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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

First Penance

This Saturday, December 2, we celebrated the Sacrament of First Penance with our parishioners and the parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Holy Cross Church, and Mother of Sorrows Church. As you know, we share our Faith Formation Ministry amongst the four parishes. A very special thanks to all of the catechists and our Faith Formation Staff. The First Confessions were heard at Mother of Sorrows Church Saturday morning. And, now that we are in Advent, I want to give a special reminder that we hear confessions every Saturday beginning at 3 p.m.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass at 4 p.m.

Mass at Night at 9 p.m.

Monday, December 25, Feast of Christmas

Masses at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

(Please note that the 4th Sunday of Advent Masses will be as usual: Saturday, December 23 at 4 p.m. and Sunday, December 24 at 8 and 10 a.m.)

Source and Summit Missals

The missals are still available in the Main Foyer of the Church for a suggested donation of \$10.00.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 8

Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
This is **NOT** a holy day of obligation this year.

Mass will be at 8:30 am.

Weddings

I want to take a moment in this column to discuss getting married here at St. Lawrence Church. When a couple is engaged, they should call us FIRST to begin the scheduling process. Do not schedule your reception venue, your photographer, tell people to purchase airline tickets. We have to determine if you are free to be married in the Catholic Church and we must do some preliminary paper work. Prior marriages, whether Catholic nor not, can be an impediment to marrying in the Catholic Church. Either the bride or the groom should contact us by phone. While the mothers of the brides or grooms always want to be helpful, we need to speak directly to the bride and groom. There are two options for the marriage: a Nuptial Mass and a Nuptial Ceremony. The ceremony is the Liturgy of the Word with the Marriage Rite. It is fully Catholic and sacramental. It should not be thought of as a punishment of any kind. If either the bride or the groom is not Catholic, if the Eucharist is not a regular part of the bride and/or groom's life, if a large portion of the invited guests are not actively (weekly) worshipping Catholics - the Nuptial Ceremony is the more appropriate choice. We will discuss this with the engaged couple.

Funerals

As of this writing, we have celebrated 65 funerals this calendar year at St. Lawrence Church, more than one per week. Sometimes, we are celebrating 5 or even 6 funerals in one week. When your loved one dies, please contact the Funeral Director and give them at least 3 possible days that the funeral could take place. They will contact us and we will work it out. Sometimes, the first choice you have is not available for the Church or the Funeral Director. Also, it is much better if you work with a Funeral Director. The Church cannot provide the services a Funeral Director can. And, please note that "eulogies" are not allowed at the Catholic Mass of Burial. "Words of Remembrance of Faith" are allowed but we prefer they be given at the calling hours, or the cemetery, or the family gathering after the Mass. If given at Mass, they must be written out and pre-approved by me, the pastor, at least 24 hours prior to the Mass. It should never be assumed that the words will be allowed. Speeches containing inappropriate remarks, off color jokes, and no mention of the deceased's faith should not be given at the Mass but elsewhere.

Spend some time with Jesus! Adoration is Monday,
Dec. 4, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



This week, we light the

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of

*Pantalone, Pierce, Wright & Kelly
Families*

By Ginny Pierce

Monday, December 4

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Edmund Nietopski by Karen & Scott Delgatti

Tuesday, December 5

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Elizamma Joseph by Mrs. Jessy John

Wednesday, December 6

Advent Weekday

8:30a.m. Mass for Anthony Davide by Family

Thursday, December 7

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Friday, December 8

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:30 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

6:30p.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

Saturday, December 9

Advent Weekday

4:00 p.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

Sunday, December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Mass for Anthony Girardi, Granddaughters & Gina Rosengreen by
Ron & Rina Berardi

10:00 a.m. Mass for Joe Loria by Joe & Family

Readings for the week of December 4, 2023

Monday, December 4:	Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday, December 5:	Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday, December 6:	Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday, December 7:	Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday, December 8:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday, December 9:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday, December 10:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Attendance November 18 & 19, 2023
Total-982
Attendance 25 & 26, 2023
Total-855

November 18 & 19, 2023 Collection			
	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$11,570.98	\$13,269.00	\$(1,698.02)
General Maintenance	\$582.00	\$846.00	\$(264.00)
School Support	\$4,295.00	\$384.00	\$3,911.00

November 25 & 26, 2023 Collection			
	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$13,212.17	\$13,269.00	\$(56.83)
General Maintenance	\$271.00	\$846.00	\$(575.00)
School Support	\$170.00	\$384.00	\$(214.00)

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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WHAT'S NOW

This Week At St. Lawrence Church

Monday, December 4

Adoration - Church	9:00a.m.– 3:30p.m.
CYO Cheer - School	2:30p.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School	5:30p.m.
Bible Study - Deacon Hall	6:30p.m.

Tuesday, December 5

Santa's Holiday Shop -Deacon Hall	8:30a.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School	5:30p.m.
Faithful Voices - Church	7:00p.m.

Wednesday, December 6

Santa's Holiday Shop - Deacon Hall	8:30a.m.
CYO Cheer - School	2:30p.m.
Daiseys - Deacon Hall	4:00p.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School	5:30p.m.
Song Prayers - Church	7:15p.m.

Thursday, December 7

Santa's Holiday Shop - Deacon Hall	8:30a.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School	5:30p.m.

Friday, December 8

Saturday, December 9

CYO Basketball - School	8:00a.m.
Scouts Christmas Party - Deacon Hall	5:00p.m.

Sunday, December 10

Rosary Group - Deacon Hall	11:00a.m.
Wrapping Gifts - Deacon Hall	11:00a.m.
CYO Basketball - School	12:30p.m.

Tree of Love

"It is in giving that we receive."

The Human Development Committee is asking for your help to fulfill the Christmas wishes of people in the Rochester area. We are doing our Christmas Tree of Love this year. The recipients of our gifts will include people from Cabrini Parish, Women's Care Center, FLDDSO, Rochester Academy Charter School and Hope Hall. A portion of the people we help include developmentally disabled individuals with limited resources. Many of these individuals find great joy in shopping on-line or going to one of their favorite restaurants to enjoy a special meal as a treat. Whether the gift you provide is a toy, an item of clothing or a gift card, the love you share in the act of giving will be felt by those receiving your generous gift.

Please take a stocking from the tree this weekend (December 2nd and 3rd) and shop for the requested item. **All gifts need to be returned to church by December 10th by 11:00am.**

Please bring your gift UNWRAPPED, with the stocking attached along with wrapping paper. We appreciate your help with this heartwarming event.

If you have any questions, please call Debby Hoover at 227-9608.

You're invited to enrich your faith this Advent at any of our seven parishes

The 7-parish evangelization team has created a flyer which includes Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception as well as opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, ways to engage your mind and heart, events for the whole family, and local performances—all to help you to prepare for our celebration of God's entrance into our world as a vulnerable infant. We joyfully anticipate the Lord Jesus' glorious return at the end of time! The flyer is on the parish website, and hard copies are available.

Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Parishes

Advent Offerings 2023



The Advent candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love remind us of the hallmarks of Christian disciples. Let us strive to grow as disciples during Advent by participation in some of the events listed here. **ALL events are open to everyone regardless of your parish affiliation.**

Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday, 9 AM to 8 PM

Silent Adoration for private prayer
Rosary recitation for the United States at 12 PM noon
St. Leo the Great Chapel

Every Wednesday, 1 to 6 PM

Silent Adoration for private prayer
Holy Cross Church

Saturday December 16, 5:15 to 6:15 PM

Nocturnal Adoration: adapted Liturgy of the Hours includes psalms, spiritual readings, prayers and silent adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament.
St. Charles Borromeo Church



Brunch with St. Nick

Sunday, December 3 from Noon to 1:30 PM
Faith-filled activities and a visit from St. Nicholas.
St. Mark's Church

Breakfast with St. Nick's friend Santa

Breakfast, crafts, gift basket raffle & Santa.
Donations for Golisano Children's Hospital accepted at the door.
Saturday, December 9 from 9 to 11:30 AM
Holy Cross School Cafeteria

Breakfast and Pictures with St. Nicholas

Sunday, December 17, Following 10:30 AM Mass
St. Leo the Great Community Hall

Coffee Hour with Santa

Sunday, December 10 at 11 AM (following 10 AM Mass)
St. John the Evangelist Parish Center

Advent & Christmas Lessons based on the Movie "The Star"

Weekly material available beginning **November 26** to strengthen your family, the domestic church. Material includes prayer, teaching and action for your family during Advent. Then join for a special movie night on Saturday, December 30, 6 to 8:30 PM, following 5 PM Mass
St. Mark's



Performances



Christmas Pageant by the Children

Cookie reception follows
Saturday, December 16 at 6:30 PM
St. Leo the Great Church



Greece Choral Society Concert

Suggested Donation \$10 / adult
Sunday, December 3 at 3 PM
St. Charles Borromeo Church



Like the Shepherds and the Magi let us come and worship Him with joyful anticipation of His return.

Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Parishes

Engage Your Mind and Your Heart

Mary: The Bible & the Mother of God

Prayer, video presentation by Dr. Brant Pitre & discussion; 8 sessions beginning Sunday, December 3 at 11:45 AM
St. Leo the Great meeting rooms



Our Lady of Guadalupe with Jorge Salgado

Service with Exposition, Rosary, presentation, Benediction, closing. Light dinner to follow at 7:30 PM.
Tuesday, December 5 at 6:30 PM
St. Leo the Great Church

Catholic Moms Group SoulCore Advent Night

SoulCore is a combination of prayer and core strengthening & functional movements to nourish soul and body. Refreshments and social follow. Dress in clothing allowing movement; feel free to bring exercise mat. Donations welcomed but not required.
Thursday, December 7 at 6:45 PM
St. Leo the Great meeting rooms

Lift Up Your Hearts: Deepening Eucharistic Spirituality

Rev. Robert Kennedy, senior priest of the diocese, will offer a meditation focused on the actions of the liturgical assembly as they come together to engage in the Church's central sacramental act, full and active participation in the Holy Eucharist.
Tuesday, December 12
Presentation follows 9 AM Mass and repeated at 7 PM (no Mass in the evening)
St. Charles Borromeo Church



The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace

Rev. Joe Catanise presents, "The Sacraments, the Eucharist, Walk Through the Mass." This is part of the St. Leo OCIA. All are welcome.
Sunday, December 16
8:45 breakfast, session 9 AM to noon
St. Leo the Great meeting rooms

Additional Opportunities for Sacraments

Additional Opportunity for Confession

Wednesday, December 20, 2 to 6 PM
Holy Cross Church



Additional Daily Mass Opportunities

Saturdays—December 9 & 16, 8 AM
Please note: there is no morning Mass Saturday, Dec. 23
Our Mother of Sorrows Church

Holy Day Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

(Masses are listed in time sequence for your convenience)

Thursday, December 7—Vigil Masses

4 PM	St. John
5 PM	St. Charles Borromeo
5:30 PM	Holy Cross
6:30 PM	St. Mark's
7 PM	St. Leo



Friday, December 8

8 AM	St. Charles Borromeo
8 AM	St. Mark's
8:30 AM	Holy Cross*
	*School Mass open to all
8:30 AM	St. Lawrence
8:30 AM	St. Leo
9 AM	St. John
12:05 PM	St. John
5:30 PM	Our Mother of Sorrows
5:30 PM	St. Mark's
6:30 PM	St. Lawrence



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St. Lawrence @ 1000 N Greece Rd.
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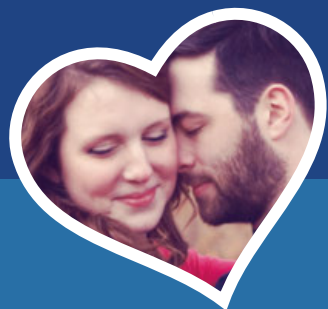
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