

New office hours are Wednesday & Thursday
7:30 am—5:30 pm if there is an Emergency you may call Corinne
at 715-250-0567 or Father David at 920-228-1814.
Thank-you.

Father David Greskowiak Administrator
Emergency Phone # for Father David: 920-228-1814
Sunday 10/31 = \$1,117.00 Weekly amount needed = \$1,845
Attendance = 69 All Souls Collection = \$91.00 World Mission = \$821

Mass Intentions -
11/07/2021—Kaminecki Family by Mayme Nowak
10/14/2021—Remembrance of Beverly Diemel by Bohm Family

Mass Servers -
11/07/2021—Nicholas & Ava peters
10/14/2021—Joey & Alex Krings

Ministers of the Word -
11/07/2021—Bill Letter & Judy Berreitter
11/14/2021—Steve & Carol Short

Hospitality
11/07/2021—Steve & Sheila Hartlaben
11/14/2021—Keith Pennings, Renee LaFond

November Sponsor/ Bulletin - Living & Deceased Members of the
Short Family by Randy & Jean Short

Trumpet Sponsor for November— Cathy Ashenbrenner

Upcoming Events -
RE Meeting November 9 @ 6 PM
Finance Meeting—November 18 @6:00 PM
Parish Council Meeting—November 18 @ 7:00 PM

Fall Dinner Sunday November 7, 2021 10 AM—2 PM
St Patrick Catholic Church Stephenville
Broasted Chicken & Pork with all the trimmings, Homemade Pies—More
information is Posted on bulletin board at each entrance of the church.

Annual Deer Hunter's Mass November 20, 7:00 PM
Our Annual Deer Hunter's Mass is having a Bake Sale on Saturday
November 20 starting at 6:30 PM and the Sunday starting at 9:30 AM
before mass on November 21. All baked goods need to be wrapped
individually and sold before mass or after Mass. PLEASE DO NOT
BRING THE BAKED GOODS IN THE CHURCH DURING MASS.

Knights of Columbus
Meeting Nov. 9 @ 6:30 PM at St Mary's Parish Hall in
Black Creek.



There will not be Daily Mass at St. Mary's in Black Creek
during the week of 15-19 November.

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
Wednesday, November 17—5-7 PM &
Saturday, November 20— 9-11 AM
Focus Items include— Mayonnaise, Pickles, Pudding Snack
Packs, Graham Crackers, Hamburger Helper. Thank-you for the donations!!
A friendly reminder November = Thanksgiving dinner & Baskets.



**St. Mary's Packer Tailgate Party and Spaghetti
Supper—THIS Sunday**
St. Mary's Parish in Black Creek will be having a Packer
Tailgate Party THIS Sunday, November 7th in the Parish
Hall as the Packers play the Kansas City Chiefs.
EVERYONE FROM ST. LAWRENCE PARISH IS
CORIALLY INVITED TO COME! Doors to the will open
at 2:30 P.M. with the game starting at 3:25 P.M. Tickets
will be \$10 per person at the door (\$5 for children
2-12). This will include snacks during the game and the
spaghetti supper (spaghetti, meatballs and sauce, lettuce
salad, and dessert). There will be wine, beer, soda, and
water for purchase. There will also be a Christmas basket
and a Packer basket to be raffled off, along with 50/50
raffles, etc. We hope we see you this Sunday for cheering
the Packers on to victory, a good meal and fellowship.

Thanksgiving Day Homily Input
For his homily on Thanksgiving Day—25 November, Fr.
David would like to share what the people of St. Lawrence
Parish are grateful for. If you would like to mention
something you're grateful for, please write it on one of the
slips of paper and place it in the box in the back of the
church so that it can be read at Mass on Thanksgiving Day.
Thank you.

National Vocations Awareness Week
The week of 7-13 November is National Vocation
Awareness Week. It is an annual week-long
celebration of the Catholic Church in the United
States dedicated to promoting vocations to the
priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through
prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and
support for those who are considering one of these
particular vocations. Please join in praying for and
promoting vocations, yes— even in your own family!
Below is a prayer for vocations:

*O Father, you desire all of us to be happy. Stir up the
grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many
men and women. Grant to them the willingness and
generosity to give of themselves, their lives, their time
and their talents to the service of Jesus Christ, Your
Son, Our Lord and Savior, and to His Holy Church.
May more men and women go forth as priests,
deacons, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of
our Catholic faith to all others so that soon they, too,
may know You better and love You more, and in
serving You, be truly happy. Amen.*

We have All Souls' Day envelopes in the church for you to
take and write the names of any deceased individuals you
would like remembered during the month of November,
place a financial contribution in it and then place it in the
collection basket. The envelopes will then be placed on the
altar all during the month of November. Thank you.

**Rosary Readers—Thank-you for leading the
rosary the past 4 weeks. It is really appreciated
from all here at St Lawrence. Thank-you.**

A Reflection on Purgatory for All Souls' Day
Traditionally the month of November is the month of the Holy Souls, a time to pray for our loved ones and others who have died.
We should also reflect on our Church's teaching on Purgatory. Below is an excerpt of an article titled: *"The Holy Souls in
Purgatory,"* dated 2 November 2019, from Chapter 8 of *My Catholic Faith*, and found on the *Catholic Daily Reflections* website:
catholic-daily-reflections.com:

The Church Suffering: Purgatory is an often misunderstood doctrine of our Church. What is Purgatory? Is it the place we have
to go to be punished for our sins? Is it God's way of getting us back for the wrong we've done? Is it the result of God's
anger? None of these questions really answer the question of Purgatory. Purgatory is nothing other than the burning and
purifying love of our God in our lives!

When someone dies in God's grace they are most likely not 100% converted and perfect in every way. Even the greatest of saints
most often would have some imperfection left in their lives. Purgatory is nothing other than that final purification of all
remaining attachment to sin in our lives.

By analogy, imagine that you had a cup of 100% pure water, pure H2O. This cup will represent Heaven. Now imagine that you
want to add to that cup of water but all you have is water that is 99% pure. This will represent the holy person who dies with just
some slight attachments to sin. If you add that water to your cup then the cup will now have at least some impurities in the water
as it mixes together. The problem is that Heaven...cannot contain any impurities. Heaven, in this case, cannot have even the
slightest attachment to sin in it. Therefore, if this new water...is to be added to the cup it must first be purified even of that last
1% of impurities (attachments to sin).

This is ideally done while we are on Earth. This is the process of getting holy. But if we die with any attachment, then we simply
say that the process of entering into the final and full vision of God in Heaven will purify us of any remaining attachment to
sin. All may already be forgiven, but we may not have detached from those things forgiven. Purgatory is the process, after death,
of burning out the last of our attachments so that we can enter Heaven 100% freed of everything to do with sin. If, for example,
we still have a bad habit of being rude, or sarcastic, even those tendencies and habits must be purged.

How does this happen? We do not know. We only know it does. But we also know it's the result of God's infinite love that frees
us of these attachments. Is it painful? Most likely. But it's painful in the sense that letting go of any disordered attachment is
painful. It's hard to break a bad habit. It's even painful in the process. But the end result of true freedom is worth any pain we
may have experienced. So, yes, Purgatory is painful. But it's a sort of sweet pain that we need and it produces the end result of a
person 100% in union with God.

Now since we are talking about the Communion of Saints, we also want to make sure to understand that those going through this
final purification are still in communion with God, with those members of the Church on Earth, and with those in Heaven. For
example, we are called to pray for those in Purgatory. Our prayers are effective. God uses those prayers, which are acts of our
love, as instruments of His grace of purification. He allows us and invites us to participate in their final purification by our
prayers and sacrifices.

This forges a bond of union with them. And no doubt the saints in Heaven especially offer prayers for those in this final
purification as they await full communion with them in Heaven. It's a glorious thought and a joy to see how God has orchestrated
this entire process for the ultimate purpose of the holy communion to which we are called!

*Lord, I pray for those souls going through their final purification in Purgatory. Please pour forth Your mercy upon them so that
they may be freed of all attachment to sin and, thus, be prepared to see You face to face. Jesus, I trust in You.*

ACTION NEEDED!!
On 24 September 2021 the House of Representatives voted to pass the so-called Women's Health
Protection Act, H.R. 3755, which would:

- Allow **abortion on demand nationwide** throughout EVERY STAGE of pregnancy
- BAN pro-life laws **in every state and local government**
- Force Americans to support abortions with their tax dollars
- Likely eliminate conscience protections for doctors—among other extreme actions

The Senate will also vote on this bill in the very near future. **So, please contact our two Senators (Ron Johnson and Tammy
Baldwin) to strongly urge their opposition to the Senate version of this bill (S. 1975) when it comes up for a vote.**



Important Upcoming Supreme Court Case—Prayer Needed!!
On December 1, 2021, the United States Supreme Court will hear a case titled: *Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organiza-
tion*. This case involves a 2018 Mississippi law known as the *Gestational Age Act* that bans most abortions in Mississippi after 15
weeks. Legal experts say that the outcome of this case could directly impact *Roe vs Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court Case that
legalized abortion in our country. Let us pray during these upcoming weeks, especially the Rosary, that the decision of the
justices of the Supreme Court in this case will lead to the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade*.

**Christmas Flowers—Order sheets are available at the entrance of the church, deadline is November 28th. We
are ordering from Kailhoffers this year. Let's make this a beautiful Christmas!!**