

# Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

## 120 N. Gatewood Street, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

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October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**As Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ and His Church, we respond to our Lord's Invitation to be faithful in prayer, celebrate the Sacraments, deepen our faith through lifelong formation, serve those in need, and invite others to the fullness of the Catholic faith.**

### St. Lawrence Welcomes

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Welcome! We are glad you are here to worship with us. Whether you are a cradle Catholic, or this is your first time at a Catholic Mass; whether you are a lifelong member of St. Lawrence or a visitor to our parish we are blessed by your presence. If you are new to our parish or a visitor, be sure to introduce yourself to Fr. Steve on your way out of Mass.

If you are interested in joining our parish, or have questions about the Catholic Church and St Lawrence parish, mention it to Father Steve and call 502-839-6381 or email us at [stlawrencenews@cdlex.org](mailto:stlawrencenews@cdlex.org)



#### **Weekday Mass**

Tuesday: 6:00pm  
Wednesday 8:30am  
Thursday: 8:30am  
Friday: 11:30am

#### **Weekend Mass**

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm  
Sunday: 9:30am  
Sunday 6:30pm (Spanish)

#### **Holy Day Masses**

6:00pm Vigil the evening before  
11:30am Day of Obligation

#### **Adoration**

Wednesday 9:00am - 8:00pm  
**Benediction** 8:00pm

#### **Reconciliation**

Saturday: 4:45 - 5:15pm  
Sunday: 8:45 - 9:15am  
or by appointment

### St. Lawrence Connects

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Live stream Sunday Mass on YouTube, Facebook, FM 76

[stlawrencenews@cdlex.org](mailto:stlawrencenews@cdlex.org)

[www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org)

Look for us on Facebook!

To sign up on Flocknote Text STLAWKY to 82546 to join.

On Flocknote at <https://stlawrencecatholicchurch4.flocknote.com>

## How Can We Help You?

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registering for CCD, prayer requests,  
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**502-839-6381 ext. 2**

**For Sacramental  
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**Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm**

## St. Lawrence This Week

**Oct 4th – Oct 10th, 2026**

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| <b>Sunday, Oct. 04</b><br>8:45am Confessions<br>9:30am Mass<br>11:00am Adult Bible School, Family Formation,<br>OCIA, CCD<br>12:00pm Food Pantry Mtg – Blandford<br>3:00pm Blessing of the Animals<br>6:30pm Spanish Mass | <b>Monday, Oct 5</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Tuesday, Oct 6</b><br>5:30pm Healing Rosary<br>6:00pm Mass<br>7:00pm Anderson United – Blandford Hall                                                                                                                  | <b>Wednesday, Oct 7</b><br>8:30am Mass<br>9:00am Adoration<br>5:30pm Movie Night - FLC<br>6:00pm Grief Share – Blandford Hall<br>6:30pm Choir Meeting<br>8:00pm Benediction                          |
| <b>Thursday, Oct. 8</b><br>8:30am Mass                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Friday, Oct. 9</b><br>11:30am Mass                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Saturday, Oct. 10</b><br>4:45pm Confessions<br>5:30pm Mass<br>6:30pm-Dinner with the Gospel Young Adult<br>Group -Rectorry                                                                                             | <b>Live stream Sundays on YouTube, Facebook.,<br/>             FM 76 More events at:<br/> <a href="http://www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news">www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news</a></b> |

**Save the Date “ALL ON MISSION”** Weekend is coming on Oct 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>h</sup>. More information will be available in upcoming Bulletins.

## St. Lawrence Worships

This week's readings:

**Reading 1:** Isaiah 5:1-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

**Reading 2:** Philippians 4:6-9

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:33-43

### Mass Intentions

|           |         |   |                             |
|-----------|---------|---|-----------------------------|
| Saturday  | October | 3 | † Mansoor Bozorgzad         |
| Sunday    | October | 4 | Parishioners of St Lawrence |
| Sunday    | October | 4 | † Mother Ellen Curran SSJW  |
| Tuesday   | October | 6 | † Edward Harling            |
| Wednesday | October | 7 | † Jonathan Zayas            |
| Thursday  | October | 8 | † Bob Hite                  |
| Friday    | October | 9 | † Opal Mattingly            |

### Liturgical Ministers

| Date                    | Sacristan      | EMOHC                | Lectors              | Greeters               | Altar Server                             | Musicians    | Video |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Sat Oct 3<br>5:30pm     | Sally          | John &<br>Nadine     | Sylvia D &<br>Mary C | Gail B &<br>Andrea     | Alexis &<br>Mena                         |              |       |
| Sun. Oct 4<br>9:30am    | Mark S         | Chris W &<br>Joann G | Marcia &<br>Bill G   | Dave N &<br>Jeanette P | Quartus,<br>Uriah,<br>Winona &<br>Samson | Jane/Johnny  | Jeff  |
| Dom 4 de<br>Oct 6:30pm  |                |                      | Oswaldo<br>& Avigail |                        | Alex, Axel &<br>Mario                    |              |       |
| Sat Oct 10<br>5:30pm    | Christine<br>B | Sue R and<br>Mary C  | Mary Jo &<br>Anne    | Bryan &<br>Judy J      | Bill Sloan                               |              |       |
| Sun. Oct 11<br>9:30am   | John S         | John C and<br>Robin  | Nikki &<br>Tom M     | Joe &<br>Amanda O      | Jordan, Zeke,<br>Connor &<br>Julian      | Libby/Birdie | Chad  |
| Dom 11 de<br>Oct 6:30pm |                |                      | Laura &<br>Lorena R  |                        | Yazmin &<br>Mena                         |              |       |

**During Communion if you are not Catholic or are not in good standing with the Catholic Church, we gladly invite you to approach the minister with your arms crossed on your chest to receive an unconditional blessing of the Church.**

## St Lawrence Reading Scripture

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### The Gospel According to John

| Date                        | Chapter and Verse in John |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Thursday, October 1, 2026   | John 1:1-28               |
| Friday, October 2, 2026     | John 1:29-51              |
| Saturday, October 3, 2026   | John 2                    |
| Sunday, October 4, 2026     | John 3                    |
| Monday, October 5, 2026     | John 4:1-42               |
| Tuesday, October 6, 2026    | John 4:43-54              |
| Wednesday, October 7, 2026  | John 5:1-29               |
| Thursday, October 8, 2026   | John 5:30-47              |
| Friday, October 9, 2026     | John 6:1-21               |
| Saturday, October 10, 2026  | John 6:22-71              |
| Sunday, October 11, 2026    | John 7:1-7:24             |
| Monday, October 12, 2026    | John 7:25-52              |
| Tuesday, October 13, 2026   | John 7:53-8:30            |
| Wednesday, October 14, 2026 | John 8:31-59              |
| Thursday, October 15, 2026  | John 9:1-34               |
| Friday, October 16, 2026    | John 9:35-10:21           |
| Saturday, October 17, 2026  | John 10:22-42             |
| Sunday, October 18, 2026    | John 11:1-27              |
| Monday, October 19, 2026    | John 11:28-57             |
| Tuesday, October 20, 2026   | John 12:1-26              |
| Wednesday, October 21, 2026 | John 12:27-50             |
| Thursday, October 22, 2026  | John 13                   |
| Friday, October 23, 2026    | John 14                   |
| Saturday, October 24, 2026  | John 15                   |
| Sunday, October 25, 2026    | John 16                   |
| Monday, October 26, 2026    | John 17                   |
| Tuesday, October 27, 2026   | John 18:1-24              |
| Wednesday, October 28, 2026 | John 18:25-19:15          |
| Thursday, October 29, 2026  | John 19:16-42             |
| Friday, October 30, 2026    | John 20                   |
| Saturday, October 31, 2026  | John 21                   |

## St Lawrence Formation

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**Welcome Daniel Champion.** He will be coming into the Catholic Faith on Sunday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30am Mass. Please join us in congratulating him.

**All Souls Day (Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed)** Prayer Service will be on Monday November 1st at 6:30pm. Join us as we celebrate our departed loved ones.

**Adoration Wednesday** from 9am to 8pm in the chapel. **Benediction at 8pm.**

**A Healing Rosary** will be said every Tuesday at 5:30pm in the main church just prior to 6:00pm Mass.

**Confirmation classes** are on **Sundays at 11am** in the Gabriel Hall classrooms. If you have not yet registered for Confirmation class, please contact Deacon Frank or Robin. It is important that we have current parental contact information in Flocknote so that you are kept updated regarding events, activities and class schedule changes.

**Dinner with the Gospel Summer Young Adult Ministry** meets after the 5:30pm Mass every Saturday throughout the summer across the street at the Rectory. Supper is provided! We will be discussing the weekend Mass readings and how they apply to our daily lives as followers of Jesus Christ and other fun and interesting theological topics. High School Students, College Students and Young Adults welcome.

**Youth Group** meets on Fridays from 6-8pm. Come join us for fun, formation, friendship and activities in the Family Life Center. Text STLAZYOUTH to 84576 to join. The Youth Group enjoys many activities throughout the year. Youth group schedules are also available in Ministry Handout hanging folder located in the Narthex and FLC.

**CCD classes** have begun and are on Sundays at 11:00am in Gabriel Hall classrooms. Please contact with Robin or Deacon Frank to get registered and to provide all updated parental information so that you are kept in the loop regarding events, activities and class schedule changes. Communications are sent out via Flocknote.

**OCIA** Classes meet at 11:00am on Sundays in August and meet in Gabriel Hall conference room. Contact Deacon Frank if you are interested in joining the Catholic faith.

**Adult Sunday School** meets on **Sundays at 11am. The most important 2000 words ever spoken or written, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.** Our book discussion will be from *The Sermon on the Mount* by Frank Matera. Saint Augustine once described the Sermon on the Mount as "the perfect measure of the Christian life." Taking his cue from Augustine, Frank Matera provides an exposition of the sermon for contemporary readers who wish to use the sermon as the standard by which they live their lives every day. Join us on Sunday at 11 am as we explore this amazing book. More books are available.

**Family Formation** Catholic parents raising kids in a Catholic home. We meet on Sundays at 11:00am in the Family Life Center each week that CCD is in session. Feel free to contact Michael Armstrong (marmstrong@cdlex.org) if you have any questions.



**Sister Stella took her solemn vows** under the Rule of St Benedict and Consecrated to God in the Abbey of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Wesfield, Vermont on August 15th. Congratulations Sr. Stella!



## St. Lawrence Prays

Parishioners: Tina Akers, Jim Bach, Tommy Brown, Gail Budreau, Dr. Glyn Caldwell, Terry & Charlene Cherry, Bob Crane, Lupita Molina Del Porte, Terry Elder, Shirley Eldridge, Joe Feribach, Iran Garcia, Anne Goin, Jessica Goodwin, Kendall Harper, Betty Hettinger, Donna House, Patti Hyman, Traudi Killinen, Laura & Martin Mattingly, Mary Medlar, Walter Metcalf, Rose Miller, Tammy Miller, Serena Newbauer, Shirley Norris, Sandra & Neil Nucci, Laura Obertal, Aimee & BJ Perry, Anita Ricks, Mark Salazar, Henry Sepulveda, Maria Sepulveda, Ellen Silvernail, Bob Simon, Joyce & Ron Stohr, Nadine Thompson

Family & Friends: James Meyer (B. Butler); Shirley Durr; Michael Caldwell (G. Caldwell); Ann Cheak (J Cheak), Robert Chicoine (M. Chicoinessmith), David & Tyler Gadberry, Steve Pfeiffer, Ada & Dave Riddell, Madeline Ronkainen, Dennie & Lu Simpson, Clare Tyler, Mary Walicke, Heather Pfeiffer, Hannah Schluttenhofer, Rebecca Whitney (J. Cloud), Kenny Blair (P. Crane); Johnny Classick (A. Courtney); David Cleveland (M Daigle); Dana Dahlen (B Dahlen), Kathleen & Carl Riester, Susan & John Nelson, Nick Doyle, Erica, John & James Nelson, Ryan Bickell (A. Dull); Suzanne Speight, Sharon Hirschman, Jeff Ryan, Cammie Marshall, Paula Henderson, Pam Allen (A Goin); Shelby Newton (Libby H); Sean House (D. House); Nora Babb, Naomi Collins (Denis K); Alli Johnson (Jo J); Bonnie Clements; Dale Lowe, (S. Litkenhus); Lucia Mach (D. Mach); Joseph Caudill, Francis Wheatly (L Mattingly); Joel Hardin, Holli West (Y Maddux); Benny Young, Gayle & John Roth, Beth Paul, Roger Kincer (P. Marraccini); Lauren Burke (T McNaughton); Cathy Campbell (M. Medlar), Mark Metcalf (W. Metcalf); Jim Norris (C Palmer); Ann Simpson (A. Pike); Cynthia & Alan McMillen, Susie & Bob Schutz, Jeff & Iva Warren, Roy Tomey, Michelle Scott (M. Roark); Marianne Christi, Dan Groth, Barry Groth, Peggy Hurst (Sue Rue) ; Wayne Butt (P Schmitt); Jim Reid (Fr. Steve); Jacen Hoyt (J. Stohr); Pam Hall, Gary Briscoe (B. Sloan); Joy Bozorgzad, (S Sloan); Don Hart, Wayne Ray (MJ Timmerman); Mike Rakestraw, Carolyn Rakestraw, Mary Margret Mattingly, (J. Thompson); Martha Clark, Lou Ann Clark, Joe Thompson (N Thompson); Vidalina Mojica, Angelina, Wendy & Jonathan Bermudez, Jose Bermudez (G. Twohig); Douglas Wade Jr. (J. Wade); Doyle Dukes (J Wedding); Dick & Carol Pohlman (A Wickman); Karen Scott (A Wireman), Carolyn & Ralph Booth (M. Yeager)

**We pray for those who serve our country:** Shane Carey, Alex Crane, Mark Duryea, Mica Gettelfinger, Kristin Kaiser, Konner Larson, Colt Litkenhus, Mike LoSchiavo Jr., Bryson Martin, Travis Nicolette, Clayton Riddle, Clayton Roark, Colin Roark, Todd Rucker

## St. Lawrence Serves

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**The Transportation Committee** Help wanted: The Transportation Committee is looking for additional drivers to take parishioners to doctor's appointments or church. Please call Jeff Wedding (502-598-9507) or Andrea Dull (256-337-6658) to volunteer or get further information.

**Open Hands Food Pantry:** Please help feed the hungry of Anderson County. Please return your grocery bag on the weekend of October 3rd & 4th with as many of these items as you can purchase. We will be out in the parking lot before Mass to collect your food bags. Thank you for your generosity! **\*Means most needed! Thank you to everyone who has donated. This is a small sample of what we were able to send to Open Hands Pantry.**



- \*Shelf stable milk, whole or 2%
- \*Canned veggies, especially green beans
- \*Canned tuna
- \*Canned salmon
- \*Cereal
- Egg noodles
- Rice
- Pasta of all kinds
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Boxed scalloped potatoes
- Boxed potatoes au gratin
- Mayonnaise

- Jelly
- Granola
- Sauerkraut
- Alfredo Sauce
- Stuffing mix
- Pasta of all kinds
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Sugar (5 pounds or less)
- Flour (5 pounds or less)
- Pancake Mix
- Coffee

**Martha's Ministry** was started at St. Lawrence Catholic Church around 2010. This is a church ministry to help our parishioners who are sick, bedridden, or have come home from the hospital and could use a home cooked meal and a visit from fellow parishioners from church. We would welcome more members to help make the meals or help with delivery. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Sue Litkenhus for more information.

**The St. Lawrence Prayer Committee** is a group of dedicated and prayerful parishioners who pray for the people on the parish prayer list. Each parishioner on the prayer list is paired up with a prayer committee member, your prayer partner, who prays especially for you. Special prayer request are added to our prayer request book in the Narthex. If you are interested in helping, please contact Betty Butler at [butiu20@aol.com](mailto:butiu20@aol.com)

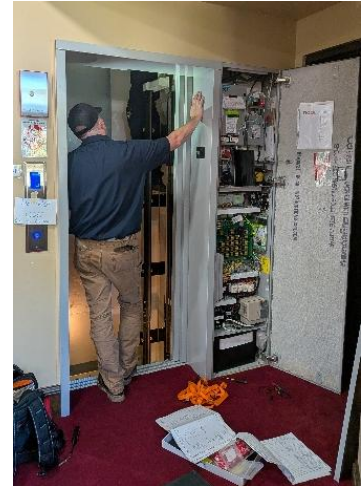
**St. Barnabas Committee** encourages the young people associated with our parish who are living away from their family. We meet at 4:30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in Blandford Hall. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carolyn Bond at 859-771-3237 (call or text) or at [carolynTbond@hotmail.com](mailto:carolynTbond@hotmail.com). All are welcome.

## St. Lawrence Gives

| Date            | Attendance | Tithe     | Amount     |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Saturday        | 74         | Offertory | \$3,209.75 |
| Sunday          | 160        | Building  | \$280      |
| Misa en Espanol | 35         | Poor      | \$1200     |

**General Offertory Funds** are used to support the day-to-day-operational expenses such as office supplies, printing, church supplies, payroll, and utilities. **Building Fund collections** go towards facility upkeep and maintenance. **Poor Fund collections** go to help some of our parishioners with financial difficulties as well as the LIGHT Center, LUMC Diaper Bank, and Anderson United. The diocese will have **second collections** for specific needs of the Catholic Church and its mission work. **Social Funds** help to support our Sunday Social and Movie Night.

Thank you for your patience with the elevator. DC Elevator and the insurance company are working hard to analyze and fix the problem. We will keep you updated on as best we can during the repair process.



The difference solar is making:

|         | Fiscal YTD 2026 | Fiscal YTD 2025 | Savings    |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Rectory | \$68.62         | \$478.77        | \$410.15   |
| Office  | \$130.40        | \$350.09        | \$219.69   |
| Church  | \$1,143.25      | \$2,394.47      | \$1,251.45 |

**iGive Tuesday** will be held on Tuesday Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. This year we will be collecting funds to benefit our CCD classrooms and students. We would like to refresh the classrooms and have asked the teachers to provide us with a wish list of items to be used to benefit the students. More information will be announced as details are made available.

## Diocesan Annual Appeal Supports St. Lawrence

This year, St. Lawrence received **\$8,263.28** through the 2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal. These funds directly strengthen our parish and allow us to participate more fully in the mission of the wider Church.

### 2025 DAA Benefits to St. Lawrence

**\$4,111.84** — Our 50% share back for exceeding our original goal of \$12,300 by \$8,223.67

**\$1,211.44** — For welcoming new DAA participants

**\$2,940.00** — Mission and Ministry Grant funding

### Participation Matters!

St Lawrence receives a bonus amount for new participation as well as the percentage of participating families. Each family giving just \$5 will help tremendously for us to meet our participation goal of 138. You can donate online using the link provided, or by picking up a DAA envelope in the narthex. These blessings are not just numbers, they represent real ministry, real people, and real impact to St. Lawrence! **Did you know that 100% of our diocese active and retired priests participate in the Annual Appeal?**

Extra envelopes are available in the Narthex. Thank You for your generosity!

## St. Lawrence Community

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**Birthdays:** Oct 5 Elizabeth Palmer, Oct 6 Fatima Ivett Oliverez-Iberra, Oct 7 Deborah Prewitt, Bob Duryea, Mary Armstrong, Oct 8 Lola Armstrong, Oct 9 Zachary Zeibert

### Pictures for New Church Directory: November 2-4

Because our Church is growing so much, and in order to help maintain that sense of community that makes this place so special, we're creating a new Church Directory! Directories may seem old fashioned, but they can be a great way to stay connected, help you to remember someone's name, and make it that much easier to invite others into deeper involvement in the parish. They're a great tool and go a long way in helping a growing church still feel small. We're especially excited to announce that this new bulletin will also have digital version available, which will make them easier to use and easier to keep up to date.

However, putting together a new bulletin is a lot of work, and in order to make this as useful as possible, we're asking everyone in our community to come and have their pictures taken. Photographers will be here on November 2-4 to take family portraits. The directory photos are free for parishioners and come with a complementary 8x10. However, you have the option to take a variety of poses and purchase additional packages, if you'd like to take this opportunity to have nice family pictures taken (and with Christmas card season right around the corner, it's a great time for that!).

Sign ups for pictures will be in the narthex after all the masses, beginning this weekend (October 3-4) Additionally, signups are available online, Monday through Friday, at [ucdir.com](http://ucdir.com): just click on the button that says "Photography Session Sign-up" and use the **Church Code: ky487 and password: ky487member**. Time slots are 2pm-8:40pm.

**St Lawrence Apparel**-Deacon Brandon O'Sullivan has rosaries, stickers, pictures and T-shirts and various other St Lawrence items. We have a few items on display in the office, you can also visit his online website for more available items at [www.diomarosaries.com](http://www.diomarosaries.com) You can find the St Lawrence Collection under the Parish and Schools tab. St Lawrence receives 30% of the profit from the sales! What a great way to support St Lawrence.

**The Knights of Columbus** will be hosting a BBQ chicken dinner after mass on Saturday, October 24. Proceeds will benefit the charities we support. Tickets are \$15 each, and if you buy 5 you get an additional 2 free. They will be selling tickets after each weekend mass through October 11. Dine in or carryout. Contact David Huckleberry at [dvhuckleberry@gmail.com](mailto:dvhuckleberry@gmail.com) with questions.

**All Souls Day (Faithfully Departed) Altar** will be set up on Oct 24<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to bring in your pictures of loved ones prior to set up so that they may be displayed on the altar.

**Movie Night** on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday nights of the month with Season 4 of 'The Chosen'. Rotating potluck and a movie. Please contact Bill Pfalzer for more information or join the movie night group in Flocknote for communications. Last week everyone met at the Brannon Crossing Cinema for the new Bishop Barron movie "Heaven in Stone and Glass."



**Rosary Makers** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Family Life Center from 5-7pm. No experience necessary. Drop in and stay as long as you like. *Please note the location change.*

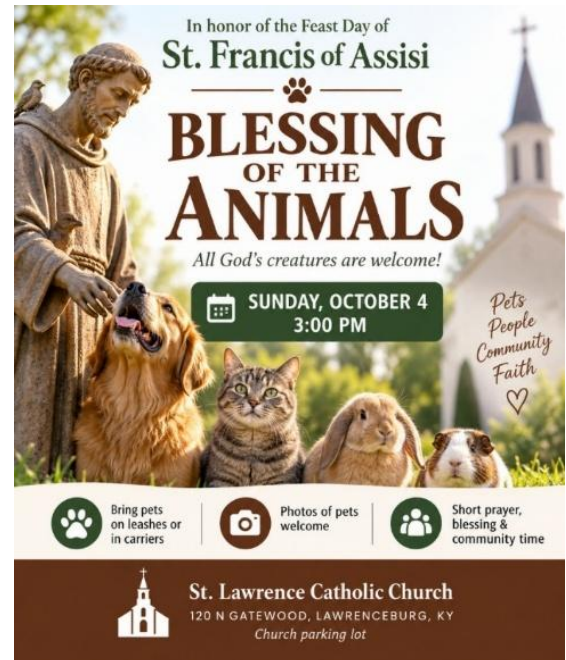


**\*The Hispanic Community** will be having their annual brunch after Mass on Sunday Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Proceeds go to help fund the cost of flowers used during the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass.

**Grief Share** is a safe support group that welcomes and helps people understand the difficult emotions of grief. This 13-week group will help you discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. The group meets weekly on Wednesdays to November 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in Blandford Hall. Please contact Sue R. at 502-839-0732 or Pat M. at 502-682-4503 for more information. There is also Grief Share Support Group at Sand Springs Baptist on Mondays through Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you to everyone that gave to the Cops for Kids campaign.** Fr Steve was able to make bail! Because of you, St Lawrence was able to provide over \$1938 to help fund Cops for Kids this year. Thank you!!

**Blessing of the Animals** will be Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the church parking lot. This is a community event, and everyone is welcome to bring their leashed or crated pet to be blessed. Alternatively, you may bring a photo(s) of your pet(s).



## All on Mission Sunday

Given the wonderful growth we are seeing in our parish, we have identified the need for a volunteer coordinator and have asked Vanna Armstrong to fill that role. The Volunteer Coordinator will help prepare and organize All on Mission Sunday on October 18th. She will follow up with parishioners and help connect them to ministry team leaders.

Beyond All on Mission Sunday, the Volunteer Coordinator's role is to empower parishioners to serve by acting as a bridge between parishioners and the ministries in which they can participate.

WHO: All St. Lawrence parishioners

WHAT: Empowering parishioners to engage in a life of service.

WHY: A core aspect of discipleship is service. Jesus demonstrates this time and again through his ministry. Service is not optional, but mandatory for those who would be the people of God.

WHEN: Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at vigil Mass, & Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> at Sunday Mass.

HOW: During Mass, fill out provided sign up form for St. Lawrence ministry opportunities. Digital forms will also be available (hopefully). These can be submitted to the church through the end of October.

TO PREPARE: Please pray about what service God may be calling you to. He has gifted (& called) us all to serve his Church in different ways. 4 categories of service at St. Lawrence are:

Formation & Liturgy  
Facilities & Finance

Outreach  
Community & Hospitality

## Diocese of Lexington

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### Respect Life Month | October

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

**Youth Rally: October 17<sup>th</sup>** Don't forget to tell your youth about our annual Middle School Youth Rally. Part retreat, part celebration of what it means to be Catholic, this event will help you get another year of youth ministry (and confirmation prep) started off right. The flyer is attached, please help to get that posted in bulletins, and families can register through our website here (though they can also just show up, registration is not required): Youth Ministry - CDLEX. Let me know if you have any questions about that.

**Wedding Anniversary Mass has been moved** from November 7th to November 21st. Please adjust your calendars accordingly.

**The Red Mass** for the legal/political community, held on Tuesday morning, October 6th, at 9am at St. Peter/Lexington.

**The White Mass** for healthcare professionals, held at Pax Christi on Saturday morning, October 4th, at 9am.

### From the Office of Vocations: Fr. Marc Bentley

I wanted to share a few upcoming Come & See opportunities for men discerning the priesthood. All of these opportunities are free to attend. Interested men who are 18 or older can contact me directly at [mbentley@cdlex.org](mailto:mbentley@cdlex.org); for those under 18, please feel free to share the information with their families.

**Our next Saint Meinrad Come & See** is October 8–11, 2026. This is most appropriate for college-age men and older — those who would enter major seminary if they eventually applied and were accepted.

**Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary also has Come & See** weekends November 5–8, February 4–7, and March 11–14. These are geared especially toward high school seniors and recent graduates. Juniors may be wait-listed depending on space. Each Bruté weekend has only ten spots available for multiple dioceses.

Please e-mail us at [stlawrencenews@cdlex.org](mailto:stlawrencenews@cdlex.org) so that we can keep everyone updated regarding events, schedules, etc. Photos and announcements may be edited for space and content. Please include your name and phone number so that we may contact you should there be any questions.