Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

120 N. Gatewood Street, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

November 28th & 29th, 2026
First Sunday of Advent

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

St. Lawrence CATHOLIC CHURCH LAWRENCEBURG, KY

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

Live stream Sunday Mass on YouTube, Facebook, FM 76
stlawrencenews@cdlex.org
www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org
Look for us on Facebook!
To sign up on Flocknote Text STLAWKY to 82546 to join.
On Flocknote at https://stlawrencecatholicchurc4.flocknote.com

How Can We Help You?

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For all regular inquiries including registering for CCD, prayer requests, appointments with Fr. Steve call
502-839-6381 ext. 2

For Sacramental Emergencies ext. 1

St. Lawrence This Week

Nov 29th & 30th, 2026

Sunday, Nov 29 8:45am Confessions 9:30am Mass 10:30am Social – Family Life Center 11:00am Adult Bible Study, OCIA 6:30pm Spanish Mass	**Monday, Nov 30** Office Closed
Tuesday, Dec 1 10:00am 3C's Crafters 6:00pm Mass 7:00pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena 7:30pm Gathering - FLC	**Wednesday, Dec 2** 8:30am Mass 9:00am – 8:00pm Adoration 5:30pm Dinner & a Movie 8:00pm Benediction
Thursday, Dec 3 8:30am Mass 6:30pm Choir Practice	**Friday, Dec 4** 11:30am Mass 6:00pm Youth Group
Saturday, Dec 5 4:45pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass 6:30pm-Dinner with the Gospel Young Adult	**Live stream Sundays on YouTube, Facebook., FM 76 More events at: www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news**

We are doing our best to keep you as informed as possible. During the holiday season, class times and group or committee meeting times may change. There may also be special events. Please check the Google Calendar on the website or the Bulletin for updates or changes.

St. Lawrence Worships

This week's readings:

Reading 1: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Mass Intentions

Saturday	November	28	† Denice Matthews
Sunday	November	29	Parishioners of St Lawrence
Sunday	November	29	† Deceased Relatives of Sisters SJW
Tuesday	December	1	Dale Lowe (i)
Wednesday	December	2	† Bob Hite
Thursday	December	3	† Hannah Schluttenhofer
Friday	December	4	† Frank Goin

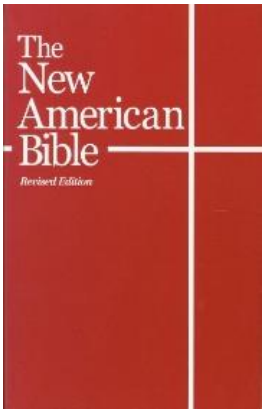
Liturgical Ministers

Date	Sacristan	EMOHC	Lectors	Greeters	Altar Server	Musicians
Sat Nov 28 5:30pm	Sally	Pat M & Sue R	Mary C & Annette R	Bryan & Judy J	Mena & Alexis	Joey & Bob
Sun. Nov 29 9:30am	Mark S	Tom & Chris W	Dave H & Jack	Martin M & Bryan J	Alex, Axel & Mario	Joey & Johnny
Dom 29 de Nov 6:30pm			Laura & Lorena R		Alex, Axel & Mario	
Sat Dec 5 5:30pm	Sally	John & Nadine	Anne G & Sylvia D	Brenda P & Jeanie	Bill Sloan	Joey/ Christine
Sun. Dec 6 9:30am	Mark S	Chris W & & Joann G	Marcia R & Bill G	Denis & Bob L	Austin, Eli & Henry	Joey/Christine
Dom 6 de Dec 6:30pm			Alexander & Karina		Lexi & 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 Formation

CCD classes are on Sundays at 11:00am in Gabriel Hall classrooms. Please contact 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. Please check Bulletin for holiday schedule.



Adult Sunday School meets on Sundays at 11am in Blandford Hall. Each week the group gets deeper into the Mass readings for the Sunday Mass.

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

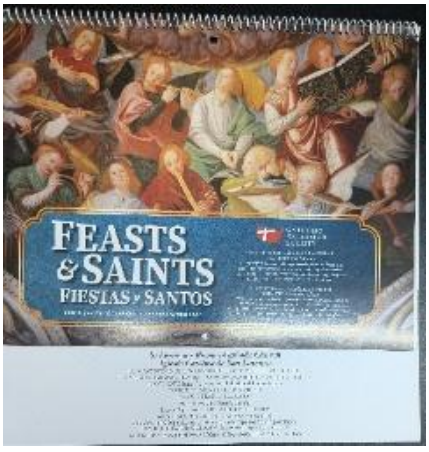
A Healing Rosary will be said every Tuesday at 5:30pm in the main church just prior to 6:00pm Mass. Please check Bulletin for holiday schedule.

Bishop Barron's Advent Gospel Reflections are available in the narthex. Please take a copy as our gift to you for this Advent season.



As we begin this holy season of waiting and preparation, we invite all parishioners to spend time each day reflecting on the Scriptures and preparing their hearts for the coming of Christ. Bishop Barron's insightful reflections offer practical wisdom and spiritual encouragement to help deepen your understanding of the Gospel and strengthen your relationship with the Lord.

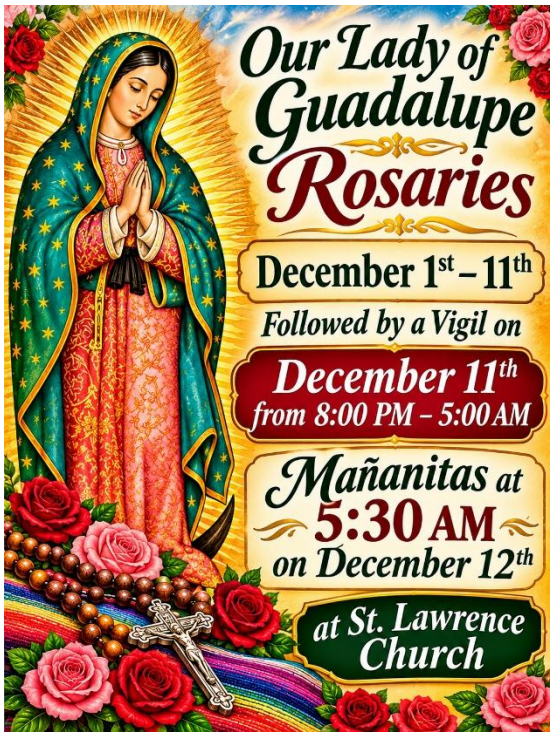
May these Advent Gospel Reflections enrich your prayer life, inspire meaningful reflection, and help you experience the hope, peace, joy, and love that Christ brings. Parishioners are encouraged to read the daily reflections throughout December as a way of growing closer to Jesus and entering more fully into the mystery of His birth. Let this Advent be a time of renewal, anticipation, and grace as we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Savior at Christmas.



2027 Bilingual Calendars Available This Weekend Stop by the narthex after Mass to pick up your complimentary 2027 bilingual calendar. We encourage you to take one or two copies while supplies last. These calendars are a wonderful way to stay connected to the liturgical year and important Catholic feast days.

Youth Group meets on Fridays from 6-8pm. Come join us for fun, formation, friendship and activities in the Family Life Center. Text STLAWYOUTH 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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena will take place from December 1 through December 11 in preparation for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The first Novena will be held at St. Lawrence Church on December 1 at 7:00 p.m. We invite parishioners, families, and friends to participate in this beautiful tradition of prayer and devotion as we celebrate our Blessed Mother and prepare for her feast day on December 12th. A list of locations is available please call the office for location. Evening adoration begins Dec 11th at 7:30pm and continues through the night, culminating with Las Mañanitas at 5:30am. Los Posadas will be celebrated on Saturday Dec 19th at 6:30pm. More information to follow.



Friendsgiving with the Youth Group celebrated on Friday Nov 20th Similar to a traditional Thanksgiving dinner but focused on friendship and community.











Dinner with the Gospel Young Adult Ministry meets after the 5:30pm Mass every Saturday 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.



Las Posadas is a cherished Advent tradition that commemorates Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem as they searched for a place to stay. Join us on Dec 19 starting at 7:00pm for the celebration of Christmas while strengthening our community through faith, hospitality, and shared tradition. We invite everyone to join us as we journey together in anticipation of the birth of our Savior.

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.

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

Adoration Update - The parish is pleased to announce that Deanna Walters has accepted the role of Chair of the Eucharistic Adoration Committee. A member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church for nearly two years, Deanna entered the Catholic Church nine years ago in a memorable celebration that included her Confirmation, the anniversary of her first confession, and her birthday. She describes that day as one of the greatest blessings of her life and a defining moment in her faith journey.

Eucharistic Adoration played a significant role in Deanna's conversion to the Catholic faith. Long before attending her first Mass, she spent time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, where she encountered Christ in a profound and personal way. Today, adoration remains at the center of her spiritual life. It is a place of prayer during times of healing and struggle, a source of peace and guidance when seeking answers, a refuge for interceding for loved ones, and a place of gratitude and thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

As she begins this new ministry, Deanna hopes to inspire others to discover the beauty of spending time with Jesus in the Eucharist. She warmly invites parishioners to come before the Lord, experience His presence, and grow in a deeper relationship with Him through Eucharistic Adoration. May this Advent and Christmas season be filled with the peace, joy, and abundant blessings of Christ.

St. Lawrence Prays

Parishioners: Tina Akers, Jim Bach, Betty Benningfield, Tommy Brown, Gail Budreau, Dr. Glyn Caldwell, Terry & Charlene Cherry, Bob Crane, Lupita Molina Del Porte, Andre Diagle, Terry Elder, Shirley Eldridge, Iran Garcia, Anne Goin, Jessica Goodwin, Kendall Harper, Betty Hettinger, Donna House, Patti Hyman, Traudi Killinen, Jim Martin, 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

Family & Friends: Noal Cotton, Jr. (B. Butler) Shirley Durr; Michael Caldwell (G. Caldwell); Ann Cheak (J Cheak), Robert Chicoine (M. Chicoinesmith), David & Tyler Gadberry, Steve Pfeiffer, Ada & Dave Riddell, Madeline Ronkainen, Dennie & Lu Simpson, Clare Tyler, Mary Walicke, Heather Pfeiffer, Hannah Schluttenhofer, Rebecca Whitney, Sarah Dobson (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

Open Hands Community Food Pantry (1111 Industry Rd, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342) serves dinner every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-7 PM. All are welcome. Thank you to our dedicated volunteers who help to prepare and serve. And thank you to everyone for whom, without your donations we would not be able to participate in such a wonderful ministry.

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.

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 2nd 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. All are welcome.

St. Lawrence Gives

Date	Attendance	Tithe	Amount
Saturday	65	Offertory	$3952
Sunday	192	Building	$305
Misa en Espanol	31		

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. 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.



Please pick up your offertory envelopes, which are now available in the narthex. Please note that some envelope numbers have been updated for the upcoming year. If you do not see your name, please take an available box and be sure to write your name, address, and email on the first five envelopes you use. This will help ensure that your contributions are properly credited to your parish account. Thank you for your stewardship and continued support of our parish.

iGive Tuesday

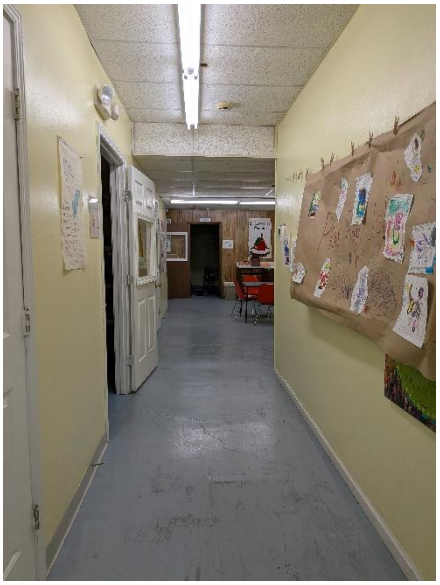


iGive Tuesday will take place on Tuesday, December 1. This annual day of generosity is an opportunity for our parish community to come together and support a special need within our faith formation program.

Early giving is now open! Parishioners may make their donations in advance through the giving links that will be shared via Flocknote and posted on our parish website. Donation envelopes will also be available in the pews for those who wish to contribute in person.

This year, all funds raised will directly benefit our CCD classrooms and students. Our goal is to create welcoming, engaging, and faith-filled learning spaces that help our children grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith.

To help identify the greatest needs, our catechists have prepared wish lists for their classrooms. Requested items include:



- Word on Fire children's board books
- New area rugs for classroom gathering spaces
- Liturgical calendars for Pre-K students
- Prayer altars and wooden Bible stands
- Improvements to classroom floors, including repainting or epoxy coating
- Fresh paint for classroom walls
- Additional educational and faith formation materials

Every gift, no matter the size, will help enhance the learning environment for our students and provide valuable resources for our dedicated teachers. You can make you donation by going to **www.igivecatholic.org/organization/stlawrenceministries**. There is also a link on our website.



Thank you for supporting our parish's mission of forming young disciples in the faith. Together, we can make a lasting difference in the lives of our children and create classrooms that inspire learning, prayer, and a deeper relationship with Christ.



St. Lawrence Community

Birthdays: Nov 30 Heidi Garcia**, Dec 1** Robert Risen, **Dec 2** Jay Emerick, Jane Wade
Dec 4 Ada Goss, **Dec 5** Tanya Palmgren

Choir practice will be at 6:30pm on Thursday evenings. If you would like to sing in the Christmas choir please come in and join us for an evening. No experience necessary.

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.diromarosaries.com You can find the St Lawrence Collection under the Parish and Schools tab. St Lawrence recieves 30% of the profit from the sales! What a great way to support St Lawrence.

Movie Night on the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th 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.

Women's Ministry meets every other month on the 2nd Saturday. Contact Vanna Armstrong or Diana Nichols for more information.

Rosary Makers meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Family Life Center from 5-7pm. No experience necessary. Drop in and stay as long as you like.

Ministry Meetings & Event Scheduling As we enter the busy holiday season, there will be many activities taking place at St. Lawrence. To help avoid scheduling conflicts and ensure that space is available, please remember to contact the parish office to help plan ministry meetings & events. Your cooperation helps us coordinate parish activities smoothly and allows all ministries to make the most of our facilities. Thank you for your assistance and support as we prepare for this joyful season together.

Community Meal Hannah at the Anderson County Public Library has requested that we furnish food for the Community Program to be held on Dec 14th at the Agricultural Building at the Extension Office at the park on Hwy 127. It will be in the basement where voting was held in the recent election. Those who would like to bring a casserole or a meal item could bring it to the church before Mass on the Saturday or Sunday before December 14th which is on a Monday. Sue Litkenhus will store or refrigerate the items and transport them to the event site.

The 3 C's Crafters If you are interested in joining this fun group, please contact Rose Keifer.

Breakfast with St. Nicholas Join us for our annual Breakfast with St. Nicholas on Saturday, December 5, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Mass, in the Family Life Center. Families and children of all ages are invited to enjoy a delicious breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus, festive fellowship, and a special visit from St. Nicholas as we prepare our hearts for the Advent season.









Breakfast with
St Nickolas 2025



Parish Communications & Event Scheduling To help keep our parish community informed and minimize scheduling conflicts, please submit all ministry announcements, event information, and schedule updates to stlawrencenews@cdlex.org or contact the parish office at 502-839-6381, ext. 2. This helps avoid conflicts with facility reservations, parish events, and communication deadlines. Thank you for your help. Working together helps ensure that parishioners stay informed and that ministries can successfully plan and promote their events.

Diocese of Lexington

Diocesan Annual Appeal There's still time to make your gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal and help your parish reach its 65% participation goal by November 30! Every gift—no matter the size—makes a difference in strengthening our parishes and the ministries that serve people across the 50 counties of our diocese. Your support provides vital funding for Catholic education, formation, and outreach programs that bring the love of Christ to those most in need. When you participate, you join Catholics throughout our diocese in living out our shared mission of faith, service, and hope.

Magnificat breakfast 12/9/26 - Stephanie Beeken Come to a Magnificat breakfast on Saturday, December 12, 2026 at 9 AM at Christ the King (Hehman Hall), 299 Colony Blvd., Lexington, KY. Stephanie Beeken from Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary parish in Lexington, KY will share her journey of faith with you. Stephanie, wife of Adam, grew up as a Methodist in West Virginia surrounded by a loving church community. She met her husband while singing in the choir, and they eventually came to Wilmore, KY, where Stephanie attended Asbury University. Stephanie and Adam responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and embraced the call to enter the Catholic Church. The Beekens are blessed with eight children. She describes her life as a beautiful journey and a tremendous gift marked by continuously listening to, responding to, and walking with God. Mass at 8:00 a.m. Please make reservations by email: magnificatrsvp@gmail.com by December 9 to reserve a spot. Catered by Suggins. Payment of $15.00 may be made at the breakfast for those with reservations. Questions? Contact Pat Hunt at pwhunt27@aol.com

Upcoming Liturgies/Events

Deacon Ordination- Saturday December 5 10:30am
Rite of Election- Sunday February 12 4pm
Chrism Mass- Tuesday March 23 10am
Tenebrae- Wednesday March 24 8pm (Diocesan Schola)