

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

120 N. Gatewood Street, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday, the Resurrection of the Lord

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

March 31-April 6, 2024

Sunday, March 31 8:45am Reconciliation 9:30am Mass 6:00pm Spanish Mass	Monday, April 1 Office Closed
Tuesday, April 2 6pm Mass 6:30 Pastoral Council Meeting	Wednesday, April 3 8:30am Mass 9am – 8pm Adoration Movie Night 6pm 8pm Benediction
Thursday, April 4 6pm Mass	Friday, April 5 6:00pm Mass
Saturday, April 6 9am First Communion Retreat & First Reconciliation 7:45pm Reconciliation 8:30pm Mass	Live stream Sundays on YouTube, Facebook., FM 76 More events at: www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news

St. Lawrence Worships

Reflections on Parts of the Mass

Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. On this day, the disciples saw the empty tomb, and the Risen Christ began to appear to them. Easter celebrates our belief in life after death. It ranks first among the feasts of the church.

The Easter Sunday Mass differs a bit from others. The new Paschal candle is lighted and stands near the ambo. Having omitted the Glory to God throughout the season of Lent, we sing it again. The Easter sequence is said or sung after the Second Reading. During Lent, we sang a different acclamation before the Gospel, but now we again sing “Alleluia.” In the United States, the Creed may be replaced with the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the sprinkling of holy water on this day.

There are small changes to the Eucharistic Prayer. If you are alert, you will hear during the Preface that Christ became our paschal sacrifice “on this day.” If the priest is using Eucharistic Prayer I, he announces that this is the day of the Resurrection of the Lord and that the community prays especially for those newly baptized at the Easter Vigil.

At the end of the Mass, the deacon or priest adds two “alleluias” to the words of dismissal, and you respond, “Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.”

Attendance is strong on Easter, as all those who profess faith in Christ join together in a single celebration. Many worshipers like to dress up for the occasion. The main Easter liturgy is the Easter Vigil on Saturday night, and all Catholics should make every effort to participate in it. But Easter Sunday remains a popular choice for affirming one’s faith in the Risen Christ.

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Liturgical Ministers

Date	Time	Sacristan	EMOHC	Lectors	Greeters		Musician
March 30	8:30pm	Robin	Anna	Joann G. Annette, Dave N. Mary C. Sue Bill G. Marcia & Dave	Anna & Robin	Incense	Jane
March 31	9:30am	John S.	Anita & Andrea	Mary Jo & Tina	Kathy M. & Denis		Libby
April 6	5:30pm	Rochelle	Joy	Anne G & Sally	Lisa & Andrea		Avelyn
April 7	9:30am	Robin	Tina & Monty	Andy & Dave	Jeanette & Bill		Libby

This Week's Mass Readings Scan here:



Mass Intentions

Saturday	March	30	Penny Hitchcock (i)
Sunday	March	31	† Juan Guzman Jimenez
Domingo	marzo	31	† Souls of Purgatory
Tuesday	April	2	†Mike & Daniel Timmerman
Wednesday	April	3	Sheila Terry (i)
Thursday	April	4	† Anthony LoSchiavo
Friday	April	5	†Joe Hart Sr.

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

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)

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

Structure of the Our Father . . . continued.

Last Sunday we saw that the structure of the Our Father is basically a greeting (“Our Father who art in heaven”) and then 7 petitions (in the more developed version given to us by St. Matthew). And we also saw that the first three petitions are known as the “Thou Petitions” and concern our relationship with God; and the last 4 petitions are known as the “we” or “us petitions” and concern ourselves.

St. Thomas Aquinas asserted that “The Lord’s Prayer is the most perfect of prayers. . . In it, we ask not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired. This prayer not only teaches us to ask for things, but in what order we should ask them.”

We also saw that this basic structure, where our attention to God is the priority, is also repeated in the Ten Commandments (the first three commandments focus on God) and in Jesus’ teaching on the great commandment of loving God, and then loving neighbor!

It is not that God is some narcissistic, attention-seeking God! God is completely self-sufficient and needs nothing, even us. God greatly desires a relationship with us, but God needs nothing!

Instead, the order of focusing of God first and then focusing on our neighbors and ourselves second drives home the point of our great need for God! Left on our own, many times we will choose things that either explicitly or implicitly suit our own way of doing things that are not in conformity with God’s will for our lives. God’s will for our lives will lead to a more fulfilling life than anything we could ever imagine for ourselves! When our priority is God first, our lives will be oriented in the proper direction and God will provide us the grace to do the difficult things as His grace will allow us to rise us above our own self-absorption and do His will!

St. Lawrence Formation

Spiritual Directions

FROM IMPOSSIBLE TO POSSIBLE

Easter, the celebration of Jesus rising from the dead should lead us to realize that with God. . . all things are possible! One of the most difficult things to do in the spiritual life is to give up control and to trust God . . . completely! We, ourselves, are mortal, finite and in reality, have very limited power and control. But God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and all loving. God’s self-sacrificial love is the most powerful force in the universe.

In 2 Corinthians, St. Paul writes that when he is weak, then he is strong! This paradoxical statement is at the heart of the Christian spiritual life. When we surrender things to God and realize how impotent we truly are on our own, we allow the power and love of God, again the most force in the cosmos, to work through us. As God told St. Paul, “My grace is sufficient for you!”

Now this doesn’t mean that things will always work out like we would like or how we would have done things, but it does mean that when we surrender to the ways and power of God, we are participating in God’s grand story of the salvation of the world! And hopefully, when we meet God face to face, we will get a glimpse of God’s grand design for us and the world! With God, all things are possible!

Did Jesus Really Rise From the Dead?

St. Paul said it best when he wrote to the church in Corinth: “. . . if Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain. . .”

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the major tenant of the Christian faith. If it did not happen, then our faith is truly in vain and the heck with Jesus and the heck with Christianity.

By faith, we Christians believe in the resurrection of Jesus, but our faith is a reasonable faith. As a

matter of fact, many scholars make the assertion that when looking at the historical evidence that is criteria and methods used by historians, the best explanation for the historical data we have is that Jesus did indeed rise from the dead.

For the next several weeks, during the Easter season, I'll present some of that historical data.

St. Paul's Testimony of Eyewitnesses in 1st Corinthians (15:3-8)

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures;
that he was buried;
that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures;
that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once,
most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.

After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me.

Some key points:

-St. Paul as the author of 1st Corinthians is not disputed.

-Paul arrived in Corinth around 51 AD and wrote this letter around 53 AD—just 20 years after the Resurrection. So, eyewitness to the risen Jesus were still around!!!

-Part of this letter is written in a formulaic fashion:
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that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.

This suggests that this formula was circulating within the Christian community at an earlier date.

-Paul names eyewitnesses to the Resurrection (and not just a few) who were still around to support the appearance of the risen of an historical fact (Cephas, the Twelve, 500 or so more, James, and Paul himself). The way Paul writes, he is encouraging his Corinthian readers to “check it out”, to ask around, to find the eyewitnesses and ask them about their experience of the risen Jesus. It would have been disastrous for Paul, his reputation and his mission, to encourage the searching out of eyewitnesses if it the Resurrection were not true.

-When Paul witnessed the Risen Jesus on the road to Damascus, according to his own testimony (Galatians 1:11-20), his life was radically changed. And because of his experience of and his belief in the risen Jesus, St. Paul suffered many hardships as he recounts in his 2nd letter to the Corinthians (11:24-31):

Five times at the hands of the Jews I received forty lashes minus one, three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I passed a night and a day on the deep; on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my own race, dangers from Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers at sea, dangers among false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many sleepless nights, through hunger and thirst, through frequent fasting, through cold and exposure. And apart from these things, there is the daily pressure

upon me of my anxiety for all the churches.

In addition, St. Paul was eventually martyred. Can there be much doubt that St. Paul experienced the Risen Lord?

-Paul was a God-fearing Jew and he knew what a serious offense against God it would be for him to mislead someone concerning God and God's plan of salvation. If Paul were lying or playing loose with the facts, he would have to answer to God for it because so much was at stake.

Other Events

First Communion Retreat and Reconciliation is on Saturday April 6th from 9am-12 noon. All students making first communion must attend.

Movie Night is April 3rd at 6pm in the Family Life Center. The 4th season of "The Chosen" has not yet been released. We will be watching Bishop Barron's Catholicism Project, "Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man."

Catholic Way Bible Study will resume Monday April 8th at 6pm in the FLC

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

Anderson United Free Clinic

Thank you to all who made the 2024 Anderson United Clinic so successful. There were a total of 260 volunteers, 29 from St. Lawrence! Your generous donations of food, paper goods, clothing, socks and underwear brought joy to many of the 319 clinic guests. My heart is overflowing with gratitude and pride for your generosity and support of Anderson United. Thank you! Andrea

Open Hands Pantry

If you would like to help feed the hungry of Anderson County, we need the following non-perishable food items. **Pantry Menu April 4, 2024:** Sloppy Joes, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips, Cookies or Brownies. **Non-perishable Pantry Needs:** Cole Slaw Dressing, Baked Beans

St. Lawrence Gives

Saturday March 23rd	65	Offertory	\$4,442
Sunday March 24th	163	Building	\$70
Domingo 24 marzo	38	Diocesan Collection	\$115

Other Events

Office closed on Mondays April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd. Aprils 1st is Easter Monday and is generally closed. The other days are closed as Anna is going 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

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

March 31-Connor Armstrong; April 1-Avigail Fajardo-Rodriguez; April 3-Roger Futrell, Jeanette Pfalzer, Leyton Sexton; April 4-Horatio Garcia; April 6-Angela Wickman

Other Events

Fish Fry Thank you to all of those volunteers for generously giving your time and braving the weather. Thank you to everyone that cleaned up on Saturdays! Numbers will be published after all bills are received and invoices paid.

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.

Church and Rectory grounds clean up, Saturday, April 13th, 9am. We need several people to assist with weeding, planting, and general clean up Contact Tony Silvernail at 502-320-1883.

Diocese of Lexington Events

Over the weekend it was announced in the parishes affected that on July 1:

- Father David Wheeler will become Pastor of Saint Michael in Paintsville
- Father Michael Flanagan will become Parochial Vicar of Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary
- Father Ben Horn will become Parochial Vicar of Saint Mildred in Somerset
- Father Derek Van Daniker will become Parochial Vicar at Cathedral of Christ the King