

Lenten Resources



Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.



Our parish will once again unite with Catholic Relief Services to offer our support through Operation Rice Bowl this Lent. CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program. It offers opportunities for your family to engage daily with the spiritual pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our contributions help provide for those worldwide who are most in need, especially those who are hungry and lack proper nutrition.

SAVE THE DATE
DAN'S FISH FRY
 BENEFITTING ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL & ST. AL'S SCHOOL IN NAIROBI, KENYA
 Friday, March 6 - 5:00PM-8:00PM
 Knights of Columbus Hall
 3600 W. Purdue Ave, Muncie

Age 5 & Under:	FREE
Child (Ages 6-12):	\$8
Adult (13 & over):	\$11

- Chicken and carry-out will be available -

Proceeds from the Fish Fry will benefit St. Lawrence School and St. Al's School in Kenya. St. Al's offers Catholic Education for students who have lost one or both parents from AIDS. St. Lawrence School has been a proud supporter of the school since it opened in 2004.

Estate Planning & Long Term Care

Estate Planning | February 22, 2020 | 9:00—11:00 AM | St. Agnes Hall
Long Term Care | March 14, 2020 | 9:00—11:00 AM | St. Agnes Hall
Presented by *Sarah Shade*, Attorney at Law

Sarah is a Muncie attorney whose practice focuses on the areas of Estate Planning, Financial Planning and Medicaid Law. She has volunteered to speak about Estate Planning and Long Term Care on the dates above. You are invited to attend either one or both of these free seminars. Relevant handouts will be provided.

Father Dave Hellmann, will review the Catholic Teaching on End of Life issues at each session.

Both seminars will be held at St. Agnes Hall. Please call the Parish Office at 288-9223 if you plan to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



St. Lawrence Catholic Church

February | March 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Lent is just a matter of days away. There are many events and opportunities planned in the coming weeks that are highlighted in the pages that follow. It is our hope that they will help to enrich your spiritual life and assist you to grow in holiness during this season.

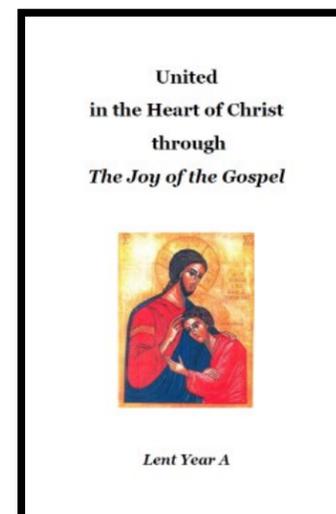
Please draw special attention to our Parish Mission that will be led by Fr. Jim Farrell on March 8-10. The purpose of a Mission is to take time out of our everyday lives and stop to ponder the direction of our lives and where we are in relationship with Jesus Christ. The talks of the mission will be divided among either 3 evening sessions OR 2 daytime sessions for your convenience.

Also new this Lent is a series "Eat, Pray, Learn" and daily readings and reflections on Sacred Scripture and Pope Francis' book, "The Joy of the Gospel." We will continue to offer our usual Lenten observances of the Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary and Stations of the Cross, as well as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

We pray that you have a very blessed Lent. If you have any questions about upcoming events, please call the Parish Office at (765) 288-9223.



Featured



Late fall of 2019 I felt the Holy Spirit nudging me to provide a resource that would assist us in growing spiritually in the 3 Pillars of Uniting in the Heart of Christ. Pope Francis' work, "The Joy of the Gospel," kept coming to me.

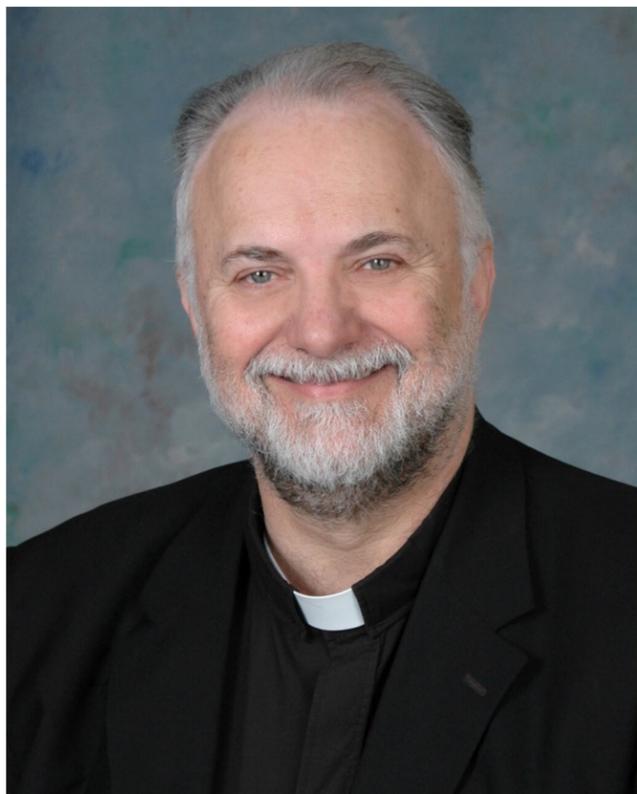
And, so, the opportunity came while recovering from my second hip replacement to put together this Lenten Booklet.

My prayer is that we recognize that we are united in the heart of Jesus, and by living out the Gospel we will truly be the hands and feet of Christ to each other and to the world. There in lies our true transformation.

Sue



"United in the Heart of Christ through the Joy of the Gospel" was written and compiled by Sue Wilhelm, Director of Adult Faith Formation for the parish.



Parish Mission

WITH FR. JIM FARRELL

March 8-10
St. Lawrence Church
Muncie, IN

EVENING
Sun, Mon, Tue
7:00 PM

MORNING
Mon, Tue
10:00 AM

One Heart and One Mind in Christ

Fr. Jim Farrell grew up in Indianapolis on the East side. As the youngest of four, he had all the blessings of being the youngest. Father spent a few years learning Irish Dancing while in grade school and really enjoyed acting in college plays at St. Meinrad. When not ministering in the parish, he enjoys giving retreats either at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House or on location at another parish.

Fr. Farrell will join us for all weekend Masses March 7 & 8, and will lead sessions each day, March 8-10, centered around the theme “One Heart and One Mind in Christ”.

Please note there are two offerings of the Mission—morning sessions and evening sessions.

Evening Sessions | 7:00 P.M. | Church

Sunday Talk: Teach Us How To Pray
Social to follow in St. Agnes

Monday Talk: Forgiveness
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday Talk: One Heart and Mind
Social to follow in St. Agnes

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

Acts 2:42

Daytime Sessions | 10:00 A.M. | Church

Monday Talk: Prayer/Forgiveness
Lite lunch to follow

Tuesday Talk: Forgiveness/One Heart
Lite lunch to follow

Come Holy Spirit with the fire of your Love. Make us One in you and with each other. Burn deeply within each of us the desire for deeper friendship with Christ through prayer, the willingness to heal our relationships through forgiveness, and the strength to recommit ourselves in community. May we devote ourselves, to be of one heart and mind, to your teaching, to community, to breaking bread and to prayer. Amen.

Upcoming Events

Mardi Gras Breakfast

February 25 | 9:00 AM | St. Agnes Hall
Join us for a carry-in breakfast after Mass.



Ash Wednesday

February 26 | Church
Mass & Distribution of Ashes: 8:00 AM, 12:15 PM, & 6:30 PM

Lenten Eat, Pray, Learn

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8 |
12:00—1:00 PM | St. Agnes Hall
No cost, donations accepted.



Join us for a simple lunch, time for prayer, reflection and conversation as we follow the themes of the Lenten Booklet: United in the Heart of Christ through The Joy of the Gospel. We will explore more deeply Pope Francis’ complete exhortation.

Please register online or by calling the parish office and indicate if you need a copy of The Joy of the Gospel.

- March 4 Pillar 1• Mission**
Ch. 1 The Church’s Missionary Transformation
- March 11 Pillar 1• Mission**
Ch. 5 Spirit Filled Evangelizers
- March 18 Pillar 2• Community**
Ch. 2 Amid the Crisis of Communal Commitment
- March 25 Pillar 2• Community**
Ch. 3 The Proclamation of the Gospel
- April 1 Pillar 3• Witness**
Ch. 4 The Social Dimension of Evangelization
- April 8 Pillar 3• Witness**
Ch. 4 The Social Dimension of Evangelization cont.

Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary & Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent
6:40 PM (Rosary) 7:00 PM (Stations) | Church

Join us as we pray the “Our Lady of Sorrows” Rosary and the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent.

Concert Series• John Stainer’s Crucifixion

April 5 | 3:00 PM | Church
Matthew & Kelci Kosin, vocalists
Richard Grill, organ

Upcoming Events at a Glance

- February**
- 16—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 22—Estate Planning
 - 26—Ash Wednesday
 - 28—Rosary & Stations of the Cross
- March**
- 4—Eat, Pray, Learn
 - 6—Rosary & Stations of the Cross
 - 6—Dan’s Fish Fry
 - 8—10 Parish Mission
 - 9—Communal Penance Service
 - 11—Eat, Pray, Learn
 - 13—Rosary & Stations of the Cross
 - 14—Long Term Care
 - 15—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 - 18—Eat, Pray, Learn
 - 20—Rosary & Stations of the Cross
 - 25—Eat, Pray, Learn
 - 27—Rosary & Stations of the Cross
- April**
- 1—Eat, Pray, Learn
 - 3—Rosary & Stations of the Cross
 - 5—Palm Sunday
 - 5—Concert Series: Matthew & Kelci Kosin