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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 and Friends of St. Lawrence,

At the Catholic Leadership 360 that the Diocese sponsored for training of priests that I attended two weeks ago, the first thing that was focused on was “what is the parish mission and what is the vision for the parish?”

The “Guiding Principle” for parish leadership is stated as: “A parish is established to carry out the mission and vision of the Catholic Church in a particular geographic location and through specific ministries and programs. It should have a well defined vision and articulate how it seeks to fulfill the mission of the church provided their unique context. A parish’s ministries and programs should effectively and efficiently work toward achieving its defined vision. A Catholic parish has an obligation to ensure its ministries and programs effectiveness and to devote resources to achieving its stated purpose.”

Now for my thoughts on this:

That sounds clear and obvious and sometimes the mission is simply stated as “to save souls.” – which isn’t all that clear, unless one thinks of saving souls as “helping people to establish, form, develop, strengthen and restore their connection to God.” For salvation is about being connected to God, as spiritual death is to be separated from God. It is only through Jesus that we are connected to God. So it is through Him that we “are saved.” Briefly, Jesus is the center of or heart of the mission of the Church to form, build and strengthen peoples bond with Him.

To grasp the mission of the Church, we must look to Jesus and the mission He has given to His disciples. John 20:21-23 – “Peace be with you, as the Father sent me, so I send you. Then He breathed on them and said: “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men’s sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound.” In this passage Jesus sends us to do the same thing the Father sent Him to do – to reconcile the world to the Father.

Luke’s Gospel 4:18-19 – “The spirit of the Lord is upon me; therefore, He has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor; to proclaim liberty to captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and release to prisoners. To announce a year of favor from the Lord.” (Is.61:14). In this passage, Jesus quotes from Isaiah and proclaims “this passage is fulfilled in your hearing” – that is through Him. Here is defining His mission. Mt.28:18-20 – “Full authority has been given to me both in heaven and on earth; go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to carry out everything that I have commanded you. And know that I am with you always, until the end of the world.” This passage is often called “The Great Commission,” and clearly a major focus of what His disciples are called to do.

To fully understand what Jesus has called us to do, we must include His passage on the last judgment in Matthew’s Gospel – Mt. 25:31-46. In this passage, all the social concerns of the Church have evolved – “I was hungry, thirsty, a stranger, naked, ill, in prison – whatever you did for the least, you did for me; or failed to do for me.”

These are the passages that clearly state the mission Jesus has given His disciples, His church. From this our own parish mission statement must come!

Fr. Dave

**PARISH CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sun. 6	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Lucy & Jacob Simpson)	CH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (✠Leo & Mary Margaret Scheetz)	CH
5-6:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth Meeting	AH
5-7:00 p.m.	High School Youth Meeting	AH
5:15-7:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class	AH
Mon. 7		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Jean & T. Baker Ross)	CH
1:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	RD
5:15 p.m.	Legion of Mary	RD
Tues. 8		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠William Waechter)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass at Westminster	
Wed. 9		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Francis Lafferty)	CH
	School Children attend Mass	
Thurs. 10	No 8:00 a.m. Mass	
10:30 a.m.	Mass at Morrison Woods	
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	CH
Fri. 11		
7:40 a.m.	Morning Prayer	CH
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Roy Huff)	CH
9:00 a.m.	Church Cleaning	
Sat. 12		
8:00 a.m.	Mass (✠Shirley Shaw)	CH
2:00 p.m.	Baptism – Maximus Jamison	CH
3:00 p.m.	Confessions	CH
3-4:30 p.m.	AFF – Faith Alive Series-Habitat for Humanities program	AH
4:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass (✠Fritz & Betty Bechelli)	CH
Sun. 13	The Ascension of the Lord	
8:00 a.m.	Mass (L/D Members of George & Mary McGraw families)	CH
10:00 a.m.	Mass (St. Lawrence Parish)	CH
	May Crowning	CH
12:15 p.m.	Spanish Mass (Welfare of Bonnie Milas)	CH
	May Crowning	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, 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, 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, Sheila Dalton, Pat Daunt, John Haack, Pat Savage, Bonnie Milas, Sharon Newton, Larry Barnes, Janice Barnes, Pat Savage and Peggy Zurlino.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

PLEASE NOTE: There has been some confusion concerning the Prayer Chain requests. If you wish to have a request included in the weekly bulletin, call Jeanette Carnes at the Rectory 288-9223. If you would like to have someone lifted in prayer but keep it private, you may call Joan McKinley 716-7073. The Prayer Chain Ministry prays for both types of requests. Your requests do not have to be limited to parishioners.



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May

Heavenly Father, In this month of May, we intercede for the laity. Lord God, may all the lay faithful fulfill the specific mission that you have given them by responding with creativity to the challenges of the world today.



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.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS – MAY 12 AND 13

	Readers	Altar Servers	E.M.H.C.	Ushers
4:30 P.M.	Lynn Thornburg Carolann Mikesell	Jonathan Shaw Cora Taylor	Deborah Miller Nancy Mills Kathy Taylor	Jeff Crabtree Harold Hannon Walter Vester Skip Vorhees
8:00 A.M.	Marilyn Sherrill Carol Thornburg	“unassigned” Need volunteer	Mary Burford Sheila Henry Jack Holland Tom Korson Paul Ranieri	Sheila Caudill Norm Gayda Kevin Persinger Tom Ward
10:00 A.M.	Kayleigh Cooper Julie Bogue	Ellie Arrington Ava Echelbarger	Stephanie Arrington Amy Miller Deb Saxon Richard Shirey Julie Snider	Omar Galan Jeff Huff Mateo Romero Mike Wallace

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalms — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Let us love one another, because love is of God (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John 4:11-16.

Gospel — This is my commandment: love one another as I love you (John 15:9-17) or John 17:11b-19.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
- Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20

Attention: All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – current and new!!

Commissioning will take place at all the Masses the weekend of June 2 and 3.



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



Eucharistic Adorers Ministry

The next opportunity for Adoration will be **Pentecost Sunday, May 20**, 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.

Pray for our Priests and Seminarians

Sun.	Fr. John Mannion	Dcn. C. DeCarlo
Mon.	Fr. Jeff Martin	Dcn. James DeOreo
Tues.	Fr. Adam Mauman	Jason Diebolt
Wed.	Fr. Tim McFarland	Brian Farrell
Thurs.	Fr. Mike McKinley	Matthew Jakupco
Fri.	Fr. Mike McKinney	Thomas Kappes
Sat.	Dcn. Mike Mescall	Andrew Morand

p=studying for the permanent diaconate



A Heartfelt and sincere “Thank You”

from the Bill Dominick family to Fr. Dave for time spent with the family and the beautiful funeral; to Jason Hart and the choir; and to the Funeral/Hospitality Committee who provided the wonderful luncheon. “Thank You” to our parish family for your love, your prayers and support at a very difficult time for our family. *Evelyn Dominick*

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

Wednesday, May 9 – 8am Mass at church.

Shop With Scrip – This is the final Scrip order until September, so stock up on gift cards before summer! **All orders with payment are due this coming Monday, May 7 at 10am.**

There are forms on the tables in the back of church.

Virtues in Practice

Congratulations to our April Virtues in Practice recipients! These students represented Saint Lawrence Catholic School proudly by modeling Justice (Being fair and giving each his due):

Promise Goodwin and **Julius Sanchez**-Grade 4
"When I came to school on Wednesday I spilled my drink in the hallway. I went to get paper towels and Promise asked if I wanted her to clean it up for me. It was very kind and generous of her to offer her assistance. I started to clean up the mess and Julius walked up and asked if he could help me. This was also very kind and generous of Julius. Hearing these two students ask me to help made my day. They restored some goodness and made my day.

–Mrs. Cunnington



Confirmation Class

Sunday, May 6 -5:15pm-7:30pm-St. Agnes Hall.

High School and Middle School Youth

High School: May 6 – 5-7pm – St. Agnes Hall

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



Weekend of April 29, 2018

St. Lawrence Parish.....	\$7,335.00
School Support.....	\$1,105.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$ 3.00
Food Pantry.....	\$ 140.00
Fuel Fund	\$ 100.00

Collection Totals for the Month of April 2018

St. Lawrence Parish.....	\$48,351.95
School Support.....	4,308.50
Children's Envelopes.....	62.00
Food Pantry.....	465.00
Fuel Fund.....	425.00
Catholic Moment.....	152.00
Good Friday Collection.....	638.50

Online Totals for the Month of April 2018

St. Lawrence Parish.....	\$6,693.20
School Support.....	\$ 803.00
Food Pantry.....	\$ 182.00
Other	\$ 548.00



FOOTPRINTS SEWING GROUP

According to the calendar, Spring is here! The ladies are still busy cutting out patterns, sewing, knitting, ironing and crocheting among other things. Our hands are busy doing God's work. **Footprints sewing group will meet May 17 at St. Agnes Hall at 9:30 a.m.** Come join this merry group! We would love to have you. For more information, contact Carmen Simmons at 765/808-1917 or Jayne Waechter at 765/288-8920.



Month of May Mary's Month

Beginning this weekend, May 5 and 6, the Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before each Mass. If you would like to help lead the Rosary at one of the Masses, leave your name on the sign-up sheet on the clipboard on the table in the back of church.

Save the Date(s)

- May 20 **Pentecost** – wear red, orange, or yellow when you come to Mass
- May 20 Adoration after the 10:00 a.m. Mass
- May 25 Saint Lawrence School – Awards and Graduation – 8:00 a.m. Mass
- May 27 Fr. Bob's 50th Anniversary Mass – 10am Reception/luncheon at the Knights of Columbus Hall following the Mass.****
- June 7 Confirmation Mass at St. Francis 5:30 p.m. for all 3 Muncie parishes



Women's Prayer/Book Study Group

This group will have their first meeting on Wednesday, May 23 at 2:30 p.m. in St. Agnes Hall.

Deacon's Food Pantry "Needs"

This is our "new" emergency food pantry—named after our Patron Saint. Instead of canned goods and boxed items, you might consider donating bar soap, liquid hand soap, travel size shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, hand sanitizers; stickers for kids; and greeting cards. **Don't forget to come to our Open House the weekend**



of May 19 and 20!



Additional information on our pantry: During the month of April they assisted 151 households. This resulted in helping 210 adults and 178 children with food!!

Needed: Newcomers/Welcome Committee.

In the past, the parish staff and several other parishioners have hosted the Newcomers Welcome Reception. We would like to organize a committee to take charge of this. If interested, please call the Parish Office for further details.



Open House

honoring

Kathy Brinson

For her 41 ½ years of serving Saint Lawrence Catholic School

Sunday, May 20

11:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

In the school gymnasium
2801 East 16th Street, Muncie

Refreshments will be served!

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

invites our 55 and older friends
(ladies and gentlemen)

To attend our

Annual Spring Luncheon

Tuesday, May 8

12 Noon – 2:00 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

Tickets are \$10.00 and must be purchased by

Tuesday, May 4

Contact Tara Edmondson by email at

tedmondson@parish.dol-in.org

Suzanne Plesha from **Ball State's Rinard Orchid Greenhouse** will speak about orchids and the Orchid House. Victoria Brewer, with **Once Upon a Plate Catering**, will be serving the delicious lunch!



Attention All High School Graduates and their families.

Fr. Dave will recognize the graduates at the 4:30 p.m. Mass on June 2. After Mass there will be a dinner in St. Agnes Hall for the graduates and their families. Please RSVP to Jeanette at the Parish Office 288-9223.

More on Fr. Bob's 50th Anniversary

****A luncheon is being planned at the Knights of Columbus Hall following Fr. Bob's 50th Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 27. All are welcome! More details to follow.****



Parish Pastoral Council Nominations

The St. Lawrence Parish Pastoral Council is seeking nominations to fill two openings on the council. (Terms expiring are: Rex Stanley and Kathy Crabtree.) Eligible candidates should be at least sixteen(16) years of age and fully initiated members of the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and be active parish members. The Parish Pastoral Council acts as a consultative and advisory body to the Pastor. The term on the Council is for three years. Here's how it works:

- Nominate yourself or someone you think would be a good candidate for the council by **notifying the Parish Office (288-9223) by Friday, May 11**
- **Initial screening of nominated candidates will take place at the Pastoral Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 16.**
 - Everyone interested in serving on the Parish Council will attend this May session in which they will be responsible for introducing themselves and stating why they want to be a member of the Parish Council.
 - Depending on the number of candidates, they will present before Parish Council Members and other candidates as one group. If there is a large number of candidates, dividing into smaller groups may be necessary.
 - Once the candidates have been reviewed and successfully selected, they will then move forward for inclusion on the ballot for the Parish vote.
- The Parish will vote during the second weekend of June at all the Masses.
- Installation of new members – The Pastor will officially install the newly elected members into office on a Sunday in June before the June 20th Parish Pastoral Council Meeting.



Mother's Appreciation Dinner



The Knights of Columbus Council 560 will be hosting this dinner on:

Tuesday, May 15

Knights of Columbus Hall
3600 W. Purdue Ave.

Social Hour and Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Menu includes: Entrée, vegetable, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll, tossed salad, dessert and drink. **All family members are invited as we say thanks to all of the mothers.**

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:

May 12 **Habitat For Humanities**

June 23 **Haiti Library Ministry**

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, May 22.**

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.

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.



Online Giving

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.