



**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 Catholic university parish.*

**MASS TIMES**

**Sunday** 8 am, 10 am, 7 pm, 9 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 20, 2015**

*Fourth Sunday  
of Advent*

**Christmas Celebration**

*Thank you to everyone who helps us celebrate Christmas here at St. Lawrence-Newman. Christmas is a time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus. This is a great gift of God's love, and it is an incredible sign of His mercy. He does not abandon us to the sin we at times choose, but seeks to draw us back to Himself. Let us ask the Lord to help us respond to the gift of His love, and allow Him to be born more deeply in our hearts this Christmas Season.*



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## Financial Stewardship

Last week your stewardship gifts were \$4,160.92

Sunday Mass Collection, \$3,939.46  
Outreach Fund, \$10.00  
HELP (with winter heating), \$67.00  
Newman Center Fund, \$119.00  
Votive Candles, \$25.46

## Electronic Donations

Electronic Stewardship means your gift will be transferred electronically from your checking or savings account, or charged to your credit card, directly to St. Lawrence-Newman with the frequency you request. To donate online, visit [umncatholic.com/donate/](http://umncatholic.com/donate/)

## Mass Intentions (December 20 — December 27)

<b>Sunday 8 am</b>	Lucas Kramer	<b>7 pm</b>	Fr. David Blume
<b>(12/20) 10 am</b>	+Amelia Schmitz	<b>9 pm</b>	Shayla Duke
<b>Monday, December 21</b>	+Frank and Pearl Pliska		
<b>Tuesday, December 22</b>	+Gretchen Trahan Sielucka		
<b>Wednesday, December 23</b>	+Bonnie Vandeweghe		
<b>Thursday, December 24</b>	+Martin Kroening		
<b>Friday, December 25</b>	+Marge and Ivan Soucek		
<b>Saturday, December 26</b>	Kate Winters		
<b>Sunday 8 am</b>	Fr. David Blume	<b>7 pm</b>	+Ed Stevens
<b>(12/27) 10 am</b>	Richard & Doreothe Hanson	<b>9 pm</b>	+Fred Stevens



## Please Pray

 for those who are ill, and for their caregivers:

Derek Brakob, Ann Brown, Mike Busse, John Carrier, Vern Chelte, Owen Chiu, Gordy Cosgrove, Dennis Daly, Sheila Daly, Connie Domino, Betty Eichhorn, Sonia Ellison, Paul Gennrich, Denise Hafner, Debbie Hallin, Nick Heille, Jeannean Klempka, Richard Klempka, Carl Kroening, Stephen Kroening, Irene LaTourneau, James LaTourneau, Tom Michaud, Bonnie Miller, Anna Mirocha, Kinney Misterek, Regan Orlando, Christine Pribula, Ann Rank, Christina Robinson, Mary Rose Whitcomb, Tim Witkowski, Stacey Witkowski, Peggy Witte, Steve Witte

## Scripture Readings for the Week

<b>Monday, December 21</b>	Zephaniah 3:14-18a	Luke 1:39-45
<b>Tuesday, December 22</b>	1 Samuel 1:24-28	Luke 1:46-56
<b>Wed., December 23</b>	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24	Luke 1:57-66
<b>Thurs., December 24</b>	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	Luke 1:67-79

### Friday, December 25, Christmas

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Hebrews 1:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6  
John 1:1-18

**Saturday, December 26** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
Matthew 10:17-22

### Sunday, December 27

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28  
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10  
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

## Birthdays This Week

<b>December 21</b>	Neale Miller, Joonhee Lim
<b>December 22</b>	Tea Dekker
<b>December 23</b>	Bill Bofferding, Jason Kitoy, Wyatt Hallin
<b>December 24</b>	John Eberlein, Mary Kay O'Hearn
<b>December 25</b>	Peter Okwerekwu
<b>December 26</b>	Gordon Cosgrove, Sarah Arendt, Kate Winters
<b>December 27</b>	Aaron Kornaus



## On the Parish Calendar This Week

**Monday** Volleyball, 7:30 pm in our gym  
**Wednesday** A Guide to Catholic Prayer, 11 am, Room E

## Another Wonderful Bazaar!

The St. Lawrence Women's Group thanks all who took part in this year's Christmas Bazaar. We are grateful for the many donations for the Grannie's Attic, as well as donations of beautiful hand-crafted and bakery items. Thanks to all the behind-the-scenes women who make this annual event so much fun.

Congratulations to this year's raffle winners:

**\$1,000 cash prize: Claudia Riley**  
**\$250 Target gift card: Julianna Ryburn**  
**Jax gift card: Amanda Kueper**

## Giving Tree Thanks

Your generous response to the Giving Tree made it the most successful year ever! All the ornaments were taken, and the gifts have been pouring in. Your generosity will bring joy to many people who otherwise might receive very little or nothing this Christmas season.

A special thanks to Mary Kay McJilton for taking on this task.

## Loaves & Fishes Tuesday, December 22

St. Lawrence-Newman will prepare and serve a Loaves & Fishes meal at St. Stephen's School (2111 Clinton Ave. S.—across 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from the church, in the lower level) on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The meal is served from 5:30-6:30, and we usually serve 300+ people, including men, women, and children. After the meal, those who can stay take care of the clean up; we are usually finished by about 6:45.

We are always in need of volunteers, especially this time because the students will all have gone home! This is an opportunity for you and your family to give back during the Christmas season.

Sign up today in the Gathering Space if you need a ride to St. Stephen's.



## Thanks to Our Children

We had another fun and lively Christmas Pageant this year. Our kids performed for the parish last Saturday and Sunday. The costumes and music were fantastic as well!

## Women's Book Club No meeting in December

Monday, Jan. 25      *The Time Traveler's Wife*,  
by Audrey Niffenegger



## Christmas Schedule



**Christmas Eve Mass**  
6 pm

**Christmas Morning Mass**  
10 am

**Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)**  
We will celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation  
with Mass at 10 am.

## Finals Week Lunches

12:30-2:30 pm, Gathering Space

**Monday (21<sup>st</sup>)**

**Tuesday (22<sup>nd</sup>)**

Enjoy good and FREE lunches, lots of good conversation, and stick around to study! We will be open until 9 pm both days.



## Call for Warm Clothing

The clothing drive for St. Vincent de Paul is going very well! We are grateful to all who have made such warm and wonderful donations.

The clothing drive will be on-going. As long as items keep coming in, Bronwen Hudleston and her helper, Wynter Feiner, will happily get them to St. Vincent de Paul!

