



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.

**Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

January 26, 2020

St. Lawrence Newman Center
One Spiritual Family Event

Tuesday, February 4 at 7:30 PM
The Whole, Coffman Union

Change of Heart



Alonna Mertz was a pro-life activist as a teen. When she got pregnant in her 20s, she almost had an abortion. Then God intervened.

Come to ***Gopher Catholic Night*** and hear Alonna share her story.

All students and parishioners are welcome!

(there is ample parking in the ramp just behind Coffman Union, accessed via West River Road)

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Mass Intentions (January 26—February 2)

Sunday 8 am +Chet Mirocha 10 am For Our Parish
(1/26) 7 pm +Deacon Paul Carlson

Monday, January 27 Doris Schmidt
Tuesday, January 28 +Jeanne Mandoza
Wednesday, January 29 +Veronica Sharrett
Thursday, January 30 DeLoris Carlson
Friday, January 31 +Brian McCalley
Saturday, February 1 Michelle Steele

Sunday 8 am Catheryn Klukas 10 am +Augustine & Helen Palzer
(2/2) 7 pm For Our Parish



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

Pat Adrian, Eleanor Aho, Kathleen Baron, Amanda Benson, Derek Brakob, John Carrier, Owen Chiu, Nanny Collins, Evelyn Czaia, Annetta Danckwart, Betty Davidson, Trenton Deming, Connie Domino, Sonia Ellison, Rune Fredrickson, Laura Greey, Bill Hafner, Lou Hammer, Doreothe Hanson, Richard Hanson, Lisa Harm, Marvel Harris, James Harris, Nick Heille, Theresa Johnson, Mike Keele, Catheryn Klukas, Marion Mayerhofer, Mike McCalley, Amy Miller, Anna Mirocha, Kathy Jo Peterson, Chuck Prawalski, Christine Pribula, Richard Pullka, Christina Robinson, Jennifer Salness, Wyatt Schwecke, Gordy Skinner, Nate Travis

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, January 27 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10 Mark 3:22-30
Tuesday, January 28 2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19 Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday, January 29 2 Samuel 7:4-17 Mark 4:1-20
Thursday, January 30 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29 Mark 4:21-25
Friday, January 31 2 Sam.11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mark 4:35-41
Saturday, February 1 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17 Mark 4:35-41

Sunday, February 2

Malachi 3:1-4 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Hebrews 2:14-18 Gospel: Luke 3:22-40

Birthdays This Week

January 28 Joelle Imholte
January 30 Stephen Chan



On the Calendar

Monday Women's Book Club, 7 PM, Gathering Space
Volleyball, 8 PM in our gym
Friday Potluck, Cards & Games, 6 PM, Gathering Space

Archdiocesan Synod Upcoming Prayer and Listening Events

What's working and what's not in the Archdiocese? Archbishop Hebda wants to hear from you! Please prayerfully consider attending an upcoming Prayer and Listening Event, as part of the Pre-Synod Process and make your voice heard. Your input will help guide the Archdiocese over the next 5-10 years. There are 20 Prayer and Listening Events. The next event is:

Tuesday, January 28, 6-9 PM at Pax Christi
(Eden Prairie)

Learn more about the Synod and see a full listing of Prayer and Listening Events at archspm.org/synod.

First Saturday

On Saturday, February 1st, there will be a rosary said before the 9 AM Mass, as part of the First Saturday devotion. Come join us at 8:30 in the church; we hope to see you there!



St. John Paul II Catholic School Open House

Today (Sunday, January 26), 10:30 AM-1 PM

The school is built upon a history of serving immigrants and all of the faithful. A rigorous, faith-infused education is provided for grades K-8, working to remove any barriers to education a family may face.

Financial Report

| Income | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Parish | \$165,600 | \$147,605 |
| Newman | \$208,436 | \$293,298 |
| Total | \$374,036 | \$440,903 |
| Expenses | | |
| Parish | \$290,138 | \$319,073 |
| Newman | \$98,713 | \$103,060 |
| Total | \$388,851 | \$422,133 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | (\$14,815) | \$18,770 |

Note: Newman Center pays St. Lawrence \$24,700 each month for shared expenses.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls

of *Brian McCalley and Benjamin Ogbozo*,
who recently died.

As we pray for Brian and Benjamin,
let us also pray for
their families 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.

Catholic Faculty & Staff Holy Hour & Social

Join us in the Gathering Space(4-5:30 PM)
the following Fridays:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| February 14 th | March 20 th |
| April 24 th | May 8 th |

Potluck Supper, Cards and Games! Friday, January 31, 6 PM, Gathering Space

All are invited to join this card-loving group of parishioners. They meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.

When there is a 5th Friday (this month!), the evening begins at 6 PM with a potluck supper.

Newcomers are very welcome!

Women's Book Club 4th Monday of the Month at 7 PM

Monday, January 27
The Great Divorce, by C. S. Lewis

All women of the parish are invited to join the club!

In Support of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Lawrence parishioner Bronwen Hudleston gathers clothing to donate to St. Vincent de Paul. As the cold days of winter are here, warm clothing (jackets, boots, etc.) is needed for adults and children. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the office.

What Does It Really Mean to Be a Christian?

Part III of IV



PLEASE NOTE! This is Part III of a IV part series, so if you have not read last week's bulletin, consider going on our website!

Dear Reader,

To be a Christian is to recognize and follow Christ as our “model of holiness.” On the shores of Galilee Our Lord said to the inquisitive faces of Peter and Andrew: **“Come after me.”** Today in 2020 He says to one and all, **“I am the way, the truth and the Life.”** The Way to what exactly? The Way to complete and unending Beatitude. The Way to our ultimate destiny; where our deepest desire meets its fulfillment in Communion and where our restless hearts are finally at rest in Him.

Consider the fact that no couple exchanges marriage vows on their first date. However, once love has been encountered and found to be true, one can experience the freedom to commit to following it as a way of life. Only having been *moved by Love* can we begin to *move in love*. **Only having first been captivated by the Way's goodness, truth, and beauty can we begin to be a captive of it.** We simply cannot be *coerced* into following the Way of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but rather *impelled* in freedom and drawn by an interior power of attraction, for *“where the spirit of the Lord is there is freedom.”* To be Christian is to see the Way as *true* and following it as an experience that brings *life* as Jesus promises: *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.”*

What will following this Way of Holiness entail? In recent time, the Church seems to be very wishy-washy on this. **Following this Way will entail not only trials, but something more...our death.** There simply is no way of getting around this. Jesus says with no ambiguity: *“unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies it produces much fruit.”* Jesus says continually: *“Whoever would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.”* It doesn't matter how profusely you profess the Creed on Sunday; without a committed following of Christ's Way “on Monday” we simply do not belong to Him: *“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord’ and not do as I command?”*

The reality is that **“nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead.”** The death that is demanded is of our “fat relentless ego.” It is that part of us that continually quotes Sinatra: “I did it my way.” It is that self-seeking, and self-preserving part of us that rebels against Christ's Lordship. This is why Christ describes the way to Hell as “broad” and the Way to eternal Life as “narrow” as there are few who are willing to truly lose their life. Where the way of pride is to enthrone oneself, the Way of Holiness is to dethrone one's own ego by surrendering to grace: *“it is not I who live but Christ who lives in me.”* The paradox of following Christ's Way is that **only in dying is there a rising, only in death do we find the fullness of Life:** *“Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”*

How do we know the Way to follow? St. Jerome tells us that **“ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.”** The inverse then is true: By coming to know Scripture particularly the Gospels we come to know and recognize Christ. The Christian is *“not fed by bread alone but by every word that comes from God.”* However, Scripture can never be isolated from its living interpretation in the Church, as this can easily turn to an individualistic approach at odds with the Way itself. The Church, which is the Body of Christ, has a “Head” which gives an authoritative interpretation of Scripture: the Magisterium. Within this two-fold dynamic of Scripture and Tradition are the most beautiful examples of “showing and telling” how this Way of Holiness is concretized, and these are the Saints. The Saints are the authentic witnesses of holiness, and are those who “put flesh on the Words of the Gospel.”

The real test is to *decide* to follow the Way of Life. To decide literally means “to cut off” all other alternatives. Once a close priest friend of mine was asked, “when did you become a Christian?” to which he responded: “this morning.” This response echoes the truth which St. Augustine proclaimed in the 4th century after his conversion: **“Once having made a decision, I needed to continually decide.”** The Gospel is not for minds seeking ideas, but for disciples who wish to obey. The great danger for us is a “comfortable Christianity” in which we do not continue to cut off the alternatives proposed to us by the world, the flesh, and the devil. Such a state could be described as “cheap grace” or “grace without discipleship.” Pope Benedict XVI says: “The knowledge of God is a way; it means discipleship. It is not revealed to an uncommitted, permanently neutral observer, but rather, is disclosed in the measure in which one sets out on the way.” This is called the work of conversion—a continual “willingness to see the truth and to conform one’s life to it.”

Stay tuned for next week’s 4th point!

In Christ,
Fr. Jake