

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street | Muncie, IN 47305



**April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday**

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
PALM SUNDAY

Livestreamed Masses via Facebook –
St. Lawrence Catholic Church, or on our website-
stlawrencemuncie.com

Daily: 8:00 a.m.; Sunday – 9:00 a.m.

Spanish Mass –12:15 p.m. – Sunday

Night Prayer–7:30 p.m.–Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday

The Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 7, at 11am will be

livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Mary of the

Immaculate Conception Facebook page via

FacebookLive:

<https://www.facebook.com/saintmarycathedral/>

If you had a Mass scheduled for a loved one, Father Dave will mention the intention at the private Mass. (*see Mass intentions below) He will include multiple intentions when there were several Masses scheduled for that day.

Sunday Readings:

Palm Sunday: Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66

Readings for the week:

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27; John 12:1-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71; John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69; Matthew 26:14-25

Holy Thursday-Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116; 1Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday):

Isaiah 52:13-53;12; Psalm 31; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil: Genesis 1:1-2:2; Psalm 104;

Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 16; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus

15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30; Isaiah

55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4;

Psalm 19; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd,

5-6; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118; Matthew 28:1-10

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Acts

10:34a, 37-43; Psalm 118; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS:

*Sunday, April 5 - Vigil Mass (4:30pm Saturday)

Intention: Repose of the soul of Floyd Jones; Sunday Masses: St. Lawrence Parish, Repose of the soul of John Shepherd, and In Honor of St. Anthony

*Monday, April 6: Repose of the soul of Martha Campisi

*Tuesday, April 7: Repose of the soul of Harry Metzger

*Wednesday, April 8: For the Intentions of Dan Dalton

*Holy Thursday, April 9: Repose of the soul of Ellen

Goth and for St. Lawrence Parish

*Friday, April 10: Good Friday service

*Holy Saturday, April 11: St. Lawrence Parish

*Easter Sunday: Repose of the souls of Brady Noonkester, Nancy Hansan, and St. Lawrence Parish

Palms will be distributed between 11am and 12 Noon this Sunday in the paved parking lot. Enter off of Charles Street by the Soup Kitchen and the St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store.

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Lawrence,

Since my last communication, have you read about viruses on Wikipedia? Fascinating! As I mentioned previously, a virus is about 1/100th the size of a bacteria. They can't be seen by a regular microscope—too small. Their structures vary but are very complex – RNA, DNA – often with crystalline formations. They are not living but are self-replicating, using material from a host. It is estimated that there are billions of types of viruses but only about 75,000 have been studied. It is so amazing that this virus we cannot see is dangerous enough to upend everything that is normal in our daily life – work, social activity, family life, educational and economic systems, our normal life of worship and physical routines. How easily does a small, tiny virus drive almost all human activity to a halt – and is in control of when it will end as we have no defense against it except “social distancing” – which means to wait it out. What a lesson is here whenever we begin to think of ourselves as “in control.” May we let go of that major illusion. “I am in control of my life, someone else's or the world.” What a profound lesson we can learn from this very small and seemingly insignificant piece of nature. Just mind boggling.

Holy Week begins like no other – at least for the Catholic community. Even though we won't celebrate these days as normal, take time to ponder and share on the events commemorated this week:

Palm Sunday – how the crowd praised and honored him – but on Friday were demanding His crucifixion – how passing is worldly esteem and honor.

Holy Thursday – celebrating the Passover with His disciples who were totally unaware of what was ahead. During that meal Jesus chose for all time to offer Himself to be in the form of consecrated bread and wine – most common of food and drink

Good Friday – the cruel torture and execution of Christ that became for us the eternal sign of His love for us with His outstretched arms. An invitation to all of us to come to Him and be embraced in His love and mercy.

Easter Sunday – death is conquered. Evil has lost the battle and has no power over Jesus who is risen, who is alive – now and always. As He promised, “I am with you until the end of time.” We must see Easter not as a past event that occurred but as part of our everyday reality. He is alive and with us!

Have a Happy and Blessed Easter! (Even the viruses can't touch Him.)

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 and Ronny 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, Kathy Taylor, Marsha Clark.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April

Universal: Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

Pray For:

Our Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians

Sun.	Fr. Paul Cochran	Dcn. Chris Bock
Mon.	Fr. Ron Comeau	Dcn. Ed Boes
Tues.	Fr. Philip Cover	Dcn. John Etter
Wed.	Fr. Alan Cox	Dcn. Mike Gray
Thurs.	Fr. John Cummings	Dcn. John Jezierski
Friday	Fr. Cole Daily	Dcn. C. Jindrich
Sat.	Fr. Christian DeCarlo	Dcn. Gary Kuenz

Weekly Collections
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**Weekend of March 29, 2020
Mailed in or Dropped Off**

St. Lawrence Parish	\$3,880.00
School Support	\$ 482.00
Deacon's Food Pantry	\$ 771.00
Fuel Fund	\$ 55.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 193.00
Funeral Dinners	\$ 80.00

See page 4 for March 2020 monthly totals



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.

FRUITFUL HARVEST

Thanks to all of you who continue to send in your pledges. Currently we are at about 90% of our goal. If we receive 100%, we will be able to get our rebate amount which will truly help the parish. If you are in a position to help, you can send your check made out to Fruitful Harvest, to the Parish Office, and we will make sure that it gets to the Diocese and entered correctly to credit St. Lawrence Parish.



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.



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.



FOOTPRINTS SEWING GROUP

The ladies are currently making face masks and delivering them to the nursing homes. All meetings of this group have been discontinued at this time. For more information, please contact Carmen Simmons at 765/808-1917 or Jayne Waechter at 765/288-8920.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COLUMN

(Sue Wilhelm)

Dear Friends,

This isn't an easy time by any means. And, I find many of us grateful for the technology we have that allows us to connect with family and friends. It also allows us to connect with our Parish Family. If you are on Facebook, be sure to like our parish page: St. Lawrence Catholic Church. You will find we live stream each day. Most weekdays we livestream Mass at 8:00 in the morning. On Sunday, Mass is live streamed at 9:00am. Fr. Bob will livestream the Spanish Mass at 12:15 p.m. Night Prayer – 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. In between Fr. Dave leads us in the Rosary, Stations, or will occasionally give us a message. So please stay tuned and stay connected.

Our Tuesday morning Scripture Study will be trying to meet through ZOOM. at 9:00am. Please email me if you want to be included: swilhelm@parish.dol-in.org

It is wonderful to hear how many folks are reaching out in one way or another to other parishioners. If you haven't received a call, or would like to talk to someone, please call the office and we'll connect you.

No matter where we are, we can meet each other in the Heart of Christ through prayer and intention. Let our hearts beat for the world, for each other with His love. Let us then make our choices with care and compassion from that place. Hunkering down may very well be what we are called to at this moment in history. In solidarity we go into our "hermitages" to pray, to come to stillness, to again hear the voice of God who longs for each of us.

Blessings, friends!

Sue

March 2020 – Monthly Collection Recap

St. Lawrence Parish	\$19,862.94
Children's Envelopes	\$ 103.00
School Support	\$ 1,282.00
Fuel Fund	\$ 598.00
Deacon's Food Pantry	\$ 2,131.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 338.00

March 2020 – Online Giving Totals

St. Lawrence Parish	\$ 8,377.00
School Support	\$ 925.00
Deacon's Food Pantry	\$ 160.00
Fuel Fund	\$ 180.00
Other	\$ 292.00

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. For any questions, contact Sheila Henry at 765-729-1229.

A FAMILY OF FAITH (Grades K-8)

No meetings scheduled at this time.



Due to the current stay at home order with the coronavirus pandemic the annual Knights of Columbus Easter Egg hunt scheduled for Saturday April 11th has been cancelled.



Saint Lawrence Catholic School

stlawrencemuncie.org

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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

Students will be utilizing-learning throughout the month of April. Be sure to visit the school website to see what our students are learning.

www.stlawrencemuncie.org

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR A LIVESTREAM 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>.

One of our parishioners, Dorothy Tricker, has sent the following information. "I hope that all people know they have the opportunity to stay connected to the Church through all the various programs offered through EWTN. 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."



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A Note from Stephen Ministry...

This past month has been extremely challenging for our St. Lawrence family, but we are learning so much about our faith in God, and our love for each other. While we are all "at war" with this pandemic, we have each had more time to think, to pray and to seriously consider the needs of others. While our grandparents were called to a different war, we have been called to stay home, and sit on the sofa for the safety of ourselves and the health of those we love. Many of us are called to enter this "battleground" in our hospitals, clinics, ambulances, or as first responders. Spend time praying for them and for our parish priests. It is important to remember that we are each struggling, but there are many ways we are blessed. So, for right now...pause...take a deep breath, embrace this extra time with your immediate family, spend quality time with your children who are home from school, call your friends and neighbors, and attend on-line Mass and evening prayers. Use this time to consider the ways that Christ is leading you to reach out to your parish family. And when you feel distressed or overwhelmed, it may help to consider the amazing joy we will each experience when we can great each other again at Mass, and partake fully in the Eucharist.

This parish family is amazing and sometimes when there is a crisis, the best thing to do is "start where you are, use what you have, and do what you can!" Together this parish family can do much, starting with hope, and acting with love and, of course, prayer!

Stephen Ministry Leaders

A Prayer for the Sick

Loving God,

You sent your son Jesus Christ to heal the sick.

We ask you to come to our aid in the midst of the coronavirus crisis that we, too, may experience your healing love. We ask you to heal the sick. Calm those who are living in fear. Be with those who have died and comfort their families. Inspire health professionals to aid them in their healing work. Guide national leaders to lead and make decisions with wisdom. Help us to always be aware of your presence as we place our trust in you. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

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

From the office secretary -- trying to think of some "fillers." Answer to last week's questions!

- Who was the first martyr? (St. Stephen)
- Who was the first Christian emperor? (Constantine the Great)
- Who was St. Leo the Great? (also known as Pope Leo I – papacy began in 440 AD)
- When was Pope Stephen X elected? (1057)
- What was the name of the priest credited with the formation of the Knights of Columbus? (Father Michael J. McGivney)
- According to the book of Exodus, where did Moses receive the 10 Commandments? (Mt. Sinai)
- Which of these words refers to the area of which the Pope has jurisdiction as its Bishop? (Holy See)
- In 1979 Pope John Paul II announced a patron saint of those who promote ecology. Who is this heavenly patron? (St. Francis of Assisi)
- In the Stations of the Cross, how many times did Jesus fall? (3 times)
- According to the Catholic Church, in what year was it founded? (33 AD)
- What Pope and in what year were the Luminous Mysteries (Mysteries of Light) adopted? (Pope John Paul II, in 2002)

**From the Office of Stewardship and Development
Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana**

We begin this Holy Week with the reading of the Lord's Passion from the Gospel of Matthew. It is fitting that during this week we intensely focus our minds and hearts on the steps of our Savior as He laid down His very life for us. But let us also examine the seemingly small acts of stewardship by some who encountered Jesus during this most eventful week.

One occurred when Jesus gave instructions about the room where He would celebrate the Passover. Jesus said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him..." "In your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples." While we do not know this man's name, we do know he agreed to this request — he shared the material gift of his home and the gift of hospitality. Because of his good stewardship, his own home became the site of the institution of the Eucharist!

There was also Simon the Cyrenian, who offered the gift of his physical strength, helping the Lord to carry His Cross. Consider, too, the actions of Joseph of Arimathea — he generously shared a material gift of the tomb that was his, and he gave the gift of service to our Lord by giving Him a proper burial. Then there were the "two Marys" who gave Jesus the gift of their time. Keeping watch in tender vigil after His death, they "remained sitting there, facing the tomb."

Each of these were simple acts of good stewardship, yet God used them in mighty ways. God invites each of us, too, to cooperate with Him in small ways through the sharing of our time, talents and material gifts. Small gifts can become mighty deeds when placed in God's service.

HOSANNA!

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their “hosannas,” they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant “Pray, save us.” The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

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**HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM
Sunday, April 5 - Sunday, April 12, 2020**

“The days of Jesus’ life-giving death and glorious resurrection are approaching, the hour he triumphed over Satan’s pride, the time we celebrate the great event of our redemption” (Preface of the Lord’s Passion II, *Sacramentary*). Thus the Church begins the one week of the year that we formally designate as “Holy.” Simple rituals can link the domestic church to parish church and Church universal. Enthroned Sunday’s palms where you pray, behind the family crucifix, even as part of front door decorations: “Christ reigns here,” they proclaim; “all are welcome!” During the first three days of Holy Week, ready Easter clothes, prepare festal foods, clean the house, beautify the yard. Late Holy Thursday afternoon, share Lent’s final meal before the Lord’s Supper Mass. Pitcher, bowl, and towel make a fitting centerpiece; perhaps conclude the meal by washing each other’s feet. On Good Friday, observe the paschal fast from food—from TV and computer, too! Then come to Holy Saturday’s Vigil with mind clear, stomach empty, and heart full of “holy anticipation” that bursts into living flame when the new fire is kindled.

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THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

—Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, *The Roman Missal*

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 5, 2020**

God greatly exalted [Christ]
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.

— *Philippians 2:9*

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Here is a CNS translation of the prayer Pope Francis recited by video March 11 for a special Mass and act of prayer asking Mary to protect Italy and the world during of the coronavirus pandemic.

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your
faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

