

**Saint Lawrence Catholic Church**  
*April 12th, 2020 : The Resurrection*



**St. Lawrence Directory**

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*Have a blessed and joyful Easter,  
from all of us at  
Saint Lawrence Parish*

**Church Open Times**

\*St. Lawrence Church will be open\*  
Everyday 8am - Noon  
Adoration: Easter Sunday 8 am -3 pm

\*St. Philip Church will be open\*  
everyday 8 am - Noon

**Confession Times**

St. Lawrence Church  
Tuesday 8am - 9am  
And 5pm - 6pm

**Parish Staff**

Pastor ----- Rev. Janusz Kowalski  
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**Please remember there can be no more than  
10 people in the Church at a time.**

**Acts 10: 34A, 37-43****Colossians 3: 1-4****John 20: 1-9**

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**Sunday of the Resurrection 2020 A**

When you enter the grave, when you make up your mind to go in then you will believe. Saint John came to the grave first, but did not enter. He stopped at the entrance. Maybe he needed time, a quick reflection on the last hours spent with the Master. Maybe Jesus' words came back to Saint John, "that I must die and then I will be resurrected". What does resurrection mean? A head full of thoughts and questions! What filled the disciples' hearts? John went inside and believed. Standing aside, looking around, we will always be next to someone, but will never belong to him. John heard a lot from Jesus, he looked at his life, his miracles, his love, but it was only here that he came inside, accepted Christ fully and believed. How much difficulty can there be in receiving Christ and His teachings. How did his disciples deal with it? How did the women who followed him receive Jesus? Wandering with Jesus, you can listen to him, you can follow him, or run and rediscover him, that he is alive and that he is risen. But does it all end there? Mary Magdalene ran and shared this information with Christ's disciples. Do I share the truth about the resurrection to others as well? Truth and joy cannot be locked in a room. Is what most important to me true for only this day or is the truth for eternal life? The most important truth is the one that brings me closer to God and his kingdom. Truth about God! Today, apart from the cross, I see the Risen Jesus. I see him who died and rose for my sins; the One who did it for my eternal life. What is the truth about the resurrection for me? The grave is empty today!

There was a master who had many students. One day the master was looking through the window. It was morning. The master noticed that one of his disciples was running down the street very fast. The master called for the disciple to stop. At the beginning the disciple was confused. He stopped, look around. The disciple raised his eyes up and noticed the master in the window. The master asked him, "why are you running so fast?" The disciple replied, "I am running to deal with all the important matters that you gave me yesterday!" The master asked him, "Did you see the heavens today?" The disciple answered "no!" The master continued to ask, "Have you seen the streets today?" Disciple responded, "Yes, because I am running on it". "Have you seen people, horses, wagons, stalls today?" "Yes, because I run between them!" Then the master said, "listen to me my dear disciple; when in a hundred years you will no longer live and I certainly will no longer live, there will still be this street, there still will be these stalls and carriages, there will still be matters to be done; nothing will change here. If you die and don't know where heaven is then why do you bother to run so fast and work very hard?" Today, when I opened my eyes, did I have time to see the heavens, or did I only see my affairs? There are many things to do. But if you don't know where heaven is, why are you running! What is all this for? Look up ... you will see heaven.

Fr. Janusz Kowalski

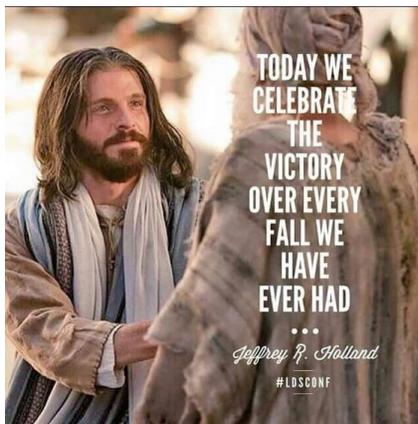


**Dear Parishioners,**  
**Please keep in mind that if you need any assistance or help, especially during these uncertain days, please call the parish office at 715-421-5777. We are more than happy to comfort and aid you.**

Please promote the TV Mass as you can using your parish website and social media.

The Cathedral Live Stream Schedule is available at [diolc.org/live](http://diolc.org/live)

Please note that live and prerecorded Sunday Mass is available via [diolc.org](http://diolc.org), the diocesan YouTube channel, Facebook, and televised at Wisconsin Rapids (Public Access), Channel 985 and Channel 3 at 6:00 a.m. and 1:00 pm. Sunday.

**Intentions for the Week**

Monday, April 13th -  
 Tuesday, April 14th - Judie Schiferl  
 Wednesday, April 15th - Donna Minch  
 Thursday, April 16th - James Morman  
 Friday, April 17th - Roger Dorshorst  
 Saturday, April 16th - Jim, Fran, Larry Baltus  
 Sunday, April 17th - For the Parish

For health and healing for Theresa Zanetti,  
 Jim Balzer, Mel Sullivan

Do not let the past disturb you - just leave everything in the sacred heart, and begin again with joy. - Mother Teresa

The liturgy of the Holy Week and especially the Holy Thursday, Holy Friday and Jesus' Resurrection Day have their profound meaning and are a true lesson of faith. We want to assimilate, live and understand the events of two thousand years ago, we want to identify with the participants of that drama. Christ suffered and died for each of us. Since this happened it concerns me personally and I can't be indifferent. Each of us experiencing the liturgy will give me a sense of relationship with Jesus. I will see and experience what He has done for me. On Sunday morning, it's not so much to believe as to BELIEVE. That is, I constantly meet the Living God and take a specific attitude towards Him. Of course, I can meet Him in every event, place and time. Being open to such an opportunity and making the effort to "squeeze through the crowd to touch Him," I certainly feel the power of His healing. Ultimately, he himself chooses the time, place and manner of meeting. That is why there are places, times and events in which God awaits me especially. I would only like to come. I wish you each of us to experience the truth of the resurrection and the freedom that the Risen Christ brings us. May we never lack hope for a good life now and in the future for the generosity of being with God. Let this time be filled with a good word and an example. The resurrection hope leads us to eternal life. For this Easter time, I wish you a lot of health, blessing, optimism for better today and for better building tomorrow.

Fr. Janusz and Staff



Give me nights perfectly quiet as on high plateaus west of the Mississippi, and I looking up at the stars,  
Give me odorous at sunrise a garden of beautiful flowers where I can walk undisturbed...  
Give me solitude, give me solitude, give me Nature, give me again O Nature your primal sanities!  
- Walt Whitman



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**Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the Corona Virus Pandemic**

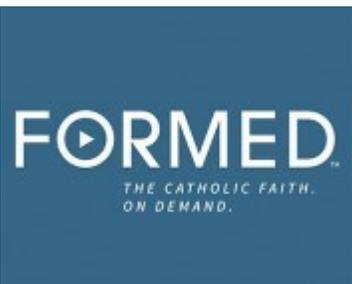
O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

**MAKE ME LAUGH**

There once was a rich layman who was near death. He was very upset because he had worked so hard for his money and wanted to be able to take it with him to heaven. So he prayed that he might be able to keep some of his wealth.  
An angel heard his plea and appeared to him. "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you."  
The man begged the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules. The angel reappeared and informed the dying man that God had decided to allow him to take one suitcase. Overjoyed, the man gathered his largest suitcase and filled it with pure gold bars.  
He died soon afterward and showed up at the gates of heaven. St. Peter saw the suitcase and stopped the man, but he explained that he had God's OK.  
St. Peter checked it out and said, "You're right; you're allowed one carry-on bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents."  
St. Peter opened the case to inspect the items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaimed, "You brought more pavement?"

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