

THE GIFTS OF



ST. LAURENCE

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# Pentecost 2017

## The Pastor's Challenge from Father Drew



*During the month of June, THANK someone for their loving presence in our parish community*

AND-

*attend one weekday Mass to THANK God for his amazing presence in your life.*

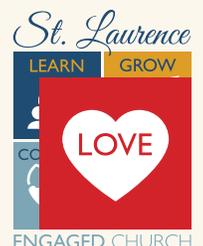
As part of our effort to grow as an Engaged Church, 120 parish ministry leaders selected recognition as a priority area to focus on as a parish family. Many had personally found St. Lawrence to be a positive and welcoming place, but the responses on the Gallup ME25 survey, conducted in September 2015, stated that only 35% of parishioners agreed/strongly agreed with the following statement:

*“In the last month, I have received recognition or praise from someone in my parish.”*

So let's show the love, St. Lawrence, and take Fr. Drew up on his challenge! Ours is a huge parish and our pastor relies not only on Fr. Jaison, the deacons and staff, but on thousands of good-hearted people who step up in hundreds of ways – large and small – to serve the needs of our parish and community every day of the week. So, when you are here, please take a moment to slow down, notice and thank someone for making a difference here at our parish.

Then, Fr. Drew reminds us that the word **“Eucharist”** means **“thanksgiving”**. Please plan to attend any one of our weekday Masses in June to offer thanks to God, in whom “we live and move and have our being.” (Acts 17:28)

Learn more about the Engaged Church effort at [www.stlaurence.org/engaged-church](http://www.stlaurence.org/engaged-church).



**Sunday, June 4, is Pentecost** The Greek word pentecost means 50<sup>th</sup> day. Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of the Church. On this day we are reminded that each one of us is uniquely created for a specific role in the earthly mission of the Church. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you. In what way are you called to make disciples of all nations? †

## USE YOUR GIFTS

Now as you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also. (2 Cor 8:7)

✦ **¿HABLA ESPAÑOL?** Teach Spanish to clergy and others who serve in parish ministry. Free Spanish classes are offered on Monday and Thursday evenings throughout the summer. To sign up for classes or to teach, please contact Adriana Gutierrez at [LearnSpanishMinistry@gmail.com](mailto:LearnSpanishMinistry@gmail.com).



✦ **HAVE FAITH, SHARE IT.** When you register your kids for CCE, consider signing up yourself as a volunteer. There are lots of ways to help, but we can always use catechists and faith-sharers for children in PreK through high school. Go to [www.stlaurence.org/](http://www.stlaurence.org/) registration before August 1.

✦ **HOLY HOUR, HAPPY HOUR.** Young Adults (20s/30s) can share the precious gift of their time, first in Adoration in the chapel, then with one another at Baker Street Pub. Learn more from Michaela Barta at [mbarta@stlaurence.org](mailto:mbarta@stlaurence.org).

✦ **READ A BOOK.** Our Parish Library in the Ave Maria Center is a cool place to hang out in the summer. Participate in the Summer Reading Program and consider helping out as a library volunteer. Go to [www.stlaurence.org/parish-library](http://www.stlaurence.org/parish-library) for all the details.

**“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”**  
*(Matthew 28:19)*

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER

*It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another. (John 15:16-17)*

✦ **FREE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON?** The Social Concerns Ministry offers a variety of fun service projects each Tuesday afternoon throughout the summer. Learn more and sign up for Summer of Service at [www.stlaurence.org/social-concerns](http://www.stlaurence.org/social-concerns).

✦ **DIVE INTO A DRIVE.** Our parish makes a huge difference in the community through donations to drives such as the July Shoe Drive and School Supply Drive. It's a fun and easy way to get involved. Go to [www.stlaurence.org/annual-programs](http://www.stlaurence.org/annual-programs).

✦ **A SENIOR MOMENT.** Share an hour of your time at a nearby nursing home to play BINGO or sing Happy Birthday to the residents. Contact Pennie DeGroot at [pdegroot@stlaurence.org](mailto:pdegroot@stlaurence.org) to see how you can help.



## GROW IN THE SPIRIT

*And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception. (Phil 1:9)*

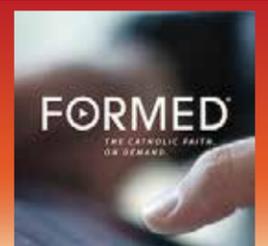
✦ **COME, HOLY SPIRIT!** Fr. Mark Goring will speak on “Preparing Our Hearts for a New Pentecost” on Thursday, June 1, 7:00pm, in the church – including Eucharistic Adoration and music by Danielle Noonan. Free and open to everyone.

✦ **WHEN WAS YOUR LAST DATE NIGHT?** “Make Room for Happiness and Intimacy” in your marriage at this special Date Night offered by Dr. Jeff & Martha Rees on June 24, 6:00-9:00pm. Babysitting offered for K-5 grade. Register in advance at [www.stlaurence.org/datenight](http://www.stlaurence.org/datenight).

✦ **BE HEALED.** Attend the Gifts of the Holy Spirit Workshop on Saturday, June 3, 9:00am-4:30pm, in the parish hall. Lots of great speakers including Fr. Chacko, plus a powerful healing service. Free, lunch provided. Register on-site that morning.

## Fire up your faith this summer on FORMED!

Take advantage of this incredible resource with the best in digital content by going to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and registering with parish code 012fc. It's mobile compatible so you can even use it on vacation this summer wherever you go!





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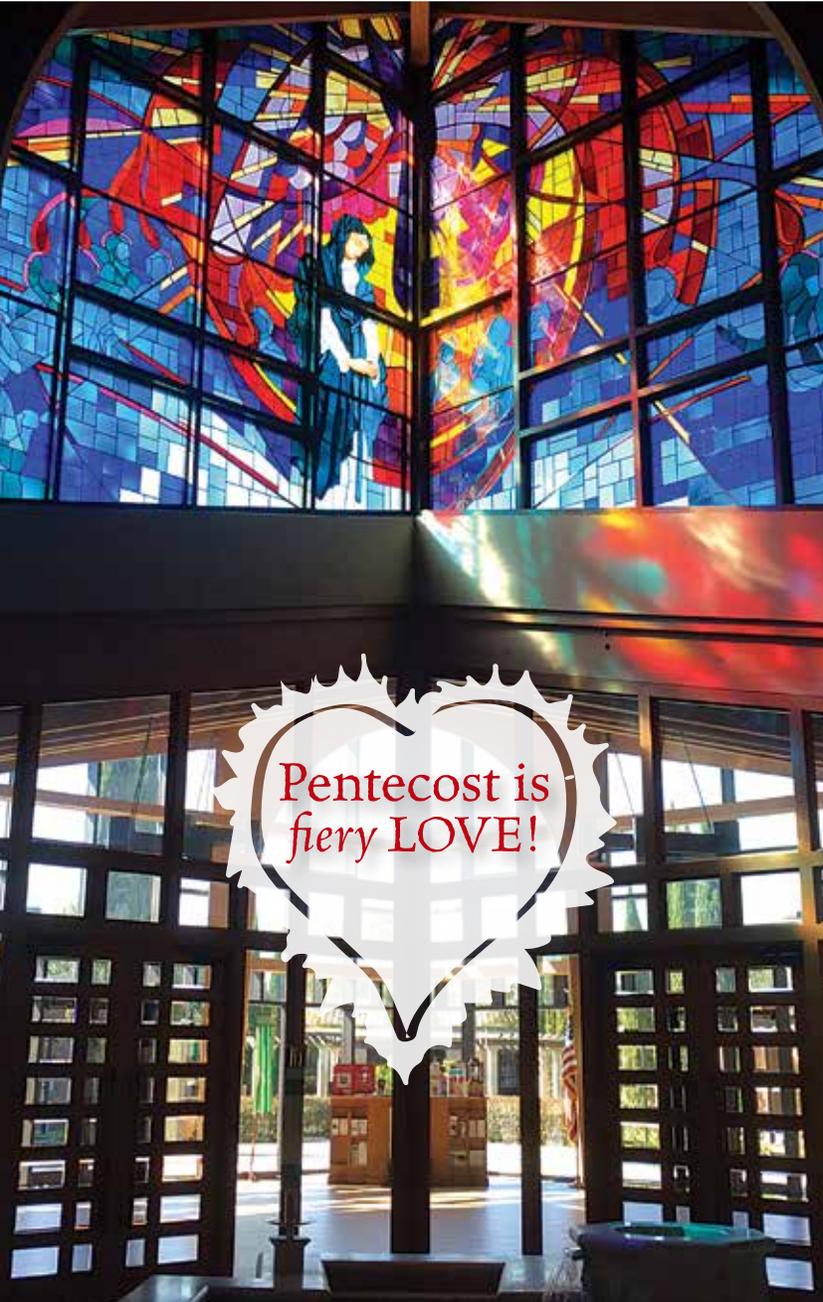
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**JUNE**

- 1** Speaker Series: Fr. Mark Goring
- 3** Gifts of the Holy Spirit Workshop
- 5-9** Vacation Bible School
- 10** St. Anthony of Padua
- 12** WCP Summer Camp Begins
- 15-18** Men's A.C.T.S. Retreat
- 16** St. Laurence Family Night
- 23-25** Steubenville South
- 24** Date Night: Dr. Jeff & Martha Rees

**JULY**

- 9 & 16** Back to School Supplies & Shoe Drive
- 10-15** FTCM Summer Intensive
- 17-25** Young Adult Group Mission Trip
- 20-23** Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat
- 22** Catholic Stewardship Conference
- 28** St. Laurence Family Night
- 31** Covecrest (thru Aug 5)

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