

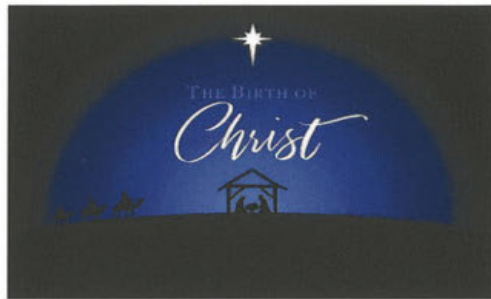
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May the joy and peace  
of the Holy Family (of  
Jesus, Mary & Joseph)  
be with you at Christmas  
and throughout the  
new year. Ammeen  
malik!  
Merry Christmas  
May God's love  
be with you.  
Debbie Cichelli

God bless you all!  
Father Lee Chase

Feliz Navidad  
Prospero año y  
Felicidad  
Deacon David

Have a blessed  
Christmas!  
- Cameron HYZY

MALI GAYANG PARKO  
SA INYANGI  
LASHAT  
Rev. MANNY

May the Joy of Jesus  
Fill your hearts  
and homes  
always  
Dawn Hubbo

Warmest Christmas  
wishes filled with  
God's love and grace  
♥  
Crystal Criticos

May your Christmas  
be filled with joy &  
happiness  
Marisa Steve

May the Light of  
this season bring  
great joy to your  
heart. Merry Christmas!  
Wendy Speciate

Wishing you peace,  
love and joy at  
Christmas time and  
always ...  
Jonna Gray

# THIS WEEK'S PRAYER

## Monday, December 25

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase  
10:00 a.m. Mass for St. Lawrence Parishioners by Father Chase

## Tuesday, December 26

Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

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

## Wednesday, December 27

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

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

## Thursday, December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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

## Friday, December 29

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

No Mass and No Communion Service

## Saturday, December 30

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

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

## Sunday, December 31

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:00 a.m. Mass for Michael Ferrauilo by sister-in-law, Karen Walker  
10:00 a.m. Mass for Harold George by daughter, Barbara Packard



*This week, we light the*

*Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of*

*Dorothy & Carl Smith, Anthony &  
Marian Juzwiak, Frank Pierga, Peter  
& Jennie Smith*

*By Doreen*

## Readings for the week of December 25, 2023

Monday, December 25:	Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday, December 26:	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday, December 27:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday, December 28:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Friday, December 29:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Saturday, December 30:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Sunday, December 31:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12:21/ Lk 2:22-40

Attendance December 9 & 10, 2023  
Total-852

## December 9 & 10, 2023 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$16,228.10	\$13,269.00	\$2,959.10
General Maintenance	\$795.00	\$846.00	\$(51.00)
School Support	\$260.00	\$384.00	\$(124.000)

## 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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## Internet and Social Media

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The rectory office will be closed on:

Monday, December 25, 2023 &

Tuesday, December 26, 2023. The office will reopen on Wednesday, December 27, 2023.

Merry Christmas!

## 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

### St. Lawrence School

Crystal Criticos - School Principal,  
225-3870

### Finance Administration

Marisa Stieve  
Regional Finance Director, x.206  
Dawn Nudo  
Regional Finance Manager, x 205  
Cameron Hyzy  
Regional Business Manager, 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  
Jim Grotke  
Maintenance, x. 201

### Faith Formation Ministry

Amanuel Malik  
Regional Faith Formation Director  
(585) 663-2244, x106  
Debbie Cichelli  
Regional Faith Formation Administrator, 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

<b>Monday, December 25</b>	
Christmas Day Masses	8:00a.m. & 10:00a.m.
<b>Tuesday, December 26</b>	
Rectory Office Closed	
CYO Basketball Practice - School	5:30p.m.
<b>Wednesday, December 27</b>	
CYO Cheer - Deacon Hall	2:30p.m.
CYO Basketball Practice - School	5:30p.m.
Song Prayers - Church	7:15p.m.
<b>Thursday, December 28</b>	
CYO Basketball Practice - School	5:30p.m.
<b>Friday, December 29</b>	
<b>Saturday, December 30</b>	
Confessions - Church	3:00p.m.
Mass - Church	4:00p.m.
<b>Sunday, December 31</b>	
Masses - Church	8:00a.m. & 10:00a.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!"**

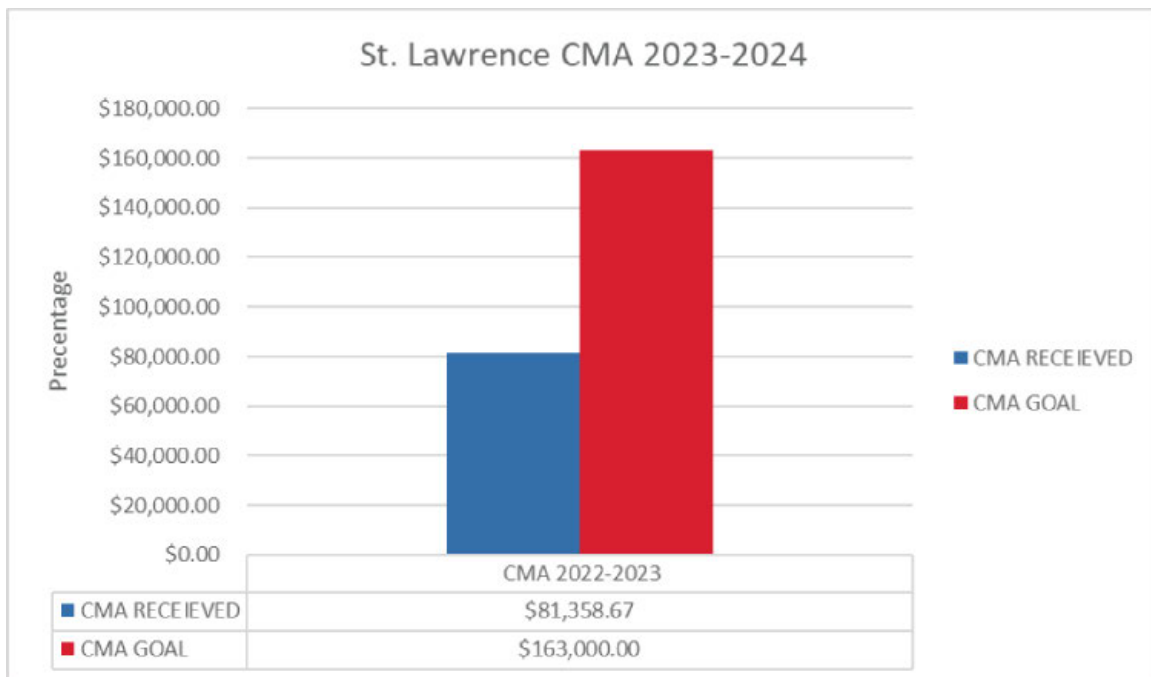


## Please help us reach our Parish CMA Goal this year!

Each parish is tasked with raising a specific amount for the CMA. St. Lawrence must raise \$163,000 for this year's campaign. The last few years St. Lawrence has not met our required goal. Unfortunately, this means we have taken the remainder of funds from our reserve funds to fill that gap. As of December 17<sup>th</sup>, pledges received to date total \$93,455.00. This means we are 57.33% away from our required goal. St. Lawrence must raise an additional \$81,641.33 by May 31 2023. I am asking that our parishioners donate what they can. Every little bit helps.

### 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 and the U.S. bishops.



Thank you for your continued financial support. The parish is grateful for our parishioner's continued generosity. May you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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](mailto:marisa.stieve@dor.org).

**December 24, 2023**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "**But she was greatly troubled at what was said.**" An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her *precisely when she is troubled*. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "**Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God.**"

\* *Father John Muir*  
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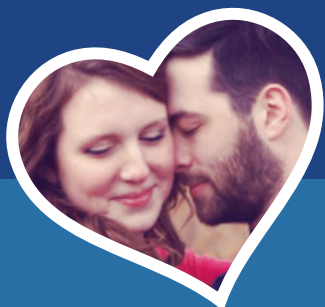
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