

# Saint Lawrence Catholic Church

120 N. Gatewood Street, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

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May 19, 2024  
Pentecost Sunday

**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

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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](mailto: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

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Live stream Sunday Mass on YouTube, Facebook, FM 76  
[stlawrencenews@cdlex.org](mailto:stlawrencenews@cdlex.org)  
[www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org](http://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

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**May 19-May 25, 2024**

<b>Sunday, May 19</b> 8:45am Reconciliation 9:30am Mass 10:30am K of C Pancake Breakfast 11:00am Book Discussion Group-Blandford 12:00noon Altar Servers Training-Blandford 6:00pm Spanish Mass	<b>Monday, May 20</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 21</b> 6pm Mass	<b>Wednesday, May 22</b> 8:30am Mass 9:00am – 8:00pm Adoration 6:00pm Movie Night 8:00pm Benediction
<b>Thursday, May 23</b> 8:30am Mass	<b>Friday, May 24</b> 11:30am Mass
<b>Saturday, May 25</b> 4:45pm Reconciliation 5:30pm Mass	<b>Live stream Sundays on YouTube, Facebook., FM 76</b>  <b>More events at:</b> <a href="http://www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news">www.saintlawrencecatholicchurch.org/news</a>

# St. Lawrence Worships

## Reflections on Parts of the Mass

### The Creed

The Creed may not be the most boring part of Mass, but in many churches, it contends mightily. It's long. It's the same thing week after week. It's hard to understand. People mumble it. You may hear people praise their church for its great music, an insightful preacher, outstanding lectors, beautiful art, or even convenient parking. But no one brags that their church has a rip-roaring experience at the Creed. What to do? Some places just skip it. Others take the bull by the horns and sing the darn thing. You can even hear it sung in Latin if you know where to go. The liturgy itself offers a couple ways to break the monotony. During Lent and Easter and at children's Masses, for example, we may recite the Apostles' Creed instead. You probably know the Apostles' Creed as the one that begins the Rosary. It's shorter than the Nicene Creed. That's supposed to make it more appealing to children. Legend has it that the Apostles formulated the one named for them.

History has it that the Council of Constantinople (381) formulated the beliefs proclaimed by the Council of Nicaea in 325. The Nicene Creed found its way into the weekly liturgy between the fifth and the eleventh centuries.

One way to add variety to the Creed is by turning it into a question and answer device. This happens at the Easter Vigil, and, in the United States, on Easter Sunday Masses. This practice restores the Creed to its most ancient structure. Back in the second and third centuries, creeds took this form at the Baptism of new Christians. "Do you believe . . . ?" "I do." And down they'd go into the water. Ever since Matthew closed his Gospel with Jesus urging us to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, creeds have taken this three-part structure.

The purpose of the Creed is to express with conviction the heart of what we believe. It doesn't include Catholic issues the media like to chew on: celibacy, all-male leadership, and the Church's positions on morality. Some elements of Catholic life have changed over the years and could change again. The Creed stays the same. Sadly, the secular press never gives us Easter headlines boasting, "Thousands Profess Faith in Christ at Easter Vigil." That's not news.

We know better. It's good news. It's worth saying over and over again, week after week, in a long mantra that gives us unity, pride, and faith.

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## Liturgical Ministers

Date	Time	Sacristan	EMOHC	Lectors	Greeters	Musician
May 18	5:30pm	Lisa	Mary Jo	Mary C & Annette	Jim & Jeanne	Avelyn
May 19	9:30am	Lupe	Rochelle & Anita	Sue & Bill G	Denis & Kathy	Libby
19 de mayo	6:00pm			Oswaldo & Jhovanna		
May 25	5:30pm	Lisa	John T	Anne G & Sally	Brenda & Ron S	Avelyn
May 26	9:30am	John	Jeff W & Robert C	Diana N & Dave	Rochelle & Tony	Jane
26 de mayo	6:00pm			Karina & Leoncio		

This Week's Mass Readings Scan here:



## Mass Intentions

Saturday	May	18	†Eddie Ray Simpson & †Pam Borkowski
Sunday	May	19	†Velva Dean Cherry
Sunday	May	19	†Souls of Purgatory
Tuesday	May	21	†Anthony LoSchiavo
Wednesday	May	22	Carlos Guzman Camarena (i)
Thursday	May	23	Pati(i)
Friday	May	24	† Charlie & Theresa Wedding

## Other Events

**Altar Servers Training** will be Saturday May 18 at 6:30pm and Sunday May 19 at 12:00 noon in Blandford Hall.

## St. Lawrence Prays

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### For Those in Need

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

**Family & Relatives:** 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 Amodity, 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); Sally Alfonsi (S Higgins); Erica, John & James Nelson, Ryan Bickell(A. Dull); Nina Larson (A Courtney) Cynthia & Alan McMillen, Susie & Bob Schutz (M. Roark);

**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); Lavolia Snell (S Higgins); Gary Briscoe (B Sloan); Richard, Jeff & Iva Warren (M. Roark);

**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, Clayton Riddle, Todd Rucker, Matthew Spencer, Brian Thompson,.

## Reflections on the Our Father

### Abba. . .Father

The following is from Fr. Philip Kosloski, published on the *Aleteia* website on 5/08/24

#### How our earthly fathers influence our image of God

*It can be difficult to call God "Father" when our own earthly father has disappointed us or maybe even abandoned us.*

Many of us have a difficult time calling God “Father.” Whenever we do, a flood of earthly images can come into our minds. As much as we might try to deny it, our own experience with fathers plays a pivotal role in how we view God.

#### *Loving fathers*

If we have a father who loves us and who is merciful with us, it should be relatively easy to imagine a God who is the perfection of that love and mercy. Our earthly father may have a similar heart to the father in the Prodigal Son, a father with arms open wide, ready and willing to accept us when we fall.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux had such a saintly father, who showed her the Father’s love at an early age and made it easy for her to love God.

#### *Absent fathers*

Then there is the other extreme of fathers who either abandon their children or inflict pain and suffering on them. If we have such a father, we will likely grow up thinking that all fathers are like that. A merciful and loving God will seem like an impossibility.

For many of us, this is one of the biggest stumbling blocks to opening our hearts to God.

#### *Purifying our images*

The [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#) mentions this reality in its section on the Lord’s Prayer, reminding us that we need to purify our images of fatherhood:

Before we make our own this first exclamation of the Lord’s Prayer, we must humbly cleanse our hearts of certain false images drawn “from this world.” Humility makes us recognize that “no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him,” that is, “to little children.” The purification of our hearts has to do with paternal or maternal images, stemming from our personal and cultural history, and influencing our relationship with God. (CCC 2779)

The key for us is to recognize that God is the source of true fatherhood. We did not impose the title “Father” on God, but God revealed it to us: God our Father transcends the categories of the created world. To impose our own ideas in this area “upon him” would be to fabricate idols to adore or pull down. To pray to the Father is to enter into his mystery as he is and as the Son has revealed him to us. (CCC 2779)

Whenever we call God “Father,” we need to remember that his fatherhood is not based on our dad, but that all dads are called to be like God our Heavenly Father.

# St. Lawrence Formation

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## NEW Formation Opportunity for Young Adults!

**New Young Adult Ministry-“Dinner with the Gospel”**-Beginning June 1st, we are starting a new Young Adult Ministry. After the Saturday evening Mass, we will meet at the Rectory for a meal and then a discussion on the week’s Gospel and how it applies to the lives of young adults. This will be an ongoing event.

## Formation Opportunity for Adults!

Our book study will continue every Sunday, at 11:00am in Blandford Hall. 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!

We are discussing *The Eight Doors of the Kingdom* by Fr. Jacques Philippe, which is a spiritual guide on the Beatitudes.

Child Care for children 12 and under will be provided during the book group by parish volunteers.

## Spiritual Directions

### FROM FRIENDSHIP TO CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP (3)

#### C.S. Lewis on Friendship

One of the great Christian apologists in the modern era was C.S. Lewis (1898-1963). He was an academic, a professor of literature at both Oxford and Cambridge. He converted to Christianity after being an atheist. He was a practicing Anglican and lay Christian theologian. He wrote many books including the fictional *Chronicles of Narnia* and *Screwtape Letters* and non-fiction works such as *Mere Christianity* and *The Four Loves*.

The following are short excerpts from *The Four Loves* where Lewis compares romantic love (*eros*) with friendship love (*philia*).

*But very few modern people think friendship a love of comparable value, or even a love at all. To the ancients, friendship seemed the happiest and most fully human of all love; the crown of life and the school of virtue. (p. 57)*

*... few value friendship because few experience it. (p. 58)*

*Those who cannot conceive friendship as a substantive love, but only as a disguise or elaboration of Eros and betray the fact that they have never had a Friend. The rest of us know that though we can have erotic love and friendship for the same person, yet in some ways, nothing is less like a Friendship than a love-affair. Lovers are always talking to one another about their love; Friends hardly ever about their friendship. Lovers are normally face to face, absorbed in each other; Friends, side by side, absorbed in some common interest. Above all, Eros (while it lasts) is necessarily between two only. But two, far from being the necessary number for friendship, is not even the best. (p.61)*

In these excerpts, Lewis emphasizes what we know about Christian friendship.

A true Christian friendship is a gift from God and has infinite value.

In addition, a true Christian friendship is not just a relationship between two people. A Christian friendship is composed of three, with the two friends facing a third person. Jesus Christ!

## Did Jesus Really Rise From the Dead?

### Other Explanations . . . do they really fit with the historical data?

So far, we have examined some of the historical data that suggests that the most likely explanation for the Jesus movement is that Jesus did indeed rise from the dead. There have been many other attempts to explain what happened. Now, we will look at some of those possible explanations and see if they hold up to the historical data we have.

### Conspiracy Theory

The first counter-explanation of the empty tomb was that the disciples stole the body of Jesus and lied about his appearance, thus faking the resurrection.

Today, using modern historical critical scholarship, this explanation has essentially been abandoned by anyone who seriously looks at the historical data. It would explain the empty tomb (the disciples stole the body) and the post-resurrection appearances (disciples made them up), but the other historical facts such as recording that women were the first witnesses, the notion of resurrection of the body and the type of resurrected body that was so unexpected. This would have made their story more difficult to believe.

But this theory's greatest difficulty is the unlikely actions of the apostles after they witnessed the risen Lord. How many would have endured the hardships they endured and undergone martyrdom for a lie that they had made up. In addition, with the number of witnesses who are recorded to have seen the risen Jesus, such a conspiracy would have been almost impossible to maintain any credibility. Someone would have talked. And it is doubtful that the Jesus movement would have spread the way it did if there was such a conspiracy.

### Other Events

**Movie Night** continues May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in the FLC with Bishop Barron's Catholicism Project, If you have questions, call Bill Pfalzer.

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

**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. Looking for bilingual members to help assist with welcoming our Hispanic community. After contacting our newest parishioners this year, we would like to plan a homecoming event to welcome and reconnect with some of our former parishioners as well as welcome anyone in the community (not currently active) looking for a church home.

## St. Lawrence Serves

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### Open Hands Pantry

If you would like to help feed the hungry of Anderson County, we need the following non-perishable food items to prepare our dinner. Needed items: 1 salsa, mild, 1 salsa, hot, Old El Paso refried beans, canned diced jalapenos, rice, taco seasoning packets, canned diced tomatoes, chicken broth. The next meal will be June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please place all donated items in the basket in the narthex by Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you. Always needed: cooking oil, sugar, peanut butter, canned salmon, canned beef stew, canned chicken.



## St. Lawrence Gives

Saturday May 11	76	Offertory	\$ 4,159
Sunday May 12	112	Building	\$ 115
Domingo 12 mayo	22	Diocesan Collection	\$ 203

**2023 Rev. Charles J. McDonald Scholarship Deadline for applications (postmarked by the USPS) is May 31, 2024.** Applications are available in the narthex and can be mailed to the St. Lawrence parish office (120 N. Gatewood), emailed to [stlawrencenews@cdlex.org](mailto:stlawrencenews@cdlex.org), or left in the offertory basket in a marked envelope.

**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

**Avenues Clinic**, our local medical pregnancy resources center, is a pro-life ministry is focused on reaching those in our community who are considering or seeking an abortion. We have baby bottles available to fill with loose change to help support Avenues. Collection runs from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day.

## St. Lawrence Community

### Ministry Committee Chairs

<b>Pastoral Council</b>	Tony Silvernail	<b>Finance Council</b>	Annette Riddle
<b>Liturgy</b>	Deacon Chris Cecil	<b>Formation</b>	Robin Basham
<b>Sacristans</b>	Robin Basham	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Deacon Chris Cecil
<b>EMOHC</b>	Monty Collingsworth	<b>Lectors</b>	Sue Litkenhus
<b>Greeters</b>	Denis King	<b>Altar Society</b>	Cathy Figlestahler, Robin Basham
<b>Homebound Ministry</b>	Joy Bozorgzad	<b>Funeral Coordinator</b>	Pat Miller
<b>Bible Study</b>	Marcia Roark	<b>Mowing Team</b>	Bob Figlestahler
<b>Open Hands Food Pantry</b>	Andrea Dull, Lisa Cann	<b>Hispanic Committee</b>	Maria Gonzalez
<b>Knights of Columbus</b>	Johnny Benningfield	<b>Women’s Ministry</b>	Vanna Armstrong, Diana Nichols

### This Week’s Birthdays

**May 19** Rosalie Covello; **May 20** Isaiah Gettelfinger; **May 21** Andy Dull, Jessie Goodwin; **May 22** Joseph Cataldi; **May 23** Jeremy Hawkins, Erick Ramos

## Diocese of Lexington Events

Please join us in welcoming Fr. Ramirez to the Diocese! Fr. Andres Ramirez comes from the Diocese of Garzon in Colombia and currently, ministers at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Danville in the area of Hispanic Ministry. He has been appointed the Hispanic Deanery Coordinator of the Bluegrass West Deanery and the Bishop's Delegate for Conquistando las Naciones para Cristo.