel-good about it. We choose our friends....but God chooses our neighbors....so it is no accident that the test of love **is not** how we attend to our **friends**....those who are **like us**...or those who can **pay us back**...but to our neighbor **in the concrete**.

There are pious folks...so focused on heaven...they are of little earthly good....and there are gentlepeople so softhearted....that they care themselves into exhaustion. Neither has grasped the medicine of the Gospel. Like the Ten Commandments that themselves came on two tablets....Today, Jesus is telling us.....we need **both** the **vertical stretch to God**... and....**the horizontal reach to others**.

Only then is our life Jesus-shaped....for it is that (cross) that really is the sum of the Law and the Prophets. So our lesson for today is simple....if you are unsure whether a **declaration** of love...you own or another's.... is genuine....justhold it up against the cross....you'll be able to tell.

Gun Raffle...We will raffle off four guns and optics that remained from our first raffle. 200 tickets will be sold after weekend Masses at St. Philip and St. Lawrence for \$10 a ticket. Drawing will be held on Sunday, December 20, 9:30 a.m. right after the 8:30 Mass at St. Philip rectory.



Weekly Donations 10-5 through 10-11-2020

Envelopes - \$3,105.94
Votive Lights - \$71.00
Plate Collection - \$176.00

Total - \$3,352.94

Necessary weekly bills - \$5,750*
Thank you everyone for your generosity!

*This is the average cost of bills every week. But it does not include repairs, unexpected cost, etc.



Father Janusz will have Mass for All Souls Day, Monday November 2 at 7:00 a.m. If you have a loved one that you want to remember at this Mass please send their name to the parish office by Friday, October 30th and we will have their name(s) read at Mass, a prayer for our faithful departed and a candle lit for them. You can bring a picture of the person(s) you are remembering to Church for display at Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend the Mass, however we will not be calling people forward during the Mass. Please call the office if you have any questions or

PLENARY INDULGENCE
Visit a Cemetery and pray for the dead—release a soul from Purgatory, each day Nov. 1-8.

A plenary indulgence, means that simply by performing the requirements of the indulgence, you can obtain the entrance into Heaven of a soul who is currently in Purgatory. To obtain the plenary indulgence, we must receive communion and sacramental confession, visit a cemetery and pray for the souls in Purgatory and for the intentions of the Holy Father.



Just a friendly reminder that Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 a.m. Wouldn't want you coming too early for Church.

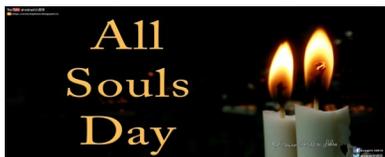
Father Joseph Walijewski Legacy Guild and Casa Hogar:

A Night in Peru! Join us Friday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m. for a virtual night in Peru! Go to dioc.org/nightinperu for more information and to register for the event!



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox has begun!

Needy children throughout the world learn about Jesus from a small bible and a prayer card placed in each box. Instructions are enclosed to pack your Shoeboxes, which are located in the back of church and in the Gathering Hall. For more information call Joyce Lobner at (715)423-2991 or Lois Hauke at (715)712-1520. Please return your boxes to Church by November 8th. Thank you for your generous support.



to give us the name(s) of your loved ones.

Advent Virtual Parish Mission The focus of the Parish Mission is "Preparing for the Birth of the Christ Child through the Eyes of St. Joseph." There will be four presentations, one for each week of Advent. The length of the talks will be roughly 30-40 minutes and discussion questions will be provided. The purpose of the Parish Mission is to bring parishioners together to prepare for Christmas and to strengthen community. This is something we all are longing for after the past year of isolation, anxiety, uncertainty. Let's prepare ourselves for the Holy Season of Christmas!

The Presenters and Titles of the Presentations for each of the Four Weeks of Advent:
NOV. 28 "St. Joseph: The Man Selected by God to be Closest to Mary and to Jesus." – Msgr. Joseph Diermeier

DEC. 5 "Joseph and Mary: A Holy Love Story" – Msgr. Joseph Hirsch

DEC. 12 "That Holy Night, through Joseph's Eyes" – Fr. Alan Wierzba

DEC. 19 "Joseph, Son of David...You are to Give Him the Name Jesus" – Bishop William Patrick Callahan

Each session will be held on Saturday in Church starting at 9:00 A.M.

AWAKENING TO GOD

Our next session in the four week series is **Saturday, November 1st at 9:00 AM** in the Church with two 30 minute presentations and time for discussion after. Julanne Stoltz will make a presentation about prayer and Jon Anderson will talk about the Profession of Faith, the Creed. Join us as we explore the great mysteries of our God and His Church!



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PICK OF THE WEEK

October 25, 2020

FORMED NOW! POPE JOHN PAUL II'S LETTER ON THE ROSARY

To close out October, the month dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Lucas Pollice on St. John Paul II's letter on the Rosary. This wonderful discussion will help draw you deeper into the mysteries of Christ meditated on in the Rosary.



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