Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

120 N. Gatewood Street, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

May 17-May 18, 2025 5th Sunday of Easter

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 6pm (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. 5

For Sacramental Emergencies ext. 1

St Lawrence This Week

May 18-May 24, 2025

Sunday, May 18	Monday, May 19	
8:45am Reconciliation	2:00pm Catholic Way Bible Study-FLC	
9:30am Mass		
10:30am Knights of Columbus Pancake		
Breakfast		
11:00am Adult Sunday School, CCD		
6:00pm Spanish Mass		
Tuesday, May 20	Wednesday, May 21	
6:00pm Mass	8:30am Mass	
7:00pm Anderson United meeting	9am– 8:pm Adoration	
	4:00-8:00pm Rosary Makers	
	8:00pm Benediction	
	6:00pm Movie Night	
Thursday, May 22	Friday, May 23	
8:30am Mass	11:30am Mass	
	6:00pm-8:00pm NO Youth Group	
Saturday, May 24	Live stream Sundays on YouTube, Facebook.,	
5:30pm Mass	FM 76	
6:30pm NO Dinner with the Gospel	More events at:	
	www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news	

This Week's Mass Readings Scan here:



St. Lawrence Worships

Liturgical Ministers

Date	Time	Sacristan	ЕМОНС	Lectors	Greeters	Altar	Musician
						Server	
May 17	5:30pm	Sally	Joy & Andrea	Anne G & Maggie F	Brenda P & Bill S	Yazmin & Ximena	
May 18	9:30am	Lupe	John & Joann	Marcia & Sue L	Denis & Bill P	Micah, Oren Quartus	Jane
18 de mayo	6:00pm			Victor & Oswaldo		Yazmin & Ximena	
May 24	5:30pm	Gail B	Sue R & Lisa	Mary C & Annette	Jeannie M & Andrea		
May 25	9:30am	John S	Bob C & Jeff	Ann & Wayne M	Jeanette & Bill	Eli, Henry, Connor	Jane
25 de mayo	6:00pm			Nicole & Alexander		Alex, Axel, Mario	

Mass Intentions

Saturday	May	17	†Cathy Metcalf & Emily Overall
Sunday	May	18	The People of St. Lawrence
Sunday	May	18	Ruben Dario Velasquez Guevara(i)
Tuesday	May	20	Living & Deceased Members of Fred & Carrie Thom Family
Wednesday	May	21	Michelle Scott(i)
Thursday	May	22	†Bob & Helen Fisch
Friday	May	23	†Charlie & Theresa Wedding

Other Events

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



St. Lawrence Prays

For Those in Need

Parishioners: Tina Akers, Jim Bach, John Borders, Tommy Brown, Dr. Glyn Caldwell, Terry Cherry, Rosalie Covello, Bob Crane, Dana Dahlen, Lupita Molina Del Porte, Tabitha Edington, Terry Elder, Shirley Eldridge, David Foye, Frank Goin, Kendall Harper, Betty Hettinger, Jim Martin, Walter Metcalf, Kathy Mirilovich, Bob Moses, Shirley Norris, Laura Obertal, Sue Rue, Mark Salazar, Maria Sepulveda, Sepulveda Family, Ellen Silvernail, Bob Simon, Ron Stohr, Ron Williams

Family & Friends: Shirley Durr (J. Bozorgzad); Michael Caldwell (G. Caldwell); Barbara Cann (L. Cann); Kenny Blair (P. Crane); Nina Larson, Fr. Jeff Estacio (A. Courtney); Kathleen & Carl Riester, Susan & John Nelson, Nick Doyle, Erica, John & James Nelson, Ryan Bickell (A. Dull); Jeff Ryan, Cammie Marshall (A Goin); Loretta and Shelby Newton (Libby H); Alli Johnson (Jo J); Benny Young, Marguerite Wordell (Patti Marraccini); Houghland Family, (K. Mirilovich); Ann Simpson (A. Pike); Rev. Rodney Stewart-Wilcox & Rev. Ronda Stewart-Wilcox, (R. Redden); Valerie Potter (S Ricci); Cynthia & Alan McMillen, Susie & Bob Schutz, Jeff & Iva Warren, Roy Tomey, Michelle Scott (M. Roark); Tim Tucker, Donna Amody, Bobby Hunter, Janet Hill (S. Rue); Shannon O'Connor (R. Silvernail)Ralph Roberts, Jim Reid (Fr. Steve); Jacen Hoyt (J. Stohr); Pam Hall, Gary Briscoe (B. Sloan); Lavolia Snell, (S Sloan); Shawna Timmerman, Don Hart, Mary Ann Hansen, Machell Adams, Caroline Elder (MJ Timmerman); Terry Thompson, Danny McCann, Mike Rakestraw (J. Thompson); Martha Clark, Lou Ann Clark (N Thompson); Vidalina Mojica, Angelina Bermudez, Jose Bermudez (G. Twohig); Douglas Wade Jr. (J. Wade); Max Wilburn, Julie Van Hook (M White); Carolyn & Ralph Booth (M. Yeager) Jamie Popp (N. Thompson)

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.

St. Lawrence Formation



The month of May is dedicated to Mary. During Mass, we have a ceremony with a procession, prayers, hymns and our statue of Mary is crowned with flowers. Called the May Crowning, it is a symbol of Mary's as Queen of Heaven and her position as a perfect follower of Christ. The flowers also represent the beauty of spring and the new life offered through Christ. This year our young First Communion children were invited to join us and crown Mary. Thank you to everyone who helped with this beautiful event.

ST. LAWRENCE SMALL GROUPS TO CONTINUE!

Recently, I met with our formation committee and the leaders of our Small Group Lenten Prayer groups. The feedback was extremely positive and the committee and group leaders recommended that we continue small group meetings going forward!

If you participated in a Lenten Small Group, your group leader will be contacting you in the near future. Each group will decide how often the group meets and the exact format to be used for discussion. Some groups may elect to continue with *Lectio Divina* and others may choose to do something different. Everyone agreed how wonderful these groups were in building community and how fulfilling it was for the group to pray together and pray for each other.

In the near future, we will have more opportunities to volunteer for more small groups and leaders!

In Christ, Fr. Steve

Other Events

Adult Sunday School, formally known as Adult Formation, meets Sundays after Mass at 11:00am. Please join us in Blandford Hall. We will start our new series "Return of the Prodigal Son" by Fr. Henri Nouwen." Refreshments available.

Catholic Way Bible Study meets Mondays at 2:00pm in the Family Life Center.

Dinner with the Gospel, our Regional Young Adult Ministry will not meet on Saturday, **May 24**th, at 7pm due to the Memorial Day Holiday weekend.





Religious Education (CCD), grades K-8 classes meet Sundays from 11:00am-

12:00noon in the CCD classrooms at Gabriel Hall.

Youth Group will not meet on Friday, May 23rd due to the Memorial Day Holiday weekend. Join us again next Friday, May 30th. . Come join us for fun, formation, friendship and activities Fridays from 6-8 in the Family Life Center.

Spiritual Directions

Pope Leo's own explanation for why he chose his name: AI

Developments in artificial intelligence are posing new challenges for defending human dignity, the Pope says.

While the Vatican press office offered a brief explanation for why Cardinal Robert Prevost had chosen to be called Leo XIV, the Pope himself gave further details in his first meeting with the cardinals:

"There are different reasons for [choosing to take the name Leo], but mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic Encyclical Rerum Novarum addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution.

In our own day, the Church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice and labour."

From Aleteia by Kathleen N. Hattrup - published on 05/11/25

Pope Leo XIV and the New Industrial Revolution

Pope Leo XIV's choice of name suggests that he sees the current moment not merely as a technical challenge, but as a profound moral one.

With the election of Pope Leo XIV, the Catholic Church stands at the threshold of a new industrial age. By choosing the name of Leo XIII (1810-1903), the first modern "pope of the workers," the new pontiff has signaled his commitment to addressing the profound economic and social challenges posed by rapid technological change, particularly the rise of artificial intelligence.

Just as Leo XIII responded to the harsh realities of the 19th-century Industrial Revolution with his landmark encyclical *Rerum Novarum* in 1891, Pope Leo XIV seems poised to address the moral dilemmas of our current technological revolution.

Rerum Novarum: A radical response to the machine age

When Rerum Novarum (Latin for "Of New Things") was published, the world was in the throes of the first great industrial upheaval. Factories and railroads had transformed economies, but at a tremendous human cost. Workers toiled long hours in dangerous conditions for meager wages, while factory owners grew increasingly wealthy. Social structures that had been stable for centuries began to crack under the pressure of this new economy.

Pope Leo XIII's response was revolutionary in its own right. He called for the recognition of workers' rights, including the right to a just wage, reasonable working hours, safe conditions, and the right to form unions. He also emphasized the need for social justice and the dignity of every human being, declaring that the economy must serve people, not the other way around. It was a call for a more "human-centered" approach to progress, grounded in the inherent worth of every person.

The AI revolution: New machines, old questions

Today, the world faces another profound technological shift. Artificial intelligence promises unprecedented efficiency and productivity, but also threatens to upend traditional forms of work. Much like the steam engines and power looms of the 19th century, AI has the potential to redefine labor, eliminate jobs, and deepen economic inequalities if left unchecked.

Matteo Bruni, the director of the Holy See Press Office, explained that Pope Leo XIV chose his papal name as a nod to workers "in the era of artificial intelligence." This choice is both symbolic and strategic, reminding us that while technologies change, the fundamental questions of human dignity and justice remain constant.

Labor and dignity in a digital world

At its heart, Rerum Novarum was about the dignity of work and the sacredness of human effort. It declared that work is more than just a means of survival; it is a pathway to human flourishing and a source of personal and social meaning. In this sense, it is not merely a technical manual for economic policy but a profound meditation on what it means to be human.

As AI systems take on increasingly complex tasks, from driving trucks to drafting legal briefs, the Church under Leo XIV may once again find itself defending the right to meaningful work. This could involve advocating for fair wages, worker retraining programs, and policies that ensure the benefits of automation are shared broadly, rather than concentrated in the hands of a few tech giants.

A personal connection to the struggle of workers

Pope Leo XIV's years in Peru, a country known for its economic inequality and hard-working communities, have likely given him a deep understanding of the struggles faced by workers in the developing world. His pastoral work in the northern region of Chiclayo, where many rely on agriculture and manual labor, may inspire a pontificate focused on the dignity of all labor, from the fields of Peru to the coding floors of Silicon Valley.

Toward a just tech future

In a world increasingly driven by algorithms, the Church under Leo XIV may seek to renew its call for economic solidarity and ethical innovation. Just as Leo XIII championed the rights of factory workers and artisans, his 21st-century successor may soon advocate for the rights of digital workers, gig economy laborers, and those displaced by automation.

Pope Leo XIV's choice of name suggests that he sees the current moment not merely as a technical challenge, but as a profound moral one. Like his namesake, he appears ready to call for a more just, human-centered economy, where technological progress does not come at the expense of human dignity.

From Aleteia by Daniel Esparza - published on 05/08/25

16 Fun Facts About Pope Leo XIV

As the Church welcomes Pope Leo XIV, and the new pontiff takes up his residence in Vatican City, the whole world is eager to learn all about him. We've gathered some facts, from the essentials to some extra-special details, to help you get acquainted with Pope Leo XIV!

1. Pope Leo is the first American pope.

For generations, Americans have wondered if one of their own would ever be elected pope. That moment has come with Pope Leo XIV, born and raised in Chicago. His choice of name is also significant—honoring Pope Leo XIII, who helped shape the Church in the United States by encouraging two future American saints in their missionary work: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini and St. Katharine Drexel. Pope Leo XIV continues that legacy, the first American pope following in the footsteps of a pontiff who believed deeply in the Church's mission in the West

2. Pope Leo likes to play Wordle!

In a light moment before stepping into one of the most sacred decisions in the Church, Pope Leo was playing Wordle! According to his brother, the soon-to-be pontiff squeezed in a quick puzzle session right before the Conclave—proof that even popes enjoy a little brain game before making history.

3. He is also the first Peruvian pope.

Pope Leo XIV is a naturalized citizen of Peru—although he was not born there, he legally obtained citizenship of the country. He spent over a decade in Peru, from 2014 to 2023, serving first as Apostolic Administrator and then Bishop of the diocese of Chiclayo and as Apostolic Administrator of Callao for a few years. This means that he is a dual-citizen of both the United States and Peru—and the first pope from both countries! He's the second pope with a Latin American connection, as Pope Francis was an Argentinian, the first Latin American pope.

4. Pope Leo watched "Conclave" right before his very own Conclave!

Just before heading into the Conclave that would change his life forever, Pope Leo had wrapped up watching "Conclave"—yes, the movie about electing a pope! His brother shared the timing with a laugh, and it's hard not to appreciate the irony.

5. He has a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics.

Our new pope graduated with his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Villanova University in Pennsylvania in 1977. This is a unique academic path for a man who would one day become pope!

6. Pope Leo met Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis!

Pope Leo's journey to the papacy included some unforgettable moments—he met Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis!

7. Pope Leo XIV's birthday is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Pope Leo XIV turned 69 in September, before he was elected pope. His birthdate is September 14, 1955, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, commemorating the day that St. Helen located the relics of the True Cross of Christ in Jerusalem.

8. Pope Leo's favorite sport? Tennis!

The new pope brings a new athletic interest to the Vatican. Argentinian Pope Francis fancied soccer, but it sounds like Pope Leo XIV won't pass up a game of tennis. We suddenly find ourselves fans of tennis, too! The sports news site Bolavip reports him telling an Argentinian newspaper:

"I consider myself a great tennis fan... Since I left Peru, I've had few opportunities to practice, so I'm looking forward to getting back on the courts."

9. His native language is English, but he speaks and reads several languages.

Given his American upbringing, Pope Leo XIV is fluent in English as his first language. But there's more: it takes all the fingers on one hand to enumerate how many languages Pope Leo XIV knows how to speak: English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese. Additionally, he can read Latin and German, two important theological languages.

10. Pope Leo is the youngest of 3 boys.

Pope Leo XIV has two older brothers: Louis and John. The upbringing of the Prevost boys was solidly rooted in the Catholic Faith, and they all served their Chicago parish of St. Mary of the Assumption as dedicated altar boys, musicians, lectors, and volunteers.

11. Pope Leo's parents: his dad was a Navy Lieutenant, his mom ran the parish and worked in the library.

Pope Leo XIV's mom, Mildred Martinez Prevost, was one of the fabled "church ladies" — cleaning the church, running fundraisers, singing in the choir, and somehow leading both the altar society and the Rosary group without cloning herself. She also had a degree in library science and a master's in education, which means she could shush you in six different ways and explain why. Meanwhile, his dad, Louis Prevost, was a Navy vet from World War II who later became a school superintendent, a principal, and — because he apparently didn't believe in free time — a catechist too.

12. Pope Leo is a Chicago White Sox fan!

Pope Leo may be the first American pope, but let's settle one thing right now—he's a White Sox fan, not a Cubs fan. Grace builds on nature, after all. Sorry, North Side!

13. He grew up surrounded by priests.

Pope Leo XIV's mother enjoyed hosting priests and cooking for them—and they enjoyed frequenting the family's home for Mrs. Prevost's excellent cooking when the pope was a young boy. Given this regular and familiar exposure to the priestly vocation, his family and friends were not surprised when he felt drawn in the same direction!

14. Young Robert Prevost was the smartest boy in his class.

According to one of Pope Leo XIV's elementary school classmates, our new Holy Father is a bit of a genius. . . . Through rigorous academic training in his student years and a very structured elementary school experience, he was dedicated to learning his Catechism well. In high school, he was a member of the National Honor Society and a participant in speech and debate.

15. Pope Leo's seminary formation began in high school.

Let's just say, no one is surprised that Pope Leo is where is he is today. Drawn to the priesthood from a very young age (his brother John says he knew that "from the time he could walk" that his brother was going to be a priest), Pope Leo XIV chose to attend St. Augustine Seminary High School for his secondary school education.

16. Pope Leo XIV was an editor-in-chief for his school yearbook.

Long before he was shepherding the global Church, Pope Leo was editing high school memories—literally. As editor-in-chief of his yearbook, he was already shaping stories and spotlighting classmates like a pro.

From Ascension Press Team

St. Lawrence Serves

Open Hands Pantry

If you would like to continue to donate food items: <u>Always needed:</u> Cooking oil, Sugar, Peanut Butter, Salmon, Canned beef stew, Canned chicken, Canned vegetables.

St. Lawrence Welcome Committee. If you would like to help, please contact Rochelle Silvernail, evenings or on weekends, at rochelle.silvernail@gmail.com or phone: 859-619-6509

Rev Charles McDonald Scholarship 2025 is now open and available to graduating high school seniors and college level freshmen, sophomore or juniors. Applications are available in the narthex in the marked hanging file or online at our website: www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org. Application deadline is May 31st.

St. Lawrence Gives

Saturday May 10	63	Offertory	\$7,179
Sunday May 11	171	Building/Maintenance	\$105
Sunday May 11	33	Home Mission Sunday	\$75

Other Events

Baby Bottle Blessings 2025-The annual Baby Bottle Blessings fundraiser for 2025 runs Sunday May 11th-through Monday, June 16th. Baby bottles are available to fill. All money raised through this campaign goes to Avenues Clinic in Frankfort, KY to support as many people as possible to empower them to Choose Life for those facing unexpected pregnancy.

St. Lawrence Community

Though the rain has slowed us down a bit, work on the Prayer Garden is continuing. Plants are being moved around and the beds are being re worked with weed prevention being added. If you are

interested in helping please contact Mary or Andrea. We are excited about this project and can't wait for you to enjoy the beauty of God has created for us!





This Week's Birthdays 5/19 Rosalie Covello **5/20** Isaiah Gettelfinger **5/21** Andy Dull, Jesse Goodwin **5/22** Joe Cataldi **5/23** Jeremy Hawkins, Erick Ramos

Other Events

Movie Night is Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the Family Life Center. Come join us and bring popcorn!

St Lawrence Picnic is right around the corner. Save the date for this year's parish picnic, Saturday, August 9th after an early Mass. Please help us make this year's picnic a success. Everyone has a role to play! Join the flocknote group "St. Lawrence Picnic" (under the SERVICE tab) & contact Vanna Armstrong (vannaarmstrong@gmail.com, 502-689-8413) or Robin Basham (502-680-1441).

Laudato Si Praise Be to You. In conjunction with St Lawrence's Laudato Si plan we are moving forward on a few more projects. The coffee mug racks have been installed in the basement. We ask that you bring a coffee mug to use during the social hour/pancake breakfast. The sink is available for you to rinse your mug.

Ministry Committee Chairs

Pastoral Council	Robin Basham	Finance Council	Annette Riddle
Liturgy	Deacon Frank	Religious Education	Robin Basham
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			Robin Basham
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Columbus			Diana Nichols
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