

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street | Muncie, IN 47305



February 2, 2020
Presentation of the Lord

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Friday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

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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

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PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2nd Collection – Membership in the Propagation of the Faith

SUN. 2 **The Presentation of the Lord**

8:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence Parish)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Harry Metzger)	CH
11-12:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class	AH
11:00 a.m.	Sacrament Class	AH
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	AH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (✠Mary Ann Nivens)	CH
5-6:15 p.m.	High School Youth Group (HSYG)	AH

MON. 3 **Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**
St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Martha Wall)	CH
1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	RD

TUES. 4

7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Larry Disinger)	CH

WED. 5 **St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Bill Dominick)	CH
	School Children attend	
12 Noon	Eat, Pray, Learn	AH

THURS. 6

No 8:00 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m.	Footprints Sewing Group	AH
5:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supv. Mtg.	AH

FRI. 7

7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Marc Gehlbach)	CH
11:30 a.m.	Oblates	AH

SAT. 8 **St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita**

8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠David Traub)	CH
9:00 a.m.	Church Cleaning	
3:00 p.m.	Confessions	CH
4:30 p.m.	Mass (For the Int. of Mike and Ellie Maggiotto and their family)	CH

5-8:00 p.m.	Chili Cook-Off	K of C Hall
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SUN. 9 **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m.	Mass (L/D of George and Mary McGraw families)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence Parish)	CH
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	AH
11:00 a.m.	Family of Faith	AH
11:00 a.m.	Sacrament Class	AH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (✠Pat & Betty Finnegan)	CH

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Lawrence:

This Sunday, the 40th day after Christmas, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord at the temple. The story presents both Mary and Joseph as faithfully observing the Jewish laws and rituals that recognize life is a gift from God and belongs to God. It also is connected to the Moses story of the Angel of Death passing over the houses of the Hebrews marked by the blood of the lamb on the lintel of the house, but slaying the first-born son of the Egyptians. So, the custom was a reminder of God’s protection and gift of the first-born. The “first-born” is also a title—it doesn’t imply other children as it was given to the first or only male child of a family.

This feast is also an encouragement for parents to recognize each child as a gift entrusted to parents who have shared with God the giving of life, the creation of a person who has never existed before and whose life will unfold impacting the society and the world around them. It calls us to recognize the sacredness of the role and responsibility of parenthood. What was the focus of this feast is associated with the Baptism of children—usually infants in the Catholic tradition. Not too long ago there was also a focus on “naming” a child which is the first question the priest asks the parents at the Baptismal rite—“What name do you give this child?” Naming is an important dimension of one’s identity. Who and what one becomes flows a lot from how one sees themselves and thinks of themselves. Naming—what one will be called throughout one’s entire life, and the word by which one is known, is very significant and matters deeply. Scriptural names all have meanings associated with them. It wasn’t just “it sounds good.” For example, my own name “David,” means “Beloved.” What a nice name to carry for many years.

So this weekend talk with or call your children and let them know they are a unique gift of God and cherished from the beginning of their life.

The initial meeting of the parish team for assessments began. Once the assessment questionnaires are completed, the results of all three parishes will be compiled and become an overview of the Catholic parishes in Muncie. As we all are the “pilot” pastorate for the Diocese, there will be a few glitches in the naming process. I will try to keep you all informed on what I know or learn.

Sincerely,
Fr. Dave

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Psalms — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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, JoAnn Brown, Miriam Walker, Adam Pence, Alex Pence, Anthony Pence, Joseph Jenkinson, Clara Persinger, Martha Jean McIntosh, Dorothy Duncan, Linda Goth, Betty Wright, Shirley Jordan, Kameron Kadinger, Joe Duncan, Lucille Kanney, Pat Daunt, John Haack, Larry Rigel, Ronald Macken, Joyce Doyle, Marie Rhorer, for the family of Alex and Kim Flores, Stacey Vencel, Joshua Cole, Richard Biehl, Ed Kratochvil, Mary Hadley, Noah Cross, Judy Cool Beaty, Mary Kerrigan, Roni Johnson, William Berger, Tia Lindsey, Dixie Lindsey, David Duke, Bill Brown, Bailey Michelle Rinker, Jimmy Hossom, Paula Hughes, Don Cox, Kevin Farrell, Helen Fouts, John Hartmeyer, Phyllis Dornberger, Julie Coley Werling, James Kenneth Barnes II, Mary Bedel, Gary Pavlechko, Jim Savage, Sister Paulette Shaw, Cheryl Schmitt.



Please consider online giving. Go to www.osvonlinegiving.com/4289 or call the Business Office at St. Lawrence 765-288-9223, Ext. 22.

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED DAILY FROM 12 NOON – 1:00 P.M. FOR LUNCH.



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February

Universal: Listen to the Migrants' Cries. We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Pray For: Our Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians		
Sun.	Fr. Jeff Kirch	Dcn. Mark Miller
Mon.	Fr. Bob Klemme	Dcn. Steve Miller
Tues.	Fr. Leonard Kostka	Dcn. Ron Morrow
Wed.	Fr. Peter Logsdon	Dcn. Jose Munoz
Thurs.	Fr. Gustavo Lopez	Dcn. Ron Nevinger
Fr.	Fr. Phil Mahalic	Dcn. Tim Perry
Sat.	Fr. John Mannion	Dcn. Joe Poremski

Weekly Collections

Weekend of January 26, 2020

St. Lawrence Parish	\$6,671.48
School Support	\$1,137.50
Children's Envelopes	\$ 1.00
Deacon's Food Pantry	\$ 25.00
Fuel Fund	\$ 100.00

2nd Collection this weekend

The 2nd collection this weekend will be for Membership in the Propagation of the Faith. Please be as generous as your means will allow!

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathies to the family of June Beaty. June passed away on January 25. Her funeral was held here at St. Lawrence on Friday.



It is time to bring in your old palms for burning. Please place them in the green baskets in the back of the Church.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COLUMN (Sue Wilhelm)

Lent begins in just a month! We will have a number of wonderful opportunities to help us on our journey in Christ. Coming soon will be Lenten Booklets: *United in the Heart of Christ* through “The Joy of the Gospel”. The weeks were organized around the Three Pillars of Uniting in the Heart of Christ. As the introduction indicates: In our particular diocese at this moment in time, we are also encouraged to live the three pillars of Mission, Community and Witness. Hence, the purpose of these particular meditations is to see how Jesus wants to form our hearts through these pillars by praying with the Gospel of each day and then being formed by excerpts from Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*.

We are also offering a Lenten *Eat, Pray Learn* on the Wednesdays during Lent (excluding Ash Wednesday) from Noon to 1:00pm. A light lunch, prayer, study and conversation around the book, *The Joy of the Gospel* will follow the themes outlined for each week in the Lenten Booklets. Mark your calendar and sign up by calling the office or emailing Sue Wilhelm swilhelm@parish.dol-in.org

Please mark your calendars for our **Parish Mission with Fr. Jim Farrell** March 8, 9 and 10. Details will be available in next week’s bulletin.

Catholicism Series Wednesday, February 12th, 1:30pm
Episode 7 - The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist. Each Episode is stand-alone so all are welcome. Come to deepen your understanding of the central practice of our faith.



EAT, PRAY AND LEARN
4 Wednesdays – Noon-1:00 p.m. –
January 29, February 5, 12, 19 –
Location: St. Agnes Hall



RCIA Class will meet at 11:00 am this Sunday, February 2, in St. Agnes Hall. If you have any questions, contact Sue Wilhelm or Fr. Dave at the Parish Office 288-9223.

HEARTS OF HOPE MINISTRY

This Ministry meets on a regular basis—once a month in **St. Agnes Hall**. **We will meet again on Tuesday, February 25 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. and 6:30-8:00 p.m.** 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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Are You Going Through a Difficult Time? Stephen Ministers are members of St. Lawrence Church who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional support and spiritual growth to those who are facing a crisis, or going through loss or tough times in their lives. The care you will receive is confidential, free, and can be life changing. To learn how you can receive the care and prayers of a Stephen Minister, or if you have questions, call the Rectory 765-288-9223 and talk privately to Fr. Hellmann. You may also contact a Stephen Leader. Stephen Leaders are John and Melinda Haack, Jim and Pat Savage, and Deb Saxon.



Eucharistic Adorers Ministry

The next opportunity for Adoration will be **Sunday, February 16**, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass and will close with Evening Devotions at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Marilyn Sherrill at 765-396-3583 or 765-744-4086.

FOOTPRINTS SEWING GROUP



Footprints Sewing Group will meet again on **February 6 in St. Agnes Hall at 9:30 a.m.** We would love to have you join us. The mission of this group is to show God’s love for the world through gifts of handiwork created and given freely to those in need. For more information, please contact Carmen Simmons at 765/808-1917 or Jayne Waechter at 765/288-8920.

Please pray for those serving our country in the military – especially: Benjamin Branson, William Cox, Jared Hargis, Kyle Jones, Kyle & Leandra Long, Jon Powell, Stephen Smith, Kyle Stewart, Christopher Tolmachoff, Payden Schug, and Matt Johns.



In case of an emergency, an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) is located in the vestibule of the church and also one in St. Agnes Hall.

FAITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH!!



SACRAMENT CLASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND FIRST PENANCE:

February Schedule:

February 2 – 11:00 a.m. Children meet with Catechist
February 9 – 11:00 a.m. Children meet with Catechist
February 16–11:00 a.m. Children meet with Catechist
February 23-11:00 a.m. Children meet with Catechist
February 29-9am-12Noon Penance Workshop
March thru May 3 schedule will be published beginning the middle of February. Contact Sheila Henry (765) 729-1229) for any questions.

A FAMILY OF FAITH (Grades K-8)

Sunday, February 9 – Parents and Students meet in St. Agnes Hall at 11:00 a.m. For more information call the Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION CLASS – Our next session will be THIS Sunday, February 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



High School Youth Group

Below are the dates for meetings/get-togethers this semester:

February 2 and February 23
March 1 and March 13 – Fun Night; March 22
April 3 – Fun Night; April 12 and April 26

All meetings take place in St. Agnes Hall.

Time: 5:00 p.m.-6:15 p.m.

If you have any questions you can contact Lexi Starost at ahstarost@bsu.edu or 765-760-2813.

Ushers are Needed!

If you are interested in this “ministry,” give Jeanette a call at the Parish Office. Our greatest need is the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. If you prefer the Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Mass or the Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass, we will sign you up for those Masses as well. The more ushers we have to call upon, you will only be “called to serve” once a month.



St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store

Currently the thrift store is in need of toddler boys and girls clothing and all kinds of linens. If you have any of these

items to donate they would be greatly appreciated.

Store hrs.: Tuesday and Thursday 10am-6pm;
Wednesday and Friday 10am-3pm; Saturday 10am-Noon.



**PARISH MISSION
MARCH 8, 9 AND 10
With Fr. Jim Farrell**

Location: St. Lawrence Church

“One Heart and One Mind in Christ”

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Acts 2:42

Sunday, March 8 7:00pm Opening Session followed by Social in St. Agnes Hall.

Monday, March 9, 10:00am or 7:00pm includes Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 10, 10:00am or 7:00pm with closing Reception in St. Agnes Hall

Soon you will receive a prayer card. Please use this prayer card and pray that each of us is open to the graces of this Parish Mission.



**10th Anniversary of the
Chili Cook-off Challenge**

Knights of Columbus

Saturday February 8-- 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Proceeds benefit the Haiti Library

Foundation & the Children of St. Michael’s

Join us for this anniversary celebration. Special guests include Fr. Andre and Fr. Pedro from Haiti. Sample over 12 chili recipes and vote for your favorite. Tickets are only \$10 and can be purchased from the participating teams or at the door. Participants from St. Lawrence include Jim Cheslik, Jeff Huff, Walter Vester, Jeff Crabtree, John Coutinho, Lexi Starost, Chris Reid, and Ana Hunter (along with Mark DiFabio as our emcee.) Contact Mike Clohessy @ 744-8864 for further details.)

FOCOLORE MEETINGS

Monthly Focolore “Word of Life” Meetings are held the first Sunday of every month at St. Lawrence Rectory. Due to the first Sunday falling on Super Bowl Sunday, **we will meet on February 9 at 6:30 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to come and learn about the “Spirituality of Unity.” If you have any questions, contact Deb Conlon 765-749-7299.



Saint Lawrence Catholic School

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Our mission is to provide a Catholic Christ-centered education rooted in love and compassion to prepare students to lead meaningful lives of service

Wednesday, February 5 – 8am Mass

SLCS thanks Joey Hahn for her generous donation of ice cream treats for our students during Catholic Schools Week!

The Catholic Moment is starting a new feature called School Corner. Our school will be featured in the February 9 edition. Be on the lookout for an article about SLCS!

Scrip orders with payment are due THIS coming Monday by 10:00 a.m. You may place them in the collection basket, bring them to the school or to the Parish Office.



DAN'S FISH FRY

Friday, March 6 5:00-8:00PM

Knights of Columbus Hall

Tickets will go on sale at Masses in February.

You may also purchase them in the Parish Office. Adult Ticket \$10 in advance-\$11 at the door; Child Ticket (age 6-12) \$7 in advance-\$8 at the door. Children age 5 and under-FREE.

Saint Lawrence School Virtues in Practice

Congratulations to our January Virtues in Practice recipients, Cheyanne and Frida! They represented Saint Lawrence Catholic School proudly by modeling Fortitude (Being brave and strong in the face of trials).

“Cheyanne came into a new school not knowing anyone and has worked so hard to catch up and has tried to involve herself in our classroom community. She has been very brave, even though I'm sure it wasn't easy to leave her old school” –Mrs. Brown

“When faced with challenges and obstacles, Frida continues to persevere and stay positive. The other day she had a real challenge that she had to overcome. She did not just give up. Instead, she was brave and faced it; then, she overcame it”. –Miss McGarvey

Our February virtue is Prudence (Making good decisions in specific circumstances).

Need help filing your 2019 Taxes?

Free Tax Service for persons 50 and older!

Bring photo ID, Social Security cards for everyone on the return and last year's return if possible.

February 4 – April 15

- Tuesdays 10am-3pm- Eden Church
11205 N. St. Rd. 3
- Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-3pm
Maring-Hunt Library 2005 S. High St.
- Thursdays 12 Noon-4pm Senior Center
2517 W. 8th St.
- Fridays 10am-2pm Senior Center
2517 W. 8th St.
- Saturdays - Ross Center 1110 W. 10th St.

Any questions, call 765-283-9680.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 8 AND 9

	Readers	Altar Servers	E.M.H.C.	Ushers
4:30 P.M.	Kathy Crabtree Nick Flowers	Andrew Shaw Jonathan Shaw	Brenda Manis Carolann Mikesell Deb Miller	Jim Carnes Steve Lansing Walter Vester Skip Vorhees
8:00 A.M.	Mitchell Dudley Mark Dirksen	Eli Hart	Rob Frey Jack Holland Carolyn MacDougall Paul Ranieri Marilyn Sherrill	Jerry Bricker Mary Burford Phil McPherson Jack Sharp
10:00 A.M.	Les Coutinho Kayleigh Cooper Breaking Open the Word: Jack Greiner	Onnie Adams Ava Echelbarger	MaryAnn Kratochvil Amy Miller Sherry Richardson Debra Saxon Julie Snider	Myron Echelbarger Greg Smith Mike Wallace Tom Ward



February 29 – 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. This conference is held at Kokomo High School, 2501 S. Berkley Rd. For more information and to register go to www.holyfamilyconference.org

Separate programming is planned for adults, high school, middle school and children from age 3-11 years, and a nursery for 1-2 year old’s. See their Facebook page – Indiana Holy Family Catholic Conference.

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.

A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

The Church’s celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the “official” end of the Christmas season. Today’s feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a “second Epiphany.”

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, “Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me.” The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a “share” in our own “blood and flesh.” The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surrounding his birth. In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with “wisdom” and the “favor of God.”

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FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH
The weekend of February 15 and 16 a 2nd collection
will be taken for the The Catholic Moment

The Catholic Moment is published bi-weekly. All registered families of the parish receive this weekly communication. The cost is \$20 per year. Please consider helping support the cost of this publication. It would be a great help to the parish to have each household pay for the subscription, otherwise, we will have to pay your portion. Donation envelopes should be inserted in the February 9 issue of The Catholic Moment that you receive. Envelopes will also be available in the pews. These can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office.