

# Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

120 N. Gatewood Street, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

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February 21 - February 22, 2026  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

**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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**For Sacramental  
Emergencies ext. 1**

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

## St Lawrence This Week

**February 15- February 21, 2026**

<b>Sunday, February 22</b> 8:45am Reconciliation 9:30am Mass 10:30am Sunday Social 11:00am Adult Sunday School, CCD, OCIA 12:15 Youth Group Leaders- Blandford 6:30pm Spanish Mass	<b>Monday, February 23</b> 10am-12pm Tartar Sauce Piping -FLC
<b>Tuesday, February 24</b> 6:00pm Mass 6:30pm Choir	<b>Wednesday, February 25</b> 11:30am Mass 9:00am-8:00pm Adoration 5:00pm Dinner & a Movie FLC 8:00pm Benediction
<b>Thursday, February 26</b> 8:30am Mass	<b>Friday, February 27</b> 11:30am Mass 5-7pm Fish Fry 6:00pm Youth Group-FLC 7:00pm Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday, February 28</b> 4:45pm Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass	<b>Live stream Sundays on YouTube, Facebook., FM 76 More events at: <a href="http://www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news">www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news</a></b>

Scan for this week's  
Mass readings



## St Lawrence Worships

### Mass Intentions

Saturday	February	21	† Bob Hite
Sunday	February	22	† Parishioners of St Lawrence
Sunday	February	22	† Cesar Castro
Tuesday	February	24	† Mike Lewis
Wednesday	February	25	Those who asked for Prayers SJW (i)
Thursday	February	26	† Bishop John Iffert
Friday	February	27	† Susanne Schreck

### Liturgical Ministers

Date	Time	Sacristan	EMOHC	Lectors	Greeters	Altar Server	Musicians
Feb 21	5:30pm	Pat M.	John & Nadine	Anne G & Sally S	Gail B & Jeani M	Bill S	
Feb 22	9:30am	Dave N	Andrea & Joann	Ann and Wayne M	Bob L & Walt M	Sarah, Leyton & Kingsley	Jane & Livia
22 de Feb						Yazmin & Ximena	
Feb 28	5:30pm	Lisa	Mary C & Sue R	Anne G and Annette	Gail B & Jeanie M		
Mar 1 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	9:30am	Chris B	Sue L & Jeff	Jo Ann & Bill G	Denis K & Walt M	Oren, Eli, Henry & Samson	Libby/Johnny
1 de Mar	5:30pm					Alex, Axtel & Mario	

### Dates to Remember:

Rice Bowl Collection begins: Feb 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Fish Fry Fridays 5-7pm, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>-March 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Stations of the Cross Fridays 7-8pm, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>-March 27<sup>th</sup>  
 First Sunday Lent: Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Sending/Election  
 Second Sunday Lent March 1st  
 Third Sunday Lent: March 8th Scrutinies  
 Penance Service: March 11th 6pm  
 Fourth Sunday Lent: March 15<sup>th</sup> Scrutinies  
 Fifth Sunday Lent: March 22nd Scrutinies  
 Confessions heard 4-5:45pm: March 24th  
 Palms Sunday: March 29th

### Holy Week

Holy Thursday: April 2nd      Mass 6pm  
 Good Friday: April 3rd      Mass 6pm  
 Easter Vigil: April 4th      Mass 8:15pm  
 Easter Sunday: April 5<sup>th</sup>      Mass 9:30am

## St Lawrence Formation

**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.

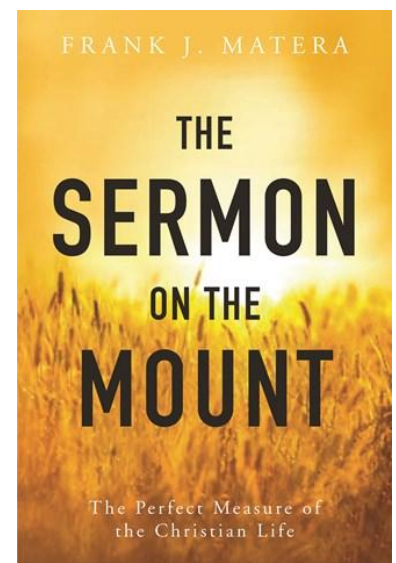
**CCD** Classes have resumed at 11am in Gabriel Hall classrooms. **2027 Confirmation class** has begun and will join the High School group to start.

**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. This program is for adults 18 years and older. See Deacon Frank.

Please welcome our newest catechumen Shelby Creed and Stacy Blank. They have been preparing to join us in the Catholic Faith during the Easter Vigil Stacy and Shelby had their Rite of Acceptance last weekend. Join us as we celebrate others this weekend during the Rite of Acceptance.



**Adult Sunday School** meets this week. **The most important 2000 words ever spoken or written, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.** We begin our new book *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.



## Why does the season of Lent last 40 days?

*The number 40 has deep biblical roots and has a rich symbolism that refers to specific biblical events that took place thousands of years ago.*

Each year the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church celebrates the liturgical season of Lent with 40 days of prayer and fasting in preparation for the great celebration of Easter. This number is very symbolic and has deep ties to multiple biblical events.

### Number 40 in the Bible

#### The Flood

The first mention of 40 occurs in the book of Genesis. God proclaims to Noah, "For in seven days I will send rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground" (Genesis 7:4). This event connects the number 40 to purification and renewal, a time when the earth was washed clean and made anew.

#### Recognizing our sinfulness

In Numbers we see the number 40 again, this time as a type of penance and punishment imposed on the people of Israel for disobeying God. They had to wander in the desert for 40 years so that a new generation could inherit the Promised Land, instead of the people who did not trust in God's plan for them.

#### Repentance and conversion of heart

In the book of Jonah, the prophet proclaims to Nineveh, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown! And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them" (Jonah 3:4).

#### A time of prayer and preparation

The prophet Elijah, before he encountered God on Mount Horeb, traveled for forty days, "And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God (1 Kings 19:8). This connects 40 to a time of spiritual preparation, a time when the soul is led to a place where it can hear the voice of God.

#### Engaging in a spiritual battle

Before embarking on his own public ministry, Jesus "was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights" (Matthew 4:1-2). In continuity with the past, Jesus sets out to pray and fast for 40 days, combating temptation and preparing himself for proclaiming the Gospel to others.

In the end, all of these episodes in the Gospel reveal different reasons why the number 40 was selected for the season of Lent. It was not an arbitrary choice, but one that was firmly rooted in the Bible. Together they provide for us a spiritual guide for Lent, inviting us to open our hearts to God. From *Aleteia*, by Philip Kosloski, updated on 02/18/26




## St Lawrence Reading Scripture

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### Reading Scripture Together as a Parish

As our Parish focuses on reading scripture together this year, we would like to announce that we have received a new shipment of the book, *The Story of All Stories*. It follows the major stories of the Bible in a chronological order which is so important for children AND adults to grasp the overarching story of salvation. Perfect to read together as a family! They are available to purchase after in the Family Life Center and in the Office for \$20.

*Lenten Gospel Reflections*, our gift to you, is available for pick up in the narthex. This book includes the full Gospel reading for each day of Lent, a daily Gospel reflection, questions for meditation and journaling space for your own writing. Enjoy an engaging conversation with your family.

	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> February 18 Mass at 11:30am & 6pm
	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> Fridays 7:00pm
	<b>Lenten Fish Fry</b> Fridays during Lent 5:00pm- 7:00pm
	<b>Penance Service</b> Wednesday, March 11- 6:30 pm Extra Confessions Mar 24th- 4-6pm
	<b>HOLYWEEK</b> Holy Thursday—6pm Good Friday— 6pm Easter Vigil—8:15pm Easter Day 9:30am



## St Lawrence Prays

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### 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); 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); Sean House (D. House), 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, Wayne Ray (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); 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 Gives

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Date	Attendance	Tithe	Amount
Saturday	83	Offertory	\$5,018.45
Sunday	181	Building	\$125
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**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** 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, LUMC Diaper Bank, and Anderson United. The diocese will have **second collections** for specific needs of the Catholic Church and its mission work. This week's Scholarship donations will go toward the Fr McDonald Scholarship fund which is awarded in June.

**National Black and Native American Missions** will be taken up in our diocese on February 21-22. This collection helps support a wide variety of evangelization and educational efforts throughout the United States, including our own diocese. The Diocese of Lexington receives an annual grant from this collection to support multi-cultural efforts, to provide funding for speakers, conferences and training, and to purchase special resource materials for use throughout the diocese.

## Fasting and Almsgiving

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As we enter into Lent we fast as a way to spiritually prepare for Easter by imitating Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the desert, practicing self-denial, and making more room in their lives for God through a physical act of sacrifice, essentially deepening their connection to Christ's suffering and ultimately celebrating his resurrection with greater appreciation; this practice is considered a form of penance and is meant to be accompanied by increased prayer and acts of charity.

We will again be collecting money for the Food Pantry. Please consider donating the money you would have spent on your meal in the box in the narthex as a donation to others in need. Or, bring a food donation to the food box in the narthex.

### About the Rice Bowls:

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Rooted in the history of the Eucharistic Congress, CRS Rice Bowl invites Catholics and faith communities in the United States to encounter God and our global family throughout Lent by practicing the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 120 different countries each year. Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised more than \$350 million.

WHAT ARE FASTING AND ABSTINENCE?	
	<b>Fasting</b> Catholics who are 18-58 years old are required to keep a limited fast: a single, normal meal & 2 snacks.
<b>Ash Wednesday &amp; Good Friday</b>	
	<b>Abstinence</b> Catholics 14 years & older are required to abstain from eating meat and fowl.
<b>Ash Wednesday &amp; Fridays of Lent</b>	



## St. Lawrence Serves

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**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](http://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)



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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! Clothes collection will continue through March 8<sup>th</sup>.

- **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, as seen here, 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



## St. Lawrence Community

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This Week's Birthdays – **Feb 22** –Miguel Hernandez, **Feb 23** – Sharon Ricci **Feb 24** – Abigail Pike  
**Feb 26** –Porfirio Alvarez

**Fish Fry Food Prep:** We will be making tartar sauce and piping them into 2oz cups on Monday Feb 23rd from 10am-1pm in the FLC. Please drop in and stay as long as you would like. This is time consuming and we could use the help!

**Dinner and a Movie** is the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

**St Barnabas Committee** meets on the second Tuesday of the month as needed in Blandford Hall. Last week packages were prepared for mailing to those who are serving in our military, and included a religious book, a prayer card, a greeting card with a handwritten message of encouragement and support, as well as a few pieces of hard candies. All are welcome to attend and help. Please check Bulletin for meeting notices.

**Stroke Scan Plus** will be at St. Lawrence on Saturday, May 30th, to provide lifesaving, wellness ultrasound screenings. Insurance is NOT necessary, and appointments are limited. Stroke Scan will be available at the church for you to register on Saturday, May 16th - Sunday, May 17th, or please call 832-437-7355 to schedule an appointment today for you or a loved one. The screenings will take place in the Family Life Center.

## Ministry Committee Chairs

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

## Diocese of Lexington

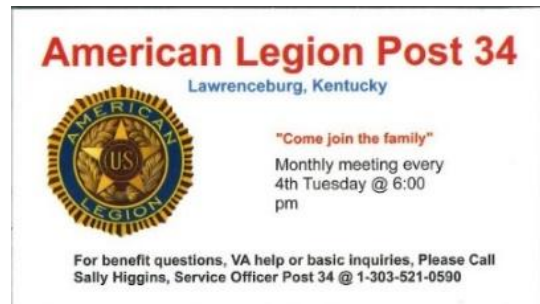
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**The Diocesan High School Retreat** March 13-15, at the Bluegrass Christian Camp, 7463 Athens Boonesboro Rd. Lexington KY. Enjoy fun and fellowship with other high schoolers from across the diocese. Every year youth tell us just how important this 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. This year's theme will be "Encountering Christ". The cost will be \$75 per youth scholarships available.



**REGISTER WITH YOUR PARISH YOUTH MINISTER,  
OR BY SCANNING THE QR CODE**

## St. Lawrence Appreciates



## St. Lawrence Church *FISH FRY*

**Located at 120 N Gatewood Street**

Drive thru  
from  
5-7 pm or  
until sold out  
Fridays:  
February 20, 27, March 6,  
13, 20, 27

Meal - Cod filets, Coleslaw, Fries,  
Hush puppies \$15  
Extra Hush Puppies \$3  
Jar of Tartar Sauce \$5

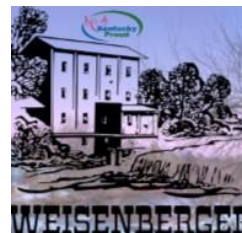
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\*Proceeds go to help fund some of our Youth, Social, and Community outreach Programs



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