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## MUSINGS

*By Father Lee Chase*

### May Crowning

While it feels like we just started the month of April, May is just around the corner. On Sunday, May 5 at the 10 a.m. Mass, we will celebrate the traditional May Crowning. In years past, we have done this during the week with our school children. This year, I have invited Bishop Matano to come and celebrate that Mass with us and to invite all the families from both St. Lawrence School and St. Lawrence Faith Formation to come and to this Mass. The children in grades 2-5 will be invited to take part in the opening procession, to bring flowers to the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I hope we can have a filled church that Sunday! Please plan on this.

### Mass Intentions

As I announced at all the Masses last weekend, our Mass Intention calendar for 2024 is filled! There are no Masses available. Please use the option of the St. Lawrence Church Memorial Society to remember your loved ones who have passed. We will not open the 2025 Mass Intention book until late September or early October. Please watch the Bulletin for details.

### Leaving Items or Literature in Church

Again, as I announced last weekend, if you wish to have any kind of literature posted in the Church foyers or left on the tables—please see me first for my approval. Any literature left in the pews, on the tables or posted on the bulletin boards without my approval will be discarded. Please do not leave religious medals, rosaries, greeting cards, pictures, casket crosses, old books in the foyer. We are not accepting these anymore. Please give them to family and friends.

### Church Foyer

As you know, we are in the process of redecorating and refurnishing our church foyer. Over the last few weeks, we've installed new console tables, benches, and brought the statue of St. Lawrence which once adorned the old church and was moved to the school building to the foyer. That statue was missing the grill, the sign and symbol of St. Lawrence's martyrdom. I want to thank Matt Fraser who is a wonderful woodworker and longtime parishioner for making and installing the grill on the statue—it is now fully restored. Thank you, Matt!

We will be in the process of adding a few more light fixtures in the foyer and painting the foyer in the coming months. Thank you!

### Confirmation and First Holy Communion

In the next few weeks, we will be celebrating the Confirmation of our younger parishioners, please see their names inside this bulletin. And in about a month, we will celebrate First Holy Communion with our younger children. Congratulations to all of you as take these sacramental steps in your faith journey.

### Funerals

We celebrate 2 to 3 funerals on average every week now. To plan a funeral, go to our website printed above and find the Funeral Planning tab. There you will see the options for Scripture readings and Hymns. Please, when scheduling a funeral, work with the funeral director and give 2—3 optional dates for the funeral Mass. Masses are held usually at 9:30 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. Thank you.

Spend some time with Jesus! Adoration is Monday,  
April 15, 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*

*Baby Joseph*

*By Mrs. Jessy John*

### *Monday, April 15*

*Easter Weekday*

8:30 a.m. Mass for Roseann Bartlett by Ronnie & Elizabeth Berardi & Family

### *Tuesday, April 16*

*Easter Weekday*

8:30 a.m. Mass for 58th Wedding Anniversary Joe Palermo by Your Loving Wife

### *Wednesday, April 17*

*Easter Weekday*

8:30a.m. Mass for Nicholetta Brown by Angie & Joe Conciardo

### *Thursday, April 18*

*Easter Weekday*

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

### *Friday, April 19*

*Easter Weekday*

8:30 a.m. Mass for Robert Lagnese by Meghan & Michael Lagnese

### *Saturday, April 20*

*Easter Weekday*

4:00 p.m. Mass for Robert Pollett by Gary & Carrie Carlson

### *Sunday, April 21*

#### *Fourth Sunday Of Easter*

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

10:00 a.m. Mass for Rosanne Melita by Pauline Speciale & Family

## Readings for the week of April 15, 2024

Monday, April 15:	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday, April 16:	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday, April 17:	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday, April 18:	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday, April 19:	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday, April 20:	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Sunday, April 21:	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Attendance April 6 & 7, 2024  
Total-910

## April 6 & 7, 2024 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$18,542.00	\$13,269.00	\$5,273.00
General Maintenance	\$936.00	\$846.00	\$90.00
School Support	\$505.00	\$384.00	\$121.00

## 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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## St. Lawrence School

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Email - rstlawre@dor.org  
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## Marriage Banns

**Week II** Carey Meisenzahl & Christian Hallett

## 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

### Monday, April 15

Adoration - Church 9:00a.m. - 3:30p.m.  
Human Development Mtg. - Deacon Hall 6:15p.m.

### Tuesday, April 16

Faithful Voices - Church 7:00p.m.

### Wednesday, April 17

Song Prayers - Church 7:15p.m.

### Thursday, April 18

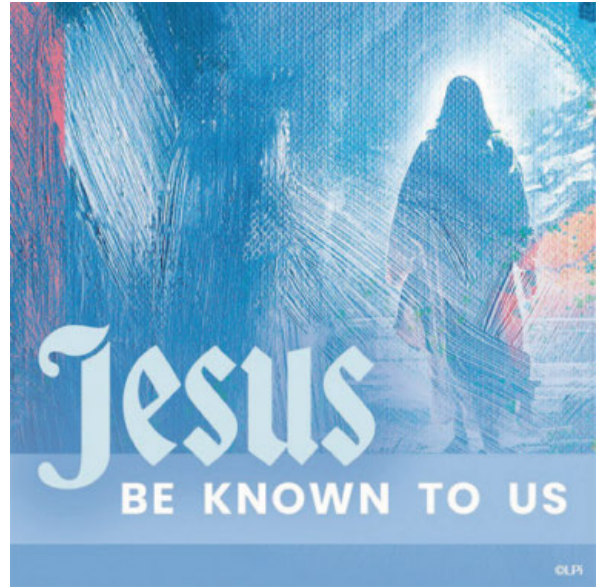
### Friday, April 19

### Saturday, April 20

First Communion Rehearsal—Church 10:45a.m.

### Sunday, April 21

Rosary - Deacon Hall 11:00a.m.



### How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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*Congratulations on your  
Confirmation!*



*May you hold the love for Jesus Christ in  
your heart forever!*

*Finn Christopher Andrews*

*Danyana Sophia Blain*

*Cody Christopher Calvaruso*

*Cody Francis Compton*

*Carly Theresa Donahue*

*Joseph Alexander Estes V*

*Madison Lucy Feeney*

*Lucia Teresa Galusha*

*Heather Maria Gillis*

*Julia Anne Gizzi*

*Lauren Rafaela Grasley*

*Dominic Anthony Heirigs*

*Micayla Joseph Hunt*

*Riley Sarah Johnston*

*Gianna Veronica Kenney*

*Martin Joseph Kohlmeier*

*Logan Lawrence*

*Juliana Joan Luciano*

*Isabella Valentine Maldonado*

*Audra Beatrice Olas*

*Nora Teresa Palmer*

*Luke Christopher Rawleigh*

*Angelina Monica Sansone*

*Elizabeth Veronica Schulz*

*Nunzio Anthony Serafine*

*Owen Michael Shannon*

*Maya Kateri Sillick*

*Jordan James Smith*

*Andie Teresa Wegman*

**APRIL SHARED SUNDAY ST. JOSEPH'S HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY**

**APRIL 13/14, 2024**

April Share Sunday will benefit St. Joseph's House of Hospitality. It is a Rochester Catholic Community Facility that provides food, clothing and spiritually-centered care for its guests. Some live in their own homes, some live on the street, some have a room, a bed or a cot of their own. St. Joseph's aim is to practice the Works of Mercy with whatever resources they have to give. They rely on donations to continue their work. Bag lunches are distributed every day, hot meals on Friday and Sunday, grocery bags with food 2 times a week. They also provide hot showers and laundry facilities for their clients. As usual, the Human Development Committee of St. Lawrence thank you for your generosity as we share a little of what we have. Please have your donations at church by Sunday, April 14th at 11:00 AM.

**CURRENT NEEDS:**

**Coffee, Powdered Creamer, Sugar**

**Dish Washing Detergent, Laundry Detergent, Bleach**

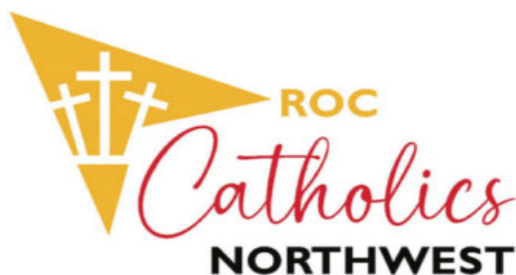
**Paper Towel, Toilet Paper, 39 Gallon Trash bags**

**Bar Soap, Deodorant, Body Lotion**

**Snack Size Chips, Granola Bars, Individual Sized Fruit or Pudding Cups**

**Canned Soup, Tuna, Beans, Pasta, Vegetables and Fruit**

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**Pastoral Planning Task Force Update**

On February 27, the staffs of our 7 parishes met to give feedback to the pastoral planning task force and our pastors/pastoral administrator on a draft recommendation to the Bishop of possible future clustering of parishes when the Bishop is no longer able to appoint the same number of pastoral leaders to our area. The pastoral planning task force discussed their feedback on March 5. Some of the comments that evening:

We need to keep communicating that the task force was started by the leaders, not the diocese, and its goal is that the Church's mission of Word, Worship, Community and Service continues in a vibrant way in our area under the constraints of demographics, financial resources, and priest availability.

We need to pay attention to what the staff members said was missing from the draft recommendation: evangelization, the work of the 7-parish committees, and finances. We have begun collaborating in evangelization through the evangelization team: preparing Advent and Lent flyers so people can participate in events across the 7 parishes and offering two Lent retreats.

How do we do both: attract people to the church and deal with the reality we have today?

Parishioners keep asking what a cluster is—they think clustering is the same as closing. A cluster is “two or more parishes with the same leader”—Holy Cross and Our Mother of Sorrows are clustered parishes that are successfully collaborating—both parishes remain open.

The task force will meet again on April 22 to address what was received from the parish staffs and regroup. It is most important that we provide a recommendation, or recommendations, that truly reflect the contributions, thoughts, and wisdom of all involved in this process. The complete task force minutes are available on the Roc Catholics Northwest website: [ROC Catholics Northwest](https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org) or <https://www.roccatholicsnorthwest.org>

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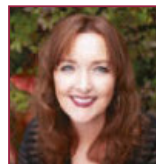
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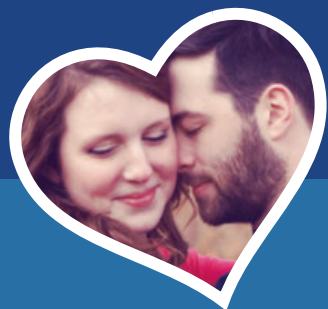
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