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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.*

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

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1892**

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".

2026 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

To date, our parish has given **\$7,661** toward our **\$30,123** goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card.

DEACON ORDINATION MASS

James Haston (St. Lawrence) and Kevin Haverly (SS Peter & Paul) will be ordained as deacons on July 25th at 10:30am at St. Mary Parish in Joplin. Reception to follow, please RSVP by emailing selbert@stmarysparishjoplin.com or calling 417-623-3333. Everyone is invited!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 14, 2026

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$2,656.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$876.67
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$1,096.97
Children's Collection	\$28.00
Votive Candles	\$51.00
School Support	\$15.00
Outreach	\$130.00
Cross Catholic Outreach	\$50.00
DDF	\$70.00
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Total	\$4,973.64

FUNERAL INFORMATION

Toni Elbert passed away May 29, 2026. She is the wife of Frank Elbert. The family would like to invite you to attend the funeral on Monday, July 6th at 10am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pierce City. Burial to follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Prayers for the family and friends of Toni Elbert.

FIRE ALARM INSTALLATION

Monett City Fire Department and American Red Cross are doing Free Smoke Alarm installs for residents of Monett. Call 417-832-9500 option 2 to Schedule Installation. June 27th 8:30-1pm

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- June 28th—Peter's Pence
- September 20—Retirement Fund for Religious

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Plumbing and door lock repairs have been made in the rectory. All fire extinguishers have been serviced or replaced and dead batteries in all the emergency exits have been replaced. The Federal Protection fire system has been updated in the school and parish hall. A new computer and monitor have been purchased for Father. These items along with some minor repairs have been made using the Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your contributions to this ongoing fund!

Other upcoming repairs or activities include:

- Replace missing shingles on the church roof (south side) and evaluation of the roof for remaining life estimate and/or replacement
- Rollers for kitchen oven; the old ones are shredded from age and are costly to replace
- Heating and air unit maintenance for church, basement, hall, and school; some units are at or beyond end-of-life but are kept going because of ongoing maintenance

SCHOOL NEWS

From *Magnifica Humanitas*, #139: "In an era when truth is often distorted in order to serve particular interests and communication strategies, the field of education assumes decisive importance. Yet rapid technological transformations reveal just how unprepared we are on the educational level. The pervasiveness of digital media fosters a culture of immediacy and hyper-stimulation, which gives rise to fatigue, boredom and apathy concerning the effort required to seek the truth." Pope Leo XIV

There are several themes to pull from this paragraph-I will focus on the task of educating in this digital world. Education is decisive, Pope Leo says, especially when we look at the times we are living in. All of us have experience of how ourselves and children have been hugely impacted on the advent of screens and technology heretofore only imagined! As Our Holy Father puts it so well-"digital media fosters a culture of....hyper-stimulation! I know boredom is part of life and it is what makes us creative in finding things to do. The danger of losing our ability to strive to find things to do and to seek the truth is at risk when we are dependent on digital media. This is a clarion call to me to emphasize this search for truth and goodness with all our students. Education is not just "facts" in our brains, but the ability to judge rightly and exercise wisdom in our decisions. It is a spiritual as well as an intellectual task. May God grant us the grace to educate in this spirit of wisdom and integrity!

DIOCESAN NEWS

You are Invited!

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau will celebrate its 70th anniversary by bringing the faithful of Southern Missouri together on **August 15, 2026** for our first-ever, Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. This even marks a historic opportunity to embody the vision of our diocese to truly be “One Church, East to West” and will feature national Catholic speakers, breakout sessions on relevant topics, Mass with fellow Catholics from all over the diocese, beautiful music, prayer, and more! Make plans to join us at the West Plains Civic Center in West Plains, MO, for this one day celebration of faith! Over 1,200 people have already registered and seating is limited to 3,000. Learn more about the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress and register online at <https://dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress/>.

To help us prepare for the Eucharistic Congress, the diocese has designated a **sister parish** for St Lawrence; Immaculate Conception in Jackson, MO. We can make contact with Immaculate Conception in an effort to bring our parishes together for the Eucharistic Congress. Their address is: Immaculate Conception Parish, 208 Hope Street, Jackson, MO 63755. Their pastor is Rev. Randy Tochtrop, rtochtrop@dioscg.org and Deacon Walter Biri, wbiri@dioscg.org and Deacon Alvin Stoverink, astoverink@dioscg.org. Please write a letter or email to let them know about our parish and make sure to register for the Eucharistic Congress on August 15, 2026.

Ascend: A Day of Prayer and Formation-save the date

Ascend is a formation opportunity open to all adults in the parish, they do not have to be actively involved in a ministry. The goal is to form intentional disciples in the home, the parish, and wider community. The day will begin at 9am and end at 12:30pm, a light lunch is provided. The day is free of charge, thanks to the generosity of donors to DDF. Dates and locations are as follows:

- Sat., Sept 26—Sacred Heart Parish, Popular Bluff
- Sat., Oct 3—St. Mary Parish, West Plains
- Sat., Nov 7—Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield
- Sat., Nov 14—St. Lawrence Parish, Monett

To register contact Lynn Melendez, Sr. Janine Tran or Simon Elfrink at the Diocese Center.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Alvarez; Sarah Sylvain Isidor(Father’s Mom); Maria Padilla; Juan Cecenas; Maria Rueda; Parker Laning; Rosemary Schmidt; Kenneth Wrobleski; Bob DeGraff; Irene Cavazos; Loretta Hurlbut; Debbie Erwin; Corey Sandwisch; Regina Peterson; Erin Hunt; Lita Cruz. 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 AUXILLARY



- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **Christmas in July Bazaar**—July 18th if you are interested in having a booth or a food truck please talk to Lynda Velten 417-354-4228 or Suzie Curry 417-393-6200 or 417-235-3286

FINANCIAL CORNER

Financial Corner	Apr 2026	Apr 2025
Regular Operations		
Sunday Contributions	\$ 23,874.76	\$ 26,895.60
Other Income*	\$ 4,323.51	\$ 3,826.62
Endowment/Cemetery/School Support	\$ 1,385.00	\$ 865.00
Collections for Diocese projects	\$ 31.00	\$ 2,740.00
2nd Collections/Non-revenue/Other	\$ 4,382.92	\$ 6,918.96
Total Operational Income	\$ 33,997.19	\$ 41,246.18
Expenses		
Operational Expenses	\$ 21,092.83	\$ 28,277.82
School/Parish Education Expenses	\$ 13,772.37	\$ 12,655.20
Payouts to Diocese/2nd Collections	\$ 2,667.35	\$ 10,514.28
Total Expense	\$ 37,532.55	\$ 51,447.30
Net Income (Net Loss)	\$ (3,535.36)	\$ (10,201.12)

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

ENGLISH LECTORS

Saturday 5:00pm

- June 20th.....Rosa Villeda
- June 27th.....Patricia Randall
- July 4th.....Al Dohmen

Sunday 10:00am

- June 21st.....Sonie Probstfield
- June 28th.....Lynda Velten
- July 5th.....Clayton Matheson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 5:00pm

- June 20th—Jim Haston, Teresa Verhoff, Aarron Holmes, Al Dohmen, Kirk Verhoff
- June 27th—Jim Haston, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Patty Allcock, Jason Ceselski
- July 4th—Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner

Sunday 10:00am

- June 21st—Bridget Outhouse, Emma Outhouse, Jerry Hudson, Judy Hudson, Ann Saunders
- June 28th—Ed Vetlen, Lynda Velten, John Velten, Cathy Velten, Suzie Curry
- July 5th—Sonie Probstfield, Susan Garcia, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt, Kendra Outhouse

SERVERS 10AM MASS

- June 21st—Francisco Salas, Fernando Salas, Uriell Marcos, Memphis Matheson
- June 28th—Joseph Velten, Sydney Garcia, Brooklynn Outhouse, Jordan Garcia
- July 5th—Joseph Velten, Sydney Garcia, Brooklynn Outhouse, Jordan Garcia

June 21, 2026

1st Read: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm: Psalm 69: 8-10,14,17,33-35; 2nd Read: Romans 5:12-15; Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

June 22, 2026

1st Read: 2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15,18; Psalm: Psalm 60: 3-5,12-13; Gospel: Matthew 7:1-5

June 23, 2026

1st Read: 2 Kings 19:9-11,14-21,31-36; Psalm: Psalm 48:2-4,10-11; Gospel: Matthew 7:6,12-14

June 24, 2026

1st Read: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm: Psalm 139:1-3,13-15; 2nd Read: Acts 13:22-26; Gospel: Luke 1:57-66,80

June 25, 2026

1st Read: 2 Kings 24:8-17; Psalm: Psalm 79:1-5,8-9; Gospel: Matthew 7:21-29

June 26, 2026

1st Read: 2 Kings 25:1-12; Psalm: Psalm 137:1-6; Gospel: Matthew 8:1-4

June 27, 2026

1st Read: Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19; Psalm: Psalm 74:1-7,20-21; Gospel: Matthew 8:5-17

**WEEKLY CALENDAR/
CALENDARIO SEMANAL**

SAT. JUNE 20TH: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

4:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Deceased Members of the McNerney Family, John D Birkenbach
6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish Mass

SUN. JUNE 21ST: 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; FATHER'S DAY; FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

8:00 am Mass - Verona
10:00 am Mass - Monett +Joe Bill and Kaye Birkenbach, Lindsey Dieckhoff
12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass
2:00 pm EMAUS Meeting

MON. JUNE 22ND: ST. PAULINUS OF NOLA; SS. JOHN FISHER AND THOMAS MORE

6:00 pm Prayer Group

TUE. JUNE 23RD

8:15 am Weekday Mass—Monett— +Anna Maria & Jerry Green, and MSGR Tom Wallace
6:00 pm Rosary (Spanish)

WED. JUNE 24TH: THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

8:00am Weekday Mass—Verona

THUR. JUNE 25TH

8:15 am Monett Weekday Mass + Bernard Spradling

FRI. JUNE 26TH

8:00 am Verona Weekday Mass
1:00 pm Dominoes/Puzzles - Church Basement

SAT. JUNE 27TH: ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA; BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

4:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass - Monett—+Josephine Isbell
6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish Mass

SUN. JUNE 28TH: 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Mass - Verona
10:00 am Mass - Monett—+ Anna Velten
12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass
2:00 pm EMAUS Meeting

NOTICIAS ESCOLARES

De *Magnifica Humanitas*, #139: "En una época en la que la verdad a menudo se distorsiona para servir a intereses particulares y estrategias de comunicación, el ámbito de la educación adquiere una importancia decisiva. Sin embargo, las rápidas transformaciones tecnológicas revelan cuan poco preparados estamos en el plano educativo. La omnipresencia de los medios digitales fomenta una cultura de inmediatez e hiperestimulación, lo que genera fatiga, aburrimiento y apatía ante el esfuerzo que requiere la búsqueda de la verdad."—Papa Leon XIV

De este párrafo se pueden extraer varios temas y me centrare en la tarea de educar en este mundo digital. La educación es decisiva, como señala el Papa Leon, especialmente si consideramos los tiempos que vivimos. Todos hemos experimentado el enorme impacto que la llegada de las pantallas y de una tecnología—antes solo imaginada—ha tenido tanto en nosotros como en los niños. Como bien expresa el Santo Padre, los medios digitales fomentan una cultura de... ¡hiperestimulación! Se que el aburrimiento forma parte de la vida y es precisamente lo que nos impulsa a ser creativos y a buscar que hacer. Al depender de los medios digitales, corremos el riesgo de perder la capacidad de esforzarnos por encontrar actividades y de buscar la verdad. Esto supone para mi un llamamiento urgente a fomentar esa búsqueda de la verdad y del bien con todos nuestros alumnos. La education no consiste simplemente en acumular datos en la mente, sino en la capacidad de juzgar con acierto y de actuar con sabiduría al tomar decisiones. Es una tarea tanto espiritual como intelectual. ¡Que Dios nos conceda la gracia de educar con este espíritu de sabiduría e integridad!

21 de Junio de 2026

Primera: Jeremias 20:10-13; **Salmo:** Salmo 68:8-10,14,17,33-35; **Segunda:** Romanos 5:12-15; **Evangelió:** Mateo 10:26-33

22 de Junio de 2026

Primera: 2 Reyes 17:5-8,13-15,18; **Salmo:** Salmo 59:3-5,12-13; **Evangelió:** Mateo 7:1-5

23 de Junio de 2026

Primera: 2 Reyes 19:9-11,14-21,31-36; **Salmo:** Salmo 47:2-4,9-11; **Evangelió:** Mateo 7:6,12-14

24 de Junio de 2026**Fondo Diocesano de Desarrollo 2026**

Hasta la fecha, nuestra parroquia ha dado **\$7,661** para alcanzar nuestro **objetivo de 30.123 dólares**. ¡Gracias! Si aún no has hecho tu promesa, por favor añade tu regalo, sea cual sea la cantidad, en conjunto con quienes ya lo han hecho devolviendo una tarjeta de compromiso.

ACTUALIZACION DE MANTENIMIENTO

Se han realizado reparaciones de fontanería y cerraduras en la casa parroquial. Se ha llevado a cabo el mantenimiento o la sustitución de todos los extintores y se han cambiado las baterías agotadas de las luces de emergencia en todas las salidas. Se ha actualizado el sistema contra incendios de Federal Protección tanto en la escuela como en el salón parroquial. Se han adquirido un nuevo ordenador y un monitor para el padre. Estos elementos, así como algunas reparaciones menores, se han financiado mediante el Fondo de Mantenimiento. ¡Gracias por sus contribuciones a este fondo continuo!\

Otras reparaciones o actividades previstas incluyen:

- Sustitución de las tejas faltantes en el tejado de la iglesia (lado sur) y evaluación de la cubierta para estimar su vida útil restante y/o determinar si es necesario reemplazarla.
- Rodillos para el horno de la cocina; los actuales están destrozados por el paso del tiempo y su sustitución resulta costosa.
- Mantenimiento de los sistemas de calefacción y aire acondicionado de la iglesia, el sótano, el salón y la escuela; algunas unidades han alcanzado o superado el final de su vida útil, pero siguen funcionando gracias al mantenimiento continuo.

Primera: Isaías 49:1-6; **Salmo:** Salmo 138:1-3,13-15; **Segunda:** Hechos 13:22-26; **Evangelió:** Lucas 1:57-66,80

25 de Junio de 2026

Primera: 2 Reyes 24:8-17; **Salmo:** Salmo 78:1-5,8-9; **Evangelió:** Mateo 7:21-29

26 de Junio de 2026

Primera: 2 Reyes 25:1-12; **Salmo:** Salmo 136:1-6; **Evangelió:** Marcos 8:1-4

27 de Junio de 2026

Primera: Lamentaciones 2:2,10-14,18-19; **Salmo:** Salmo 73:1-7,20-24; **Evangelió:** Mateo 8:5-17



**ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS EXCITED TO
WELCOME NEW STUDENTS TO OUR
PRESCHOOL – 6TH GRADE PROGRAMS!**

◆ **PRESCHOOL & PRE-K**

- ✓ PRESCHOOL: MUST BE 3 YEARS OLD BEFORE AUGUST 1ST
- ✓ PRE-K: MUST BE 4 YEARS OLD BEFORE AUGUST 1ST
- ✓ ALL STUDENTS MUST BE POTTY TRAINED
- ✓ FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE OPTIONS:
 - FULL OR HALF DAYS
- ✓ WEEKLY PE, MUSIC, ART, AND LIBRARY
- ✓ FOCUS ON SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL GROWTH, FINE MOTOR, AND GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

◆ **KINDERGARTEN – 6TH GRADE**

- ✓ ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN A COMMUNITY GROUNDED IN FAITH
- ✓ EDUCATION IN VIRTUE
- ✓ STUDENTS ATTEND MASS TWICE A WEEK AND CELEBRATE
- ✓ WEEKLY PE, MUSIC, ART, AND LIBRARY

◆ **ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS**

- ✓ AFTER-SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE FOR PRESCHOOL–6TH GRADE UNTIL 4:30 PM
- ✓ SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS. THE MOSCHOLARS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY INCLUDES STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN OR 1ST GRADE, STUDENTS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED A PUBLIC SCHOOL AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT, AND STUDENTS WITH AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEP).

**CALL TODAY TO ARRANGE A TOUR OR REGISTER.
PHONE NUMBER: 417-235-3721**





**LA ESCUELA CATÓLICA ST. LAWRENCE SE COMPLACE EN DAR
LA BIENVENIDA A NUEVOS ESTUDIANTES A NUESTROS
PROGRAMAS DE PREESCOLAR A 6.º GRADO.**

◆ **PREESCOLAR Y PRE-KÍNDER**

- ✓ PREESCOLAR: DEBE TENER 3 AÑOS CUMPLIDOS ANTES DEL 1 DE AGOSTO
- ✓ PRE-KÍNDER: DEBE TENER 4 AÑOS CUMPLIDOS ANTES DEL 1 DE AGOSTO
- ✓ TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES DEBEN SABER USAR EL BAÑO DE MANERA INDEPENDIENTE
- ✓ OPCIONES DE HORARIO FLEXIBLES:
 - DÍA COMPLETO O MEDIO DÍA
- ✓ CLASES SEMANALES DE EDUCACIÓN FÍSICA, MÚSICA, ARTE Y BIBLIOTECA
- ✓ ENFOQUE EN EL DESARROLLO SOCIOEMOCIONAL, HABILIDADES MOTORAS FINAS Y HABILIDADES MOTORAS GRUESAS

◆ **KÍNDER – 6.º GRADO**

- ✓ EXCELENCIA ACADÉMICA EN UNA COMUNIDAD FUNDAMENTADA EN LA FE
- ✓ EDUCACIÓN EN LAS VIRTUDES
- ✓ LOS ESTUDIANTES ASISTEN A MISA DOS VECES POR SEMANA Y PARTICIPAN EN CELEBRACIONES LITÚRGICAS
- ✓ CLASES SEMANALES DE EDUCACIÓN FÍSICA, MÚSICA, ARTE Y BIBLIOTECA

◆ **SERVICIOS ADICIONALES**

- ✓ CUIDADO DESPUÉS DE CLASES DISPONIBLE PARA ESTUDIANTES DE PREESCOLAR A 6.º GRADO HASTA LAS 4:30 PM
- ✓ BECAS DISPONIBLES PARA ESTUDIANTES ELEGIBLES. EL PROGRAMA MOSCHOLARS INCLUYE ESTUDIANTES QUE INGRESAN A KÍNDER O 1.º GRADO, ESTUDIANTES QUE HAN ASISTIDO PREVIAMENTE A UNA ESCUELA PÚBLICA COMO ALUMNOS DE TIEMPO COMPLETO Y ESTUDIANTES CON UN PROGRAMA EDUCATIVO INDIVIDUALIZADO (IEP).

**LLAME HOY PARA PROGRAMAR UNA VISITA O INSCRIBIRSE.
TELÉFONO: 417-235-3721**



Parish Picnic – Join Our Church Family in Making It Happen!

Dear Fellow St. Lawrence Catholic Church Parishioners,

Our parish picnics have always been a special reflection of who we are as a church family—welcoming, generous, and joyful. So much of that comes from the time, energy, and care given by so many of you. From setting up tables and grilling meals to greeting neighbors and cleaning up at the end of the day, your efforts have made these gatherings meaningful for everyone. Thank you for the many ways you've helped in the past.

As we begin to plan this year's picnic, we invite you to be part of it once again. There are many ways to help—whether by volunteering your time, sharing your talents, or making a financial donation to support food, supplies, and entertainment.

If you feel called to contribute, we would love to have you join us. We are forming planning committees and welcome both familiar and new faces. This is a great opportunity to connect, collaborate, and help create another memorable day for our parish community.

If you are interested in volunteering or making a donation, or if you would like to attend an upcoming planning meeting, please leave your name and number with the parish office (Parish Office 417-235-3286) or please send your name and information to the parish office at stlawrence1892@gmail.com. We plan to meet in the next few weeks, so please do not hesitate to reach out. We will create a group communication for those interested in helping.

Together, let's continue building the spirit of fellowship that makes St. Lawrence Catholic Church so special.

Yours in Christ,

Jacob Gouvion, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jacob Gouvion".

Picnic Parroquial – Únase a Nuestra Iglesia para hacerlo posible!

Queridos Miembros de la Parroquia de San Lorenzo,

El picnic parroquial ha sido un reflecto especial de quienes somos como una familia de Iglesia – acogedor, generoso, y alegre. Todo este proviene del tiempo, la energía, y cuidado que muchos de ustedes han dado. Desde acomodar mesas, preparar comidas para nuevos vecinos, y limpiar al final del día, sus esfuerzos han hecho que estas convivencias Tengan significado para todos. Gracias por las muchas maneras en que han ayudado en el pasado.

Al comenzar a planear el picnic de este año, los invitamos a ser parte otra vez. Ay muchas maneras en las que pueden ayudar – ya sea ofreciendo su tiempo como voluntario, compartiendo sus talentos, o hacienda un donación financiera para apoyar la comida, utensilios, y el entretenimiento.

Si siente el llamado a contribuir nos encantaría que se unan a nosotros. Estamos formado un comités de planificación y damas la bienvenida a nuevos y conocidos. Esta es una gran oportunidad para conectar, colaborar, y ayudar a crear un día memorable para la comunidad parroquial.

Si está interesado en ser voluntario o hacer una donación, os si le gustaría asistir una próxima reunión de planificación, por favor deje su nombre y numero de teléfono en la oficina de la Iglesia (Oficina Parroquial 417-235-3286) o envíe su nombre y información por correo electrónico (stlawrence1892@gmail.com). Planeamos reunirnos en las próximas semanas, así que por favor no dude en comunicarse. Crearemos un grupo de comunicación para aquellos interesado en ayudar.

Juntos, continuemos construyendo el espíritu de compañerismo que hace que la Iglesia de San Lorenzo sea tan especial.

Tuyo en Cristo,

Jacob Gouvion, Presidente



Herald Street

By

Deacon Elect Jim

June 21, 2026

Love, Dignity and Devotion

Dear Brother and Sister in Christ:

My father has been slipping away in the slow, unhurried way hospice teaches you to recognize—not a single moment, but a long, soft fading. He has always been my hero. Strong. Athletic. Determined. As a child, and especially as a teenager working beside him in his muffler shop, I wanted nothing more than to match his stride. I tried to live up to the example he set without him ever needing to say a word, especially his unwavering work ethic. Even now, as his strength fades, that example remains one of the greatest gifts he ever gave me.

I spent my childhood—and much of my young adulthood trying to keep up with him, trying to match the strength and drive that seemed to come so naturally to him. My dad was not perfect; he had his faults, some of which are now taking his life. But I never doubted his love. Not once. And even now, as his body weakens and the strength that once defined him gently ebbs, my admiration hasn't faded. It has deepened. It has become something sacred.

But in this season, the clearest expression of love has not come from me. It has come from my sister, Julie.

Every day—two, sometimes three times—she drives forty minutes round trip to feed him, change him, clean him, and make sure he is cared for with dignity. She does it quietly, without complaint, without any desire for recognition. She simply shows up. Again, and again. Her hands have become the hands that honor him. Her presence has become the quiet proof of what he meant to us.

What she is doing is more than family duty. It is a living embodiment of the Church's social teaching—the dignity of the human person, the call to honor life at every stage, the sacred responsibility to care for the vulnerable. She is practicing corporal works of mercy not as a concept, but as a way of life.

Her devotion is the purest tribute a child can give a parent. Not words. Not memories. No stories. But action. Care. Faithfulness.

Love expressed in the most human, humbling ways.

Many of you—and I know this is true of so many of our wonderful parish of St. Lawrence—live this same quiet, faithful love. What Julie is doing for our father is the same love I see in the countless unsung caregivers among us, those who serve without recognition. They, too, are living the Word.

Herald Street

Por

Diacono electo Jim

21 de junio de 2026

Amor, dignidad y devoción

Queridos hermano y hermana en Cristo:

Mi padre se ha ido apagando poco a poco, de esa manera lenta y pausada que los cuidados paliativos te enseñan a reconocer: no en un instante concreto, sino como un desvanecimiento largo y suave. El siempre ha sido mi heros. Fuerte. Atlético. Decidido. De niño, y sobre todos en mi adolescencia cuando trabajaba a su lado en su taller de silenciadores, no deseaba otra cosa que seguir sus pasos. Intente estar a la altura del ejemplo que el daba sin necesidad de pronunciar palabra alguna, especialmente de su inquebrantable ética de trabajo. Incluso ahora, mientras sus fuerzas decaen, ese ejemplo sigue siendo uno de los mayores regalos que ha me hecho.

Pase mi infancia—y gran parte de mi juventud—tratando de seguirle el ritmo, intentando igualar la fortaleza y el ímpetu que en el parecían surgir con tanta naturalidad. Mi padre no era perfecto; tenia sus defectos, algunos de los cuales ahora le están arrebatando la vida. Pero nunca dude de su amor. Ni una sola vez. E incluso ahora, mientras su cuerpo se debilita y la fuerza que alguna vez lo definió se desvanece suavemente, mi admiración no ha disminuido. Se ha profundizado. Se ha convertido en algo sagrado.

Pero en esta etapa, la expresión mas clara de amor no ha provenido de mí. Ha provenido de mi hermana, Julie.

Cada día—dos, a veces tres veces—recorre cuarenta minutos de ida y vuelta para alimentarlo, cambiarlo, asearlo y asegurarse de que reciba un trato digno. Lo hace discretamente, sin quejas y sin buscar reconocimiento alguno. Simplemente esta presente. Una y otra vez. Sus manos se han convertido en las manos que lo honran. Su presencia es la prueba silenciosa de lo que el significa para nosotros.

Lo que ella hace trasciende el deber familiar. Es una encarnación viva de la doctrina social de la Iglesia: la dignidad de la persona humana, la llamada a honrar la vida en todas sus etapas y la sagrada responsabilidad de cuidar a los vulnerables. Ella practica las obras de misericordia corporales no como un concepto, sino como una forma de vida.

Sue entrega es el tributo mas puro que un hijo puede ofrecer a sus padres. No son palabras, ni recuerdos, ni historias; es acción, es cuidado, es fidelidad.

Un amor expresado de las maneras mas humanas y que nos llenan de humildad.

Muchos de ustedes—y se que esto es cierto para tantos miembros de nuestra maravillosa parroquia de San Lorenzo—viven ese mismo amor silencioso y fiel. Lo que Julie hace por nuestro padre refleja el mismo amor que veo en los innumerables cuidadores anónimos que hay entre nosotros, aquellos que sirven sin buscar reconocimiento. Ellos también viven la Palabra.

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Don't Worry! God Cares About You!

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us not to fear those who can kill us. He tells us that God pays attention to the sparrows, which are just little birds. How much more He cares about us, His people!



Please help me, Lord!

I feel all alone...
But God is still with me!



What Jesus says reminds us that we should always remember that God loves and cares for us. We don't need to live in fear, because God always wants what is best for us.

Sometimes bad things happen to us - we can become poor, we can lose friends, we can get hurt or sick. But God is still caring for us through those times. These things can help remind us of how much we need God. Just food and possessions and other people and even our health are not enough

Every time you see a picture of Jesus remember that God is caring about you right now! Thank Him for His love and try to share His love and care with those around you!



I can help look after the baby!

The Kids' Bulletin

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 21st, 2026



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that God sees even little things. What little things did He mention? Connect the dots to find out!

Answers to Fill-in-the-Blanks: LIGHT, PROCLAIM, BODY, CANNOT, FEAR, SPARROWS, PENNY, FATHERS, OF, NOT, MORE, EVERYONE, BEFORE, BUT, God cares for you!

