

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule: Fertile:

Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Mentor: Saturday 7:30 pm
Sunday- 10:30 a.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Diocesan Victims' Assistance Coordinator: Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895
(24-hour confidential number)

Reconciliation:

Anytime by appointment
Fertile: Sunday - 7:45 a.m.
Mentor – before Mass

Facilities Use: Anyone wanting to use the St. Lawrence facilities please contact Kelsey at the parish office: 218-637-8178

Sunday, September 20, 2020 – The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass this week: Friday, September 25, 9:00 a.m. No Mass

Saturday, September 26, 7:00 p.m. +Jennifer Lundsten

Sunday, September 27, 10:30 a.m. Parishioners

Sunday Mass Ministers: Volunteers are needed each week: Sacristan, Lectors (1 or 2), Money Counters (at least 2). If you are willing to help out, please arrive early and check in with Fr. Joe. Thank you.

Prayer Requests: Please keep in your prayers Clementine Privratsky (sister of Clara Dietz), and Esther Tang.

Offertory 9/13/2020

Adult	\$ 945.00
Plate	\$ 537.00
Electronic	\$ 920.00
Total	\$2,402.00

Holy Land: \$131.00

Latin America: \$138.00

Thank you for sharing your gifts!

Food for thought: *"So the last will be first and the first last."* (Matthew 20:16) You've heard the saying "It's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

We celebrate Mass at St. Joseph's on Wednesday and Thursday at 7:00 a.m., Mass on Friday is held at St. Lawrence at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Masses: Vigil on Saturday at 7:00 p.m. – St. Lawrence, Sunday morning: 8:30 a.m. St. Joseph's and 10:30 a.m. St. Lawrence.

Adoration is offered on Monday evenings from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's in Fertile. All are welcome.

Fertile Food Shelf: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Fertile Community Center. For emergencies please call 218-945-3136.

Saturday evening Mass: St. Lawrence will continue to have Saturday evening Mass at 7:00 p.m. We will re-evaluate Saturday evening Masses the end of September. Watch the bulletin for updates.

Sunday Mass will be televised at 8:30 a.m. on channel 32, and on the Garden Valley web page at 8:30 a.m. Or go to: <https://www.gvtel.com/video/livestream/> and scroll down to Channel 32. It will be re-aired at 10:30 on the St. Joseph's Facebook page.

Polk County Public Health is offering to all residents of Polk County, essential services including groceries, medication or other items needed for daily living. If you know of anyone that is in need of essential services, please contact Polk County Health at (218) 281- 3385. They are also gathering a list of volunteers who are willing to help deliver essential services if needed. To volunteer contact Polk County Health or register at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/PolkVolunteer.

Religious Education Classes: The RE directors are currently putting a plan in place for Religious Education classes in keeping with Diocesan Faith Formation Guidelines for COVID-19. Classes will begin the first week of October. Elementary students schedule will be forthcoming. Middle and High School students will meet on Wednesday evening. Watch for more information to follow.

Religious Education Teachers needed: We are in need of two elementary RE teachers. If you are willing to help pass on our faith to our children, please contact Amy Kolden.

All Lives Matter: We are so overwhelmed and shocked by all the terrible tragedies we hear about! They are happening in the United States, in Pakistan or Australia or elsewhere. They are carried out by cowardly terrorists or mentally disturbed loners or fame seekers. They attack little, defenseless, innocent children. We've had way too many children slaughtered in the schools or homes by the murderers.

Then we hear 'Black lives matter,' which is true!! Well, 'All lives matter.' The 'Unborn Babies lives matter,' too! Schools are not the only place where children are attacked! The most dangerous place for children to be today is in the womb of their mothers. They are being killed every single day by the thousands but that doesn't reach the news. Have we become so immune to the plight of the unborn who are being aborted? They suffer just as surely as do the school children.

When our government ruled on abortion, they made a horrible mistake. I feel it's the duty of our government to protect all the people. We are the United States of America and should be a shining example to the rest of the world of how to take care of our people, young, old, and the unborn.

God help us all.
Ruth Weber
Davenport Iowa

Take a stand for life! We must end the terrorism that is called a "choice", a "right", "healthcare" – let us call it what it is, it is murder!