

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street | Muncie, IN 47305



May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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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.

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**PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS
FIFTH 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 — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

Psalms — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

Gospel — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday: Vigil Mass-Repose of the soul of Chuck Beaty;
Sunday Masses: Repose of the souls of Adam Thomas, Peggy Noble Brown and Fritz Noble and for St. Lawrence Parish

Monday: Welfare of Martha McIntosh

Tuesday: Repose of the soul of Gene Boros

Wednesday: Repose of the soul of Rose Marie Hughes

Thursday: Repose of the soul of Don Phillips

Friday: Repose of the soul of George Forshee

Saturday: For the repose of the souls of James & Karen Douthitt

Sunday: Vigil Mass-for St. Lawrence Parish; Sunday Masses: L/D of George and Mary McGraw families; repose of the soul of Joe H. Rooney and for the L/D members of the Coutinho family

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Lawrence,

This morning I woke up depressed after having watched a few news programs. Came down the stairs to make breakfast and saw the headline “model predicts Indiana’s virus deaths may rise 543%. What a headline. It does give us plenty of room for future positive headlines such as – “Indiana’s death rate 200% below prediction” – or anything similar. What a mental wallop to start the morning.

And then, this “joke” was presented to me.....

COVID-19 Day 32

People ask me “Is COVID-19 serious?”

Listen up – the casinos and bars are closed.

The churches and temples are closed.

When heaven and hell agree upon something you know it’s for real!

It does tell us the seriousness of what we are facing. The present official death toll for our country is over 76,000. Some try to claim that that’s an inflated figure for a political agenda. My impression is that that is an underestimate because of lack of testing. When they test our jails, prisons, nursing homes, warehouses and large operating plants, when they allow each of us to test whether we have symptoms or not – then we will have a reliable number – if the testing equipment is accurate.

Our governor has taken a cautious approach and for this I commend him. The Bishops of our state have taken even a more hesitant step and we will be opening for Sunday Masses on the feast of Pentecost (May 30 and 31). Parishioners over 65 are encouraged to remain home, and anyone vulnerable to this illness should consider their health and well-being. (Not sure what that means for Fr. Bob and I since we’re both over 70.) Dispensation to attend Mass has also been extended to August 15.

I think all of us want it all to return to normal – and hoping that we are not in a “new normal.” Whatever you decide, please use caution and care for others around you.

I want to wish all the mothers “Happy Mother’s Day.” May you have a blessed one – livestreaming your children and grandchildren. What would this time be like without the technological developments of the last 20 or 30 years?

On another note many have indicated that they are able to meet their Fruitful Harvest pledge, so we will be able to meet the goal.

Again, I want to thank all of you who have given generously to the parish during this time. The first weeks of the shut-down looked problematic, but collections have almost returned to normal. With all the people and families impacted financially and employment wise, this is very good. So, thank you for all the various levels and kinds of support.

Sincerely, 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, 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, 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, Cristine Shaw, David Shaw, Rob Shaw.

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.

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and mother of priests, tenderly watch over our priests, deacons and seminarians. Please intercede for them during this month that honors you. Protect them and help them grow in their love, courage, perseverance and joy. All for the glory of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pray For:

Our Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians

Sun.	Fr. Phil Haslinger	Dcn. Tim Perry
Mon.	Fr. Bill Holbrook	Dcn. Joe Poremski
Tues.	Fr. Keith Hosey	Dcn. Bill Reid
Wed.	Fr. David Hoying	Dcn. Jim Rush
Thurs.	Fr. Josh Janko	Dcn. Steve Seitz
Friday	Fr. Samuel Kalu	Dcn. Chuck Springer
Sat.	Fr. Mike Kettron	Dcn. Truman Stevens

HUGS

A mom's hug lasts long after she lets go.

—Anonymous

Weekly Collections
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Weekend of May 3, 2020 -Mailed in/Dropped Off

St. Lawrence Parish	\$10,659.00
School Support	\$ 863.00
Deacon's Food Pantry	\$ 190.00
Easter Offering	\$ 25.00
The Catholic Moment	\$ 20.00
Catholic Overseas Relief	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$11,777.00



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.

April 2020 Collection Recap

St. Lawrence Parish	\$37,004.00
School Support	\$ 2,786.00
Fuel Fund	\$ 97.00
Deacon's Food Pantry	\$ 1,877.50
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 246.00
Other	\$ 1,832.50
Total:	\$43,843.00

April 2020 Online Collection Recap

St. Lawrence Parish	\$10,203.00
School Support	\$ 1,051.00
Fuel Fund	\$ 168.00
Deacon's Food Pantry	\$ 725.00
Other	\$ 235.00
Total:	\$12,382.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



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)

Sue took a few days off, so the “bulletin editor” is using her column for a Mother’s Day Reflections:

Our readings today speak to us of God’s command to love. We are called to: Listen to God; care for the needs of others; lay down our lives for the good of another.

This is, in a unique way, the very vocation of motherhood: Listening; caring for the needs of others; laying down one’s life for another.

A mother’s love is first seen even before a woman becomes a mother. A husband and wife’s mutual desire to conceive a child in itself demonstrates their fatherly and motherly love. And their love for one another extends to the child they lovingly desire to conceive.

Not much is stronger than a mother’s love for her child. Our mothers, together with our fathers, are the ones who first teach us about love and how to respond to those in need.

The church, in many ways, is also a mother to us. She teaches us how to love and to respond to those in need. From her we receive the grace of the sacraments, are taught to hear the word of God, and receive teaching to guide our steps in the truth and freedom of the children of God.

Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for: Our mothers, by birth or adoption, who nurtured us and supported us through life. Our Church who takes on the maternal role of guiding us through life. And our Blessed Mother, who protects both the Church and all her children.
(USCCB)



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

(written/composed by Fr. Dave Hellmann)

Jesus, in the Holy Eucharist, you offer your very self to me – unworthy though I am. It is your desire to make your home within me. To love me with your tremendous love. Your desire to dwell within me – to love me – is greater than I could ever imagine. It was you who created me and formed me in my mother’s womb. You created my heart and soul to be your dwelling place. Come and dwell within me, this vessel of clay, and stay with me -- that one day I will be united with you and all your saints eternally.

Amen



DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING AND WORKS OF CHARITY – MAY 14

The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue invites believers of all religions to spiritually unite themselves on this day to implore the divine to help humanity in overcoming the pandemic caused by coronavirus. This day of prayer fixed for May 14, as is understandable so as to prevent the risks of contagion, does not include any common public manifestation but rather will be lived by each one in his/her own interiority. We shall however be united in living the universal values of prayer, fasting and acts of charity. This is not a time for indifference, selfishness, divisions, because the whole world is suffering and must unite itself in facing the pandemic.

DEACON’S FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:

From our manager, Brenda Manis: “In a normal month we serve approximately 250+ households. In April we gave out 463 bags of food. 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.**”



FOOTPRINTS SEWING GROUP

A huge “thank you” to this group of ladies for all the face masks they have made and distributed to nursing homes, the hospital, Muncie Mission, Deacon’s Food Pantry, St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store, Christian Ministries, Open Door, and many other locations. **Update on the “Baby Shower”** – Diapers, wipes and any formula that was donated has been given to Deacon’s Food Pantry for their clients. The monetary donations are also being donated to the food pantry. The clothing items will be given to Gabriel Project and First Choice for Women.



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 May. 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.



Like the Dew Fall...

If I am feeling worried, sad, fearful, troubled, or even if I am distracted during Mass, this phrase - "like the dewfall"- during the Eucharistic Prayer II, never fails to center me and remind me that God is with us, all around us and covers us with his love - like the dewfall. It is truly, one of the most meaningful and beautiful phrases in the Mass to me. The scripture tells us that God used dew to reveal His love to the Jewish people when they left slavery in Egypt. He showed His love by sending dew each morning, and after it evaporated, the people found bread called "manna" which nourished them. In the morning there was a layer of dew all about the camp, and when the layer of dew evaporated, fine flakes were on the surface of the wilderness. Upon seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "It is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat." (Exodus 16:13-15). What a blessing the sacrament of Communion is.

We ARE the Church and just as our Father covers us with His love, He expects us to be "like the dewfall" for others, to be his hands and feet on this earth, in our community, in our families, in our church. Our parish family does many kind and loving things for others...making lunches/sandwiches when the soup kitchen closed, keeping the food pantry stocked to help those who are hungry, participating in on-line Mass and evening prayers until we can all be together again, offering help and support to others through Stephen Ministry, continuing at home education of our school students, and covering each other with love, in countless ways. Even when we are "socially distancing," we certainly are not emotionally or spiritually distancing. To our parish family, we are each like the dewfall.

This virus has certainly been a difficult time for many of us. Some of us may feel sad, powerless, or anxious right now. May God help each one of us to be grateful for small mercies and to be humble about the good we do for others. No one needs to know, because God knows the good we do for each other, our families and our community. Notice the small opportunities that God places before us each and every day; opportunities to help others, deepen our faith, share our belief in Him, and pray for the families who have lost loved ones during this pandemic.

God's grace is all around us and God's love and hope will never disappoint, because it is never-ending and ever present--like the dewfall.

God bless you and yours.....Stephen Ministry Leadership Team

The Month of May

Devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Magnificat, taken from Luke's Gospel (1:46-55), is the Blessed Virgin Mary's hymn of praise to the Lord. It is also known as the Canticle of Mary in the Liturgy of the Hours, a special collection of scripture readings, psalms, and hymns that constitute what is known as the prayer of the church. (Priests and other religious are required to pray sections from the Liturgy of the Hours each day.)

Although the *Magnificat* has had numerous musical settings from such composers as Palestrina, Bach and Mozart, it can be recited as well as sung. Its name comes from the first line of its text in Latin ("Magnificat anima mea Dominum") translated in the first line below. Mary proclaims the Lord's greatness with characteristic humility and grace here.

My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;

Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid; for behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;

Because He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name;

And His mercy is from generation to generation on those who fear Him.

He has shown might with His arm,

He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He has put down the mighty from their thrones, and has exalted the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has given help to Israel, his servant, mindful of His mercy.

Even as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever.

The *Magnificat* provides great material for meditation on the Visitation, the second Joyful Mystery of the Rosary. When the angel Gabriel informs Mary that she is to be the Mother of God, he also tells her of her relative Elizabeth's pregnancy with John the Baptist.

After Mary gives her famous consent to becoming the Mother of God, -- "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38) -- she goes "with haste" (1:39) to help Elizabeth, who is delighted to see her. Our Lady then expresses her joy in the *Magnificat*.

We can admire Mary's devotion (as well as her stamina!) in setting out on what must have been an arduous journey to go from Nazareth, where she lived, to a town in Judah where her cousin lived, about 70 miles away.

The Mysteries of the Rosary

The Five Joyful Mysteries

(said on Mondays and Saturdays)

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation in the Temple
5. The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

The Five Luminous Mysteries

(Said on Thursdays)

1. Our Lord's Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. The Lord's Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

The Five Sorrowful Mysteries

(said on Tuesdays and Fridays)

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

The Five Glorious Mysteries

(said on Wednesdays and Sundays)

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
5. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin

(Note: we say the Sorrowful Mysteries during the Sundays of Lent and the Joyful Mysteries on Sundays in Advent.)



MARY OUR MOTHER

What a joy to remember that Mary is our Mother!
Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what have we to fear?

—Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

Our Lady of Fatima – feast day – May 13

The story begins in the village of Fatima, Portugal, on May 13, 1917. On that fateful day near that tiny village, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, appeared to three young peasant children: Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia; ages 10, 9 and 7. As was the custom, these youngsters were tending their family's sheep when "a Lady all in white, more brilliant than the sun... indescribably beautiful," standing above a bush, appeared to the youngsters.

From May through October 1917, the Lady appeared and spoke to the children on the 13th day of each month. News of these apparitions began to spread throughout the region. The children recounted that the Virgin told them that God had sent her with a message for every man, woman, and child living in the century. She promised that God would grant peace to the entire world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. While many people believed the children had actually seen the Virgin, many others discounted the children's story, subjecting them to much derision and ridicule. When it became known the Lady would visit the children for the last time on October 13, 1917, and had promised a sign that would convince the world she had appeared, many pilgrims made plans to attend.

Though the region had been subjected to three days of torrential downpour, nearly 70,000 people journeyed through the heavy rain and mud to the place of the previous apparitions to witness the predicted miracle. Many were scornful, unbelievers whose sole intent was to discredit the children's stories. Suddenly the "clouds separated...and the sun appeared between them in the clear blue, like a disk of white fire." The people could look at the sun without blinking and while they gazed upward, the huge ball began to "dance". The huge fireball whirled rapidly with dizzy and sickening speed, flinging out all sorts of brilliant colors that reflected on the faces of the crowds. The fiery ball continued to gyrate in this manner three times, then seemed to tremble and shudder, and plunge in a mighty zigzag course toward the earth.

The crowd was terrified, fearing this was the end of the world. However, the sun reversed course and, retracing its zigzagging course, returned to its normal place in the heavens. All of this transpired in approximately ten minutes. After realizing they were not doomed, the crowd began ecstatically laughing, crying, shouting and weeping. Many discovered their previously drenched clothing to be perfectly dry.

After what has become to be known as "The Miracle of the Sun," the children were grilled many, many times, about what they had seen and been told. Their story never changed. The heart of Our Lady's message to the world is

contained in what has become known as the "Secret," which she confided to the children in July 1917. The "Secret" actually consists of three parts. The first part of the "Secret" was a frightening vision of hell, "where the souls of poor sinners go," and contained an urgent plea from Our Lady for acts of prayer and sacrifice to save souls, with particular emphasis on praying of the rosary and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The second part of the "Secret" specifically prophesied the outbreak of World War II and contained the prediction of the immense damage that Russia would do to humanity by abandoning the Christian faith and embracing Communists' totalitarianism.

The third part was not revealed until 2000. Its revelation coincided with the beatification of Francisco and Jacinta. It did not contain any striking or cataclysmic prediction, but, instead, the vision supported and affirmed the immense suffering endured by witnesses of the faith in the last century of the second millennium. Sister Lucia, the surviving member of the Fatima trio, confirmed that in the vision "the Bishop clothed in white," who prays for all the faithful, is the Pope. As he makes his way with great difficulty towards the Cross amid the corpses of those who were martyred (bishops, priests, men and women religious and many lay people), he too falls to the ground, apparently dead, under a hail of gunfire. It is possible that the vision predicted the 1981 attack on Pope John Paul II's life. The Pope has always credited the Virgin for his survival. Or it may be a portrayal of the Church's continued struggle against secularism and anti-Christian movements and a continuing call to prayer, sacrifice and devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.



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.