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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

One Last CMA Appeal Request

I come to you on bended knee. As of this writing, our CMA goal seems to stand at 86%. I know that so many of you have given so much to assist us in trying to meet our goal. The CMA is how we can support all of the ministries throughout the diocese and, in particular, the ministries here at Saint Lawrence Church. I don't know how I would ever be able to accomplish what we do without the help and assistance of the diocesan offices.

So I ask, if you can, to participate in the CMA if you haven't already. Even a donation of \$20 or \$30 is a help in our reaching our goal. If you have already given but can give a little more, I thank you!

Please note that if we do not make our goal, I will need to take out the remaining balance from our regular collection to meet that goal.

Thank you for supporting the CMA.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER

Monday, May 22

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Michael Contestabile by Wife, Agostina and Family

Tuesday, May 23

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Joe DiLallo by Rose Gruttadauria

Wednesday, May 24

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

8:30 a.m. Mass for Barbara Thesing & Mary Lou Boerner by Family

Thursday, May 25

Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Communion Service, prayer for Priestly Vocations

Friday, May 26

Saint Philip Neri, Priest

8:30 a.m. Mass for Michael F. Contestabile by Mother, Agostina & Family

Saturday, May 27

Easter Weekday

4:00 p.m. Mass for Jeffrey Norris by Norris Family

Sunday, May 28

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m. Mass for Michael Ferrauilo by Nasca Family

10:00 a.m. Mass for All Those Enrolled in the St. Lawrence Memorial Society



*This week, we light the
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of
**Father Frank Falletta &
Father Donald Haycock***

Readings for the week of May 22, 2023

Monday, May 22:	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday, May 23:	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday, May 24:	Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday, May 25:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday, May 26:	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday, May 27:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
Sunday, May 28:	Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Attendance May 13 & 14, 2023
Total-907

May 13 & 14, 2023 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$14,365.96	\$13,750.00	\$615.96
General Maintenance	\$1,954.00	\$807.00	\$1,147.00
School Support	\$250.00	\$403.00	\$(153.00)

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
10:00 am

Mon - Wed, Fri 8:30 am
Thu Communion Service 8:30 am.

Holy Days of Obligation
Please see bulletin.

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

Please call us if you or a family member wish to be anointed.

Baptism

Parents should contact the Parish Office at the rectory as soon as they know they are expecting.

Marriage

Engaged couples should contact us at least **one year** in advance of their desired date.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9 a.m. - Noon, 1 pm - 4 pm
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The Rectory office will be closed Monday,

May 29, 2023 in observance of Memorial Day.

There is no mass and no communion service on Monday,

May 29, 2023.

Parish Staff

Rectory Office 723-1350

The Very Rev. Lee P. Chase, V.F., S.T.L.
Dean, Monroe West Deanery for the Diocese of Rochester, Pastor, x 207
Frank Arvizzigno
School Principal, 225-3870

Finance Administration

Marisa Stieve
Regional Finance Director, x.206
Dawn Nudo
Regional Finance Manager, x 205
Cameron Hyzy
Regional Bookkeeper, x203

Pastoral Ministry

Deacon David Squilla
Pastoral Associate, x. 212
Deacon Manny Asis
Senior Deacon, x. 201

Administrative Staff

Wendy Speciale
Business Manager, x. 201

Steven Geraci

Maintenance Supervisor, x 201

Jim Grotke

Maintenance, x. 201

Faith Formation Ministry

Amanuel Malik

Regional Faith Formation Director

(585) 663-2244, x106

Debbie Cichelli

Regional Faith Formation Assistant, 225-7320

Donna Gray

Regional Youth Ministry/CYO, 225-1485

Music Ministry

M. Virginia Pierce

Music Director, 227-7236

Susan Judkins

Song Prayers, 797-3719

Steve Amico

Faithful Voices, 225-7338

WHAT'S NOW

This Week At St. Lawrence Church

Monday, May 22

Tuesday, May 23

Faithful Voices - Church

7:00p.m.

Wednesday, May 24

Talent Show Rehearse - Deacon Hall

5:00p.m.

Song Prayers - Church

7:15p.m.

Thursday, May 25

Friday, May 26

Saturday, May 27

Sunday, May 28

BBQ Fundraiser Dinner

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**Sunday, May 21,
2023**

**11:00AM until
sold out**

"Our May Share Sunday collection will be for Bethany House on Joseph Ave. Bethany House provides temporary housing, assistance and support to women and children afflicted with homelessness and instability from domestic violence, incarceration, addiction, mental health, physical illness or poverty. They promote peace, equality and compassion through the dignity of persons, solidarity of community and inclusivity of all. Bethany House operates completely on donations. They do not receive government funding and they never charge for their services. Donations go to the services they provide to the women who visit.

The following items are most needed at this time:

FOOD ITEMS: Ragu Traditional Spaghetti Sauce, Creamy peanut butter, Honey Nut Cheerios, Fish Crackers, peanut butter crackers, fruit cups, fruit snacks, lemonade packets, Iced Tea packets, green tea, powdered creamer, baby food and any Enfamil formula.

CLEANING ITEMS: Laundry soap, Mr. Clean Multipurpose and multi surface liquid cleaner citrus scent 45 Fl oz, Comet type cleansers, sponges.

PAPER SUPPLIES: Toilet paper, paper towels.

CLOTHING: New women's undergarments (with tags) sizes S/M/L/XL.

PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS: Diapers sizes 5 and 6, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products.

Please drop off your donations at church by 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2023. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this month's Share Sunday.

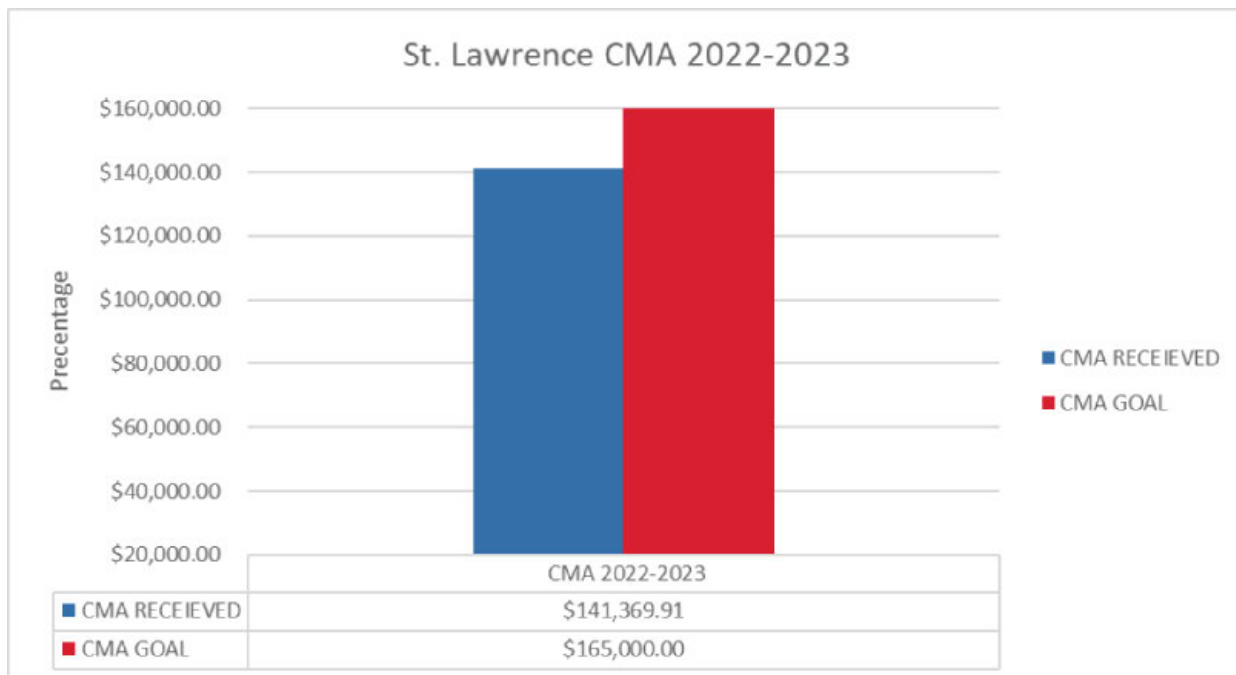
The Human Development Committee"

Help our Parish meet our CMA Goal!

We are so close to meeting our goal, but we still need your help!! Our parish only has 3 weeks left to meet the goal. St. Lawrence must raise \$165,000 for this year's campaign. As of May 15th, St. Lawrence has raised \$141,369.91 which is 86.45% of our required goal. St. Lawrence must raise an additional \$23,630.09 by May 31, 2023.

Please help and donate all you can, every dollar helps. The last few years St. Lawrence has not met our required goal. Unfortunately, this means we have taken the remainder of the monies from our reserve funds to fill that gap. If our parish doesn't raise all the funds the balance comes from our reserve funds. This puts off necessary projects and repairs needed by our parish.

Thank you for your continued financial support. Our parish is grateful for our parishioner's continued generosity.



Annual Catholic Ministries Appeal campaign funds wide range of ministries

Contributions to the CMA fund more than half the diocesan budget, fully or partly supporting efforts parishes could not easily afford on their own. Among CMA-supported initiatives are: faith-formation programs for children and adults; young-adult ministries; Catholic schools; sacramental preparation; youth and campus ministries; diocesan Catholic Charities and its regional offices and agencies; information technology; chaplaincies; social-ministry efforts; support of deacons, pastoral leaders and vocations, including formation and education through St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry; parish support ministries; operations and services of the diocesan Pastoral Center; and ministries of the Vatican, the U.S. bishops and Bishop Matano.

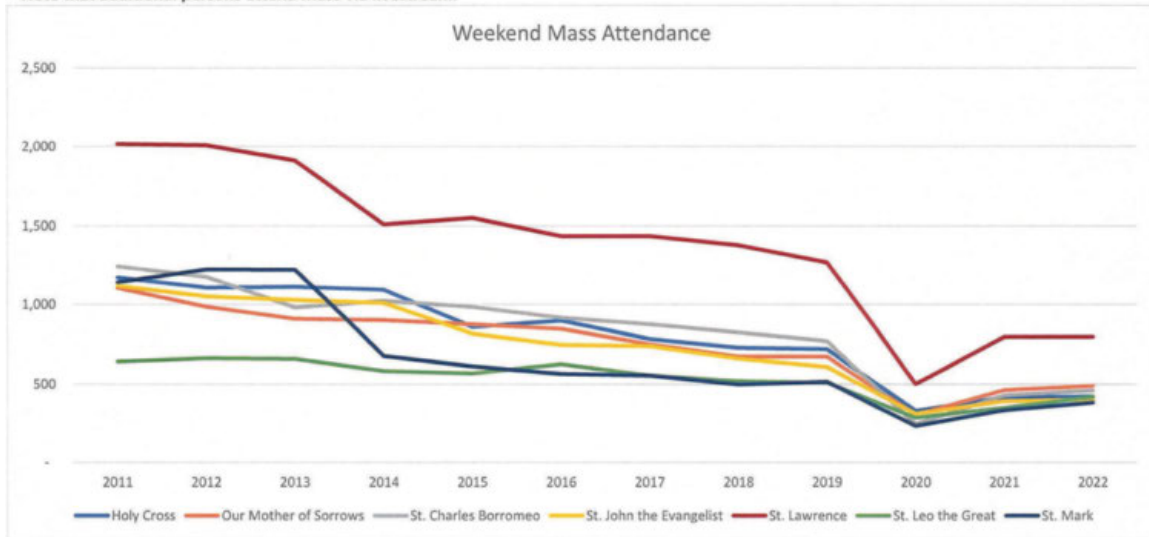
If you have any questions regarding how to donate or about the CMA please reach out to Marisa Stieve, Director of Finance at 585-723-1350 or marisa.stieve@dor.org.

Pastoral Planning: Sharing Our Reality—Our Parishes’ Weekend Mass Attendance

We often focus on a “priest shortage” but we also have a “parishioner shortage.” The 7 parishes in our area currently have about 3400 people at Mass on a typical weekend. In contrast, in 2011 we had 8400—a 60% decrease. Our attendance—like that across the diocese and elsewhere—has been declining throughout the 2000’s, but Covid greatly accelerated that trend. We have fewer people worshipping, engaging in the work of the church, paying the bills. **When was the last time you invited someone to come to Mass with you or you shared your love of the Mass and Eucharist with people in your life?** Mass attendance and church capacity numbers for our individual parishes are available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce> or from your parish office.

Weekend Mass Attendance 2011-2022												
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Holy Cross	1,172	1,107	1,113	1,093	857	898	782	728	720	330	417	421
Our Mother of Sorrows	1,104	984	908	901	874	846	749	673	673	307	461	488
St. Charles Borromeo	1,243	1,176	981	1,023	985	915	875	823	770	246	428	460
St. John the Evangelist	1,116	1,050	1,027	1,008	816	745	738	661	608	311	391	402
St. Lawrence	2,014	2,006	1,910	1,510	1,551	1,436	1,437	1,378	1,269	501	795	795
St. Leo the Great	642	663	659	583	569	626	555	520	509	286	350	418
St. Mark	1,142	1,224	1,223	677	613	565	555	498	516	233	334	382
Total	8,433	8,210	7,821	6,795	6,265	6,031	5,691	5,281	5,065	2,214	3,176	3,366

* Note that additional persons attend Mass via livestream.



Church Capacities

Parish	Congregation Seating	Choir Seating	Total Church Capacity
Holy Cross	387	31	418
Our Mother of Sorrows	702	32	734
St. Charles Borromeo	752	66	818
St. John the Evangelist	950	14	964
St. Lawrence	920	30	950
St. Leo the Great	371	15	386
St. Mark	622	15	637

* Based on 22 inches per person

Notes: Our Mother of Sorrows: additional seating for 70 in chapel

St. Charles: 26 choir in front, 40 in bell choir loft

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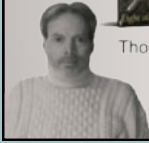
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