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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

The Second Sunday of Advent brings to me a sense of deep gratitude for you, the parishioners I am blessed to serve. Your commitment to the parish, your flexibility to keep up with the many changes in the Church and the ever challenging pastoral landscape, your sense of humor and your own sense of gratitude humble me. And what amazes me is your generosity.

As of this writing, we have reached about 55% of our CMA goal of \$163,000 from 289 donors. That is, in one word, incredible! I have every confidence that we can make our goal this year *before* Easter. In my time here at St. Lawrence, now 11 years, we've never done that.

This past summer, I had the opportunity to sit down and meet with about 10 parishioners who have been very supportive of the CMA in years past. They are a leadership group. In each meeting, I was so impressed by their suggestions, their input, their willingness to give whatever they could to St. Lawrence. This leadership group, every one of them, increased their CMA giving from last year and raised nearly \$15,000.00 themselves. That was even before any letters were sent out or any mention of the CMA in this bulletin.

What is the CMA? It is the Catholic Ministries Appeal of the Diocese of Rochester. The monies raised help to support Bishop Matano and the diocesan ministries for which he is responsible. The CMA supports our seminarians studying for the priesthood and, God willing, will be a part of the next generation of priests to lead our parishes in the future. The CMA supports our Catholic Schools. As a pastor of a Catholic School, I know the impact Catholic education has on our community. The CMA supports our parish staff members in their day to day work.

The CMA supports so much!

If you have your letter at home, would you consider a donation? If you have never donated before, why not participate this year! Shock me! Let's make our goal not by Easter, but by Christmas!

Next week, I'll have CMA envelopes in the pews for your convenience. And thank you for your donations. Every year, when we don't make our goal, we have to take some money from our holdings and pay the unmet goal difference to the diocese. Let's not do this this year. Let's go over our goal. If we do—half of that overage comes back to us. Thank you again from a very grateful pastor.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



*This week, we light the
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of*

Elizamma Joseph

By Mrs. Jessy john

Monday, December 11

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Jake Fliss by Cynthia Davide

Tuesday, December 12

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for Carmelo Cancelliera by Mr. & Mrs. John Mastrella

Wednesday, December 13

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:30a.m. Mass for Grace Abbattista by Joseph Gangai

Thursday, December 14

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

Friday, December 15

Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Mass for DeBerger & Pollet Families by Gary & Carrie Carlson

Saturday, December 16

Advent Weekday

4:00 p.m. Mass for Joseph A. Cropo, Jr. Gerard, Ethel & Ralph Reichhart
By Carol & Quentin Cropo

Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

10:00 a.m. Mass for Anthony Marcucci by Marcucci Children

Readings for the week of December 11, 2023

Monday, December 11: Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12: Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 13: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:21-30

Thursday, December 14: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 15: Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 17: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Due to early submission no mass attendance and no collection amounts available



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

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WHAT'S NOW

This Week At St. Lawrence Church

Monday, December 11

CYO Cheer - Deacon Hall 2:30p.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School 5:30p.m.

Tuesday, December 12

CYO Basketball Practice - School 5:30p.m.
Faithful Voices - Church 7:00p.m.

Wednesday, December 13

CYO Cheer - Deacon Hall 2:30p.m.
Daiseys - Deacon Hall 4:00p.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School 5:30p.m.
Song Prayers - Church 7:15p.m.

Thursday, December 14

Greece Food Shelf Mtg - Deacon Hall 9:00a.m.
Knights of Columbus Dinner - Deacon Hall 3:00p.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School 5:30p.m.

Friday, December 15

School Movie Night - Deacon Hall 6:30p.m.

Saturday, December 16

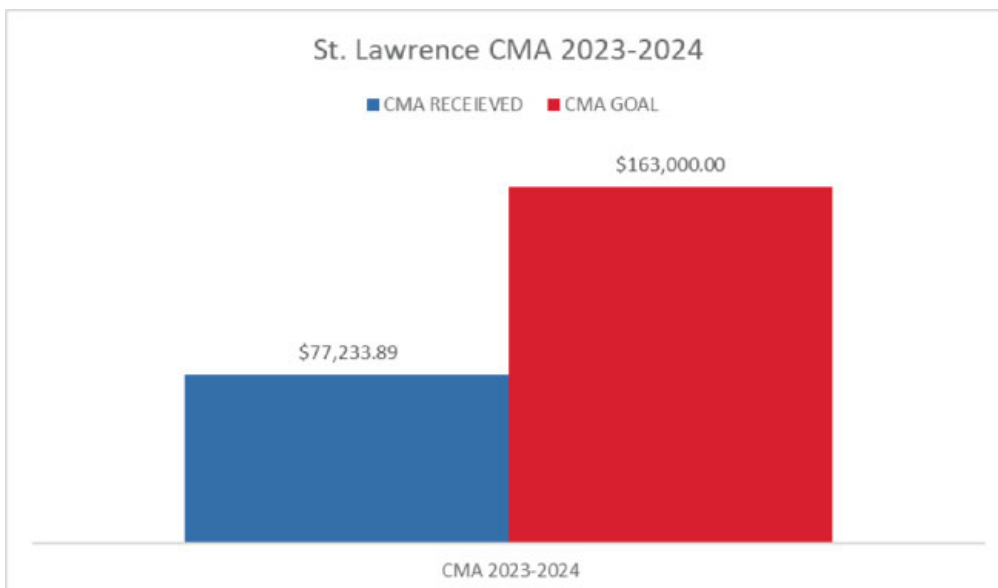
CYO Basketball - School 8:00a.m.

Sunday, December 17

Confirmation Classes - Deacon Hall 11:15a.m.
CYO Basketball - School 12:30p.m.

"Each January St. Lawrence Human Development Committee accepts your very generous donations of *NEW* pairs of socks for men, women, and children on behalf of several agencies throughout Rochester. Last January, we collected 2,432 pairs of socks!

May we suggest that you take advantage of the holiday sales to purchase a donation and set the socks aside for "Sock Sunday" which will be held on January 21, 2024. Thank you for remembering those who are less fortunate during this upcoming winter season!"



As of 12/4/2023, St. Lawrence was at 54.61% of their \$165,000 CMA goal. We encourage and thank our parishioners for donating to the CMA. The parish is required to pay our goal by June 2024. Thank you for your continued financial support. Our parish is grateful our parishioner's continued generosity.

Tree of Love

A quick reminder – **all gifts need to be returned this Sunday, December 10th by 11:00 am.** Gifts should be unwrapped with the stocking attached along with wrapping paper.

Thanks so much!

St. Peter's Kitchen is a soup kitchen located at 681 Brown Street, in the City of Rochester. Monday thru Friday the soup kitchen serves lunches to anyone who stops by for a lunch. They also prepare to-go boxes. It is a volunteer program, with a small paid staff. The volunteers help St. Peter's Kitchen feed the hungry.

St. Lawrence's Human Development Committee to looking for volunteers that might want to assist with this mission. Volunteering would occur once per month.

The duties involve making salads, pouring beverages, preparing produce for freezing, cutting up fruit, slicing desserts, general cleaning, making up to-go boxes and serving food. Our group would meet at 9:00 am and stay until 1:30. Volunteers are asked to dress appropriately, wear a hat and complete two online courses, with quizzes through Foodlink.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the rectory office, at 723-1350, Extension 201.

Pastoral Planning Task Force Update

The Charlotte/Greece/Hilton Pastoral Planning Task Force met on November 8. This meeting was devoted to discussing the report created by a subcommittee of the best parish groupings if our 7 parishes had only 5, 4, 3, or 2 leaders (Pastors/Pastoral Administrators). The subcommittee was praised for their fine work. They were asked to meet again to create multiple options for the time when the number of current leaders decreases, since it is unknown which of our leaders would be the first to leave due to being transferred, entering senior status (retirement), or other potential causes. We recognize that any implementation of these proposals would be at the discretion of the Bishop of Rochester. The task force will discuss the next draft report at its January meeting. Parish staff members will be gathered to give their input in February followed by pastoral and finance councils and then parishioners at large. Minutes of task force meetings are available at <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce>

May God bless you as you receive the
Sacrament of Penance for the first time and
may His presence always guide you.



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Charlotte Dutcher

Andrew Dziduch

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Margaret Filbrich

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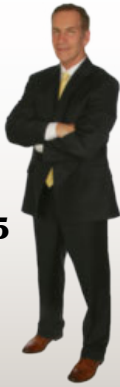
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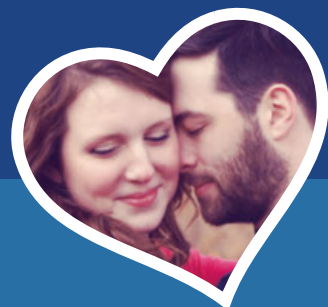
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