

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street | Muncie, IN 47305



June 14, 2020
The Most Holy Body and
Blood of Christ

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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

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

SUN. 14 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

8:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence Parish) (also livestreamed)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Thelma Bedel)	CH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (L/D Members of the Bill and Martha Taylor families) and (✠)Antonio Sanchez	CH

MON. 15 Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	Mass-Livestream (✠Joe Koger)
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TUES. 16

8:00 a.m.	Mass - Livestream (✠Gene Boros)
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WED. 17

8:00 a.m.	Mass-Livestream (✠Betty Anderson)
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THURS. 18

8:00 a.m.	Mass-Livestream (✠James Johnson)
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FRI. 19 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 a.m.	Mass-Livestream (✠Harry Metzger)
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SAT. 20 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.00 a.m.	Mass-Livestream (✠Sharon Newton)	
2:30-3:30 p.m.	Confessions	CH
4:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass (✠John Shepherd)	CH

SUN. 21 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Carlton Hilton) (also live streamed)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence Parish)	CH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (✠Michael Alan Ross)	CH

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Lawrence,

This Sunday we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is a celebration that lies at the center of our lives as disciples of Jesus. It is not our goal just to keep the 10 Commandments but to grow in such unity with Christ that we will one day be able to say with St. Paul, “it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” To become one with Him in love of God and our neighbor, to be one with Him in doing the will of the Father, to be one with Him in laying down our life out of love, to be one with Him in glorifying the Father with our life, that ultimately, we will be one with Him for all eternity.

The old phrase “you become what you eat” is also true of the Eucharist. Christ becomes our very food. He is our nourishment, he is our food for the journey to sustain us through trials and difficulties. It is through this food that we become one with Him.

St. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 addresses the Early Christian Community about reception of the bread and wine that is blessed, “is not the bread we eat, a sharing in the body of Christ and is not the cup we drink, a sharing in the blood of Christ?” It is through the Eucharist that we share in the very life of Christ and grow into a oneness with Him.

But it isn’t just a oneness with Him, it is also a oneness with the entire Body of Christ – a union with all those baptized into Him. Through our baptism, we became a member of the Body of Christ – often called the Mystical Body of Christ, for it includes all who are in communion with Christ and members of His body. What a great gift we have to be united with all the saints throughout history – the apostles, apostolic fathers, mothers of the church, all the martyrs who have laid down their life for Christ, all our ancestors who are in union with Him as part of the communion of saints, all our loved ones who have died in union with Him.

Just take some time to reflect on and ponder the union that is given to us through so many graced and blessed people. We are truly not alone but “are surrounded by a so great a cloud of witnesses.” The communion with Christ in which the saints share, is also the communion shared with us. How blessed are we by a God that loves us beyond all comprehension – that all God shares in, is shared with each of us through communion with His Son.

Have a holy feast day!

Fr. Dave

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Never forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of slavery (Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a).
Psalm — Praise the Lord, Jerusalem (Psalm 147).
Second Reading — Because the loaf of bread is one, we who partake of it, though we are many, are one body (1 Corinthians 10:16-17).
Gospel — Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51-58).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48
 Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15
 Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
 Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Lk 2:41-51
 Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

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, 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, Dan Wade, Kathy Lewis, John Slivoski.

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.

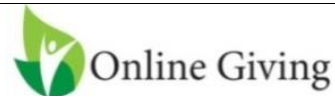
Holy Father's Prayer Intention for
June
Dear Lord, We pray for all who are suffering today.
 May they find their way in life and allow themselves to be touched by the very Heart of Jesus.

Pray For:		
Our Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians		
Sun.	Fr. Cassian Sama OP	Dcn. Joe VanSchepen
Mon.	Fr. Martin Sandhage	Dcn. Stan Zak
Tues.	Fr. Ron Schiml	Deacon candidates
Wed.	Msgr. Robert Sell	Dcn. Robert Angelich
Thurs.	Fr. Chris Shocklee	Dcn. Chris Bock
Friday	Fr. Daniel Shine	Dcn. Ed Boes
Sat.	Fr. Travis Stephens	Dcn. Michael Block



Weekend of June 7, 2020-mailed in/dropped off and at Masses last weekend) (online not included)

St. Lawrence Parish	\$10,546.00
School Support	\$ 1,226.00
Deacon's Food Pantry	\$ 365.00
Special-Bldg. Maintenance.....	\$ 50.00
Catholic Moment	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$12,207.00



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.

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

A sincere thank you to all who have continued to make their Fruitful Harvest pledges and to all parishioners sending in their weekly/monthly support for the parish.

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COLUMN (Sue Wilhelm)

Dear Friends,

This week I met with the Adult Faith Formation Team to discern where the Spirit was inviting us as a faith community. One member brought the book, “*Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*” by Bryan Massingale. We spent most of our time talking about what God is calling us to at this time of deepening awareness of racial inequality. Not surprisingly, along with doing the work of examining our own attitudes and actions, the other common theme was to learn from our brothers and sisters of color. Stay tuned as we invite others to teach us.

As a spiritual director, a common question for those in direction is how are you praying with this? Discernment is about noticing God’s action in any and every area of our life—and that includes struggling through difficult situations. Our parish is situated among our black brothers and sisters. How can we welcome them, have them teach us, walk with them in their struggle? How do we pray with them? How do we form friendships across religious traditions so that the Gospel is alive?

We have so much to learn. And, as we turn to God in prayer, may we empty ourselves so that we can hear the deeper invitation, and respond to the lead given to us so that oppression ceases and all may flourish.

While the Zoom Meetings for *Laudato Si* are complete, all the material is still available on our website: videos, notes and the document. They can be accessed anytime here: <https://www.stlawrencemuncie.com/laudato-si>

Sunday Scripture Study via ZOOM Tuesdays 9:00am-10:00am Just click on the link below <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89229211774> Find the Readings for next Sunday here: <http://uscgb.org/bible/readings/062120.cfm>

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

The seamstresses of Footprints have been relegated to plying their crafts at home for several months. That hasn’t stopped them, though. They’ve been busy making face masks, walker pockets, blankets, quilts and baby items for anyone in need. Soon this fun-loving, generous, and kind group of ladies will be back at St Agnes Hall and hard at work. When they gather again, they will be under the expert guidance of Evela Ward, the new Director of Footprints. She has been a Footprints member for several years and is eager to get started. You can contact her at (765) 228-5348 or email joevala11@yahoo.com. I’m certain that you will welcome her and give her the same warm support that you have given me over the years.

Thank you and God Bless.

Carmen Simmons

Meetings for this group will resume in July. **Plans are to meet on July 9 and July 23 at 9:30 a.m. in St. Agnes Hall.** Hope to see many of you there. New members are always welcome!

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.



Welcome to St. Lawrence

*Linda Gilcrest
Digna Whiteaker*



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 >>> about >>> employment

Submit application and supporting documents to:

r.frey@stlawrencemuncie.org

Contact Rob Frey for more information

(317) 702-8338

A Message from the Stephen Ministry



Now, more than ever.....

It has been said that, in this year, 2020, perhaps one goal we may aspire to is to have clearer vision. Your question might be, "about what?" So glad you asked! Consider the following life situations: one's relationship with God, relationships with others, losses, goals, social injustice and unrest, health, jobs, hopes and dreams, other challenges and stressors, fears and uncertainties, feelings about the current state of affairs in the city, county, state, country, and the world today.

Which of these would you like to see and understand more clearly and/or change for the better? Stephen Ministry can help! In this time of continued social limitations, as well as health and job concerns, these factors may have changed. Perhaps things are more difficult now. Perhaps some are factors in your life that were not factors even a few short months ago.

This might be the perfect time to meet with a spiritual companion. As things have escalated, talking to and praying with a Stephen Minister could calm the waters. It's often helpful to know a difficult journey doesn't have to be walked alone.

Even though meetings between Stephen Ministers and their Care Receivers are not yet face-to-face, there are still valuable connections made by phone to help lighten the load in these times that are like none other most of us have ever experienced. Should you feel the time is now to seek a companion with whom to share your thoughts about any of these life challenges that may now be part of your life, please communicate your interest to Fr. Dave, Jim or Pat Savage, or Deb Saxon. We're in this together!

June 16
HAPPY 47th ANNIVERSARY OF
YOUR PRIESTHOOD
to our pastor, Fr. Dave



MINISTRY OF THE FIBERS
A TRI-PARISH
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
MEETING DATE:
Wednesday, June 17

TIMES: 10:00 a.m. or 6:45 p.m.
LOCATION: St. Elizabeth House,
at St. Mary Parish

It has been several months since we have met – experiencing many challenges and changes in our lifestyle. We know the pandemic has made us appreciate all that we have and we know for sure what is most important in our lives. Many of us, I am sure, have spent time crocheting and knitting during this social distancing and isolation. If you feel ready to come to a meeting, we are planning to meet this month as noted above. If we don't see you, we understand, and be assured that we hold you and your family in our prayers. If you have any questions or needs, call Jeanette 729-3638, Janice 760-2087, or Terri 288-1726.



Forthcoming Parish Newsletter

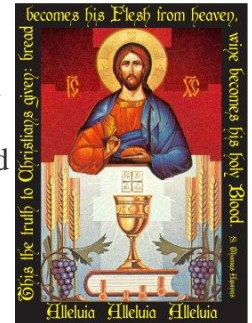
Watch your mail toward the end of this coming week! This newsletter will contain lots of information regarding our Mass schedule and the upcoming phases we are, or will be in, as we return to our “new normal.” Our guidelines will be according to the “Decree” that we have received from the Diocese.

June 14, 2020 ~ Solemnity of The Body and Blood Of Christ

DT 8:2-3,14B-16A; PS 147:12-15,19-20; 1 COR 10:16-17; JN 6:51-58

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our readings are focused on the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist. This feast has deep significance to those of us living the stewardship way of life.

Why? As stewards, we recognize that all that we are and all that we have been given are gifts from God. We are called to treasure these gifts and use them for God's glory. Our Solemnity today and the readings for this week invite us to a deeper gratitude and better stewardship of the two sublime gifts of God's Word and the Eucharist.



In our first reading from Deuteronomy, Our Heavenly Father (such a good teacher) reminds us that just as we experience physical hunger from lack of food, we become spiritually malnourished through lack of feeding on the Word of God. It is that important.

And, just as the Word of God is vital to our spiritual nourishment, so, too is the nourishment of the Eucharist. Jesus could not make this any clearer to us: “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.”

Without the Eucharist, we die spiritually. But through the Eucharist, we experience a taste of heaven right now — “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.”

As Christian stewards, we must recognize that in the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist, we have everything we need to sustain us in this world and guide us to heaven. Let us resolve to steward these precious gifts well with all our hearts, always.

Reflection on Today's Feast

Today, we celebrate the solemn feast of *Corpus Christi*. It is three feasts in one: the feast of the Eucharistic sacrifice, feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus. It is a doctrinal feast established for three purposes: 1) to give God collective thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and to honor him there; 2) to instruct the people in the Mystery, Faith and devotion surrounding the Eucharist, and 3) to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a Sacrament and as a sacrifice. In the three-year cycle of the Sunday liturgy, there is a different theme each year for this *Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ*. In Cycle A the theme is the Eucharist as our food and drink; in Cycle B the emphasis is on the Eucharist as the sign of the covenant; and in Cycle C the focus is on the priesthood of Jesus. Although we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Church wants to emphasize its importance by a special feast, formerly called "*Corpus Christi*."

The historical development: Today's celebration of the Body and Blood of the Lord originated in the Diocese of Liege in 1246 as the feast of *Corpus Christi*. In the reforms of Vatican II, *Corpus Christi* was joined with the feast of the Precious Blood (July 1) to become the *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord*. We celebrate today Christ's gift of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as the Church. The Council of Trent (1545 to 1563), declared that we must honor Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist publicly so that those who observed the Faith of Catholics in the Most Holy Eucharist might be attracted to the Eucharistic Lord and believe in the Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, present in this great Sacrament. "*The Catholic Church teaches that in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the God-man are really, truly, substantially, and abidingly present together with his soul and divinity by reason of the Transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.*"

The Scripture lessons: This year's readings for this feast emphasize the theme of Covenant blood because the ancient peoples sealed covenants with the blood of ritually sacrificed animals, and Jesus sealed this New Covenant with his own Blood, shed on Calvary. Today's first reading describes how Moses,

by sprinkling the blood of a sacrificed animal on the altar and on the people, accepted the covenant Yahweh proposed and made with His People. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 116), presents our acceptance of the New Covenant of which Paul speaks in the second reading, affirming that Jesus sealed the New Covenant with his own Blood on Calvary, thereby putting an end to animal sacrifices. Today's Gospel details how Jesus converted this ancient ritual into a Sacrament and sacrifice. Instead of the lamb's blood, Jesus offered his own Divine/human Body and Blood and, instead of sprinkling us with blood, Jesus put it into our hands as food. Mark recounts the institution of the Eucharist -- how Jesus said to his disciples, gathered for the Seder: "Take, ... eat ... this is my Body" -- not "represents," or "memorializes", but "IS"! A little later, He said: "Take this ... drink from it, for This is ... my Blood ... which will be poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. " -- again, "IS".

(Vatican News Fr. Antony Kadavil's reflections and comments)

FOOD FROM HEAVEN

God sustained the people of Israel for forty years in the desert with manna sent down from heaven, and Moses doesn't want them to forget it. God brought forth water from stone for them to drink, and Moses doesn't want them to forget this, either. And Moses tells them—twice—that the food that God sent was a food that neither they nor their ancestors before them had ever experienced before.

Jesus too speaks of food come down from heaven, food that the Jewish people had never experienced before. Recalling the manna in the desert, Jesus doesn't want them to forget it either, explaining that he is the food and drink of eternal life. And Paul reiterates to the Corinthians and to all of us that in the bread and in the cup, we share in the body and blood of Christ.

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Not by bread alone does one live,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of the LORD.

— *Deuteronomy 8:3b*