



St. Lawrence
Catholic Church
Newman
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Mission Statement

*Sharing the abundant love of
Christ as a university
Catholic parish.*

MASS TIMES

Sunday 8 am, 10 am, 7 pm
Monday-Friday 12:15 pm
Saturday 9 am

Reconciliation

Monday through Saturday
after Daily Mass

New Members

We welcome you, our parishioners and visitors, to our church community of St. Lawrence-Newman. We invite you to share with us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Your presence with us is always a blessing. If you would like to become a registered member, forms are available in the Gathering Space.

December 25, 2016

The Nativity of the Lord



Christmas

At Christmas we celebrate that God pursues us by sending Jesus to so we can be reunited with God through Him. St. Thomas made a profound statement about the Lord's way of lowering himself. In the introduction of his shorter summa, St. Thomas says:

“To restore man, who had been laid low by sin, to the heights of divine glory, the Word of the eternal Father, though containing all things within His immensity, willed to become small. This He did, not by putting aside His greatness, but by taking to Himself our littleness.”

Let us ask the Lord that we would receive this incredible gift of Jesus with gratitude and respond with His love. May the Lord bless you with the gift of His love this Christmas Season.

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Financial Stewardship

For years we have published the weekly Sunday collection in this space. Giving has changed to include multiple electronic sources of giving that we have not reflected here. The information no longer reflects an accurate picture of stewardship, so we are making a change. Once each month we will provide a financial recap of income and expenses in order to keep you informed of our finances as a community.

Mass Intentions (December 25 — January 1)

Sunday
(12/25) 10 am Donna Soucek

Monday, December 26

Kate Winters

Tuesday, December 27

Richard and Doreothe Hanson

Wednesday, December 28

Lucas Kramer

Thursday, December 29

†Patricia Klibofske

Friday, December 30

†Augusto Ivanez Reynaga

Saturday, December 31

†Janet Jensen

Sunday 8 am †Marie Mayer
(1/1) 10 am Alyssa Soucek

7 pm Lucas Kramer



Please Pray for those who are ill, and for their caregivers:
Derek Brakob, Ann Brown, Mike Busse, John Carrier, Vern Chelte, Owen Chiu, Dennis Daly, Sheila Daly, Connie Domino, Betty Eichhorn, Sonia Ellison, Bill Hafner, Denise Hafner, Debbie Hallin, Carol Halvorson, Lou Hammer, Richard Hanson, Nick Heille, Lucie Johnson, Jeannean Klempka, Richard Klempka, Carl Kroening, Amy Miller, Bonnie Miller, Anna Mirocha, Regan Orlando, Hutch Pharr, Christine Pribula, Ann Rank, Christina Robinson, Peggy Witte, Steve Witte

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, December 26	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	Matthew 10:17-22
Tuesday, December 27	1 John 1:1-4	John 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday, December 28	1 John 1:5—2:2	Matthew 2:13-18
Thursday, December 29	1 John 2:3-11	Luke 2:22-35
Friday, December 30	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14	Matt. 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday, December 31	1 John 2:18-21	John 1:1-18

Sunday, January 1

Numbers 6:22-27
Galatians 4:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

Birthdays This Week

December 26	Kate Winters
December 27	Aaron Kornaus
December 29	Rene Dawis
December 30	Vanessa Abin
December 31	Greg Erickson
January 1	Wynter Feiner



On the Parish Calendar This Week

Monday Volleyball, 8 pm, Gym
Wednesday Young Adult / Grad. Group, 7 pm, Room B

Loaves & Fishes

St. Lawrence-Newman is scheduled to prepare and serve a Loaves & Fishes meal at St. Stephen's School (2111 Clinton Avenue S.—across 22nd Avenue from the church, in the lower level) on **Tuesday, December 27**. We are always in need of volunteers, especially at this time of year when all the university students are gone. The meal is served from 5:30-6:30 pm, and we usually serve 200+ people, including men, women and children. After the meal, those who are able stay to clean up, and we are usually finished around 7:00.

You can sign up today in the Gathering Space if you need a ride.



We serve a meal at Loaves & Fishes the fourth Tuesday of every other month: February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Reminder to Parents

There will be no Children's Faith Formation until Sunday, January 8th.

In Support of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Lawrence parishioner Bronwen Hudleston is continuing to gather clothing to donate to St. Vincent de Paul. Warm winter clothing, including jackets, boots, hats and gloves, are most needed at this time of the year. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the office.

Women's Book Club

Monday, January 23, 7 pm, Gathering Space

The club will not meet in December.

The book chosen for January is *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr.

Christmas Wish List

St. Lawrence often gets asked if we need anything specific around the holidays. This year we have compiled a Christmas Wish List—a collection of items that are necessary, or would be a great help, to our ministry. Please consider donating towards one or multiple items. To view the list and to reserve a purchase, please see the wish list board in the Gathering Space. Thank you and God bless!

Retirement Fund for Religious

This month we are reaching out to support the more than 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the nation. They have educated the young, cared for the sick, and spoken for the oppressed. Your gifts to the Retirement Fund for Religious help provide nursing care, medications, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Envelopes for this fund are available in the Gathering Space.

Understanding the Bible

You do not read alone

By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.

What is God saying to me?

The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?

Reading isn't enough

If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective." (Hebrews 4:12).

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