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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 Parishioner of St. Lawrence,

*St. Lawrence Church
Priority Plan*

For the last few months, a team of parishioners and I have been looking at where our parish is headed. We have been evaluating our parish mission statement and the overall direction of the parish. While we see areas where we are doing well and areas that we can do better, we are looking for the thoughts and opinions of all of our parishioners. You are the life of this parish and it is our intention to help you grow in your relationship with Christ. To help us gather everyone’s opinions, we have developed a survey that should take you no more than 10 to 15 minutes to complete. The survey will cover all areas of parish life including hospitality, how we communicate, the effectiveness of our ministries, faith formation, adult education and the prayer life of our parish. It will also cover areas related to prayer, spiritual formation, and faith formation for children, teens, and adults. The goal of our survey is to develop a plan for our parish to live out our mission as baptized Catholics more fully. **In the coming days you will receive a postcard with instructions for how to complete the survey online at our website www.stlawrencemuncie.com. There are also paper copies of the survey available as you leave Mass today.** You can return these in the offertory next week or mail them to the parish office. Thank you for your prayerful and honest answers to the questions.

God Bless,

Fr. Dave

**PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

2nd Collection – Catholic Relief Services

Sun. 11	Fourth Sunday of Lent	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence) 2 nd Scrutiny	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Mary E. & Lester Hiatt)	CH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (✠Mary Ann Nivens)	CH
11-12:15pm	CCD Classes	AH
Mon. 12		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Lois Lombardi)	CH
1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	RD
5:15 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RD
6:30 p.m.	RCIA	AH
Tues. 13		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Roberta Kluth)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass at Westminster	
Wed. 14		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Robert & Leona Kinnamon) School Children Attend Mass	CH
10:30 a.m.	Mass at Signature Health Care	
Thurs. 15	No Mass	
9:30 a.m.	Footprints	AH
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	CH
Fri. 16		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Tom Eulitt)	CH
9:00 a.m.	Church Cleaning	
6:35 p.m.	Rosary	CH
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross	CH
Sat. 17	St. Patrick, Bishop	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Trinidad Baria)	CH
9:00 a.m.	Laudato Si' discussion	RD
3:00 p.m.	Confessions	CH
4:30 p.m.	Mass (✠Fritz & Betty Bechelli)	CH
Sun. 18	Fifth Sunday of Lent	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (L/D Members of George and Mary McGraw Families)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence) 3 rd Scrutiny	CH
11:00 a.m.	Adoration	CH
11-12:15 p.m.	CCD Classes	AH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (✠Leo & Mary Margaret Scheetz)	
5-6:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth	AH
5:15-7:30pm	Confirmation Class	AH
7:00 p.m.	Benediction	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 March

Formation in Spiritual Discernment – That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.



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.	Fr. Ron Comeau	Elliot Zak
Mon.	Fr. Timothy Combs	Stan Zak, p
Tues.	Fr. Philip Cover	Sean Aaron
Wed.	Fr. Alan Cox	Will Beardmore
Thurs.	Fr. John Cummings	Michael Block
Fri.	Fr. Cole Daily	Chris Bock, p
Sat.	Fr. Andrew DeKeyser	Ed Boes, p

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS: MARCH 17 AND 18

	Readers	Altar Servers	E.M.H.C.	Greeters	Ushers
4:30 P.M.	Nancy Hansan Jack Greiner	Nicholas Dosch Johathan Shaw	Mike Dransfield Tayla Greiner Richard Grill		Mike Brand Jeff Crabtree Jerry Fink Steve Lansing
8:00 A.M.	Mitchell Dudley Rob Frey	Evelyn Kress	Jerry Bricker Mary Burford Jack Holland		Sheila Caudill Norm Gayda Kevin Persinger Jack Sharp
10:00 A.M.	Kayleigh Cooper Bridget Cole	Onnie Adams Alex Cox	Lea Carpenter John Coutinho Les Coutinho Marianne Echelbarger Myron Echelbarger		Jeff Huff Mateo Romero Greg Smith Mike Wallace

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the LORD are revealed in the exile and liberation of the Chosen People (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) *or* 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) *or* Psalm 23.

Second Reading — God, who is rich in mercy, brought us to life with Christ (Ephesians 2:4-10) *or* Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life (John 3:14-21) *or* John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17

“ANNOUNCEMENTS”

Help Jesus in Disguise

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” (Rev 3:20)

2nd Collection this Weekend

This weekend we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to *Jesus in Disguise*. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

The Catholic Moment



Serving the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

Est. January 21, 1945

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 on the tables in the back of the church and the side entrances. You can place your contribution in the collection basket. “Thank you!”



EASTER FLOWERS

Envelopes to help defray the cost of flowers and Church furnishings for the Easter season are in the pews. Please place your donation in the collection basket over the weekend. Deadline: March 25.

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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, March 14 – 8:00 a.m. Mass at Church – arrive by 7:50 a.m.

Scrip order forms are due **this Monday, March 12 by 10:00 a.m.** You can drop them off at the school office, the rectory or place in the collection basket.

There is still time to help our students by taking advantage of the Indiana Tax Credit! As of March 5, 2018, there were **\$1,205,471** of tax credits remaining in the Indiana Tax Credit Scholarship fund. If you make a donation now, you can apply your gift to your **2018** taxes. To learn more or make a contribution, call **317.951.8781** or go to: <http://www.i4qed.org/sgo/donors>
When you donate, be sure to specify "Saint Lawrence School, MUNCIE" (school A790). This program is a tremendous help to many of our school's families. Your contributions allow more students to attend our Four-Star, "A" rated school! If you're unsure of where to start, call the school and ask for Rob.



CCD CLASSES

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

Confirmation Class

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

High School and Middle School Youth

High School: To be announced!

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



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Our next RCIA class will be **Monday, March 5**, 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 will be next Sunday, March 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 March 4, 2018

St. Lawrence Parish.....	\$10,835.50
School Support.....	\$ 1,305.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$ 4.00
Food Pantry.....	\$ 185.00
Fuel Fund.....	\$ 150.00
The Catholic Moment.....	\$ 683.00

Fridays during Lent: 6:35 p.m. - Our Lady of Sorrows Rosary; 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in church.

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 Tuesday, March 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.



Next Sunday will be our collection for our emergency food pantry. **Items especially needed are:** cereal, canned tuna and chicken, ravioli, pork and beans, canned fruit and macaroni and cheese.

FOOTPRINTS SEWING GROUP

The Baby Shower benefiting Project Gabriel and First Choice for Women will be ending March 22. Please bring your gifts by the 22nd. We are accepting new and gently used baby clothing and gently used baby furniture. The children and teachers of St. Lawrence Catholic School will be bringing baby wipes for Project Gabriel only on March 17. We thank them for their generosity. The Footprints Sewing Group needs a used ironing board. If you have one, please contact Carmen Simmons and she will make arrangements to have it picked up. Again, thank you. **Our next meetings will be March 15 and March 22 in St. Agnes Hall at 9:30 a.m.** Please come and enjoy the fellowship. For more information contact Carmen Simmons at 765/808-1917 or Jayne Waechter at 765/288- 8920.

Adult Formation-Faith Alive Series

There will a session every month through June

Location: St. Agnes Hall

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

Upcoming talks/presentations are 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

**THANK YOU TO THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR
THEIR GIFT OF
\$13,966.48**

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.



Online Giving

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.

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. Karen Vincent, a speaker from Minnetrista will give a presentation on the history of Ball jars. A variety of tasty refreshments and yummy desserts will be served. The Soup Kitchen of Muncie is in need of white sugar and flour as well as powdered sugar, but of course, any non-perishable goods are greatly appreciated if you can bring one of these items. It is not necessary to bring one of these items in order to attend. Come join us for wonderful fellowship.

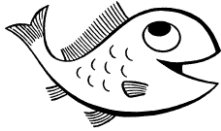
Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)

Camp Rancho Framasa

2018 Summer Camp

Nashville, Indiana

Summer camping opportunities for ages 7-19. Established in 1946, and accredited by the American Camp Association, CYO Camp is an inclusive, residential camp offering 3 and 6-day sessions. For more information and registration, go to www.campranchoframasa.org or contact Sheila Henry for an application at 765-729-1229.



Prism Project -- 3rd Annual Fish Fry
Friday, March 16
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus
 (3600 W. Purdue Ave.)

Adults-\$7; Students: \$5; Children: \$3

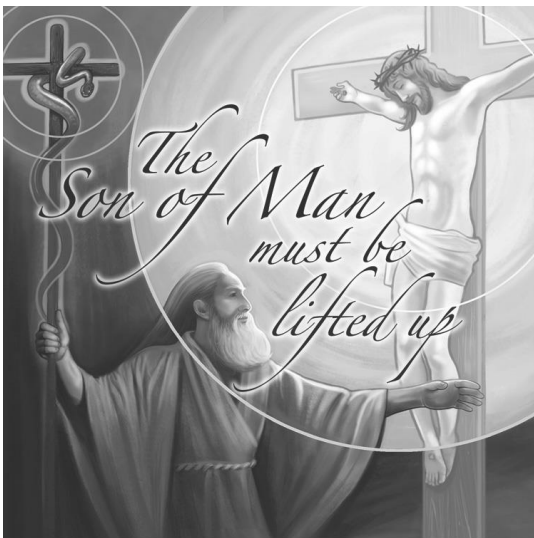
Prism Project is a fine arts program catered to children with exceptionalities using dance, music, and theatre to develop social skills. All proceeds from this event will fund the continued work of Prism Project in our community. For more information on Prism Project, visit their website: prismprojectbsu.org. Contact Kelci Kosin for tickets in advance at dkscott3@bsu.edu or you can purchase them at the door.

Save the Date

Lenten Penance Service

We will have several priests here to hear confessions. Note: We are offering a 2:00 p.m. time this year as well.

Wednesday, March 21
2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 Here at St. Lawrence



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim.

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