



St. Lawrence Parish

Greenville, IL

Founded 1859

Diocese of Springfield In Illinois

Most Reverend

Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop

Tuesday Dec. 16-8am	Weds Dec. 17-8am	Thurs Dec. 18-8am	Friday Dec. 19-8am @HSHS Chapel	Saturday Dec. 20	Sunday, Dec. 21
Edith Maher	Gene & Shirley Potthast	Jim Hickman	Nina Miller	5:30pm People of STL	8am Jordan Storm
From Don & Kathy Reed	From Denny & Pat Potthast	From Fr. Jeff Stone	From Valerie Leidner		From Nita Durbin
7pm Adoration	6:30pm Bible Study				10 am Anna Baumgartner
					From Alderman Family

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Mass Times

Tues ,Wed, Thurs, at Church 8:00am Fri 8am HSHS Chapel

Saturday 5:30pm * Sunday 8 & 10am

Eve of Holy Days 7:00pm * Holy Days 8 or 9am

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4: 45-5:15pm Saturday or by apt.

Holy Rosary— Weekends prior to Mass * Weekdays after Mass

Budget Goals as Dec 8, 2025		
Total Regular *	\$	5,697
Regular Support Goal weekly plus fundraising	\$	3,730
Surplus/Deficit	\$	+1967
Fundraising Account 11/25/2025	\$	50,943
Annual Support Needed (Budget)7/25-6/26	\$	194,000
Cumulative Support Actual 7/25-6/26	\$	84,268
Season of Stewardship Paid out of GF-FYTD	\$	
Season of Stewardship Paid out of FR-FYD	\$	
Season of Stewardship collected here FYTD	\$	2,927

Parish Support Dec 6 and 7,2025		
*Envelopes	\$	5432.00
*Loose Cash	\$	255.00
*Vigil Candles	\$	10.00
Christmas Basket Collection	\$	25.00
Season of Stewardship	\$	75.00
Religious Ed Fund	\$	60.00
Cemetery Fund	\$	308.00
Improvement Fund	\$	47.00
Sister Parish	\$	240.00
Christmas Collection	\$	50.00
Campaign For Justice and Hope	\$	95.00
Retirement Fund For Religious	\$	170.00
Catholic Children's Home	\$	170.00
TOTAL	\$	6937.00
Includes Online Giving		

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel this week has the quote of Jesus about St. John the Baptist, "Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. (Matt. 11:11)." The Prophets came to warn and prepare the people for what God was going to do. Finally, John the Baptist was sent to prepare for the coming of Jesus as Lord and Savior. Jesus came to issue in the reign of God. His kingdom is established and all who are given the privilege to participate in the kingdom are receiving a great gift of redemption from God. These blessed ones, even the least of them are greater than the prophets that came before and are greater even than the forerunner of Jesus as indicated by his teaching. This should boggle our minds as we reflect upon what Jesus is saying and how it relates to the gifts we have received through Christ and through his Church. Dear Lord may we prove worthy of such an extraordinary gift as we have received from you through the Church and through the grace given us by the Holy Spirit. Our thanks and praise for Christ and for God and for His Church and a heart ready to do the will of God is our best response. As we grow closer to Christmas may we rejoice in the joy of your coming into the world Jesus, and may we share that joy and spread that joy in our communities and workplaces.

Peace,
Fr. Jeff

Our new church website

Check it out at www.stlawgreenville.org
Check out the link for online giving. New members can also find a link to register on this site. View the Bulletin too!!

If you would like to have something included in the bulletin, please send the information to: bookkeeper@stlawgreenville.org or call the church office. **Please note: All items must be received by 10:00 am on Thursday to be included in the bulletin that same week.** To view online go to flock-note.com/stlgreenville.com

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR PRAYERS		
ALVINA SPARLIN	MARK MARCHELLO	TAYLOR MARTI
CARMEN KOONCE	SARAH WELLS	BRODY HASTON
GUS MARCHELLO	MARY SIEBERT	LEO RAKERS
FRAN HEIMANN	BILL HART	DEAN COLEMAN
JOANNE CARTER	KATHY HENDERSON	GINNY HAY
MIKE WILLEFORD	PHYLLIS JOHNSON	LILY WELLS
ALICE KREHER	RICHARD MORGAN	CORY ELAM
PAUL&PHYLLIS TULLY	HAROLD THULL	JOHN JACKSON
MELISSA MARTI	JOHN MCATEER	VIRGINIA POLLMAN
MARY MARGARET ROBERTS	ISABEL MCLAUGHLIN	

Faith Instruction

Anyone interested in exploring or converting to the Catholic Faith. Please contact Fr. Jeff, or the office. RCIA, is available.

Date	Mass	Lector	Servers	Eucharist	Gift Bearers
12/20/2025	5:30PM	Maura Campbell	Kevin Budde Volunteer	Diane Bingham Mike Bingham	Nita Durbin
11/21/2025	8:00AM	Denny Potthast	Carson Caylor Oliver Smith	Joe Whalen Chelsea Reeves	Tompkins Family
12/21/2025	10:00AM	Tom Klinkar	Ethan Marcoot Nora Marcoot	Alicia Gamino Maria Bemis	Sanchez Family

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve 5:30pm and 10:00pm

December 25, 2025 Christmas 9:00am

New Year's Solemnity Mother of God Mass Schedule

December 31, 2025 5:30pm

January 1, 2026 9:00am

Memorial Poinsettia

Request forms and envelopes are also located in the vestibule of the church. \$15 suggested offering.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, December 16th at 7pm, Come spend time preparing your heart for Christmas. Father will also be offering reconciliation during this time.

Bible Study with Father Jeff

Final Bible Study of 2025 will be Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30 pm in the Posch Center. Please read Matthew chapters 1-2 and Luke chapters 1-2 to prepare.

CHWC is selling -St. Lawrence Catholic Church t-shirts - Please find the shirts and a collection envelope in the back of church-makes a great Christmas gift!

Book Club—December Book: The 13th Gift by Joanne Smith
January Book: The Sunflower House by Adriana Allegri
Next meeting will be January 26th @ 1pm in the Posch.

Blessing Box Items are needed. Please leave non-perishable food items and toiletry items in the tote at the back of church for this ministry.

Christmas Collections

St. Lawrence Church Family..... Thank you for the generous donations of canned food items and monetary donations that totaled \$905.00. This collection is offered by the Ministerial Alliance to provide Christmas Food Baskets for those in need.

Thanks also for the Toys for Joys donations and the donated Coats for Kids!!

St. Vincent de Paul Society Know of someone in need? Get help @ SVdPGreenvilleIL@gmail.com or 618-704-3760

PSR News/Updates

DRE/CRE Mary Beth Kuentler
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December Calendar
December 17--PSR Class
December 24 and December 31--No Classes--Christmas Break

Thank you to our St. Lawrence musicians Beth and Michelle for their direction of our PSR Christmas Program!

Thank you to our PSR teachers for all you have done during this first semester of this year's PSR program!

Wednesday Evening Meal—Dec 17

Join us for food and fellowship—5:30-6:30

Our Knights of Columbus will be serving Pizza and Salad

St. Lawrence Choir Join Monday evenings for practice. 7-8 pm. Come lift your voice with us!

Feast of St. Sebastian

Men's faith, Beer, and Bourbon Night – Men are invited to an evening of fraternity at the Villa Maria Conference Center on Lake Springfield as we celebrate the feast of St. Sebastian. Join Father Herman Joseph O.Praem. as the night begins with Mass at 6 p.m., followed by drinks and a discussion on the joys and challenges faced by men striving to follow Christ within the Catholic Church.

Tuesday, January 20: 5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Cost: \$10
Registration Deadline: January 16
Contact: events@dio.org. Register at: dio.org/events

3rd Sunday of Advent

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.