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BULLETIN DEADLINE: The deadline for the bulletin is
Wednesday, 12 Noon. Please send your items to
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ARE YOU NEW AT ST. LAWRENCE? Want to register with our parish family? You can register online at www.stlawrencemuncie.com; fill out a registration form that are on the tables in the back of church; or stop by the Parish Office.

Dear Parishioners of St. Lawrence:

Holy Week is here. What a great opportunity to enter more fully into the holiest time of the year. Put aside as much time as you are able to participate in the central events of our faith.

This Sunday, Palm Sunday, reflect on what the palm means. We acclaim Jesus as Lord and King. But are we just waving a palm as though we were at a parade and then go back to what our life is really about – preoccupation with daily tasks and chores. Are we as fickle as the crowd waving the palm and by Friday yelling “crucify him!”? Will we journey with him in our own suffering, trusting in the Father, faithful to carrying out His will – and the cross given to us?

If anyone is able to make the journey to Lafayette on Tuesday and join in the celebration of the Chrism Mass, please do so. Join with the whole diocese as the Bishop blesses the sacred oils to be used throughout the year. Support the priests as we renew our dedication to serve the people of God – our parish family.

Holy Thursday, celebrating the event of the Last Supper in which Jesus gave us Himself in spiritual food in the Eucharist. How could anyone be given a greater gift! Though we can receive the Eucharist many times throughout the year, Holy Thursday is the day that began this gift by which Jesus wants to enter into full communion with us and share fully in our life – giving us His life, strength and intimacy.

Holy Thursday also recounts Jesus washing the feet of His disciples which reminds us that at the depth of the Eucharist is a call to service. To share in His life is also a call to share in service to others – to be one with Jesus in His purpose of life – “I came not to be served, but to serve, to give my life as a ransom for the many.” Bring a towel and symbolically allow Jesus to wash your feet.

Good Friday recalls His love that was willing “to lay down His life out of love for you.” Are there many who would do that for you? Do you really believe that you are so loved by Him that He endured the agony, suffering and death on the cross to reveal to you the depth of His love? In His suffering, see the cruelty of so many who live with such hatred within that they vent that hatred on innocent victims. It is good for us to see so that we might look within and ask God’s forgiveness for the wounds we’ve inflicted on others or harbored hatred within that poisons our soul and harms those around us. Good Friday reveals God’s goodness, humanity’s cruelty.

At the Holy Saturday Vigil we will be receiving eight people into the church through Baptism – a night that we see Christ as the light that shines in the darkness – the light that reflects the risen presence of Christ whose death did not and cannot destroy. Through the readings we recall God’s saving work through history – beginning with the story of Abraham, through Moses and the prophets – preparing us for His saving work through Jesus.

Easter is the core of our faith – that Jesus is alive, He conquered sin and death and remains among us – death has no power over Him. If we are united with Him, we too will share in His victory – life everlasting. Have a blessed Holy Week that you may have a joy-filled Easter!

Fr. Dave

PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sun. 25 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 8:00 a.m. Mass (✠Rodger Sherrill) CH
 10:00 a.m. Mass (✠Eva Moore) CH
 11-12:15 p.m. CCD Classes AH
 12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass (✠Daniel Pazak) AH

Mon. 26 Monday of Holy Week
 7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer CH
 8:00 a.m. Mass (✠Teresa Mast) CH
 5:15 p.m. Legion of Mary RD

Tues. 27 Tuesday of Holy Week
 7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer CH
 8:00 a.m. Mass (Int. of Jim & Jeanette Carnes) CH
 3:30-5pm or 6:30-8pm – Hearts of Hope AH
 6:30 p.m. Finance Council AH

Wed. 28 Wednesday of Holy Week
 7:40 a.m. Morning Prayer CH
 8:00 a.m. Mass (✠Ray Ehrlich) CH
6:30-9:00pm Confessions CH
 7-8:30 p.m. Adult Faith Formation (AFF) Mtg. AH

Thurs. 29 Holy Thursday
 No Morning Mass
 7:00 p.m. Mass (St. Lawrence Parish) CH
 8:30 p.m. Night Prayer CH
 Adoration until 10:00 p.m. CH

Fri. 30 Good Friday
 9:00 a.m. Church Cleaning
 12 Noon Stations of the Cross CH
 3:00 p.m. Good Friday Service CH

Pontifical Good Friday Collection Supports Christians in the Holy Land

Sat. 31 Holy Saturday
 8:30 a.m. Decorate for Easter CH
 9-12 Noon RCIA Retreat AH
 12 Noon Blessing of Easter bread/food CH
 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass (Newly Initiated Catholics) CH

Reception after in Agnes Hall

Sun. 1 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
 8:00 a.m. Mass (St. Lawrence) CH
 10:00 a.m. Mass (✠Marjorie Harty) CH
 12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass(✠Robert & Leona Kinnamon) CH

CH-church; RD-Rectory Dining; AH-St.Agnes Hall; RL-Rectory Living Room

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember the following parishioners in your prayers this week: Beth Kaiser, Sonja Bickey, Larry Tricker, Dick Hahn, Isaiah Greiner, Gloria Varner, Anne Rita Moloney, Dan Wade, Joe Morgan, Dale Goth, David Traub, Quenten Fabiano, JoAnn Brown, Dixie Lindsey, J.R. Cunningham, Miriam Walker, Charles Hiatt, Danny McDonald, Jr., Christina Benford, Adam Pence, Alex Pence, Anthony Pence, Paula Hughes, Joseph Jenkinson, Clara Persinger, Harry Metzger, Martha Jean McIntosh, Stacey Vencel, Noah Cross, Dorothy Duncan, Karl Read, George Crow, Marie Rhorer, Linda Goth, Pete Whitcomb, Betty Matchett, Richard Biehl, Bill Dominick, Jimmy Hossom, Betty Wright, Beverly Dalton, Don Phillips, Shirley Jordan, Kameron Kadinger, Joe Duncan, Melinda Haack, Travis Wenning, Shirley Phillips, John Persinger, Mary Kerrigan, Mary Bering, Dick and Lucille Kanney, and Sheila Dalton.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call Joan McKinley 716-7073 for the St. Lawrence Church Prayer Chain request.



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March

Formation in Spiritual Discernment – That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.



Please pray for those serving our country in the military – especially:

Davis Brown, William Cox, Samuel Douthitt, Zachery Douthitt, Matthew Evans, Malachi Greiner, Jared Hargis, Kyle Jones, Kyle & Leandra Long, Jon Powell, Stephen Smith, Kyle Stewart, Sam Tankersley, Thomas Tricker, Christopher Tolmachoff, and Tom Wright.

Pray for our Priests and Seminarians

Sun.	Fr. Stephen Duquaine	Andrew Morand
Mon.	Fr. Dale Ehrman	Tim Perry, p
Tues.	Dcn. John Etter	Joe Poremski, p
Wed.	Fr. Dennis Faker	Steve Seitz, p
Thurs.	Fr. Thomas Fox	James Shaw
Fri.	Fr. Samuel Futral	Chuck Springer, p
Sat.	Fr. Alan Funk	Will Summerlin

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

HOLY THURSDAY

	Readers	Altar Servers	E.M.H.C.	Greeters	Ushers
7:00	Kathy Taylor Carolann Mikesell	Volunteers	Nancy Hansan Deobrah Miller Deb Saxon	Volunteers	Volunteers

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 P.M.	Les Coutinho Jim Jones	Volunteers	Ronald Sells	Volunteers	Volunteers
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EASTER VIGIL – HOLY SATURDAY

8:30 P.M.	Marianne Vorhees Jeanette Carnes Amy Miller Deb Saxon Debbie Miller Michael Brand Kathy Taylor Epistle-Rob Frey		Tayla Greiner Julie Zvokel Mary Bowling 1 volunteer needed	Volunteers	Jim Carnes Skip Vorhees 2 volunteers needed
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EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 A.M.	Gail Gayda Lucia Hart	Rachel Waechter	Steve Baule Sydney Baule Marilyn Sherrill Nancy Taverna Lynette Varner	Volunteers	Jerry Bricker Mary Burford Sheila Caudill Jack Holland
10:00 A.M.	Mary Cox Les Coutinho	Alex Cox Ava Echelbarger	Judy Adams Mary Bowling Kathy Brinson Bob Carpenter Lea Carpenter Bridget Cole Sandra Malerbi	Volunteers	John Coutinho Jeff Huff Greg Smith Michael Wallace



RICE BOWLS

Please turn in your Rice Bowls this Sunday - Palm Sunday. There are two receptacles up front— one by the Blessed Mother’s altar and one on the St. Joseph’s side. Please place your Rice Bowls in one of them.

EASTER FLOWERS

Envelopes to help defray the cost of flowers and Church furnishings for the Easter season are in the pews. **Please place your donation in the collection basket this weekend – March 24 & 25.**



THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

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Our mission is to provide a Catholic Christ-centered education through an atmosphere of love and compassion for all students.

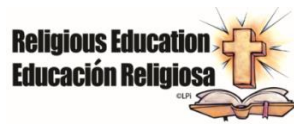
Spring Break is next week – March 26-30.
School is also out on Easter Monday, April 2.

Shop with **Scrip order forms** will be in next weekend's bulletin. Orders are **due by Monday, April 9, at 10:00AM.**

Mrs. McKinley's Kindergarten class recently hosted a Movie Night fundraiser and donated \$100 to Muncie Animal Rescue Fund (A.R.F.). Great job, kids!

Our school is low on blue recycling bags. Please donate bags or bag coupons if you have any to spare. Bags and coupons can be placed in either of the two large plastic blue totes at church. One tote is located near the west entrance (ramp side), and the other is at the south entrance (main doors).

There is still time to help our students by taking advantage of the Indiana Tax Credit! As of March 19, 2018, there is \$1,131,360 of tax credits remaining in the Indiana Tax Credit Scholarship fund. If you make a donation now, you can apply your gift to your **2018** taxes. To learn more or make a contribution, call **317.951.8781** or go to: <http://www.i4qed.org/sgo/donors> When you donate, be sure to specify "Saint Lawrence School, MUNCIE" (school A790). This program is a tremendous help to many of our school's families. Your contributions allow more students to attend our Four-Star, "A" rated school! If you're unsure of where to start, call the school and ask for Rob.



CCD CLASSES

Sunday, March 25 – 11am-12:15pm-St. Agnes Hall

Confirmation Class

Sunday, April 8 -5:15pm-7:30pm-St. Agnes Hall.

High School and Middle School Youth

High School: April 8 – 5-7pm – St. Agnes Hall

Middle School: April 8 – 5-6:30pm – St. Agnes Hall



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Our next RCIA class will be **Monday, April 9**, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and concluding by 8:00 p.m. Location: St. Agnes Hall—building directly behind the church. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 288-9223.



Spanish Mass
St. Lawrence Church
Every Sunday
Time: 12:15 p.m.



Eucharistic Adorers Ministry

The next opportunity for Adoration will be Sunday, April 15, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass until Evening Devotions at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Marilyn Sherrill at 765-396-3583 or 765-744-4086.



Weekend of March 18, 2018

St. Lawrence Parish.....	\$9,748.65
School Support.....	\$ 679.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$ 4.00
Food Pantry.....	\$ 180.00
Fuel Fund.....	\$ 252.00
The Catholic Moment.....	\$ 364.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$ 23.00

HEARTS OF HOPE MINISTRY

This Ministry meets on a regular basis—once a month in **St. Agnes Hall. Time: 3:30-5:00 p.m. or 6:30-8:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 27.** All are welcome who have lost a loved one or anticipate the loss of a loved one. Join us! If you have any questions, contact Deb Saxon at 765-760-4800.

FOOTPRINTS SEWING GROUP

The Lenten Baby Shower, which benefited Project Gabriel and First Choice for Women has ended and was a big success. THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED. IT WAS SO APPRECIATED. During the month of April, Footprints will be focusing on our veterans. We make adult bibs, pockets for the bedside, walkers and wheel chairs, blankets and lap robes, and shawls. **We will be meeting April 5 and 19 in St. Agnes Hall at 9:30 a.m.** If interested in this ministry, please come and join us. You would be most welcome. Afraid you do not have the skills? It does not matter! We will find something that you can do to help. For more information, contact Carmen Simmons at 765/808-1917 or Jayne Waechter at 765/288-8920.



Adult Formation-Faith Alive Series

There will a session every month through June
Location: St. Agnes Hall
Time: 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Upcoming talks/presentations are as follows:
April 28 Stephen Ministry-“Spiritual Companions”
May 12 Habitat For Humanity
June 23 Haiti Library Ministry

In Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Dick and Joey Hahn on the recent death of Dick’s brother, Dean Hahn.
Sympathy is also extended to the family of Judy (Cunningham) Campbell. Judy passed away on March 20 and her funeral was held here on Saturday.

St. Lawrence Church welcomes through the Sacrament of Baptism

Philip Samuel Kosin,
son of Matthew and Kelci.



If you are interested in doing online giving, go to our parish website: www.osvonlinegiving.com/4289. For additional information/questions, contact Dick Shirey, Parish Business Manager at dshirey@parish.dol-in.org or call 765-288-9223, Ext. 22.

Easter Egg Treasure Hunt



Annual -- Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt
Date: Saturday, March 3
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: 3600 W. Purdue Ave., Muncie
3 age groups -- RAIN OR SHINE!!

Over 4000 eggs and 300 prizes, and lots of candy. Open to the public. Any questions, please contact the Knights of Columbus at 765-282-8280 or Brad Robertson 765-215-6816



The **Secular Franciscans** will meet **Wednesday, March 28, at 7:00 pm in St. Mary’s, St. Elizabeth House.** We will continue our discussion of the book, *The Gospels according to St. Francis*, by Hilarion Kistner, O.F.M.

Anyone interested in learning about St. Francis of Assisi and his spiritual tradition is welcome to attend our meetings. For more information, contact Bill Fink at 284-0918 or bfink@bsu.edu.

Parish Mission “Thank You”

Thank you to all who attended the Lenten Mission on Prayer with Sr. Noel and contributed to our discussion. A big thanks to all who made this possible; Sr. Noel who presented new forms of prayer for us and individual spiritual direction; Jason Hart who attentively and patiently provided tech assistance; Jeanette and Jim Carnes who provided transportation to and from the airport and hosting Sr. Noel through the week; the angels in the hospitality crew: Vincent and Pat Moeller, Josephine Turner, Joanna Wallace and Linida Honeycutt; Kristina Powell who helped with clean up and Fr. Dave who shared the gifts of Sr. Noel with his parishioners. You all made this a wonderful experience to enrich this year’s Lenten experience. (Roberta Allen, Chairperson, Adult Faith Formation Committee)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Devotions will be prayed Sunday, April 8 at 2:45 P.M. Please bring any religious items you would like to have blessed.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.



Don't Forget—Your Opinion Matters

A huge thanks to everyone who has already taken the time to fill out our survey online or turn in a paper copy. This is the last weekend that the electronic survey will be available on our website: www.stlawrencemuncie.com. The results of the survey will be used to determine the direction of our parish as we continue to grow and develop. You'll notice the questions are asked about all aspects of parish life and our church. The survey is completely anonymous so please share your thoughts and feelings about "Our Parish" to help shape our future! **Surveys will be accepted through Wednesday, March 28.**

Memorial Flowers

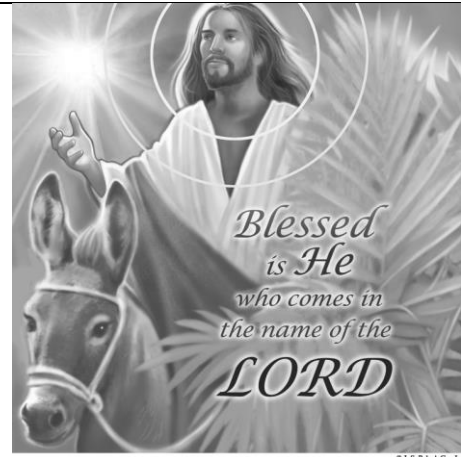
Would you like to honor the memory of a loved one, special intentions, and anniversaries with a special flower arrangement that will help adorn the church? Normandy Flower Shop, Inc. has graciously agreed to offer Memorial Flowers for \$25.00. Call the Rectory at 288-9223, to make the arrangements.

Welcome to St. Lawrence

Becci Brey and David Hussain and children, Giselle and Maria

Joseph and Angela Laws and children, Mary Kate and Margaret

Janet Mills-Marvin and Thomas Marvin



TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7
- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35