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**MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE MISAS**

Saturday/Sábado
5:00 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
4:00– 4:45 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
Confirmation is every year with a 2 year preparation. La confirmacion se realiza cada ano con una preparacion de 2 anos.

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.*

**FOUNDED
1892**

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

**DIOCESE OF
SPRINGFIELD
-CAPE
GIRARDEAU**

Parish Office 417-235-3286 Parish School 417-235-3721 405 7th Street, Monett, MO 65708

Digital bulletins available at www.stlawrencemonett.com

Office Hours/Horas de Oficina: Monday-Friday/Lunes-Viernes 9:00am-3:00pm

Please remember St. Lawrence Church and School in your will.

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".

ANGEL TREE

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts to our Angel Tree ministry! We directly served children from 9 local families and made a big dent toward the wish lists of 443 foster children in Barry and Lawrence counties. What a blessing it was to have so many toys donated!

PARISH DIRECTORY

Pictures will be taken on January 23-24. IF YOU HAD YOUR PICTURES TAKEN PREVIOUSLY IN 2023, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RE-TAKE - the company still has those.

To schedule your photography appointment online, go to www.ucdir.com, click on Photography Session Sign-Up on the right side, enter MO257 in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. For assistance in setting your appointment please call 816-501-8652. Universal Church Directories works hard regarding not applying pressure to buy photos. While we want to give everyone the opportunity to purchase pictures, we also respect your wishes and work hard at making your experience with us professional and hassle free. **Sign-up sheets will also be available at masses in January leading up to picture days.**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 28, 2025

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$4,238.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$1,229.42
Seminarian	\$2,595.00
Children's Collection	\$56.00
Mass Offerings	\$20.00
School Support	\$5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$25.00
Total	\$8,168.42

ATTENTION

We will be taking down Christmas decorations at church on January 11th after the 12:30pm Mass.

We need volunteers of all sorts. Please and thank you.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Due to weather concerns, we will not have first Friday adoration during the months of January, February, March and April 2026. There will still be a mass, but no adoration following.

ATTENTION

All seniors in high school and older. Applications for seminary for Fall 2026 school year are being accepted now. Please contact your pastor or vocations promoter for more information.



EPIPHANY

PSR ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have not yet paid your child(ren)'s PSR fees, please do so as soon as possible.

First Communion will be on Saturday, April 11 during the 5:00pm Mass.

Confirmation retreat will be on Saturday March 21 at 9:00am. Confirmation will be on Wednesday, May 13 during Mass at 7:00pm. The bishop will speak with the students at 6:00pm.

WHEN CLASSES RESUME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH, THEY WILL BEGIN AT 11:15AM.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Gathering

Registration for The Gathering is open! If you minister with youth in 7th-12 grades, this "gathering" is for you! This year, Pat Millea, of the Martin Center for Integration, will be addressing the modern-day struggle with mental health issues through sessions on "Ministering to Mental Health Struggles" and "Being a Healthy Minister to Lead a Healthy Ministry." Come with your questions and concerns so that we can discuss practical solutions and encourage each other in this most important area of ministry. **The Gathering will be held February 27-28** at the Landing, Van Buren, MO.

The 2026 Missouri Catholic Summit

The Diocese of Jefferson City is inviting young adults Catholics (18-25 years old) to attend the Missouri Catholic Summit (MCS) on February 28. The MC, which will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City, aims to bring college-aged Catholics from all over the state to encounter Christ in a community setting. The event is themed "Sheer Goodness," inspired by the description of God's plan for creation outlined in the first paragraph of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The MCS will feature talks from Catholic speakers, live music, a vigil mass, Eucharistic adoration, and more. Registrants can purchase coffee and t-shirts at the summit, but registration for this event is 100% free (including lunch and dinner). Any young adults interested in this opportunity to celebrate the Catholic faith with their peers in Missouri are encouraged to learn more about the Missouri Catholic Summit and register at the official webpage: <https://diojeffcity.org/mo-catholic-summit/>

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 31 in the Cathedral of St. Agnes, Springfield

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- Jan. 25th—Church in Latin America

Fr. Rahab thanks everyone for your generous contributions to our Parish.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request, please call Joan McNerney (417) 235-3836 or Marlene Hayes (417) 235-5524

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Alvarez; Sarah Sylvain Isidor(Father's Mom); Maria Padilla; Juan Cecenas; Maria Rueda; Parker Laning; Rosemary Schmidt; Kenneth Wroblewski; Bob DeGraff; Irene Cavazos; Loretta Hurlbut; Debbie Erwin; Corey Sandwisch; Regina Peterson; Erin Hunt. To put a name in the bulletin or arrange a visit for sick or homebound parishioners, please call the parish office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
& LADIES AUXILIARY

- ♦ Meetings held every 1st Sunday of the month at 6:00pm in the church basement.
- ♦ Join us in praying the rosary, every Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm and before Mass on the 5th Sunday at 9:30am.

PARISH MAINTENANCE

We have received several donations for the maintenance fund! Please notice that the damaged trees to the south of the church have now been removed and are ready for stump grinding. More info to come! Thank you for your support of our parish and school needs!

FINANCIAL CORNER

Financial Corner	Oct 2025	Oct 2024
Regular Operations		
Sunday Contributions	\$ 29,926.94	\$ 22,421.78
Other Income*	\$ 1,700.07	\$ 2,570.02
Endowment/Cemetery/School Support	\$ 1,114.00	\$ 1,598.00
Collections for Diocese projects	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 1,419.17
2nd Collections/Non-revenue	\$ 2,749.25	\$ 2,378.12
Total Operational Income	\$ 37,350.26	\$ 30,387.09
Expenses		
Operational Expenses	\$ 23,488.03	\$ 24,141.34
School/Parish Education Expenses	\$ 8,109.00	\$ 14,400.04
Payouts to Diocese/2nd Collections	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 2,142.80
Total Expense	\$ 33,457.03	\$ 40,684.18
Net Income (Net Loss)	\$ 3,893.23	\$ (10,297.09)

*Masses/Stole fees, Votive candles, Religious goods, Advertising

ENGLISH LECTORS**Saturday 5:00pm**

- January 3rd.....Al Dohmen
- January 10th.....Nikki Pierce
- January 17th.....Patricia Randall

Sunday 10:00am

- January 4th.....Angie Madison
- January 11th.....Youth
- January 18th.....Sonie Probstfield

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday 5:00pm**

- January 3rd—Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner
- January 10th—Jim Haston, Marilyn Ceselski, Jason Ceselski, Ashley Ceselski, Geri Carey
- January 17th—Jim Haston Teresa Verhoff, Aaron Holmes, Al Dohmen, Kirk Verhoff

Sunday 10:00am

- January 4th—Sonie Probstfield, Susan Garcia, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt, Michelle Cornell
- January 11th—Youth
- January 18th—Jay Jastal, Emma Outhouse, Jerry Hudson, Judy Hudson, Ann Saunders

SERVERS 10AM MASS

- January 4th—Isaac Saunders, Pedro Contreras, Johanna Piedra
- January 11th—Youth
- January 18th—Alex Apostol, Francisco Salas, Fernando Salas, Uriel Marcos

January 4, 2026

1st Read: Isaiah 60:1-6; **Psalm:** Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13; **2nd Read:** Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; **Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

January 5, 2026

1st Read: 1 John 3:22; **Psalm:** Psalm 2:7-8,10-12; **Gospel:** Matthew 4:12-17,23-25

January 6, 2026

1st Read: 1 John 4:7-10; **Psalm:** Psalm 72:1-4,7-8; **Gospel:** Mark 6:34-44

January 7, 2026

1st Read: 1 John 4:11-18; **Psalm:** Psalm 72:1-2,10,12-13; **Gospel:** Mark 6:45-52

January 8, 2026

1st Read: 1 John 4:19; **Psalm:** Psalm 72:1-2,14-15,17; **Gospel:** Luke 4:14-22

January 9, 2026

1st Read: 1 John 5:5-13; **Psalm:** Psalm 147:12-15,19-20; **Gospel:** Luke 5:12-16

January 10, 2026

1st Read: 1 John 5:14-21; **Psalm:** Psalm 149:1-6,9; **Gospel:** John 3:22-30

**WEEKLY CALENDAR/
CALENDARIO SEMANAL****SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD: CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Lewis & Mae Bertalotto;
Special Intention

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 am Mass - Verona

10:00 am Mass - Monett +Al Fiffe

11:15 am PSR -1st-6th grades

12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish +Vicente Soriano, Rito Barrientos, Omar Mijares, Simona Salas, Fidel Ayala y Salvador Rodriguez

6:00 pm Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH: ST. JOHN NEUMANN

6:00 pm Prayer Group

6:30 pm PCCW Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH: ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

8:15 am Mass - Monett —+Meghan Connors;

+Raymond and Una Forcier

6:00 pm Rosary (Spanish)

7:00 pm OCIA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH: ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFO

8:00 am Mass - Verona

6:30 pm Youth Group

7:00 pm PSR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH

8:15 am Mass - Monett -Healing for Loretta Hurlbut

10:00 am Mass at Oak Pointe

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH

8:00 am Mass - Verona

1:00 pm Dominoes/Puzzles in the Church Basement

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Flora & Albert Schmidt

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00 am Mass - Verona

10:00 am Mass - Monett +Sara Schad; +Rita and Charlie Drake

11:15 am PSR - 1st-6th grades

12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish

ATENCION

Para todos los estudiantes de ultimo año de secundaria y mayores. Ya se estan aceptando solicitudes para el seminario para el año escolar de otoño de 2026. Para obtener mas informacion, comuniquese con su parroco o con el encargado de las vocaciones.

**EPIPHANY****ADORACION DEL PRIMER VIERNES**

Debido a las condiciones climaticas, no tendremos la adoracion del primer viernes durante los meses de enero, febrero, marzo y abril de 2026. Habra misa, pero no habra adoracion posterior.

ARBOL DE LOS ANGELES

¡Gracias a todos los que donaron regalos para nuestro ministerio del Árbol de los Ángeles! Atendimos directamente a niños de 9 familias locales y contribuimos significativamente a las listas de deseos de 443 niños en acogida en los condados de Barry y Lawrence. ¡Qué bendición fue recibir tantos juguetes donados!

4 de Enero de 2026

Primera: Isaías 60:1-6; **Salmo:** Salmo 71:1-2,7-8,10-13; **Segunda:** Efesios 3:2-3,5-6; **Evangelio:** Mateo 2:1-12

5 de Enero de 2026

Primera: 1 Juan 3:22; **Salmo:** Salmo 2:7-8,10-11; **Evangelio:** Mateo 4:12-17,23-25

6 de Enero de 2026

Primera: 1 Juan 4:7-10; **Salmo:** Salmo 71:2-4,7-8; **Evangelio:** Marcos 6:34-44

7 de Enero de 2026**ANUNCIOS DE PSR**

Si aún no ha pagado las cuotas del PSR de su(s) hijo(s), por favor hágalo lo antes posible.

La Primera Comunión será el sábado 11 de abril durante la Misa de las 5:00 p.m.

El retiro de Confirmación será el sábado 21 de marzo a las 9:00 a.m. La Confirmación será el miércoles 13 de mayo durante la Misa a las 7:00 p.m. El obispo hablará con los estudiantes a las 6:00 p.m.

CUANDO LAS CLASES SE REANUDEN EL DOMINGO, 4 DE ENERO, COMENZARÁN A LAS 11:15 A.M.

MANTENIMIENTO DE LA PARROQUIA

¡Hemos recibido varias donaciones para el fondo de mantenimiento! Por favor, tengan en cuenta que los árboles dañados al sur de la iglesia ya han sido retirados y están listos para el desbroce de tocones. ¡Pronto habrá más información! ¡Gracias por su apoyo a nuestra parroquia y a las necesidades de la escuela!

DIRECTORIO PARROQUIAL

Las fotos se tomarán del 23 al 24 de enero. SI YA SE TOMARON SUS FOTOS ANTERIORMENTE EN 2023, NO NECESITA VOLVER A TOMARLAS, la empresa aún las tiene.

Para programar su cita de fotografía en línea, vaya a www.ucdir.com, haga clic en Photography Session Sign-Up en el lado derecho, ingrese MO257 en el campo Church Code y escriba fotos en el campo Church Password. Siga las indicaciones para programar la cita de su familia. Si tiene 5 o más miembros en su familia, por favor use 2 franjas horarias consecutivas. Para obtener ayuda para programar su cita, llame al 816-501-8652. Las hojas de inscripción también estarán disponibles en las misas en enero antes de los días de fotografía.

Primera: 1 Juan 4:11-18; **Salmo:** Salmo 71:2,10-13; **Evangelio:** Marcos 6:45-52

8 de Enero de 2026

Primera: 1 Juan 4:19; **Salmo:** Salmo 71:2,14-15,17; **Evangelio:** Lucas 4:14-22

9 de Enero de 2026

Primera: 1 Juan 5:5-13; **Salmo:** Salmo 147:12-15,19-20; **Evangelio:** Lucas 5:12-16

10 de Enero de 2026

Primera: 1 Juana 5:14-21; **Salmo:** Salmo 149:1-6,9; **Evangelio:** Juan 3:22-30

The Epiphany

At the beginning of the new year we celebrate both Mary, the Mother of God and the Epiphany, which is when the wise men came from far away to worship baby Jesus.

Imagine that you are living a long time ago in Bethlehem and your parents have invited a poor family to stay at your house: a mother, a father and a new baby.

One day something amazing happens: some rich men from a far away country come to see the baby and and bring expensive treasures for him! Do you know who the family is now? Who is the baby?

The baby is Jesus, of course, and the mother is Mary. She holds Jesus on her lap so the wise men can bow down to Him and worship Him. Mary cooperated with God to bring Jesus into the world so that we could all see and love and worship Him.

Can you thank Mary today for bringing Jesus to us?

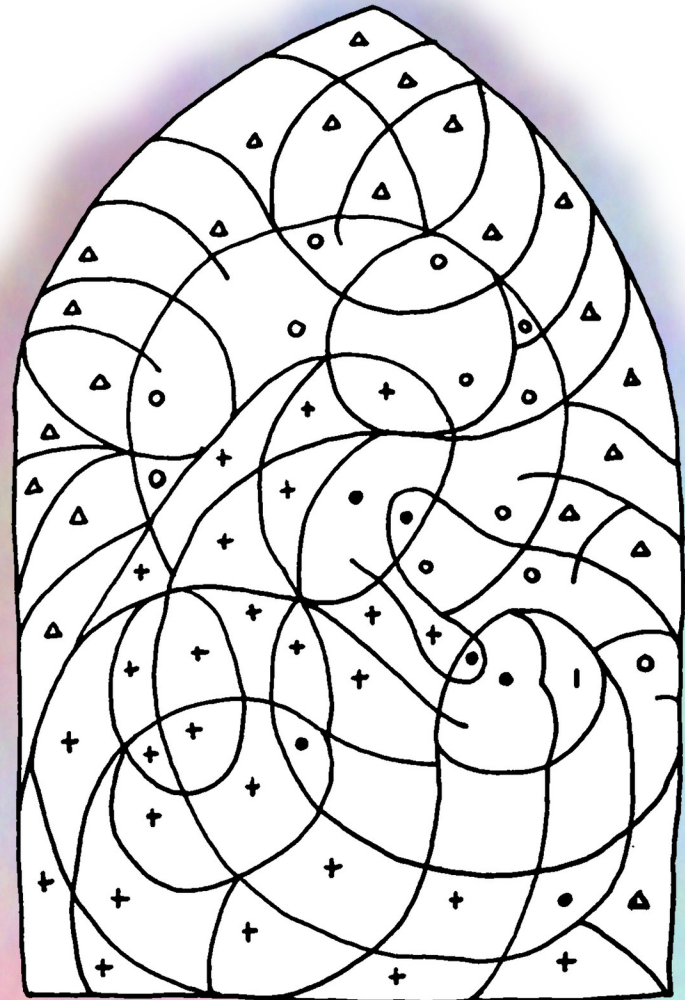


Answer to Octave of Christmas Word-Find:
Mary the Mother of God

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The Kids' Bulletin

*Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God: Jan. 1
& Feast of the Epiphany: January 4 or 6, 2026*

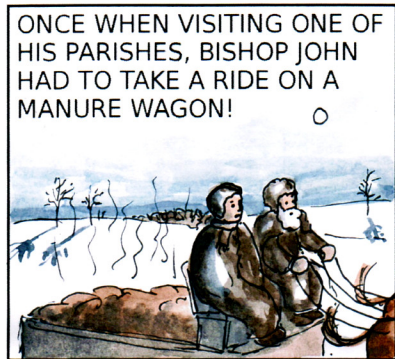
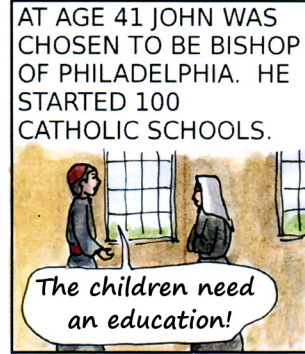
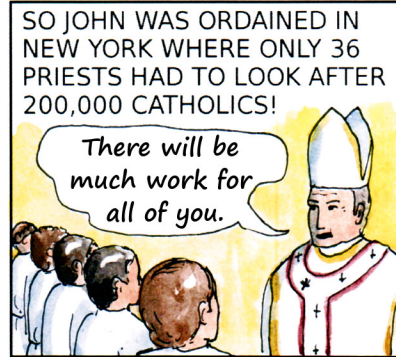


*Whose feast is it on New Year's Day?
Colour in the spaces to see! Here's the code:*

+ Blue	▲ Pink	○ Yellow
• Brown	• Skin colour	

Saint John Neumann

January 5



SAINT JOHN NEUMANN WORKED TIRELESSLY TO HELP THE POOR PEOPLE WHO WERE SETTLING IN AMERICA. HE DID NOT LET HIS OWN POVERTY SLOW HIM DOWN. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS EXAMPLE TO USE OUR TALENTS TO BRING GOD TO THE WORLD NO MATTER HOW MUCH OR HOW LITTLE WE HAVE.

Octave of Christmas

Word-Find

Can you find all the words in the list in the puzzle below?
Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

ANGELS	GLORY	PRAISE
ANIMALS	GOD	SAVIOUR
BABY	HOLY	SHEEP
BARN	JESUS	SHEPHERDS
BETHLEHEM	JOSEPH	SING
BORN	MANGER	SKY
COLD	MARY	STABLE
FIELDS	MOTHER	WONDER
FOUND	NIGHT	WORSHIP

W P M S I N G N I G H T
O R A T A N I M A L S B
N A S A N G E L S R H E
D I A B M O T H E R E T
E S V L A D J O S E P H
R E I E R Y E L T H H L
G L O R Y E S Y M O E E
F B U T H E U S K Y R H
O A R W O R S H I P D E
U B A R N F I E L D S M
N Y R M A N G E R O F G
D O D C O L D P B O R N

On the eighth
day of
Christmas we
honour in a
special way
