



St. Lawrence
Catholic Church
Newman
Center

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Mission Statement

*Sharing the abundant love of
Christ through worship, outreach,
service, and dialogue 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.

November 27, 2016
First Sunday of Advent



*In the days to come the mountain of the
Lord's house shall be established as the
highest of the mountains, and shall be
raised above the hills; all the nations
shall stream to it.*

Isaiah 2:2

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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 (November 27 — December 4)

Sunday 8 am †Jim Schardin **7 pm** †Ed Stevens
(11/27) 10 am †Martin Kroening

Monday, November 28 †Jim Schardin
Tuesday, November 29 Helen Kollar
Wednesday, November 30 Ron Kollar
Thursday, December 1 Donna Soucek
Friday, December 2 †John MacEachern
Saturday, December 3 †Carola Russell

Sunday 8 am †David Soucek **7 pm** †Patricia Lamb
(12/4) 10 am †Phyllis Cruciani



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, Henry, 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, November 28	Isaiah 4:2-6	Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday, November 29	Isaiah 11:1-10	Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday, November 30	Romans 10:9-18	Matthew 4:18-22
Thursday, December 1	Isaiah 26:1-6	Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday, December 2	Isaiah 29:17-24	Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday, December 3	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26	Matt. 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 4

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Birthdays This Week

November 30 Cheryl Ogbozo
December 1 Donna Mirocha, Ashley Simon
December 2 Meghan Tipword, Katie McCarthy
December 3 Cara Hagen



On the Parish Calendar This Week

Monday Women's Book Club, 7 pm, Gathering Space
Volleyball, 8 pm, Gym
Tuesday Gopher Catholic Night, 7:30 pm, The Whole
Wednesday Young Adult/Grad Group, 7 pm, Room B
Friday Cards & Games, 7 pm, Social Hall
Saturday Christmas Bazaar, 9 am-2 pm, Social Hall
Divine Will Prayer Group, 10 am, Room A

Parish Mission

December 6th and 7th

Tuesday, December 6th at 7 pm
Advent Communal Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 7th at 7 pm

Overview of the Parish Mission

Responding to God's Invitation

Fr. Jon Vander Ploeg and Brother Ken Apuzzo will present on the topic of "Responding to God's Invitation." The focus will be on the unique purpose God has for the St. Lawrence community, and for each of us as members.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Today we are gratefully accepting donations in support of this campaign, which strives to meet the more immediate needs of the poor. With 11.2 percent of Minnesotans living in poverty, including 14 percent of all children, we know this growing problem will not go away if we fail to address the root causes.

Envelopes for this collection can be found in the gathering space today.

Save the Date!

The **Annual Christmas Bazaar** will take place on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4. We are collecting hand-crafted and other items, including household treasures for sale at Granny's Attic. We will also need items (including gift cards) for our popular Children's Raffle. Please consider contributing bake sale goodies for our Sugarplum Bakery!

We will again have our raffle—prizes are a \$250 Target gift card, a meal at Jax Café, and \$1,000!!



The Giving Tree is set up in the Gathering Space today. Please consider taking an ornament, purchasing the gift, and returning it by Sunday, December 11th.

This year the requested gifts include baby items to be donated to Abria (our local pregnancy counseling center), art supplies and fun small gifts for the children at Pope John Paul II Catholic School, and \$25 Target gift cards for south-east area teens. Your gifts need not be wrapped!

This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to provide a Christmas gift for someone who may not otherwise receive one. Please consider adding one more name to your gift list this Advent season.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

Gordy Cosgrove, who died last week.



As we pray for Gordy, let us also pray for his family and friends.

Scripture Study with Fr. Jon

All are invited to join this study group on **Wednesday, November 30th at 11 AM.** Fr. Jon will talk about Edith Stein (St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross).

Christmas Pageant and Concert

Sunday, December 11th, after the 10 AM Mass.



Women's Book Club

Monday, November 28, 7 pm, Gathering Space

The book chosen by the club for November is *Go Set a Watchman*, by Harper Lee.

The club will not meet in December.

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

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 fall and winter clothing, including hats and gloves, are most needed at this time of the year. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the office.