

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

120 N. Gatewood Street, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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



Weekday Mass

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

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm
Sunday: 9:30am

Holy Day Masses

11:30am & 6:00pm

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

Live stream Sunday Mass on YouTube, Facebook, FM 76
stlawrencenews@cdlex.org
www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org
Look for us on Facebook!

How Can We Help You?

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For Sacramental Emergencies ext. 1.

St Lawrence This Week

May 5-May 11, 2024

Sunday, May 5 8:45am Reconciliation 9:30am Mass 10:30 Benedictus Book Sale 11am Book Discussion Group-Blandford 6:00pm Spanish Mass	Monday, May 6 6pm Bible Study-FLC
Tuesday, May 7 6pm Mass	Wednesday, May 8 8:30am Mass 9am – 8pm Adoration 6:30pm Movie Night 8pm Benediction
Thursday, May 9 8:30am Mass 6:00 Anderson Song Farmers	Friday, May 10 11:30am Mass
Saturday, May 11 4:45pm Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass 5:45pm Benedictus Book Sale	Live stream Sundays on YouTube, Facebook., FM 76 More events at: www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news

St. Lawrence Worships

Reflections on Parts of the Mass

Hearing Scripture

Imagine you're with a group of friends swapping stories about recent trips. But each of you brings a written copy for everyone else. When it's your turn, you don't tell the story while everyone listens. Instead, everybody pulls out your written account and reads along with you while you speak. Sound like fun? Sorry, that's not how we tell stories.

Listening is an art as rich as reading. We still do it in classrooms, seminars, phone conversations and the living room. Lively interaction between speaker and listener means the speaker proclaims ideas and the listener gives attention. In that low-tech communication, human beings connect.

The proclamation of Scripture recaptures the age-old art of speaking and listening. God's presence appears in the assembly as word. In actively listening to the Word of God, as we naturally do in conversation, we open our hearts to wonder. Technology has made the mass production of written materials more available now than ever. With little effort, Scripture readings can be placed in the hands of every worshiper. Advocates of this practice say it permits the worshiper to use sight, not just hearing. However, it's like having everyone read your trip story while you tell it. It can let the air out. The event requires both the proclamation of the reader and the eagerness of listeners. Hearing the word together bonds and expresses our community. If everyone reads the text silently, we become individuals again, with noses in our laps and faces turned down from one another.

We'll hear the Word of God with better attention if we prepare. Worshipers can read the texts prior to coming to Mass and pray over them throughout the week before. We may also discuss them with family and friends. Then our ears will be open to listen attentively to the Word of God. All eyes will be fixed on the one who reads. And our hearts will be joined as one body of believers. When the divine word resounds in our assembly—heads up! And listen.

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Liturgical Ministers

Date	Time	Sacristan	EMOHC	Lectors	Greeters	Musician
May 4	5:30pm	Rochelle	Joy	Annette & Mary Jo	Sally & Bill	Avelyn
May 5	9:30am	Robin	Tina & Monty	Marcia & Bill G	Denis & Kathy	Libby
5 de Mayo	6:00pm			Karina & Leoncio		
May 11	5:30pm	Anna	Mary C	Anne G & Sally	Ron S & Annette	Avelyn
May 12	9:30am	Damon	Andrea & John C	Andy D & Tina	Jeanette & Bill	Jane
12 de mayo				Victor & Lorena		

This Week's Mass Readings Scan here:



Mass Intentions

Saturday	May	4	†Jim & Lucy Cox
Sunday	May	5	†Kevin Murphy
Sunday	May	5	†Souls of Purgatory
Tuesday	May	7	†Janet Johnson
Wednesday	May	8	† Mike & Daniel Timmerman
Thursday	May	9	Manuel Guzman Camarena (i)
Friday	May	10	Martha Guzman Camarena(i)

St. Lawrence Prays

For Those in Need

Parishioners: Betty Butler, Rosalie Covello, Jack Durkan, Terry Elder, Jo Johnson, Kathy Mirilovich, Bob Moses, Bob Simon, Dr. Glyn Caldwell, Shirley Norris, Gale Twohig; Jim Bach

Family & Relatives: Margaret Boyle, (M Friel); Barbara Cann, (L. Cann); Kenny Blair (P. Crane); Pam Hall (B. Sloan); Alli Johnson (Jo J); Jill Thompson, (D. King); Martha Clark (N Thompson); Tim Tucker, Donna Amody, Bobby Hunter (S. Rue); Caroline Elder (MJ Timmerman); Douglas Wade Jr. (J. Wade); Max Wilburn, Julie Van Hook (M White); Michael Caldwell (G. Caldwell); Josh Miner (S. Higgins); Ann Simpson (A. Pike); Fr. Steve's parents (Fr. Steve); Rachel Burdge (J. Martin); Joe Dant, (J. Thompson); Dr. Dave Doering (MJ Timmerman); Ivanna Sepulveda, (H. Sepulveda); Carolyn & Ralph Booth (M. Yeager); Sally Alfonsi (S Higgins); Erica, John & James Nelson, Ryan Bickell(A. Dull); Nina Larson (A Courtney)

Friends: Shirley Durr, (J. Bozorgzad); Deacon David Costello, Dan Cunningham, Shannon Wheeler (A. Dull); Houghland Family, (K. Mirilovich); Gene Laffoon, (MJ Timmerman); Rev. Rodney Stewart-Wilcox & Rev. Ronda Stewart-Wilcox (R. Redden); Marguerite Wordell, Mikal McClung (P. Marraccini); Angelina Bermudez, Virginia Dunning (Dunning Family); Family of Barbara Joyce Holsbeke (G. Holsbeke); Hayley Carey (S Higgins); Danny McCann (J. Thompson); Lavolia Snell (S Higgins); Gary Briscoe (B Sloan);

Those who serve our country: GySgt Shane Carey, Alex Crane, Hugh Devane, Konner Larson, David Lanier Jr., Colt Litkenhus, Mike LoSchiavo Jr. Carson Lowe, Travis Nicolette, Bill Redding, Todd Rucker, Matthew Spencer, Brian Thompson.

Reflections on the Our Father

Abba. . . Father

In what sense is God our Father?

Last week we discussed that God is our Father in the sense that God created us in His image and likeness, primarily so that we can enter into an intimate relationship with Him.

There is another very important way that God is our Father . . . and that is through "Divine Adoption."

Our "Divine Adoption" is well established in Scripture:

“See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are.” (1 John 3:1).

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved.” (Ephesians 1: 4-6)

“For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, “Abba, Father!” (Romans 8:15)

Our Divine Adoption is a free gift from God . . . who is love!

Like any son, being a son or daughter, being a child of God has certain responsibilities.

St. Cyprian states, “We must remember . . . and know that when we call God ‘our Father’ we ought to behave as sons of God.”

And from the *Catechism* (#2784):

The free gift of adoption requires on our part continual conversion and *new life*. Praying to our Father should develop in us two fundamental dispositions:

First, *the desire to become like him*: though created in his image, we are restored to his likeness by grace; and we must respond to this grace. . . .

Second, *a humble and trusting heart* that enables us “to turn and become like children” (Matthew 18:3): for it is to “little children that the Father is revealed.” (Matthew 11:25).

St. Lawrence Formation

NEW Formation Opportunity for Adults!

Beginning on May 5th, we will begin a new adult education program at St. Lawrence Parish. Every Sunday, at 11:00am, we will have a book discussion in Blandford Hall. So go to Mass, enjoy some coffee and donuts in the Parish Life Center and then come up to Blandford Hall for a great book discussion. This will be an ongoing program!

The first book we will be discussing is *The Eight Doors of the Kingdom* by Fr. Jacques Philippe, which is a spiritual guide to Jesus’ paradoxical and puzzling Beatitudes. Fr. Philippe is one of the popular Catholic spiritual writers in the world today! The discussion will be led by Fr. Steve and Mike Armstrong, a parishioner and the head of young adult and youth ministry in the diocese.

Child Care for children 12 and under will be provided during the book group by parish volunteers. Older children are welcome to assist with children's activities or sit in with the adult book group. Please check in with Vanna regarding child care and safety protocol. We are looking for additional Volunteers. You must be Safe Environment certified. Please contact Anna or Vanna for additional information. Child Care will be during summer months.

Spiritual Directions

FROM FRIENDSHIP TO CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

A true friend is a gift from God! We should rejoice and be thankful when God puts a true friend in our lives.

In our great tradition, much has been written on Christian friendship. For the next several weeks, I'll present some of the great wisdom that has been handed down to us on true Christian friendship. True Christian friendship has some distinctive characteristics.

Paul Waddell, in his book *Friendship and the Moral Life*, writes this:

“Friendship is not only enjoyable, but also highly morally formative. . . . The moral life is the seeking of and growing in the good in the company of friends who also want to be good. Friendship is the crucible of the moral life, the relationship in which we come to embody the good by sharing it with friends who also delight in the good. (p. xiii)

We'll begin these “Spiritual Directions” on Christian friendship by examining what Aristotle, the great Greek philosopher, said about the different types of friendship. Even though Aristotle (387-321 B.C.) preceded Jesus, many Christian thinkers have commented on the distinctions Aristotle makes between the kinds of friendship.

For Aristotle, there are three kinds of friendships, each defined by what attracts persons and binds them together, or what is the reason which brings the friends together in the first place and sustains the friendship:

- friendships of pleasure,
- friendships of usefulness or advantage,
- and friendships based on goodness and virtue!

We have all three types of friends in our lives. But the first two types of friendship, those based on pleasure or usefulness, while not bad in and of themselves, are usually not long lasting because the friendship ends when the pleasure or usefulness wanes. These first two types of friends are a lesser form of friendship than a friendship based on virtue and goodness. In friendship based on pleasure and usefulness, the friend is loved not because he [or she] is a friend, but because he or she is useful or pleasant. But friendship based on virtue is on a higher level. In *Nicomachean Ethics*, Aristotle writes "The perfect form of friendship is that between good men [or women] who are alike in excellence or virtue."

Aristotle's teaching on the highest form of friendship, friendship based on virtue and goodness, is an essential characteristic of Christian friendship! Not only is this type of friendship the most fulfilling, more importantly it helps us grow more into the person that we were created to be. A true Christian friendship should help us become more like Christ!

Did Jesus Really Rise From the Dead?

Independent sources, written at different times and in different places, agree that the resurrected body of Jesus was a transformed embodiment- a corporeal/spiritualized body.

-It is the overwhelming consensus of the Gospel writers and in the writings of St. Paul that the risen Jesus had changed in appearance. Jesus had undergone a transformed embodiment- a corporeal/spiritualized body. They did not recognize him at first. Think of the encounter of the disciples of the road to Emmaus, and the appearance to Mary Magdalene and the appearance to the

other followers. It is clear, however, that the resurrected Jesus was embodied because he ate with them and they put their finger into his wounds.

-In John 21:12, the phrase “the Lord” (*Ho Kurios*) is very significant. “Lord (*Kurios*) in Greek can mean anything from “sir” to “master.” But “The Lord” (*Ho Kurios*), with the definite article, is a divine title! Prior to Jesus’ resurrection, John never uses “*Ho Kurios*”, but after the resurrection, it’s the only term John uses to refer to Jesus. The same notion of the divine/spiritualized aspect of the body of the resurrected Jesus can be seen in Matthew (28:16-18) which proclaims that when the disciples saw him, they “worshipped” Him.

-This overwhelming consensus of the transformed embodiment corporeal/spiritualized body— comes from independent sources writing in different times: Paul in the 50’s, Luke and Matthew in the 80’s, and John in the 90’s and in different places.

-Even though this type of resurrected body was a novel concept, in the earliest Christian writings of the 1st century, there appears to be no debate about the resurrected Jesus. It was not until the 2nd century where the gnostics and others, who found the notion of a resurrected body as an absurdity, that there was any serious debate in the Christian community itself.

-This type of resurrection of the body of a dead person was not expected in the Jewish notion of resurrection, nor was it the expectation in the Greco-Roman world (the thought that the resurrection of the body of someone who had died was silly to Greco-Roman mind). If the story of the resurrection of Christ were made up by his followers, why would they pick something so uniquely novel that it would make the belief in Jesus more difficult for people to accept, both Jews and Gentiles?

Other Events

Catholic Way Bible Study Monday May 5th at 6pm in the FLC.

Movie Night continues May 8th at 6:30pm in the FLC with Bishop Barron’s Catholicism Project, “Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man.”

Save the date-Vacation Bible School is back. VBS will be July 15-18 from 6pm-8:30pm at Lawrenceburg United Methodist Church. Volunteers needed! Call the office.

St. Lawrence Serves

Open Hands Pantry

If you would like to help feed the hungry of Anderson County, we always need the following non-perishable food items: Sugar, Peanut Butter, Canned Salmon, Canned Chicken, Canned Beef Stew, Green Beans, Corn, and Shelf Stable Milk.

St. Lawrence Gives

Saturday April 27	63	Offertory-April	\$ 20,451
Sunday April 28	156	Building-April	\$ 750
Domingo 28 abril	33	Diocesan Collection-April	\$ 1,574

Other Events

2023 Rev. Charles J. McDonald Scholarship Deadline for applications (postmarked by the U. S. Postal Service) is May 31, 2024. Applications are available in the narthex and can be mailed to the St. Lawrence parish office (120 N. Gatewood), emailed to stlawrencenews@cdlex.org, or left in the offertory basket in a marked envelope.

Kroger Rewards Program is a Community Rewards fundraising program which benefits St. Lawrence every time an “enrolled” Kroger Plus Card is scanned to buy groceries. In order for our parish to receive this Rewards money, you must apply online

St. Lawrence Community

Ministry Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council	Tony Silvernail	Finance Council	Annette Riddle
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Open Hands Food Pantry	Andrea Dull, Lisa Cann	Hispanic Committee	Maria Gonzalez
Knights of Columbus	Johnny Benningfield	Women’s Ministry	Vanna Armstrong, Diana Nichols

This Week’s Birthdays

May 7 Bryan Jensen, Julian Nichols; **May 10** Eve Gettelfinger; **May 11** Casondra Lykins

Other Events

Benedictus Books and MORE Store will be here again this weekend, May 4th and May 5th, with the discussion books as well as other gift items, such as Bibles, jewelry, rosaries, and crucifixes. St. Lawrence gets a small proceed if the books are purchased from Benedictus.

The Mowing Team is looking for people to partner up and form teams to help mow the church and rectory grounds. Contact Bob Figlestahler at 502-598-9287 for more information.

Diocese of Lexington Events

Second Collection Catholic Communication Campaign – The Annual Collection for Catholic Communication Campaign will be taken up May 11 - 12, 2024. Half of the funds raised remain here in the diocese. The other half support projects in the United States and developing countries.