



Update from Fr. Jake

April 30, 2021

Dear Friend of St. Lawrence,

With the end of the semester fast approaching and a shift into a more relaxed summer mode, I wanted to keep you in the loop about a few things here at St. Lawrence:

Spiritual Faith Formation on certain Sundays 9:20am—10:20am

- We want to continue to keep the hearts and minds of people not only engaged with the faith but actively growing in a communal setting.
- We plan on hosting a couple of series on Sundays between the morning Masses, or roughly from 9:20am—10:20am.
- Topic(s) and dates are TBD but watch for details!

Save the date! Sunday, August 8th “official” Welcome Back” event after 10:30am Mass

- Given this long pandemic, many people are seeking their way back to Catholic Mass and reconnecting to our community.
- The Fix-The-Floor project should be completed to allow an excellent time to celebrate an “official” return to community.
- This gathering will occur after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, August 8th for parishioners and friends. More details to come!

Possible elimination of the 7pm Mass (June—August)

- We are discerning to shift only to two Masses on Sundays at St. Lawrence during the summer months. This move is still TBD but we will decide in the next few weeks.
- With most students away, we want to keep the Masses as communal as possible and be good stewards of our resources.

Summer hours: May 17—September 6

- Tuesday-Friday, 11am-2pm and Saturday 8:30am-10am for Mass and Confession only.

St. Lawrence closed on Mondays throughout the summer: May 17—September 6

- Given that Fr. Philip will be gone for a good part of the summer and that Monday is my day away, we will be closing the office with no Mass or Confessions offered on Mondays May 17—September 6.

In the Risen Jesus,
Fr. Jake

St. Lawrence Newman Center Communication Update

- The last day of Adoration will be today, April 30 ending at 5 p.m.
- **Graduation Mass:** Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. followed by a reception picnic at East River Flats Park. Or join livestreamed at umncatholic.org *The 8 a.m. Mass will NOT be livestreamed*
 - The 2021 graduating class has pledged more than \$30,000 in monthly giving over the next five years. Please honor our dedicated graduates through a gift today. To learn more contact Kathy Jo at 612-261-2811 or kpeterson@umncatholic.org.
- The Young Adult Group is sponsoring an abortion survivor and leading pro-life spokeswoman, Claire Culwell, to share her inspiring story of redemption, healing, and forgiveness on **Wednesday, May 5** from 7:15 - 8 p.m. followed by small groups until 9 p.m. Contact Kathy Jo Peterson at kpeterson@umncatholic.org for the Zoom link.
- Tune in to the podcast entitled [Priest, Brother and U!](#) Br. Matthew and Fr. Jake team up with a new student each session to answer some of the deepest questions from life on campus.
- *Treasures of the Church* is a ministry of evangelization of the Catholic Church. Run by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross, its purpose is to give people an experience of the living God through an encounter with the relics of his Saints in the form of an exposition. Each exposition begins with a multi-media presentation on the Church's use of relics that is scriptural, catechetical, and devotional, leading to a renewal of the Catholic faith for many people. After the teaching, those in attendance have an opportunity to venerate the relics of some of their favorite Saints. Follow this link to view where the relics will be next, <https://treasuresofthechurch.com/schedule>
- Summer is approaching—What is appropriate for Mass? Appropriate dress should reflect three things: Our respect for God's house, our respect for Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist, and our respect for our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. With this in mind, a guideline for men, women, youth and children should be no shorts or short skirts and no low-cut tops or tight attire. Thank you for honoring God and one another!
- Do you have a prayer intention? We have a place to collect your prayers [here](#). Please pray for us as we pray for you.
- We have a dropbox for Sunday offerings on the outside confessional wall at the back of the church. You may continue to slide them through the office window, mail, or set up electronically at umncatholic.org/donate. Please call Kathy Jo Peterson at 612-261-2811 to learn about giving to St. Lawrence. Thank you for your generous support.
- Unable to come to Mass? Especially if you are a parishioner with underlying health issues, you can **set up a private appointment with Fr. Jake** to receive Holy Communion at the Parish with no one else in close proximity to you. Email him at Frjake@umncatholic.org or call 612-261-2807.

In Christ,
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