



Bulletin

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Mass

Mon - Fri: 12:15 p.m. | Sat: 9 a.m.
Sun: 8 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. | 7 p.m.

Confession

Mon - Sat after Daily Mass

Building Hours

Mon - Fri: 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Reflection from Fr. Jake

December 9, 2022

Dear Friends of St. Lawrence Newman Center,



Once, in the early centuries of the Church, a young monk came to one of the seniors who was working in his garden, and asked if he might give up his prayers because they were doing him no good. "It is the same with reading the Bible," he added, "because I know it now by heart and I get no savor from it." The old man told the monk to pick up a dirty and broken basket that happened to be lying on the ground and asked him to fetch some water in it from a neighboring stream. By the time the young monk got back, there was not a drop in the basket. The same obedience was demanded of the novice every day for a week. At the end of the week, the young monk ventured to point out that the amount of water fetched from the stream would not fill a small cup. "Never mind about that," said the ancient, "because it happens that I have as much water as I need. But if you look at the basket you will see that where it was dirty it is now clean."

This can often be the case with our life of prayer, it can seem dry, uneventful, or not doing us much good. However, the fruitfulness of our prayer is conditioned upon our obedience to it, our steadfast "yes" to meeting God each day. I like to say that consistency in prayer beats intensity in prayer every day of the week. Of course, obedience to something may not always be an exciting exercise, but just as in the case of the young monk, there are often many fruits that we do not see.

For example, there was once a woman who asked her priest, "What did you gain by regularly praying to God?"

WHAT'S NEW?

The Non-Semester Mass times will begin on **Sunday, December 18th at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.** This will remain in effect until **Sunday, January 22nd.**

Throughout the semester we have collected quite a few items that are in our lost and found. Please visit our news section on the front page of our website to view the items. If any of these are yours, please come to the office to claim them. After one month, they will be donated.

Archbishop Hebda's pastoral letter on implementations of the synod process was released on **Saturday, November 19th.** Please visit www.archspm.org/synodletter/ to view the letter.

The last day of Adoration for the fall semester will be **Wednesday, December 14th.** Adoration will resume again in the spring semester.

Beginning **Monday, December 19th**, the building hours will change to **11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday - Friday.** Saturdays will be the normal Mass and Confession times. This will remain in effect until **Tuesday, January 17th.**

Join us for the **Winter Parish Retreat** on the Holy Spirit on **Friday and Saturday, January 20th & 21st** at St. Lawrence Newman Center. The cost is \$10. All parishioners are invited to attend. Visit umncatholic.org/news/winter-parish-retreat-2023 to register.

Reflection from Fr. Jake cont..



The priest replied, "Nothing... but let me tell you what I lost: anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity, and fear of death." Sometimes, the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing, which ultimately is the gain. Of course, there are plenty of things we do gain as well including:

- We live more in the power and Presence of God
- Living our daily life as responsive vs. reactive
- A progressive distaste for passing things and an increase in hunger for the eternal
- Increase in faith, hope, and charity
- Life's daily events (sufferings or joys, ordinary or extraordinary) lose their rank of importance

Prayer always presupposes effort, that's why it's never easy. It is never easy because prayer is a battle, it is a battle against self and against the Tempter.

May this Advent season find us watchful and steadfast in meeting the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Jake

The Christmas and New Years Masses are as follows:

- Saturday, Dec. 24: 4 p.m. (No 9 a.m. Mass)
- Sunday, Dec. 25: 9 a.m. **ONLY**
- Sunday, Jan. 1: 9 a.m. **ONLY**
- Sunday, Jan. 8: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 15: 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 22nd will return to the regularly scheduled In-semester Mass times of 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 7 p.m. There will be no confessions following the Masses listed above.

We would like to give the community of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and Newman Center the opportunity to purchase Christmas flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones. The suggested donation is \$15. Names of those honored will appear in the bulletin on the Sunday after Christmas. Complete the form below, fill out the form in the gathering space, or fill out the form under the news section on the home page of our website and turn it in to the parish office.

Mass Intentions

Sun. December 11: 8 a.m.: Greg Lunzer | 10:30 a.m.: +Ken Lunzer | 7 p.m.: For Our Parish |
 Mon. December 12: +Jim Spano | Tues. December 13: +Leon & Rose Bourque | Wed. December 14: +John MacEachern |
 Thurs. December 15: MaKenzie Wymegar | Fri. December 16: +Barbara Rosacker | Sat. December 17: Victor Spencer

Gaudete Sunday | Dec. 11 - 17, 2022

Ministries and More at St. Lawrence Newman

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Join our email list found at umncatholic.org/weekly-email for the most up-to-date information.

UNITE: Join us for a Christmas Party on **Tuesday, December 13th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Social Hall.

For more information, contact Samuel Subler at samuel.subler@spo.org or Katie Huetteman at katie.huetteman@spo.org

Prayer Requests

- Please continue your prayers for Alan's schizophrenia illness.
- Pray for Joseph who is suffering from a condition where any physical activity will cause him to become sick. Doctors have not been able to diagnose his illness. Please pray for his recovery.
- For peace and God's will for Fr. Roque Fabián Brito, Andrea Noir, Rita Valle Moreno, Sr. Deonilda, and the rest of the sisters

Monday Night Volleyball

Join us for Monday Night Volleyball from 8-10 p.m. in the parish gym. If you have questions, please call John Hagen at 612-623-0908.

Young Adults

Come check out the St. Lawrence Young Adult Group. This group is targeted at those 22-32 years old. The group meets every other Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. in the Social Hall. For more information, please contact youngadults@umncatholic.org

Women's Group

The Women's Group provides opportunities to share experiences, wisdom, and hold fundraising events. Email President Jacqueline Dekker Travis at jddekertr@aol.com to learn more or visit umncatholic.org/womens-club

Victim Assistance Program: (651) 291-4475

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Donor: _____

In memory or in honor of: _____

Women's Book Club

There will be no Book Club for the month of December. Book Club will resume in January.

Call Mary Groetsch, Administrative Assistant at 612.446.4663 if you have any questions.

Women Growing in Faith will begin again on **Tuesday, February 7th after the 12:15 p.m.** Mass for the afternoon group and **6:30 p.m.** for the evening group. All are welcome to attend at any time. This is intended to offer all women of the parish an opportunity to grow in faith. For more information, please visit umncatholic.org/women-growing-in-faith.

Fr. Jake's homilies are now posted on our website every **Tuesday**, umncatholic.org/resources.