

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street | Muncie, IN 47305



**June 21, 2020
Twelfth 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.

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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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

<u>SUN. 21</u> <u>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Carlton Hilton) (also livestreamed)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence Parish)	CH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (✠Michael Alan Ross)	CH
<u>MON. 22</u> <u>St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Ss. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Mass-Livestream (for the intentions of Bob and Edith Walker)	
<u>TUES. 23</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Mass - Livestream (Delaware County Healthcare Providers and Mental Healthcare Providers)	
<u>WED. 24</u> <u>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Mass-Livestream (✠Bill Dominick)	
<u>THURS. 25</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Mass-Livestream (✠Alice Pitsenbarger)	
<u>FRI. 26</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Mass-Livestream (✠Shirley Goad)	
<u>SAT. 27</u> <u>St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</u>		
8.00 a.m.	Mass-Livestream (In Memory of John and Helen Greiner)	
2:30-3:30 p.m.	Confessions	CH
4:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass (St. Lawrence Parish)	CH
<u>SUN. 28</u> <u>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>		
8:00 a.m.	Mass (L/D of George and Mary McGraw families) (Mass is also livestreamed)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Chuck Beaty)	CH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (Poor Souls in Purgatory)	CH

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Lawrence,

Happy Father’s Day to all fathers! What a blessed gift you have to share with your families. Years ago, I heard that the father’s practice of the faith was a major factor in the faith life and practice of his children. The mother may have a strong faith life but if the father doesn’t practice the faith, most often the children will follow his example. So, I want to commend all fathers who do practice their faith, and encourage other fathers to give serious consideration to the impact your example is having.

A story years ago when I was first at St. Lawrence -- a woman called from the Holiday Inn and through all her tears, she was asking “why did he have to leave me?” When I finally could make out the situation, I discovered she was talking about her father who had just died a few weeks before. She talked about how she had depended upon him for everything -- no matter what it was, he would take care of it for her. At 37 years of age she was unable to take care of herself. Her dependence upon him was absolute – as she described it. I remember thinking that he really hadn’t done her any favor as he had only taught her to be dependent and never learned to be independent or discover strength within herself, nor solve problems on her own. With his death, she had lost her problem solver. She had never learned to turn to God, to seek help from the only one who wouldn’t desert or abandon her. She was truly lost. I don’t know what happened through her life – the last I knew she had now begun to rely totally on another man to take care of her – another dead-end route.

When parents give their child faith, they give them a gift to rely on which will be with them long after the parents have passed. God Bless all fathers who share their faith with their family and in the heavenly Father who will never fail us, “who has numbered every hair on our head.”

*God Bless,
Fr. Dave*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD has rescued the poor from the clutches of the wicked (Jeremiah 20:10-13).
Psalm — Lord, in your great love, answer me (Psalm 69).
Second Reading — The grace of God overflows for all (Romans 5:12-15).
Gospel — All who acknowledge Jesus before others will likewise be acknowledged by Jesus before the Father (Matthew 10:26-33).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-6; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

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, 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, Greg Shaw.

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. Will Summerlin	Jordan Boone
Mon.	Fr. C. Thompson	Jason Diebolt
Tues.	Fr. Eric Underwood	Brian Farrell
Wed.	Fr. Peter Vanderkolk	Matthew Jakupco
Thurs.	Fr. Mark Walter	Jacob Miller
Friday	Fr. R. Weisenberger	Andrew Morand
Sat.	Fr. Joseph Westfall	TJ Slamkowski



Weekend of June 14, 2020-mailed in/dropped off and at Masses last weekend) (online not included)

St. Lawrence Parish	\$6,596.00
School Support	\$ 938.00
Deacon's Food Pantry	\$ 500.00
Seminarian Fund Appeal	\$ 95.00
Catholic Moment	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$8,149.00



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,

The intentions for prayer are many, from those close to us, to the whole world.

This morning as I was praying, St. Teresa of Avila's prayer came to my heart:

"Let nothing disturb you;

Nothing frighten you...

Patient endurance attains all things.

Whom God possesses is wanting in nothing.

God alone suffices. God alone."

How to keep our hearts attuned to God when so many things pull us in so many directions?

I think this is why the desert Fathers and Mothers encouraged deep simplicity, a quiet prayerful heart and

attention to the presence and invitations of God in all things throughout our days.

I encourage you to find a time and practice that allows you to give attention to Jesus and what He desires of you. Hard times are also times of deep conversion, transformational times. Let's pray for each other for openness to the God who never leaves us and who shows us the way.

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://usccb.org/bible/readings/062120.cfm>

Two directions we are moving toward: Practical application of *Laudato Si* in our parish and community and how to build relationships and partnerships with our black brothers and sisters in our community. Keep watch on our website and Facebook page for updates.

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. 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 joevela11@yahoo.com. Assisting Evela will be Jo Turner (765) 282-0170 or email: jot492002@yahoo.com. I'm certain that you will welcome these two ladies and give them the same warm support that you have given me over the years.

Thank you and God Bless, Carmen Simmons

Upcoming meetings are scheduled as follows: **July 9 and July 23 at 9:30 a.m. in St. Agnes Hall.** Hope to see many of you then. New members are always welcome!



**Welcome to St. Lawrence
and to full membership into
the Catholic Church**

James L. Green, Jr.



**We welcome to the church
through the
Sacrament of Baptism**

Luian Rivera

Child of Eliseo and Yamileth Escamilla

St. Lawrence Parish - Mission and Vision

Mission: St. Lawrence Parish, a people of prayer and service glorifying God. *Vision:* Through prayer and service, St. Lawrence Parish deepens its love for and knowledge of God.



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:

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Contact Rob Frey for more information

(317) 702-8338



A Message from the Stephen Ministry

Whatsoever You Do

Let us consider that each time we come to Mass, those around us may bring with them their individual burdens, struggles and heartaches. Perhaps our “neighbors” in the pews feel stressed by life’s demands; concerned about relationships, the COVID-19 virus, financial concerns, worries about children, jobs or are grieving the loss of a loved one. Some may have health issues, or feel lonely. We come to Jesus around His altar in our brokenness and at that altar we are reminded that Jesus himself knew brokenness.

The Stephen Ministry logo consists of a broken person, a healed person, and the cross, and Stephen Ministry is based on the idea that each of us are ministers. We were given a gift from God to be His hands and feet here on earth. The gift our Father gives us enables us to receive the power, grace and opportunity to help someone each and every day. This gift gives us the strength and love to step out of our own problems, our own egos, and our own fears and to help change someone’s life for the better. What a miraculous gift from God!

In the Gospel of Matthew, we are reminded that Christ told his disciples that “Whatsoever you do to the least of your brothers and sisters, that you do unto me.” Stephen Ministry is a way for people with special gifts to use those gifts to bring Christ’s love to people in need. Our parish Stephen Ministry prepares lay people to provide confidential one-to-one emotional and spiritual care to individuals who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

Stephen Ministry was initially founded in 1975 because the founder, who was then a pastor, found that he was unable to meet on a weekly basis individually with each person in his congregation who needed emotional support, so he began to train lay members of his church to meet with church members. Stephen Ministry also assists our pastor because he is the first person to respond when there is illness or other difficult times for members of our church family.

Stephen Ministers participate in 50 hours of worthwhile training to prepare them for meeting weekly with their Care Receivers. If you are a person who listens well, respects confidentiality, prays often, and desires to be emotionally and spiritually

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(Stephen Ministry article continued) encouraging to others, you would be a great Stephen Minister! If you are looking for a way to serve God and to help hurting or stressed members of your St. Lawrence family, we hope you will pray about and consider becoming a Stephen Minister. There is no greater joy in life than helping others and expecting nothing in return and the peace you will feel in your heart and soul will be amazing!

If you would like more information, please call the Rectory at 765-288-9223 or talk to Father Dave.

*God Bless you,
Stephen Ministry Leaders*

With Our Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to parishioner, Mark DiFabio, and his family on the recent death of his brother, Paul.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Elizabeth Christner, a long time parishioner, who passed away on June 13.

SAVE THE DATE

**St. Lawrence Annual Picnic and
farewell to Fr. Dave**

**Sunday, August 9 – Knights of Columbus Hall
(more details to follow at a later date)**



**DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY
Mid-Year Report
January 1-June 16, 2020**

The Pantry has now been in operation for two full years. Our original goal in year 1 (2018) was to serve 100 households. Not only did we meet that goal, we exceeded it within a few months and now have over 1100 households enrolled. Up until the current pandemic, our shopping clients averaged well over 35% each month with the remaining enrollees coming on an irregular basis. Prior to mid-March, our numbers looked like this: Households Served: 1,036
New Households Served: 104
Within Households: Children served-942;
Adults Served 1,692.
Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we began passing out a pre-bagged selection of food put together by Second Harvest, to anyone who visited the pantry. We added canned meat, loaf of bread, and often a gallon of milk and other staples. From March 19-June 17, we gave out 1,366 bags.



FIRST COMMUNION

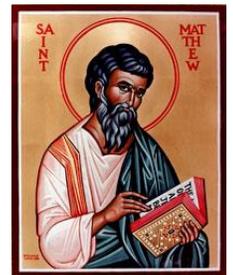
Will take place next Sunday, June 28
at 2:00 p.m.

Only immediate family may attend!
Please keep the communicants in your prayers.

Jonathan Cabrera, Kaylena Cooper, Keelijah Cooper, Cynthia Cox, DeRyah Dent, Jason Arguijo Flores, Angel Cortez Lucero, Brittany Lucero Martinez, Tanner Mullis, Francisco Lucero Peralta, Parker Quinn, Frida Robles, Diana Rodriguez, Leo Rodriguez, Emiliano Sanchez, Giselle Sanchez.

June 21, 2020 ~ 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings call us to tackle the challenging issues of fear and trust — two concepts that must be confronted and dealt with by all of us who wish to live the stewardship way of life.



The Lord knows that facing down our fears and choosing to trust Him with all areas of our lives is an ongoing challenge for us. He is generous with reassurances to us throughout the Scriptures.

Today's Gospel passage from Matthew is a case in point. In the span of eight verses, Jesus addresses the topic of fear four times:

- "Fear no one."
- "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."
- "Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body."
- "So do not be afraid."

And the reassurance continues. "Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted." Notice that Jesus says, "your Father" in describing God's intimate knowledge and tender care for each one of us. He is truly "Abba," our Dad, Who knows us inside and out. With that, let us all breathe a huge sigh of relief. All is well. Our Father knows us through and through, sent His Son to save us, and will always take care of us. Let's stop wasting any more time with fear. Instead, let's put all our energy, all our time, our talents and our treasure into trusting this great and loving God, using all that we are and all that He has given us to bring Him glory.

**SAINT JOHN FISHER (1469-1535) AND
SAINT THOMAS MORE (1477-1535)**

June 22

From Robert Bolt's classic *A Man for All Seasons* to *Showtime's* edgy *The Tudors*, Thomas More endears himself still: lawyer-statesman of impeccable integrity, remarried widower and affectionate father delighting in a lively household—four children, a pet monkey, even a paid jester! And challenges still: humanist-reformer, yet champion of Catholic faith and papal primacy. John Paul II named him Patron of Statesmen and Politicians, citing More's generous work, both as a lawyer and in government service, on behalf of the poorest and most marginalized people of his time, as well as his promotion of education for all sectors of society. More's decision for principle over politics, conscience over convenience prompted his final words: "I die the king's good servant, but God's first." Alone among England's bishops, John Fisher dared challenge Henry VIII's divorce and repudiation of the papacy. When the Pope named the imprisoned Fisher a cardinal, Henry thundered: "Don't bother sending Fisher's red hat here; I'll send Fisher's head to Rome!" Whose "good servants" are we first? Isn't a right conscience worth the pain of standing alone?

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ENTHUSIASM AND GRAMMAR

There is a good reason that the writings of St. Paul don't show up as examples in grammar textbooks. Today's reading is a case in point. It begins with one of those long Pauline run on sentences that leave lecturers gasping for breath. So what? Take a closer look at how Paul's fervor for his subject matter derails the grammar. There is something admirable about being so caught up in his convictions that the words cannot come fast enough to express them, much less in an orderly fashion. Scripture scholars usually take this grammatical ineptness as a sign of a passage's early importance in the Christian community, something they were so ardent about that their language never got refined.

What leaves us in this condition? Re-telling the plot line of an action movie or the play-by-play of a sporting event? When was the last time any of us was so excited by our faith in Christ that we were left grasping for words, stumbling over our own errors in speech? It may be bad grammar, but it is an excellent way to inspire others with the message of Christ!

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Bless Our Fathers

Heavenly Father,
Today we ask You to bless our earthly fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children.

We honor our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort; for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity; for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries; for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.

Not all our fathers lived up to these ideals. Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes. Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that you offer us all. Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness, instead, moving forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives when our biological fathers weren't able to do so. May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships, and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy and holy children, grounded in a love for God and other people - and remind these fathers that treating their wives with dignity, compassion and respect is one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving embrace, and that our family will one day be reunited in your heavenly kingdom.

In union with St. Joseph, whom you entrusted with Your Son, we ask Your generous blessings today and every day.

Amen.

- Tony Rossi