

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street | Muncie, IN 47305



March 22, 2020
Fourth 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

Soup Kitchen of Muncie 765-287-8439

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday, 12 Noon.

Send items to: stlawrencemuncieparish@dol-in.org.

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PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

No Masses scheduled. No meetings.
Livestream Mass – 9:00 a.m. – Sunday – go to
Facebook - St. Lawrence Catholic Church

If you had a Mass scheduled for a loved one, Father Dave will have a private Mass for that intention. He will include multiple intentions when there were several Masses scheduled for that day.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 22-29

SUNDAY

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

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.

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR A
LIVE STREAM MASS:**

Bishop Doherty will live stream Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. from the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. Here is the website:

<http://churchoftheblessedsacrament.yourstreamlive.com>.

See page 4 for an additional opportunity.

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Lawrence,

The situation faced globally with the pandemic is more serious than anything encountered in my lifetime. I don't think it is possible to be over cautious. I encourage you to take all the cautions you can.

My sister, Rhea, called me Thursday night and told me about the doctor issuing a prescription for her, but the doctor told her to find someone under 65 to pick it up for her as it was too dangerous for her to go after it. The governor of California issued a travel ban and everyone is to remain sheltered at home.

Though there have been relatively few cases reported in Indiana, it's not because there are few, it's just few tests have been performed. Cases I am hearing about include normally healthy high school students. So just do not take any chances. Except for emergencies or necessity, I will be at the rectory during this time. Fr. Bob will return this week, if he doesn't get quarantined some place.

In the meantime, I want to make sure you know that I will be offering a live screen Mass each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and will explore a daily time for the Rosary and Friday stations. Holy Week will include Mass for Holy Thursday and Good Friday Service. Easter Sunday will be at 9:00 a.m. with a renewal of baptismal promises and profession of faith – but in Louisiana they have a saying – “if God says the same.”

As to hospital visits, the word from the hospital is that priests and ministers are regarded as volunteers and are excluded from visiting. In the case of a family member dying, families will be allowed to have only two members who can visit, and only the two identified will be allowed in. If a priest is wanted to anoint or give viaticum or sacrament of reconciliation to one who is dying, one of the two allowed family members would have to give up their right to visit. This is my understanding of hospital restrictions – subject to change or modification.

If any family member is in the hospital, if they or you would like to call, I could visit over the phone with them, offer a prayer and ask God's blessing on them. So, feel free to call.

God Bless all of you through this most challenging time.

Fr. Dave

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, Lora Brenner, Ben Dalton, Becky Chandler.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

The Catholic Moment 
Serving the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana Est. January 21, 1945

Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far to the diocesan newspaper. You can still do so by mailing your envelope to the Parish Office 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.

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. Matt Arbuckle	Jordan Boone
Mon.	Fr. Derek Aaron	Jason Diebolt
Tues.	Fr. Sean Aaron	Brian Farrell
Wed.	Fr. P. Baikauskas, OP	Matthew Jakupco
Thurs.	Fr. James Bates	Jacob Miller
Friday	Fr. Joshua Bennett	Andrew Morand
Sat.	Fr. Robert Bernotas	TJ Slamkowski

Weekly Collections 
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Weekend of March 15, 2020

St. Lawrence Parish	\$3,549.23
School Support	\$ 120.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$ 53.00
Deacon’s Food Pantry	\$ 10.00
Fuel Fund	\$ 105.00



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

Weekly Collection

Even though the church is locked, the Parish Office is still open at this time. If you are able to make your weekly contribution, you may drop it off at the office or mail it to the Parish Office – 820 E. Charles St., Muncie, IN 47305. **Please call the office prior to stopping by as hours of coverage will be shorter during this time.** We appreciate whatever you are able to give. Our parish staff will still be paid during this time and our operating costs will still be upon us.

We Care About You!

Please call the office with any concerns you may have at this time. Let us know your thoughts and what you are facing at this time. What can we do to help you?

Economic Relief Fund

If you need assistance with rent and/or utilities, call United Way at 866-211-9966

CHARITY

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.
 —St. Vincent Ferrer

FILL US

Open wide the windows of our spirits and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration.
 —Christina Rossetti

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COLUMN (Sue Wilhelm)

Continue to use the United in the Heart of Christ booklet that was made available to you.

Eat, Pray, Learn sessions will not meet at this time. You will receive weekly email messages to encourage you to continue your reading and reflection. Reach out to another person or two in the group and share with them your thoughts.



RCIA Classes have been discontinued until further notice. If you have any questions, contact Sue Wilhelm or Fr. Dave at the Parish Office 288-9223.

HEARTS OF HOPE MINISTRY

This Ministry will not be meeting until further notice. If you have any questions, contact Deb Saxon at 765-760-4800.



Eucharistic Adorers Ministry

The next date for Eucharistic Adoration has not been scheduled at this time. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Marilyn Sherrill at 765-396-3583 or 765-744-4086.



FOOTPRINTS SEWING GROUP
All meetings of this group have been discontinued at this time. The members of the group will be working from home. For more information, please contact Carmen Simmons at 765/808-1917 or Jayne Waechter at 765/288-8920.

St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store is currently closed until further notice. Please do not drop off any donations at this time.

Deacon's Food Pantry – The pantry is still giving sacks of food out to those who come to the pantry on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have non-perishable items to donate, you can drop them off at the Parish Office. If it is a large donation, call the office (288-9223) and we can meet you at the pantry to help you unload. **Their greatest need at this time is for canned fruit.**

FAITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH!!



SACRAMENT CLASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND FIRST PENANCE:

Due to the National Emergency concerning the COVID-19 virus, our Sacrament Class will not be meeting until the restrictions are lifted. A folder has been mailed to those who were unable to pick theirs up at our last meeting. For any questions, contact Sheila Henry at 765-729-1229.

A FAMILY OF FAITH (Grades K-8)

No meetings scheduled at this time.

CONFIRMATION CLASS – No meetings scheduled at this time.

High School Youth Group – No meetings scheduled at this time.



FOOTPRINTS SEWING GROUP -- ANNUAL BABY SHOWER - Now thru April 3!

Since there are no Masses and the church is closed, you can drop off your donations for Project Gabriel and First Choice for Women at the Parish Office. Please call first to make sure someone is there to receive your donations. Items needed include diapers, especially sizes 4 and 5; baby wipes, washes and lotions, crib sheets and pac-n-play sheets. Also, summer clothing for boys and girls sizes 0-3mo and 3-6mo, socks, washcloths, towels, hair brushes, combs, bottles, bottle brushes, thermometers, and new or gently used bassinets and pac-n-plays. Thank you for your support. Any questions, contact Carmen Simmons (765) 808-1917.

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.



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

Our school is currently not in session until further notice



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)

One of our parishioners, Dorothy Tricker, has sent the following information. "As an EWTN Media Missionary, I would like to post the Announcement they sent regarding upcoming Lenten and Easter programming. Due to the Coronavirus and elderly people it is a wonderful way to be able to feel connected to the Lenten services and daily Masses for those of us who should not be going out. I hope that all people would know they have the opportunity to stay connected to the Church through all the various programs. Get program details at www.ewtn.com and visit www.ewtn.com/channelfinder You will find all kinds of special documentaries and information along with the ability to hear daily Mass."

From the Office of Stewardship and Development
Diocese of Lafayette:



Today's readings are filled with contrasting images — God's vision versus human vision, spiritual blindness versus spiritual sightedness. Embracing a stewardship way of life can free us from spiritual blindness and help us to reflect the light of Christ's love in our daily lives.

Our Second Reading, from Ephesians begins, "...You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Because of our Baptism, we have the "light" of the Blessed Trinity dwelling within us. In the difficulties and messiness of daily life, it's easy to forget this glorious truth about ourselves. It can also be difficult to determine whether we truly are living in a way that reflects Christ's light.

The stewardship way of life, with its emphasis on the rightly ordered use of the gifts of time, talents and treasure, gives us a guide to help ensure we really are living as "children of the light."

In our Gospel passage from John, Christ restores sight to a man born blind. The man says that Christ "opened my eyes." These Lenten days are an excellent time for us to ask Jesus to open our eyes, too. Let us ask Him to show us where we may be suffering from spiritual blindness, perhaps even in subtle ways in our use — or misuse — of time, talents and treasure.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, let's intensify our efforts in any of these areas where we have become a little blinded so that by Easter, we are truly living as children of the light.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

	Readers	Altar Servers	E.M.H.C.	Ushers
4:30 P.M.				
8:00 A.M.				
10:00 A.M.				