

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street | Muncie, IN 47305



March 1, 2020
First Sunday of Lent

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
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SUN. 1			First Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Dcn. Jim MacDougall)		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 (In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony) All are welcome!		CH
5-6:15 p.m.	HSYG		AH
5:15-7:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class		AH
MON. 2			
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer		CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Dick Hahn)		CH
1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting		RD
TUES. 3			St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer		CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Doris Rhea)		CH
WED. 4			St. Casimar
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer		CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Agnes McPherson) School Children attend		CH
12 Noon	Eat, Pray, Learn		AH
6:30 p.m.	School Advisory Council		AH
THURS. 5			
No 8:00 a.m. Mass			
9:30 a.m.	Footprints Sewing Group		AH
5:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supv. Mtg.		AH
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		CH
FRI. 6			World Day of Prayer
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer		CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Drew Koop)		CH
11:30 a.m.	Oblates		AH
5-8:00 p.m.	Dan's Fish Fry	K of C Hall	
6:35 p.m.	Rosary		CH
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross		CH
SAT. 7			Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Mary Ella Walls)		CH
9:00 a.m.	Church Cleaning		
10:00 a.m.	1 st Penance		CH
	Lunch follows – St. Agnes Hall		
3:00 p.m.	Confessions		CH
4:30 p.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence Parish)		CH
SUN. 8			Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m.	Mass (L/D members of the George & Mary McGraw families)		CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Thelma Bedel)		CH
11:00 a.m.	RCIA		AH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (✠Melinda Williams)		CH
7:00 p.m.	Parish Mission		CH
	Social follows in St. Agnes Hall		

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Lawrence:

It was a pleasure to hear and see your response to Phil's presentation on the parish financial picture. Over the last two years, I wondered what people were thinking as you knew the parish was spending a lot of money. How many of you were worried about a huge debt? Or, wondered how all this was being paid for? It is rare that I have left a parish in debt as I believe that would be unjust to the parish to be saddled with a debt and no say in the matter. Just know that it is and has been your generosity that has enabled this to happen – through collection donations, online giving, volunteering for bingo. Many have expressed that their finances don't allow much room for giving but they pray regularly for the parish. This also must have helped out as at the beginning of my assignment it wasn't clear how we would go forward at that time. I came to St. Lawrence in 2015 because I felt called – and it was the only parish I wanted to serve. So, whatever would happen, it seemed God was with us – and it just kept unfolding. It has been a pleasure to share these years with you and to be with you on this journey.

Next weekend we have Fr. Jim Farrell from St. Pius Parish in Indianapolis. He is a priest frequently sought out for retreats and parish missions. He has done a lot at Fatima Retreat Center and spiritual direction for many. While he is here, I will be covering the weekend Masses at St. Pius. I believe that you will both enjoy and be enriched by the experience. So please place the dates and times on your calendar.

A concern that I do have is on the Fruitful Harvest Campaign that we are currently in. The parish goal is \$137,175 of which \$104,000 has been paid, leaving a shortfall of \$33,000. In order to get diocesan approval for the work on the clock tower to be approved, the diocese questioned if we would meet our Fruitful Harvest goal. I gave assurance that the parish would reach the goal. After this approval was given to spend the money necessary for work on the tower this spring, the cost is close to the shortfall on our Fruitful Harvest. Whatever shortfall a parish has, it has to be paid out of parish monies and the parish also loses its rebate of 10%, which will be \$13,700.

This current Fruitful Harvest was about \$180 short in pledges to meet the goal. Several parishioners who had pledged also passed away. If you can help with this, it will help us do necessary work on the church exterior.

Thanks and God Bless,

Fr. Dave

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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, Ben Dalton.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

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



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March

Evangelization: Catholics in China – We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Pray For:

Our Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians

Sun.	Fr. Cassian Sama, O.P.	Dcn. John Etter
Mon.	Fr. Martin Sandhage	Dcn. Mike Gray
Tues.	Fr. Ron Schiml	Dcn. John Jeziarski
Wed.	Msgr. Robert Sell	Dcn. Charles Jindrich
Thurs.	Fr. Chris Shocklee	Dcn. Gary Kuenz
Fr.	Fr. Daniel Shine	Dcn. Paul Lunsford
Sat.	Fr. Travis Stephens	Dcn. Todd Marye



Weekend of February 23, 2020

St. Lawrence Parish	\$5,546.25
School Support	\$1,357.50
Children's Envelopes	\$ 150.00
Deacon's Food Pantry	\$ -----
Fuel Fund	\$ 165.00
The Catholic Moment	\$ 832.00



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.



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



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

Welcome to St. Lawrence

Jack Bunner
Wayne and Gracey Yee
Jennifer and Cory Hill and their children
Forrest and Abel

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COLUMN

(Sue Wilhelm)

We hope to see you at our Parish Mission! 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 three 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. 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

Our Parish Mission Prayer

Come Holy Spirit with the fire of your love. Make us One in you and with each other. Burn deeply within each of us the desire for deeper friendship with Christ through prayer, the willingness to heal our relationships through forgiveness, and the strength to recommit ourselves in community. May we devote ourselves, to be of one heart and mind, to your teaching, to community, to breaking bread and to prayer. Amen.

Lenten Booklets: United in the Heart of Christ through “The Joy of the Gospel” were mailed to each parishioner’s homes. If you did not receive this mailing, there are copies on the tables in church. If you know someone who would like to use it, please pass one along.

Catholicism Series – “The Communion of Saints”
 March 11, 1:30 p.m. – St. Agnes Hall

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass – Sunday Scripture Study



RCIA Class will meet at 11:00 am this Sunday, March 1, 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, March 24, 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, March 15**, 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 **March 5 in St. Agnes Hall at 9:30 a.m.** The group is preparing for the Annual Baby Shower to be held February 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.

Lost and Found

A little girl’s heart necklace was found outside the church. If it belongs to you, please call the Rectory or stop by to claim it.

FAITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH!!



SACRAMENT CLASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND FIRST PENANCE:

Schedule:

March 1 – 11am Children meet with Catechist
March 7 – 10am 1st Penance in Church and Luncheon follows in St. Agnes Hall
March 15 – 11am – Parent Mtg./ Children meet with Catechist
March 22 – 11am Children meet with Catechist
March 29 – 11am Children meet with Catechist
April thru May 3 schedule will be published in a few weeks. Contact Sheila Henry (765) 729-1229 for any questions.

A FAMILY OF FAITH (Grades K-8)

Meets this 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 **Sunday, March 1**, from 5:15-7:30 p.m.



High School Youth Group

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

March 1 and March 13 – Fun Night;
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.

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.

Focolore Meeting

Monthly Focolore “Word of Life” Meetings are held the first Sunday of every month at St. Lawrence Rectory. **We will meet on March 1 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.

Join us on Fridays During Lent

6:35 p.m. Rosary

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

The Catholic Moment



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FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far. You can still do so by placing your envelope in the collection basket in the weeks ahead. The cost is \$20 per household. Make your check out to St. Lawrence and on the “memo” line indicate Catholic Moment. (Envelopes are also available on the tables in church.)

Free Seminar!

Presented by Sarah Shade, Attorney at Law

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 also review the Catholic Teaching on End of Life issues.

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:

March 1: Part 1 - How to Talk to Your Kids about Sexuality - Meet at Puerto Vallarta, 508 S. Tillotson Ave., Muncie

March 8: Part 2 – How to Talk to Your Kids about Sexuality - Meet at Pizza King, 1911 S. Tiger Dr., Yorktown.

6:15 p.m. socialize and order food.

6:30 p.m. Presentation followed by discussion

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

School Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 4 – 6:30 p.m.

St. Agnes Hall



Saint Lawrence Catholic School

stlawrencemuncie.org

765.282.9353

Rob Frey, Principal:

r.frey@stlawrencemuncie.org

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, March 4 - 8am Mass

Saint Lawrence would like to thank the Purdue Extension for conducting a 5-week program to teach our students about healthy choices. The program covers topics such as healthy eating, the importance of exercise, and the dangers of too much screen time. Purdue is presenting this program to our students at no charge.



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. 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 February Virtues in Practice recipients! These students represented Saint Lawrence Catholic School proudly by modeling Prudence (Making good decisions in specific circumstances).

Dakota Allen-Grade 5

"Dakota often makes good choices during school Masses when he is leading by example. He chooses to do the right thing by showing kindness to the younger students". -Mrs. Cunnington

Tanner Mullis-Grade 2

"It is easy to get distracted by others during class. Tanner tries to sit near classmates who will not tempt him to be distracted and who will help him make good choices. Even though he would rather sit by his close friends, he knows that making this sacrifice will help him focus on his work". -Miss Kline

Our March virtue is Respect (Recognizing the dignity of all people).

Friendship Circle

Tuesday, March 17 – Noon-2:00 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall.

St. Francis Friendship Circle invites our 55 and older friends (ladies and gentlemen) to our March Luncheon, Get your "green on" as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with favorite Irish dishes, salads and refreshments.

Featured Speaker: Teresa Clemmons from A Better Way. The following items will be collected for their ministry: toaster ovens, mixing bowls, crock pots, pots and pans, sheet sets, coffee pots, bake ware, hand mixers, bathroom sets, as well as accepting cash and check contributions. Questions? Contact: Anne Gaydos at 287-8061 or email: StFrancisFriendshipCircle@gmail.com

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MARCH 7 AND 8

	Readers	Altar Servers	E.M.H.C.	Ushers
4:30 P.M.	Richard Grill Deb Miller	Andrew Shaw Jonathan Shaw	Jeanette Carnes Jim Carnes Michael Dransfield	Matt Hill Steve Lansing Walter Vester Skip Vorhees
8:00 A.M.	Carolyn MacDougall Pete Walters	Rachel Waechter	Jerry Bricker Mark Dirksen Della Gregory Sandy Shirey Nancy Taverna	Mary Burford Sheila Caudill Jack Holland Phil McPherson
10:00 A.M.	Myron Echelbarger Jennifer Johnson Breaking Open the Word: Tom Schmitt	Onnie Adams Ava Echelbarger	Bob Carpenter Lea Carpenter Sherry Richardson Cindy Spears Kathy Taylor	Omar Galan Jeff Huff Mateo Romero Greg Smith



CRS (Catholic Relief Services) RICE BOWL

Rice bowls are now available at the tables in Church. HOW IS THE MONEY USED? Lenten alms go to alleviate hunger and poverty in communities overseas and in the U.S.: seventy-five percent of gifts support CRS’ humanitarian programs around the world. CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten program for families and faith communities in the United States who want to put their faith into action. Through CRS Rice Bowl, participants are invited to hear stories about their brothers and sisters in need around the world, and devote their Lenten prayers, fasting and alms to change the lives of those who suffer in poverty. Participants journey through the 40 days of Lent with a collection of daily reflections and activities included in the CRS Rice Bowl packet.

PRAYER

The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.

—William McGill

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020

“The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.”

— Matthew 4:10

St. Lawrence 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.



Applications are now available for the Knights of Columbus Council 560 Scholarship.

Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded to current high school seniors or undergraduate college students. The applications are available on-line at kofcmuncieindiana.com. An eligible candidate must be a member of a Catholic church and a resident of Delaware County. Applications are due April 1st. For more information contact Jim Cheslik at (765) 286-3061 (H) OR (765) 749-0315 (C)

Knights of Columbus

New candidates and First Degree Knights can experience the NEW ceremonial which brings you from First Degree thru Third Degree Knighthood. **Tuesday, March 17--Knights of Columbus Hall** Please register so we can send you more information! You may register as follows:

1. Go to www.kofcmuncieindiana.com and “Contact Us” or,
2. Go to www.kofc.org and “Join” or,
3. Contact Steve Chatot, Membership Chair at bigbear69@comcast.net or 765-717-9104

New candidates use 1, 2 or 3 above and First Degree Knights use 1 or 3 above.

On the tables in church: United in the Heart of Christ through *The Joy of the Gospel* booklets; Little Black Books donated by the Knights of Columbus; Rice Bowls; The Word Among Us books.