

# ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street | Muncie, IN 47305



June 7, 2020  
The Most Holy Trinity

## 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](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:

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**PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS  
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**Please note:** We are now having public Masses. A reservation is required to attend due to limited seating capacity and social distancing. **The 8:00 a.m. Mass will also be livestreamed.** You are required to wear a face mask when you attend Mass.

**SUN. 7      The Most Holy Trinity**  
 8:00 a.m.      Mass (✠Brady Noonkester)      CH  
                     (8am Mass also livestreamed)  
 10:00 a.m.      Mass (✠Dick Kanney)      CH  
 12:15 p.m.      Spanish Mass (L/D Members of      CH  
                     the Coutinho Family)

**MON. 8**  
 8:00 a.m.      Mass-Livestream  
                     (✠Msgr Felix Seroczynski)

**TUES. 9      St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of  
of the Church**  
 8:00 a.m.      Mass - Livestream (✠Floyd Jones)

**WED. 10**  
 8:00 a.m.      Mass-Livestream  
                     (Beverly✠ & the intentions of Dan Dalton)

**THURS. 11      St. Barnabas, Apostle**  
 8:00 a.m.      Mass-Livestream (✠Brian Nolley)

**FRI. 12**  
 8:00 a.m.      Mass-Livestream (✠Bob Persinger)

**SAT. 13      St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and  
Doctor of the Church**  
 8.00 a.m.      Mass-Livestream (✠Phyllis Collins)  
 4:30 p.m.      Vigil Mass (For the intentions of      CH  
                     Cheryl Schmitt)

**Note: Reservations need to be made to attend the  
Saturday Evening Mass and the Sunday Masses**

**SUN. 14      The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
(Corpus Christi)**  
 8:00 a.m.      Mass (St. Lawrence Parish)      CH  
                     (also livestreamed)  
 10:00 a.m.      Mass (✠Thelma Bedel)      CH  
 12:15 p.m.      Spanish Mass (L/D Members of the      CH  
                     Bill and Martha Taylor families)

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Lawrence,

“In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” This prayer leads us into the mystery we celebrate this Sunday, the Most Holy Trinity. In the second reading of this Sunday, we find one of the optional greetings used at the beginning of each Mass. This greeting is an excellent synthesis of the mystery of the Holy Trinity. “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you” (2 Cor. 13:14). The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity helps us to affirm our central truth and faith in One God: God is Creator (Father), the Redeemer (the Son), and the Sanctifier (Holy Spirit)

The Trinity has confounded many people as it is a deep “mystery” that can never fully be grasped, but it is a wonderful way of understanding God.

In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus gives His directive or command: “Go out to all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” This is the clearest expression of the unity and distinction of God as three yet one.

Jesus’ teaching in John’s Gospel speaks of the relationship of Jesus with the Father, and His relationship with the Holy Spirit. It is through His unity with the Father and with the Holy Spirit that the church came to understand His divinity and the Trinitarian view of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Regarding the Father, Jesus says clearly: “The Father and I are one; the one who has seen me, has seen the Father.” In John’s prologue, he begins: “In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God.....and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” In this John is identifying Jesus as the Word who was “with God and was God” -- affirming both His divinity and distinctiveness John refers to the Holy Spirit as the Advocate: “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name” indicates the Holy Spirit’s unity with the Father and with Jesus. Later John explicitly states: “When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me.” This shows again the unity of the Holy Spirit with Jesus and with the Father.

This is some of what led the church to define God as a Trinity of persons. God revealed through Jesus is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The entire Trinity is involved with our salvation, a God who desires our fullest well-being with the fullness of God’s own being.

*Sincerely,  
Fr. Dave*

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The LORD, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9).

**Psalms** — Glory and praise for ever! (Daniel 3).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you (2 Corinthians 13:11-13).

**Gospel** — God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant life (John 3:16-18).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26

**Friday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37

**Sunday:** Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

**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, 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.



**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.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June**

**Dear Lord, We pray for all who are suffering today.** May they find their way in life and allow themselves to be touched by the very Heart of Jesus.

**Pray For:**

**ALL Our Priests and Deacons**

For their health and safety, and for their upcoming reassignments, and for their daily call to priesthood.



**Weekend of May 31, 2020**

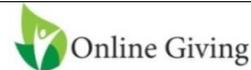
St. Lawrence Parish .....	\$6,329.00
School Support .....	\$ 767.00
Deacon's Food Pantry .....	\$ 200.00
Other .....	\$ 3.00
Seminarian Fund Appeal .....	\$ 35.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,334.00</b>

**Monthly Collection Recap  
May 2020**

St. Lawrence Parish .....	\$32,042.00
School Support .....	\$ 3,454.50
Fuel Fund .....	\$ 0.00
Children's Envelopes .....	\$ 5.00
Food Pantry .....	\$ 1,755.00
Other .....	\$ 1,398.00

**Online Giving Monthly Collection Recap  
May 2020**

St. Lawrence Parish .....	\$11,097.00
School Support .....	\$ 928.00
Fuel Fund .....	\$ 155.00
Other .....	\$ 135.00



**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.

**Please Note**

**Seminarian Fund Appeal will be taken up the weekends of July 11-12 and July 18-19.**

## PARISH MINISTRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION COLUMN (Sue Wilhelm)

Dear Friends,

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Trinity, where God shows us how love is spilled out in the perfect Community. What a hopeful feast for this time. It is no accident that in *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis invites us to consider our relationship with the earth and also with every human being. I watched a speaker this week ask a room of white people to raise their hand if they have ever wished they were black. No one did. She went on to indicate that they then did understand the hardships they face. That is white privilege. We don't have to worry about so many things. This week Pope Francis spoke to the rampant racism as well as to the violence. And invited us to see and stand with each brother and sister. This moment is not the time to find who is to blame. It is the time for self-examination. Are we willing to learn? Are we willing to walk with our brothers and sisters? What is Jesus calling us to and how are we allowing the Holy Spirit to form our hearts so that we recognize we are brothers and sisters of one Father of us all?

When God forms us, it is usually not through easy answers. It is through conversion and is usually not comfortable. May our hearts be open to how God wants to form us as we follow Jesus in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Topic: Sunday Scripture Prayer/Study

Date and Time: June 9 - 9:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<http://usccb.org/bible/readings/061420.cfm> for the link to the readings. 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: Week 6*

*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



### 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.



### FOOTPRINTS SEWING GROUP

This group is still not having regular meetings, but are working from home. They continue to make face masks and provide them to us and various organizations.

### St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store

The store is now open and accepting donations. **Our store hours will be: Tuesday through Friday- 10am-3pm.** If you have donations and cannot come during these times, call the St. Lawrence Parish Office and arrangements can be made.



### Deacon's Food Pantry

In the month of May the pantry distributed 263 bags of food. Current needs at this time are boxed macaroni and cheese and cereal.



### Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to the following parishioners

Jon and Kathy Ekman  
Jim and Gloria Frasier



### Welcome to St. Lawrence Carol Niec-Howard and her husband, Ron Howard



# 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

### *Employment Opportunity*

Saint Lawrence Catholic School is seeking a full-time elementary teacher for the 2020-2021 academic year. We seek a faithful, energetic, and organized educator who is dedicated to the academic and spiritual development of students.

Teaching Assignment: Grades 4 and 5 classroom teacher

Start Date: August 1

Candidate should possess the following:

- A bachelor's degree or higher in elementary education
- A valid Indiana Teacher's License
- Experience in developing and implementing elementary curriculum
- Functional skills in the use of technology within the classroom
- The ability to function well within a group of colleagues
- Candidates who model Catholic beliefs, practices, and values are preferred

Application can be found at:

[stlawrencemuncie.org](http://stlawrencemuncie.org) >>> about >>> employment

Submit application and supporting documents to:

[r.frey@stlawrencemuncie.org](mailto:r.frey@stlawrencemuncie.org)

Contact Rob Frey for more information

(317) 702-8338

## *A Message from the Stephen Ministry*

(written by Pat Savage)

**John, we were blessed to know you...**



This week's Stephen Ministry note will celebrate our dear friend and Stephen Ministry Leader,

John Haack, who passed away recently. Our loss is great, but we know that John is with our Father in heaven. John's faith and love of St. Lawrence were very strong. Some of you may know that Stephen Ministry at St. Lawrence was the "Brainchild" of John, beginning with a lunch with his lovely wife, Melinda, (also a Stephen Ministry Leader), and our Pastor, Father Dave. Jim and I remember the day we first met John and we loved him immediately. His huge kind smile, and his positive "can do" attitude and vision about serving St. Lawrence in Stephen Ministry were inspiring. His strong faith and desire to serve were contagious to those of us who eventually accepted leadership roles in this worthwhile ministry, and he quickly became a kind friend to each of us.

This relationship among Stephen Leaders became stronger when we attended the Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida. John, his wife, Melinda, Father Dave, Jim and Pat Savage, and Deb Saxon attended 75 hours of training to learn the program so that we could recruit and train Stephen Ministers in our parish upon our return. John gave us input and advice on all phases of Stephen Ministry and he and Melinda willingly contributed their time and talents to our efforts. John also became a Stephen Minister at his request and was prayerful and supportive in this role. The Compass is the symbol of Stephen Ministry and John Haack (with God's help) was the center of our compass. It was a joy to know him. His heart for helping others was huge and his personality was larger than life. Stephen Ministry will never be the same without his love and positivity. We send our love and prayers to his wife, Melinda, and to his family. We are asking each of you to pray John's favorite Psalm, Psalm 139 today, in his memory. We envision our heavenly Father returning John's smile, wrapping his arms around him and perhaps saying, "Well done good and faithful servant!" We are grateful and blessed for having known you, John Haack, and may you rest in the peace of our Father's loving arms. You will be greatly missed by each Stephen Minister as we move forward in Stephen Ministry.

*Jim and Pat Savage, Deb Saxon, Sue Wilhelm, Jim and Sharon McNeany, Jeanette Carnes, Colleen Morgan, Kim Caristi, Mike Hale, Kevin and Nancy Short, Linda Shepherd, Anita Kerrigan, Sue Daunt, Mary Bedel, Mary Ann Boros, Your St. Lawrence Family*

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

From Emily Kress.....If you think wearing a face mask is inconvenient these days....All women were required to cover their head and wear a hat, scarf or head covering of some kind while inside the church for anything, Mass or events, until after the Second Vatican Council 1962-1965. Monsignor Seroczynski often stood outside the church and made sure all girl students had on a head covering. If nothing else, a Kleenex pinned on with bobby pins! A new hat for Easter was a tradition for many ladies and girls. In the 60's hats gave way to "chapel caps" or "chapel veils." The caps looked more like a small round lace dolly and the veils were a triangle lace scarf in white, black or pastel colors.

### **ALERT – Phishing (FRAUD) Attacks on the Rise! This is a reminder that clergy and staff will not solicit funds/donations by e-mail or text**

You will recall that a Phishing Attack is when a cyber-criminal fakes the name and e-mail address of a person that you know, usually a priest, pastor, or bishop. They pretend to be a person they are not in order to lure you into a charitable donation, the purchase of gift cards or the electronic transfer of funds.

These attacks come in the form of e-mail messages and text messages on your phones. There are no software defenses against these attacks available at this time. The best defense is awareness that they are happening, what they look like and the ability to not reply to the messages, simply ignore the message and delete it from your device.

We are getting more reports of these kinds of attacks. Be very careful and prudent!

### **June 7, 2020 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that the Holy Trinity is the "central mystery of the Christian faith" (261). The concept of the Tri-une God — Three Persons in one God — is truly a mystery, almost too lofty for us ordinary people to even begin to grasp. Can the truth of the Holy Trinity teach us anything as everyday Christian stewards? Actually, yes!

St. John Paul II described the Holy Trinity is a "Divine Family," a community of Persons Who give themselves completely to each other and Who wishes to share Itself, Its life, with us. These concepts are at the very heart of the stewardship way of life. As stewards, we too, are called to share ourselves and our lives with others.

Our Gospel passage from John reminds us that the stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the imitation of our Most Holy Trinity. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes might not perish but might have eternal life." He gave Himself, in the person of His Son, for love of us. We must love this God back now by giving ourselves, our lives, to Him.

Amazingly, the more we give of ourselves to God in love, the more we will find the "grace of the Lord, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit within us." The God of the universe — this mysterious, Triune God — invites us to an ever-deepening intimacy with Him when we make our lives a loving gift to Him and to others through the stewardship way of life.

(From the Office of Stewardship and Development-Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana)

**As St. Augustine wrote, "Find out how much God has given you, and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others."**



THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020

**“Dear brothers and sisters in the United States, I have witnessed with great concern the disturbing social unrest in your nation in these past days, following the tragic death of Mr George Floyd. My friends, we cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life. At the same time, we have to recognize that the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Today I join the Church in Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and in the entire United States, in praying for the repose of the soul of George Floyd and of all those others who have lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism. Let us pray for the consolation of their grieving families and friends and let us implore the national reconciliation and peace for which we yearn. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, intercede for all those who work for peace and justice in your land and throughout the world. May God bless all of you and your families.”**

*Pope Francis*

## GRACE AND ETERNAL LIFE

Moses is a man after our own hearts, for haven't we all dealt with more than our share of stiff-necked people? Indeed, haven't we all gotten a little stiff-necked ourselves at times? Complaining . . . impatient . . . quick to anger. How lucky for Moses—how lucky for all of us—that God is exactly the opposite! And we don't even have to guess about it. The Lord tells us so directly. Accordingly, Moses does what we all need to do. Even with the tablets in hand, he bows down and asks for God's forgiveness and grace.

Encouraging us to live together in peace—and in God's favor—the Apostle Paul knows all about this grace, joyfully invoking Christ's grace on us along with God's love and the Holy Spirit's. “Rejoice,” he says. And when it comes to rejoicing, John offers us the gladdest words of all: the assurance of eternal life through Jesus.

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## The Most Holy Trinity

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God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

— *John 3:16a*

## HOLY TRINITY

The Father is my trust, the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my protection. O holy Trinity, glory to Thee.

—Byzantine Horologion, Troparion at Nocturns, sixth century

