

# The Pastor's Corner

## RESISTING CHANGE... AND THE PROPHETS

Every once in a while at home, I would have to make an electrical repair in our outdoor electrical wiring. If you've had any experience with outdoor wiring you know very well that you must use cable and wire rated for such a purpose. If you do not, and you use simple standard cable, things will work for some time, but eventually the wire will deteriorate and fail. The months and years in the sun and weather will eventually make it unable to take the necessary movements and flexing it can be subjected to, and the insulation will crack and fail, exposing the wire underneath, and ruining it in the process.

Often in a life of faith, we are being asked if we are the wire that is able to flex and change-even in the midst of the challenges, or the sun, of our daily life. In the first reading and the Gospel for this weekend, we hear about first Ezekiel the prophet, and then Jesus, who was a prophet in His own right as well. Prophets, as we are told in the Catechism have two primary objectives: to give people education in faith, and then to give them conversion of heart. Ezekiel had acceptance and rejection, and Jesus also had the same.

We are no different in our need for "prophets," or ministers sent on God's behalf. We hold bishops, priests, deacons, and so many others to their role in preaching the Gospel... but there is a crucial question: do we respond to what these prophets in our midst are saying? It is very easy to dismiss what they say as if it were for someone else, or even to become hardened against their word as if we are exposed to sunlight for months and years- and so we resist change, as we tend to break apart and ultimately fail because of that resistance to conversion and change. We are not being sent prophets to be ignored, but to be heard, so that we experience positive change so that we can become closer to our Lord and God through their words!

-Fr. Belken

### Readings for Next Sunday

The Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
July 14, 2024

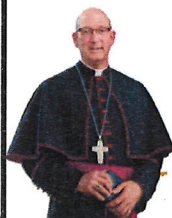
Am 7:12-15  
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10  
Mk 6:7-13

### OUR PARISH PICNIC IS THIS WEEK!!

Friday, July 12, 2024, 5-11:30pm  
Saturday, July 13, 2024, 3-11:30pm  
Join us for "corn hole", the Mr. and Mrs. New Hamburg Contest, our famed dinner, races, booths, and a very good time as a community!

### BISHOP RICE'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION

May our national efforts to renew and strengthen our belief in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist bear fruit!



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · JULY 7, 2024



# Saint Lawrence

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



*they shall know that a prophet has been amongst them.*

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July 7-13, 2024  
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**Mass Schedule**

Sat. Jul 6 4PM	Parish Family	Thu. Jul 11 7AM	Lillian Westrich
<b>Sun. Jul 7 8:30AM</b>	<b>Barney &amp; Sylvia Steimle</b>	Fri. Jul 12 7AM	Melvin Glastetter
Mon. Jul 8	No Mass	Sat. Jul 13 4PM	Parish Family
Tue. Jul 9 6PM	Felix Enderle	<b>Sun. Jul 14 8:30AM</b>	<b>Alex Jr. &amp; Vera Burger</b>
Wed. Jul 10 7AM	Louis & Anna Glastetter		

**SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION.** JUL 7-Mary F. Glastetter, JUL 14-Theresa Essner, JUL 21-Carol Klipfel, JUL 28-Dorothy Deason.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:**

June 30, 2024: Loose \$76, Envelopes \$1715, Total: \$1791.

**FRIDAY, JULY 12<sup>th</sup>, ADORATION.** St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

**FRIDAY, JULY 12<sup>th</sup>, CHURCH CLEANING.** Chairman: David & Laura Westrich  
Catherine Wilder, James & Kari Wilhelm, Kyle & Nicole Wilson.

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, NEW HAMBURG PICNIC.** Flyers are available on the church vestibule and on the church Facebook page and Website, please take one and share to help advertise this year's picnic.

**DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (DDF).** As of the 9th week of DDF, 88 families have graciously donated out of 211. Thank you so much. We are over 94% of the way toward reaching the goal. To date, our parish has given \$22,090.00 toward our \$23,472.00 goal. We need \$1,382.00 to reach the goal. We have reached out to the 123 families that have not responded. Let's wrap up DDF this year with another successful campaign from St. Lawrence Parish.

**PASTORAL NOTE: INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE PENITENTIAL RITE** - Starting in a few weeks, Father would like to introduce an alternate penitential rite from the Roman Missal (occurs at the very beginning of Mass, before the Gloria or opening Collect). The dialogue will go as follows, with congregation saying the bolded parts:

Presider: Have mercy on us O Lord.

**R. For we have sinned against you.**

Presider: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**R. And Grant us your salvation.**

Presider: May almighty God have mercy on us...

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b>	Sat. Jul 13 4PM	Stephanie Burger
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sat. Jul 13 4PM	Linda Essner/Kari Bickings
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sat. Jul 13 4PM	Mr./Mrs. Richard Green
<b>Servers:</b>	Sat. Jul 13 4PM	Caleb Vetter/Noah Vetter/Drew Essner
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sat. Jul 13 4PM	Michael Glastetter/Michael Glastetter II/ Ronald Glastetter/Frank Glueck

<b>Lector &amp; Communion Distributor:</b>	Sun. Jul 14 8:30AM	Sally O'Brien
<b>Organist/Cantor:</b>	Sun. Jul 14 8:30AM	Linda Essner/Mary B. Glastetter
<b>Gift Bearers:</b>	Sun. Jul 14 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. Steve Griffith
<b>Servers:</b>	Sun. Jul 14 8:30AM	Isabel Wyatt Farrow/Oliver Walter/Leeland Walter
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sun. Jul 14 8:30AM	Allan Green/Chris Grojean/Randal Grojean/ John David Harper

**PICNIC.** 2024 St. Lawrence Parish picnic is fast approaching July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Donations for raffle and attendance prizes are greatly appreciated and needed. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Also, arrangements can be made by calling Richard Reeves 573-450-2883 or Andrea Reeves 573-576-6240 for donation pickups or drop offs.

**ST LAWRENCE CELEBRATION.** We are now taking donations for fireworks for the closing ceremony of our St. Lawrence day celebration on **August 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please put in an envelope marked "Fireworks" and either drop in the collection plate or the rectory. Thanks in advance.

**CODE OF CONDUCTS.** Code of Conducts are available online or in the Parish Office to be signed for volunteers, workers, and PSR staff/teachers for the upcoming year. Please come by to sign as soon as possible. **This year another form needs to be signed. The "Fair Credit Reporting Act" background check form also needs to be signed along with the CoC form.** Both are available online and in the Parish Office.

**PICNIC PETTING ZOO.** Needs Puppies, so if you have a puppy that you would like to bring, please contact Joe Dirnberger at 573-270-0936. Additionally, this Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 2PM, we are seeking volunteers to help set up the tent for the petting zoo, so any assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

**FOOD PANTRY.** Summertime can be difficult for food pantries. We received a nice donation of cereal and instant potatoes from Gilster MaryLee but need help to buy other items. Please consider a donation, you can put your envelope in the collection marked: Jesus in Disguise Food Pantry. Thank you.

**THANK YOU.** Thank you to everyone who agreed to work in the kitchen. We will begin on Friday at 8AM and Saturday at 10AM. Each family is asked to bring a dessert. Thanks.