



ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

820 E. Charles Street
Muncie, IN 47305

December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

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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; fill out a registration form on the tables in the back of church; or stop by the office.

TRINITY COMMUNITY CENTER:

St. Vincent dePaul 765-282-2842

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BULLETIN DEADLINE: Wednesday, 12 Noon. Send items to: stlawrencemuncieparish@dol-in.org.

**PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

SUN. 2	First Sunday of Advent	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Rodger Sherrill) Advent Decorating after Mass	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Rich Ronnau)	CH
11am-12:15pm	CCD Classes for grades K-5	AH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (✠Trinidad Baria)	CH
1:30-3:30pm	Advent Retreat	CH
5-6:30pm	Middle Sch Youth Group(MSYG)	AH
5:15-7:30pm	Confirmation Class	AH
MON. 3	St. Francis Xavier, Priest	
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (L/D Members of Coutinho Family)	CH
1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	RD
6:30 p.m.	RCIA Class	AH
TUES. 4	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church	
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Bob Goth)	CH
WED. 5		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Raphael Hellmann) School children attend Mass	CH
6:30 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Mtg.	AH
THURS. 6	No Mass	
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	CH
FRI. 7	St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Angela McCabe-Jones)	CH
9:00 a.m.	Church Cleaning	
11:30 a.m.	Oblates	AH
6:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass (✠Gene Boros)	CH
SAT. 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Vergin Mary	
9:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Rich Ronnau)	CH
3:00 p.m.	Confessions	CH
4:30 p.m.	Mass (✠Marty Campisi)	CH
SUN. 9	Second Sunday of Advent	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence Church)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Bi-lingual Mass (✠Tyler Short) (Our Lady of Guadalupe)	CH
11am-12:15pm	CCD Classes-Grades K-5	AH
3:00 p.m.	A Noel Celebration Concert	CH

Dear Parishioners, and Friends of St. Lawrence:

Happy Advent! Advent is a season of waiting, of anticipation, of preparation. Even though we believe that Jesus rose from the dead, has conquered death and sin, it is obvious that death still is a reality in our lives and world. It is also obvious that sin still has a strong presence – not only in the world around us but also within ourselves. St. Paul speaks of the sin we can all recognize in his words in Romans – “I don’t do the things that I know I should and I do the things that I shouldn’t.” Sin’s power isn’t just out there, it is very much something we all experience – even if it is only in our thoughts.

Because of this we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus, come.” A prayer for ourselves and the world. Look at the world around you and ask – “Where in the world is it not like “as it is in heaven?” We pray in the Our Father, “thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Can we imagine what it would be like if it were “on earth as it is in heaven?” What would it be like if I and you would be on earth as we will be in heaven? No wonder we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus, come.” Pray that for yourself throughout the day, in various moments and times of the day. Pray it for your family, for your home, for our city, state, nation – yes, even our world. But it must always begin with myself/yourself as that is where our influence is the greatest.

Where is darkness in our world? Where is there suffering that comes from injustice or just plain indifference? Where are people trapped in hopelessness or enslaved – physically, emotionally or spiritually? Where are people and lives destroyed? In all these areas, we also pray, “Come, Lord Jesus, come.”

*God Bless,
Fr. Dave*

SEE PAGE 7 FOR ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE HOLY DAY

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER 8 AND 9

	Readers	Altar Servers	E.M.H.C.	Ushers
4:30 P.M.	Marianne Vorhees Mike Brand	Andrew Shaw Jonathan Shaw	Jim Carnes Mike Dransfield Tayla Greiner	Jeff Crabtree Harold Hannon Steve Lansing Walter Vester
8:00 A.M.	Pete Walters Sydney Baule	Robert Berger	Mary Burford Rob Frey Della Gregory Sheila Henry (need 1 volunteer)	Jerry Bricker Sheila Caudill Jack Holland Tom Ward
10:00 A.M.	Nancy Zachary Bridget Cole	Alex Cox Ava Echelbarger	John Coutinho Les Coutinho Marianne Echelbarger Myron Echelbarger Stephanie Echelbarger	Omar Galan Jeff Huff Mateo Romero Mike Wallace

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

Psalm — To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

Gospel — Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Pray for Priests & Seminarians

Sun.	Dcn. Truman Stevens	Jason Diebolt
Mon.	Fr. Stanislaw Tabor	Brian Farrell
Tues.	Fr. Clayton Thompson	Matthew Jakupco
Wed.	Fr. Eric Underwood	Thomas Kappes
Thurs.	Fr. Peter Vanderkolk	Andrew Morand
Fri.	Dcn. Joe VanSchepen	TJ Slamkowski
Sat.	Fr. Mark Walter	Dcn. William Summerlin

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.

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, 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, William Taylor, Noah Cross, Raymond Gaff, Betty Anderson, Dixie VanCamp, Judy Cool Beaty, Stephanie Echelbarger.

PRAYER CHAIN

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



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December

God Our Father, In this season of Advent, we pray that all Christians, who are involved in the service and spread of faith, may find in their dialogue with today's culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

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.

Wednesday, December 5 – 8am Mass at church

This weekend, December 1 and 2, Christmas cards will be for sale in the back of church for \$3/box.

Thank you for your continued support of **Shop with Scrip!** In November, we sold \$5,125 worth of gift cards, resulting in a profit of \$268.21 for our school. We made an additional \$240 on Pizza King cards.

In your bulletin today, you'll find the final orange order form of 2018. Orders and payments are **due by December 10**, and gift cards will be in on or before December 14. As always, orders can be dropped off at the school office, the rectory office, or placed in the collection basket the weekend of December 8-9. This is the final chance to buy Shop with Scrip before Christmas. Remember that our school receives 100% profit on Pizza King gift cards!

We are proud to be an
"A" School

Weekly Collections
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Weekend of November 25, 2018

St. Lawrence Parish.....	\$6,183.00
School Support.....	\$1,231.50
Children's Envelopes.....	\$ 90.00
Deacon's Food Pantry.....	\$ 526.00
Thanksgiving Day Collection	
Fuel Fund	\$ 100.00

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



Our next class will be on **Monday, December 3 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.



Eucharistic Adorers Ministry

The next opportunity for Adoration will be **Sunday, December 16**, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Marilyn Sherrill at 765-396-3583 or 765-744-4086.



WOMEN'S PRAYER/ BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The next meeting of the Women's Prayer/Bible Study Group will be **Wednesday, December 19 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.

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, December 18.** Note: Due to the Christmas holiday, we are meeting earlier this month. 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

Footprints Sewing Group will not have a working meeting until January 2019. The date will be announced. Please Note: If you would like additional information about this ministry, contact Carmen Simmons 765-808-1917 or Jayne Waechter 765-288-8920.



Religious Education

CCD CLASSES for grades K thru 5 meet this Sunday, December 2 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 CLASS – Our next class is this Sunday, December 2, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in St. Agnes Hall. Contact Jason for additional information at jhart@stlawrencemuncie.com.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (MSYG) for grades 6 and 7 will meet this Sunday, December 2 from 5pm-6:30pm in St. Agnes Hall. Bring a friend and come enjoy time together!



Advent Wreath Lighting

Volunteers are needed to help light the Advent Wreath during the entrance procession during Advent Masses. If you would like to volunteer, please see the sign-up sheet on a clipboard on a table in the back of the Church!



Arts and Environment Committee Needs Your Help!!!

Giving Tree As noted, we will again help the children at United Day Care and their families. **There are still many tags on the tree yet to be “adopted.”** Please help us make Christmas a reality to these needy families. If you have any questions, contact Phyllis Dornberger 730-9495. **Please return your wrapped gifts or money envelopes by Sunday, December 16. The tag you took off the tree needs to be taped to your package.** We must purchase items for any tags not returned. Please don't be late! **Please note:** toys are requested for the “Baby Jesus” tags.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION-DEC. 8
MASS SCHEDULE**

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Vigil Mass: 6:30 p.m. – Dec. 7
Mass: 9:00 a.m. – Dec. 8

Nursing Homes-Communion Services

Dec. 11 – 10:45am – Bethel Pointe
Dec. 18 – 10:00am – Albany Nursing Home



**Knights of Columbus
Advent Dinner Party
Tuesday, December 4
Knights of Columbus Hall
(3600 W. Purdue Ave.)**

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres and buffet dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas and enjoy Christmas trivia, children's activities and a special visit from Santa Claus. All guests are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for parish food pantries.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Annual Christmas Luncheon

This is a tri-parish group for ladies and gentlemen
Age 55 and older

Date: Tuesday, December 11

Time: 12 Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Where: St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

There will be a variety of tasty finger foods and delicious desserts to enjoy!

There will be a collection for the Soup Kitchen of Muncie. There needs are: brown and white sugar (no confectionary sugar), cornstarch, cooking oil, and cake mixes. Monetary donations also greatly appreciated. Any questions, contact the office at St. Francis 288-6180 or contact by email: stfrancisfriendshipcircle@gmail.com

**Annual 40 Hours and Parish Mission
December 2-6**

St. Mary Church, Muncie

Presented by: Fr. Johathan Meyer, MA, STB

Mission talks: “Total Surrender”

Sunday thru Tuesday talks at 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration Daily 7am-7pm

Confessions Daily



Envelopes to help defray the cost of decorations, flowers, and other church furnishings are available in the pews. If you would like to remember a loved one with your gift, please mark it on the outside of the envelope and place it in the collection basket.



**THE ORNAMENTS
HAVE ARRIVED!**
ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH
150TH ANNIVERSARY
KEEPSAKE
Beautiful High-End Brass
Ornament
of St. Lawrence Church
Created by the CharlestonMint

This is the last weekend to get the “early bird” price of \$20 each. After this weekend (Dec.1 and 2) they will be \$25 each. If you pre-ordered, you can pick up your order this weekend after the Mass you attend. New orders will be filled also.

**150th Anniversary
St. Lawrence Church**

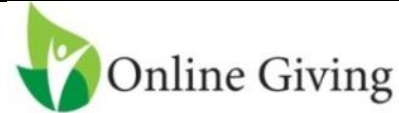
Need your feedback.....As noted below, on December 31 we will have a candlelight Mass for our “kick-off” event for our 150th Anniversary Year of Celebration. The committee would like to know if you would be interested in attending a “social” following the Mass in St. Agnes Hall from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We will have snacks and/or pizza, play board games – a family oriented time of being together for everyone. If you are interested and would attend, please call Jeanette at the Rectory 288-9223 or email her at jcarnes@parish.dol-in.org

The committees have been hard at work making plans for our 150th Anniversary Celebration year in 2019! We want to reach out to all our alumni for these special events, so please let family and friends know about these events and mark them on your calendar too!

Our “kick-off” event will be a **Candlelight Mass at 4:30 p.m. on December 31** This is the Vigil Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation. More details will follow in future bulletins.

An event is being planned for each month during the entire year. Our big events will be:

- February 13 – Frank Runyeon** will be back to present the Gospel of Luke.
- February 15 – St. Lawrence School-Mystery Dinner**
- June 15 – Gala** – (dinner and band) at Cornerstone. Tickets will be sold for this event.
- August 10 – 4:30 p.m. Mass** – Bishop Doherty will be here to celebrate Mass with us and there will be a dinner following at the K of C Hall.



Leaving for the winter? Please consider online giving. Go to 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.



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.



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

News from the Diocese



**Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana
Has begun their 75th Anniversary celebration
Special prayer cards are on the tables in church!**

**The Frassati Society Presents
The 4th Annual
Cassock Classic
Basketball Game
December 27**

Priests vs. Seminarians
Guerin Catholic High School
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; tip-off at 6:30 p.m.
\$5 per person; \$20 per family
Tickets may be purchased at the door.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS**Holy Day of Obligation-Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary****Friday, Dec. 7 – Vigil Mass – 6:30 p.m.:**1st Reader: Mitchell Dudley2nd Reader: Lynette Varner

Altar Server: (need volunteer)

EMHC: Rob Frey

Nancy Hansan

(need 1 volunteer)

Saturday, Dec. 8 – 9:00 a.m. Mass:

Reader: Debbie Miller

Altar Server: (need volunteer)

EMHC Jeanette Carnes

(need 2 volunteers)

Note: You can go online and fill one of these vacant ministries if you would like.

For Reflection

(A message from Sue Wilhelm
Adult Faith Formation Director)

Advent in Households of God**I am a member of the Household of God.****God is head of my household.**

Every home is a household of God, a dwelling place of the Holy. In a season that sometimes feel too full of things to do, people to see, presents to wrap, places to visit, there is a quiet invitation from the Holy Spirit to slow down and notice Christ's abiding with us in all the wonder and in all the busyness. We are each overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and invited to welcome Jesus as Christ comes in each moment.

There is an old Carey Landry song I loved to teach little ones back in the day when I taught grade school: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus, come and be born in our hearts." The beauty is Christ is born in our hearts moment by moment. The real invitation is that we recognize Christ's abiding presence.

So each day, as a household, remember and pray: "I am a member of the Household of God. God is head of my household. Come, Lord Jesus. Help me recognize you are here." Then share one moment of the day where you recognized the coming of Christ.

Little Blue Books, provided by the Knights of Columbus, are on the tables in church which provide a daily reflection during Advent and the Christmas Season. Help yourself!

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection: 12-02-18

We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season! Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season. The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. Both extremes are easy to fall prey to. To avoid these traps this we are told to "be vigilant" and "pray for strength to sustain us." During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord? Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.



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