



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street
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December 30, 2018 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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LORD'S DAY MASSES:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday: 12:15 p.m.—Spanish Mass

HOLY DAYS:

As announced in bulletin

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:00-4:00 p.m.

(Anytime by appointment)

BAPTISMS:

Call the Parish Office to make an appointment with the Pastor.

WEDDINGS:

Must be arranged at least six months in advance.

NEW TO ST. LAWRENCE? WANT TO REGISTER?

Register online at www.stlawrencemuncie.com; fill out a registration form on the tables in the back of church; or stop by the office.

TRINITY COMMUNITY CENTER:

St. Vincent dePaul 765-282-2842

Soup Kitchen of Muncie 765-287-8439

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday, 12 Noon. Send items to: stlawrencemuncieparish@dol-in.org.

**PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

SUN. 30	<u>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</u>	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (Welfare of Hilton and Sherrill Families)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence Parish)	CH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (†Robert and Leona Kinnaman)	CH
MON. 31	<u>Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</u>	
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (†Richard Ronnau) Parish Office Closed	CH
4:30 p.m.	Candlelight Vigil Mass (St. Lawrence Parish 150th Anniversary)	CH
TUES. 1	<u>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</u>	
9:00 a.m.	Mass (†Mary Ann Potter) Parish Office Closed	CH
WED. 2	<u>Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</u>	
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (†Ollie Fitzgerald)	CH
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Be My Witness Training for Small Group Leaders	AH
THURS. 3		
NO MASS		
9:30 a.m.	Footprints	AH
FRI. 4	<u>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</u>	
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (Int. of Lisa Beatrice)	CH
9:00 a.m.	Church Cleaning	
11:30 a.m.	Oblates	AH
SAT. 5	<u>St. John Neumann, Bishop</u>	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (†Fr. Ambrose Ziegler)	CH
3:00 p.m.	Confessions	CH
4:30 p.m.	Mass (†Bob and Gonda Staggs)	CH
	Appeal weekend-Religious Retirement Fund	
SUN. 6	<u>The Epiphany of the Lord</u>	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (L/D of George & Mary McGraw families)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence Parish)	CH
11am-12:15pm	CCD Classes-Grades K-5	AH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (Int. of Ron & Pat Sondgerath)	
5pm-6:30pm	Middle School Youth Group	AH
5:15-7:30pm	Confirmation Class	AH

CH-church; RD-Rectory Dining; AH-St.Agnes Hall; RL-Rectory Living Room

Dear Parishioners, and Friends of St. Lawrence:

This New Year's Eve we will kick-off our celebration of the 150th Anniversary of St. Lawrence Parish with a candlelight Mass at 4:30 p.m.

Throughout the year, various events are planned and I would like to encourage you to enter into this celebration.

1869 is the year given for the formation of St. Lawrence parish with a community of 75 parishioners, under the leadership of Fr. Lawrence Lamour as they purchased the lots on the corner of Charles and Hackley streets and began the construction of the first church.

The anniversary celebration is meant for all of the parishioners. The Anniversary Committee has planned numerous events with a wide range of activities throughout the year.

The focus throughout the year will be **Remember – Renew – Rejoice**, with looking back, looking at the present, looking to the future. Please pray over this through the new year so that we might create a common vision for the future of St. Lawrence.

Our vision as to how we see ourselves is very important to guide our life, decisions and purpose. The theme that will underlie our developing faith formation program is "We are called to be a Household of God." Our adult faith formation director has written a nice article in the bulletin on this and I would like to add to it. In John's Gospel, Jesus says that "those who keep his commands, He and His Father will come and dwell within them." God dwelt among us in the person of Jesus, and God desires to dwell within us through the Eucharist. Clearly, God desires to make His home with us and within us. I have often used the term "tabernacle" as when Jesus dwells within us, we become a living tabernacle of Him. So, to go beyond just aware of our individual relationship with Jesus, we need to grow in an awareness of His communal indwelling. If we become aware that our home, each home, is to be a dwelling place of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we might also seek to make our home a "holy place" where God dwells among us. Could we begin this year asking God to sanctify our homes, our families and together strive to live in unity with one another.

A little prayer as we begin our day could be: "Lord God, make your dwelling place with us, within us and among us."

As Jesus invites us, "ask and you shall receive." After all, we do not and cannot make our self holy. It is God alone who can sanctify us and make us holy. May every home in St. Lawrence become a holy place, a place where God makes His home.

*Sincerely,
Fr. Dave*

(SEE PAGE 6 FOR MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DEC. 31 AND JAN. 1)

LISTED BELOW ARE THE MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY 5 AND 6

	Readers	Altar Servers	E.M.H.C.	Ushers
4:30 P.M.	Jack Greiner Kathy Crabtree	Nicholas Dosch Cora Taylor	Mary Bedel Ronald Sells Julie Zvokel	Jim Carnes Matt Hill Jerry Fink Steve Lansing
8:00 A.M.	Betty Anderson Gail Gayda	Tom Gibson	Jerry Bricker Mary Burford Della Gregory Sheila Henry	Sheila Caudill Norm Gayda Jack Holland Kevin Persinger
10:00 A.M.	Mary Cox Kathy Brinson	Alex Cox Ava Echelbarger	Stephanie Arrington Julie Huff Mary Ann Kratochvil Amy Miller Joanna Wallace	John Coutinho Myron Echelbarger Jeff Huff Mike Wallace

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Gospel — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Pray for Priests & Seminarians

Sun.	Fr. Phil Bowers	Jason Diebolt
Mon.	Fr. David Buckles	Brian Farrell
Tues.	Ch Capt Tim Clegg	Dcn Sean Aaron
Wed.	Fr. Pat Click	Michael Block
Thurs.	Fr. Paul Cochran	Jordan Boone
Fri.	Fr. Ron Comeau	Jason Diebolt
Sat.	Fr. Timothy Combs OP	Brian Farrell

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following parishioners in your prayers this week: Beth Kaiser, Sonja Bickey, Larry Tricker, Isaiah Greiner, Dan Wade, Joe Morgan, Dale Goth, David Traub, JoAnn Brown, Miriam Walker, Charles Hiatt, Adam Pence, Alex Pence, Anthony Pence, Joseph Jenkinson, Clara Persinger, Harry Metzger, Martha Jean McIntosh, Dorothy Duncan, Linda Goth, Pete Whitcomb, Betty Wright, Beverly Dalton, Shirley Jordan, Kameron Kadinger, Joe Duncan, Shirley Phillips, John Persinger, Mary Kerrigan, Mary Bering, Dick and Lucille Kanney, Pat Daunt, John Haack, Sharon Newton, Larry Rigel, Ronald Macken, Joyce Doyle, Marie Rhorer, Bob Bering, for the family of Alex and Kim Flores, Lauren Muzzarelli, Cristina Jones, Stacey Vencel, Joshua Cole, Richard Biehl, Dick Hahn, Marsha Clark, Clifford Tweedy, Rod Clements, Ed Kratochvil, Mary Hadley, Chuck Pearson, Noah Cross, Raymond Gaff, Betty Anderson, Dixie VanCamp, Judy Cool Beaty, Stephanie Echelbarger, Pat Savage.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call Joan McKinley 716-7073 for the St. Lawrence Church Prayer Chain request.



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January

Young People and the Example of Mary: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Saint Lawrence Catholic School

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Our mission is to provide a Catholic Christ-centered education through an atmosphere of love and compassion for all students.

Saint Lawrence Catholic School wishes everyone a safe and healthy New Year!

School resumes on Thursday, January 3.

Children will attend Mass on Wednesday, January 9 at 8am

Thank you for purchasing Scrip cards in December! We had a great month, selling \$6,545 in cards with an additional \$685 in Pizza King cards. This resulted in a **profit of \$1,065.41** for our school's Tuition Assistance Fund. This money is of great help to families who struggle to pay tuition, and it helps to keep children in our Catholic school. The next chance to buy Scrip will be in late January.

"They Said It"

What is the best thing about going to school at St. Lawrence? *My best things are gym and art because they are fun. Art is fun because we get to paint and draw. Gym is fun because we get to play games like Shark in the Middle.*

Genesis, grade 2



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Weekend of December 23, 2018

St. Lawrence Parish.....	\$5,945.00
School Support.....	\$ 999.50
Children's Envelopes.....	\$ 100.00
Deacon's Food Pantry.....	\$ 60.00
Fuel Fund	\$ 120.00

Christmas Collection:

Holy Day	\$9,258.26
School Support	\$ 523.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 45.00

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Our next class will be on **Monday, January 7 beginning at 6:30 p.m.** The session will conclude by 8:00 p.m. and will be held in St. Agnes Hall—the building directly behind the church which faces Hackley St. Use the side/alley entrance.



Eucharistic Adorers Ministry

The next opportunity for Adoration will be on **Sunday, January 20**, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Marilyn Sherrill at 765-396-3583 or 765-744-4086.



WOMEN'S PRAYER/ BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The next meeting of the Women's Prayer/Bible Study Group will be **Wednesday, January 16 at 2:30 p.m.** in St. Agnes Hall. If interested in attending, please call the Parish Office.

Hearts of Hope Ministry

This Ministry meets on a regular basis—once a month in **St. Agnes Hall. Time: 3:30-5:00 p.m. or 6:30-8:00 p.m.** Our next meeting will be **January 22**. All are welcome who have lost a loved one or anticipate the loss of a loved one. Join us! If you have any questions, contact Deb Saxon at 765-760-4800.

FOOTPRINTS SEWING GROUP

Footprints Sewing Group will begin our new year **January 3**. We will again be meeting in **St. Agnes Hall at 9:30 a.m.** Our mission is to show God's love for the world through gifts of handiwork created and freely given to those in need. Come join us! If you would like additional information about this ministry, contact Carmen Simmons 765-808-1917 or Jayne Waechter 765-288-8920.



Religious Education

CCD CLASSES for grades K thru 5 do not meet again until Sunday, January 6 from **11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in St. Agnes Hall.** If you have any questions, contact Sheila Henry at 765-729-1229.

CONFIRMATION CLASS – Our next class will be Sunday, January 6, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in St. Agnes Hall. Contact Jason for additional information at jhart@stlawrencemuncie.com.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (MSYG) for grades 6 and 7 will not meet again until Sunday, January 6 from 5pm-6:30pm in St. Agnes Hall. Bring a friend and come enjoy time together!

Ministers to Homebound

This ministry will meet the first Tuesday of each month instead of every other Tuesday. **Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8.** (The first Tuesday is New Year’s Day.) **Our meetings take place in St. Agnes Hall at 1:30 p.m.** If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, contact JoEllen Ward at 765-212-2548.

2018 FRUITFUL HARVEST UPDATE
“Walking Together in the Light of Christ”

We are now at \$124,000 in pledges for the 2018 campaign. Our assessed goal is \$137,176. If you have not already made your pledge, it is not too late. You can still send it in or drop in the collection basket. You can also donate online at: www.dol-in.org. Go to the “How Do I” tab and click on “Make a Gift.” There you will find the Fruitful Harvest 2018 Appeal. A huge thank you to all who have made their pledge.

Our Parish Mission and Vision

Mission: St. Lawrence Parish, a people of prayer and service glorifying God. **Vision:** Through prayer and service, St. Lawrence Parish deepens its love for and knowledge of God.

Attention All Ushers and/or Parish Volunteers

The winter months are upon us. We need the ushers and/or parish volunteers to be aware and assist people into church at all entrances before and after Mass when the walks are snow covered or icy. Please help yourself to the salt and the shovels that are available at all the entrances. This is not just the work of the maintenance personnel. It takes all of us to make our church entrances safe! Thanks much!

Reflection and Messages from Sue Wilhelm

Adult Faith Formation Director

I am a member of the Household of God. God is head of my household.

As we approach the New Year, often thought of as a time for fresh beginnings, perhaps we could offer this prayer in each of our Households:

God, you are our beginning and our end. You who hold all things in existence, gather each heart in this household and shelter them in You. Bless our home, and help us turn to you in every season of the coming year. We entrust to you all our comings and goings, all our joys and moments of sorrow, all our work and moments of rest and recreation, all our love and the times we struggle to love. Receive us, O God, and open our hearts and our household to receive you in each moment of each day of each season of this coming year. Amen

Be My Witness –What is it?

Be My Witness: Formation for the New Evangelization is a Christ-centered, Spirit-led process that transforms parishes and forms disciples for the New Evangelization. It draws its inspiration from Pope Francis’ *The Joy of the Gospel*. When we recognize that evangelization truly matters, a vibrant culture for encountering Jesus and making disciples is created. Everything is done through the lens of Christ forming us to be missionary disciples—ready to go out in love and mercy to those beyond our church walls. You can still join the training if you feel called to facilitate a small group. **The first training is Wednesday, January 2nd at 6:30pm at St. Agnes Hall.** If you’d like to host but not lead, let Sue know! Sign up for the small groups will begin at the end of January! Let’s pray for each other as we are formed in Christ!

Taize Prayer

Mark your calendars for 7:30pm on the 3rd Friday, January 18th. Taize prayer is based on the Scriptures with short phrases sung repetitiously to aid one in meditation. If you are looking for an opportunity to quiet the noise, and attend God’s invitation to a deepening relationship, please join us. This service will last about an hour.

Contemplative Prayer Group

If you would like to learn ways to deepen in your own prayer practice, here is an opportunity. The fourth Saturday of each month, **beginning January 26**, this prayer group will meet at St. Agnes Hall **after the 8:00am Mass.** Lectio Divina, Centering Prayer and studying the spiritual giants who have written about prayer will be our focus. (Coffee and a light bite will be provided.)

Remembering the Founding of Our Parish

(Each week the St. Lawrence History Committee will share dates and events from our past leading to our parish's 150th Anniversary!)

In 1679 Fathers Louis Hennepin, Grabriel Ribourde, and Lenobre Membre served as early missionaries in what was yet to become Indiana by establishing a log cabin church near Lake Michigan.



**ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH
150TH ANNIVERSARY
KEEPSAKE**

Beautiful High-End Brass Ornament of St. Lawrence Church, created by the Charleston Mint. If you are interested in purchasing an ornament or two, they are available in the Parish

Office. Call 288-9223 to reserve your ornament!

**Upcoming Events for our
150th Anniversary
St. Lawrence Church**

Candlelight Mass at 4:30 p.m. on December 31

This is the Vigil Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation. More details will follow in future bulletins.

An event is being planned for each month during the entire year. Our big events will be:

February 2 – Saturday – 4:30 p.m. – Catholic Schools Week – school children participate at Mass.

February 13 – Frank Runyeon will be back to *THE* present the Gospel of Luke.

February 15 – St. Lawrence School-Mystery Dinner

February 24 – “Special” breakfast from St. Lawrence School Cafeteria “days past” – grilled buttered toast – after the 8am and 10am Masses at the Knights of Columbus Hall. (More details to follow!)

June 15 – Gala – (dinner and band) at Cornerstone. Tickets will be sold for this event.

August 10 – 4:30 p.m. Mass – Bishop Doherty will be here to celebrate Mass with us and there will be a dinner following at the K of C Hall.

**Ministry Assignments for
December 31 and January 1
Holy Day of Obligation
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**

Dec. 31-Candlelight Vigil Mass – 4:30 p.m.:

1st Reader: Mitchell Dudley
2nd Reader: Lucia Hart
Altar Server: Volunteer needed
EMHC: Jeanette Carnes
Mike Dransfield
Nancy Hansan
Deborah Miller
Kathy Taylor
Need 1 volunteer

January 1 – 9:00 a.m. Mass

Reader: Lynette Varner
Altar Server: Volunteer needed
EMHC: Della Gregory
Deb Saxon
Need 1 volunteer

“SAVE THE DATE”

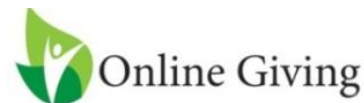
6TH Annual Mystery Dinner

Benefitting St. Lawrence School

Masquerade Murder

February 15, 2019 – K of C Hall – 5:30 p.m.

\$45 Individual tickets; \$300 Table of 8



Leaving for the winter? Please consider online giving. Go to www.osvonlinegiving.com/4289 or call Dick Shirey at 765-288-9223, Ext. 22. He will help you work through the process in no time.

Please pray for those serving our country in the



military – especially: Davis Brown, William Cox, Jared Hargis, Kyle Jones, Kyle & Leandra Long, Jon Powell,

Stephen Smith, Kyle Stewart, Christopher Tolmachoff, and Matt Johns.



In case of an emergency, an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) is located in the vestibule of the church.

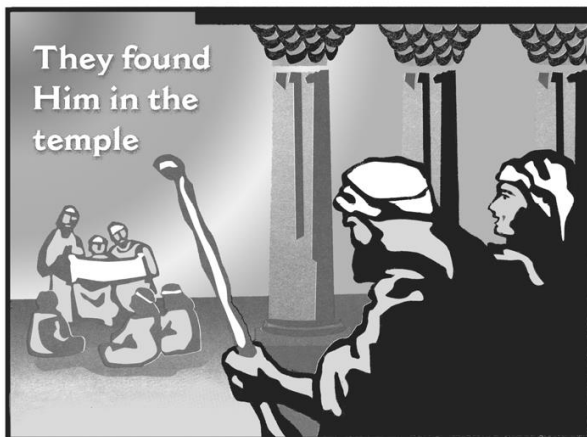
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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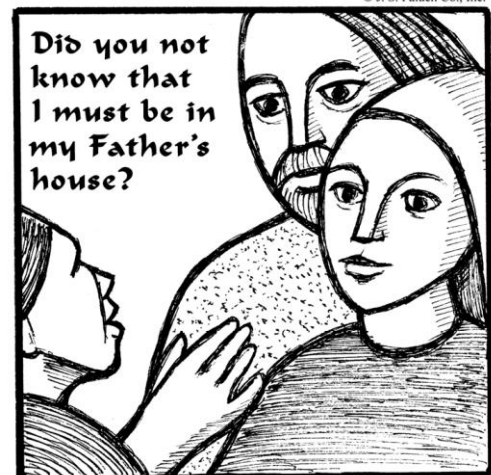
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Stewardship Bulletin Reflection 12-30-18 Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience today. And, so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of stewardship in family life. The Gospel passage from Luke starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom." This Family took seriously the stewardship of their time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family, and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2019, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.



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