

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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MASS TIMES

Sunday: 7:30am (Low Mass), 9:00am (Low Mass), 11:00am (Sung Mass), 6:00pm (Low Mass)

Monday: 7:10am

Tuesday: 7:10am

Wednesday: 6:15am, 7:00pm

Thursday: 7:10am

Friday: 7:10am, 6:30pm

Saturday: 9:00am

CONFESSIONS

Before each Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

Sunday: 5:30pm (Solemn with Benediction)

Tuesday: 8:00am—1:00pm (Solemn with Benediction)

Friday: 5:30pm—6:25pm (Simple Adoration except during Lent)

Saturday: 8:00am—8:50am (Solemn with Benediction)

DEVOTIONS

St. Jude: 3rd Wednesday, 6:00pm

Sacred Heart: 1st Friday, following 6:30pm Mass

DIVINE OFFICE

Vespers: Every Sunday, 5:00pm

Compline: 1st Friday, 7:00pm

Choir & Choristers

Practice weekly—music@stlawrence.cc.....Paul Thomas May

Church Cleaning

Rotates weekly—clean@stlawrence.cc.....Kristin Patterson

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Monthly—mothers@stlawrence.cc.....Stephanie Fonticoba

Girls Sodality

Girls Age 9 - HS—girlssodality@stlawrence.cc.....Rebecca Mack

Holy Name Society

Monthly—holyname@stlawrence.cc.....William Gabig

Knights of the Altar

Altar Servers—altarboys@stlawrence.cc.....Ed Pitman

Knights of Columbus

Monthly—knights@stlawrence.cc.....Josh Logan

Mater Dei Praesidium of The Legion of Mary

Weekly—legionofmary@stlawrence.cc.....Daniel Jones

Meal Train

mealtrain@stlawrence.cc.....Alyssa Showers

Prayer Chain

prayers@stlawrence.cc.....Fr. Cortes

St. Catherine of Siena Young Adult Group

18-35, Monthly—youngadults@stlawrence.cc.....Fr. Cortes

St. Tarcisius

Ages 5-12, Monthly—sttarcisius@stlawrence.cc...Loretta Ferguson

Tuesday Adoration

Tuesdays 8-1pm—tuesdayadoration@stlawrence.cc...Amanda Healy

Youth Group

Ages 13-18, Monthly—youthgroup@stlawrence.cc...Joelle Riethmiller

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sun. Dec. 11** **Third Sunday of Advent, I**
 7:30am For the Fraternity and preservation of the Traditional Mass
 9:00am Livia Alvarez by Charles & Christina Stoner
 11:00am Pro Populo
 6:00pm For the Fraternity and preservation of the Traditional Mass
- Mon. Dec. 12** **Our Lady of Guadalupe, III**
 7:10am Sr. Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz, O.P.
- Tue. Dec. 13** **St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr, III**
 7:10am Bill Mc Govern by Cecilia Nico
- Wed. Dec. 14** **Ember Wednesday of Advent, II**
 6:15am Patrick Kaufmann by Fonticoba Family
 7:00pm Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter by John E. Czarnomski
- Thu. Dec. 15** **Feria of Advent, III**
 7:10am Mrs. Mary Ann Baranowski by Thomas & Jennifer Lynch
- Fri. Dec. 16** **Ember Friday of Advent, II**
 7:10am Lucia Carrizo
 6:30pm Confraternity of St. Peter by Kim Clements
- Sat. Dec. 17** **Ember Saturday of Advent, II**
 9:00am Protection of the Unborn
- Sun. Dec. 18** **Fourth Sunday of Advent, I**
 7:30am Trey Keating by Fonticoba Family
 9:00am Pro Populo
 11:00am +Christopherson Cortes
 6:00pm Confraternity of St. Peter by Mr. & Mrs. David Archer

PROPERS OF THE MASS

Lesson Phil 4:4-7

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety, but in every prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.



Gospel John 1:19-28

At that time, the Jews sent to John from Jerusalem priests and Levites to ask him, Who are you? And he acknowledged and did not deny; and he acknowledged, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Are you Elias? And he said, I am not. Are you the Prophet? And he answered, No. They therefore said to him, Who are you? that we may give an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say of yourself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the desert, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as said Isaias the prophet. And they who had been sent were from among the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him, Why, then, do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elias, nor the Prophet? John said to them in answer, I baptize with water; but in the midst of you there has stood One Whom you do not know. He it is Who is to come after me, Who has been set above me, the strap of Whose sandal I am not worthy to loose. These things took place at Bethany, beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

TODAY

Sunday, December 11

- Third Sunday of Advent—*Gaudete* Sunday
- Second Collection—Retired Religious
- Vespers—5pm—Exposition—5:30pm

UPCOMING

Monday, December 12

- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe—Patroness of the Americas
- Adult Inquiry Class—6pm-6:55pm
- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

Tuesday, December 13

- Legion of Mary—6pm

Saturday, December 17

- Ember Saturday
- Youth Group meeting

Sunday, December 18

- Fourth Sunday of Advent—*Rorate* Sunday

Monday, December 19

- Adult Inquiry Class—6pm-6:55pm
- Monday Night Basketball YMCA—7pm

Tuesday, December 20

- Legion of Mary—6pm
- Knights of Columbus meeting—6:30pm

Saturday, December 24

- Vigil of Christmas

Sunday, December 25

- The Nativity of Our Lord

Saturday, December 31

- 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas
- Christmas Party

Sunday, January 1

- Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM YOUR PASTOR—In its traditional form, the Divine Office consists of singing the Psalms eight times each day, the performance of which is a grave obligation for priests and others similarly bound. In monasteries, religious do sing the entire office so that all 150 psalms are sung together each week. Priests who work in the world also pray all 150 psalms, but because of their duties ministering to the Faithful, they can only sing some of them together, and recite the rest of them privately. The Constitutions of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP), approved by the Holy See, oblige its members to pray the office together (in common) three times a day insofar as their schedules permit.

Here at St. Lawrence, we have established our prayer *horarium* to fulfill this joyous duty (*officium*, in Latin, from which we have the word office), and we invite the Faithful to assist not just at Holy Mass, but also at the Divine Office, which is the way that the Church extends the celebration of the Mass throughout the day. Altar boys, especially those who are or have been members of the Acolytes Schola as part of our Friday Religious Education program, are invited to vest in cassock and surplice and sit in choir with the priests and visiting seminarians to learn how to sing the psalms, the official prayer of the Church.

Noting that the priests' schedules sometimes require them to pray some of the following offices in private, we hereby publish the following *horarium* for the Divine Office at St. Lawrence. If you plan to drive some distance in order to assist at the office, you are advised to check with the business office to see if there are any last-minute changes to the *horarium* due to apostolic work. Soon, we will publish a calendar on the website that would have such last minute changes. Please note that the priests will make every effort to avoid changing Vespers.

Horarium for the Divine Office at St. Lawrence Church

| Hour | Day | Time |
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| Terce | Tue, Wed, Fri | 8am |
| None | Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat | 12noon |
| Vespers | Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun | 5pm |

Tuesday Adoration Schedule Change—Beginning in the new year of 2023, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will end at 11:45am concluding with Benediction. This change will allow the celebration of the hour of None at 12:00noon. Please see the announcement above regarding the Divine Office for more information on when the Divine Office is celebrated in common.

Legion of Mary—meeting time change effective Jan. 2023
In an effort to meet the needs of the active members who regularly attend its weekly Tuesday evening meetings, the Mater Dei Praesidium of the Legion of Mary will begin meeting at 6:30pm after the change of the year. We will also be moving our meeting location from the Church's Social Hall to our 112 State Street Parish Center. Guests are always welcome!

Parish Christmas Party at 112 State Street!— Please use the QR Codes below to RSVP and volunteer:



Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest—Dec. 16 deadline for submission of Posters!—The children of the parish are invited to participate in the *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest. There are four age categories and a \$50 gift card prize for those who win 1st place in each age group. Additionally, two anonymous donors have allowed for a \$20 cash prize and \$10 cash prize in each age group for 2nd and 3rd place respectively. AGE GROUPS: 5–7; 8–10; 11–14; and 15–18 (not yet a high school graduate). RULES: Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person. Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches. However, the Council will not disqualify based on poster size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. JUDGING: Posters will be given a 100-point system; Slogan - how clear is the theme? 30 points, Visuals - does the art convey this message beautifully? 30 points, Overall Impact - Does it cause you to reflect on the topic and capture your attention? 40 points. Once judged, all artwork will be on display at 112 State Street and winners will be announced at the Parish Christmas Party on Dec. 31 at Noon. Submissions must be turned in to the Parish Office no later than Friday, Dec. 16.

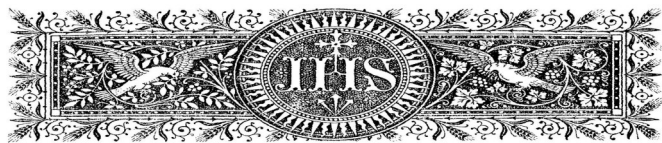
Dec. 17 Ember Saturday of Advent—Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Event— Food for the Fish Fry will be available in the Church's Social Hall after the Pro-Life Rosary. \$10 buys a plate of Fried Fish, Mac and Cheese, and Coleslaw.

Holy Name Society—New Members Recruitment Drive
Catholic men 18 years old and older, are invited to join the St. Lawrence Holy Name Society. Information about this traditional confraternity can be found at www.nahns.com. All eligible men are encouraged to consider this spiritual and social opportunity. Persons interested in enrolling, or who need additional information about the specific activities of the Holy Name Society at Mater Dei, please see one of our members who will be available at tables located in the Narthex after all Sunday Masses today, and again on Sunday Dec.18. The Society will host a new member induction ceremony after the 11am Mass on Sunday, Jan.8, 2023. If you have any questions, you may also email Mr. William Gabig at: willgabig@comcast.net.

St. Lawrence Youth Group will meet from 6-9pm in the Church's Social Hall on Saturday, Dec.17. Please join us! We will continue our tradition of decorating gingerbread houses, then have them on display during our parish family Christmas party on Dec. 31! Following our activity, we will be blessed by a talk from our Pastor, and end our evening with the Rosary. For further information, please email: youthgroup@stlawrence.cc.

**Congratulations to Joseph and Julia Halecky
on the Baptism of their daughter
Emilia Marie Halecky**

December 3, 2022



Parish Christmas Party Slide Show—Photos of parish events wanted—We are creating a slideshow of the many important events that have taken place in our Parish this year. If you have photos of any parish events, including First Communion, Confirmation, Chant Camp, our Parish & All Saints Day Picnics, Youth Group, YAG, Sports, etc., please send them to: historian@stlawrence.cc, no later than Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Girls Sodality—We will start a *Girls Sodality* for girls ages 8-14, here at the parish. The group will meet from 10-11am the second Saturday monthly after the 9am Mass. Our *Girls Sodality* will be part of the greater *Congregation of the Children of Mary* which is a lay Organization for children, and co-sponsored by the *Universal Archconfraternity of St. Philomena* and the *Universal Living Rosary Association*. If you would like more information about these associations, please visit: mychildrenofmary.com. The purpose of the *Girls Sodality* will be to foster an extraordinary devotion to the Mother of God through prayer and instruction, as well as give young girls the opportunity to make lasting friendships with each other. If your daughters between the ages of 8-14 would like to join the Sodality, please sign up at: girlssodality@stlawrence.cc. We will have our first meeting on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023 so please sign up before Jan. 1, 2023.

**Processional Hymn
Savior of the Nations Come**

Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's Son, here make thy home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood; by the Spirit of our God
was the Word of God made flesh, woman's offspring, pure
and fresh.

Wondrous bright! O wondrous child of the Virgin unde-
filed!
Though by all the world disowned, still to be in heav'n
enthroned.

From the Father forth He came And returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and hell High the song of triumph
swell!

Praise to God the Father sing, Praise to God the Son, our
King,
Praise to God the Spirit be Ever and eternally.

**Sunday Collections
Week of December 4, 2022**

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| Offertory (December 4): | \$ 10,474.00 |
| Online Giving (November 28-December 4): | \$ 6,219.00 |
| Building Fund (October 31-November 30) | \$ 8,215.00 |
| Total: | \$ 24,908.00 |

*The Building Fund is reported once per month

2023 Basketball Tournament—We plan to hold our first parish basketball tournament on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at the Harrisburg YMCA from 1pm to 6pm. The tournament is open to men 14 and older. If you would like to play, please sign up by Thursday, Dec. 15, 2022.

You can use this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2J7GCLW>, or scan the QR Code below:



We will select team captains and hold a private "draft night" on Friday, Dec. 16, and during which time, the team captains will privately draft players for their teams. We are asking people to pitch in \$10 to help offset gym rental costs and help pay for equipment (new basketballs and game clocks). Please remember that the deadline to sign up is Dec. 15, 2022, and there will be no "free agents" or "trades" after Dec. 16. We hope to have a competitive and fun Tournament, so please sign up.

**Recessional Hymn
On Jordan's Bank**

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the
Lord is nigh;
Awake and harken for he brings glad tidings of the King
of kings.

Then cleansed be every soul from sin; make straight the
way for God within,
Prepare we in our hearts a home where such a mighty
Guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great
reward;
Without thy grace we waste away like flowers that with-
er and decay.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee whose advent sets Thy
people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore, and Holy Ghost, for-
evermore.