

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

120 N. Gatewood Street, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

November 29-November 30, 2025
1st Sunday 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



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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For all regular inquiries including
registering for CCD, prayer requests,
appointments with Fr. Steve call
502-839-6381 ext. 5

**For Sacramental
Emergencies ext. 1**

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

St Lawrence This Week

November 23-November 29, 2025

Sunday, November 30 8:45am Reconciliation 9:30am Mass 10:30am Sunday Social 11:00am Parish Quarterly Formation Meeting 6:30pm Spanish Mass	Monday, December 1 7pm OLG Rosaries main church
Tuesday, December 2 Late Office start @ 10:am 6:00pm Mass 6:30pm Finance/Pastoral Committee Blandford 7pm OLG Rosaries call for location	Wednesday, December 3 8:30am Mass 9am-8:00pm Adoration 5:00pm Dinner & a Movie 7pm OLG Rosaries call for location 8:00pm Benediction
Thursday, December 4 8:30am Mass 7pm OLG Rosaries call for location	Friday, December 5 11:30am Mass 7pm OLG Rosaries call for location
Saturday, December 6 4:45pm Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass	Live stream Sundays on YouTube, Facebook., FM 76 More events at: www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news

Due to ongoing health issues with our staff, the office will have modified office hours in Dec. New office hours are Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm. The office will be closed Dec 8-11th because of a previously scheduled vacation. We will be available via office phone, voicemails, and emails, during office hours. We will try to respond as quickly as possible.

St Lawrence Worships

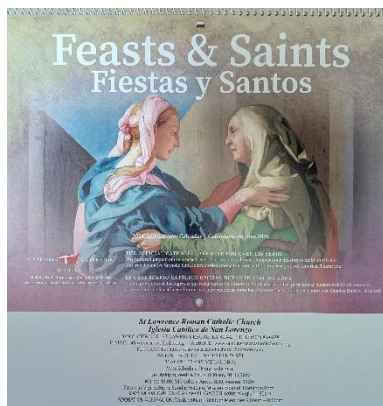
Mass Intentions

Saturday	November	29	†Madgel Cleveland
Sunday	November	29	The People of St. Lawrence
Sunday	November	30	†Souls of Purgatory
Tuesday	December	2	†Ralph & Alixe Roberts
Wednesday	December	3	Pope Leo XIV (i)
Thursday	December	24	Intentions of Sisters St Joseph the Worker
Friday	December	5	†Beth McCracken

Liturgical Ministers

Date	Time	Sacristan	EMOHC	Lectors	Greeters	Altar Server	Musician
November 27	10 am	Volunteer	Andrea	Andy D.& Tina W.	Mary C. & Walt M		
November 29	5:30pm	Gail B &	Mary C & Joy	Anne G & Sally S	Jeanne M & Jim		
November 30	9:30am	Mark	Robin & Anita	David H & Jack D	David W & Bryan J	Oren, Uriah, Samson	Jane
30 de Noviembre	6:30pm			Alexander & Karina		Alex & Axel	
Dec 6	5:30pm	Lisa	John & Nadine	Mary C. & Maggie	Gail B. & Jeanne M.	Bill S	
Dec 7	9:30am	Christine B	Jeff & Tina	Andy D. & Sue L.	Andrea & Bob L.	Damon, Leyton, Kingsley	
7 de Dic	6:30pm			Nicole & Oswaldo		Lexi & Mena	

This Week's Mass Readings-Scan here:



The 2026 Bilingual Calendars are available for pick up in the Narthex.

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 & Phyllis Crane, Dana Dahlen, Lupita Molina Del Porte, Julianne Dorsch, Terry Elder, Shirley Eldridge, Joe Feribach, David Foye, Iran Garcia, John Greer, Frank Goin, Kendall Harper, Betty Hettinger, Traudi Killinen, Martin Mattingly, Walter Metcalf, Rose Miller, Kathy Mirilovich, Shirley Norris, Sandra & Neil Nucci, Laura Obertal, Dick & Carol Pohlman, Rita Redden, Mark Salazar, Maria Sepulveda, Sepulveda Family, Ellen Silvernail, Bob Simon, Ron Stohr, Michael Wallace, Deacon Frank Villalobos

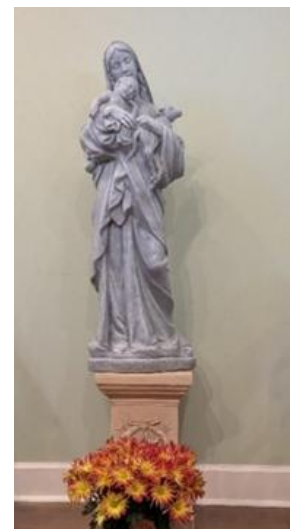
Family & Friends: Andrew Basham (R Basham), Shirley Durr (J. Bozorgzad); Michael Caldwell (G. Caldwell); Barbara Cann, (L. Cann); Ann Cheak (J Cheak), Kenny Blair (P. Crane); Nina Larson, Bryan Courtney; Deacon Richard Abbey (A. Courtney); Kathleen & Carl Riester, Susan & John Nelson, Nick Doyle, Erica, John & James Nelson, Ryan Bickell (A. Dull); Suzanne Speight, Sharon Hirschman, Jeff Ryan, V, Cammie Marshall (A Goin); Loretta and Shelby Newton (Libby H); 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); Mark Metcalf (W. Metcalf); Houghland Family, (K. Mirilovich); Ann Simpson (A. Pike); Rev. Rodney Stewart-Wilcox & Rev. Ronda Stewart-Wilcox, (R. Redden); Cynthia & Alan McMillen, Susie & Bob Schutz, Jeff & Iva Warren, Roy Tomey, Michelle Scott (M. Roark); Chris Christy, Dan Groth, , Heather Griffin, (S. Rue); Shannon O'Connor (R. Silvernail) Jim Reid (Fr. Steve); Jacen Hoyt (J. Stohr); Pam Hall, Gary Briscoe (B. Sloan); Lavolia Snell, Becky Vaughn, (S Sloan); Shawna Timmerman, Don Hart, Mary Ann Hansen, Machell Adams, Caroline Elder (MJ Timmerman); Mike Rakestraw, Carolyn Rakestraw, Mae 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, Bill Redding, Clayton Riddle, Todd Rucker, Jacob Silvernail, Matthew Spencer

For the intentions in our hearts and for all those who are suffering.

Mother Mary, please help us to pray for our sick brothers, sisters and those in need.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.





**“Why Read
the Bible?”**

Lavinia Spirito

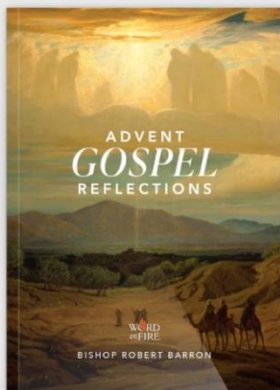
Quarterly
**Parish
Formation**

FOUNDER OF: CATHOLIC
WAY BIBLE STUDY

30 November, 2025
11:00am, main Church

Parish Wide Quarterly Formation will be the first Sunday of Advent, November 30th, at 11am. Our speaker will be Lavinia Spirito, the founder of Catholic Way Bible Study, a national program. Her topic will be the importance of reading the Bible!

Adult Sunday School meets next 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!



St. Lawrence **ADVENT 2025**

**PICK UP YOUR COPY
IN THE NARTHEX**

"Advent is the time when we prepare for Christ. It's the great liturgical season of waiting—but **not a passive waiting**. We **yearn**, we **search**, and we **reach out** for the God who will come to us in human flesh."

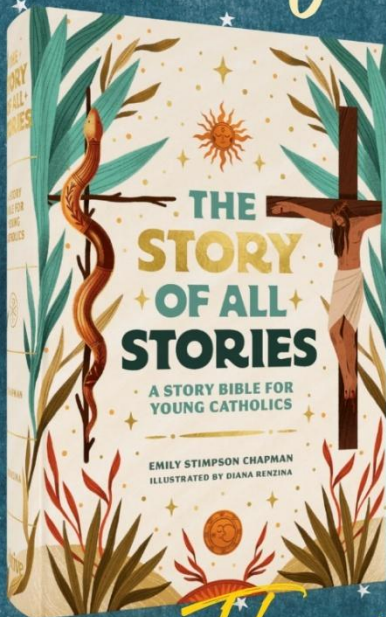
– From Bishop Barron's introduction

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The year of the Bible
BEGINS THIS ADVENT AT ST. LAWRENCE



**iGive Tuesday is
Dec 2, 2025**

St. Lawrence is fundraising to enable our middle school students to attend Holy Fire, a one-day conference designed to “invite and challenge youth to embrace their baptismal call and the impactful, relevant gospel of Jesus.” This event features compelling talks from dynamic speakers, peer testimonies, uplifting praise and worship, and meaningful experiences of the Eucharist through adoration and Mass.

**Scan here to
learn more and
donate:**



*Advanced Giving begins
Monday, November 18.*

Envelopes are available in the narthex

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation Adults) meets at 11am on Sundays 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. Next meeting is Dec 5th. Schedules are available in the narthex.

CCD Classes will meet next week 11am in Gabriel Hall classrooms.

Upcoming Events

Save the date for some important events during this year's Advent. Some of the times and dates are subject to change so please check the calendar in the bulletin or on the church website for updates.

Dec 1st-11th	call for time & location	Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosaries
Dec 7 th	10:30am	Breakfast with St Nicholas
Dec 8 th	11:30am and 6pm	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
Dec 9 th	4pm- 5:50pm	Extra confessions heard
Dec 11 th	7pm -5am	Our Lady Guadalupe Adoration
Dec 12 th	5:30am	Mañanitas in the FLC
Dec 12 th	7pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
Dec 17 th	6:30pm	Advent Penance Service
Dec 24 th	5:30pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Dec24th	7:30pm	Misa en Espanol
Dec 25 th	9:30am	Christmas Day Mass

St. Lawrence Gives

Date	Attendance	Tithe	Amount
Saturday	60	Offertory	\$3,574.37
Sunday	202	Building	\$49.42
Domingo	43	Human Development	\$45

A Sincere Thank You from Fr. Jeff Estacio

Our hearts are grieving for my dad as I write this message. Back in 2017, My dad was there at St Lawrence. I remember he was helping me finish the railing at the porch there in the rectory. He liked his stay there. My mom's sister and dad arrived in Lawrenceburg last January 2025 amid the cold weather, all of the people there in St Lawrence greeted them with a warm welcome. Thank you for that. With my dad's passing, you are all still helping us. God Bless for your generosity. We really appreciate your generous actions. May I ask you to continue to pray for the eternal repose of my dad, Rene Estacio. God bless. **Collectively the church was able to provide \$3,483.50 for Fr Jeff.**

2025 Diocesan Annual Appeal

This year the diocese is concentrating on Parish Participation. Parishes that have a participation rate of 65% or greater will receive a larger share back bonus. Currently only 30% of our parish is participating in the Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider donating, no gift is too small. Your annual appeal dollars go towards priest salaries, retirement and seminarian education, Catholic Charities to help with disaster relief funding, supplementing food pantries, assisting Catholic education. Because of your generosity and participation in last year's Annual Appeal, St. Lawrence received a portion of the funds given by our parish. In addition, we applied for and were approved for a grant from last year's appeal. We used the funds to supply our youth group with more religious education materials.

St Lawrence Annual Appeal Results:

Goal	\$12,300	Total Number of Families	183
Amount Received	\$17,135.79	Number of Donors	62
Percentage	134%	Families needed to reach 65% goal	57 more
Over Goal	\$4,485.79	Families needed to reach 75% goal	75 more

Offertory Envelope boxes are in the Narthex. Please check carefully for **your name on the box**. We do have several families with the same last name. If you do not see your name on a box, please pick up a blank box and remember to add your name and email address on the first 4 envelopes to ensure we have the correct name to the corresponding number.

Tax donation letters will be coming through flocknote beginning in January. You will be emailed an end of the year statement for your taxes. You can also go to the "Giving" section of your flocknote account and scroll down to **Donor Summaries for Taxes**.

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.

St Vincent de Paul is in need this season: winter coats, especially men's coats, blankets, towels and warm weather clothing. Donations are accepted on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10am-2pm. St Vincent de Paul was donated a bunch of new twin mattresses if anyone is in need. If someone can afford to buy one, they are \$40.

Christmas diaper drive In honor of the Christ Child During the holy season of Advent and Christmas St. Lawrence is having a diaper drive for those families who depend on the Diaper Ministry at Lawrenceburg United Methodist Church for diapers. Diapers, diaper cream and wipes are not covered by WIC and many children need your help. If you can, please donate a package of diapers - any size, but particularly sizes 4-6. You can also bring a package of wipes or diaper cream. Please bring your donations to church by January 4th . Thank you for your generosity.

St. Lawrence Community

This Week's Birthdays- Dec. 1 Robert Risen Dec. 2 Jay Emerick, Jane Wade

Dinner and a Movie is Wednesday at 5pm. Please contact Bill Pfalzer for more information or join the movie night group in flocknote for communications.

Choir practice for Christmas meets on Tuesday, at 6:30pm. We would love to have new members. You do not have to read music to sing with us! St. Augustine said, "Singing is praying twice." What a great way to celebrate our Savior's Birth. Questions? Contact Jane 859-576-6288.

Fayette County Public Schools has chosen Damon Sexton, the Family Resource Center coordinator at Sandersville Elementary, as the Kids' Champion for November 2025. Each month, the district recognizes an outstanding member of our nearly 9,000 member Team FCPS who makes a real difference in students' lives. Sexton displays exceptional dedication to his students and embodies these key champion characteristics: innovation, advocacy, empathy, knowledge, and a positive attitude. There was a celebration on Monday November 24th at the FCPS monthly board meeting to recognize this achievement. With this award, Sexton will be eligible to win the FCPS "Kid's Champion of the Year" to be announced in May.



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	Joy Bozorgzad		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. Lawrence Appreciates



Mike Rakestraw
President

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American Legion Post 34
Lawrenceburg, Kentucky



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

For benefit questions, VA help or basic inquiries, Please Call
Sally Higgins, Service Officer Post 34 @ 1-303-521-0590



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