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**ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

820 E. Charles Street | Muncie, IN 47305

**May 5, 2019 Third Sunday of Easter**

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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

Soup Kitchen of Muncie 765-287-8439

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Wednesday, 12 Noon. Send items to: [stlawrencemuncieparish@dol-in.org](mailto:stlawrencemuncieparish@dol-in.org).

**PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

<b>SUN. 5</b>		
<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>		
8:00 a.m.	Mass (L/D Members of George and Mary McGraw families)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence Parish) 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion	CH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (✠Roberta Kluth)	CH
5-6:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group	AH
<b>MON. 6</b>		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Mary Bering)	CH
1:00 p.m.	Parish Staff Meeting	RD
6:00 p.m.	RCIA	
<b>TUES. 7</b>		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (Int. of Sharon Newton)	CH
5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Mass at St. Mary's	
<b>WED. 8</b>		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Josette Mitchell) School Children attend Mass	CH
<b>THURS. 9</b>		
<b>No morning Mass</b>		
9:30 a.m.	Footprints Sewing Group	AH
10:30 a.m.	Mass at Morrison Woods	
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	CH
<b>FRI. 10</b>		
<b>St. Damien deVeuster, Priest</b>		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Harry Metzger)	CH
9:00 a.m.	Church Cleaning	
<b>SAT. 11</b>		
8:00 a.m.	Mass (Poor Souls in Purgatory)	CH
8:30 a.m.	Centering Prayer and Contemplative Prayer Group following Mass	AH
3:00-4:00 p.m.	Confessions	CH
4:30 p.m.	Mass (✠Fritz & Betty Bechelli)	CH
<b>SUN. 12</b>		
<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>		
8:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence Parish)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Dorothy Neilson) May Crowning	CH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (Poor Souls in Purgatory) May Crowning	CH

CH-church; RD-Rectory Dining; AH-St.Agnes Hall; RL-Rectory Living Room

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Lawrence:

Congratulations to our young people who are making their First Communion this Sunday. This is where parents' involvement is critical. When children in Confession say, "I missed Mass on Sunday," I ask them "Do you drive?" – and I tell them that when they can drive, then they can be responsible but until then, it is their parents' responsibility.

The same for receiving Communion -- it is through the Eucharist that we have the greatest intimacy with Jesus. To receive Communion is to receive Jesus – His very self. He personally is received and welcomed to be a guest within us. No one can have the intimacy that He has with us in Holy Communion. What a shame for a child to be introduced to such an intimate encounter with Jesus and then rarely given an opportunity to experience this as a frequent and regular part of their life. We rarely have an intimacy with someone we only visit once a year. Regular participation in the Eucharist creates an on-going intimacy with Jesus – if we realize that it is the deepest form of "Communion with Him."

Please give your children the opportunity for this intimacy and help nurture your children's closeness to Jesus. Maybe each one should reflect on what Eucharist is and means so that each of us may grow in intimacy with Jesus Himself. What if our families would take just a few minutes before going to bed to read a story of Jesus or just a few words of His from one of the Gospels -- so that each one learns to focus on Him and begin to think as He thinks, to see things as He sees them, and to have the trust in His Father that He had? Just a "little dessert" – not force feed.

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The first weekend of June, we will have the commissioning of the first group of Stephen Ministers for St. Lawrence Parish. This program of ministry is designed to expand the ministry of care for people who are hurting or struggling with a difficult time in life – and companion the person through that time – to "accompany" someone is to walk alongside of, to "be a companion to" someone. The word derives from the Latin word "pan or panis" – "bread" and "com" – Latin "cum" – with. So, literally companion is one who breaks bread with another.

Here is a brief summary of the Stephen Ministry Program: Stephen Ministry training equips and empowers lay caregivers – called Stephen Ministers – to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting from grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment or for nearly any other reason.

If you have any questions, a member of the team would be glad to assist you with this. The St. Lawrence Stephen Ministry Leadership Team consists of John and Melinda Haack, Pat and Jim Savage, and Deb Saxon.

*God Bless all,  
Fr. Dave*

Also, see page 7 for a new program for young adults -- age 21-39 that we are excited about.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — God exalted Jesus as leader and savior (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

**Psalms** — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

**Second Reading** — To the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might (Revelation 5:11-14).

**Gospel** — When the disciples came ashore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

**Pray for Priests & Seminarians**

Sun.	Fr. Daniel Duff	Brian Farrell
Mon.	Msgr. John Duncan	Matthew Jakupco
Tues.	Fr. Stephen Duquaine	Thomas Kappes
Wed.	Fr. Dale Ehrman	Andrew Morand
Thurs.	Fr. Dennis Faker	TJ Slamkowski
Fri.	Fr. Thomas Fox	Dcn. Will Summerlin
Sat.	Fr. Samuel Futral	Liam Thompson

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Please remember the following parishioners in your prayers this week:** Beth Kaiser, Sonja Bickey, Larry Tricker, Isaiah Greiner, Dan Wade, Joe Morgan, Dale Goth, David Traub, JoAnn Brown, Miriam Walker, Adam Pence, Alex Pence, Anthony Pence, Joseph Jenkinson, Clara Persinger, Martha Jean McIntosh, Dorothy Duncan, Linda Goth, Pete Whitcomb, Betty Wright, Beverly Dalton, Shirley Jordan, Kameron Kadinger, Joe Duncan, Shirley Phillips, John Persinger, Dick and Lucille Kanney, Pat Daunt, John Haack, Sharon Newton, Larry Rigel, Ronald Macken, Joyce Doyle, Marie Rhorer, Bob Bering, for the family of Alex and Kim Flores, Cristina Jones, Stacy Vencel, Joshua Cole, Richard Biehl, Clifford Tweedy, Rod Clements, Ed Kratochvil, Mary Hadley, Noah Cross, Raymond Gaff, Betty Anderson, Judy Cool Beaty, Stephanie Echelbarger, Pat Savage, Mary Kerrigan, Roni Johnson, William Berger, Tia Lindsey, Dixie Lindsey, Jim Shaw, Harry Seffrin, David Duke, Charles Hiatt.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

Please call Joan McKinley 716-7073 for the St. Lawrence Church Prayer Chain request.



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

**Dear Lord Jesus, During this Easter season, we pray for evangelization in Africa:** May the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.



**Weekend of April 28, 2019**

St. Lawrence Parish .....	\$7,834.60
School Support.....	\$ 844.50
Children's Envelopes .....	\$ 0.00
Deacon's Food Pantry .....	\$ 40.00
Fuel Fund .....	\$ 100.00

**MONTHLY COLLECTION RECAP  
APRIL 2019**

St. Lawrence Parish .....	\$34,669.51
School Support .....	\$ 1,502.00
Children's Envelopes .....	\$ 151.00
Deacon's Food Pantry .....	\$ 383.58
Fuel Fund .....	\$ 300.00
Good Friday for the Holy Land .....	\$ 1,066.25

**MONTHLY ONLINE GIVING  
APRIL 2019**

St. Lawrence Parish .....	\$ 7,509.00
School Support .....	\$ 1,143.00
Deacon's Food Pantry .....	\$ 542.00
Fuel Fund .....	\$ 143.00
Other .....	\$ 240.00



During the Month of May, the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes before Mass. Please join us! If you would like to lead the Rosary at one of the Masses, there is a sign up sheet on the table in the back of church.

**Day of Reflection for Liturgical Ministers  
June 9 – 1:30-3:30 p.m**

See Sue Wilhelm's column for more information.

## PARISH MINISTRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION COLUMN

(Sue Wilhelm)

*I am a member of the Household of God. God is head of my household.*

In the Gospel for this Sunday there are two moments that are so vivid, so real, that we can relate to. The first is when John says to Peter, "It is the Lord!" The recognition of the One who has taught and loved and suffered and rose is completely heart felt in that moment. Can you recognize the Presence of Christ within your household? Perhaps in your spouse, your children, your housemate, your neighbor? As households of God, the invitation to recognize, and respond to Christ is there. And, not only are we invited to respond, we are also invited to receive Jesus' recognition of our needs. "Come and have breakfast." There is an intimacy in that gesture. Come and eat. Something we do daily. Jesus is there, in each of us, in each other. "It is the Lord!" Keep your eyes open for Christ this week, especially in the everyday events.

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**Centering Prayer** All are welcome for Centering Prayer practiced in community **every Saturday after 8:00am Mass at St. Agnes Hall.** The intention of Centering Prayer is consent (or surrender) to God's presence and action within. This silent prayer practice is open to everyone. Sue Wilhelm usually facilitates the practice.

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**Please consider and discern**, if you might be called to be part of the CCD team or the RCIA team. It would be ideal to have two teachers for every grade level. And there are many ways to assist with RCIA. There will be opportunities for formation in both of these programs as well as other opportunities to share in the formation of small groups, deepening our understanding of our Catholic tradition and practice as well as retreats we hope to have in the coming year. Please pray about your involvement and to what the Holy Spirit may be inviting you. Call Sue at the church office for more conversation and information.

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**Adult Liturgical Ministers** (Ushers, Communion Distributors, Readers, Greeters, Choir members) **Please mark your calendar for the Retreat we are offering June 9 from 1:30-3:30pm in the church.** The purpose of this retreat is to help you deepen your relationship with Christ as you minister to and as the Body of Christ. This important formation will also assist in deepening your understanding of Liturgy and your place as ministers within Liturgy.



**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.** Our next get-together will be on **Monday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m.—Carry-In Dinner in St. Agnes Hall.**



### Eucharistic Adorers Ministry

**The next opportunity for Adoration** will be **Sunday, May 19** after the 10:00 a.m. Mass until Evening Devotions at 7:00 p.m. 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 meets on a regular basis—once a month in **St. Agnes Hall.** **Time: 3:30-5:00 p.m. or 6:30-8:00 p.m.** **Our next meeting will be May 28.** All are welcome who have lost a loved one or anticipate the loss of a loved one. Join us! If you have any questions, contact Deb Saxon at 765-760-4800.

### **FOOTPRINTS SEWING GROUP**

The following items were donated by the parish and the school to the annual Baby Shower. The shower was a big success thanks to all of you. \$640.00 in cash; 31 pkgs of diapers; 97 pkgs of wipes; 1 stroller; 1 potty chair; 1 baby monitor; 1 smart thermometer; 36 bassinet and pak & play sheets; 13 pkgs of socks; 40 containers of baby lotion, shampoo and baby wash; 20 outfits; 9 changing pads; 15 receiving blankets; 9 pkgs of Q tips; 17 onesies. In addition to the above, Footprints will also be donating many blankets, bibs, and burp pads. For more information contact Carmen Simmons 765-808-1917 or Jayne Waechter 765-288-8920.



### **MINISTRY OF THE FIBERS**

(A Prayer Shawl Ministry)

### **Speaker Night Meeting**

**May 15 – 6:45 p.m.**

**St. Mary – Noll Hall**

Our May meeting will be a little different. Ladies from the Black Sheep Yarn and Fiber Arts Shop in Noblesville will be our guests. They will bring various yarns with them that will also be available to purchase -- beautiful spring colors of yarn to entice our creative minds. They will have some samples of items they have made along with patterns. This meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. You don't have to be a member of the Ministry. There will be no morning meeting this month. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you on May 15 at 6:45 p.m.



# Saint Lawrence Catholic School

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Our mission is to provide a Catholic Christ-centered education through an atmosphere of love and compassion for all students.

Wednesday, May 8 – Mass at church.

**Scrip Order**—See insert in bulletin. Orders with payment are due by 10am Monday, May 13.

### Virtues in Practice

Congratulations to our April Virtues in Practice recipients! These students represented Saint Lawrence Catholic School proudly by modeling Obedience (Saying ‘yes’ to the loving will of God and those he has set over us).

#### *King Hart-Grade 3*

*“King is very polite, eager to help, always says ‘yes’ and keeps a positive attitude. If I ask him to do something, I can always count on him to comply with what he is asked to do.” –Miss Smith*

#### *Emily Rawlings-Grade 5*

*“Emily shows the virtue of Obedience every day in class by following the classroom rules and my expectations. She does this without argument. She is pleasant and easy to work with at all times. Emily is someone I can count on in class.” –Mrs. Cunningham*

Our May virtue is Diligence (Doing your best and working hard until you’re finished).

#### **“They Said It!”**

What is the most funny thing about going to school at St. Lawrence?

*“When my friends are funny and my sister. I like it when my teacher is funny and we watch funny movies. I love Saint Lawrence.”*

*Giselle, grade 2*

### **WOMEN’S PRAYER/BIBLE STUDY**

This group will meet again on **Wednesday, May 15, at 2:30 p.m. in St. Agnes Hall.** We will conclude our study of part one of The Gospel According to Luke. We will not meet in June or July, but will convene again in August with part two of The Gospel According to Luke. If you would like to join this group in August, please contact Jeanette at the Parish Office so a sufficient number of books can be ordered.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** **CLASSES/ACTIVITIES FOR OUR YOUTH**

**CCD CLASSES** for grades K thru 5 will meet this **Sunday, April 28 from 11:15am-12:30pm in St. Agnes Hall.** If you have any questions, contact Sheila Henry at 765-729-1229.

**CONFIRMATION – Practice – Sunday, May 5, 2:30 p.m. – St. Mary Church; Confirmation: Tuesday, May 7, 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church.**Contact Jason for additional information at [jhart@dol-in.org](mailto:jhart@dol-in.org)

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (MSYG)**

Our next meeting/get-together will be this **Sunday, May 5 from 5-6:30 p.m.** in St. Agnes Hall.

### **Nursing Homes**

#### **Communion Services**

May 14 – 10:00 a.m. – Albany Healthcare

May 21 – 10:30 a.m. – Bethel Pointe

### **DEACON’S FOOD PANTRY**

#### **(Kroger Community Rewards)**

The “pantry” is now enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program: visit <http://www.kroger.com>. Once logged into your Kroger account you can search for Deacon’s Pantry either by name or DR021 and then click “Enroll.” New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.

\*You must have a registered Kroger rewards card account to link to the Deacon’s Food Pantry.

\*If you do not yet have a Kroger rewards card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger

**REMEMBER** -- purchases will not count for Deacon’s Food Pantry until after you register your rewards card.

Participants must swipe their registered Kroger rewards card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Church****Remember Renew Rejoice**

The St. Vincent dePaul Aid Society was established at Saint Lawrence Parish in 1894 to perform "good work amongst the poorer of the congregation and in favor of those not of our faith."

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**The St. Lawrence Church 150th Anniversary  
Gala Dinner**

**Tickets are on sale now!**

**Committee members will be at all Masses  
after all the weekend Masses  
through May 18-19**

**WE WILL ACCEPT CASH OR CHECKS ONLY!**  
Questions? Please call the Parish Office at  
(765) 288-9223.

**T-SHIRTS FOR SALE!! We have adult t-shirts for sale  
at \$10 each which display our 150<sup>th</sup> logo.**



Our "keepsake ornament" is not just something for the Christmas season. These can be displayed throughout the year in your home. Give as an anniversary gift, a birthday gift, or as a wedding gift. They are available at the Rectory for \$25.



We are currently gathering photographs for our 150th Anniversary Gala and other events throughout the year. If you have photos from church or

school events that you would like to share, please stop by the Parish Office so we may make a digital copy, or you may email them

to [galaphotos@stlawrencemuncie.com](mailto:galaphotos@stlawrencemuncie.com).

Any information you can include with the photos (ie. year, names, event, etc.) would be greatly appreciated.



**The Knights of Columbus Council 560  
will be hosting a  
Mother's Appreciation dinner**

Date: Tuesday, May 14

Time: 6:00 p.m. Social/Cocktails

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall  
3600 W. Purdue Ave.

Menu: Entrée, vegetable, potato, roll, toss salad, dessert and drink. All family members are invited as we say thanks to all of the mothers. Guests are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for the parish food pantries.



**St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store**

The store is currently in need of the following items: Boys and girls clothing size 6-18; Toddler boys and girls clothing size 0-5. They are also in need of linens, especially sheets and towels. You may drop off your donations at the store during the store hours: Tuesday and Thursday 10am-6pm; Wednesday and Friday 10am-3pm; Saturday 10am-12Noon.



In case of an emergency, an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) is located in the vestibule of the church and also in St. Agnes Hall.



**Online Giving**

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. We will help you work through the process in no time!



**Please pray for those serving our country in the military – especially:** Davis Brown, William Cox, Jared Hargis, Kyle Jones, Kyle & Leandra Long, Jon Powell, Stephen Smith, Kyle Stewart, Christopher Tolmachoff, Payden Schug, and Matt Johns.

**Memorial Flowers**

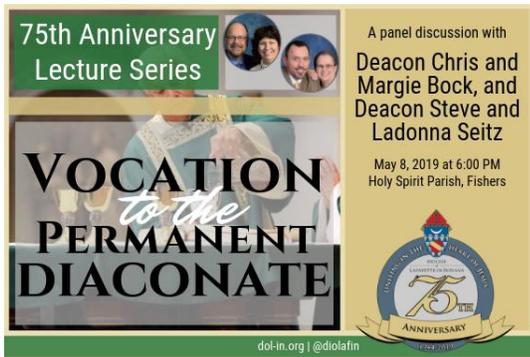
Would you like to honor the memory of a loved one, special intentions, and anniversaries with a special flower arrangement that will help adorn the church? Normandy Flower Shop, Inc. has graciously agreed to offer Memorial Flowers for \$25.00. Call the Rectory at 288-9223, to make the arrangements.

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR MAY 11 AND 12**

|            | Readers                          | Altar Servers                 | E.M.H.C.                                                                                  | Ushers                                                       |
|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4:30 P.M.  | Jim Jones<br>Richard Grill       | Nicholas Dosch<br>Cora Taylor | Deborah Miller<br>Nancy Mills<br>Marianne Vorhees                                         | Jim Carnes<br>Jeff Crabtree<br>Walter Vester<br>Skip Vorhees |
| 8:00 A.M.  | Carl Lambert<br>Maria Hart       | Eli Hart                      | Carolyn MacDougall<br>Paul Ranieri<br>Marilyn Sherrill<br>Nancy Taverna<br>Jane Truesdale | Jerry Bricker<br>Mary Burford<br>Norm Gayda<br>Tom Ward      |
| 10:00 A.M. | Wednesday Cunningham<br>Anne May | Onnie Adams<br>Alex Cox       | Rob Frey<br>Amy Miller<br>Sherry Richardson<br>Deb Saxon<br>Julie Snider                  | Omar Galan<br>Mateo Romero<br>Greg Smith<br>Mike Wallace     |

**Attention Young Adults – Age 21-39!!!  
“Theology on Tap”**

Our first get-together will be on Wednesday, May 15, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Elm Street Brewery (519 N. Elm Street). We will discuss/plan future meetings, topics, and what you hope for! Come to share appetizers, have a drink and conversation with other young adults! Hope to see you there!



While the diocese celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2019, the permanent diaconate celebrated the 50th anniversary in 2018 of its restoration by the Second Vatican Council. This session in the lecture series will review the vocation of the permanent deacon and the history of the diaconate from its inception, its restoration and implementation within the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. Come to learn “Who is a permanent deacon?”, “What does a permanent deacon do?” and about the formation process for deacons within the diocese. The Facebook event can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/events/2415371478515005/>

**Stewardship Bulletin Reflection for 5/5/2019  
From the Office of Stewardship and Development  
Diocese of Lafayette**

In today’s Gospel, we find the Apostles dejected and discouraged following the death of our Lord. Poor Peter decides to throw in the towel on the whole disciple thing and go back to his old way of life, declaring, “I’m going fishing.” Upon hearing this, the other disciples follow him.

How easy it is for all of us to backslide on changes we have made in our lives, especially when it comes to our spiritual lives. But look how Jesus treats the disciples during their “backslide.” He is right there with them in the midst of it, already waiting for them on the shore when they come back from their unsuccessful return to the fishing business (after abandoning their mission as disciples). Our Lord greets them tenderly, gives them some fishing pointers, and then prepares their breakfast. How gracious He is to them! He is just as gracious today. When we find ourselves “out at sea” -- discouraged by our failures or for squandering the gifts God has given us, or simply by a lack of progress in our faith life, Jesus is with us! He is calling to us from the shore to come back to Him without shame or embarrassment, but with hope-filled trust in His steadfast love. He never tires of offering “do-overs” if we just keep returning to Him.

This constant process of turning back to the Lord, of reevaluating our goals and priorities as we aim for Heaven, is the essence of a stewardship way of life. Let us take heart as we continue our journey today, secure in the knowledge that Jesus is beside us every step of the way.