

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 Junior 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. 4	Second Sunday of Advent, I 7:30am Herb & Rae Ann Stepp by Chuck & Chris Stoner 9:00am Pro Populo 11:00am Pat Dennis by Tim Dennis 6:00pm The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter by Tim Dennis
Mon. Dec. 5	Feria of Advent, III 7:10am +Ronald Miller by Cecilia Nico
Tue. Dec. 6	St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor, III 7:10am +Stephen Chappel by Robert & Sylvia McKee
Wed. Dec. 7	St. Ambrose, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor, III 6:15am Isabella Vargas by Fonticoba Family 7:00pm +Dr. Gerald Ryan by Thomas & Jennifer Lynch
Thu. Dec. 8	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, I 7:10am Special Intention 12noon Pro Populo 6:30pm +Nancy Faller by Charles & Christina Stoner
Fri. Dec. 9	Feria of Advent, III 7:10am +Allen, Mary & Rose Fry by Allen Fry 6:30pm +Patrick McKee by Robert & Sylvia McKee
Sat. Dec. 10	Feria of Advent, III 6:30am Brian Crandall by Cecilia Nico 9:00am +Michael Defelice by Chase & Brandi Defelice
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 & Christian Stoner 11:00am Pro Populo 6:00pm For the Fraternity and preservation of the Traditional Mass

PROPERS OF THE MASS

Lesson Rom 15:4-13

Brethren: Whatever things have been written have been written for our instruction, that through the patience and the consolation afforded by the Scriptures we may have hope. May then the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of one mind towards one another according to Jesus Christ; that, one in spirit, you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive one another, even as Christ has received you to the honor of God. For I say that Christ Jesus has been a minister of the circumcision in order to show God's fidelity in confirming the promises made to our fathers, but that the Gentiles glorify God because of His mercy, as it is written, Therefore will I praise You among the Gentiles, and will sing to Your name. And again He says, Rejoice, you Gentiles, with His people. And again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; and sing His praises, all you peoples. And again Isaias says, There shall be the root of Jesse, and He Who shall arise to rule the Gentiles... in Him the Gentiles shall hope. Now may the

God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Matt 11:2-10

At that time, when John had heard in prison of the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples to say to Him, Are You He Who is to come, or shall we look for another? And Jesus answering said to them, Go and report to John what you have heard and seen: the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise, the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not scandalized in Me. Then, as they went away, Jesus began to say to the crowds concerning John, What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Behold, those who wear soft garments are in the houses of kings. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before Your face, who shall make ready Your way before You.'

TODAY

Sunday, December 4

- Second Sunday of Advent
- Vespers—5pm—Exposition—5:30pm

UPCOMING

Monday, December 5

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

Tuesday, December 6

- Legion of Mary—6pm

Thursday, December 8

- Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary with Consecration—7:10am, 12noon, 6:30pm Masses

Saturday, December 10

- *Rorate* Sung Mass—6:30am
- Low Mass—9am
- Confraternity of Christian Mothers meeting
- Altar Boy meeting

Sunday, December 11

- Third Sunday of Advent—*Gaudete* Sunday
- Young Adult Group Brunch—Squeaky Rail Diner, 1pm—Enola, Penn.

Monday, December 12

- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe—Patroness of the Americas

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

Sunday Sports Today—Boys and girls, men and women are all invited to play dodgeball at the YMCA after the High Mass today.

Parish-wide Consecration to Our Lady—For those who are participating in this 33-day preparation, or signed up to receive daily emails with meditations, we encourage you to maintain these prayers and meditations daily in order to receive the full benefits of the Total Consecration to Our Lady on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8, which is the patronal



feast of the United States. Though this preparation will be done by individuals and families privately, we will recite this consecration publicly as a parish after the Masses on the Immaculate Conception.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Poster Contest

We invite the children of the parish to participate in the “*Keep Christ in Christmas*” poster contest which is open to age groups: 5–7; 8–10; 11–14; and 15–18 (not yet a high school graduate). 1st place winner will get a \$50 gift card prize. Competition 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, though 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=30 points; How clear is the theme? Visuals=30 points; Does the art convey this message beautifully? Overall Impact=40 points; Does it capture the viewer’s attention and reflection on the topic? Once judged, all artwork will be on display in the Aula Magna at 112 State Street and winners will be announced at the Parish Christmas Party on Dec. 31 (time forthcoming). Posters must be submitted to the Parish Office no later than Friday, Dec. 16.

Rorate Mass in Honor of Our Lady—Saturday Dec. 10

There will be a sung Mass which will begin at 6:30am. The *Rorate* Mass is held in darkness illuminated by candlelight before the sun rises and symbolizes the longing for the Light of the world, who is a gift to Our Lady. The church eventually gets brighter as the sun rises and after the conclusion of the Mass, the priest intones an antiphon three times, with each invocation at a higher tone just as he does for the Easter Vigil alleluia. The antiphon says: “*Behold, the Lord comes and all his saints with him and on that day there will be a great light, alleluia.*”



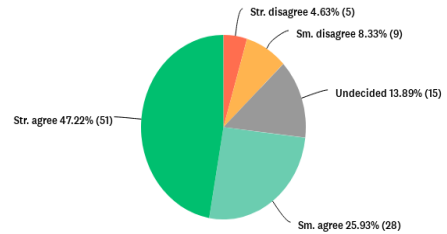
FROM YOUR PASTOR—Sunday Coffee and Donuts

Social—Survey Results—The results of the survey regarding the coffee and doughnuts are definitive. A vast majority agrees that: 1. we should have it back (73% agree vs.13% disagree); 2. the families should rotate the duties (71% vs. 15%); and 3. we should use the parking behind 112 State Street for the volunteers (81% vs. 9%).

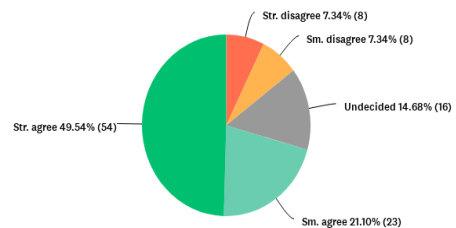
For me, the remaining question is how to organize volunteers. The parish spends a lot of money buying the doughnuts and coffee every week, it would seem wasteful and unnecessary also to pay someone to clean up. Since 71% of families seem willing to take turns on cleanup duty, it seems we should have enough volunteers. Yet, this past year, we could not find enough volunteers. I will continue to consult with anyone in the parish who would like to share an opinion on how to do this, so stay tuned as I hope to have news for you in a few weeks.

Fr. Smith

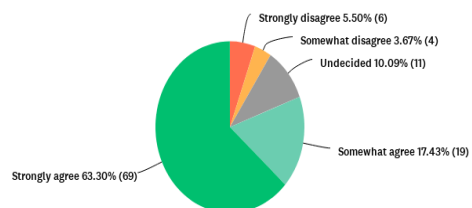
Q1 Should the parish continue the Sunday socials with coffee and doughnuts?



Q2 It has been proposed that the duty of cleaning up after the Sunday social rotate so that each family does this task once or twice a year. Do you agree?



Q3 Now that we have use of the building next door (also called “the parish center”) with its parking spaces near the courtyard of the church, would it be a good idea to allocate parking each week for those organizing the socials?



Fish Fry Event—Ember Saturday of Advent—Dec. 17

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Fish Fry for the Ember Saturday of Advent. Food will be available in the Church’s Social Hall, following the 9am Mass. \$10 buys a plate of Fried Fish, Mac and Cheese, and Coleslaw.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers—The Confraternity’s next meeting will be held this Saturday, Dec. 10, with 8am Adoration followed by the 9am Saturday Mass. The meeting will be held directly after Mass. For more information, please email: mothers@stlawrence.cc.

Charpentier Messe de Minuit Noel —The 11am High Mass on Christmas Day will be accompanied by an orchestral setting by Charpentier making the fourth occasion of such an orchestral Mass at St. Lawrence. This music provides a unique opportunity to pray the Mass with the beauty of string instruments and careful consideration of faithful composers from centuries past. The Mass will also include compositions from Heinrich Isaac, Paul Esterhazy, and John Mason.

Seeking Volunteers to assist in the Parish Office—We’re looking for volunteers to help out weekly in the Parish Office, for 2 hours; a minimum of once every other week, on Friday, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please email: contact@stlawrence.cc.

Inquiry Class Reminder: If you are not Catholic and are interested in Catholicism, or if you know of anyone who is at all interested, we hold an Inquiry class every Monday at 6pm in the 2nd floor conference room at our 112 State Street Parish Center. This is a no commitment class and all one needs to do is show up. If you have questions, you are welcome to email the office at: contact@stlawrence.cc.

Sunday Collections

Week of November 27, 2022

Offertory (November 27): \$ 4,318.00
Online Giving (November 20-November 27): \$ 4,256.00
Total: \$ 8,574.00

*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.

**ProceSSIONAL Hymn
Creator of the Stars of Night**

Creator of the stars of night, thy people’s everlasting light,
O Jesus, Savior of us all, regard thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving at the bitter cry of all creation doomed to die,
didst come to save a ruined race with healing gifts of heavenly grace.

Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride, as drew the world to evening tide,
proceeding from a virgin shrine, the Son of Man, yet Lord divine.

At thy great name, exalted now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
and things in heaven and earth shall own that thou art Lord and King alone.



**RecessionAL Hymn
Hark, A Herald Voice Is Calling**

Hark, a herald voice is calling; “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;
“Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day.”

Startled at the solemn warning, Let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ her Sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heaven:
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, One and all to be forgiven.

So when next he comes with glory, Wrapping all the earth in fear,
May he then as our defender Of the clouds of heaven appear.

Honor, glory, virtue, merit, To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit, While eternal ages run.