

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

120 N. Gatewood Street, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

January 31- February 1, 2026
4th Sunday of 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

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

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://stlawrencecatholicchurch4.flocknote.com>

How Can We Help You?

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502-839-6381 ext. 5

**For Sacramental
Emergencies ext. 1**

Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm

St Lawrence This Week

February 1- February 7, 2026

Sunday, February 1 8:45am Reconciliation 9:30am Mass 10:30 Candlemas Celebration Potluck 11:00am Adult Sunday School, CCD, OCIA 6:30pm Spanish Mass	Monday, February 2
Tuesday, February 3 6:00pm Mass 6:30pm	Wednesday, February 4 8:30am Mass 9am-8:00pm Adoration 5:00pm Dinner & A Movie-FLC 8:00pm Benediction
Thursday, February 5 8:30am Mass	Friday, February 6 11:30am Mass 6:30pm Youth Group-FLC
Saturday, February 7 4:45pm Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass	Live stream Sundays on YouTube, Facebook., FM 76 More events at: www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news

Inclement Weather may affect Masses and office hours. A Flocknote will be sent out during those affected days. As always, please use caution during inclement weather. If you do not feel safe driving, we prefer you stay home.

St Lawrence Worships

Mass Intentions

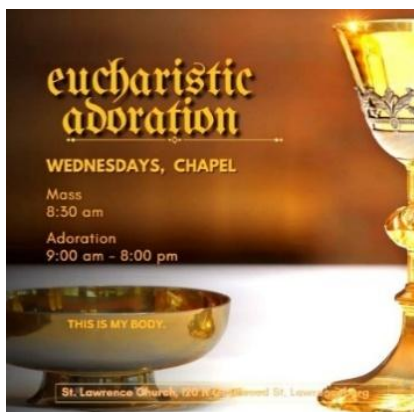
Saturday	January	31	Parishioners of St Lawrence
Sunday	February	1	Parishioners of St Lawrence
Sunday	February	1	†Souls of Purgatory
Tuesday	February	3	Ryan Roark
Wednesday	February	4	†William & Mary Schreck
Thursday	February	5	†Dale Schreck
Friday	February	6	†Mother Ellen Curran

Liturgical Ministers

Date	Time	Sacristan	EMOHC	Lectors	Greeters	Altar Server	Musicians
Jan 31	5:30pm	Lisa	John	Mary Jo & Mary C	Gail B & Jeanie M		
Feb 01	9:30am	Christine B	Joann & Tina	Bill G & Sue L.	Bob L	Oren, Eli, Henry & Samson	Libby/Johnny
01 de Feb	6:30pm					Alex, Axel, & Mario	
Feb 7	5:30pm	Sally	Mary C	Anne & Annette	Lisa & Brenda		
Feb 8	9:30am	Robin	Christine & John C	Marcia & Tina	Jeanette & Bill		Libby/
8 de Feb	6:30pm						

This Week's Mass Readings-

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

St Lawrence Prays

For Those in Need

Parishioners: Tina Akers, Jim Bach, Tommy Brown, Dr. Glyn Caldwell, Terry & Charlene Cherry, Rosalie Covello, Bob Crane, Lupita Molina Del Porte, Terry Elder, Shirley Eldridge, Joe Feribach, David Foye, Iran Garcia, Frank Goin, Kendall Harper, Betty Hettinger, Donna House, Traudi Killinen, Martin Mattingly, Mary Medlar, Walter Metcalf, Rose Miller, Tammy Mileer, Kathy Mirilovich, Shirley Norris, Sandra & Neil Nucci, Laura Obertal, Dick & Carol Pohlman, Mark Salazar, Maria Sepulveda, Sepulveda Family, Ellen Silvernail, Bob Simon, Ron Stohr, Nadine Thompson

Family & Friends: Andrew Basham (R Basham), Shirley Durr; Michael Caldwell (G. Caldwell); Barbara Cann, (L. Cann); Ann Cheak (J Cheak), Kenny Blair (P. Crane); David Connelly (L. Connelly), Bryan Courtney; Deacon Richard Abbey (A. Courtney); 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, V, Cammie Marshall, Paula Henderson (A Goin); Loretta and Shelby Newton (Libby H); Naomi Collins (Denis K); Alli Johnson (Jo J); Bonnie Clements; Dale Lowe, (S. Litkenhus); Joseph Caudill, Francis Wheatly (L Mattingly); Joel Hardin (Y Maddux); Benny Young, Marguerite Wordell, Gayle & John Roth (P. Marraccini); Cathy Campbell (M. Medlar), Mark Metcalf (W. Metcalf); Houghland Family, (K. Mirilovich); Ann Simpson (A. Pike); Cynthia & Alan McMillen, Susie & Bob Schutz, Jeff & Iva Warren, Roy Tomey, Michelle Scott (M. Roark); Marianne Christi, Dan Groth, , Heather Griffin, (S. Rue); Jim Reid (Fr. Steve); Jacen Hoyt (J. Stohr); Pam Hall, Gary Briscoe, Larry Slone (B. Sloan); Joy Bozorgzad, Lavolia Snell, Becky Vaughn, (S Sloan); Shawna Timmerman, Don Hart, Machell Adams (MJ Timmerman); Mike Rakestraw, Carolyn Rakestraw, Mary Margret Mattingly, (J. Thompson); Martha Clark, Lou Ann Clark, (N Thompson); Vidalina Mojica, Angelina Bermudez, Jose Bermudez (G. Twohig); Douglas Wade Jr. (J. Wade); Michael Wallace (T Wallace), Karen Scott (A Wireman), Carolyn & Ralph Booth (M. Yeager)

Those who serve our country: Shane Carey, Alex Crane, Hugh Devane, Konner Larson, David Lanier Jr., Colt Litkenhus, Mike LoSchiavo Jr., Travis Nicolette, Kristin Palmgren, Bill Redding, Clayton Riddle, Colin Roark, Todd Rucker, Matthew Spencer

For the intentions in our hearts and for all those suffering

St Lawrence Formation

Adult Sunday School meets this week. We will continue discussing the book entitled *In the School of the Holy Spirit*, by Fr. Jacques Philippe. It is a very practical book in how to grow in holiness and be attuned to the Holy Spirit as it leads us to become who God made us to be!

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation Adults) meets at 11am on in Gabriel Hall conference room. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, this is the program for you. Registration and information will begin this year's formation. This program is for adults 18 years and older.

Youth Group meets on Fridays from 6-8pm. Come join us for fun, formation, friendship and activities in the Family Life Center. Text STLAUYOUTH to 84576 to join. The Youth Group enjoy many activities throughout the year. Schedules are available in the narthex.

CCD Classes will resume Feb 1 at 11am in Gabriel Hall classrooms. **2027 Confirmation class** has begun and will join the High School group to start.

St Lawrence Reading Scripture

The Psalms and the Songs of Ascent

During the season of Lent, we'll be reading the scriptures together through Bishop Barron's book *Lenten Gospel Reflections*. And so, in the 17 days of February before Lent begins, we as a parish will prepare for that season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving by reading from the psalms, specifically from the "Songs of Ascent". Below is an introduction to these psalms and a suggested reading schedule

Introduction to the Book of Psalms

The Book of Psalms is a collection of prayers, poems, and songs. More than just a kind of hymnal, the psalms cover the full experience of what it means to be the people of God. Many of the psalms are songs of praise and thanksgiving. However, just as many are poems of deep sorrow and worry, some even questioning if God cares about us at all. No matter what emotion you're feeling, struggle you're dealing with, or reason you have to be thankful, there is a psalm for you! Of the 150 psalms, King David is attributed with having written 73 of them. Asaph (a Levite and musician who served at the time of David) is said to have written 12 more, and the "Sons of Korah" (the descendants of a different Levite and poet) are given credit for 11. There are a few other authors mentioned here and there, but the rest are mostly anonymous.

The Book of Psalms as we have it in our Bible is itself divided into 5 smaller books, each of which end with the line "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, forever". Many scholars and theologians have proposed different reasons for why the psalms are grouped together as they are, and there's not enough space in a bulletin to go through each of those, but the important part is that these have not been haphazardly thrown together. The Psalms are carefully organized to lead us through the ups and downs of the life of faith.

One thing that most people agree on, however, is that Psalms 1 and 2 serve as an introduction for the themes that will be found across the rest of the psalms, which is why we'll start with those ourselves before moving on to the Songs of Ascent.

The Songs of Ascent

Psalms 120-134 are collectively known as “The Songs of Ascent”. At risk of oversimplifying them, these 15 psalms are songs of pilgrimage. At some points they would be sung as pilgrims climb Mt. Zion as they approached the temple, at others they would be sung as pilgrims climb the steps into whatever church or Cathedral they were visiting. But in any case, the 15 psalms together tell the story of a people who are in deep distress, crying out to the Lord for deliverance, and then slowly, psalm by psalm, coming to see the faithfulness of the Lord in coming to rescue them. The Songs of Ascent begin with Psalm 120 crying out, “In my distress I cry to the Lord!”. Over the course of the songs, the author will express hope that God has been faithful before, and will surely be faithful again, only to just as quickly turn back to tears, wondering how long they must wait for salvation. But in the end, God comes through for us, as he always does, with psalm 134 shouting “Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of then Lord!”.

They are the poems of people who know that only God can save them. They are poems that begin in a place of despair, and end in a place of glory. And I can think of no better way to prepare for a full and meaningful Lent than to spend days leading up to Ash Wednesday praying these psalms together as a parish.

Suggested Reading Schedule for February.

Date	Psalms	Topic
Sunday, February 1, 2026	1	The Ways of God and the Wicked
Monday, February 2, 2026	2	A Promise to God’s People
Tuesday, February 3, 2026	120	Prayer for Deliverance
Wednesday, February 4, 2026	121	Assurance of God’s Help
Thursday, February 5, 2026	122	Praise for Jerusalem
Friday, February 6, 2026	123	Prayer for Mercy
Saturday, February 7, 2026	124	Our Help is the Lord
Sunday, February 8, 2026	125	Trust in the Lord
Monday, February 9, 2026	126	Sow in Tears, Reap in Joy
Tuesday, February 10, 2026	127	The Blessed Family
Wednesday, February 11, 2026	128	The Happy Home
Thursday, February 12, 2026	129	Deliverance from Enemies
Friday, February 13, 2026	130	Waiting on the Lord
Saturday, February 14, 2026	131	Rest in the Lord
Sunday, February 15, 2026	132	God Dwells with us Forever
Monday, February 16, 2026	133	The Blessings of Peace and Unity
Tuesday, February 17, 2026	134	The Lord Blesses his Servants

St. Lawrence Gives

Date	Attendance	Tithe	Amount
Saturday	28	Offertory	No Count
Sunday		Building	This Week
Domingo		Churches of Latin America	

Building Fund collections goes towards facility upkeep and maintenance. **Poor Fund collections** go to help some of our parishioners with financial difficulties as well as the LIGHT Center with helps those in our community in need.

Offertory Envelope boxes are in the Narthex. For blank boxes, please remember to add your name and email address on the first 4 envelopes to ensure we have the correct name to the corresponding number.

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 helps our parishioners who are sick or have come home from the hospital and could use a home cooked meal and a visit from fellow parishioners from church. We can also bring communion and assist with community events such as dinner at the library. Please contact Sue Litkenhus to join this beautiful ministry.

Anderson United Are you interested in learning more about Anderson United? Check out our website: andersonunited.org or call Andrea Dull (256-337-6658) or Jeff Wedding (502-598-9507)

Volunteers: All volunteer registration will be done on the website. Please register online. It is easy and quick. If you are unable to access the website, please let me know and I will register for you. Reach out to me if you have any questions. **Please note:** if you volunteer in an area not listed under volunteer options, complete the registration form and put in your volunteer area under the "other" volunteer option (medical, exit, registration, food cart, etc)

Scan to Connect to
Anderson United's Webpage



Donations:

Clothing: Please donate new underwear and socks and gently used clothing. The socks and underwear are especially needed and appreciated!

- **Food:** This year rather than ask for food donations at Walmart and Sav-a-lot, we are inviting our church members to donate to Anderson United to help pay for the food we need to purchase. We cannot provide the food we need for our Anderson United food pantry without these very important donations, and we do not want anyone to go away hungry. PLEASE consider donating if possible!
- **Monetary Donations:**
- You can sponsor a foodbox or multiple food boxes at \$25/box on the website
- Or donate to the general fund through the website
- Or make a deposit directly into the AU account at any Commonwealth Credit Union

Thank you! Please pray for the success of the clinic. It is an amazing outreach effort and a beautiful way to bring God's love to people in Anderson County. Christ cured the sick and fed the hungry. In taking care of their pressing physical needs, Jesus opened their hearts to his love. We are called to do the same. Thank you for your generous help and support this year! Thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure!

St. Lawrence Community

This Week's Birthdays- **Feb 1** -Katie Hernandez, **Feb 2**-Nathaniel Lykins, Camila Garcia Avalos, **Feb 3**-Jane Goatley, Maria Smith, **Feb 5**- Eimy Dubon Perez, **Feb 7**- Caleb Shuttleworth

Our Fish Fry is right around the corner, and we're counting on the generosity and teamwork of our parish community to make it a success. If you're able to lend a hand, we would be grateful for your time and energy. We need volunteers for: Food prep and kitchen assistance, Serving and support, - clean up on Saturdays. Please contact the office for more information. Fish Fry begins on Feb 21st.

Dinner and a Movie is the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesday of the month at 5 pm in the Family Life Center. Please contact Bill Pfalzer for more information or join the movie night group in Flocknote for communications.

Learn to make Tamales on Saturday January 31st from 11:30am-3:30pm. We will be serving them at the Candlemas Celebration

Candlemas Potluck Celebration Breakfast will be Sunday Feb 1st in the FLC after Mass. If you had a baby Jesus in your piece of Epiphany Cake, please remember to bring an item to share.

Choir practice for the Easter Season will begin on Tuesday, February 3rd. Practice will be in the Church, following the 6 PM Mass. We would love to have new members. You do NOT need to know how to read music. Please come and enjoy the fun! Questions? Call Jane 859-576-6288

Ministry Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council	Robin Basham		Finance Council	Jim Martin
Liturgy	Deacon Frank Villalobos		Religious Education	Robin Basham
Sacristans	Robin Basham		Altar Servers	Deacon Frank Villalobos
EMOHC	Monty Collingsworth		Lectors	Sue Litkenhus
Greeters	Denis King		Altar Society	Cathy Figlestahler, Robin Basham
Homebound Ministry	John Casper		Funeral Coordinator	Pat Miller
Bible Study	Marcia Roark		Mowing Team	Bob Figlestahler
Open Hands Food Pantry	Andrea Dull, Lisa Cann		Hispanic Committee	Maria Gonzalez
Knights of Columbus	Johnny Benningfield		Women's Ministry	Diana Nichols & Donna House
Rosary Makers	Donna Nicolette		Laudato Si	Andrea Dull (interim)
Youth Group	Mike Armstrong		Outreach	Jim Martin, Andrea Dull
Martha's Ministry	Sue Litkenhus		Welcome Committee	Christine Buntain
St Barnabas	Carolyn Bond			

Diocese of Lexington

Come & See Weekend at Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary in Indianapolis, February 12–15. This is open to high school seniors and early college-aged men who do not yet have a bachelor's degree and who would enter college seminary as part of priestly formation. Participants will experience seminary life, sit in on classes, pray with the community, and meet Maynard Reinhardt, seminarian of the Diocese of Lexington. Contact: mbentley@cdlex.org

Magnificat Breakfast Mary's Garden, Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026. At Cathedral of Christ the King 299 Colony Blvd. Lexington, KY 40502 Mass 8:00 a.m. Breakfast 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Guest Speaker: Maria Fischer-Boothe Please contact Pat Hunt by email: magnificatrsvp@gmail.com by February 4 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

Job Opportunity Catholic Charities of Lexington is seeking a detail-oriented and tech-savvy Administrative Assistant to join our team. This role is essential to the smooth operation of our office, supporting leadership, staff, and programs through a wide range of administrative tasks.

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL

Join the Diocese of Lexington and the Catholic Conference of Kentucky in Frankfort to advocate for our communities.

This year's advocacy will center around medicaid, criminal justice reform, education, and urgent budget issues. Come put your faith into action and let your voice be heard!

Thursday, February 19
10:30am-2pm
Capitol Annex Building
Frankfort, KY

Registration is Required.

Email Joshua van Cleef, Director of the Office of Peace and Justice, at jvancleef@cdlex.org by Feb 12 to register and receive the full schedule for the day.



THE DIOCESAN HIGHSCHOOL RETREAT

It's already that time of the year when we get to look forward to my favorite event of all. Last year we had a blast with a recording-setting ground of over 60 high school students from across the diocese, and I know this year will be just as good. But even more important than how fun it all is, is that year after year youth tell us just how important our retreat has been in their walk with God. We all need to take time to unplug from the world to be with our Lord and encounter him in new ways; How much more important is it to give that chance to our high schoolers who are wrestling with some of the biggest questions in life.

Here are the details

- This year's theme will be "Encountering Christ".
- The cost will be \$75 per youth, but as always I can make that as cheap (or free) as it needs to be, so don't hesitate to let me know if someone needs a discount.
- The dates are **March 13-15**
- The camp will be located at the Bluegrass Christian Camp, 7463 Athens Boonesboro Rd. Lexington KY. It's on the far edge of Fayette County, 5 minutes from i75.

Registration will open in February, the flyer is attached, let me know if you have any questions.




St. Lawrence Appreciates



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American Legion Post 34
Lawrenceburg, Kentucky



"Come join the family"
Monthly meeting every
4th Tuesday @ 6:00
pm

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