



## ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street  
Muncie, IN 47305

### October 21, 2018 Twenty-Ninth 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](http://www.stlawrencemuncie.com); fill out a registration form on the tables in the back of church; or stop by the office.

#### TRINITY COMMUNITY CENTER:

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**PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS****TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN****ORDINARY TIME****2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – World Mission Sunday****Alfred & Grace Salsa – Holy Land Artifacts****SUN. 21 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m.	Mass (L/D Members of George and Mary McGraw families)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (L/D of Donald L. Hiatt family)	CH
11:00 a.m.	40 Hrs. – Solemn Eucharistic Adoration	
11am-12:15pm	CCD Classes for K-5	AH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (✠Trinidad Baria)	AH
5-6:30 p.m.	High Sch Youth Group (HSYG)	AH
5:15-7:30pm	Confirmation Class	AH
7:00 p.m.	Evening Devotions	CH

**Wine and Cheese Reception after Evening Devotions in St. Agnes Hall****MON. 22 St. John Paul II, Pope**

7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Fr. Joseph Grace)	CH
9am-7pm	Eucharistic Adoration	CH
7:00 pm	Evening Devotions	CH
6:30 p.m.	RCIA Class	AH

**TUES. 23 St. John of Capistrano, Priest**

7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Albert Hoyt)	CH
9am-7pm	Eucharistic Adoration	CH
7:00 pm	Evening Devotions	CH

**WED. 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop**

7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠JoAnn Bretz)	CH
	School Children attend Mass	
6:30 p.m.	Parish Council	AH

**THURS. 25 No Mass**

6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	CH
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**FRI. 26**

7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (L/D Members Coutinho family)	CH
9:00 a.m.	Church Cleaning	

**SAT. 27**

8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠William Dominick)	CH
2:00 p.m.	Wedding	CH
3:00 p.m.	Confessions	CH
4:30 p.m.	Mass (✠Rich Ronnau)	CH

Reception for Sue Wilhelm, Dir. of Adult Faith Formation  
Following Mass in St. Agnes Hall – All are welcome!

**Anointing of the Sick at all Masses this weekend****SUN. 28**

8:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence)	CH
	Reception after Mass for Sue Wilhelm, Dir. of AFF	AH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Tyler Short)	CH
	Reception after Mass for Sue Wilhelm, Dir. of AFF	AH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (✠Fr. James Traub)	CH
5-6:30 p.m.	Middle Sch Youth Group	AH

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors:

We hope you take the opportunity to be with us for our 40 Hours of Solemn Eucharistic Adoration which begins this Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. Mass and concludes on Tuesday evening. Also, we hope you will find time during the day to spend some quiet time with our Lord in front of the Blessed Sacrament and join us for evening devotions with our guest speakers. Please see page 4 of this bulletin for the “details.”

**Reflection on today’s readings:**

Our readings today are wonderfully consoling and wildly challenging. If we take them to heart, they just might change our lives. For they should call us to profound gratitude for all that God has done for us and inspire us to live lives of thanksgiving and obedience to Him in response to His overwhelming love and mercy. In the Gospel Reading, from Mark, Jesus tells us in His own words how we can thank Him and how our lives can reflect greatness in His eyes — we can imitate Him. He tells us, “Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Our God has ransomed our lives. In truth, this “ransom” means our lives are not our own but belong to God. We must do what He asks us to do — with them. And, He has told us clearly what to do — serve others in love as we have been served in love by Him. This is why service for the Christian Steward is not an add-on to our already busy lives. It *is* our life. Over the course of the next week, take these readings to heart. Reflect on the remarkable love God has shown for you. Then look carefully at your daily life. Is it an imitation of the servant-love of your Brother and Savior? What changes do you need to make, perhaps just in attitude, or perhaps to the trajectory of your life as a whole, to live in grateful service to the One who loves you so?

Sincerely,  
*Parish Staff*

**MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS – OCTOBER 27 AND 28**

	Readers	Altar Servers	E.M.H.C.	Ushers
4:30 P.M.	Marianne Vorhees Jeanette Carnes	Andrew Shaw Cora Taylor	Tayla Greiner Richard Greiner Joey Hahn	Jim Carnes Jeff Crabtree Matt Hill Walter Vester
8:00 A.M.	Gail Gayda Lucia Hart	Robert Berger	Lynne Hellman Patrick Hellman Paul Ranieri Marilyn Sherrill Nancy Taverna	Sheila Caudill Norm Gayda Kevin Persinger Tom Ward
10:00 A.M.	Mary Cox Jennifer Johnson	Onnie Adams Ava Echelbarger	John Coutinho Les Coutinho Marianne Echelbarger Myron Echelbarger Jack Gardella	Omar Galan Mateo Romero Greg Smith Mike Wallace

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

**Psalms** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

**Gospel** — Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
- Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

**Pray for our Priests and Seminarians**

Sun.	Fr. Tony Rowland	Matthew Jakupco
Mon.	Dcn. Jim Rush	Thomas Kappes
Tues.	Fr. Cassian Sama, O.P.	Andrew Morand
Wed.	Fr. Martin Sandhage	TJ Slamkowski
Thurs.	Fr. Ron Schiml	Dcn. Will Summerlin
Fri.	Dcn. Mark Schipper	Liam Thompson
Sat.	Dcn. Steve Seitz	Andrew Thornton

**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, David Traub, JoAnn Brown, Miriam Walker, Charles Hiatt, Adam Pence, Alex Pence, Anthony Pence, Joseph Jenkinson, Clara Persinger, Harry Metzger, Martha Jean McIntosh, Dorothy Duncan, Linda Goth, Pete Whitcomb, Betty Wright, Beverly Dalton, Don Phillips, Shirley Jordan, Kameron Kadinger, Joe Duncan, Shirley Phillips, John Persinger, Mary Kerrigan, Mary Bering, Dick and Lucille Kanney, Pat Daunt, John Haack, Sharon Newton, Larry Rigel, Ronald Macken, Joyce Doyle, Marie Rhorer, Bob Bering, for the family of Alex and Kim Flores, Lauren Muzzarelli, Cristina Jones, Stacey Vencel, Joshua Cole, Richard Biehl, Patrick Turner, Dick Hahn, Marsha Clark, Clifford Tweedy, Rod Clements, Ed Kratochvil, Mary Hadley, Chuck Pearson and William Taylor.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

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



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

Sovereign God, During this month of October, we pray for the mission of all religious men and women. May all consecrated religious men and women rouse themselves to be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

## PARISH MINISTRIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



### 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.

Mass, Wednesday, Oct. 24 – 8:00 a.m.

Our school would like to thank The Community Foundation of Muncie & Delaware County for their generous support. We recently received a \$6,000 grant to purchase new books, computers, and student furniture for our Media Center. Special thanks to **L. David and Ann Marie Ross**, who generously funded our improvements.

#### Veterans Day Dinner

Benefitting Saint Lawrence Catholic School  
Friday, November 9 -- 5:30-8:00PM  
Knights of Columbus (3600 W. Purdue Ave.  
There will be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.  
Children age 0-3: free; Children age 4-12: \$5;  
Persons age 13 and over: \$8; Veterans with  
military ID: \$4

The 2018 **Fall Festival** generated a profit of **\$6,689.74** for our P.T.O. This money will be used to support our teachers and students. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time, donated items, purchased items and bought raffle tickets!

### **OCTOBER COMMUNION SERVICES**

#### *At Nursing Homes*

*Oct. 23 – 10:00am – Albany Health Care*



**This Sunday, October 21, we begin our 40 hrs. Solemn Eucharistic Adoration following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.**

Each evening, we will have Devotions at 7pm – Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Adoration begins after the 8am Mass on Monday and Tuesday. We have guest speakers for each evening:  
Sunday – Fr. Christopher Roberts  
Monday – Fr. Peter Logsdon  
Tuesday – Fr. Daniel Shine

**Sunday evening after Devotions**, there will be a Wine and Cheese reception in St. Agnes Hall.

**We need adorers** for each hour of each day. Please consider coming to spend some time with the Lord in prayer. There are sign-up sheets on a table in the back of church.



#### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Our next Inquiry Class will be on

**Monday, October 22 beginning at 6:30**

**p.m.** The session will conclude by 8:00 p.m. and will be held in St. Agnes Hall -- the building directly behind the church which faces Hackley St. Use the side/alley entrance.

**CCD CLASSES** for grades **K thru 5** are this **Sunday, October 21 from 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in St. Agnes Hall.** If you have any questions, contact Sheila Henry at 765-729-1229.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** – Our next class is this Sunday, October 21 from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in St. Agnes Hall. Contact Jason for additional information at [jhart@stlawrencemuncie.com](mailto:jhart@stlawrencemuncie.com).

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (MSYG)** for grades **6 and 7** will meet again on **Sunday, October 28 from 5pm-6:30pm** in St. Agnes Hall. Bring a friend and come enjoy time together!

#### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (HSYG)**

All meetings are held in St. Agnes Hall

October 21 - meeting - 5-6:30pm

November 3 - Youth Group Fun Night! - 6 pm

November 11 - meeting 5-6:30 pm

# Weekly Collections

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**Weekend of October 14, 2018**

**Information not available!**

St. Lawrence Parish.....	\$
School Support.....	\$
Children's Envelopes.....	\$
Food Pantry.....	\$
Fuel Fund .....	\$
World Mission Sunday .....	\$



## WOMEN'S PRAYER/ BIBLE STUDY GROUP

We are beginning a new book entitled *"The Gospel According to Luke."* This new series will be starting in October!!! The next meeting of the Women's Prayer/Bible Study Group will be **Wednesday, October 24 at 2:30 p.m.** in St. Agnes Hall. If interested in attending, please call the Parish Office or stop by the office to get your copy of the book.

## *The 2018 Fruitful Harvest Appeal, "Walking Together in the Light of Christ"*

Began on October 6 and 7. You can still bring your pledge card to church and place in the collection basket. **The commitment card you received does include our Parish Code and your Fruitful Harvest ID number in the code below your name and address. If you did not receive a commitment card in the mail, there are cards in an envelope on a table in the back of church with our Parish Code listed on them.** You can also donate online at: [www.dol-in.org](http://www.dol-in.org). Go to the "How Do I" tab and click on "Make a Gift." There you will find the Fruitful Harvest 2018 appeal. Your generous pledge or gift will help our parish meet its goal of \$137,176. I ask that you prayerfully reflect upon a gift to the Appeal. Thank you to all who have already made your pledge!

## *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, October 23.** 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.

# Pray for the Dead



A Tri-Parish Mass will be held at Elm Ridge Funeral Home on November 2 at 12:15 P.M. to commemorate All Souls Day. The Mass will be celebrated by the Muncie priests, and will conclude with a procession to the cemetery. All are invited to attend!

## **November 2 All Souls Day Special Mass at 6:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence**

In memory of those parishioners who have passed away this past year, invitations were sent to family members of the deceased to especially attend this Mass and bring other family members and friends with them. We also invite you, the parish community, to attend this Mass of celebration!

## REMEMBRANCE BOOK

The Church has dedicated the month of November to praying for all the souls in purgatory, especially for our deceased relatives and friends. You are invited to write the names of those you wish to be remembered in prayer by the congregation in a book called "Remembrance." This book is located in the front of church by the Blessed Mother's Altar and will be placed near the main altar in November. It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.



## FOOTPRINTS SEWING GROUP

**We will be meeting on November 1 and 15 in St. Agnes Hall at 9:30 a.m.**

We will be working primarily on items to assist our veterans, namely adult bibs, pockets for wheelchairs, walkers and bedsides, and lap blankets just to name a few. Come join us! For more information, please contact Carmen Simmons at 765/807-1917 or Jayne Waechter at 765/288-8920.



## **October – month of the Rosary**

The Rosary will be recited after all the Masses each weekend in October. Join us!



**St. Vincent dePaul** will be having their annual **Blanket Sunday** collection the weekend of Nov. 3 and 4. New blankets (any size), winter hats, gloves, and socks are also needed for adults and children. These items are given to the poor in the community during our Christmas food box giveaway. Boxes to place your donations in will be available in the vestibule of the church.

**St. Mary Parish Bazaar – Muncie**

Friday, November 2 – 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.;  
Chili dinner 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 3 – 8:00am-Noon – Brunch  
and a craft area for the kids.



**Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana  
Celebrates their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Beginning October 21 in all parishes!  
Special prayer cards are on the tables in church!**



In case of an emergency, an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) is located in the vestibule of the church.



**Please pray for those serving our country in the military – especially:** Davis Brown, William Cox, Jared Hargis, Kyle Jones, Kyle & Leandra Long, Jon Powell, Stephen Smith, Kyle Stewart, Christopher Tolmachoff, and Matt Johns.



**Online Giving**

Online Giving made easy....Go to [www.osvonlinegiving.com/4289](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4289) or call Dick Shirey at 765-288-9223, Ext. 22. He will help you work through the process in no time.

**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.



The **Secular Franciscans** will meet **Wednesday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Mary's St. Elizabeth House.** We are continuing our discussion of a series of recorded talks by Br. Bill Short, O.F.M., entitled **The Franciscan Intellectual Tradition.** Part 6 focuses on **“Living in an Economy of Gift.”** Anyone interested in learning about St. Francis of Assisi and his spiritual tradition is welcome to attend our meetings. For more information, contact Bill Fink at [bfink@bsu.edu](mailto:bfink@bsu.edu) or 284-0918.

**Our 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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS**

- October 27 and 28 – Anointing of the Sick at all Masses
- October 31 – Vigil Mass for Holy Day – 6:30pm
- November 1 – All Saints Day – Holy Day Masses: 8:00am; 12:15pm; 6:30pm
- November 2 – All Souls Day – Masses: 8:00am at St. Lawrence 12:15pm at Elm Ridge Cemetery 6:00pm Special Mass at St. Lawrence for deceased of St. Lawrence

**November 3 and 4** – Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion after all Masses – this is for everyone – those who are already ministers and new ministers!

**November 3 and 4** – Blanket Sunday sponsored by the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

**November 17** – Giving Tree goes up after 8am Mass

**Nov. 17 and 18** – Adopt a Family for Christmas Food Box (sponsored by St. Vincent dePaul Soc.)

**November 18** – ECICO Concert in Church – 3pm

**December 1** – Decorate church for Advent

**Dec. 1** – Advent Wreath Making after 4:30pm Mass.

**Retreat Opportunities:**

**St. Joseph Retreat & Conference Ctr. Tipton, IN**

October 30 – Get Away for a Day - \$40

Nov. 30-Dec. 2 – Women’s Silent Retreat - \$170

To register, contact Samir Azer at [sazer@dol-in.org](mailto:sazer@dol-in.org) or call 765-551-9570

**Caregiver Healing Retreat****Saturday, November 17 – 10am-2pm****Franciscan Community Education Center****1501 Harford St., Lafayette, IN**

Inviting all caregivers to a Caregiver Healing Retreat. Speakers and co-founders of Nourish for Caregivers, Deb Kelsey-Davis and Kelly Johnson, share tools, insights, and stories about caring for the caregiver. **Register by November 1.** Go to: [caregivercompanion.org](http://caregivercompanion.org) or call 765-423-1879.

**Indiana Catholic Men's Conference 2018****"Walking with Christ & the Cross"**

MEN of all ages: REGISTER NOW for the  
Thirteenth Annual

Indiana Catholic Men's Conference

**Saturday, November 10**

Indiana Convention Center

Registration – 8am-8:30am; The conference  
concludes at 4:30 p.m. and includes your Sunday  
Mass requirement.

Join men from across Indiana and nationally known Catholic speakers, Rev. Dwight Longenecker, Fr. Ben Luedke and Tom Peterson. Holy Mass will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist by Rev. Todd Riebe. Invite your son, father, and/or a friend for this wonderful, spirit filled day. For more information or to register, go to [www.indianacatholicmen.com](http://www.indianacatholicmen.com).

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

As election campaigns move into high gear, sometimes the phrase "the Catholic vote" is heard. It's an interesting concept, since Catholics started out in this country as a very fragile group: fewer than forty thousand of us at the time of the first census in 1790, and only about 2 percent of the population by 1830. It was a priestless church for all intents and purposes, lay-led clusters of Catholics waiting patiently for the occasional visit of a priest, sustained by gathering when they could on Sunday for devotional prayer like litanies and the rosary. They tried to hold on to their ancestral faith as best they could. Archbishop Jean-Louis Cheverus told one family in Maine to "every day say your prayers on your knees with affection, and every Sunday gather to

hear the Gospel, to pray in common, and to quiz the children on the catechism."

Inevitably, some became Protestant, but many more stayed Catholic from generation to generation, with very little encouragement or sacramental ministry from the clergy. Archbishop John Carroll, the first American bishop, tried to make Church law flexible: shortening the length of the fast before Communion, easing the Lenten fast, and even relaxing the rule of Sabbath rest at harvest time. Catholicism in England had been quietly sustained in this way for two centuries, and the first American Catholics carried on as had their ancestors, providing a fertile soil for the unprecedented success and phenomenal growth of the Church in our country. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TOO MUCH INFORMATION!**

There is a common expression: "Too much information!" We usually use it when people tell us details about their lives that we don't want or need to know. Today, when James and John ask Jesus a simple question, making their request for places of honor in the kingdom, a simple answer might have been in order. Instead, as he often does, Jesus answers a question with a question; today it's about drinking the cup of suffering. Then, once the others are indignant over James and John's outrageous request, he proceeds to give them what may have been "too much information" for followers who were simply interested in the pursuit of glory. But this information, though it can sometimes seem "too much" for us, is essential for our lives as disciples. In Isaiah, in Hebrews, and in Mark today, we learn this information. It is in suffering, in weakness, in self-giving service to others, that we come to understand the kingdom. It is the information we need to find our place and come to be honored in the reign of God.

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