



St. Lawrence Parish

Greenville, IL

Founded 1859

Diocese of Springfield In Illinois

Most Reverend

Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop

Tuesday Dec. 23-8am Posch Family	Wednesday Dec. 24 5:30pm Shirley Potthast From Outreach Committee 10pm People of STL	Thursday Dec. 25 9am Everett, Mary, Art, Larry, Jim, Ben, Steilyn & Mary Helen Martin	Friday Dec. 26-8am @HSHS Chapel Tom Whalen Jr. From Tony & Carmen Koonce	Saturday Dec. 27 John & Lela Reed William & Edith Maher From Don & Kathy Reed	Sunday, Dec. 28 8am People of STL 10 am Kathy Leidel From Alderman Family
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New Church Directories have arrived Please pick yours up after masses this weekend! Thanks so much for your participation in our church family album!	Date	Mass	Lector	Servers	Eucharist	Gift Bearers
	12/24/2024	5:30PM	Sharon Elam	Dustin Rehkemper Griffin Rehkemper	Mike Wilhite Maura Campbell	Rehkemper Family
	12/25/2025	10:00PM	Mike Timmermann	Rose Timmermann Volunteer	Alicia Gamino Maria Bemis	Gamino Family
	12/25/2025	9:00AM	Dale Hastings	Dominic Sanchez Joey Sanchez	Thersa Coleman Volunteer	Sanchez Family
	12/27/2025	5:30PM	Jeff Rehkemper	Dustin Rehkemper Griffin Rehkemper	Sharon Elam Nita Durbin	Tony & Carmen Koonce
	12/28/2025	8:00AM	Sherri Beckham	Ava Schaefer Colt Schaefer	Pat Potthast Denny Potthast	Kathy & Rich Harley
	12/28/2025	10:00AM	Mike Timmermann	Dean Harley Genevieve Harley	Boneva Wamser Doniva Klein	Joel & Maria Bemis

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

Church Office Hours
December 22-24 8am-11am closed 12/25 & 26

December 29-31 9am-1pm closed 1/1 & 2

The 2026 Collection Envelopes are ready for pick up at the back of church. If you are not using our Weekly Collection Envelopes and want your offering to go towards a special collection instead of the Regular Support Offertory, please place your check or cash in an envelope and note the desired group to receive your offertory **on the envelope**. This makes the Offertory envelope sorting easier for our counters. Envelopes and Pens are located at the back of church for your convenience. **Online Offertory** is also available for Regular and all Special Collections.

Our new church website
Check it out at www.stlawgreenville.org

Book Club—December: 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.

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!

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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Phone: 664-9149

No PSR December 24 and December 31. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

A Christmas Gift for Our Parish Families
Christmas book gifts for parishioners will be available in the vestibule **at the Christmas masses**. There are books available for both adults and children--**The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality** by Matthew Kelly and **My First Interactive Mass Book** (Ascension Press). Merry Christmas! We also have 2026 Calendars available in the back of church.

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 Josph 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

4th Sunday of Advent
"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Fr. Jeffrey Stone-Pastor

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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 15, 2025	
Total Regular *	\$ 2,596
Regular Support Goal weekly plus fundraising	\$ 3,730
Surplus/Deficit	\$-1,134
Fundraising Account 11/25/2025	\$ 50,943
Annual Support Needed (Budget)7/25-6/26	\$ 194,000
Cumulative Support Actual 7/25-6/26	\$ 86,864
Season of Stewardship Paid out of GF-FYTD	\$
Season of Stewardship Paid out of FR-FYD	\$
Season of Stewardship collected here FYTD	\$ 2,967

Parish Support Dec 13 and 14,2025	
*Envelopes/Online Giving	\$ 2387.00
*Loose Cash	\$ 191.00
*Vigil Candles	\$ 18.00
Season of Stewardship	\$ 40.00
Cemetery Fund	\$ 1005.00
Sister Parish	\$ 25.00
Christmas Collection	\$ 50.00
Retirement Fund For Religious	\$ 325.00
Catholic Children's Home	\$ 5.00
TOTAL	\$ 4046.00

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

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! This will be our last Sunday bulletin before Christmas. I pray that all of you will have a joyful and peaceful season. Christmas is not just a day but a season where we celebrate Christ and his presence with us with family and with faith. May God increase our faith and hope in Christ in this season and always.

In the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel writer makes clear that Joseph was called to be the father of Jesus and the husband of Mary. Through Joseph, Jesus was the descendant of David and fulfilled the plan of God for him. Through Joseph the Just man, Jesus would learn a trade and witness the life and the work of his father on earth. Next week we will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. May God bless all our parish families with peace, hope, faith and love this season and always.

Peace,
Fr. Jeff

Prayers for the Johnson Family
Christopher Johnson, age 54 of Highland, Illinois, passed away at home Saturday, December 13, 2025.
Christopher is survived by his parents, William and Maria (Bellegante) Johnson. Christopher married Regina Nelson on January 9, 1993, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. They were blessed with a daughter, Kayla Waggoner who lives in Lawrenceville, Illinois with her son Konner.
Christopher was the oldest of 4, surviving are his siblings: Chad Johnson (Tasha) of Mulberry Grove, Angie Willman (Jason) of Mulberry Grove, and Alisha Tischhauser (Ryan) of Greenville. May he rest in peace.

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	