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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
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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

October 4, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

The theme this week is the vineyard of the Lord. In salvation history God has used the image of a vineyard to denote the presence of God's kingdom among us. God establishes his people and the people are put in charge of the vineyard. Why is the image of a vineyard used? One reason is that a successful vineyard produces fruit. God often calls the people to fruitfulness. In the first vineyard parable from Isaiah, the fruit is wild and therefore bitter. Punishment is denoted by the landowner neglecting the vineyard and letting it be taken over by briars and weeds and drought. The land is given over to grazing and the trampling of the animals so that the vines are ruined. A symbol of the time of conquests by the Assyrians and the Babylonians.
Jesus now uses another vineyard parable to explain the chapter of salvation history where the Son is a part of the story. The Son is Jesus for all who believe in him and the story is told this way, "Finally, he sent his son to them thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard and killed him (Mt.21:37-39)." Jesus tells this parable to let his disciples know the Father's plan for Jesus. Yes, Jesus is rejected and killed by the elders, but in this the Father's plan of redemption is fulfilled. Jesus is able to sacrifice himself for the sins of the many, so that through him they may receive an eternal inheritance. The Gospel also contains the passage, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is a wonder in our eyes? (Mt. 21:42)" May God guide our lives to be productive members of the Church always bearing good fruit for the Kingdom of God!
Peace,
Fr. Jeff

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
Carla Clover		

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 September 28, 2026

Total Regular*	$2,895
Regular Support Goal weekly plus fundraising	$3,923
Surplus/ Deficit	$-1,028
Annual Support Needed (Budget) 7/26-6/27	$204,000
Cumulative Support Actual 7/26-6/27	$49,499

Parish Support September 26 & 27, 2026

*Envelopes/ Online Giving	$2533.55
*Loose Cash	$349.00
*Vigil Candles	$12.00
Religious Ed Fund	$20.00
Cemetery Fund	$40.00
Season of Stewardship	$85.55
Rental Income	$50.00
Church in Africa	$60.55
	TOTAL $3,150.65

<u>World Mission Sunday</u>

World Mission Sunday is not just another special offertory. On October 18, Catholics around the world will pray and give together for the Church's mission where the faith is too young, poor, or persecuted to support itself.
This year marks the 100th World Mission Day, with the theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV: "One in Christ, united in mission." As the Holy Father emphasizes, every baptized Catholic shares in the Church's missionary vocation. World Mission Sunday makes that concrete. Our prayers and offerings support priests, religious, catechesis, formation, churches, schools, healthcare, and other basic needs of mission dioceses.

<u>Readings for the week of October 4</u>

- **Monday**

First Reading: Galatians 1: 6-12
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 111: 1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c
Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

- **Tuesday**

First Reading: Galatians 1: 13-24
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 139: 1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15
Gospel: Luke 10: 38-42

Wednesday-Our Lady of the Rosary
First Reading: Galatians 2: 1-2, 7-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 117: 1bc, 2
Gospel: Luke 11: 1-4

- **Thursday**

First Reading: Galatians 3: 1-5
Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1: 69, 70-71, 72, 73-75
Gospel:Luke 11: 5-13

- **Friday**

First Reading: Galatians 3: 7-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 111: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6
Gospel: Luke 11: 15-26

- **Saturday**

First Reading: Galatians 3: 22-29
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 105: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Gospel: Luke 11: 27-28

- **Sunday**

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10a
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Second Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

Tuesday Oct 6	Weds Oct 7	Thurs Oct 8	Friday Oct 9 @ HSHS	Saturday Oct 10	Sunday Oct 11
Jan Young From Pat Young	8 am Sullivan Family	Jim Buss	The Posch Family	5:30pm People of St. Lawrence	8am Juanita Marchello from Marchello Family
<u>7pm Adoration</u>	6:30pm Terry Graham	From Catherine Rybak			10am Mary Lou Goggin From Ruth Outman



PSR Mass for the Feast of the Holy Rosary Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30PM All are welcome!

Date	Mass	Lector	Servers	Eucharist	Gift Bearers
10/10/2026	5:30PM	Craig Boyd	Griffin Rehkemper	Diane Bingham Mike Bingham	Rehkemper Family
10/11/2026	8:00AM	Kristy Schaefer	Colt Schaefer Ava Schaefer	Sheri Beckham Elayne Cripe	Hutchinson Family
10/11/2026	10:00AM	Dale Hastings	Joey Sanchez Mathan Sanchez	Alicia Gamino Maria Bemis	Diego & Alicia Gamino

<u>Chicken Dinner Recap</u>

Thanks to all that worked at, and donated to, and visited our St. Lawrence Chicken Dinner. We served 920 meals.
Please save the date, September 12, 2027, as we are already looking forward to our next Annual Chicken Dinner. We do have cases of uncooked chicken for sale - $110 per box

<u>Book Club</u>

Our October book is <u>The First Witch of Boston</u> by Andrea Catalano. We will meet on Monday, October 26th at 1pm in the Posch Center. All are welcome.

<u>Mother of Perpetual Help Chicken Dinner</u>

When: Sunday, October 4, 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Where: 200 North Lange, Maryville
Options: Dine-in or carry-out
Cost: $15 adults, $7 children ages 6–13, free under 5
Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, apple sauce, green beans, sauerkraut slaw, dessert, beverage.

<u>Empowered by Faith: Hannah and Mary, Mother of Jesus</u>

Presenters: Rabbi Andrea Goldstein and Mark Etling, PhD
Date/Time: Sunday, October 11, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to noon
Topic: A comparison of Hannah's Prayer (1 Samuel 2:1-10) and Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55), exploring the faith and thanksgiving expressed by these two biblical women.
Cost: $30 Registration: Online at snows.org/events/Interfaith or by calling 618-394-6281.

<u>Alton Deanery Council of Catholic Women Gathering</u>

Date & Time: Friday, October 16, at 9:30 a.m.
Location: St. Jerome Parish in Troy
The event will include prayer, refreshments, fellowship, and guest speaker, Clyde Nosser, presenting "Finding God in Adversity" and discussing the homeless outreach project Feeding Body and Soul. Attendees are encouraged to donate items for the project, including protein bars, powdered drink mixes, wipes, non-refrigerated drinks, $10 McDonald's gift cards, or monetary donations and a suggested donation of $5 per person will help cover event expenses.

PSR News/Updates

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October Classes: 7, 21, 28
No class October 14—BCCU2 early out
PSR Mass will be October 7 at 6:30. It is the Feast of the Holy Rosary—Mass is open to all, and PSR will be dismissed after mass. (7:15ish)

Wednesday Eve Meal, October 7
Menu: Pasta Bar

<u>Catholic Women's Conference-October 10</u>

Life is full of highs and lows, and it can be hard to see where God is in the middle of it all. At this year's Catholic Women's Conference, discover how to trust God in the messy, real moments of everyday life. You'll leave with practical tools to learn how to recognize God in your daily life, grow in prayer, and live with greater confidence in your identity as a beloved daughter of God. When? Saturday, October 10. Christ the King Parish Center, Springfield. Women age 18+. Cost $30. For the full schedule, speaker information, and registration, visit go.dio.org/cac. Questions? Contact Gracie Ortiz at gortiz@dio.org or 217-321-1124.

Celebrating this week October 4-10

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Belen Gamino	John & Eleanor Kennedy
James Moore	
Sharon O'Boyle	
Cari Outman	
Patricia Reavis	
Irene Seale	
Willow Jean Steiner	
Jeff Stone	
Kevin Vondaer Haar	
Becky Waters	

