

# Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

120 N. Gatewood Street, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

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February 28 – March 1, 2026  
2nd 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://stlawrencecatholicchurc4.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

**March 1 – March 7, 2026**

<p><b>Sunday, March 1</b>        8:45am Reconciliation        9:30am Mass        10:30am Sunday Social        11:00am Adult Sunday School, CCD, OCIA        6:30pm Spanish Mass</p>	<p><b>Monday, March 2</b>        10am-12pm Tartar Sauce Making &amp; Piping -FLC</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, March 3</b>        5:30 Healing Rosary        6:00pm Mass        6:30pm Choir</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, March 4</b>        8:30am Mass        9:00am-8:00pm Adoration        5:00pm Dinner &amp; a Movie FLC        8:00pm Benediction</p>
<p><b>Thursday, March 5</b>        8:30am Mass</p>	<p><b>Friday, March 6</b>        11:30am Mass        5-7pm Fish Fry        6:00pm Youth Group-FLC        7:00pm Stations of the Cross</p>
<p><b>Saturday, March 7</b>        4:45pm Reconciliation        5:30pm Mass</p>	<p><b>Live stream Sundays on YouTube, Facebook., FM 76 More events at:</b>  <a href="http://www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news">www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news</a></p>

Please make sure to add your email and phone number in Flocknote. This is our primary means of communication. You can also update your personal & Sacramental information, sign up for ministries and events, as well as donate online.

Flocknote is simple and easy to use.

**Scan for this week's Mass readings**



## St. Lawrence Worships

### Mass Intentions

Saturday	February	28	Parishioners of St Lawrence
Sunday	March	1	† Janet Johnson
Sunday	March	1	† Benefactors of Sisters of SJW
Tuesday	March	3	† Fr. Thomas Picchioni
Wednesday	March	4	† Theresa & Charlie Wedding
Thursday	March	5	Sisters of St Josphe the Worker (i)
Friday	March	6	† Anna Harling

### Liturgical Ministers

Date	Time	Sacristan	EMOHC	Lectors	Greeters	Altar Server	Musicians
Feb 28	5:30pm	Lisa	Mary C & Sue R	Anne G and Annette	Gail B & Jeanie M		
Mar 1	9:30am	Chris B	Sue L & Jeff	Jo Ann & Bill G	Denis K & Walt M	Oren, Eli, Henry & Samson	Libby/Johnny
1 de Mar	6:30pm					Alex, Axel & Mario	
March 7	5:30pm		John & Nadine	Mary Jo & Sally S	Brenda P & Mary C	Mica, Uriah & Quartus	
March 8	9:30am	Robin	Jeff & Andrea	Andy D & Christine B	Bob L & Dave N	Jordan, Zeke, Conner & Sarah	Libby
8 de Marzo	6:30pm					Lexi & Mena	

### Dates to Remember:

Rice Bowl Collection continues through Easter, April 5th

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>

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

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**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 enjoy many activities throughout the year. Schedules are available in the narthex.

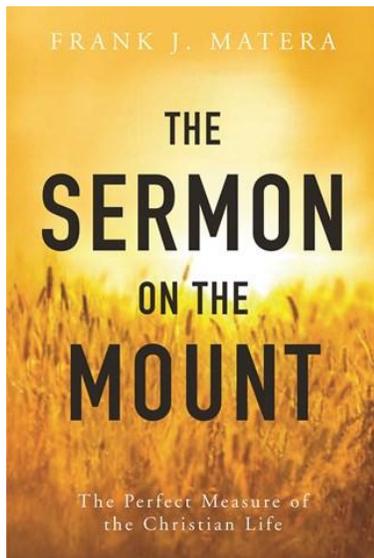
**CCD** Classes have resumed at 11am in Gabriel Hall classrooms. **2027 Confirmation class** has begun and will join the High School group to start.

**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.



Members of the OCIA class participated in The Rite of Sending last Sunday. During the Rite of Sending, catechumens and candidates, who have finished their training, are formally affirmed by their community and godparents. Afterward, participants traveled to Lexington for the Rite of Election ceremony with Bishop John Stowe.

**A Healing Rosary** will be said every Tuesday at 5:30pm in the main church just prior to 6pm Mass. Please come join us for this special time. Thank you to all those who joined us on Tuesday for our first Healing Rosary service.



**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.

## Spiritual Direction

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### Fast and Abstinence during Lent

During Lent, Catholics in the United States abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of the season. They fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. They are encouraged to continue the fast on Holy Saturday as well, in union with those preparing for Baptism. On a fast day, people eat only one full meal; they may also eat two partial meals and should not snack between any of them.

The laws of fast and abstinence may vary from one country to another; however, they accomplish the same goals.

- They help us imitate the example of Jesus, who fasted forty days to prepare for his ministry.
- They help us display our common repentance. More than declaring our personal desire for conversion of heart, they strengthen our community by expressing our corporate sorrow for social sin.
- They teach us a detachment from passions and turn our hearts more toward God and less toward food.
- They make us more disciplined and more charitable.

The purpose of fast and abstinence, then, is not to punish us but to make us more loving, more prayerful, more detached from whatever may keep us from God.

Fasting becomes more spiritually effective when sustained by other practices such as prayer, charity, and almsgiving. The prayers at Mass during Lent presume that the community is supporting its prayer with fasting and its fasting with prayer.

Everyone age fourteen and older is bound by the law of abstinence. Younger children are to be educated in its significance.

Other Catholics are expected to avoid meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent no matter how old they become.

However, fasting binds from after one's eighteenth birthday until after the fifty-ninth. Catholics younger and older than that need not fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Nonetheless, fasting is a praiseworthy penitential practice, even when it is not required. Throughout the year Catholics fast from food and drink one hour before sharing communion. *From Liturgy Training Publications. All rights reserved. Written by Paul Turner*

## This is a beautiful way to imagine your spiritual life during Lent

St. John Chrysostom provides an analogy for the spiritual life that can capture our imagination and lift our hearts up to God.

Sometimes the spiritual life can seem boring, as we do not physically see any material benefits to the hard work we are doing following God's will.

It can seem as though we are not doing anything and that our prayers and sacrifices are simply disappearing into thin air.

It's one of the difficulties of the spiritual life, as our eyes are not tuned to see the invisible realities around us and are unable to see the work God is doing in our soul.

That's why it's helpful at times when the saints provide beautiful images for us to reflect on and fill our imagination with.

### Preparing our house for God

St. John Chrysostom lets loose his imagination in a homily, as he describes for us a way to think about all the things we do to prepare for God to dwell within us:

*Practice prayer from the beginning. Paint your house with the colors of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leaf of good deeds. Adorn it with the walls and stones of faith and generosity. Crown it with the pinnacle of prayer.*

He then explains how this spiritual house will then be ready to receive our Lord:

*In this way you will make it a perfect dwelling place for the Lord. You will be able to receive him as in a splendid palace, and through his grace you will already possess him, his image enthroned in the temple of your spirit. These images are a helpful reminder to us that we are not simply doing things for no apparent reason, but are actively preparing our heart to receive its King.*

In a similar way that we put our house in order when welcoming guests in our home, we turn inwards and seek to make it clean and immaculate for the Bridegroom of our heart.

## 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	69	Offertory	\$6627.06
Sunday	165	Building	\$25
Domingo	33	Black and Native American Missions	\$1,224

**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. We have had work done in the FLC and hopefully rectified the plumbing issues. **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.

Thank you to everyone that helped and participated in the Fish Fry. Last week we had a record number of meals sold. We strive to continue to do our best and serve our community. If you would like to help with the Fish fry please call the office or sign up on Flocknote.

## Fasting and Almsgiving

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>Abstinence</b> Catholics 14 years & older are required to abstain from eating meat and fowl.
Ash Wednesday & Good Friday		Ash Wednesday & Fridays of Lent	

## 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 food box 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 – April 1- Avigail Fajardo-Rodriguez

**Rita Redden's Memorial Service** will be held on March 7th at 4 pm. The memorial service will be held at Lawrenceburg United Methodist Church and streamed live on LUMC's Facebook and YouTube channel.

**Fish Fry Update:** We will be making tartar sauce and piping them into 2 oz cups, and 8 oz jars on Monday March 2 from 9am-1pm in the FLC. Last week we had 2 parishioners fill approximately 400 2 oz servings of sauce. **WE NEED MORE PEOPLE TO HELP as this is time-consuming, yet crucial to the success of the Fish Fry.** Please drop in and stay as long as you can. We also need more volunteers for clean-up on Saturday mornings. Please call the office to be added to the volunteer list or sign up on Flocknote to join this wonderful FUNdraiser.

**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.

**Rosary Makers** meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in Blandford Hall from 5-7pm. Drop in and stay as long as you like.

**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. They prepare and send care packages, write letters, and pray for those who are serving in our military and our college students away from home. 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

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



**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.

# St. Lawrence Appreciates



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**American Legion Post 34**  
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4th Tuesday @ 6:00  
pm

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Sally Higgins, Service Officer Post 34 @ 1-303-521-0590



# 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

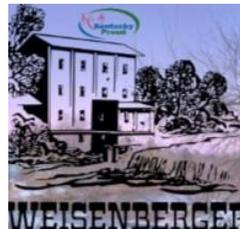
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\*Proceeds go to help fund some of our Youth, Social, and Community outreach Programs



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