



St. Lawrence
Catholic Church
Newman
Center

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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.

November 19, 2017

**Thirty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Thanksgiving

The definition of Thanksgiving is the act of giving thanks and grateful acknowledgment of benefits, especially to God. To be thankful is a habit that we can form. If we let our minds and hearts just wander, we will normally find them drifting toward aggravations, anxieties and painful things. This is common and part of our fallen nature. But our fallen nature can be formed. If we allow it to drift, more often than not it will drift in a less than ideal direction. The holiday of Thanksgiving was established by Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War. The history of the holiday is intentional about giving thanks.

Years ago I used to hear a little cliché that was “an attitude of gratitude.” To give thanks to God will help us more than it will help God. It focuses us in the right direction and can help us see more clearly the blessings that are coming in the midst of our lives. It is easy to take things for granted.

The Eucharist is Thanksgiving for the sacrifice Jesus paid for our sins, and it strengthens us to respond with love for God and our neighbors.

A few ways to practice this are:

- In the moment after something happens, give thanks to God.
- Each day think of three things to be thankful for.
- On Saturday night or Sunday share with family or friends something from the past week that you are most grateful for.

By practicing this act of Thanksgiving, let us ask the Lord to help our hearts grow in recognition of the blessings we have been given.

~ Fr. Jon



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Mass Intentions (November 19—November 26)

Sunday (11/19)	8 am 10 am	Lucas Kramer †Veronica Sharrett	7 pm	†Patricia Lamb
Monday, November 20		Amy Schmidt		
Tuesday, November 21		†Lloyd Sharrett		
Wednesday, November 22		†David Soucek		
Thursday, November 23		†Nicole Ries		
Friday, November 24		Lucas Kramer		
Saturday, November 25		†Thomas Edward O'Hearn		
Sunday (11/26)	8 am 10 am	Flora Zohour †Deacon Paul Carlson	7 pm	Isabella and Francesca Dawis



Please Pray for those who are ill, and for their caregivers:

Kathleen Baron, Derek Brakob, John Carrier, Vern Chelte, Owen Chiu, Evelyn Czaia, Dennis Daly, Sheila Daly, Connie Domino, Sonia Ellison, Bill Hafner, Denise Hafner, Debbie Hallin, Lou Hammer, Richard Hanson, Nick Heille, Lucie Johnson, Theresa Johnson, Anne Moe, Amanda Kowal, David Kroening, Jeanne Mandoza, Amy Miller, Anna Mirocha, Regan Orlando, Hutch Pharr, Christine Pribula, Ann Rank, Christina Robinson, Gordy Skinner

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, November 20	1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Luke 18:35-43
Tuesday, November 21	2 Maccabees 6:18-31 Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday, November 22	2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 Luke 19:11-28
Thursday, November 23	1 Maccabees 2:15-29 Luke 19:41-44
Friday, November 24	1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 Luke 19:45-48
Saturday, November 25	1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Luke 20:27-40
Sunday, November 26	
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17	Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28	Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Birthdays This Week

November 21	Layne Anderson, Dan Christensen
November 23	Pauline Njoku
November 24	Amanda Rodrigues
November 25	Alyssa Kohlmann, Emily Kohlmann Margarita Novack, Reid Travis
November 26	John Kuhl, Paul Rolvaag, Brigg Theis



On the Parish Calendar This Week

Monday	Volleyball, 8 pm, Gym
Tuesday	Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, 7:30, U. Baptist
Thursday	Thanksgiving Mass, 9 am

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 10 after the 10 AM Mass

Parents and children can sign up for parts today after Children's Faith Formation classes. We will also need volunteers to help with costumes and behind-the-scenes preparation. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are in the gathering space today.



Thanksgiving

The annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service this year will take place at University Baptist Church. The service will begin at 7:30 PM.

The collection will be donated to the Sheridan Food Project.

On Thanksgiving morning we will celebrate Mass at 9 AM.

On Friday, November 24th, Mass will also be at 9 AM. The parish offices will be closed that day.



Do you need to be Confirmed, or would you like to learn more about becoming Catholic?

The RCIA sessions take place Sundays at 11:30 upstairs in Room E. For more information or to register, contact Justina and Matt Kopp (justina.n.kopp@gmail.com).

One Spiritual Family Wednesday Lunches

Free lunches will be served in the Gathering Space each Wednesday following the 12:15 Mass. There will be an opportunity to discuss Time for God during lunch. Whether you want to join one of the "discussion" tables, or just want to enjoy lunch with friends, you are all welcome!

Women's Book Club

Monday, November 27, 7 PM, Gathering Space

The book for November is Our Souls at Night, by Kent Haruf. All women of the parish are encouraged to read the book and join the discussion.

The Annual Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday and Sunday, December 2 and 3.

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!



In Support of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Lawrence parishioner Bronwen Hudleston is continuing to gather clothing to donate to St. Vincent de Paul. Winter is near, as is the need for warm coats, hats, jackets and gloves. Clothing is needed for adults and children. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the office.

Get Your \$1,000 Raffle Ticket!

The St. Lawrence Women's Group is planning their annual Christmas Bazaar, which will be held December 2nd and 3rd. The tickets are only \$1.00. The prizes include a \$250 Target gift card, a \$125 Jax Café gift card, and \$1,000 cash! Tickets are on sale now from any of the group members, or from Rebekah in the parish office.