



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.

February 18, 2018

**First Sunday
of Lent**

Temptation

Jesus was tempted in the desert. This episode of Satan tempting Jesus teaches us how to face temptation. The enemy tries to twist scripture and make Jesus use His power to be self-serving. There are a few things we can learn from Jesus facing this temptation.

First, He recognizes that this is a temptation. That may seem like a simple thing, but often we can be tempted by something subtle, and we allow it to develop and take root in us. This can start with a fear about something or resentment, pride or lust, etc. It can start subtly and begin to grow. The earlier we catch it the easier it is to deal with.

Secondly, Jesus doesn't get in long dialogues with the enemy. We see in Genesis 3 that Eve begins to dialogue with the enemy and this leads to problems. Whenever we have a conversation back and forth, we are moving toward something. It is best, as soon as we recognize the temptation, to reject it. It is also good to call on the help of the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Mary, and our Guardian Angel to be with us in the battle.

Finally, Jesus was tempted and we know that Jesus did not sin. So to be tempted is not a sin. In fact, temptation is an opportunity. It never leaves us unchanged. We either take a step closer to the Lord or a step away. When we resist it, we grow in virtue and holiness. When we willfully participate in it, then it begins to become sinful at some level. When we fail we should get up immediately and return to the Lord.

Let us ask Jesus to help us during this Lenten season to resist temptation and enjoy a deeper freedom by not being afraid to battle it with His help.

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Mass Intentions (February 18—February 25)

Sunday (2/18)	8 am †Margaret Meade 10 am †Howard and †Ruth McMahon	7 pm For Our Parish
Monday, February 19	†John and †Jacqueline Sullivan	
Tuesday, February 20	Steve and Mary Vander Ploeg	
Wednesday, February 21	†Joseph Koss	
Thursday, February 22	Fr. Mike Martin	
Friday, February 23	†Pat Marsolek	
Saturday, February 24	Michelle Steele	
Sunday (2/25)	8 am †Greg Smith 10 am †Thomas Polejewski	7 pm Evelyn Gockowski



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

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

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, February 19	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18	Matt. 25:31-46
Tuesday, February 20	Isaiah 55:10-11	Matt. 6:7-15
Wednesday, February 21	Jonah 3:1-10	Luke 11:29-32
Thursday, February 22	1 Peter 5:1-4	Matt. 16:13-19
Friday, February 23	Ezekiel 18:21-28	Matt. 5:20-26
Saturday, February 24	Deuteronomy 26:16-19	Matt. 5:43-48

Sunday, February 25

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Birthdays This Week

February 18	Drew Sheehy, Jack Olsson
February 23	Anna Maria Cuebas
February 24	Lucie Johnson



On the Parish Calendar This Week

Monday	Volleyball, 8 pm, Gym
Saturday	Confirmation, 8 am, Basilica of St. Mary

Confirmation

The following parishioners will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation on February 24th, at 8 AM at the Basilica of St. Mary:

*Margaret Altmann
Devin Ankeny
Tea Dekker
Amanda Martinez-Port
Jenna Moseng
Grace Travis*

Please pray for these children as they prepare for Confirmation and the start of their adult faith journeys.

Loaves & Fishes

We are scheduled to serve a Loaves & Fishes meal at St. Stephen's School (2111 Clinton Ave. S.—across 22nd Avenue from the church, in the lower level) on

Tuesday, February 27

We are always in need of volunteers. The meal is served from 5:30-6:30 PM. We usually serve 200+ people, including men, women and children. After the meal, those who are able stay to help clean up, and we are usually finished around 7 PM.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be at 2 pm each Friday during Lent.

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 here, 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.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul

of *Philomena Ogbozo* (Tony Ogbozo's mother), who died February 6th.



As we pray for Philomena, let us also pray for her family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

May they rest in peace.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

One Spiritual Family Wednesday Lunches

The book we are discussing is The Reed of God, by Caryll Houselander. This book is about a relationship with Mary. It can be ordered from Amazon, or found at Leaflet Missal or St. Patrick's Guild, both in St. Paul.

For those who are unable to attend the Wednesday lunch group, we are adding a second discussion option—**Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.**



Calling Artists and Art Lovers *Spring Art Event!*

Save the Dates
Saturday, May 5
Sunday, May 6

Donations of art will be gratefully accepted, and can be brought to the parish office. If you want to sell your hand-made items as a vendor or performer, contact:

Jacqueline Dekker-Travis at jdekkertr@aol.com.

Get creative and take part!

Women's Book Club

Monday, February 26, 7 PM, Gathering Space

The book for February (the book chosen for January, but not discussed due to weather) is The Shoemaker's Wife, by Adriana Trigiani. You are also encouraged to bring a favorite poem to share. All women of the parish are invited to join the group.