

# ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street | Muncie, IN 47305



May 17, 2020  
Sixth 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](http://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](mailto:stlawrencemuncieparish@dol-in.org).

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**PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS  
SIXTH 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 — The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66)

Second Reading — Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) or 1 Peter 4:13-16.

Gospel — I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) or Jn 17:1-11a.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23; Mt 28:16-20

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

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

Monday: Repose of the soul of Fr. Ed Greiwe

Tuesday: Repose of the soul of Sharon Newton

Wednesday: Repose of the soul of Bill Hale

Thursday: Repose of the soul of Harry Metzger

Friday: Repose of the soul of Patrick Deloughery

Saturday: For the repose of the soul of Beverly Dalton

Sunday: Vigil Mass-For the repose of the souls of Lester and Lorraine Carter; Sunday: St. Lawrence Parish, Repose of the soul of Thelma Bedel and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Lawrence,

Hope all of you are well and surviving all the stress of the coronavirus pandemic. What a challenge! I guess that if the last episode was in 1918 with the Spanish flu, every hundred years is often enough.

As you are aware, the Bishop has directed that the regular schedule for Masses would begin at the parishes Pentecost weekend, May 30 and 31. However, the Mass obligation has been lifted until August 15, and there is no expectation that everyone will come back to Mass as long as the virus remains a danger to lives.

It would be wise for those who are at risk from the coronavirus, including the elderly, their care givers and anyone with a serious health issue would avoid the crowds at Mass.

You are invited to continue celebrating with us through the livestreamed Mass and spiritual communion. Beginning May 30 and 31 we will livestream the 8:00 a.m. Mass, although it may be viewed at any time. (There will be no daily Masses available for attendance until later June or July.)

One of the greatest challenges we may face these first few weeks is accommodating those wanting to attend. For reasons of safety and caution, we will need to have people socially distancing and remain six feet apart. Also, everyone is required to wear a mask. If you don't have one, one will be provided.

For precautions the seating will leave every other pew taped off. Families who live together may sit together as usual, but non-family members must remain 6 ft. apart.

Communion will not be distributed during Mass but after the final blessing.

Please be patient and tolerant of all the procedures being taken to secure the safety of all those attending and encouraged not to attend.

*Sincerely,*

*Fr. Dave*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Please remember the following parishioners in your prayers this week:** Beth Kaiser, Sonja Bickey, Larry Tricker, Isaiah Greiner, 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, 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, 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, Dan Wade, John Haack.

**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. John Kiefer	Dcn Joe VanSchepen
Mon.	Ch.Lt.Col John Kinney	Dcn. Stan Zak
Tues.	Fr. Jeff Kirch	Deacon candidates
Wed.	Fr. Bob Klemme	Dcn. Robert Angelich
Thurs.	Fr. Leonard Kostka	Dcn. Chris Bock
Friday	Fr. Peter Logsdon	Dcn. Ed Boes
Sat.	Fr. Gustavo Lopez	Dcn. John Etter

**Weekly Collections**  
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**Weekend of May 10, 2020 -Mailed in/Dropped Off  
Includes Online Giving**

St. Lawrence Parish .....	\$8,262.00
School Support .....	\$ 487.50
Deacon's Food Pantry .....	\$ 877.00
Children's Envelopes .....	\$ 5.00
Fuel Fund .....	\$ 50.00
The Catholic Moment .....	\$ 20.00
Maintenance .....	\$ 50.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9,751.50</b>



**We have seen an increase in online givers. Thanks for taking the leap!** Please consider online giving. Go to [www.osvonlinegiving.com/4289](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4289) or call the Business Office at St. Lawrence 765-288-9223, Ext. 22.



**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.

**Part-Time Maintenance Job Available**

St. Francis of Assisi and Newman Center is seeking a part-time maintenance person to maintain the facilities and grounds on their campus. The person will be responsible for cleaning, general maintenance, landscaping, snow removal, and other maintenance duties as necessary. Interested applicants should contact Tara Edmondson at [tedmondson@parish.dol-in.org](mailto:tedmondson@parish.dol-in.org) or 765-288-6180.

## PARISH MINISTRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION COLUMN

(Sue Wilhelm)

Dear Friends,

In every circumstance God is forming us to grow in the likeness of Christ.

These days that is no less true. If in our prayer we simply ask, "What do you desire of me today, God?" and listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, we may find ourselves slowly shifting from unhealthy old patterns of thinking and reacting to responding from what Thomas Merton refers to as our "true self," the self God sees and desires us to be.

If you join us during night prayer, you know that we are invited to reflect on when we have cooperated with God during the day, and when we let ego or selfishness turn us from God. Christ in the Gospel shows us the way. May we be courageous and trusting in tending to the promptings of God.

Topic: Sunday Scripture Prayer/Study

Time: May 19, 2020 09:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89229211774>

Bring your Bible or "Word among Us" or "Magnificat" booklet with the readings for the coming Sunday. They can also be found at: <http://usccb.org/bible/readings/051720.cfm>

*Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home*

All are welcome to join this study. The document, study guides and videos are available on the parish website. ZOOM meetings for conversation on the current week's study can be joined using the link on the opening page for Laudato Si.

Blessings, friends!

Sue

### 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

### DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:



In April the pantry was open 9 days and served 463 clients. A huge "thank you" to Footprints Sewing Group for the face masks that they made and donated to us for our clients. Also, many thanks to them for the "Baby Shower" items that they donated to our pantry and the monetary donation. **Current needs are for 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 us here at St. Lawrence and 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.

### *Living With Christ This Week*

This week we move to the end of the Easter season with Jesus' ascension and the anticipation of the gift of the Holy Spirit. We continue to follow Paul's missionary journeys as God provides helpers to share his work of building communities. Jesus reminds the disciples that he must end his human time on earth, but he promises that he will send the Holy Spirit to help the disciples carry on His work.



# 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 would like to thank Footprints for making masks for our staff and students! We will use these masks when we resume in-person instruction on August 6 (hopefully).

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### ***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](http://www.ewtn.com) and visit [www.ewtn.com/channelfinder](http://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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### ***Check Out this website!***

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

## ***A Message from the Stephen Ministry Leadership Team***

### ***Personal Connection in Disconnection***

In a recently received weekly newsletter, a wonderful article addressed balancing connection and disconnection. Included were thoughts about being physically and socially isolated from one another, possibly feeling emotionally isolated, and how one can bridge that gap. However, there's another kind of connection that always matters, but particularly now. The truth is, that although some are juggling full-time work from home while caring for young families, others feel they have been given an opportunity for more personal alone time than they have had in quite a while. Not only time with ourselves, but time to spend with God who lives within us. That relationship with ourselves is sometimes the most demanding one we have. Those of us who are our own worst critics understand this, hard on ourselves when it comes to who we are, what we do, what kind of people we believe we are supposed to be, and how we are to live, according to God's will for our lives. Do we even know what that is? Where do we find the answer to that question?

There is a "light bulb" moment in this increased alone time and it is something worth considering. "You can't give away what you don't have." There are times when there is too much going on even now, but in the moments when we find we can breathe, perhaps a valuable question to ask ourselves is "how can I better connect with me in this disconnection?" What a golden opportunity to replenish, even amidst all the responsibilities and caring for others that is always a part of daily life, whether inside or outside a pandemic.

How? Perhaps starting the day, as many of us already do, in appreciation to God for the gift of another day and the blessings in it, including daily Mass. Where does HE want your day to go? Another idea might be to get outside for at least a short time each day, walking, running, biking, sitting, just being. If that's not feasible, seek an opportunity to look outdoors from inside at God's masterpiece! A change of scenery is always good! What about taking an opportunity to read, pray, meditate, write, draw, paint, play music, sing, dance, create or construct something, try a new recipe, or do anything that makes your heart happy? Maybe have these  
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experiences outdoors, or, at least, in a place or space you have not done them before! **WHAT MAKES YOUR HEART SING?**

Sleep is restorative! If you are so inclined, nap now because you might not have that opportunity later. A little extra here and there might improve the mood! Exercise of any kind is helpful anytime, and incorporating it into the daily routine better lends itself to keeping it part of the routine on the other side of this isolation! Add music? Even better, some might say! How about learning something new you've always meant to explore, but never felt the time was available to do so? Do something you've been putting off. Change something in your personal space. Spend time with old photos or other precious mementos that bring joy. Reflect on how and where God joined you throughout the day, bringing unexpected blessings. End the day with HIM.

No doubt, you already have other great ideas! The possibilities are endless, and so is the potential. What do all these ideas have in common? You are moving in the direction of personal connection, which can't help but move you closer to God.

God bless you and yours.....

***The Stephen Ministry Leadership Team***

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### ***Here's a little "trivia history" from the Archives Committee***

Father William Schmidt was sent by Bishop Dwenger to St. Lawrence as pastor in 1875. The current church was built during Father Schmidt's tenure twenty years later in 1895.

The original clock was donated by a friend of Father Schmidt, made by the Howard Clock Company of Boston. It had to be wound every week. There were sixteen 50 pound weights on the striking cable that required 210 turns of the crank to raise them 35 feet. There were eight of the 50 pound weights on each time pulley that had to be cranked up 14 feet. It took half an hour to turn the three cranks to wind the clock—after climbing 83 steps up the tower.

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## ***Sixth Sunday of Easter Reflection on the Readings***

As Jesus prepared the apostles for the time when he would no longer be with them physically, and knowing that they would face hardship, trials, and persecution in the future, he promised them an Advocate, the Holy Spirit. Through baptism that same Spirit dwells within us, always with us to guide us in the truth of God's love and strengthen us so that we may know Christ and live as Christ's people. Now, as in every time, God knows it is not always easy to live as a Christian. With the assurance of the Holy Spirit's presence, we find the grace to love Jesus and to keep the Lord's commandments.

### ***STRENGTHENED TO LIVE AS CHRIST'S OWN***

We might look at the world around us and conclude that this is the most challenging time in history during which to live as a person of faith. Yet we know this is not so. Throughout the ages, people of faith have faced mockery, persecution, and even death as a result of their commitment to Christ. Still, it is important for us to acknowledge the challenge of living as a Christian today, when faith is viewed with ambivalence at best, and often with antagonism. Some do not understand how faith and reason can sit side by side, even though many of the world's greatest scientific discoveries have been made by people of faith. Others see the failures of the Church or its leaders and discount faith as a result. We rely on the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit to be with us when we are mocked or simply misunderstood on account of our faith in Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, we will find the grace to live with conviction as Christian people.

### ***THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE***

Saint Peter admonishes us, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." One of the greatest gifts of faith in our lives is our hope in Christ Jesus. Through Christ, we keep our eyes on the wider view of life here on earth and everlasting life with God. We know that the trials and challenges of today do not have the final word, and do not have power over us. With the presence of the Advocate, we have the help we need to live as God directs and desires, so that the world might come to know Christ through the witness of our lives. This is a hope-filled, meaningful way of life. When so much of our surrounding culture speaks of impermanence and momentary distractions, we have the hope of meaning and purpose today and the promise of eternal life to come.

Dear Lord,

Give me eyes to see and ears to hear. I know there is light in the darkness that makes everything new. I know there is new life in suffering that opens a new earth for me. I know there is a joy beyond sorrow that rejuvenates my heart. Yes, Lord, I know that you are, that you act, that you love, that you indeed are Light, Life, and Truth.

People, work, plans, projects, ideas, meetings, buildings, paintings, music, and literature can only give me real joy and peace when I can see and hear them as reflections of your presence, your glory, your kingdom.

Let me then see and hear, Lord, show me your vision, become a guide in life and impart meaning to all my concerns. Amen

Lord Jesus,

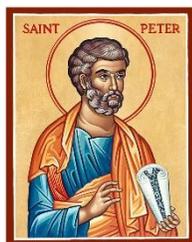
In the middle of busy work and many concerns I want to fix my eyes on you. You are the Lord, the Lord who calls me to your kingdom, the Lord who calls me to find rest with you, the Lord who calls me to conversion, to new life, to new hope. I am grateful, O Lord, that you call me here. Help me to be renewed so that through me many can be healed and find new life. Amen

(these two prayers come from the book entitled *Following Jesus – Finding Our way Home in an Age of Anxiety* by Henri Nouwen)

*From the Office of Stewardship and Development  
Diocese of Lafayette*

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, our readings remind us that God must come first in our lives, and that love of God shows itself in concrete actions — this is precisely why the stewardship way of life is so necessary.

Our second reading, from St. Peter challenges us to, “Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts.” In other words, we are to put Christ first above all else in our lives. His role is not merely as Savior of our lives, as significant as that role is — He is to



be “Lord” of our lives as well. As His disciples, we are called to make Him ruler of all aspects of our lives — our time, talents and treasure.

The beauty of the stewardship way of life is that it offers us a concrete means to show that Christ truly is Lord of our lives, to “prove” our love, in a manner of speaking, because true love is not mere sentiment. “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me,” Jesus tells us in our Gospel passage from John. True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience to all of God’s commandments. This requires courage, humility and deep trust in Him.

But the rewards of this kind of love are indescribably wonderful. Christ tells us Himself, “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

Could there be anything more satisfying to live in such a way that the God of the universe is pleased to reveal more and more of Himself to us?



**“TAKE NOTE”**

***A mailing will go out to all parishioners toward the end of next week outlining the guidelines to be followed for the opening of the church for public Masses the weekend of May 30 and 31.***



**ATTENTION GRADUATES  
HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE**

***Please call the Rectory and give us your name and the name of the school where you graduated from. Also, we would like for you to send us a photo.***