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ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street | Muncie, IN 47305

August 25, 2019 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

TRINITY COMMUNITY CENTER:
St. Vincent dePaul 765-282-2842
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PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN. 25	**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✞Adam Thomas)	CH
	50th Wedding Anny-Bill & Judy Fulton	
10:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence Parish)	CH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (✞Michael Alan Ross)	CH
MON. 26		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (Int. of Rae Ann Honn)	CH
1:00 p.m.	Parish Staff Meeting	RD
6:30 p.m.	BMW Small Faith Group mtg.	AH
TUES. 27	**St. Monica**	
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (For the intention of Carmen Simmons)	CH
12:30-2:00 p.m.	Finance Council	RD
3:30-5:00 p.m.	Hearts of Hope	AH
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Hearts of Hope	AH
WED. 28	**St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**	
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✞Ken Zvokel)	CH
	School Children attend Mass	
6:00 p.m.	Muncie Deanery Mass-75th Anny of our Diocese – St. Mary, Muncie	
THURS. 29	**The Passion of St. John the Baptist**	
No Mass		
FRI. 30		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✞James O'Neill)	CH
9:00 a.m.	Church Cleaning	
SAT. 31		
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✞Grant Taverna)	CH
8:30 a.m.	Centering Prayer/Contemplative Prayer	AH
3:00 p.m.	Confessions	CH
4:30 p.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence Parish)	CH
SUN. 1	**Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✞Agnes McPherson)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (✞Dick Shirey)	CH
	Baptism-Wyatt Echelbarger	
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (✞Bill Taylor)	CH
	Baptism Yarele Lara Almanza	

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

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Lawrence:

My apologies for being a little lost and struggling with the unknown that lies ahead for St. Lawrence and myself. Once we receive the plan and format for the future, I might be less disoriented than I am now. My apology for that.

On the other hand, I had hoped to move our Religious Education Program into a new direction. This might be uncomfortable as it is new and different. Why change?

Very clearly our Religious Education Programs – throughout the country – have not been working. If we continue in the same direction, we will get the same results that we are getting now – a generation growing up and most losing their connection with the church and parish once they leave home. Secondly, that many Catholics have learned a lot of information, but haven't connected their spiritual part of their being with the Catholic Church. (And, I can't say that the bad example of many priests and some bishops hasn't contributed to that.) Our faith needs to be rooted in a personal faith in Jesus Christ who is Our Lord. Jesus must be at the center of our faith, of our life, of our values, of our choices and decisions. It is seeking His will and guidance for all that we do. If not, we can't call Him Lord.

Information, facts, words, thoughts, ideas are not enough to sustain us on our life journey. But He will be, if we make Him the Lord of our life.

A second reason for changing the religion formation program, is that with a weak faith system, our families are in trouble. Families are falling apart, families are facing many stresses that break the family down as a community of support for each other. As a Church, strong, vital families are necessary for the family to remain intact. I believe that if we focus on strengthening our families, we will also strengthen the parish or community of faith.

Our program this year will be centered on the family – the home. The families who partake in this, will be given a lot of assistance. You will not be thrown out on your own, but we will walk with you on your family faith journey. Each month will have a focus and many materials supplied on each theme. This will provide activities for you to select for your family.

Each month all the families will assemble again, share their experience, learn from one another. Then the adults will be given a lesson on the next theme and the children will have a class on that theme appropriate to their age level. This will be an ongoing program each month .

All families with school age children are invited to participate. If there are households with only adults, you are also invited to come as a family.

All that we believe flows from our faith in Jesus and all of our faith leads us to Him – "In Him we live and move and have our being." Your faith is important and your family is important. We want to unite these two discussions together. *God Bless, Fr. Dave*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).
Psalm — Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).
Second Reading — Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).
Gospel — People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

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, 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, Shirley Jordan, Kameron Kadinger, Joe Duncan, Shirley Phillips, John Persinger, Dick and Lucille Kanney, Pat Daunt, John Haack, Larry Rigel, Ronald Macken, Joyce Doyle, Marie Rhorer, Bob Bering, for the family of Alex and Kim Flores, Cristina Jones, Stacey Vencel, Joshua Cole, Richard Biehl, Clifford Tweedy, Rod Clements, Ed Kratochvil, Mary Hadley, Noah Cross, Raymond Gaff, 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, Bill Brown, John Shepherd, Bailey Michelle Rinker, Nancy Hansan, Jimmy Hossom.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

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

Evangelization: Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

Weekly Collections

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Weekend of August 18, 2019

St. Lawrence Parish	$6,246.00
School Support	$ 240.50
Children's Envelopes	$ 0.00
Deacon's Food Pantry	$ 80.00
Fuel Fund	$ 100.00
Holy Day-Assumption of Mary	$1,259.00

Pray for Priests, Deacons & Seminarians		
Sun.	Fr. Dennis Faker	Thomas Kappes
Mon.	Fr. Thomas Fox	Andrew Morand
Tues.	Fr. Samuel Futral	TJ Slamkowski
Wed.	Fr. Alan Funk	Liam Thompson
Thurs.	Fr. Dan Gartland	Andrew Thornton
Fri.	Fr. J. Goodrum, RIP	Jeffery Todd, Jr.
Sat.	Fr. Dennis Goth	Elliot Zak

In Sympathy

Our sympathies are extended to John Bezy and his family on the death of his mother, Dorothy Bezy, a St. Lawrence parishioner for many years. Dorothy passed away on Monday, August. 19. Dorothy's funeral Mass was held here this past Friday.

We also extend our sympathies to the family of David Traub, another long time parishioner of St. Lawrence, who passed away on Saturday, August 17. His funeral Mass will be here at St. Lawrence on Saturday, August 31 at 11:30 a.m. Viewing will be in the church from 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Deacon Domingo C. Castillo

passed away on Sunday, August 18. His funeral was held at St. Paul Church, Marion, on August 22. Deacon Castillo assisted us at St. Lawrence when we first began having our Spanish Mass here. May he rest in peace!

PARISH MINISTRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION COLUMN

(Sue Wilhelm)

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

The readings these past couple Sundays as well as today's invite us to consider just how free we are. We often find ourselves clinging to particular ideas or things or money or opinions…the list goes on. We find ourselves burdened, or unfree. Jesus invites us to give everything to Him; to receive everything as gift and to share our gifts with those in need. Everything we have was first given to us. It is not ours to possess but to offer. So, as households of God, how might we live what Jesus invites us to these days? Perhaps reviewing the Word before and/or after Sunday liturgy would assist us in living the Gospel as a household of God.

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DATE CHANGE: RCIA Inquiry Class begins

September 15, 2019 9:00am – between the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses. We'll begin after Sr. Lucille's presentation (see below)

Not just for those interested in joining the Church! Inquiry means exploration, pondering and questioning for clarification. Most of us have questions about our faith and what it means to live it. We invite Catholics as well as anyone you know who might be interested in exploring the Catholic Faith to bring your/their ponderings and questions to the Inquiry Class.

Sept. 14 and 15 – Insights from the Border – What is really happening? Sister Lucille Martinez, a member of Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters will be with us to share her story of assisting asylum seekers and refugees on the southern border after each of the Sunday liturgies for 20-30 minutes. Please join us near the front pews of Church immediately following each Mass.

Tuesday Scripture Study Join us Tuesdays after the 8:00am Mass in St. Agnes where we share a simple breakfast, coffee or tea and break open the Word of God for the coming Sunday. All are welcome.

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

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION **--THIS PROGRAM REPLACES OUR FORMER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (CCD). First Meeting-Sunday, September 22 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in St. Agnes Hall.**

All St. Lawrence families, especially those with children in grades K-8, are encouraged to join our new **Family of Faith Catechesis**. There will be one family meeting per month, plus various seasonal gatherings throughout the year. Sacrament prep classes will require additional class time. **For more information or to register, please call Sheila Henry at 765-729-1229.**

Eucharistic Adorers Ministry

The next opportunity for Adoration will be **Sunday, September 22 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. We will meet again on August 27 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. and 6:30-8:00 p.m.** 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 ladies are concentrating on the Fall festival (Old Washington Street Festival, September 14 and 15). We are selecting items to be sold in our booth and making more items to sell. The proceeds will benefit St. Lawrence School. We invite everyone to stop by the booth and support the school. **Our next meeting will be Sept. 5 in St. Agnes Hall at 9:30 a.m.** Come and join us. For more information please contact Carmen Simmons at 765/808-1917 or Jayne Waechter at 765/288-8920.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are You Going Through a Difficult Time? Stephen Ministers are members of St. Lawrence Church who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional support and spiritual growth to those who are facing a crisis, or going through loss or tough times in their lives. The care you will receive is confidential, free, and can be life changing. To learn how you can receive the care and prayers of a Stephen Minister, or if you have questions, call the Rectory 765-288-9223 and talk privately to Fr. Hellmann. You may also contact a Stephen Leader. Stephen Leaders are John and Melinda Haack, Jim and Pat Savage, and Deb Saxon.

High School Youth Group

"Hi, my name is Lexi Starost and I am the high school youth group leader this year. I am a Masters of Public Administration student at Ball State (M.P.S.) set to graduate in December. I love working with youth! This year's theme is: "How to Keep Our Faith in Today's World." These meetings are about fun, faith, and fellowship – we all learn from each other. I hope to see quite the turn out this year. If you have any questions you can contact me at ahstarost@bsu.edu or 765-760-2813. **Our first meeting will be on Sunday, September 8 from 5:00-6:15 p.m. in St. Agnes Hall.**

DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY -- Volunteers are needed to help in the pantry on Tuesdays and Thursday. We also need volunteers to pick up food at Second Harvest Food Bank. Please call Brenda at 213-7780 if you can help.

St. John Paul II Middle School-- Back to School Dinner - Friday, September 6 -- 5:00-7:00 p.m.
K of C Hall – 3600 W. Purdue Ave.
Meal includes: BBQ Pork or Hot Dog; 2 sides; dessert and beverage.
Adults $8; Kids $4; Under 3 yrs-Free
All proceeds benefit the 8th Grade trip to Washington, D.C.

Welcome to St. Lawrence
David and Robin Davis

Theology on Tap for adults ages 21-40. If you want to grow closer to God (your Spiritual life), deeper friendships (your Social life) and how you can help (your life of Service) this is for you! Everyone is welcome so invite your friends. **Next Meeting: September 4 – 7:00 p.m. – Thr3e Wise Men**

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.

150th Anniversary of Our Church
Remember Renew Rejoice

In 1965 the church was renovated a second time to accommodate changes to the liturgy promulgated by the Second Vatican Council.

Our first annual golf outing was a big success! Thank you to all who participated, those who were hole sponsors, and the volunteers who came out to get everything organized.

Saturday, September 21 – International Day of Prayer for Peace -- 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Church. We invite churches in our neighborhood to join us for prayer. After prayer in the church, refreshments will be served.

Thursday, October 3 – Arts Walk/Soup Crawl/ First Thursday – tours of the church and soup will be served. 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. (This is in conjunction with the First Thursday arts walk every month that the downtown does. The October event is their annual Soup Crawl. The trolley will bring persons to the church.

TAKE NOTE: GALA PHOTOS!! If you had your picture taken at the Gala in June, you can see the photos at the following website: https://flic.Kr/s/aHsmFZA4p5

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.

Fall Festival $1,000 GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE TICKETS are now on sale! Tickets will be available at all Masses this weekend, August 24-25. Tickets are also available in the Rectory Office. Drawing will take place on Sunday, September 15, at the Old Washington Street Festival.

Wednesday, August 28 – 8:00 a.m. Mass at the Church. Please arrive by 7:50 a.m.

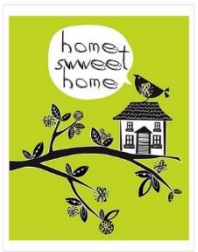
Friday, August 30 – Movie Night – 3:15-5:30pm

14th Annual Prayer Service

MINISTRY OF THE FIBERS
A Prayer Shawl Ministry and Tri-Parish Organization
Theme: Graced with Peace
Date: Wednesday, September 18
Time: 6:00 p.m. Place: St. Mary Church

Join us for this special event/celebration! This "celebration" is not only for the members, but for those who have received an item from our ministry and for the parish community to also celebrate with us. At the Prayer Service we remember all those we have ministered to this past year with an item we have created. Bring your family, bring a friend – all are welcome. Immediately following the Prayer Service in church, there will be a catered dinner in Noll Hall. Since it is a catered meal, we will need your **RSVP by September 9**. Call Jeanette at 729-3638 or Terri at 288-1726 to make your reservation.

Ministry Fair – after all the Masses the weekend of September 28 and 29. Please call the Parish Office at 288-9223 to let Jeanette know if your "ministry" will participate!



Home for Sale

Three bedroom ranch home in Northwest Muncie for sale. 1 ½ baths, 1 ½ car garage, hardwood floors, three-season room with fireplace. Three St. Lawrence families on the same street and others in the neighborhood! Call Kathy Taylor for more information 729-5545.

Online Giving

Please consider online giving. Go to 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: Benjamin Branson**,** Davis Brown, William Cox, Jared Hargis, Kyle Jones, Kyle & Leandra Long, Jon Powell, Stephen Smith, Kyle Stewart, Christopher Tolmachoff, Payden Schug, and Matt Johns

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MINISTRY ASSISGNMENTS FOR AUGUST 31 AND SEPTEMBER 1

	Readers	Altar Servers	E.M.H.C.	Ushers
4:30 P.M.	Mike Brand Marianne Vorhees	Nicholas Dosch Cora Taylor	Deb Miller Nancy Mills Skip Vorhees	Jim Carnes Jeff Crabtree Jim Jones Matt Hill
8:00 A.M.	Dan Waechter Pete Walters	Robert Berger	Della Gregory Tom Korson Lynette Varner Tom Ward	Jerry Bricker Sheila Caudill Jack Holland Jack Sharp
10:00 A.M.	Dolphus Stephens Kathy Brinson	Onnie Adams Ava Echelbarger	John Coutinho Les Coutinho Julie Huff Kathy Taylor Joanna Wallace	Myron Echelbarger Jeff Huff Greg Smith Mike Wallace

We have 2 "events/programs" happening here at St. Lawrence that need your RSVP

Sunday, September 22 – 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Discernment Retreat (Location: St. Lawrence Church)

How do we discern where God is leading us? How do we recognize God's invitation and call to ministry, to service, to deepening our relationship with Christ? You may be discerning to which ministry you are called to share your gifts. Please join us for an afternoon retreat to explore how to notice God's working in your everyday life and how the Holy Spirit nudges us to give of ourselves. Sue Wilhelm with facilitate this retreat. You can register by filling in the form below. **RSVPs due by September 16 so we can provide sufficient handouts!**

Saturday, October 5 – Terre Haute, Indiana
Pilgrimage to St. Mary's of the Woods and Mother Theodore Guerin Shrine

All are invited to participate in this pilgrimage! We would love to fill a large bus. We will leave at 8:30 a.m. and arrive at St. Mary's of the Woods in time for lunch at the O'Shaughnessy Dining Hall. There will be a movie on the bus about Mother Theodore Guerin and her trust in the providence of God. Time will be provided for a group tour as well as private reflection. We will leave Terre Haute around 4:30 p.m. and stop for dinner on the return trip. We will return back to the parish around 9:00 p.m. Cost: Free will offering for the day and your evening meal. Please register below. **RSVP FOR THIS TRIP IS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 16**.

Registration Form: (please cut out and place in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office-820 E. Charles St., Muncie, IN 47305. You may also call the office to make your RSVP 288-9223 by September 16.

Name:_____Phone No._____

No. of family members participating and their names:_____

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Check event(s) you will be participating in:

_____September 22 Discernment Retreat

_____October 5 Pilgrimage to Terre Haute

Notes/Comments:

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