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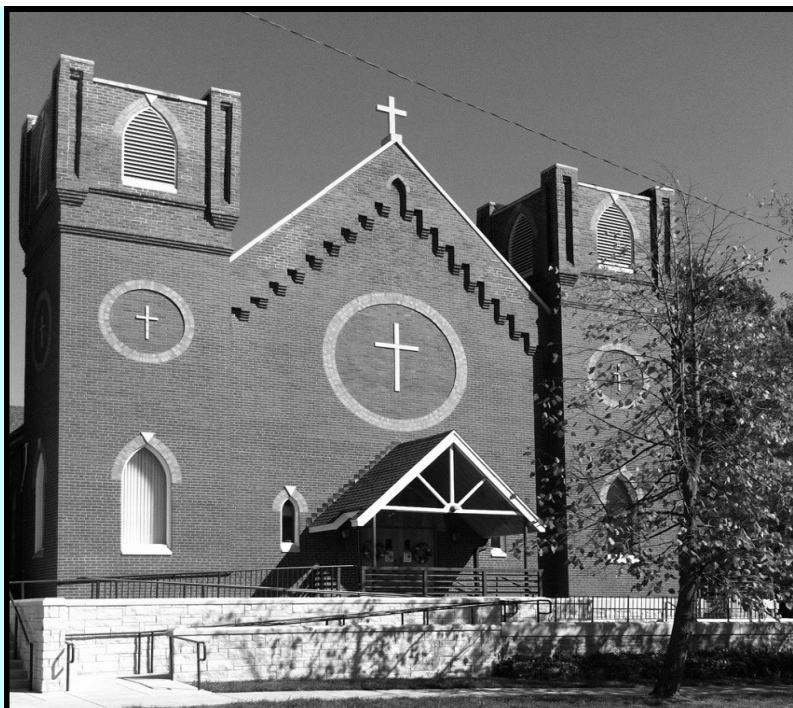
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**MASS SCHEDULE  
HORARIO DE MISAS****Saturday/Sábado**

5:30 pm English

**Sunday/Domingo**

10:00 am English  
12:30 pm Español

**Tuesday-Thursday / Martes-Jueves**

8:15 am English

**First Friday/Primer Viernes**

10:00 am English

**CONFESSION/CONFESIÓN:****Saturday/Sábado**

4:30-5:15 pm or by appointment. *O con cita*

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY/  
SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO**

Please call the Parish Office for appointment (6 months of marriage preparation required).  
*Favor de hablar a la oficina para una cita (6 meses de preparacion requerida).*

**BAPTISM/BAUTISMOS**

Please call the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

**MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS**

Please visit the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

**CONFIRMATION/CONFIRMACIÓN**

The Bishop visits our parish for Confirmation every two years. *El Obispo visita nuestra parroquia cada 2 años.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA**

Grades K-6/Grados K-6:  
Sundays/Domingo 11:00 am -12:15 pm  
Grades 7-12/Grados 7-12:  
Wednesdays/Miércoles 7:00 pm

**FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION/PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN**

Children in first grade must be enrolled in the Parish School/Parish School of Religion (PSR) to receive the sacrament in second grade. *Los niños en primer grado deben estar inscritos en la Escuela Parroquial/Escuela Parroquial de Religión (PSR) para recibir el sacramento en segundo grado.*

**EMAUS:** Invites you to pray the Holy Rosary every Saturday at 7:50 am. *Se les invita a rezar el Santo Rosario cada sábado a las 7:50 am.*

*Welcome to the Catholic Community of*

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1892*

**St. Lawrence Catholic Church**



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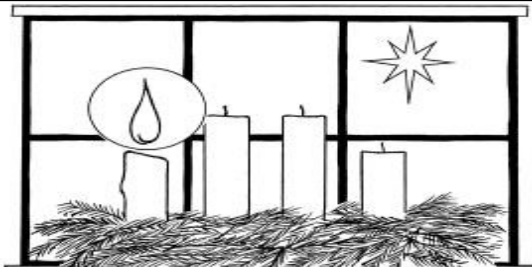
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Office Hours/Horas de Oficina: Monday-Friday/Lunes-Viernes 9:00 am-4:00 pm

**Parish Mission Statement/ Misión Parroquial**

"We children of God and the Catholic community of St. Lawrence parish are committed to the worship of God and the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through education and our living example of love and concern for all the people of our area."

*"Los hijos de Dios y la comunidad Católica de la parroquia de San Lorenzo estamos comprometidos con la adoración a Dios y la difusión del Evangelio de Jesucristo a través de la educación y nuestro ejemplo vivo de amor y preocupación por todas las personas de nuestra área".*



**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**

Saint Teresa's Bookmark  
 Let nothing disturb you,  
 Let nothing frighten you,  
 All things are passing;  
 God only is changeless.  
 Patience gains all things.  
 Who has God wants nothing.  
 God alone suffices.  
 —Saint Teresa of Ávila  
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**Weekly Collection**

**December 4, 2022**

Envelopes /Loose Checks	\$4,724.00
Loose Bills/ Change	\$977.05
Outreach	\$63.00
School Support	\$249.00
Mass offering	\$60.00
Religious Store	\$15.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$382.00
Immaculate Conception	\$41.00
Seminary	\$40.00
Donation	\$830.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,391.05</b>

**Fr. Rahab would like to thank everyone for your generous contributions to our Parish.**

Pray for Sister Ophelia and Sister Petra as they travel back to Texas for more meetings and to be home for Christmas. They will be gone from December 19, 2022-January 3, 2023

**The church office will be closed December 23 through December 26 for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day as well as January 2nd for Solemnity of Mary/ New Year's Holiday.**

**Second Collection**

December 25, 2022 for Seminarian and Diocesan Retired Clergy Collection

**Weekly Calendar**  
**Los Santos Y Otras Celebraciones**

**SAT. DECEMBER 10TH: OUR LADY OF LORETO; INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**  
**SABADO: BIENAVENTURADA VIRGEN MARIRA DE LORETO: DÍA INTERNACIONAL DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS**  
 10am Guadalupe Group Decorate Church  
 4:30 pm Confessions  
 5:30 pm Mass Monett for + Michael Schmidt; Gene Spivy and Steve Spivy

**SUN. DECEMBER 11TH: 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Domingo: Tercer Domingo de Adviento**  
 8:00 am Mass Verona  
 10:00am Mass Monett +Doris Case  
 11:00am PSR  
 12:30pm Misa de Domingo Monett-Spanish Mass  
 4pm Pierce City Penance Service  
 5:00pm Misa de Domingo Verona-Spanish Mass

**MON. DECEMBER 12TH: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**  
**LUNES: NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE**  
 4AM MANAITAS OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE  
 6PM GUADALUPE MASS CELEBRATION +JIM CESELSKI

**TUE. DECEMBER 13TH: ST. LUCY**  
**MARTES: SANTA LUCIA**  
 8:15am Mass Monett +Michael Forcier  
 6pm Pulaskifield Penance Service

**WED. DECEMBER 14TH: ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**  
**MIÉRCOLES: SAN JUAN DE LA CRUZ**  
 8:00am Mass Verona  
 5:45pm The Power of Forgiveness  
 7:00pm PSR  
 6:30pm Monett Penance Service

**THUR. DECEMBER 15TH**  
 8:15am Mass Monett +Mildred Monto

**FRI. DECEMBER 16TH:**  
**VIERNES: PRIMER DÍA DE LAS POSADAS**  
 8:00AM MASS VERONA

**SAT. DECEMBER 17TH**  
 4:30 CONFESSIONS  
 5:30 pm Mass Monett for + Ellen Schmidt

**SUN. DECEMBER 18TH: 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 8:00 am Mass Verona  
 10:00 am Mass Monett + Carolyn McCaffrey  
 11:00am PSR  
 12:30 pm Misa de Domingo Monett—Spanish Mass

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Dec. 11, 2022 Third Sunday of Advent**

**THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG**

Put yourself in the scene of today’s Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John’s disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah’s prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God’s mercy and peace. Jesus’ response to the disciples’ question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor.

Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.

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**First Reading** — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalms** — The Lord saves us when he comes (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel** — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

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**Penance Services 2022**

Pierce City Sun./Domingo, Dec. 11 at 4pm  
Pulaskifield– Tues./Martes, Dec. 13 at 6pm  
Monett–Wed./Miercoles, Dec. 14 at 6:30pm  
Mt. Vernon–Thurs./Jueves, Dec. 15 at 6pm  
Verona– Fri./Viernes, Dec. 16 at 6:30pm  
Billings– Sun./Domingo, Dec. 18 at 4pm  
Sarcoxie– Tues./Martes, Dec. 19 at 6:30pm



*Reconciliation*

**School News**

Dear St. Lawrence Family,

This week we celebrated St. Nicholas Day and had our Christmas program! The day was filled with fun and learning about our faith and traditions. We are also continuing to reflect on Advent and learning more as we put more decorations on the Jesse tree.

Thank you to these folks who have recently donated to our school through the weekly envelopes– Koo Reh, Mr & Mrs Anthony Barchak, Loretta Hurburt, Bu Reh, Mr & Mrs George Rausch, Patricia Monto, Patricia McCaffrey, Marilyn Roetto, Mr & Mrs John Woodard, Mr & Mrs Israel Patino, Mary Mael, Ann Kennedy, Mike Freiburger, AnnaMarie Green, and Mr & Mrs Maurice Rosebaugh. Your gifts are a true blessing to our ministry!

Have a blessed Third Week of Advent!

Tracey

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

If you would like to have something in the bulletin, please send it via email to the parish office no later than 12:00 noon on Monday. Please email: stlawrence1892@gmail.com Thank you!

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**St. Lawrence Catholic Church**

Sat./Sabado, Dec. 24 Vigil Christmas:  
5:30pm & 11pm

Sun./Domingo, Dec. 25 Christmas: 10am &  
12:30pm Spanish

Sat./ Sabado, Dec. 31: Vigil Solemnity of  
Mary 5:30pm

Sun./Domingo, Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary  
10am & 12:30pm Spanish

**Sacred Heart Aurora**

Sat./Sabado, Dec. 24 Vigil Christmas: 7:30pm

Sun./Domingo, Dec. 25 Christmas: 8am &  
5pm

Sat./Sabado, Dec. 31 Vigil Solemnity of  
Mary: No Mass

Sun./Domingo, Jan. 1 Solemnity of Mary:  
8am & 5pm

## Diocesan News

### Save the Dates

#### Generation Life Pro-Life Youth Conference

Please encourage the youth in your parish, schools, and PSR programs to attend the Generation Life Youth Conference on Friday, January 20, 2023, from 9am to 3pm, that includes inspirational talks, music, and Holy Mass. This conference is open to all 8th-12th graders. The cost is \$35, with youth endowments grant assistance, and includes the conference a boxed lunch, and bus transportation. All youth and adult chaperones are eligible to apply for a grant. Without grant assistance, the cost is \$110. The deadline to register is Friday, December 16, 2022.

#### Word of Life

“O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”

USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”

**January 18-23, 2023 March for Life**  
Washington D.C.

**February 5 Wedding Anniversaries Celebration -**  
Cape Girardeau

**February 19 Wedding Anniversaries**  
**Celebration - Springfield**

**February 25 Catholic Men's Conference**  
Springfield

**February 26 Rite of Election - Springfield**

**March 5 Rite of Election - Cape Girardeau**

**March 24-25 Diocesan Youth Conference** Cape  
Girardeau

**March 31-April 1 Diocesan Youth**  
Conference Carthage



## Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta

### **You are invited! Please join us!**

To our serenade to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Monday, December 12th at 4a.m., Rosary will follow at 5a.m., Danzas and reception held in the hall. Mass will be held in the evening at 6:00 pm. Drama Presentation after the Mass in the church and Danza.

We will begin with a traditional Novena Prayer, Saturday, December 3rd through December 11th. A sign-up List for organizations and families will join us in prayer for those dates at 6:30pm in the church. A reception and Danza (Dance of Girls) will follow in the parish hall in the morning and evening. Hope to see you there. We need your help and support.

### Christmas Angel Tree

Angel Tree 2022 is underway! The first wave of angels were put on the tree and additional tags will be up in church until they are all gone. If you get one of the angels with a child's name listed, please purchase the requested gift with a \$25 value to keep things even within children in the same households. Wrap these gifts, remove the top part of the angel from the paper backing and stick it to the gift. If you get a tag with no name and a generic request in a particular age range, these toys will be used for children in foster care—there is not a specific price target for these—please do not wrap these items as they will be wrapped as they are chosen by the foster parent or guardian. Bring all gifts to the church office by December 15th— Call Michelle Cornell if questions at (417) 669-3814

## Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Dear Parent, Guardian and Catechists,

As we enter our 3rd week of Advent and in preparation for the spiritual meaning of the Christmas season,

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena** - Please join us for the flower procession to Our Lady of Guadalupe this afternoon at 4pm. We will meet in the hall to pray the rosary and proceed into the church.

**You are invited** to our Parish Posada on Sunday, Dec. 18th. It will held at 11am. We will need your participation and cooperation to end our year of PSR and celebrate. We hope all our students can come to experience this tradition which is done through song and prayer. We hope to see you there.

**No PSR on Wed. Dec. 21. Classes will resume on Wed. Jan. 4th and Sun. Jan. 8th.**

The word "Posada" means "lodging." Las Posadas are a Christmas novena which reminds us of Mary and Joseph's anxious search for a place to spend the night in Bethlehem. Jesus was about to be born. Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem because of the edict of the Roma Emperor Cesar Augustus that everyone had to go to the town of their birth to register for census. Please join us for prayer, song and conclude with a fiesta.

The Cordimarian Sisters will be visiting their families for the Christmas Holidays.

**Wishing everyone a safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2023!**

May the Lord God bless us with peace, hope, and joy!

Sister Ophelia



# Activities



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES AUXILLARY NEWS

- ◆ Meetings held every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00p.m in the church basement.
- ◆ Join us in praying the rosary, every Saturday before Mass at 5:00pm and before Mass on the 5th Sunday at 9:30am.

## Volunteers Needed

Sun. Dec. 18th at 2pm, we will be decorating the church for Christmas. We hope to see you there to join in on the fun.



## The Power of Forgiveness

**Join us-12/14/22-5:45pm**

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Jesus spoke of forgiveness repeatedly in the bible. In preparing our hearts for His birth, let's come together in love to learn what forgiveness, why we need it, and how to overcome certain obstacles to forgiveness.

We will meet in the church prior to the Advent penance service for this powerful 30-minute video.

## Noticias de Educación Religiosa

### Estimados padres, guardianas, y catequistas:

Entramos al cuarto Domingo de Adviento y para prepararnos espiritualmente para Navidad nuestros.

**Novenario de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe** - Se les da la invitación a partir del sábado 3 de diciembre al domingo, 11 de diciembre que nos acompañen a rezar el rosario a las 6:30pm. El sábado, 3 de diciembre rezaremos el rosario uniéndonos con la comunidad antes de la misa de 5:30pm. Empezamos el rosario a las 5pm por este primer día del novenario. Todo los demás noches se rezara el rosario a las 6:30pm en la iglesia. El **once de Diciembre** tendremos la procesión de flores y oración a las 4pm. Por favor necesitamos su apoyo y cooperación.

Niños de PSR, Catequistas y ustedes padres están invitados a nuestra Posada el Domingo, 18 de diciembre a las 11:00am. Esperamos que todos nuestros estudiantes puedan venir para continuar esta tradición Católica que nos hace acordarnos del nacimiento de nuestro Salvador. No habrá PSR el miércoles, 21 de Diciembre.

La palabra “Posada” significa “alojamiento”. Las Posadas son una novena que se hace recordándonos cuando la Virgen María y San José buscaban un lugar para pasar la noche en Belén cuando Jesús estaba a punto de nacer. María y José fueron a Belén por el edicto del Emperador Romano Cesar, el cual era que todo el mundo tenía que ir a la ciudad de su nacimiento para inscribirse para el censo. Una vez que María y José encuentran un lugar continuamos con la oración y concluimos con una fiesta.

Les deseamos un Feliz Navidad y un próspero Año Nuevo 2023 con todas sus familias y amistades.

Bendiciones!

Hermana Ophelia



## Para la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Empezamos el novenario para la virgen de Guadalupe el sábado, 3 de diciembre y terminara el 11 de Diciembre con el ofrecimiento de flores. Por favor les invitamos su participación, Grupos y familias para el novenario.

El Horario para la Celebración el lunes, 12 de diciembre:

- Mañanitas/ Mariachi - 4am
- Rosario 5am
- Recepción y Danzas en el salón después del rosario

### Horario para la Noche de 12 de Diciembre

- 5:30pm Cantos a la Virgen
- Misa a las 6:00pm
- La presentación de la apariciones de la virgen de Guadalupe después de la Misa
- Recepción y Danzas en el salón después de la misa

### Para las decoraciones de la iglesia,

Queremos animar a la juventud y adultos a participar en el drama. Necesitamos su ayuda y apoyo.

- Equipo de Decoración – viernes, 9 y sábado, 10 de diciembre
- Equipo de Limpieza para después de la recepción en la mañana y Tarde

Se les pide donaciones de:

Tamales, galones de leche, Pan de dulce y Chocolate (de la Abuelita). Puede llamar a la oficina o habrá personas al salir de la iglesia si gustaría donar o participar de algún modo para la celebración.

# 11 de diciembre 2022

Regocíjate, uyeremo sedieno. Que se algre el drdorto campo de flores que florexca como un campo de liros, que se algre y dé grotos de júbilo.

## Tercer Domingo de Adviento

### LECTURAS DE HOY— 11 de diciembre de 2022 Tercer Domingo de Adviento

#### AQUEL QUE NUESTRO CORAZÓN ANHELA

Ponte en la escena del pasaje del Evangelio de hoy. Juan el Bautista está en la cárcel. Ha oído hablar de lo que hace Jesús y quiere asegurarse de que Jesús es el Mesías tan esperado. Los discípulos de Juan y los que rodeaban a Jesús eran judíos fieles que conocían de memoria las profecías de Isaías. Dios enviaría a uno que daría la vista a los ciegos, la curación a los enfermos y la salvación a todos los que anhelaban conocer la misericordia y la paz de Dios. La respuesta de Jesús a la pregunta de los discípulos resuena hoy tan poderosamente en nuestros oídos como seguramente lo hizo para la gente que estaba con él aquel día. Sus acciones son precisamente las que la gente esperaba. Jesús es Aquel a quien la gente ha estado esperando pacientemente y con ansiedad, como el agricultor que espera los frutos de su trabajo. Jesús es aquel a quien nuestros corazones anhelan.

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**Primera Lectura** — ¡Estén fuertes, no teman! Su Dios viene a salvarlos. Los redimidos del Señor serán coronados con alegría eterna (Isaías 35:1-6a, 10).

**Salmo** — El Señor nos salva cuando viene (Salmo 146 [145])

**Segunda Lectura** — Sean también pacientes y valientes porque la venida del Señor está cerca (Santiago 5:7-10).

**Evangelio** — “¿Eres tú el que debe venir o tenemos que esperar a otro?” Jesús les contestó, “Vayan y cuéntenle a Juan lo que han visto y oído” (Mateo 11:2-11).

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La Comunidad de Oración  
Católica

#### Fuente de Agua Viva

Les hace la cordial invitación los lunes a las  
6:00pm—8:00pm

Iniciamos con el Santo Rosario y tenderemos  
meditación sobre la palabra

### ORACIÓN

Confiar en Dios

Nada te turbe, nada te espante,  
todo se pasa, Dios no se marcha;  
la paciencia todo lo alcanza.  
Quien a Dios tiene nada le falta;  
sólo Dios basta.

—Santa Teresa de Ávila

### Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Novenario

Sábado, 10 de Diciembre— Comité  
Guadalupano 6:30pm

Domingo, 11 de Diciembre— Todos los grupos  
unidos 4pm



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