

**February 8, 2026 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday – Feb 7<sup>th</sup> – Vigil Mass**

5:00PM Souls in Purgatory (Helfant Family)

**Sunday – Feb 8<sup>th</sup> – Mass is Streamed Live**

9:30AM Greg Whoaton (Fr. Benn)

**Monday – Feb 9<sup>th</sup> – Weekday –**

9:00AM Fr. Joseph Henery, Pastor, Deceased (Tom Labant)

**Tuesday – Feb 10<sup>th</sup> – Weekday – St. Scholastica, Virgin**

9:00AM Living/Deceased Members of St. Lawrence

**Wed. – Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – Weekday – Our Lady of Lourdes**

9:00AM Intentions of Christine Arbour (Dolores Bonk)

**Thurs. – Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – Weekday –**

9:00AM Readings & Communion Distribution Only

**Friday – Feb 13<sup>th</sup> – Weekday –**

9:00AM Intentions of Bernie Bpylan (Parish Community)

**Saturday – Feb 14<sup>th</sup> – Weekday – St. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop**

9:00AM Intentions of First Responders, Veterans, Wounded Warriors

**Please Pray for Our Sick and Housebound, Deceased Members, for an End to Abortion and Respect for all Life!**

Lynda Stefanski, Peter Libasci, Joseph Bonk, Tom Trotter, Dave Blessing, Jeff Olimpo, Matt Sebastiano, Maria Middleton, Fern & John Gibson, William Merkle, Russ Funkhouser, Joseph Jones, Elizabeth Ann Schlotter, Andrew Schlotter, Bethany Steinberg, Joann Thaler, Julie Petry, Steven Fusco, Greg Gambino, Patrick D. Brown, Douglas Defreest, Jr., Benny LoScalzo, Steve Ombalski, Jane Burger, Ginny LaBar, Michael Gawronski, Marciano Alves Viera, Bernadette Maszczak, Shawn Kelly, Beth Collins, Nikia Helfant Messier, Anthony Libasci, Louis Cortese, Faith Marie Messier, Ann Lewis, Alvin LaBar, Emma Jones, **Bernie Boylan**

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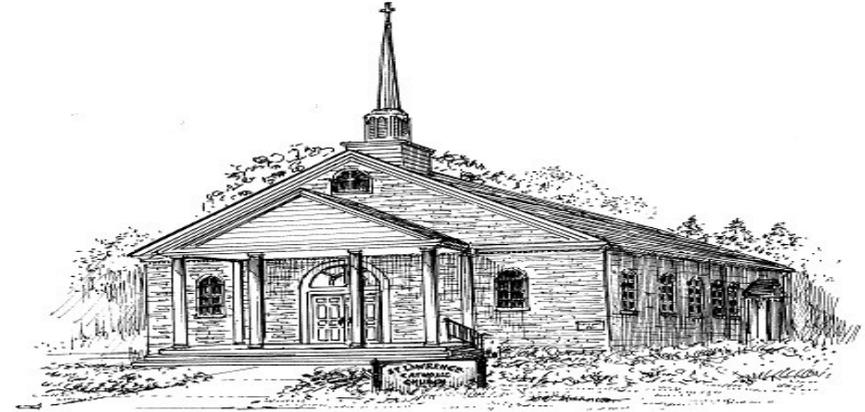
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**Mass Schedule:** Saturday Evenings @ 5PM; Sunday Morning @ 9:30AM; Holy Days @ 9AM, 12 Noon & 7PM; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday @ 9AM, Thursday Readings & Communion Distribution Only.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Wednesday @ 9:30AM – 11AM

**Confessions:** Saturday @ 3:30PM - 4:30PM @ Church. Via Appointment - Contact Rectory

**Holy Name Society:** Meets Monthly; Second Monday @ 7PM @ Ceader Hall (Sept – May)

**Altar Rosary Society:** Meets Monthly; Second Thursday @ 7PM (Sept – May)

**Lay Carmelite Community of St. Teresa of Jesus of Los Andes:** Meets Monthly, First Saturday Following the 9AM Mass in Ceader Hall.

**Marthas & Marys Ministry:** Faith based group, meets First Friday @ 11:30AM @ Ceader Hall

**Weddings:** Contact Rectory for Details. Plans Preferred Minimun 6 Months in Advance.

**Parish PREP Classes & New Parishoners:** Contact Rectory via Phone or email.

**Rectory Office:** Mon-Fri @ 9:30AM – 12 noon

Pastor's Corner February 8, 2026

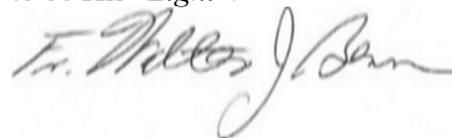
*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket: it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”*

The point which Our Lord is making should be obvious; namely, light has a purpose, which is to illuminate the road and identify objects that will help people avoid getting lost in their search for a city; *light* will help us avoid injury by avoiding unseen objects that they cannot see in their home. *Light* not only illuminates, but it also **enlightens**. Our Lord reminds His disciples that they are the beneficiaries of His gifts to them, when He shared them; when He patiently taught them new values and exposed them to a new and more profound level of Love; when He exposed them to His many acts of Love, Humility, Courage, and Compassion for others. With such gifts come responsibilities, and those responsibilities involve taking the risk of sharing His Good news not only through their words but also through their deeds. In short, the only way people will be inspired to embrace Christ's life is when they experience it and witness that those who are the source of such experiences no longer fear that they will somehow be impoverished by their generosity. Jesus impresses upon them that they have the responsibility to offer

those gifts, without playing it safe, without waiting for someone else to make the first move, and to do this with joy and cheerfulness. There is no place among Jesus' followers for those who hoard His gifts.

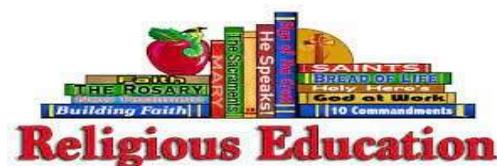
What is the reason or purpose for accepting God's gifts? *“That they may see your good deeds and **glorify your Father!**”* The people have a right to know that the Father loves them and that they need not fear that the Father has them on a clock or that the Father is counting or keeping track of certain numbers or kinds of failures (sins). Why? Because Father's capacity to love is beyond our imagination. Do we deserve this love, or can we oblige the Father to love us? NO! The Father's love is that profound, that generous, and that compassionate. That is why once accepted, the Father's way is so liberating.

So, my sisters and brothers, it is important for each of us to always reflect on these words of Our Lord. They carry with them liberating news for each of us, but they also carry with them the great responsibility to pass on the Father's love; to help others accept the Father's liberating Love, which will change them forever. It isn't quick, but it is wonderful! With humility, let us, each day, ask Him to be His *“Light”*.



**Collections:** January 25 @ \$1502 (snow weekend) Feb 1 Parish @ \$3971, Care for Aging Priest @ \$223, Choir/Music Program @ \$45, catholic Relief @ \$25, Catholic Foundation @ \$2003. Thank You.

**Need Your Help If You Can:** we are in need of Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors. Advise Fr. Benn. Thank you!!



**Religious Education Financial Assistance:** forms available in vestibule for Fall 2025 & Spring 2026. Provided by the Ceader Trust Trustees. Time sensitive, act now. Deadline March 1, 2026.

**Catholic Charities Appeal 2026** begins February 21-22. In-pew donation envelopes will be available. Please remember to make checks payable to: Catholic Charities Appeal, not St. Lawrence.

**2025 Day of Sanctification for Priests:**

Prayer: “Lord our God, who is governing your people; make use of the ministry of Priests, grant to these men; preserving obedience to your will, so that by their ministry & life, they may gain glory for you in Christ; Who lives &

reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever & ever. Amen”.



**Crab Cake Sale:** KOC accepting orders Jan 31 - Feb 8. Order forms in vestibule. Please support this important fund raiser.



**Night at the Races:** will be held on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. Doors open @ 6PM with races starting @ 7PM. This is a family friendly event open to everyone. Consider inviting friends, family & neighbors. Donations of door prizes & backed goods are appreciated. Horses available for purchase @ \$10 each with a 1 in 10 chance of winning \$50. Thank you for supporting this annual Holy Name Fund Raiser providing a helpful hand to those in need throughout our Parish Community.