

# St. Lawrence Parish Greenville, IL Founded 1859

Diocese of Springfield In Illinois

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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 Nov 17, 2025	
Total Regular *	\$ 2,954
Regular Support Goal weekly plus fundraising	\$ 3,730
Surplus/Deficit	\$ -776
Fundraising Account 10/17/2025	\$ 51,791
Annual Support Needed (Budget)7/25-6/26	\$ 194,000
Cumulative Support Actual 7/25-6/26	\$ 74,358
Season of Stewardship Paid out of GF-FYTD	\$
Season of Stewardship Paid out of FR-FYD	\$
Season of Stewardship collected here FYTD	\$ 2,782

Parish Support Nov 15 and 16,2025				
*Envelopes	\$	2744.00		
*Loose Cash	\$	198.00		
*Vigil Candles	\$	12.00		
Season of Stewardship	\$	438.00		
Food Pantry Collection	\$	20.00		
Christmas Basket Collection	\$	375.00		
Archdiocese For Military	\$	270.00		
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If you would like to have something included in the bulletin, please send the information to: bookkeeper@stlawgreenville 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 flocknote com/stlgreenville.com

Dear Parishioners.

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Our view of Jesus my be distorted because Jesus, as the Prince of Peace and Man of Mercy, may have us believe that God is passive or the ultimate pacifist. It is true that God has given us freedom and in that freedom of will, we may either accept or reject Him. The first reading from Mass shows the freedom of the people in accepting David as their king. The people of the land came to him and anointed him king over them. Yes, God had anointed David through the prophet Samuel but now the people throughout the land came to Hebron to anoint David as their King.

Likewise, Jesus is Savior, Redeemer, King and anointed by God. He is the Lord, the One who was and is and is to come! His throne during his earthly realm was a throne of rejection. They nailed him to a cross, thinking that if he was truly God's Son and king then God would save him. They were mistaken because they had not understood the prophets. They had not understood that the Son must suffer and die for the sins of the people and then triumphantly rise on the third day. They thought that Jesus had been defeated and yet he triumphs. Through his blood we are redeemed and when we believe in him and through our obedience to God and His Church we believe that someday we shall also reign with him.

Christ is our king when we submit to his teaching and trust in the kingdom that he established, the Church. The Gospel this week has the one thief who is crucified with Jesus recognizing his innocence and his divine Sonship. He asked Jesus to remember him. Jesus assured him that this very day you will be with me in paradise. When Jesus returns he will come in all glory with the angels and saints who have risen from their tombs. It will be a great and glorious day and there will be no doubt about the power and majesty of Our Lord Jesus Christ. To make Jesus King in our lives we must follow him. To follow means that we listen to him and his teaching and to the Church. We are obedient to him and to the Church. May God enable us to follow Jesus with all our heart and all our soul and with all our strength both now and forever. In that Christ will truly reign in our lives! Peace,

Fr. Jeff

Our new church website is now published. 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!!

#### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN YOUR PRAY	- 25

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 JOHNS	SON	LILY WELLS
ALICE KREHER	RICHARD MORG	SAN	CORY ELAM
PAUL&PHYLLIS TULLY	HAROLD THUI	LL	JOHN JACKSON
MELISSA MARTI	JOHN MCATEE	:R	Virginia Pollman
MARY MARGARET ROBERTS ISABEL MCLAUGHLIN			CLAUGHLIN

Tuesday Nov. 25-8am	Wed. Nov. 26-8am	Thurs Nov. 27-8am	Friday Nov. 28	Saturday Nov. 29	Sunday Nov. 30
Nina Miller	Richard Lehn	Margie Scovitch	No Mass	5:30pm Ken Kennedy	8am Shirley Potthast
From Valarie Leidner	From Tim & Diane Luitjohan	Return to health		From Michael & Grace Kennedy	From Luke & Angie Thole
		From MaryLou Goggin			10am People of STL

# Attention Lectors

Please find your 2026 Workbooks at the back of church.

Date	Mass	Lector	Servers	Eucharist	Gift Bearers
11/29/2025 5:30PM	Janice Betscher	Kevin Budde	Sharon Elam	Tony & Carmen Koonce	
			Volunteer	Mike Wilhite	·
11/30/2025	/30/2025 8:00AM Sherri Beckham	Ava Schaefer	Pat Potthast	Kathy & Rich Harley	
			Colt Schaefer	Denny Potthast	,
11/30/2025 10:00AM Mike Timmermann	Oliver Smith	Boneva Wamser	Mike & Beth Lawler		
			Miles Doyle	Doneva Klein	

# Holiday Mass Ministers Needed

Sign Ups for Christmas masses, and The Solemnity of Mary Masses, Dec 31 and Jan 1st will be in the back of church this

Christmas Eve Masses are at 5:30pm & 10 pm

Christmas Day Mass— 9 am

New Year's Eve-Solemnity of Mary Vigil-5:30 pm

Solemnity of Mary -New Years Day-9 am

Please note that the Immaculate Conception will be Monday, December 8th. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Mass at 5:30pm on Sunday and 8 am on Monday. We will need people to volunteer for ministry at both of these masses. They will not be on the December schedule.

### Bell Ringers Needed

St. Lawrence Parish will be bell ringing at IGA on Thursday. December 4th and Tuesday, December 16th for one hour shifts beginning at 9:30 am to 6:30 pm each of those days. Sign up sheets to volunteer to ring the bell will be in the church vestibule next weekend, November 22 & 23.

#### Toys For Joy 2025

Christmas Gifts, and items will be collected thru Dec 9 for Toys for Joy. Your items can be left at the back of the church, or at the church Office.

#### CHWC Mouse House

We are in need of Christmas Gift Bags and small items a child might like to give to a loved one for our November 29th Mouse House at People's State Bank. Donations can be left under the CHWC t-shirt sales table.

# Christmas Baskets

The ministerial alliance is providing Food Baskets for those in need at Christmas time. This year, our parish contribution will be cans of green beans and/or cranberry sauce. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please mark your check or cash envelope—Christmas Basket—if donating.

#### Knights of Columbus Coat Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting coats for their annual Coat Drive. Preferably new coats from infant to adult sizes. They will also be collecting items from infant to size 14 sleepers, shirts, jeans, underwear & socks. Please drop off in the tall box at the back of church through December 12th.

<u>PSR News/Updates</u> DRE/CRE Mary Beth Kuenstler Email: St.lawrenceReligiousEd@gmail.com

Phone: 664-9149

All PSR Classes start at 6:30 PM.

November Calendar

No class November 26 due to Thanksgiving Break.

PSR Christmas Program will be December 7 @11:30 AM (after 10:00 Mass). Light refreshments will follow in the church hall. Everyone is welcome!

# Wednesday Evening Meal

No meal this week, have a blessed Thanksgiving.

#### Food Pantry Collection

Thanks to our parishioners for their generosity collecting items and \$786 to support the Bond County Food Pantry and our neighbors facing food insecurity.

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

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

**Book Club**—November book <u>Homefront</u> by Kristin Hannah. Next meeting November 24th at 1pm in the Posch.

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

Faith Instruction—Anyone interested in the Catholic Faith. Please contact Fr. Jeff, or the office. Perhaps you would like to be instructed on the faith and the means to become an active member of the Catholic Church. OCIA, formerly known as RCIA, is available.

Advent Day of Recollection: Preparing Our Hearts for the Coming of Christ - Gift yourself an afternoon of spiritual reflection and prayer during this Advent season. Join Norbertine Father Herman Joseph Johanneck, O. Praem. at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Springfield for an opportunity to personally encounter hope, peace, joy and love. Sunday, Dec. 7 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost: \$25 (retreat materials and dinner). Registration Deadline: November 30. Register at dio.org/events. Open to men and women.