

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street | Muncie, IN 47305



April 26, 2020
Third Sunday of Easter

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
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Livestreamed Masses via Facebook –
St. Lawrence Catholic Church, or on our website-
stlawrencemuncie.com**
Sunday – 9:00 a.m. and Spanish Mass 12:15 p.m.
Daily: 8:00 a.m.

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.

TODAY'S READINGS (Sunday, April 26)

First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm — Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God, who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday: Vigil Mass: St. Lawrence Parish; Sunday Masses: L/D Members of George and Mary McGraw Families, Repose of the soul of Thelma Bedel and Poor Souls in Purgatory

Monday: Repose of the soul of Leo Bauer

Tuesday: Repose of the soul of Gene Boros

Wednesday: Repose of the soul of Sharon Newton

Thursday: L/D members of the Coutinho family

Friday: Repose of the soul of Floyd Jones

Saturday: Repose of the soul of Brian Nolley

Sunday: Vigil Mass-Repose of the soul of Dick Kanney and Sunday Masses: for St. Lawrence Parish, Repose of the souls of Josette Mitchell and Michael Alan Ross

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Lawrence,

Like many say, “Are we having fun yet?!” Although it has caused a lot of havoc in our regular lives and activities, several articles on the effect of the Corona virus have indicated how the natural world is benefitting from the diminished human activity – the air and water quality, the return of native animals in their habitats. Perhaps this might raise a question – is it our neglect, our disregard, of the rest of the natural world that has placed us in a very precarious position? Any solution needs to take into account the other aspects of our environment. We ignore it at our own peril or risk an overwhelming backlash. We definitely aren’t the only players on this planet. To disturb the fine natural balance that is found throughout our world is not done without repercussions or other serious ramifications. Could there be an “intelligent design” that underlies all creation – and we human beings are not yet intelligent enough to understand it? Just a question.

We are anticipating the Governor to make some recommendations in the next few weeks that might begin to loosen some restrictions on social gatherings or interactions. He will urge caution as we move forward and, here the staff, with the diocesan guidelines, will begin to implement any recommendations. As people’s health and lives are at risk, my thought is to go cautiously forward. Just this week we have had deaths of three people – all on Thursday.

From a former parish, I received word of a tragic accident that a man was trying to break apart a package of frozen meat, the knife slipped and resulted in his death from bleeding from a stab wound. He was a husband and father of three children. So tragic.

This is a concern of mine – more as a citizen than from a religious perspective. I am deeply concerned about our postal system surviving. My experience is that our national postal system has offered great service to our nation. I’m concerned about efforts to prioritize it as I see this as only a money grab. If we lose it, we will have lost a great service within our country. Yes, this is a difficult time for the postal system, but no federal money is given to the U.S. Postal Service. It is financed solely by revenue that it takes in. In 2006, the U.S. Congress passed a bill requiring it to fund its pension program for the next seventy-five years within a 10 year period. It has operated at a profit, but not enough to have in reserve a fund that large. There are many valuable properties in the postal system and I believe some have financial interest that would want its demise. If we lost it, we will never get it back. Please look into this and support a business, government sponsored, that has served us well.

God Bless all of you and keep you safe from all dangers.

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, 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. Dan Gartland	Andrew Morand
Mon.	Fr. Dennis Goth	TJ Slamkowski
Tues.	Fr. Paul Graf	Andrew Thornton
Wed.	Fr. Donald Gross	Jeffery Todd, Jr.
Thurs.	Fr. Thomas Haan	Elliot Zak
Friday		
Sat.		



Weekend of April 19, 2020 -Mailed in or Dropped Off

St. Lawrence Parish	\$6,959.75
School Support	\$1,008.00
Deacon's Food Pantry	\$ 427.50
Fuel Fund	\$ 0.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 25.00
Funeral Dinners	\$ 37.50
Rice Bowls	\$ 15.00
Easter Offering	\$1,691.25
Special Collection.....	\$1,400.00
The Catholic Moment	\$ 45.50
Other/Misc.	\$ 39.50
Total	\$11,649.00



We have seen an increase in online givers. Thanks for taking the leap! 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

Thanks to everyone who have continued to support our parish during this uncertain time. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We are indeed blessed. We can fill your prayers of support as well, and we are remembering all of you in our prayers. Know that we understand if you are not able to contribute at this time. As previously announced, the Parish Office is still open at this time. **Please call the office prior to stopping by as hours of coverage will be shorter during this time.**

FRUITFUL HARVEST

We are \$10,003 short of our Fruitful Harvest goal. It would be great if we could close this gap before Fr Hellmann leaves in June. Thanks to all of you who continue to send in your pledges. 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.

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.



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

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COLUMN

(Sue Wilhelm)

Dear Friends,

This past week we celebrated Earth Day—the 50th anniversary in fact. Perhaps you've seen news clips or stories on social media that show clearer air, and animals roaming more freely because of the quieting of human activity. It made me pause and reminded me again of Pope Francis' work "On Care for Our Common Home" or "*Laudato Si*" which celebrates it's own anniversary in May—5 years.

"Laudato Si-On Care for Our Common Home

Beginning the first week of May we will provide through our website and Facebook page a study guide and a short video presentation that will guide us through this 4-6 week study. I am happy to connect you through ZOOM so that you can be part of a small group conversation based on this work. Or feel free to talk to one another through phone conversation or Facebook Messenger to share what touches you and how you are being invited to grow.

Where can you get the document/book? You're welcome to order your own. I'm also happy to order one for you. You can also access the document online. Google "Laudato Si" and the first link will take you there. Please let me know how I might assist you.

Praying the Gospel

We will continue to pray the Gospel of the following day before Night Prayer—on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Tune in to our live stream at 7:15 for this opportunity.

Sunday Scripture Study—be sure to contact Sue if you wish to receive the link to participate in this opportunity through ZOOM.

Blessings, friends!

Sue

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.

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. If you can find cans that have the pull tab on top, that would be helpful as most do not have a way to open the cans otherwise.**

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.



FOOTPRINTS SEWING GROUP

Local recipients/organizations of face masks provided by this group are the following: Muncie Mission, Open Door, Liberty Village Nursing Home, Waters of Yorktown, Rosewood Nursing Home, Bethel Pointe, Brookside Nursing Home, Albany Nursing Home, Voss Center, St. Lawrence Deacon's Food Pantry, St. Lawrence Church staff, First Choice Physical Therapy, Anderson and Muncie; Parker Nursing Home, Walgreens, Ball Hospital Cancer Center/chemo and infusion patients; Silver Birch Assisted Living Center, Christian Ministries, Lynd Place Senior Living, Upon opening of the St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store, face masks will be provided to them. The ladies from Footprints who have been making these masks are: Linda Gill, Evela Ward, Jo Turner, Angele Walker and Jeanne Clidence. In excess of 2,500 have been manufactured and they are still getting requests. Well done ladies!!!!



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

Students will be utilizing e-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."

Check Out this website!

We were notified by our parishioner, John Coutinho, of the following website: www.dcema.com This is the carona virus hub for Delaware County with lots of helpful information and advice.



A Note from Stephen Ministry.....

When something troublesome or traumatic happens in our lives, in prayer we look for the **WHY** of it, and may ask God in our frustration, "What am I supposed to learn from this?" At these times, and certainly, during this pandemic, this is true. So, this week, take pause to consider what are we learning about ourselves and others right now? Here are some things you may have learned:

- Our faith in God is stronger than we ever imagined.
- Our parish family is comprised of faithful, caring and loving people who are dedicated to serving God and people in need.
- Our friends are amazing sources of support and time with family is priceless.
- We are blessed if we have our health, food in our fridge, clothes on our backs, and a warm place to sleep - for many in our world are not so blessed.
- We know that physicians, nurses, EMTs, and all physical, emergency and mental health providers do God's work each day and should never again be taken for granted.
- We have learned that helping others and expecting nothing in return can bring immeasurable joy!
- We are comforted by our parish priests and our church family who care for each of us, even when they cannot be with us face-to-face.
- We have learned that nothing feels more like love than these blessings.

So, right now as we are asking **WHY** this virus is in our world, let us pray for those who have lost loved ones. May we remember to count our blessings and discover how little we really need, and how much we have that truly matters. Today, take out a piece of paper, and make a list of your blessings from our Father in Heaven. Stay hopeful, and if your list seems shorter than you would like it to be, keep praying - for we know that, with prayer, patience, and trust in God that our blessings always multiply and our prayers for others are always heard by our Father.

God bless you and yours.....

The Stephen Ministry Leadership Team

GOD'S PLAN

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God's plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don't recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God's plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK:

Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena

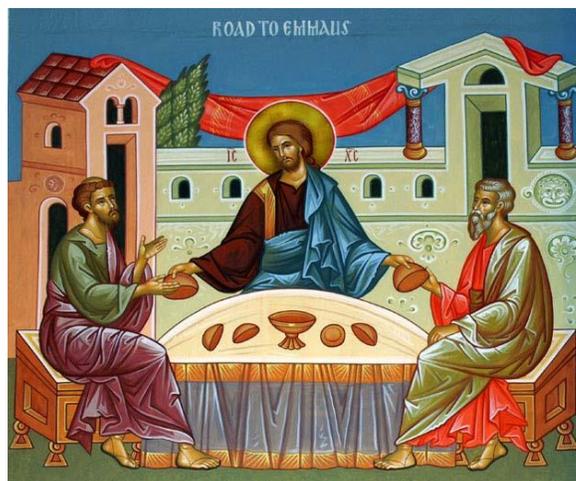
Thursday: St. Pius V

Friday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Friday

Saturday: St. Athanasius; First Saturday

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380)**Wednesday, April 29**

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as "my sweet Christ on earth," then orders: "Get back to Rome where you belong!" Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in "spiritual espousal" to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of "passing on to others the fruits of contemplation," Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called "my Divine Spouse," she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church.



Today's readings focus on a theme of "sojourning." As Christian stewards, we know our lives are a sojourn towards the ultimate destination of heaven.

Our Gospel passage today describes the sojourn of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two are dejected and despondent after Jesus' death. They knew Jesus personally. They had heard the Gospel message directly from His lips. They heard the testimony of the women who discovered the empty tomb of our Lord and saw a vision of angels announcing He was alive. They had been informed by other disciples who went to the tomb that all was exactly as the women reported.

How much more obvious could the Good News be?

And yet, at times, the reaction of the two disciples describes our own stewardship journey, doesn't it? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, the support of our parish family. Yet, we often lose our way. We fail to see all the gifts we have been given. We lack trust in the perfect goodness and almighty power of God.

But notice what happens to the two men when eyes are opened once again and they recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — the "breaking of the bread." They are transformed! Their hearts are set on fire with love for the Lord and their faith. They recall that their hearts began "burning within" as the Lord was explaining the Scriptures to them. When we find we have lost our way, we can go to the same sources as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus — the Scriptures and the Eucharist.

In this Easter season, resolve to feast deeply on these two sources of grace. They are the fuel that will propel us on journey towards heaven.

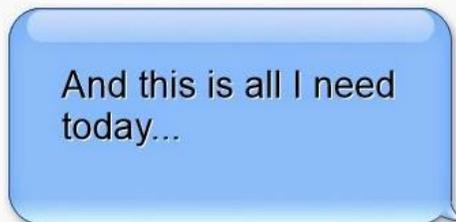
Third Sunday of Easter Emmaus Amazement

Today's Gospel has some surprises for the disciples going to Emmaus. The first is that Luke tells us Jesus appeared to them, "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (Luke 24:16). Now I don't think Jesus was wearing glasses like Clark Kent. More likely, they were prevented by their lack of faith. They knew that Jesus had died, so this man who looked familiar couldn't be him. All they had heard was that Jesus' body was missing from the tomb. Luke says they were debating, as if they couldn't decide what to believe.

That leads to the second point. No, they were not surprised that the stranger could quote scripture. Most Jewish men were familiar with the scriptures, but they were amazed at how Jesus explained them. Even the disciples had not thought of them as predicting Jesus' suffering and death. Yet they seem to know the truth of what Jesus was saying. Their hearts were burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit, who helped them to understand the new meaning of scripture. Their story can help us, too.

If you find you are not always able to see Jesus in the people or events of your life, you may need to stretch your faith. One way to do that is to discuss it with others. The two disciples were stretching their faith as they discussed what they had heard. Even better, debate it with someone who doesn't believe. (Remember to keep it friendly.) You may not convince them to change, but your faith will grow as you learn to express it. Another way to stretch your faith is to read and pray over the scriptures. Ask what God is trying to tell you in them. The disciples on the way to Emmaus began to see how Jesus fulfilled the promises found there. Passages that may have been mysterious before began to become clear when applied to Jesus. Ask God to help you see Jesus in other people. Receive Jesus in Communion as often as you can (at least once a week). Trust him and expect to see Jesus both in the people around you and in the changes that come into your life. The more you look for Jesus, the easier it is to see him.

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I need a quiet place to rest
and time to catch my breath...

I need to be alone with you, Lord,
I don't want any social distance between you and me,
so, relieve me of my worries,
free my heart of fear,
hold my burdens in your strong hands...

Lift my soul to you in prayer,
help me trust that you are there...

Let me hear the word you speak
and help me answer from my heart...

Give me strength to do your will,
help me follow where you lead...

Bring me through this day in peace
and give me peaceful sleep tonight...

And that's all I need today, Lord,
that's all I need today...

Amen.
(anonymous)