

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

August 9th, 2020

19th 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 - Mary Cournoyer

Wednesday 8:45 am at St. Philips - Stanley and Regina Raflik

Thursday 7:00 am at St. Lawrence - For the Parish

Friday 7:00 am at St. Lawrence - For the Parish

Friday 8:45 am at St. Philips - Adeline Rybicki

Saturday 4:00 pm at St. Philips - Kirby Bullard

Saturday 6:00 pm at St. Lawrence - For the Parish

Sunday 8:30 at St. Philips - Intention of Bob and Loretta Slattery

Sunday 10:30 at St. Lawrence - Otto, Verena, and Ron Lueschow

For health and healing for Theresa Zanetti, Marie Kaszuba, Eileen Folgert, Dawn Weaver, Karen Lorbeck Gail Narlock, and all whose names appear on the prayer list, we pray to the Lord. 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

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Parish Staff

Pastor ----- Rev. Janusz Kowalski

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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 – August 8th and 9th</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 – John Lucin 10:30AM – Elaine Skibba
<u>Altar</u>	6:00PM — Brennan Mohrbacher and Gabe Hauke 10:30AM — Josh and Joey Mathews



The Marian Center for Peace is planning to reopen the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 9am. In order to do this, **we must fill 30 open hours.**

If you are willing to spend an hour with Jesus in adoration, please contact Marion Young @ (715) 316-1285 or Dan McCarville @ (715) 451-3180. To keep our adorers safe during this pandemic, only scheduled adorers will be allowed in the chapel. It will remain closed to all visitors.

We still have a need to meet our Diocesan Appeal.
Goal: \$42,155
Donations Received: \$37,716
We are UNDER our goal by: \$4,439

Saint Lawrence will have first Friday adoration starting August 7th after the 7:00 am mass until noon. Please sign up in the back of church because we need to be sure the full time is covered with adorers. If you are unsure there is no need to sign up. Just come on in and visit with Jesus!

XIX Sunday A 2020

Fathers, holy fathers, lived in the desert long ago. Hundreds of people went to these deserts who wanted to become disciples of these holy fathers of the desert. These people asked the fathers, teach us the ways that are leading to God, to know and live with Him. One day, three students came to one of the desert fathers. Tenze's father was very devout, devoted to God's cause and lived the word of God every day. He knew the ways of the Lord. The old father took the three to himself. He started teaching them how to live the word of God. After working with them for months, the teacher decided to check the progress of his students. What they haven't learned. He asked the first, and asked him what he didn't teach? What are you doing with that word? How do you know this word? He responded, in the last six months I have learned no New Testament. I repeat and record it every day. I am still with him and he is still with me. He was proud of himself but also humble. The master looked at him and said well. The second student to the master's question said with pride and humility, for the last six months I have learned the Old and New Testaments not by heart. I keep repeating, thinking, pondering. The master said very well. Finally the third student came and said the same question. I read the first sentence found in the bible in a hesitant voice and I have been using it until now. I try to understand this sentence and nothing comes out. I try and try but nothing works. Then the teacher bowed down to this student and said, you should take my place now. Now you are the word master. There is only one conclusion; how do you see, humility and perseverance will help you to meet God! It was the same with the apostle Peter. We are witnessing what happened not a few hours earlier. Jesus multiplied bread for five thousand men, not counting women and children. What had become so spectacular, beautiful, full of euphoria filled the hearts of the apostles. They were proud to be part of what Jesus did. Surely they received words of thanks, were proud and everyone was thinking now about the future, glory, popularity, power and love of thousands of people. Jesus takes away from them this picture of life and the future. It takes away their temptation and gives them time for reflection. He orders them to send the lodge immediately to the other side of the lake. Sam goes to the night prayer. What do apostles do with the time they receive? Think about what happened? He needs to cool down with emotions. They had time to talk in the boat. How did they use it? Many words have been said for sure; great joy and plans. What will it be in the future. More and more plans and the work of the apostles are interrupted. In the morning, no apparition appears. Because who can walk on water? Question: Peter, what have you learned? You asked the master to let you walk on water. Have you asked yourself about the faith you have? The Master let you walk, but you walked on the water until you lost sight of Jesus. You saw powerful waves, felt a strong wind, fear in your heart. You started to sink. And you looked at the Master again and he saved your life. What is your faith, Peter? What have you learned from your master over so many months? Have you become a word master? I think there is still time to learn! Do I need study time like Peter to become a master of God's Word?

A MESSAGE FROM DAVE

Praise be Jesus Christ! We are getting ready for the **Faith Formation** classes to begin in September. Watch the bulletin for more details next week. There are registration forms available in the back of church and in the Gathering Hall. We are planning to meet face to face and will make the necessary changes in our program to provide as safe an environment as possible. Please contact Dave Ecke if you have any questions or concerns.

Saturday, August 15th join Bishop Hying for Eucharistic Procession and Rosary at the Wisconsin State Capital Building. Meet at 11:30 at Holy Redeemer Church to organize; 120 W Johnson St, Madison, WI. At 12:00 noon process Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist one block down to State St. (the epicenter of protests in the 1960s and lately). Then we will turn up State St. toward the State Capitol. Benediction in front of the State Capitol and pray the Patriotic Rosary. Sign up at UniteWisconsin.com If you cannot make it, please pray the Rosary at Noon for an end of the fear and confusion gripping our nation.

This is the year of Saint Joseph! We are starting a **33day Consecration to Saint Joseph**. We will begin our weekly meetings for the Consecration on Tuesday September 29th and the Consecration will take place on All Saints Day, November 1st. Contact Dave at the office or by cell phone at 715-213-3166 for more information or to sign up! We will be ordering books for this, so please call soon. We know from Fatima that Satan will attack our families like never before and it appears we are witnessing this now! Our churches have never been this empty! God is looking for us to join the fight. It's not a political fight it's not even about economics, this is a spiritual battle; one that will require sacrifice, commitment, and love, lots of love. Call to reserve your place and let's do this together!



KNOW AND ASK FOR THE SAINTS' PRAYERS!!!

But if you pray to the saints you are worshiping them?

Whenever discussing a doctrine, it is always effective to define your terms. "Pray" is an Old English word that means simply "to ask." In Protestant theology, the word has become synonymous with worship, but that is not the original use of the term.

Any time a Catholic utters a petition to a saint, it is taken for granted that it is a request for that saint to pray to God for them. For example, the "Hail Mary" contains the request, "pray for us sinners." If you ask a person to pray for you, it proves that you do not think that he is God. What needs to be stressed here is that none of our prayers terminate in the saints, as if they had the power in and of themselves to answer prayers.

There are one billion Catholics and 300 million Orthodox. If one in a hundred of these prayed a daily rosary, Mary would receive 689 million Hail Marys each day! So, even if she could hear the prayers, she'd have to be omniscient to comprehend them all. And where would she get the time?

Since Mary is in heaven, it is literally true that she does not have time to answer all the petitions—she has eternity. Time in the afterlife is not the same as it is here, and so this is not an insurmountable objection.

In regard to the number of petitions, if the number were infinite, then an omniscient mind would be required. So long as the number is finite, then the hearer requires a finite expansion of knowledge, which God could certainly grant to a glorified soul in heaven. While discussing this, you could point out that 50 people in an Internet chat room can communicate simultaneously from around the world. If modern technology can enable humans to do this, God is infinitely capable "by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3:20).

If I had a problem at work, why would I take it to the volunteers in the mailroom if I were friends with the CEO himself? After all, doesn't the Bible say that Jesus is our one mediator (1 Tim. 2:5)?

The flaw in this objection is that it proves too much. For if Catholics should not ask those in heaven for their prayers since we can go straight to Jesus, then no Christian on earth should ask a fellow believer for his prayers. When one believer asks another for his prayers, it is not because God is too distant or callous to listen to him. On the contrary, God is so generous he has given the body of Christ such unity that each member can pray for the others. This is a great gift, for "the prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects" (Jas. 5:16), and the angels and saints in heaven are inarguably righteous.

Though the Bible tells us that we must go to God in our necessities, it also encourages us to ask for each other's prayers. After all, salvation is a family affair. Can the eye say to the hand, "I need you not?" Neither should we say that we don't need the prayers of the rest of the body of Christ (on earth or in heaven).

Immediately after requesting that we pray for each other in 1 Timothy 2:1–4, Paul affirms that Christ is the one mediator. Again, let us define our terms. A mediator is one who comes between two parties with the purpose of uniting them. Christ played a role of mediation that only the God-man could, but Christians are still called to serve as mediators between Christ and the world. In no way does this diminish the unique work of Christ. On the contrary, it manifests it.

For example, Christ is our only high priest, but we are all called to be a nation of priests (1 Pet. 2:9). Christ is the only Son of God, yet we are made sons of God through adoption (Gal. 3:4). The Christian life consists in being conformed to Christ, and as Paul says, being "God's fellow-workers" (1 Cor. 3:9) in his plan of salvation.

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