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MUSINGS

By Father Lee Chase

New Year's Resolutions

As we move into the 3rd full week of the new year, let's consider some New Year's Resolutions:

1. **Arrive to Mass on time!** While there will be some extraordinary times when we just can't get to Mass on time, in most instances—the same people are coming in late, as much as 10 minutes late. Last weekend, I counted 53 people coming in late to the 10 a.m. Mass, and 42 at the Saturday 4 p.m. Mass. I don't think it occurs to folks that all that movement in the church becomes a distraction to the priest, the deacon, the reader, and to other parishioners trying to pray. So let's make it a point to come to Mass on time. And, in that same vein:
2. **Do not leave Mass early!** Again, there may be reasons why, every now and then, that someone has to leave the Mass early. But that should be rare. Always remember the old adage: *The priest is the last person to enter the Mass and the first person to leave it!*
3. **Park only in designated parking spaces:** We're starting to get into the bad habit of once again, parking where there are no parking spaces. Please do not park in Fire Lanes, driveways, and the parts of the parking lot designated for driving and not for parking. Never park in the areas marked off. In case an emergency vehicle has to get into the parking lot for a medical emergency in the church, we don't want to impede their accessibility. Remember, it could be you the ambulance is for!
4. **Participate fully in the Mass:** Say the responses, sing the hymns and Mass parts. The Mass is not a spectator event for you to come and watch the priest pray. Participate!
5. **Encourage your family members to get married in the Church!** The Rite of Marriage is very beautiful and the sacramental grace of marriage is so necessary. Too many people are getting married at hotels, beaches, mountain tops, etc. Do both! Come to the Church for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Go to the hotel, the beach, the mountain top for the reception. Get the best of both worlds!
6. **Go to confession!** Confession is a cleansing of the soul. It can be so good and even therapeutic. To receive the forgiveness of God in the grace of this sacrament is a real blessing.
7. **Receive Holy Communion mindfully!** When coming to Holy Communion, remember to be mindful and prayerful. You are receiving the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of the Lord himself. Receive the host prayerfully either on your tongue or in your hands (one hand under the other, not side by side). Make sure your hands are flat and even so the host won't slide off of them.
8. **Pray ever day!** Pray in the morning, in the car, at lunch, before you go to bed. Find a time to give God a few minutes each day.
9. **Refrain from pointing out mistakes of others!** No need to explain that one!

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER



***This week, we light the
Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of
Pantalone, Pierce, Wright & Kelly
Families
By Ginny Pierce***

Monday, January 20

Weekday

No Mass & No Communion Service

Tuesday, January 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

8:30 a.m. Mass for Richard F. Kosko by Elizabeth Gallichio & Cliff Jackson

Wednesday, January 22

Day Of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30 a.m. Mass for Levi, Jane & Charles Burke by Gene & Mary Kay Volpe

Thursday, January 23

Weekday

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

Friday, January 24

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Mass for James R. Nickolini by David & Mary Reisinger

Saturday, January 25

Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

4:00 p.m. Mass for Pantalone, Pierce, Wright & Kelly Families
By Ginny Pierce

Sunday, January 26

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Mary Rose & Frank Spacher by The Spacher Family

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

Readings for the week of January 20, 2025

Monday, January 20:	Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday, January 21:	Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday, January 22:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday, January 23:	Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Friday, January 24:	Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday, January 25:	Acts 22:3-16/Mk 16:15-18
Sunday, January 26:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21

Attendance January 11 & 12, 2025
Total-875

January 11 & 12, 2025 Collection

	Amount Received	Weekly Budget	Surplus (Shortfall)
Sunday Collection	\$18,612.97	\$14,423.00	\$4,189.97
General Maintenance	\$3,636.00	\$865.00	\$2,771.00
School Support	\$325.00	\$442.00	\$(117.00)

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 on Monday, January 20, 2025 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

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,
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Song Prayers, 797-3719
Steve Amico
Faithful Voices, 225-7338

WHAT'S NOW

This Week At St. Lawrence Church

Monday, January 20

Human Development Mtg - Deacon Hall 6:15p.m.
CYO Basketball - School 5:30p.m.

Tuesday, January 21

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

Wednesday, January 22

Musical Rehearsal - Deacon Hall 2:30p.m.
Brownies - Deacon Hall 4:30p.m.
CYO Basketball - School 5:30p.m.
Song Prayers - Church 7:15p.m.

Thursday, January 23

Musical Rehearsal - Deacon Hall 2:30p.m.
CYO Basketball - School 5:30p.m.

Friday, January 24

School Dance - Deacon Hall 6:30p.m.

Saturday, January 25

CYO Basketball - School 9:00a.m.

Sunday, January 26

Confirmation Classes - Deacon Hall 11:00a.m.
CYO Basketball - School 12:00p.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 Bethany House, Cabrini Parish, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality and St. Peter's. Last year we collected 2,432 pairs of socks!

"Sock Sunday" this year will be held the weekend of January 18-19, 2025. Please bring new socks to church by Sunday at 11 AM.

Once again, we thank you for remembering those who are less fortunate during this winter season.

St. Lawrence Human

Development Committee

ST. LAWRENCE 2025 HANDS OF CHRIST RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our High School Seniors who have been the Hands of Christ to us. Through your participation in our Church Ministries, Faith Formation and Community Service you have demonstrated commitment to your faith and the gift to balance your social, school and spiritual lives.

Isabella DiGiacco Morgan Feeney
Grace Green Daphne Hix
Addison Murphy Delaney Pettit
Jack Rawleigh Giuliana Schaller
Avery Wegman

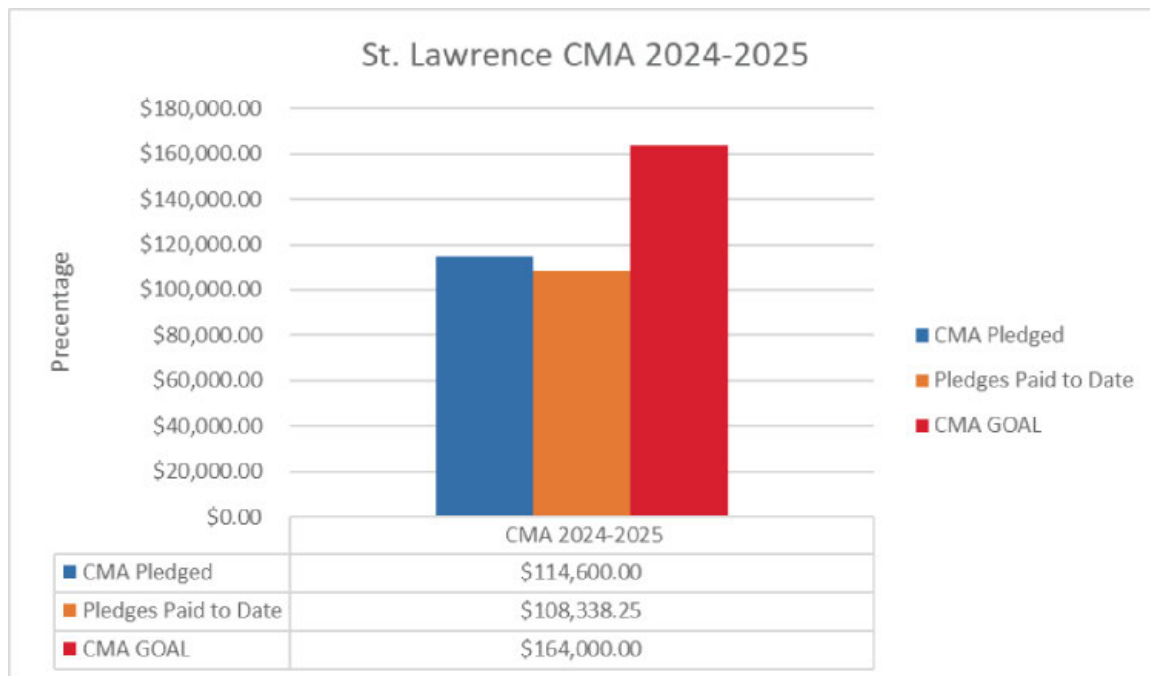
MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS ALL OF YOU IN ALL YOU DO

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 \$164,000 for this year's campaign. Last year we met our goal for the first time in over a decade. Thank you to all our parishioners for your donations. As of January 6th, pledges received to date total \$114,600. This means we are just under 30% of our goal at 69.88%. We are so close to reaching our goal!! St. Lawrence must raise an additional \$49,400 by May 31' 2025. I am asking that our parishioners donate what they can. Every little bit helps. Any funds not raised are required to be paid to the Diocese and will have to come from our day-to-day operating funds.

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 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.





One of our Girl Scouts Troops which began in 2019 has aged out and are no longer with us here at St. Lawrence. We bid them farewell and are thankful for their presence here at St. Lawrence Parish with their cookie sales, meetings, participation in Scout Sundays and service to our community. **A special thank you to their dedicated leaders of 5 years, Melissa Kehoe and Marisol Colon.**

Melissa recalls “Thinking back over the last 5 + years I think our most impactful time was during 2020. Marisol and I

hand-delivered packages every other week and conducted Troop meetings on Zoom. We wanted the girls to have something to look forward to and give them a small piece of normalcy”.

The girls kept very busy at their meetings with projects such as “Think like an Engineer”, Babysitting training, “Girls who Build” a woodworking session, Mary Kay skin care and cookie decorating with a Pastry Chef from the Ritz Carlton! They attended Camporees annually and went on field trips to place like Lake Ontario Screen Printing, Genesee Country Museum and Cortland for a fun getaway. God Bless TROOP 60098.

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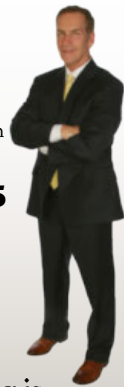
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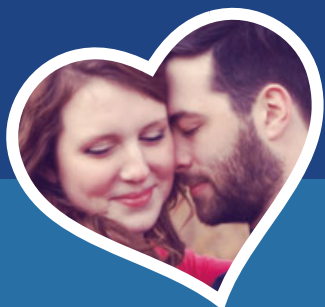
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