

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street | Muncie, IN 47305



February 16, 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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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday, 12 Noon.

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**PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SUN. 16	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (Sarah & Carlton †Hilton)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (†Ralph Mitchell)	CH
11:00 a.m.	Adoration	CH
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	AH
11:00 a.m.	Sacrament Class	AH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (†Peggy Noble Brown and Fritz Noble)	CH
5:15-7:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class	AH
7:00 p.m.	Benediction	CH
MON. 17	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order	
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (†Gene Boros)	CH
1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	RD
TUES. 18		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (For the Int.of Fr Dave Hellmann)	CH
WED. 19		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (†Nancy Hansan) School Children attend	CH
10:30 a.m.	Mass at Elmcroft	
12 Noon	Eat, Pray, Learn	AH
6:30 p.m.	Parish Council	AH
THURS. 20		
No 8:00 a.m. Mass		
9:30 a.m.	Footprints Sewing Group	AH
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	CH
FRI. 21	St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (†Floyd Jones)	CH
SAT. 22	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (†Betty Anderson)	CH
9:00 a.m.	Church Cleaning	
3:00 p.m.	Confessions	CH
4:30 p.m.	Mass (†Gloria Varner)	CH
Appeal-Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe		
SUN. 23	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence Parish)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (†Jim Shaw)	CH
11:00 a.m.	RCIA	AH
11:00 a.m.	Sacrament Class	AH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (†Gary Riggan)	CH
5-6:15 p.m.	High School Youth Group	AH

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Lawrence:

From the start, I want to say how tragic it is for anyone, especially a child, to experience abuse from another—physical, verbal, emotional or sexual. It is even more devastating when the person abused has a strong trust or dependence on the abuser. It is a common experience to have a child think of the priest as “God,” frequently addressing the priest, “Hi, God.” So, any abuse, especially sexual abuse, can destroy the person’s future religious/spiritual life. It is not uncommon for people who have been abused by clergy, to be alienated from religion and association with “God.” The trauma is not easily overcome and remains with people for a long time.

Around the time I was ordained, I had never heard of “clergy sexual abuse.” I had never experienced anything close to that so never knew it happened. It was hard to accept the reality that it existed. Both the depth of the illness and the depth of the harm were not recognized – except by those who had experienced it. The church was slow to come to grips with it. It was a horrible crime and ugly to face. It broke into public awareness with Fr. Gil Gauthé’s exposure and conviction in the 1980’s. The church made many erroneous self-protective responses to the revelation of sexual abuse by priests, nuns and other church personnel, but eventually came to a very pro-active stance in dealing with past cases of abuse and in creating a safe environment and protection for children. Just in the last couple of years, bishops have been called to a greater accountability in dealing with cases of abuse as well as personal behavior.

In the Diocese of Lafayette-In-Indiana, major steps have been taken to “protect all God’s children.” Everyone who is employed in the Diocese must participate in the “Safe and Sacred” training program. Everyone must undergo a criminal background check. This must be renewed every 3 years. If any priest is to exercise a ministerial role--baptism, wedding, funeral, retreat in another diocese--he must request a letter of good standing to be sent to the diocese in which he is to minister.

It is clear to all priests that one credible accusation will end one’s public ministry in the Church and it will be reported to public officials. The days of cover-up and “not seeing” are over. The Church is calling for full accountability of its clergy, ministers and employees.

We cannot undo the past. We will make every effort to help heal the wounds caused by misconduct of its leaders. We are committed to provide and create a safe environment for all who enter our doors, participate in our programs, or are ministered to in any way.

Anyone and everyone is encouraged to report behavior that is harmful or endangers the well-being of those who are vulnerable. Diocesan Hotline or for Victim Assistance is 765-464-4988.

Fr. Dave

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
- Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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, Gary Pavlechko, Jim Savage, Sister Paulette Shaw, Cheryl Schmitt, Lora Brenner.



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. Robert Moran	Dcn. Robert Angelich
Mon.	Fr. Kyle Neterer	Dcn. Chris Bock
Tues.	Fr. David Newton	Dcn. Ed Boes
Wed.	Fr. John Nguyen	Dcn. Michael Block
Thurs.	Fr. Dennis O'Keefe	Jordan Boone
Fr.	Fr. Coady Owens	Jason Diebolt
Sat.	Fr. A. Paternoster	Brian Farrell



Weekend of February 9, 2020

St. Lawrence Parish	\$7,061.50
School Support	\$ 230.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 50.00
Deacon's Food Pantry	\$ 10.00
Fuel Fund	\$ 265.00
The Catholic Moment	\$ 535.00

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their gift of \$17,111.91



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.

Nursing Home Masses

Wednesday, Feb. 19 – 10:30am – Elmcroft

Communion Services

Tuesday, Feb. 18 – 10:30am – Bethel Pointe

Tuesday, Feb. 25 – 10:00am – Albany Health Care

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COLUMN (Sue Wilhelm)

What is a Parish Mission?

A couple of people have asked me what a Parish Mission is. A Parish Mission is a time of personal and Parish renewal usually with an outside speaker. This year we are having Fr. Jim Farrell join us. It is not unusual to have a Parish Mission during Lent to help us on our deepening journey with Christ. Each evening we will pray together, listen to Fr. Jim lead us in meditation and reflection, and have a ritual that brings us closer to Christ in community.

We are offering the usual there evening sessions as well as two day time sessions for those who prefer not to drive at night. We hope you are able to join us for this. In the meantime please use the card we passed out and that was also in the newsletter to prepare and pray for this important time of parish renewal.

PARISH MISSION - MARCH 8, 9 AND 10

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

Lenten Eat, Pray Learn will be offered 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

***Lenten Booklets: United in the Heart of Christ through “The Joy of the Gospel”** were mailed to each parishioner’s homes this past week. The weeks were organized around the Three Pillars of Uniting in the Heart of Christ: Mission, Community and Witness. If you did not receive this mailing, there are copies on the tables in the back of church.



RCIA Class will meet at 11:00 am this Sunday, February 16, 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 **THIS 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 20 in St. Agnes Hall at 9:30 a.m.** The group is preparing for the Annual Baby Shower to be held March 26 through April 3. The mission of this group is to show God’s love for the world through gifts of handiwork created and freely given to those in need. For more information, please contact Carmen Simmons at 765/808-1917 or Jayne Waechter at 765/288-8920.

FAITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH!!



SACRAMENT CLASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND FIRST PENANCE:

Schedule:

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, March 1 – 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 16**, from 5:15-7:30 p.m.



High School Youth Group

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

February 23

March 1 and March 13 – Fun Night;

March 22; April 3 – Fun Night; April 12, 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.



Deacon's Food Pantry During the month of January, the pantry helped 430 households (653 adults and 356 children).. The pantry can always use boxed cereal.



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

Memorial Flowers

Would you like to honor the memory of a loved one, special intentions, and anniversaries with a special flower arrangement that will help adorn the church? Normandy Flower Shop, Inc. has graciously agreed to offer Memorial Flowers for \$25.00. Call the Rectory at 288-9223, to make the arrangements.



Mardi Gras Breakfast

Tuesday, February 25, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass, come to St. Agnes Hall and **bring something to share if you would like, but not necessary.** There

will be plenty of food and good fellowship. Coffee, juice and other delicious treats provided! If you would like to help, call Jeanette in the office

Two Free Seminars!

Presented by Sarah Shade, Attorney at Law
Estate Planning – Saturday, February 22 – 9-11am
St. Agnes Hall. **RSVP by February 19**

- Estate Planning Documents
- Durable Power of Attorney
- Health Care Power of Attorney
- Living Will; Guardianship
- Physician Ordered Sustaining Treatment
- Last Will and Testament; Revocable Trusts

Long Term Care – Saturday, March 14 – 9-11am
St. Agnes Hall. **RSVP by March 11**

- Four types of care: In Home, Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing, Custodial Care
- Sources of Payment: Medicare, Medicaid, VA, Private Pay, Insurance
- Resources; Practical Issues; Elder Abuse

Call the Parish Office to register 288-9223.

Fr. Dave will review the Catholic Teaching on End of Life issues at each session.



Ministry of the Fibers

(A Prayer Shawl Ministry)

February 19; 10am or 6:45pm

St. Mary-St. Elizabeth House

This tri-parish group will meet once again on the third Wednesday. (Date and Times are listed above.) Still working on those winter projects—lap blankets, prayer shawls, scarves, hats, and blankets? Why not come to the meeting and share your pattern and enjoy fellowship with others. New members are always welcome! For more information contact: Jeanette 729-3638; Janice 760-2087.

Parenting With Grace

How to Raise Catholic Kids in the Modern World

Led by Susan Hoefler from the Diocesan Office for Family Life

There will be 4 sessions and different topics. The event is free. The first session is:

February 23: How to Keep Your Kids Catholic

Meet at Mancino's, 4116 W. Bethel Ave., Muncie 6:15 p.m. socialize and order food.

6:30 p.m. Presentation followed by discussion

Register at: <https://parentingwithgrace.eventbrite.com>



Saint Lawrence Catholic School

stlawrencemuncie.org

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Rob Frey, Principal:

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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

Monday, February 17 – No School – Teacher Work Day

Wednesday, February 19– 8am Mass



DAN'S FISH FRY

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

Knights of Columbus Hall

Tickets will go on sale after all

the Masses this weekend and next weekend.

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.

Our school's "Penny Battles" raised \$315.75 this year. This money will benefit Muncie Mission and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The Catholic Moment



Serving the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

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FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

This weekend 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. ***Please use the envelope provided in The Catholic Moment last weekend on in the pews. Fill out the information so we can credit you with payment.** *You can place this envelope in the collection basket this weekend and ongoing weekends.

Ash Wednesday, February 26 –

Mass times: 8am; 12:15pm and 6:30pm

Fridays during Lent: Beginning

February 28—6:40 p.m. Rosary;

7:00 p.m.-Stations of the Cross

Thursday, February 27 – 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the

Villa Clubhouse – Morrison Woods – Art and Wine.

Free community event to benefit Soup Kitchen of Muncie. Meet the artists and preview the art created for the 10th Annual Soup Kitchen of Muncie fundraising dinner.

Saturday, April 4 – Soup Kitchen of Muncie – 10th Annual Dinner and Auction



Happy Birthday!

**Happy Birthday to our
Pastor, Fr. Dave
February 22**

Welcome to St. Lawrence

Bracken Barga

With our Sympathy

John Shepherd, parishioner, passed away on February 7. Our sympathies are extended to Linda Shepherd and to all his family and friends.

We also extend our sympathies to Rita Waechter. Rita's brother, Jim Blankman, of Greensburg, Indiana passed away on February 2.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 22 AND 23

	Readers	Altar Servers	E.M.H.C.	Ushers
4:30 P.M.	Jack Greiner Carolann Mikesell	Onnie Adams	Richard Grill Lynette Varner Marianne Vorhees	Jim Carnes Matt Hill Steve Lansing Walter Vester
8:00 A.M.	Maria Hart Lucia Hart	Robert Berger	Jerry Bricker Mary Burford Della Gregory Lynne Hellman Pat Hellman	Sheila Caudill Jack Holland Joe McPherson Phil McPherson
10:00 A.M.	Wednesday Cunnington Wiloe Cunnington Breaking Open the Word: Kathy Taylor	Alex Cox Ava Echelbarger	Bridget Cole John Coutinho Les Coutinho Marianne Echelbarger Myron Echelbarger	Mateo Romero Greg Smith Mike Wallace Tom Ward



It's that time again! The Indiana Catholic Women's Conference is March 21, 2020!

Give yourselves the gift of "taking time out" of your busy schedules & join with hundreds of other Catholic women of all ages. Experience a day of building your faith with the Sacraments and fellowship! Look online to see our great lineup of speakers at www.indianacatholicwomen.com or call: 317-373-2125 Bring a friend or join the women of your own parish. Discover what God wants for you!

This conference is held at the Indiana Convention Center and is sponsored by the Marian Center of Indianapolis in partnership with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 16, 2020**

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared for those who love him,
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

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.

**THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE
February 22**

In brushing up for "Catholic Jeopardy," it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It's for a chair: Saint Peter's chair in fact

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today's Syria, the place where we were first called Christians. From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair ("disciple" literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter's chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter's chair above the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

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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