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CHURCH WEBSITE

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Our Organizations

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Calling all Catholic men to deepen their faith through service to our community. For more info go to greenvilleknights.com

St. Vincent de Paul Society of

Know of someone in need? Get help at svdpgreenvilleil@gmail.com or 618-704-3760

CHWC CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

Bringing young Catholics closer to God through service to others for more info call 618-2167-0097



Contact our Parish Office for more information at: 618-664-9149 or bookkeeper@stlawgreenville.org

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
Founded 1859-Greenville Illinois
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Mass Times

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday at Church 8am
Friday 8am HSHS Chapel
Saturday 5:30pm & Sunday 8 & 10am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4:45-5:15pm Saturday or by appointment
Holy Rosary: Weekends prior to Mass
Weekdays after Mass
Adoration: Tuesdays at 7pm as announced

November 8, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel this week Jesus gives us the parable of the ten virgins. In this parable, five are wise and five are foolish. The wise virgins bring sufficient oil for their lamps while the foolish leave and are absent when the Bridegroom comes for them. About wisdom, The book of Wisdom states: "whoever watches for her at dawn, shall not be disappointed, for he shall see her sitting at the gate… (Wis. 6:14)." Hope is the theological virtue that sustains us to wait for the fulfillment that is promised through our faith in Christ! Hope grows and allows us to wait in joyful expectation for the coming of Jesus in our lives. Jesus comes in all fullness at the end of our lives, so we may think of the Lord as coming for us at the hour of our death. Certainly, Scripture reminds us that Jesus is also coming at the end of the age when all creation will be renewed in Christ. St. Paul wrote about this in the letter to the Thessalonians, that the dead would be raised first and then those living would be brought to meet the Lord (1Thes. 4:13-18)." In the parable the virgins were waiting for Jesus. When he came, the virgins who were ready went with him and those who were not ready were left behind. Jesus warns us in several parables that we are to be always ready. The time is near, and we are to be prepared for the Lord's coming. This is such an important teaching that it is the theme of the Church Season of Advent. Hope helps us to remain ready and to stay joyful as we wait. May God help us on our journey through life to be committed to the Gospel and to live a life that is fruitful with good works.

Peace,
Fr. Jeff

Housekeeping items

The cemetery board requests that everyone remove flowers and decor in a timely manner after any holiday. We are also asking that no used items be placed on the church resource table, if you have items that you would like to share they can be placed on the library shelves by the south doors.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS IN YOUR PRAYERS

Mark Marchello	Taylor Marti	Virginia Pollman
Carmen Koonce	Sarah Wells	Cyndi Weiss
Mary Siebert	Leo Rakers	Paul Tully
Fran Heimann	Bill Hart	Dean Coleman
Joanne Carter	Ginny Hay	Kaleb Durbin
Mike Willeford	Lily Wells	Isabel McLaughlin
Evelyn Thies	Richard Morgan	Cory Elam
Melissa Marti	Harold Thull	John Jackson
Doreen Whalen	Mary Margaret Roberts	Sherri Beckham

Bulletin items please send the information to bookkeeper@stlawgreenville.org or call the church office. **Please note: <u>All items must be received by 10am on Wednesday to be included in the bulletin that same week.</u>** To view online go to flock-note.com/stlgreenville.com

Budget Goals as of November 2, 2026

Total Regular*	$6,110
Regular Support Goal weekly plus fundraising	$3,923
Surplus/ Deficit	+$2,187
Annual Support Needed (Budget) 7/26-6/27	$204,000
Cumulative Support Actual 7/26-6/27	$85,107

Parish Support October 31 & November 1, 2026

*Envelopes/ Online Giving	$5854.20
*Loose Cash	$223.00
*Vigil Candles	$33.00
Black & Indian Mission	$25.00
World Mission Sunday	$50.00
Cemetery Fund	$485.00
Season of Stewardship	$140.00
Religious Ed	$50.00
Sister Parish	$90.00
Rental Income	$200.00
Church in Africa	$25.00
Campaign for Justice and Hope	$20.00
	TOTAL $7,195.20

<u>AMVETS 29th Veterans Day Ceremony</u>

Honoring all veterans from the Bond County area. The ceremony will take place on Veterans Day, Nov. 11th at 11am at the first United Methodist Church in Greenville. Come and join us in saying "Thank you" to our Veterans. For more info contact Tony Koonce at 618-664-1976.

<u>Readings for the week of November 9</u>

- **Monday-Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

First Reading: Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9
Second Reading: First Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17
Gospel: John 2: 13-22

- **Tuesday-St. Leo the Great**

First Reading: Titus 2: 1-8, 11-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 37: 3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29
Gospel: Luke 17: 7-10

- **Wednesday-St. Martin of Tours**

First Reading: Titus 3: 1-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 23: 1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6
Gospel: Luke 17: 11-19

- **Thursday-St. Josaphat**

First Reading: Philemon 1: 7-20
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 146: 7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Gospel: Luke 17: 20-25

- **Friday-St. Frances Cabrini**

First Reading: Second John 1: 4-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 119: 1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18
Gospel: Luke 17: 26-37

- **Saturday**

First Reading: Third John 1: 5-8
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 112: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

- **Sunday**

First Reading: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5
Second Reading: First Thessalonians 5: 1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

Tuesday November 10	Wednesday November 11	Thursday November 12	Friday 11/13 at HSHS Chapel	Saturday November 14	Sunday November 8
Dr. Tom Dewey From Eric & Karen	Tom Whalen Jr.	Posch Family	Rose Toennies	5:30pm Everett, Art, Larry, Mary, Jim, Ben, Stylein & Mary Helen Martin	8am People of St. Lawrence
7pm Adoration	From Tony & Carmen Koonce	From St. Lawrence	From Pat Young	From Martin Family	10am Alvina Sparlin from Sparlin Family



Eucharistic Adoration Tuesday 11/10 at 7pm

Date	Mass	Lector	Servers	Eucharist	Gift Bearers
11/14/2026	5:30PM	Sharon Elam	Nita Durbin	Mary Dickenson Janice Betscher	Outreach Committee
11/15/2026	8:00AM	Kristy Schaefer	Ava Schaefer Colt Schaefer	Thersa Coleman Joe Whalen	Leo & Bev Kenny
11/15/2026	10:00AM	Dale Hastings	Joey Sanchez Mathon Sanchez	Kathy Henderson Liz Nolker	Tom & Deb Klincar

<u>Annual Parish Christmas Concert & Luncheon</u>

We are reviving a cherished St. Lawrence tradition. The concert will feature both the Adult Choir and Children's Choir in a combined performance on Sunday, December 20, 2026, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass with a catered lunch to follow the concert in the church hall.

The parish is inviting broad participation:

<u>Adult Choir:</u> Open to anyone in 9th grade and older. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

<u>Children's Choir:</u> Open to all children in grades K-8. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:00-7:30 p.m. in the PSR building. Questions should be directed to Michelle Hastings after the 10:00 a.m. Mass or via email. Please join us in celebrating the Christmas season through music and praise.

<u>Bell Ringers Needed</u>

St. Lawrence has signed up to provide Bell Ringers for Saturday, 11/21 at IGA. A sign-up sheet will be in the back of church next weekend please take time to sign up.

<u>Upcoming collections</u>

With the holidays approaching we have been asked to assist with several giving opportunities:

- Toys for Joy Angels are available in the back of church please purchase one gift valued at $40 and return unwrapped by December 4th
- Holiday Food Basket need us to collect 100 cans of green beans and 100 cans of canned fruit by December 1st

All donations can be placed at the back of church.

<u>Seminarian Raffle</u>

For the month of November the Knights of Columbus will be selling vocational raffle tickets to support the diocese seminarians after each Mass. Tickets are $2 each.

<u>Bond County Veteran's Day Collection</u>

St. Lawrence will be collecting for the 13th Annual Operation Care Package; we will have a drop off at the back of church. Please join us in supporting our Bond County military members.

PSR News/Updates

DRE/CRE Mary Beth Kuenstler
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PSR Calendar

Nov 11—No PSR, School Holiday
Nov 18—PSR Class
Nov 25—No PSR, Thanksgiving Break
Dec 2—PSR Class
Dec 9—PSR Class
Dec 16—PSR Class
December 20—Adult/Children's Christmas Concert after 10 AM Mass

<u>Book Club</u>

Our November book is <u>The Correspondent</u> by Virginia Evans. As a celebration of this being our 100th book club book we will meet on Monday, 11/30 at Noon at Grouchy's for lunch!

<u>Simple Room Thanksgiving Meal Help</u>

The Simple Room is once again asking St. Lawrence pie bakers to help provide pies and desserts for its Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 19. Desserts may be dropped off at The Simple Room that morning or at the First United Methodist Church that afternoon. If you are willing to bake for this community event, please call or text Karen Smith at 618-267-1890.

Celebrating this week November 8-14

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Randy Alderman	Ron & Barb Busch
Diego Gamino	Tom & Katie Gullo
Kevin Pruemer	
Elizabeth Schewe	
Allan Schewe	
Judy Steiner	
Elaine Zitta	

