

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street | Muncie, IN 47305



May 3, 2020
Fourth 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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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday, 12 Noon.

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**PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS
FOURTH 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

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

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

Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27;
Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9;
Jn 14:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS:

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

Monday: Repouse of the soul of Ray Stoecklein

Tuesday: Repouse of the soul of John Shepherd

Wednesday: Repouse of the soul of Mary Ella Walls

Thursday: Repouse of the soul of Phyllis Collins

Friday: Special Intention-Persinger Family

Saturday: For the Int. of Bob & Edith Walker

Sunday: Vigil Mass-Repouse of the soul of Chuck Beaty;

Sunday Masses: Repouse of the souls of Adam Thomas, Peggy Noble Brown and Fritz Noble and for St. Lawrence Parish

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Lawrence,

This is a very challenging time – for all of us. The danger of opening up society or loosening restrictions, people cooped up for too long and just wanting this whole thing over. Many people unemployed or laid off and bills, mortgages, car payments still come due. College students, high school students, grade school, even day care centers no longer in routine and sometimes all quarantined together creating tense living conditions. Our future so uncertain – with some forecasting two or three years before “normal” returns. After 14, 16, 18 months are spoken as matter of fact for the worst of this virus event to last and necessitate coping with this pandemic.

With all this stress, I want to encourage people to take the opportunity to request a Stephen Minister – objective, non-judgmental person to walk with you during this time. If you are experiencing being overwhelmed by the stress of this unprecedented time and reality, don’t hesitate to contact the office for lining up a Stephen Minister. Better for you to have a relief valve than your family to pay a price. If someone in your family would recommend this to you, it’s a good sign you would benefit from it. Don’t let pride get in the way.

My thought on all this is that the whole cosmos is held in a balance of all the parts. Whenever the balance is being jeopardized, nature does what is necessary to restore or maintain the balance. The more out of kilter things are, the more severe the measure necessary to restore the balance. Maybe we are not in charge as much as we think we are and nature/creation does have the power to protect itself. Not caused by God, but created, designed and sustained by God. During this time, we should not just pray that God fix this, but what might we need to change to restore the balance and show respect for all creation. Just my non-scientific thoughts on the matter.

I believe that everyone has heard that Bishop Doherty has delayed the transfer of all the priests until August 19. That has been a relief for me – hopefully we will be able to celebrate liturgies together before that and have opportunity to see and visit again. I have missed seeing all of you. Sometimes when I wait outside the Church on Sunday morning, people think I’m just trying to catch those who are late. Really I just want to greet and welcome all those coming – whether on time or late. It is a joy to welcome each one – all I know is that you came. I have no idea what effort it might have taken you to make it that morning (or evening). I’m just glad to see you.

So now, I just really miss seeing you.

Sincerely,
Fr. Dave

Happy Birthday to those born the month of May!

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, 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 May

Evangelization: For Deacons – We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

Pray For:

Our Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians

Sun.	Fr. Kevin Haines	Dcn. Sean Aaron
Mon.	Fr. David Hasser	Michael Block
Tues.	Fr. David Hellmann	Jordan Boone
Wed.	Fr. Paul Hudson	Jason Diebolt
Thurs.	Fr. David Huemmer	Brian Farrell
Friday	Fr. Kevin Hurley	Matthew Jakupco
Sat.	Fr. Leroy Kinnaman	Andrew Morand

Weekly Collections
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Weekend of April 26, 2020 -Mailed in or Dropped Off

St. Lawrence Parish	\$5,575.00
School Support	\$ 604.00
Deacon's Food Pantry	\$ 350.00
Easter Offering	\$ 200.00
The Catholic Moment	\$ 20.00
Other/Misc.	\$ 10.00
Total:	\$6,759.00



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

We continue to be amazed at the generosity of our parishioners at this time. We have also enjoyed your notes that you have included in your weekly/monthly offering. Thank you for your prayers. You remain daily in our thoughts and prayers. 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,

“Laudato Si-On Care for Our Common Home

Check Facebook or website for materials --

Beginning next week we will provide 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? I have ordered books that will be available at the Rectory. 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 UPDATE:

From our manager, Brenda Manis:
 “In a normal month we serve approximately 250+ households.

Although we are only giving out pre-packed bags of foods now, from March 19-30 we gave out approximately 300 bags with some of those households coming multiple times per month. Sadly, I don't see things easing up for a while, but we're doing what we can to help. **As far as what we need for the pantry, I would always say cereal, peanut butter, canned tuna, and about any other staple.”**



SACRAMENT CLASSES FOR FIRST COMMUNION:

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.....Does God Inspire Creativity in You?

"If you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got!"

(Anonymous)

You may have heard this quote before. There's some truth in there!

God our Creator has gifted us with a fundamental aspect of reality, an innate part of who and what we are. We're all born creative, with opportunities in every aspect of our development: physical, emotional, intellectual, social, spiritual. Whether or not we take advantage of opportunities to nurture our creativity is a different thing! Have you ever felt more alive than when bringing something to life, in whatever form? Creativity contributes to our happiness. As spiritual teacher and author of *The Science of Mind*, Ernest Holmes, says, "to be spiritual is to create"—and he says this with the understanding that to be spiritually nourished is the only way to be authentically happy."

However, creativity doesn't have to mean painting or dancing or writing novels (though, of course, it can). In the words of the wise Osho, "Creativity is the quality that you bring to the activity that you are doing. It is an attitude, an inner approach—how you look at things ... Whatsoever you do, if you do it joyfully, if you do it lovingly, if your act of doing is not purely economical, then it is creative." William Blake thought that this creative power is life itself. "It is the Spirit. Creativity brings love to life."

Let us take a look at what could translate as "extra time on our hands" afforded us in this unique living experience of these days. What a great opportunity for us to get our God-given creative juices flowing...as individuals, with family members, with God our Creator.

God bless you and yours.....

The Stephen Ministry Leadership Team

***NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 7***

MAY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO THE FOLLOWING:

Brent Adams
 Matt Armstrong
 Bill Belt
 Beau Benken
 Monica Benn
 Mary Ann Boros
 Lynn Bossung
 Judy Branson
 Mackenzie Brenner
 Jeff Brinson
 Rachel Ann Brown
 Sinclair Buchanan
 Giovanni Cabrera
 Tyson Campbell
 Frida Cannon
 Jane Cronk
 Camerino Cruz
 Halle Cuatlacuatl
 Carolyn Dalton
 David Davis
 Mark Dick
 David Duke
 Gloria Frasier
 Rob Frey
 George Gaither
 Savannah Gaither
 Aaron Garcia
 Sara Garcia
 Melanie Greiner
 Leslie Harrison
 Elijah Hart
 Robert Heintzelman
 Mary "Roni" Johnson
 Sophia Johnson
 Sue Kaiser
 Mary Ann Knott
 Rosa Krzemienski
 Linda Kwiatkowski
 Angela Laws
 Joseph Laws
 Margaret Laws
 Mary Kate Laws
 Jim Lewis
 Jon Licht
 Jane Lockard
 Elizabeth Ludwick
 Jacob Ludwick
 William Martin
 Daniella Martinez
 Charles May
 Jason May

James McNeany
 Kip Miller
 Julio Munoz
 Rosemary Nesson
 Zane Parker
 Susan Parsons
 Ivan Pierce
 Megan Quirk
 Lynn Ranieri
 Scott Richardson
 Mary Rigel
 Arlene Ronnau
 Guadalupe Sanchez
 Rosalio Sanchez
 Mary Ann Schmaltz
 Judy Scott
 Diana Shaw
 Dennis Sherrill
 Mark Smith
 Brandtley Spicer
 Mary Ann Stanley
 Lawrence Tricker
 Nicolas Turner
 Dee Vest
 Russ Wahlers
 Edith Walker
 Donna Ball Whitcomb
 Susan Wilhelm
 Justin Wise
 Landon Young
 Barry Zachary
 Nancy Zachary



With our heartfelt sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Rose Cox and her family, on the death of her husband, Don. Don passed away on Tuesday, April 28.

The following prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary can be prayed every day. She will intercede on your behalf.

Memorare Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help
or sought thy intercession,
was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence,
I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother;
to thee do I come, before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful;
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.
Amen.



Renewing the Consecration of the USA to the Blessed Virgin Mary – this past Friday, May 1 --
As the world continues to face the ongoing effects of the global pandemic of the coronavirus, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) announced that the U.S. bishops will join the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on May 1 in renewing the consecrations of the two nations to the care of the Blessed Virgin Mary. See our Facebook page.



Today’s readings on this fourth Sunday of Easter offer us a glimpse into the heart of our loving Savior. He is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

This endearing image of Jesus as shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is described in our Gospel passage from John, through the words of Jesus Himself. Here we read Jesus’ description of Himself as the “Good Shepherd.” He says of Himself, “The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.”

This aspect of our Lord’s tender and personal love for each one of us is a compelling reason to embrace the stewardship way of life — in the offering of our time, talent and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us.

Embracing this way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He “bore our sins in His body.” He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm. He tells us “I came so that [you] might have life and have it more abundantly.”

This Easter season, let us resolve to entrust ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.

COUNTING SHEEP

When at night you cannot sleep,
talk to the Shepherd and stop counting sheep.
—Anonymous