

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

120 N. Gatewood Street, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

April 21, 2024
Fourth 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

Holy Day Masses

11:30am & 6:00pm

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!

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

April 21-April 27, 2024

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| <p>Sunday, April 21 8:45am Reconciliation 9:30am Mass 10:30 Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast 11am CCD, Youth Group, OCIA 6:00pm Spanish Mass</p> | <p>Monday, April 22 Office Closed 6pm Bible Study-FLC</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, April 23 6pm Mass 6:30pm Parish Council meeting</p> | <p>Wednesday, April 24 8:30am Mass 9am – 8pm Adoration 6pm Movie Night 8pm Benediction</p> |
| <p>Thursday, April 25 8:30am Mass</p> | <p>Friday, April 26 11:30am Mass</p> |
| <p>Saturday, April 27 9am Church & Rectory Lawn Clean-Up 4:45pm Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass</p> | <p>Live stream Sundays on YouTube, Facebook., FM 76</p> <p>More events at: www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news</p> |

St. Lawrence Worships

Reflections on Parts of the Mass

Forgiveness at Mass

The Sacrament of Penance is the Church's special celebration of pardon, but forgiveness of sins is also one of the fruits of the Mass. There are many moments throughout the Eucharistic celebration when the texts and gestures of the Mass express the community's sorrow for sins.

We begin with the Penitential Act, which includes striking the breast in a simple gesture of sorrow. The presider then asks that God have mercy on us and forgive our sins. On Sundays, this penitential rite may be replaced with a sprinkling rite, signifying our purification.

While singing the Glory to God and the Lamb of God, we ask the One who takes away the sins of the world to have mercy on us.

When the deacon or priest kisses the Gospel, he prays that its words may wipe away our sins. While washing his hands, the priest asks God to wash away his iniquity and cleanse him of sin.

During the Lord's Prayer, we all ask God to forgive us our sins.

And, of course, the sharing of Communion itself forgives sins (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1393–1394).

The main purposes of Mass are to express thanks and praise to God and to sanctify the assembly through Holy Communion. But one of the other results is the forgiveness of sins.

The faithful who are aware of grave sin should celebrate the Sacrament of Penance before presenting themselves for Communion. Reconciliation is advised for all, no matter how light our sins may be. But the faithful struggling with ordinary sinful lives may find assurance that their participation at Mass will grant forgiveness through word, gesture and sacrament.

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Liturgical Ministers

| Date | Time | Sacristan | EMOHC | Lectors | Greeters | | Musician |
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| April 20 | 5:30pm | Lupe | Mary Jo | Sally & Mary C | Lisa & Brenda P | | Avelyn |
| April 21 | 9:30am | Lupe | Joquina & John C | Diana N & Tina | Denis & Kathy | | Libby |
| April 27 | 5:30pm | Anna | John T | Annette & Mary Jo | Lisa & Sally | | Avelyn |
| April 28 | 9:30am | John C | Anita & Jeff W | Bill G & Sue | Bill & Jeanette | | Jane |

This Week's Mass Readings Scan here:



Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | April | 20 | †Jim & Lucy Cox |
| Sunday | April | 21 | †Bill & Deloris Stillwell |
| Tuesday | April | 23 | †Margaret, Walter & Louise Timmerman |
| Wednesday | April | 24 | †Mr. & Mrs. Joseph True |
| Thursday | April | 25 | Juan Guzman Camarena(i) |
| Friday | April | 26 | †Daniel Timmerman |

St. Lawrence Prays

For Those in Need

Parishioners: Betty Butler, Rosalie Covello, Jack Durkan, Terry Elder, Jo Johnson, Kathy Mirilovich, Bob Moses, Bob Simon, Dr. Glyn Caldwell, Maria Sepulveda; Shirley Norris, Gale Twohig; Jim Bach

Family & Relatives: Margaret Boyle, (M Friel); Barbara Cann, (L. Cann); Kenny Blair (P. Crane); Pam Hall (B. Sloan); Alli Johnson (Jo J); Jill Thompson, (D. King) , Martha Clark (N Thompson); Tim Tucker, Donna Amody, Bobby Hunter (S. Rue); Caroline Elder (MJ Timmerman); Douglas Wade Jr. (J. Wade); Max Wilburn, Julie Van Hook (M White); Michael Caldwell (G. Caldwell); Josh Miner (S. Higgins); Ann Simpson (A. Pike); Fr. Steve's parents (Fr. Steve); Rachel Burdge (J. Martin); Joe Dant, (J. Thompson); Dr. Dave Doering (MJ Timmerman); Ivanna Sepulveda, (H. Sepulveda); Carolyn & Ralph Booth (M. Yeager)

Friends: Shirley Durr, (J. Bozorgzad); Deacon David Costello, Dan Cunningham, Shannon Wheeler (A. Dull); Houghland Family, (K. Mirilovich); Gene Laffoon, (MJ Timmerman); Rev. Rodney Stewart-Wilcox & Rev. Ronda Stewart-Wilcox (R. Redden), Marguerite Wordell, Mikal McClung (P. Marraccini); Angelina Bermudez, Virginia Dunning (Dunning Family) Family of Barbara Joyce Holsbeke (G. Holsbeke) Hayley Carey (S Higgins) Danny McCann (J. Thompson)

Those who serve our country: GySgt Shane Carey, Alex Crane, Hugh Devane, Konner Larson, David Lanier Jr., Colt Litkenhus, Mike LoSchiavo Jr. Carson Lowe, Travis Nicolette, Bill Redding, Todd Rucker, Matthew Spencer, Brian Thompson.

Reflections on the Our Father

Father . . . Abba

This a reflection from the great Doctor of the Church on prayer St. Teresa of Avila on God as our Father in a section called "Christ, Our Brother."

Oh, Son of God and my Lord! How is it that you give us so much to think about with the very first word (*Abba*)? You so humble yourself as to unite yourself with us in our petitions and to make yourself the brother of creatures so vile and miserable as we are! How is it that in the name of the Father you give us all that can be given? Is it not that you wish him to regard us as his children? Since your desire cannot go unheeded, you oblige him to fulfill it; and that is no small task. Because he is our Father, he must bear with us, despite the gravity of our offenses. He must pardon us when, like the prodigal son, we return to him. He must console us in our trials. He must

care for us in a manner becoming of a divine Father. Since he possesses all perfections, he will of necessity be a better Father than all earthly fathers. And in addition to all this, he must make us partakers of his riches and coheirs with you.

From: *The Way of Prayer: Learning to Pray the Our Father* p.18. From St. Teresa of Avila's *The Way of Perfection*.

St. Lawrence Formation

NEW Formation Opportunity for Adults!

Beginning on May 5th, we will begin a new adult education program at St. Lawrence Parish. Every Sunday, at 11:00am, we will have a book discussion in Blandford Hall. So go to Mass, enjoy some coffee and donuts in the Parish Life Center and then come up to Blandford Hall for a great book discussion. This will be an ongoing program!

The first book we will be discussing is *The Eight Doors of the Kingdom* by Fr. Jacques Philippe, which is a spiritual guide to Jesus' paradoxical and puzzling Beatitudes. Fr Philippe is one of the popular Catholic spiritual writers in the world today! The discussion will be led by Fr. Steve and Mike Armstrong, a parishioner and the head of young adult and youth ministry in the diocese.

Benedictus Book Store will be here next weekend, April 27th and April 28th, to sell the books or you can buy them on Amazon. St. Lawrence gets a small proceed if the books are purchased from Benedictus on the 27th. We will try to have some books available if you don't get to purchase one beforehand. We hope to have babysitting available also!

Spiritual Directions

FROM SNARLY SPEECH TO SPEECH GLORIFYING GOD (Part 3)

For the last couple of weeks, we have concentrated on the notion that as we move closer to Christ and grow in our relationship with Him, our speech gives more and more glory to God. We humans are unique in our incredible ability to communicate, and this gift of human speech is ultimately to give praise and glory to God.

We have seen that the New Testament reveals our speech can be used as a powerful weapon against others and cause great damage. Chapter 3 of the Letter of James tells us that our speech can be very difficult to control.

Jesus' insight about human speech is that it reveals what's truly in our hearts and that we'll be judged on the words we speak. We need to pray for the grace of the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts into the heart of Jesus!

We also noted that our speech should follow the great commandments of loving God and loving neighbor.

Last week, I mentioned, that St. Ignatius of Loyola suggested that when we uncharitably and with no good purpose expose the moral sin of someone else, it's as if that we ourselves committed that sin. The same holds true for venial sins!

I'll end this section of "Spiritual Directions" concerning speech with a personal story. There was a great guy in my seminary class who everyone knew was just special. He seemed so close to God. We were on a trip, and I forgot my Breviary, the pray book that priests, deacons and many lay people pray throughout the day. I asked my friend if I could borrow his prayer book. When I

opened it, on the homemade bookmark he used to mark the correct page, my friend had written “Lord, give me the gift of charitable speech today.” I then realized why my fellow seminarian was so close to God and was so different than everyone else. My friend prayed this prayer every day!

What a great prayer for all of us as we face the day and try to love God and love neighbor with our speech: **“Lord, give me the gift of charitable speech today.”**

Did Jesus Really Rise From the Dead?

The Remarkable Rise of the Christian Movement

The names John the Baptist, Judas the Galilean, Simon, Anthronges, Eleazar ben Deinaus and Alexander, Menahem, Simon bar Giora, and bar-Kochba are names of leaders of Jewish movements of revolt around the time of Jesus.

In each of these movements, after the defeat of their leader by the Roman authorities, the remaining followers of these leaders were either rounded up or they melted away into the background of history.

This did not happen with the Jesus movement!!!

In the very unique case of the Jesus movement, the followers of Jesus claimed that he had been raised from the dead and that Israel’s great expectation of restoration would actually come true through the very strange and unexpected story of Jesus the Messiah.

And not only that, the followers of Jesus began to worship him and afford him divine status, which would separate them from the very synagogues they belonged and would bring about their continued persecution; and that they would proclaim this strange story to the ends of the known world.

The uniqueness of the Jesus movement leads to questions such as:

Why didn’t the Jesus movement follow the patterns of other groups whose leaders had been persecuted?

Why did it uniquely consider Jesus as its continued leader after the Crucifixion?

Why did it consider Jesus (to be the fulfillment of Israel’s destiny even after the Crucifixion)?

Why did it organize itself so uniquely?

Why did it worship Jesus as Lord and endure persecution for that worship?

How did it become one of the most inspired and dynamically expansive missionary movements in the history of religions with a well-known, publically humiliated and executed “Messiah” as its sole leader?

An answer to each of these interesting and legitimate questions is the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead and the power of the Holy Spirit sent by Jesus upon the Christian movement at Pentecost.

Other Events

Next week, April 27th, we will welcome Fr. Danny Taylor, Director of Vocations for the Lexington Diocese, for Saturday Mass who will be filling in for Fr. Steve who will be officiating at a wedding.

Catholic Way Bible Study resumes Monday April 22nd at 6pm in the FLC.

Movie Night continues April 24th at 6pm in the Family Life Center. We are watching Bishop Barron's Catholicism Project, "Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man."

Confirmation-Sunday April 28th Join us for this special celebration for our two Confirmandi as they confirm their bond with the Holy Spirit. The Bishop will be here for this special event.

Vacation Bible School is back. The date will be July 15-18 from 6pm-8:30pm at Lawrenceburg United Methodist Church. Volunteers needed! Call the office.

St. Lawrence Serves

Open Hands Pantry

If you would like to help feed the hungry of Anderson County, we always need the following non-perishable food items: Sugar, Peanut Butter, Canned Salmon, Canned Chicken, Canned Beef Stew, Green Beans, Corn, and Shelf Stable Milk.

St. Lawrence Gives

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| Saturday April 13 | 69 | Offertory | \$ pending |
| Sunday April 14 | 154 | Building | \$ pending |
| Domingo 14 abril | 18 | Diocesan Collection | \$ pending |

Other Events

Office closed on Monday 22nd while Anna is on vacation. During her absence we will not be counting the offertory donations. We will resume normal operations when she returns April 24th.

Kroger Rewards Program is a Community Rewards fundraising program which benefits St. Lawrence every time an "enrolled" Kroger Plus Card is scanned to buy groceries. In order for our parish to receive this Rewards money, you must apply online

St. Lawrence Community

Ministry Committee Chairs

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| Pastoral Council | Tony Silvernail | Finance Council | Annette Riddle |
| Liturgy | Deacon Chris Cecil | Formation | Robin Basham |
| Sacristans | Lupe Sepulveda | Altar Servers | Deacon Chris Cecil |
| EMOHC | Monty Collingsworth | Lectors | Sue Litkenhus |
| Greeters | Denis King | Altar Society | Cathy Figlestahler, Robin Basham |
| Homebound Ministry | Joy Bozorgzad | Funeral Coordinator | |
| 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 | Vanna Armstrong, Diana Nichols |

This Week's Birthdays

April 22 Bobby Crane, John Friel, Noah Greer; **April 23** Jennifer Shuttleworth; **April 24** Leoncio Fajardo, Glenda Luckett; **April 25** Dante Aleman, Mark Marraccini, Hannah Meirs; **April 27** Dwayne Clemons

Condolences

We offer our deepest condolences to Terry and Charlene Cherry on the loss of Terry's mother, Velva Dean Cherry. *"May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace."*

Other Events

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast is Sunday morning after Mass.

Parish Council will meet Tuesday, April 23, at 6:30pm.

The Mowing Team is looking for people to partner up and form teams to help mow the church and rectory grounds. Contact Bob Figlestahler at 502-598-9287 for more information.

Diocese of Lexington Events

Second Collection for Home Missions

The Annual Collection for Home Missions will be taken up next weekend April 27th and 28th. What is a home mission diocese? Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions. Please give generously to The Home Missions Collection.

The Magnificat Breakfast will be on April 27, 2024 at 9AM at Christ the King Cathedral, 299 Colony Blvd., Lexington, KY (Hehman Hall). Speakers will be mother and daughter, Vicki and Jordan Luciano from Lexington. RSVP by April 13 at magnificatrsvp@gmail.com.

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