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Weekend of April 9, 2017

St. Lawrence Parish\$10,402.61
Children’s Envelopes\$15.00

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Guests:

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” A blessed Easter to all of you. Everything changed with Easter morning. Jesus is alive and living among us. No one holds power over Him! He has conquered the nemesis of humanity – Death.

Death no longer holds power over us.

Death itself has been defeated – that which has intimidated and frightened people from the beginning of the human family has no power.

Death is now the door-way to eternity, the entrance into eternal life.

Death is swallowed up in victory. “O death where is your victory.” O death where is your sting? But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Cor.15:54d-55,57.

We often say that “Jesus saved us.” How did he save us? This is my understanding: For most of us, our love is limited. We love to a point at which we say “I can’t love you because you.....hurt me, betrayed me, insulted me, cheated me, destroyed me.....whatever it might be. The sin is greater than our love and wins out.

Or, we get caught in a cycle: another loves us, we love them in return; another offends us, we retaliate. Often we are caught in a vicious circle—we give what we receive. Should someone love and then be rejected, rejection usually follows on the part of the one who loved first. So often fear enters in and people play it safe—guarding their security to keep from being hurt.

Jesus broke the cycle of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. His love never ceased, it never ended. He has and still loves us with an eternal love—that all the sin of the world wasn’t powerful enough to break it. His love is never broken on his part and we are able to turn to Him no matter what sin or sins we have committed—repent the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand! It is this that opens the door to His mercy. It is our hard heartedness that closes the door or creates a barrier to His love. The barrier is always on our part, never on God’s part.

So He has saved us from an eternal loveless existence. He has saved us from isolating ourselves from His love, enclosing ourself in a world of hate, bitterness or total selfishness that cannot love or receive love. This would be the reality of hell, as sin is literally “a separation from God who is love itself.” We no longer are held captive or trapped in such a world, trapped in our sin, because every sin is capable of being an avenue through which God’s grace or love is received. At its depth we can encounter Jesus Himself. All sin, in the suffering that it crates, can turn and open us to God.

Happy and Blessed Easter!

Fr. Dave

**PARISH CALENDAR &
MASS INTENTIONS
EASTER SUNDAY**



- Sun. 16 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
 8:00 a.m. Mass (St. Lawrence Parish) CH
 10:00 a.m. Mass (✠ Joseph Laskowski) CH
 12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass (✠ Jose, Julieta, Chris, Jason Arguijo) CH
- Mon. 17** No Mass or Communion Service
- Tue. 18** No Mass or Communion Service
- Wed. 19** 7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer CH
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service CH
- Thur. 20** No Mass or Communion Service
- Fri. 21** 7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer CH
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service CH
- Sat. 22** No 8am Mass or Communion Service
 9:00 a.m. Church Cleaning CH
No Confessions
 4:30 p.m. Mass (St. Lawrence Parish) CH
- Sun. 23 Divine Mercy Sunday**
 8:00 a.m. Mass (✠ Adam Thomas) CH
 10:00 a.m. Mass (Int. of Christopher Dent, II) CH
 11am-12:15 p.m. CCD Class St. Agnes Hall
 12:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal CH
 2:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Devotions CH

Church (CH), Schweier Center (SC), Rectory Dining Room (RD)

*We welcome through the Easter
Sacraments:*

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| Megan Biner | Derek Bultemeier |
| Willoe Cunningham | Marsha Clark |
| Dorman Hill | Wednesday Cunningham |
| Dustin Tate | Meghan Frey |
| | Jacob Gray |
| | Sarah Quinn |
| | Emily Slain |

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following parishioners in your prayers this week: Jean Flynn, Beth Kaiser, Sonja Bickey, Larry Tricker, Dick Hahn, Van Simpson, Richard L. Johnson, Isaiah Greiner, Gloria Varner, Anne Rita Moloney, Dan Wade, Joe Morgan, Dale Goth, Rosie Cox, David Traub, Quenten Fabiano, JoAnn Brown, Dixie Lindsey, J.R. Cunningham, Mary Kerrigan, Betty Matchett, Miriam Walker, Charles Hiatt, Danny McDonald, Jr., Christina Benford, Sonya Beard, Lynn Locke, Adam Pence, Alex Pence, Anthony Pence, Paula Hughes, Joseph Jenkinson, Clara Persinger, Ray Ehrlich, Harry Metzger, Martha Jean McIntosh, Stacey Vencel, Noah Cross, Dorothy Duncan, Karl Read, Richard Johnson, George Crow, Marie Rhorer, Linda Goth, and Pete Whitcomb.



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April

Young People: That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.



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, Kent Persinger, Jon Powell, Stephen Smith, Kyle Stewart, Sam Tankersley, Thomas Tricker, Christopher Tolmachoff, and Tom Wright.

Pray for our

	Priests	Seminarians
Sun.	Fr. Paul Wicklum	Jason Diebolt
Mon.	Fr. Robert Williams	Joseph Domina
Tues.	Fr. V. Wirtner, CPPS	Matthew Jakupco
Wed.	Fr. Herbert Woolson	Thomas Kappes
Thurs	Fr. Dominic Young	Griffin McHaffie
Fri.	Fr. John Zahn	Andrew Morand
Sat.	Fr. Ambrose Ziegler	Dcn. John Nguyen
p – studying for the permanent diaconate		

PRAYER CHAIN

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

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS: APRIL 22 AND 23

	Readers	Altar Servers	E.M.H.C.	Greeters	Ushers
4:30 P.M.	Nancy Hansan Lynn Thornburg	Kobe Greiner Jonathan Shaw	Richard Grill Deb Miller Nancy Mills		Jeff Crabtree Jerry Fink Harold Hannon Steve Lansing
8:00 A.M.	Marilyn Sherrill Susan McDowell	Evelyn Kress	Rob Frey Tom Korson Carolyn MacDougall Paul Ranieri Lynette Varner		Jerry Bricker Sheila Caudill Kevin Persinger Tom Ward
10:00 A.M.	Lydgia Quinn Irma Rodriquez	Onnie Adams Alex Cox Nicholas Dosch	Mark Dirksen Marianne Echelbarger Myron Echelbarger		Les Coutinho John Coutinho Jeff Huff Mateo Romero

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

(2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or*

Matthew 28:1-10 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

***Welcome to the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism***

*Lily Elizabeth Biner
Emma Lavender Biner
Iris Maeve Biner
Winona Rosalee Frey*

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

Monday, April 17 – No School-Vacation Day!

Wednesday, April 19 – Mass at Church.

The Campbell's Labels for Education Program is being discontinued by the company. Please turn in labels to the blue boxes in the church on or before April 23.

Employment Opportunity

St. Lawrence School is seeking a full-time elementary teacher for the 2017-2018 academic year **for Grades 4 and 5 (combined classroom). Start Date: August 7, 2017.** We seek a faithful, energetic, and organized educator who is dedicated to the academic and spiritual development of our students.

Qualifications: 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.

Applications can be found at:

<https://stlawrencemuncie.org/> go to "Staff," go to "Employment Application."

Submit application and supporting documents to:

Rob Frey, Principal
2801 E. 16th St.
Muncie, IN 47302

Or submit via email: r.frey@stlawrencemuncie.org

CCD CLASSES: Our next meeting is Sunday, April 23 at 11:00 a.m.

RCIA Class: Our next meeting is Monday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Agnes Hall.



Eucharistic Adorers Ministry

The next opportunity for Adoration will be Sunday, May 21 immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Mass until Evening Prayer & Benediction 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.

FOOTPRINTS SEWING GROUP

The next meeting for Footprints will be in May. Date to be announced later. For more information. Please contact Jayne Waechter at 765-288-8920; or Jeannie Clidence at 765-282-2722.



Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Devotions will be prayed Sunday, April 23 at 2:45 P.M. Please bring any religious items you would like to have blessed. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.



RICE BOWLS – These can be returned anytime to the Parish Office or give to the ushers when you come to Mass. Thank you to everyone who participated in this almsgiving as a part of Lent. The monies collected will go to feed the hungry in the world.

Bible Study

Fr. Dave is doing a Bible Study in April and May on **Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. in St. Agnes Hall.** All are welcome! (Bring your Bible!)

The dates are: April 26; May 3, May 10, May 17

Spanish Mass Schedule

Here at St. Lawrence Church

Mass time: 12:15 p.m.

April 16—this Sunday!

Additional Dates: May 14; June 11; July 9

Parish Pastoral Council**Nominations**

The St. Lawrence Parish Pastoral Council is seeking nominations to fill three openings on the council. Eligible candidates should be at least sixteen(16) years of age and fully initiated members of the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and be active parish members. This year we have a new election process. Here's how it works:

- Nominate yourself or someone you think would be a good candidate for the council by notifying the Parish Office.
- Initial screening of nominated candidates will take place during the first week of May. That date is May 2 at 6:00 p.m. in St. Agnes Hall.
 - Everyone interested in serving on the Parish Council will attend this May session in which they will be responsible for introducing themselves and stating why they want to be a member of the Parish Council.
 - Depending on the number of candidates, they will present before Parish Council Members and other candidates as one group. If there is a large number of candidates, dividing into smaller groups may be necessary.
 - Once the candidates have been reviewed and successfully selected by this first session of voting, they will then move forward for inclusion on the ballot for the Parish vote.
- The Parish will vote during the third weekend of the month of May.
- Installation of new members – The Pastor will officially install the newly elected members into office on a Sunday in June before the June Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.

A huge thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their gift of \$15,667.71!



Our parish now offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. And, it is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting the following 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.

"You are the light of the world...your light must shine before others so that they may see the good that you do, and glorify your heavenly Father." (Matt 5: 14, 16)

BEREAVEMENT 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. Dates are:

April 25	May 23
June 27	July 25
August 22	September 26
October 24	November 28
December 26	

If you have any questions, contact Deb Saxon at 765-760-4800.

**MINISTRY OF THE FIBERS**

(A Prayer Shawl Ministry)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

10:00 A.M. AND 6:45 P.M.

St. Mary Church/Facilities Building

Spring is here!! Want to learn to knit or crochet? This atmosphere of encouragement is the place to make it happen! Members from all three parishes share new knitting and crocheting ideas, learn techniques and enjoy great fellowship while creating items to use to reach out to those in need. The Facilities Building is located across from the St. Mary Parish Office. For more information contact Janice 760-2087; Jeanette 729-3638 or Terri 288-1726.

**Authentic Homemade
Indiana Dinner
Proceeds to Benefit Father Andre's
Orphanage in Haiti**

Date: Friday, April 28 Time: 6-8:30 p.m.

Location: Knights of Columbus Hall
(3600 W. Purdue Ave., Muncie)

Tickets: Adult: \$15; Children: \$7 (ages 3-12)
Take Out Available!

Menu: Poori Indian Fried Bread; Channa Garbanzo
Bean Dish; Butter Chicken; Fried Rice; Potato and
Cauliflower Dish; Vermicelli Upma; Dessert.

Non-Indian meal option available!

Contact: Lalasa Reddy 716-5149; Ditas Rousseau
744-6570; Carol Scanameo 730-8625 for tickets or
additional information.

Mark Your Calendars!!

Confirmation – April 26 – 5:30 p.m. Mass
here at St. Lawrence

Mother's Dinner – May 2
Knights of Columbus
(more details to follow in next week's bulletin)

First Communion – Sunday, May 7
10:00 a.m. Mass

May Crowning:
Sunday, May 14 – 10:00 a.m. Mass
and 12:15 p.m. Mass--Our Lady of Guadalupe

Parish Pastoral Council Voting
Weekend of May 20 and 21

School Graduation and Awards
Friday, May 26
Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad” (Psalm 118:24). Let us remember that these words of today's responsorial psalm are not only sung from the hearts of those gathered in our parish. They are also sung by the poor in tiny barrios throughout Central and South America. They are sung by those denied religious freedom in our world; these Christians lift their voices in clandestine places of worship. These words are sung by people who have lost loved ones to acts of terrorism and war around the globe. Even in the midst of conflict and division, Christians still come together to declare that poverty, loneliness, violence, and division will never, ever have as much power as the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Indeed, let us rejoice this day and be glad!

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Easter is nearly three weeks later this year than last. Why does the date wobble around the calendar so? The way of calculating the date was set by the Emperor Constantine in 325. The decision ended a very bitter controversy in the church. Some people wanted to synchronize the Pasch with Passover on the fourteenth day of the Jewish month Nissan, and their opponents wanted it after the Passover was complete, on the Sunday after the first full moon of springtime. The ecclesiastical rules do not exactly connect with the astronomical rules. The emperor squashed the hopes of the quartodecimans, as the fans of 14 Nissan were called, and chose Sunday. The traditional rule is that Easter is the first Sunday after the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox, the fourteenth day of the new moon, and later than March 21. Thus, Easter wobbles between March 22 and April 25.

The actual tables and methods for computing the date are extraordinarily detailed, with subtle variations and mind-bending exceptions and charts with “golden numbers,” “dominical letters,” and “epacts” measuring leap years. In 1954 and 1962 the ecclesiastical calculations actually overrode the astronomical new moons and bumped Easter back a month! Today, there is a movement in the World Council of Churches (Protestants and Orthodox) for all Christians to combine their celebrations, based on the star charts for the Jerusalem skies. In principle, the Catholic Church is open to an ecumenical agreement on a fixed date for Easter, but we desire a unanimous decision from the World Council.

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