

# ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street | Muncie, IN 47305



May 24, 2020  
The Ascension of the Lord

## 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

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PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS  
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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 (SUNDAY) READINGS:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23; Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39; **Day:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**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

**Monday:** Repose of the soul of Ben Dalton

**Tuesday:** For Delaware County Healthcare Providers and Mental Healthcare Providers

**Wednesday:** For the Welfare of Mary Hadley

**Thursday:** Repose of the soul of Alice Pitsenbarger

**Friday:** Repose of the soul of Martha Wall

**Saturday:** For the repose of the souls of Jerry Thornburg, Sonny Williams and Pete Taverna

**Sunday:** Vigil Mass-For the repose of the soul of Floyd Jones; Sunday: For the Deceased Members of the Charles and Ella Dalton families; St. Lawrence Parish and for the repose of the soul of Pete Whitcomb

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Lawrence,

Here's a little passage from Henry J.M. Nouwen's book *Following Jesus...Finding Our Way Home in an Age of Anxiety*.

“What we have to start sensing is that in the spiritual life, joy is embracing sorrow and happiness, pain and pleasure. It is deeper, fuller. It is more. It is something that remains with us. It is something of God that is very profound. It is something we can experience even when we are in touch with very painful things in our lives. If there is anything the church wants to teach us it is that the joy of God can be with us always—in moments of sickness, in moments of health, in moments of success, in moments of failure, in moments of birth, in moments of death. The joy of God is never going to leave us.

We can get a glimpse of it. For instance, if we talk to people who work with the dying, we realize that those people can be very joyful. People who work in hospices and people working in nursing homes face death every day, yet while they are always involved in so-called “sad” situations they are often joyful people. We realize that the joy they have in their hearts is of another nature than just success or failure, birth or death. Sometimes we see people working with the poorest of the poor and when they come to the United States or to a place where there is wealth, they can't wait to go back to their people again. Why is that? They don't like misery. They are people who have learned to live with joy that is not taken away from them when they live with the poor. In fact, the suffering brings them in touch with their own joy, which is deeper than the material things we often use as a substitute for true happiness.”

*Sincerely,  
Fr. Dave*

**Please Note:**

Look for our parish newsletter mailed to all registered parishioners on Friday outlining the procedures and guidelines to follow when our church opens to the public next weekend. All information will be on our website as well. A reservation will need to be made if you plan to attend Mass next weekend.

**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.

**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 Mahalic	Dcn. Mike Gray
Mon.	Fr. John Mannion	Dcn. John Jezierski
Tues.	Fr. Jeff Martin	Dcn. Charles Jindrich
Wed.	Fr. Adam Mauman	Dcn. Gary Kuenz
Thurs.	Fr. Mike McKinley	Dcn. Paul Lunsford
Friday	Fr. Mike McKinney	Dcn. Todd Marye
Sat.	Fr. Tom Metzger	Dcn. Michael Block

**Weekly Collections**  
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**Weekend of May 17, 2020 -Mailed in/Dropped Off  
Includes Online Giving**

St. Lawrence Parish .....	\$8,142.00
School Support .....	\$ 763.00
Deacon's Food Pantry .....	\$ 465.00
Children's Envelopes .....	\$
Fuel Fund .....	\$ 25.00
Funeral Dinners .....	\$ 40.00
Family Assistance .....	\$ 10.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9,445.00</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

Date and Time: May 26, 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!

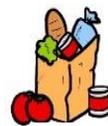
Sue

### 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.

**Happy 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
of your Priesthood  
Fr. Bob  
May 25**

**Next Weekend wear Red,  
Orange or Yellow as we  
celebrate Pentecost**



# 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

## *Congratulations to our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates*

Dakota Lamonte Allen  
Cierra Nichole Dishman  
Attara Elizabeth Duke  
Elijah Christopher Hart  
Bryson Isiah Kennedy  
Samyah Hope O'Bannon

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### *St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store*

Plans are to **reopen the store on Tuesday, June 2.** Workers will be wearing face masks and those who shop at the store will be required to wear a face mask. Other appropriate sanitary procedures are also in place. Some of our volunteers are not able to return at this time, therefore, we will not be open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. **Our store hours will be: Tuesday through Friday-10am-3pm.** We are accepting donations also during these hours. If you have donations and cannot come during these times, call the St. Lawrence Parish Office and arrangements can be made.

## *A Message from the Stephen Ministry*

### **In Our Pews...**

While living through this Pandemic and considering how we are not currently able to actually sit in the pews of our beautiful church, some thoughts came to mind. Our church is 150 years old. While these are not the original pews of St. Lawrence, this is the church that parishioners and ancestors built for their children and grandchildren and the future of our Catholic faith. Some of us even remember sitting in these pews with our grandparents, parents, or teachers. Now, in 2020, we may sit in the same area, or perhaps, even the same pew.

As we struggle with this Pandemic, it may help to remember that our grandparents and parents who sat and knelt in this Church years before we were born; survived the loss of loved ones, the Influenza of 1918, World Wars, the Great Depression, the Polio Epidemic, the Viet Nam War, 9/11, deployment of spouses, friends and children, and the death of their parents. In this church, thousands (perhaps millions) of prayers have been prayed. Remembering those prayers can give us solace when we feel overwhelmed with anxiety or sadness. Their courage can give us courage. God's grace consoles us.

We are aware of the solace that sitting in these pews has brought each of us. When we sit, kneel, pray, and sing in this beautiful place, we think of our ancestors, grandparents, parents and friends we have lost and pray for them here. We recall the weddings, the baptisms, confirmations, birthdays, anniversaries, and the Masses celebrated here. We remember also, sad times sitting in these seats at funerals, deaths of parents, praying while worried about health issues, and after the loss of a child.

We have also laughed while sitting in these pews, chatted with friends, struggled to quiet our children, supported each other emotionally, meditated, found answers to problems, welcomed new babies (and adults) to our parish, and spoken to God in prayer. While sitting in these seats, we may have felt powerless, fearful, anxious, lost, angry, sad, worried, and even empty at times. However, with prayer, we have always received answers. We have left this beautiful place having been shepherded, receiving solace, feeling joy, hearing beautiful music and the bells from our steeple. We have received God's blessings, Holy Communion, and the blessings of our parish priests.

Right now, we yearn to sit in our pews again, not only because we want to be there, but because, with God, we ARE the church and we are family. Our Mass may be different when we return and we will have to keep our distance, but it will be a JOY to see each other, and we will each finally be able to worship our Father in heaven with our St. Lawrence Family, together...in our pews.



**CALLING ALL GRADS!!  
CLASS OF 2020**

**High School and College Graduates:  
We would like to recognize your accomplishments.**

**Email your information to**

**[jhart@stlawrencemuncie.com](mailto:jhart@stlawrencemuncie.com) or  
call the Parish Office 765-288-9223**

**With your email include your name, school,  
degree (college students) and a photo, if possible.**

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

Father Edward Houlihan was named pastor in June 1920. The original altar and communion railing were oak. During the time Father Houlihan was pastor, the Carrara marble altars and communion railing replaced the oak altars and railing as a gift from the Michael Broderick family.

***In Consolation***

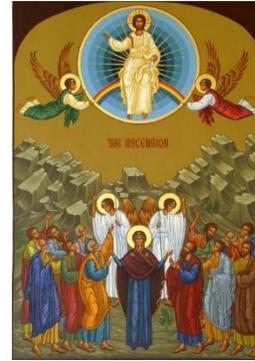
Our sympathy is extended to the family of Ron Moon who passed away on May 15. His funeral was held at Meeks Mortuary on Thursday, May 21.

We also extend our sympathy to parishioner, Melinda Haack, and her family on the death of her husband, John. John passed away on May 20. Funeral arrangements are pending.



***Have a safe, healthy and enjoyable  
holiday weekend!***

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**



The key to unlocking the scriptures is in Paul's letter to the Ephesians as we pray, "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened." People see and hear things but simply have a hard time believing they are true. In our first reading from the very beginning of the Acts of the Apostles, Luke starts where his Gospel left off—the ascension of Jesus. For as long as Jesus spent preparing the disciples, they were still foggy about what was happening, and spent time staring at the sky wondering where he went. In today's Gospel, the disciples still doubt Jesus to the very last minute. In the letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks to the new Christian community, but could be preaching to each of us in the pews as he says, "I can explain it to you, but I can't make you believe. This is where faith comes in." May we all pray for the gift of enlightenment today!

**HERE IS THE GAME PLAN**

When we hear an excerpt from a particular Gospel, it is easy to get the details and stories from all the Gospels all mixed up and combined into one. Theologian Gerhard Lohfink called this "Making Gospel Soup!" To understand today's Gospel passage, we must realize that this is material particular to Matthew and in his telling it takes place right after the Resurrection. There has been no "doubting Thomas" or any of the other stories that we've heard since Easter. How often have you made a plan at an event, saying, "If we get split up, just go back to the car and wait" or "Stay at the fountain in the mall—I'll find you!" Earlier in Matthew, Jesus told the women at the tomb to tell the disciples, "If something happens, head back to Galilee" (28:10). This was the game plan and was both a geographic  
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reference and a spiritual one. “Go back to what you know, what you remember.” They were confused and hurting, but did as Jesus said, returning to Galilee, specifically to the mountain where they had a powerful experience with him before. That would make it understandable that the disciples showed up but were a bit leery or doubting.

**YOU’VE GOT THIS**

Put yourself in the disciples’ shoes. This is May, the season of graduations, new jobs, new cars, marriages, and so many other transitions as young people strike out on their own. Jesus reminded the disciples, “I have the power, and I’ve been teaching you for three years. Now you have the power. Go. Make Disciples. Baptize in the name of the Trinity. Teach them what I taught you.” Surely the disciples were frightened, and Jesus must have felt both fear and pride. This was the moment that happens in every lifetime. It was time for these disciples, these students, his “children” to become the masters. And how did he reassure them? As parents and teachers and mentors have been doing for centuries. He smiled and reminded them, “Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” Or as we might say, “You’ve got this.”

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**Entrance Antiphon for this Sunday’s liturgy**

(Acts 1:11)

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**Collect for this Sunday’s liturgy**

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

***A Memorial Day Prayer***

Gracious God,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace.

In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We ask this through your name. Amen  
(Author unknown)

**Freedom's Call**

We show our thankfulness in prayer  
This honor you deserve  
Giving all for freedom's call  
That we may live without reserve.

- Susan Helene Kramer

