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Wednesday, 12 Noon. Please send your items to
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ARE YOU NEW AT ST. LAWRENCE? Want to register with our parish family? You can register online at www.stlawrencemuncie.com/register/; fill out a registration form that are on the tables in the back of church; or stop by the Parish Office.

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Lawrence,

Lent is with us. It is meant to be a time of spiritual renewal. In fact, it is a call to renew our Baptism – through which we were united to Christ and became members of the “Body of Christ.”

Every Lent begins with the story of Jesus going into the desert and confronting the power of evil. But, it follows the story of Jesus’ baptism by John. The sky is opened and the voice from heaven says, “You are my beloved Son.” This reveals Jesus’ identity – but also our identity as “sons and daughters” of our heavenly Father.

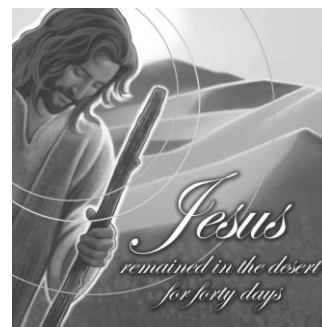
In our Baptism we became children of God – united to Jesus, the eternal Son of the Father.

This is our primary, most fundamental identity – before any other label is applied to ourself. Nothing should be more important or basic to us. This relationship must be placed before everything and everyone else. If it is a choice we are called to make, it must be chosen above any other value or claim on us. God’s claim is the greatest and total – “to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength is the first and greatest commandment” as Jesus has told us. This is what it means to be faithful to our calling as sons or daughters of God. This expresses our oneness with Christ as we, like Him, are called “to do the will of my Father.”

So, Lent is a time to examine our lives closely and see what “false idols” have encroached on our life, our heart and tried to claim the central throne. These must be “dethroned” with God being restored to the center. This is how we reclaim our Baptismal identity and with our Baptismal promises – “I reject Satan, and all his works and all empty promises.”

In this the “face of the earth is renewed.”

*God Bless,
Fr. Dave*



PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Collection – Support of the Catholic Press

Sun. 18	First Sunday of Lent	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (Sarah & Carlton ☩Hilton)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence)	CH
11:00 a.m.	Adoration	CH
11-12:15pm	CCD Classes	AH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass(☩Robert & Leona Kinnamon)	CH
5-6:30pm	MS Youth Mtg.	AH
5:15-7:30pm	Confirmation Class	AH
7:00 p.m.	Benediction	CH
Mon. 19		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (Int. of Gemma Park)	CH
1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	RD
5:15 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RD
6:30 p.m.	RCIA	AH
Tues. 20		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (☩Tommie James Smith)	CH
Wed. 21	St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (☩Daniel Pazak) School Children Attend Mass	CH
10:30 a.m.	Mass at Elmcroft	
6:30 p.m.	Parish Council	AH
Thurs. 22	No Mass	
9:30 a.m.	Footprints Sewing Group	AH
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	CH
Fri. 23	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr	
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (☩Martha Taylor)	CH
4:30-7pm	Dan's Fish Fry	K of C Hall
6:40 p.m.	Rosary	CH
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	CH
Sat. 24		
8:00 a.m.	Mass (☩David Palmer)	CH
9:00 a.m.	Laudato Si' discussion	AH
9:00 a.m.	Church Cleaning	
3:00 p.m.	Confessions	CH
3-4:30 p.m.	Faith Alive Series	AH
4:30 p.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence)	CH
Sun. 25	Second Sunday of Lent	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (☩Patricia Bauer)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (☩Leroy Rhea)	CH
	Rite of Sending	
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass(☩Leo & Mary Margaret Scheetz)	CH

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following parishioners in your prayers this week: Beth Kaiser, Sonja Bickey, Larry Tricker, Dick Hahn, Isaiah Greiner, Gloria Varner, Anne Rita Moloney, Dan Wade, Joe Morgan, Dale Goth, David Traub, Quenten Fabiano, JoAnn Brown, Dixie Lindsey, J.R. Cunningham, Miriam Walker, Charles Hiatt, Danny McDonald, Jr., Christina Benford, Adam Pence, Alex Pence, Anthony Pence, Paula Hughes, Joseph Jenkinson, Clara Persinger, Harry Metzger, Martha Jean McIntosh, Stacey Vencel, Noah Cross, Dorothy Duncan, Karl Read, George Crow, Marie Rhorer, Linda Goth, Pete Whitcomb, Betty Matchett, Richard Biehl, Bill Dominick, Jimmy Hossom, Betty Wright, Beverly Dalton, Don Phillips, Shirley Jordan, Kameron Kadinger, Joe Duncan, Melinda Haack, Travis Wenning, Shirley Phillips, John Persinger, Mary Kerrigan and Mary Bering.

PRAYER CHAIN

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



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February

Say "No" to Corruption – That those who have material, political, or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Please pray for those serving our country in the military – especially: Davis Brown, William Cox, Samuel Douthitt, Zachery Douthitt, Matthew Evans, Malachi Greiner, Jared Hargis, Kyle Jones, Kyle & Leandra Long, Jon Powell, Stephen Smith, Kyle Stewart, Sam Tankersley, Thomas Tricker, Christopher Tolmachoff, and Tom Wright.

Pray for our Priests and Seminarians

Sun.	Deceased Priests	Will Beardmore
Mon.	Pope Francis I	Michael Block
Tues.	Bishop Timothy Doherty	Chris Bock, p
Wed.	Bishop Emeritus W. Higi	Ed Boes, p
Thurs.	Fr. Timothy Alkire	Jordan Boone
Fri.	Fr. Matt Arbuckle	Dcn. Christian DeCarlo
Sat.	Fr. Derek Aaron	Dcn. James DeOreo

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS: FEBRUARY 24 AND 25

	Readers	Altar Servers	E.M.H.C.	Greeters	Ushers
4:30 P.M.	Kathy Taylor Lynn Thornburg	Jonathan Shaw Cora Taylor	Nancy Hansan Deborah Miller Marianne Vorhees		Mike Brand Jim Carnes Jeff Crabtree Skip Vorhees
8:00 A.M.	Marilyn Sherrill Susan McDowell	Rachel Waechter	Sydney Baule Rob Frey Sheila Henry Jack Holland Carolyn MacDougall		Mary Burford Sheila Caudill Norm Gayda Jack Sharp
10:00 A.M.	Jennifer Johnson Dolphus Stephens	Onnie Adams Ava Echelbarger	Mary Bowling Bob Carpenter Lea Carpenter John Coutinho Les Coutinho		Myron Echelbarger Omar Galan Mateo Romero Mike Wallace

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's covenant with Noah when he was delivered from the flood (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:12-15).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
- Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

“ANNOUNCEMENTS”

Little Black Books

Please pick up a copy for Lent on the side entrance tables and on the tables in the back of the Church. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for this generous donation.

The Queen of Angels Religious Gift Store, St. Mary, Muncie

Open House – Sunday, February 18
9:30 a.m.

Donuts and coffee will be served!

Adult Formation-Faith Alive Series

There will a session every month through June

Location: St. Agnes Hall

Time: 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 24, the talk/discussion will be on NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Health)

"Nothing has ever brought me to my knees more often than our daughter's mental and emotional struggles. Our faith has been tested many years. The doubts, fears and questions are persistent and complex. But down on my knees, sometimes, not always, I can let go of all the questions and accept the mystery. Eventually a flicker of peace and hope re-ignite. I don't understand it, but I can get up and live without all the answers." This quote from the Well Spring Newsletter sums up what may be happening just one pew away from you! One in five will experience mental illness in their lifetime. The illness affects not only the person but all of their family and friends. This common issue remains a secret for so many. Let's talk about mental illness, learn what we can do to support those who have mental illness and their family and friends. National Alliance on Mental Illness Delaware County, IN is a local non-profit which offers support, education and advocacy to this county. Studies show that community interconnectedness is a main element of mental health. Let's explore this topic as a community! George Gaither, president of NAMI Delaware County, IN and Mary Bedel, president of NAMI Indiana will openly talk and take questions. Future talks will be as follows:
 Mar. 24 Hearts of Hope (Bereavement Ministry)
 April 28 Stephen Ministry-"Spiritual Companions"
 May 26 Habitat For Humanity
 June 23 Haiti Library Ministry

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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, February 21 – 8:00 a.m. Mass at Church – arrive by 7:50 a.m.

Our school welcomed Andrew this week, a new Kindergartner in Mrs. McKinley's class!

Parishioners are invited to attend a special event as our school celebrates **Black History Month**. Mr. Hurley C. Goodall will visit our school gymnasium on **Monday, February 19, from 8:00-9:00AM**. We'll watch a brief video and have a chance to meet and interact with Mr. Goodall. This is a free event.

Dan's Fish Fry

Friday, February 23 (second Friday of Lent) at the Muncie K of C Hall (3600 W. Purdue Ave.) **Doors open at 4:30PM**. Tickets are available after all the Masses this weekend and in the Parish Office. Adults (13 and over) \$10; Children (ages 6-12) \$8. Presale discount \$1 if purchased before the event. Benefits Saint Lawrence PTO and Saint Al's School in Kenya.

SLCS extends our deepest sympathy to the family of Liz Tinder, who passed away recently. Liz and her husband sent all four of their children to Saint Lawrence Catholic School and spent many years volunteering to help the school. May she rest in peace.



CCD CLASSES

Sunday, February 18 – 11am-12:15pm-St. Agnes Hall

Confirmation Class

Sunday, February 18 -5:15pm-7:30pm-St. Agnes Hall.

High School and Middle School Youth

High School: March 4 – 5-7pm – St. Agnes Hall

Middle School: Feb. 18 – 5-6:30pm – St. Agnes Hall



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Our next RCIA class will be **Monday, February 19**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and concluding by 8:00 p.m. Location: St. Agnes Hall—building directly behind the church. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 288-9223.



Spanish Mass
St. Lawrence Church
Every Sunday
Time: 12:15 p.m.



Eucharistic Adorers Ministry

The next opportunity for Adoration is this Sunday, February 18 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.

Weekly Collections

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Weekend of February 11, 2018

St. Lawrence Parish.....	\$6,969.81
School Support.....	\$ 380.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$ 6.00
Food Pantry.....	\$ 40.00
Fuel Fund.....	\$ 260.00
Propagation of the Faith.....	\$ 73.00

Fridays during Lent: 6:40 p.m. - Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary; 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in church.

The Catholic Moment

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FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

The Catholic Moment is published weekly (47 times a year). All registered families of the parish receive this weekly communication. The cost is \$22 per year. Please consider helping support the cost of this publication. It would be a great help to the parish to have each one pay for the subscription to the Catholic Moment. If you can, please do so. Otherwise, we will have to pay your portion. Donation envelopes are in the pews and on the tables in the back of the church. The February 18 issue of The Catholic Moment, contained an envelope for you to use in making your contribution to this Diocesan publication. You can place your contribution in the collection basket.

Saint Lawrence School (SLS)

All Classes Reunion

Hosted by: **Jim Leach and Tommy Goul**

Saturday, February 24 7:00 p.m.

Location: **Selma American Legion**

Fried chicken provided and water and ice tea; sodas and adult beverages purchased at the bar. If you plan to attend, please bring a covered dish and **RSVP by: February 17** on Facebook at: St Lawrence All Class Reunion or call Jim Leach 765-760-3841. Children are welcome. Bring your yearbooks, photo albums, and other memorabilia.

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 February 27.** 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 of the Footprints Group are busy with the Lenten Baby Shower which benefits Project Gabriel and First Choice for Women. If you would like to help with this ministry, please come and join us. All denominations are welcome. **We will be meeting on Thursday, February 22 in St. Agnes Hall at 9:30 a.m.** We are in need of 1 ½ yard pieces of baby flannel. For more information contact Carmen Simmons at 765/808-1917 or Jayne Waechter at 765/288- 8920.



Parish Mission

March 5-9 -- 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Place: **St. Agnes Hall**

Presenter: **Sr. Noel Toomey**

Theme: **Different Forms of Prayer**

Place: **St. Agnes Hall**

Sr. Noel, a Dominican Sister of Peace has had a life in service with prison ministry, and catechesis in the Arizona State Correctional School for Boys, and catechist in the bayous and rice country of Louisiana and in the deserts and mountains of Arizona. She has served in the leadership of her congregation and was the founding director of the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, New Orleans. She now provides individual spiritual direction, days of prayer, retreats and workshops in spirituality.

Ministry of the Fibers

(A Prayer Shawl Ministry)

Wednesday, February 21

10:00 a.m. or 6:45 p.m.

St. Mary – St. Elizabeth House (formerly Facilities Bldg.) This tri-parish group meets the third Wednesday of every month. We knit and crochet baptismal blankets, prayer shawls, and lap blankets to give to those in need of prayer or for special celebrations as well. To make it convenient for everyone, we have two meetings—one in the morning and one in the evening. If you are interested in learning to crochet or knit, then this group is for you. The heat will be turned up in the St. Elizabeth House to keep you warm when you come in from the cold. The fellowship and ideas that generate from this group are awesome! Come join us! For more information contact: Jeanette Carnes 729-3638; Janice Hossom 760-2087; Terri Shockley 288-1726.

Welcome

to St. Lawrence

Gene and Mary Ann Boros

Pat and Clay Davis

Suelyn and Larry Disinger

David and Melissa Hathaway and daughters –

Shelby and Eden

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.



Got extra miles? A time share you never get to?

Your unused frequent flyer miles or time share stays would make an exciting addition to our upcoming Annual Dinner & Auction.

Help us serve as many hot meals as possible this year thanks to your vacation donation!

If you would like to donate, please contact Lois Altman, 765-286-0897 or loisaltman@bsu.edu.

The dinner will be held on March 24 at the K of C Hall

**Friendship Circle
Tuesday, March 13
12 Noon**

Lenten Program Luncheon

Location: St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

This is a non-denominational social group for the "Over 55ers" of the three Muncie parishes and the community. Come join us!



INDIANA CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 10, 2018 • Indiana Convention Center

For Mothers, wives, young adult and high school students – March 10 – Indiana Convention Center. Hosted by The Marian Center of Indianapolis and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Check out the website at www.indianacatholicwomen.com To register or find out more about the great line-up of national speakers and all the events the day offers.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

March 9-11

Sponsored by the Office of Pro-Life and Family Life Archdiocese of Indianapolis

If you are suffering after abortion, you may feel very alone. You may have experienced abortion many years ago and never told anyone. You may be struggling with a more recent abortion. You may have been denied the choice you wanted or the support you needed. Regardless of the circumstances, healing is possible. Contact Project Rachel at 317-452-0054. All calls are confidential.

A Religious Order of Women –

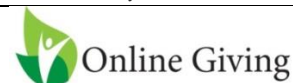
The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ (PHJC)

have a volunteer Program which offers single, Catholic women unique opportunities in a faith-based context to live out their Baptismal call to share God's presence in the world. For more information contact: Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC or cbach@poorhandmaids.org

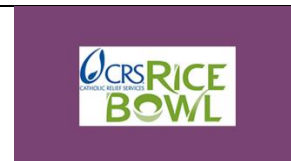
Guidelines for:

Fasting & Abstinence

- **FASTING:** On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, those who are 18 but not yet 60 are allowed only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
- **ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT:** Those who are 14 years of age or older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.



If you are interested in doing online giving, go to our parish website: www.osvonlinegiving.com/4289. For additional information/questions, contact Dick Shirey, Parish Business Manager at dshirey@parish.dol-in.org or call 765-288-9223, Ext. 22.



Operation Rice Bowl

Rice bowls are now available in the back of Church and at the side entrances. HOW IS THE MONEY USED? Lenten alms go to alleviate hunger and poverty in communities overseas and in the U.S. Seventy-five percent of gifts support CRS' humanitarian programs around the world.