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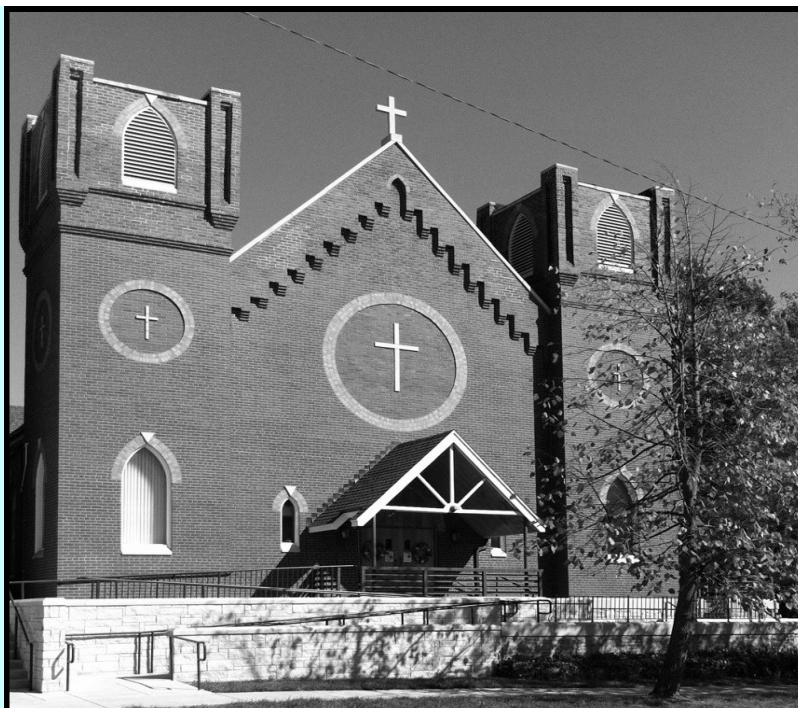
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**MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE MISAS****Saturday/Sábado**

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.*

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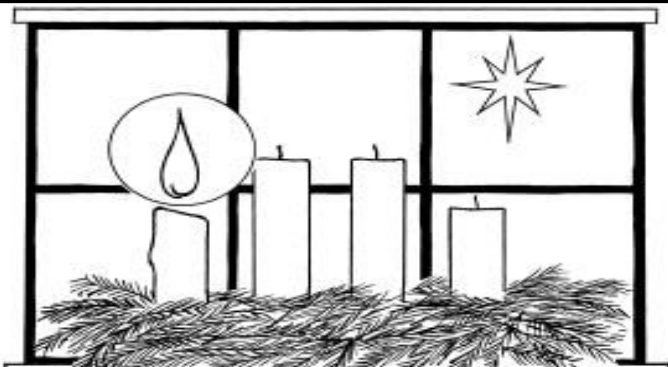
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Office Hours/Horas de Oficina: Monday-Friday/Lunes-Viernes 9:00 am-4:00 pm

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".



Fourth Sunday of Advent
CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer for Generosity

Lord, teach me to be generous.
 Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
 to give and not to count the cost,
 to fight and not to heed the wounds,
 to toil and not to seek for rest,
 to labor and not to ask for reward,
 save that of knowing that I do your will.

— Saint Ignatius of Loyola

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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

Pray for Father Rahab as he travels back home to spend time with family. He will be gone from December 27, 2022 to January 13, 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 17TH

4:30 pm Confessions
 5:30 pm Mass Monett for + Ellen Schmidt

SUN. DECEMBER 18TH: 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

8:00 am Mass Verona
 10:00am Mass Monett +Carolyn McCaffrey
 11:00am PSR/ Church Posada
 12:30pm Misa de Domingo Monett-Spanish Mass
 5:00pm Misa de Domingo Verona-Spanish Mass

MON. DECEMBER 19TH

6PM PRAYER GROUP

TUE. DECEMBER 20TH

8:15am Mass Monett + Francisco Gonzalez and Rosa Linda

WED. DECEMBER 21ST: ST. PETER CANISIUS; FIRST DAY OF WINTER

MIÉRCOLES: SAN PEDRO CANISIO; INICIO DEL INVIERNO

8:00am Mass Verona
 NO PSR

THUR. DECEMBER 22ND

8:15am Mass Monett + Carolyn McCaffrey and Sergio Cruz SR

FRI. DECEMBER 23RD: ST. JOHN OF KANTY

VIERNES: SAN JUAN DE KANTY

8:00AM MASS VERONA
 OFFICE CLOSED

SAT. DECEMBER 24TH: CHRISTMAS EVE

SÁBADO: LA NOCHEBUENA

4:30 CONFESSIONS
 5:30 pm Mass Monett for + Thanksgiving for Apostol, Durham, Montellano, and Mullins Families
 11pm Mass Monett Christmas Vigil
 7:30pm Mass Verona Christmas Vigil

SUN. DECEMBER 25TH: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00 am Mass Verona
 10:00 am Mass Monett + Charles and Anna Velten
 NO PSR
 12:30 pm Misa de Domingo Monett—Spanish Mass
 5:00 pm Misa de Domingo Verona –Spanish Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 18, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Advent

GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.
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First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — The king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

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Penance Services 2022
Billings— Sun./Domingo, Dec. 18 at 4pm
Sarcoxie— Tues./Martes, Dec. 19 at 6:30pm



School News

Dear St. Lawrence Family,

We are in the final week of school before Christmas break and it's been busy! We continue doing our academic studies and progress monitoring, but we also are continuing to focus on Advent and learning about Jesus' birth. We were able to learn about Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego and we enjoyed watching some of the parish activities! We will dismiss for Christmas on Thursday, Dec. 22. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

God Bless you,
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

Word of Life

“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.”

USCCB, Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”

Christmas Events & Mass Schedule For Bishop Rice

- Fri. Dec. 23-Christmas Novena, 7pm, St. Mary Cathedral, Cape Girardeau
- Sat. Dec. 24-Christmas Mass at Midnight, St. Mary Cathedral, Cape Girardeau
- Sun. Dec. 25-Christmas Mass, 8:30am, St. Mary Cathedral, Cape Girardeau
- Sat. Dec. 31-Holy Hour 11pm, St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield
- Sun. Jan. 1-Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Midnight, St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield

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

February 5 Wedding Anniversaries Celebration -
Cape Girardeau

February 19 Wedding Anniversaries
Celebration - Springfield

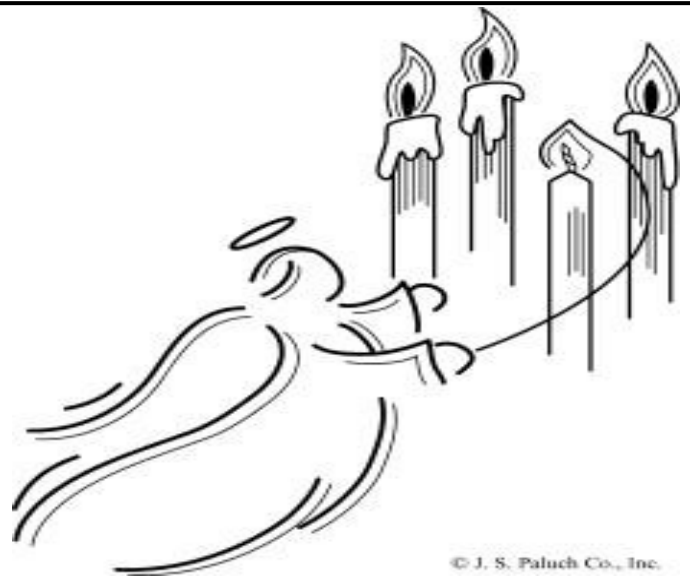
February 25 Catholic Men's Conference
Springfield

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



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Important Information

During the time Father Rahab is gone on vacation, we will have a visitor priest. There will not be any weekday masses during this time. (December 27th-January 13th) Let us pray that father has a wonderful time visiting his family. Also, with Father Rahab and Sister Ophelia being with family, we are not having December baptism class or baptisms in January. We will have the next class January 28, 2023. We will begin doing baptisms February 4, 2023.



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Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Dear Parent, Guardian and Catechists,

As we enter our 4th week of Advent and in preparation for the spiritual meaning of the Christmas season,

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.



Come, Lord Jesus!
Make us good stewards
of Advent.
Strengthen our faith;
calm our fears.

Come, Lord Jesus!
We hear John the Baptist's cry.
Open our hearts.
Give us humility to repent.
Come, Lord Jesus!
Let us walk in your light!
Show us how we prepare your way
and make straight your paths.

Come, Lord Jesus!
We give you thanks and praise,
for the shining star and angelic host,
for Mary and Joseph,
good stewards, both.

Come, Lord Jesus!
We rejoice and are glad!
For the Good News you bring
And God's glory you revealed.
Come, Lord Jesus!

Amen

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Noticias de Educación Religiosa

Estimados padres, guardianas, y catequistas:

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

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



18 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.

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

LECTURAS DE HOY— 18 de diciembre de 2022 Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

DIOS QUIERE SER UNO CON NOSOTROS

Hasta dónde llega Dios para amarnos y salvarnos. Piensa en la circunstancia más descabellada que puedas concebir. Eso parece ser lo que el Señor le dice a Ajaz en la primera lectura de hoy. “Una virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, y le pondrá el nombre de Emmanuel”. No sólo la idea de que una virgen conciba es incomprensible en la época de Ajaz, sino que también lo sería el concepto de que Dios quiera estar con nosotros, como indica el nombre Emmanuel. Y, sin embargo, esto es lo que celebramos en la Encarnación: Dios quiere ser uno con nosotros hasta tal punto que vino a estar con nosotros en un hijo nacido de una virgen, la Santísima Virgen María. Sin embargo, hay más en esta historia que estos sucesos sorprendentes y extravagantes. Dios quiere ser uno con nosotros tan profundamente que se asocia con nosotros para dar a conocer su presencia.

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Primera Lectura — La señal del Señor es que la virgen estará embarazada y dará a luz un hijo varón (Isaías 7:10-14).

Salmo — El rey de gloria vendrá (Salmo 24 [23]).

Segunda Lectura — Jesús, descendiente de David biológicamente, fue establecido el Hijo de Dios en poder. (Romanos 1:1-7).

Evangelio — María, la comprometida de José, quedó embarazada por obra del Espíritu Santo (Mateo 1:18-24).

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La Comunidad de Oración
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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

Oración para Pedir Generosidad
Oh Dios mío, enséñame a ser generoso
para servirte como mereces ser servido.

Dar sin considerar el costo,
luchar sin miedo a ser herido,
trabajar sin buscar descanso,
y dedicarme sin esperar recompensa.
Sabiendo que
estoy haciendo tu santa voluntad.

—San Ignacio de Loyola



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