

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

120 N. Gatewood Street, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

January 17- January 18, 2026
2nd 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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Deacon
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St Lawrence This Week

January 18- January 24, 2026

<p>Sunday, January 18 8:45am Reconciliation 9:30am Mass 10:30am Knights Pancake Breakfast 11:00am Adult Bible Study, CCD, OCIA 6:30pm Spanish Mass</p>	<p>Monday, January 19</p>
<p>Tuesday, January 20 6:00pm Mass 6:30pm Pastoral Meeting</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 21 8:30am Mass 9am-8:00pm Adoration 5:30pm Rosary makers 8:00pm Benediction</p>
<p>Thursday, January 22 8:30am Mass</p>	<p>Friday, January 23 11:30am Mass</p>
<p>Saturday, January 24 4:45pm Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass</p>	<p>Live stream Sundays on YouTube, Facebook., FM 76 More events at: www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news</p>

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

St Lawrence Worships

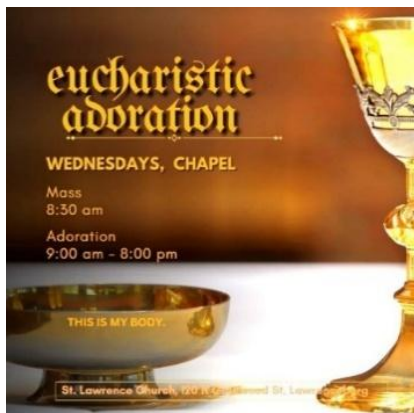
Mass Intentions

Saturday	January	17	Parishioners of St Lawrence
Sunday	January	18	†Theresa & Charlie Wedding
Sunday	January	19	†Souls of Purgatory
Tuesday	January	20	†Larry Trautner
Wednesday	January	21	†Deceased SJW Chaplins
Thursday	January	22	†Bishop Richard Ackerman
Friday	January	23	†Souls of Purgatory

Liturgical Ministers

Date	Time	Sacristan	EMOHC	Lectors	Greeters	Altar Server	Musicians
Jan 17	5:30pm	Gail B	Joy & Sue R	Anne G & Sally S	Jeanie M & Ron S	Imena & Alexis A	
Jan 18	9:30am	John S	Robin & Sue L	Caroline C & Diana N	Bill & Jeanette P	Mica, Uriah, Quartus & Winona G	Libby/Christine
11 de Ene	6:30pm					Alex & Axel L & Mario A	
Jan 24	5:30pm	Pat M	John & Nadine	Maru Jo & Annette R	Brenda P & Mary C	Bill Sloan	
Jan 25	9:30am	Dave N	Monty & Tina	Ann & Wayne M	Denis K & Walt M	Sarah & Leyton & Kingsley S	Libby/Livia
25 de Ene	6:30pm					Lexi and Mina	

This Week's Mass Readings-Scan here:



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, Terry Elder, Shirley Eldridge, Joe Feribach, David Foye, Iran Garcia, John Greer, Frank Goin, Kendall Harper, Betty Hettinger, 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

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); 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 (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, Bill Redding, Clayton Riddle, Todd Rucker, Jacob Silvernail, Matthew Spencer, Kristin Palmgren

For the intentions in our hearts and for all those suffering

St Lawrence Formation

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!

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 STLAZYOUTH to 84576 to join. The Youth Group enjoy many activities throughout the year. Schedules are available in the narthex.

CCD Classes will meet 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 Book of Proverbs

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Introduction to the Book of Proverbs

When you think of the Old Testament, likely several things will immediately come to mind. Perhaps, you first think of the great stories of the Old Testament, stories with miracles and heroes (and more than a few villains). Or perhaps your mind goes to all of the commandments and laws, well over 600 of them in the first 5 books alone. Or maybe even your first thought goes to the prophets who promise the coming of our Lord.

But I would be willing to bet that one of the last things that comes to your mind are the books of wisdom. Which is too bad, because while the books of history tell us what it means for us to be the people of God, and the books of the prophets give us a glimpse into the very heart of God (both important things to meditate upon!), it is the books of wisdom that ask the question, "What does it mean to live a good life?"

And isn't that what we all want to figure out? We prepare for the Catholic life through classes like OCIA or CCD, which give us a solid moral and intellectual understanding of the faith. But anyone who's attempted to take our faith seriously knows that the reality of actually *living* the Catholic life is more than just knowing Catholic trivia and going to Mass once a week. The good life, the life that God has made us for, is hard. It's rarely straight-forward. It has to be thought about carefully and then lived out with discipline. And none of that comes easy.

But this is why the book of Proverbs exists: to challenge us to think more clearly about the good life. And while Proverbs is far from a practical guide (it's not like anything you'll find in the self-help section of a bookstore), the Proverbs sit in our scripture as a starting point for looking carefully at the world around us and asking ourselves how we're supposed to navigate it.

This week in Proverbs

Wisdom and Character. Often when we think of wisdom, or what it means to be a wise person, or even how to really tell if someone you know is a wise person, one measure we look to is whether they seem to know what they're doing. Wise people are prudent, surely they ought to know how to navigate the intricacies of life, how to deal with difficult situations, how to get to where they want go in life, etc. In that sense, you might even be able to say that wisdom is another word for general

competence. And in a way the Proverbs support that idea. “Long life is in her (wisdom’s) right hand; in her left are riches and honor” (Proverbs 3:16). A wise person knows how to live life well. But according to the Proverbs, there is an even more important mark of a wise person: their character. Those who sow discord and division, scoffers, the violent, the proud- Proverbs speak of all of these as essentially the same thing as a fool. Whereas on the other hand, words like “the righteous” and “the patient” are often used as synonyms for the wise.

Our wisdom tradition is very clear that the evidence of a wise person is their moral character. Whether a person is a source of either peace or unrest, whether they are honest with others, their humility, all of these are the signs of wisdom. As we continue reading the Proverbs this week, I encourage you to allow yourself to be challenged, not only at the level of how you ought to be acting and what you ought to be doing, but also at these deeper levels of your character. Allow the proverbs to question what kind of man or woman you really are. It may be difficult to face (the Lord knows I’ve got plenty of pride, have been plenty divisive, and have done plenty of scoffing in my life), the odds are that most of us have some serious character flaws to be addressed.

It’s not the easiest thing to do, but looking into our failings is the path of wisdom God would have us walk all the same.

Lectio Divina in the Proverbs

Last Lent we focused on Lectio Divina as a way to pray with the scriptures. As we continue with the book of Proverbs this week, if you’re having trouble figuring out how to make this experience meaningful, consider using Lectio Divina. Below is a review how to do it, for those who are a bit rusty.

Step 1: Ask the Lord to be with you in this time of reading scripture. It sounds obvious, but we should be careful not to treat this time as if it were an academic exercise.

Step 2: Read the passage. Don’t worry too much about understanding it perfectly, just read it slowly and intentionally. Read aloud if it helps you to focus.

Step 3: Meditate on the passage. Take 2 minutes (set a timer, don’t just feel it out) and sit in silence with the word. Ask yourself if any particular word, passage, or phrase stuck out to you as particularly meaningful. Focus just on this one phrase and ask the Lord to help you see why this particular part of the passage jumps out to you.

Step 4: Pray. Have an open-ended conversation with God about the passage. What do you want to say to him in response to what you’ve read? What might he be wanting to say to you?

Step 5: Contemplate the word. Set another timer and take another 2 minutes to sit in silence before the Lord. God gives us the gift of the scriptures and speaks to us because he loves us. Now is the time to do nothing but sit in the gift of his love.

Step 6: Now what? God’s love and God’s word always merits a response. So, what do I feel called to do in response to this time of prayer? It doesn’t have to be anything big or world-changing (though it might be), perhaps you just need to make a point of remembering this time of prayer and returning to it again later. Either way, ask the Lord to tell you what comes next.

Suggested Reading Schedule for January.

Date	Chapters	Topic
Monday, January 12, 2026	1-3	Letters to a son
Tuesday, January 13, 2026	4-6	Letters to a son
Wednesday, January 14, 2026	7-9	Letters to a son
Thursday, January 15, 2026	10-11	Proverbs of Solomon
Friday, January 16, 2026	12	Proverbs of Solomon
Saturday, January 17, 2026	13	Proverbs of Solomon
Sunday, January 18, 2026	14	Proverbs of Solomon
Monday, January 19, 2026	15	Proverbs of Solomon
Tuesday, January 20, 2026	16	Proverbs of Solomon
Wednesday, January 21, 2026	17-18	Proverbs of Solomon
Thursday, January 22, 2026	19	Proverbs of Solomon
Friday, January 23, 2026	20	Proverbs of Solomon
Saturday, January 24, 2026	21-22:16	Words of the Wise
Sunday, January 25, 2026	22:17-23	Words of the Wise
Monday, January 26, 2026	24	More Proverbs of Solomon
Tuesday, January 27, 2026	25-26	More Proverbs of Solomon
Wednesday, January 28, 2026	27-28	More Proverbs of Solomon
Thursday, January 29, 2026	29	More Proverbs of Solomon
Friday, January 30, 2026	30	The Words of Agur
Saturday, January 31, 2026	31	The Words of Lemuel and the Song of the Wise Woman

St. Lawrence Gives

Date	Attendance	Tithe	Amount
Saturday	87	Offertory	\$5,005
Sunday	131	Building	\$2,125.00
Domingo	31	Poor	\$2,600

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.

Opportunities for Life Collection – The Opportunities for Life Collection will be taken up this week. The proceeds from this collection help support women experiencing a crisis pregnancy.

A 2nd special Collections for the Church in Latin America– will be next week January 24th & 25th

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. We are looking for person with box # 94. Please write your name on your envelope or contact the office.

Tax donation letters have been sent via email through flocknote. Check your emails for your end of the year tax statement. You can also go to the “Giving” section of your flocknote account and scroll down to **Donor Summaries for Taxes**. Please call the office if you need a form printed.

Quarterly Finance Report

Financial Report

July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025

Thank you, fellow parishioners of St. Lawrence, for your generosity. As you will notice from the pie charts the 1st half of our fiscal year has left us in sound financial shape. Overall, the checking account has a balance of approximately \$100,000, an increase of about \$25,000 and the savings account has approximately \$208,000.

As each of you are personally aware, the cost of living keeps increasing. This is true for us at St Lawrence also. Increases in electricity, water, phone and internet have continued to rise. We therefor appreciate all the donations received from each of you so we may continue to maintain and improve our Parish and more importantly serve those in need.

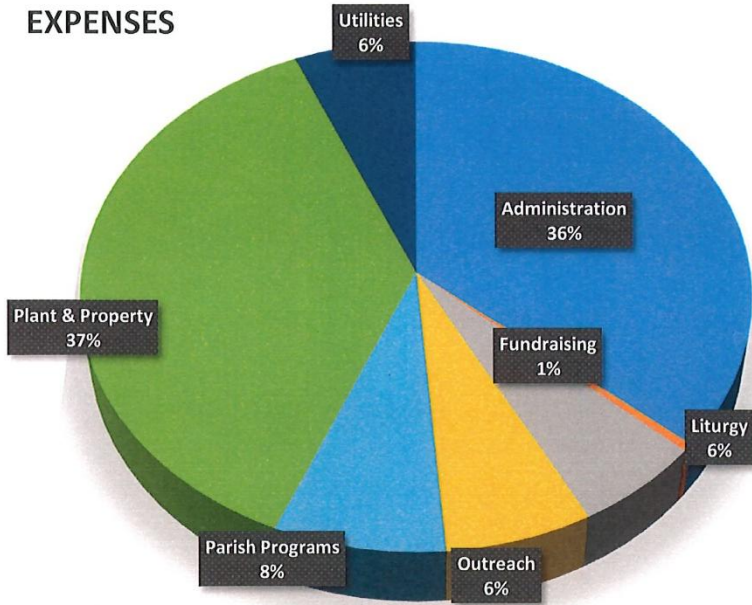
Just to keep you informed of some of the maintenance items that have been addressed we have replaced another HVAC unit in the church, and the commodes in both FLC bathrooms with high-boy toilets. We will be replacing the flooring in Blandford Hall very soon as the current carpet has been cited as a tripping hazard. There are other items on the “to do” list and I will continue to keep you informed throughout the year as we proceed.

Please mark your calendars for Anderson United Community Free Clinic. It will be Saturday, March 21, 2026. St Lawrence supports this Free Clinic and we are in need of parishioners to volunteer their time for this event.

Thank you God Bless you all.

Jim Martin Finance Chairperson

EXPENSES



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Administration	\$70,979.72
Fundraising	\$891.53
Liturgy	\$11,454.57
Outreach	\$12,710.09
Parish Programs	\$14,931.45
Plant & Property	\$73,490.46
Utilities	\$12,618.08
TOTAL	\$197,075.90

INCOME

Fundraising	\$3,490.87
Offertory	\$191,148.27
Outreach	\$13,343.50
Parish Programs	\$9,904.42
Plant & Property	\$42,486.08
TOTAL	\$260,373.14

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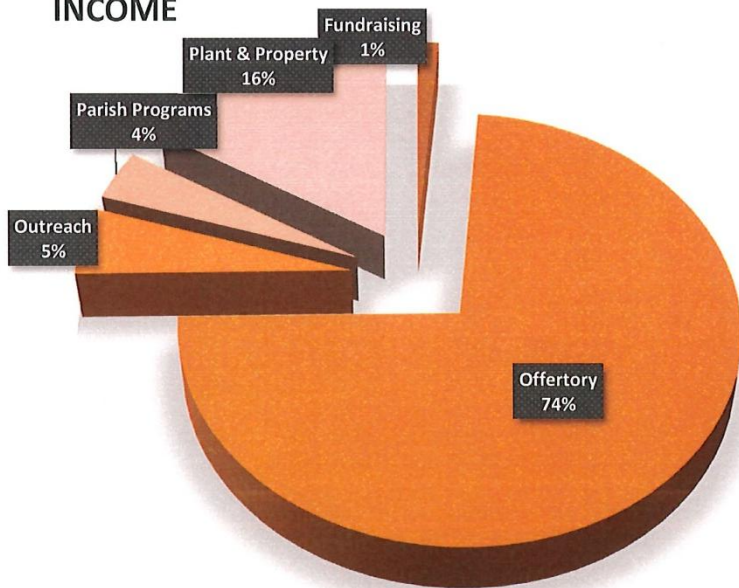


CHART of ACCOUNTS

Scholarship Fund	\$4,246.84
Bible Study	\$360.00
Flower Fund	\$2,076.38
Bereavement	\$3,279.51
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$1,803.76
Social Hour Funds	\$1,176.86
Young Adult	\$2,569.68
Building	\$4,116.69
Playground	\$1,843.42
Youth Group Funds	\$11,773.29
CCD	\$9,292.84
VBS	\$1,035.40
Pantry	\$934.96
Poor	\$8,455.81
Altar Society	\$144.02
Every day checking	\$100,366.72
TOTAL	\$153,476.18

Gaming	\$670.27
Savings	\$208,286.87

2nd Quarter Fiscal Year
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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.

St. Lawrence Community

This Week's Birthdays- Jan 17 -Samatha Rader, Jan 20 -Admilldo Garcia Jan 21-Lisa Figlestahler

Rosary Makers meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 5-7 in Blandford Hall. Drop in and stay as long as you like. Contact Donna Nicolette for more information.

Candlemas Potluck Celebration Breakfast will be next 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 February 3. 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

Women's Ministry meets every other month on Saturdays in the Family Life Center. They enjoy brunch, comradery, communal prayer and supporting women and families in our church. Contact Diana Nichols or Donna House. The next meeting is March 14th.



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 Barnabus	Carolyn Bond			


St. Lawrence Appreciates



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American Legion Post 34
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"Come join the family"
Monthly meeting every
4th Tuesday @ 6:00
pm

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



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