



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.

**The Presentation
of the Lord**

February 2, 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 East River Road)

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Mass Intentions (February 2—February 9)

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

Monday, February 3 Fr. Jake Anderson
Tuesday, February 4 Fr. Philip Merdinger
Wednesday, February 5 Fr. Jon Vander Ploeg
Thursday, February 6 +Jacqueline Bray
Friday, February 7 +Clarence Hanson
Saturday, February 8 +Jim Baker

Sunday 8 am Deb Brunsberg 10 am Deb Brunsberg
(2/9) 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, 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, Amy Miller, Chuck Prawalski, Christine Pribula, Richard Pullka, Christina Robinson, Jennifer Salness, Wyatt Schwecke, Gordy Skinner, Nate Travis

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday, February 3 2 Sam. 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Mark 5:1-20
Tuesday, February 4 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3
Mark 5:21-43
Wednesday, February 5 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 Mark 6:1-6
Thursday, February 6 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 Mark 6:7-13
Friday, February 7 Sirach 47:2-11 Mark 6:14-29
Saturday, February 8 1 Kings 3:4-13 Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, February 9

Isaiah 58:7-10 Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Birthdays This Week

February 2 Kimberly Giesen, Elizabeth Richter, Valerie Tai
February 4 Simeon Waldbillig
February 6 Jim Skupa
February 7 Katherine Gray, Joseph O'Neill
February 8 James Kolb



On the Calendar

Monday Volleyball, 8 PM in our gym
Wednesday St. Lawrence Women's Group, 6:30 PM, Social Hall
Young Adult Group, 7:15 PM, Room B
Friday Cards & Games, 7 PM, Gathering Space

Ecumenical Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, April 4th

9 AM-4 PM

Cooke Hall Gym, University of Minnesota

The tournament is hosted by Catholic Students United. To register: call, text, or email Ryan Miksch (402.910.2503; ryan.a.miksch@gmail.com) with the name of the church/faith community you wish to represent.

Year-end Statements

You should receive end of year contribution letters in the mail by Tuesday. If you do not receive yours, have questions or corrections, please call Kathy Jo Peterson in Development (612.261.2811).



St. Lawrence Young Adult Group

Who: The group welcomes all young adults — grad students, working professionals, single, dating, married, and everyone in between.

When: Every other Wednesday evening
7:15 PM in Room B.

Upcoming meeting: February 5

Contact Camilla (cmalowanski@gmail.com) or Kyle (gopherfan@live.com) for more information.

St. Lawrence Women's Group

Wednesday, February 5, 6:30 PM, Social Hall

All women of the parish are warmly invited to join the women's group. This month the group will be planning the annual appreciation brunch, and the Spring Art Event (scheduled to happen on May 2 and 3).

St. Lawrence Newman Center Snow Emergency Policy

We will close and Mass and Confessions will be cancelled if the University of Minnesota, or the Minneapolis or St. Paul public schools close for the day.

Adoration

Afternoon Adoration (Monday-Friday) will resume tomorrow (February 3rd). Adoration begins after the 12:15 Mass, and ends at 5 PM.



Women's Book Club

4th Monday of the Month at 7 PM

Monday, February 24

The Bone Box, by Faye Kellerman

Monday, March 21

The Last Romantics, by Tara Conklin

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

Cards and Games!

Friday, February 7, 7 PM, Gathering Space

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

Newcomers are very welcome!

Catholic Faculty & Staff Holy Hour & Social

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

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

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 IV of IV



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

Dear Reader,

On the night before Our Lord willingly submitted to the torture of the Cross, he said: *"I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."* While they were eating He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving to his disciples said, *"Take and eat, this is my body."* Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, *"Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood..."*

We have come to the most profound answer to the question of why Jesus has come in the flesh. St. Peter tells us, *"he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature."* What is it to be a Christian? The point of the entire Christian life, as Blessed Marmion states, is to "share in His life" as this "constitutes the very basis of Christianity and the substance of all holiness."

The Lord Himself tells us with no ambiguity: *"unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you."* In the Greek language, there are two main words used for "life." The first is *"bios"* and it is the same root from which we get the word "biology." It means earthly life, temporal life, life that has a finite beginning, and a finite end. However, when Jesus tells us that His flesh and blood is "life" he does not use *"bios"* but rather *"zoe."* Zoe is a word that means eternal life and the life of God Himself.

Consider how **real love always desires a progressive intimacy with the beloved.** Our Lord is not content to have us simply follow Him on the Way, but desires to live in us and us to live in Him, *"remain in me as I remain in you."* To share in the life of Jesus is not so much "having Jesus be a part of my life" but rather, *to live from a different source* as St. Paul says, *"it is no longer I who live but Christ lives in me."* Recall how Jesus describes Himself as the Vine and we are the branches. The branch lives from the source of the Vine and all of its life and vitality comes from Another. The Christian is the one who lives from the "sap" of the divine life (*zoe*) of grace.

How does the Christian receive this "sap" of Divine Life? While the flesh and blood of the Savior is the ultimate Source, **all of the seven Sacraments makes us sharers in the life of Christ.** Recall that Sacraments are "powers which flow from the pierced side of Christ" and are sources of the *"rivers of living water."* The profundity of the Christian is that he or she becomes another Christ; we begin to share in His way of seeing, we begin to share in His own Heart and we begin to share in what moves Him. In other words, we begin to see outside of our own immediate self-interest. To echo St. John Paul II: "[In sacramental communion], we can say that not only do *each of receive Christ*, but also that *Christ receives each of us.*"

The Christian is one who does not live from the changing winds of others' opinions or perceptions (even our own!) but from our participation in Christ. The more we participate in Christ the more we experience the unshakable confidence of being profoundly rooted in Him *"like a tree rooted near streams of living water..."* The more we participate in Christ, the less we will be ruled by the various lies we tell ourselves, the "skin-deep" truths the world tells us and the twisted truths the Enemy whispers to us.

The **distinct truth of the Incarnation is that God desires nearness to us.** This truth should never cease to bring us to profound wonder and awe. St. Paul says to us, *"you were once far off but now have been brought near by the Blood of Christ."* How near is this nearness that Jesus desires? A union so near that it goes into our bloodstream: *"take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood."* St. Thomas tells us that sharing in this Life of grace is "nothing else but a certain beginning of glory within us." In other words, by sharing in Christ we are becoming divinized. This is the profundity of the Christian claim: we are called to divinization, a real sharing in God's own Divine Life.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jake