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CHURCH WEBSITE



St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Founded 1859-Greenville Illinois

Diocese of Springfield Illinois

Thomas John Paproki-Bishop



Our Organizations



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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

August 23, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel this week we have the account where Jesus questions his disciples. He asks them two questions. First, he asks them, "Who do people say that I am ? Then he asks them, but who do you say that I am? Various answers come back about what the people are saying, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jerimiah or one of the prophets. (Mt 16:14)" Simon the Son of John answers, "You are the Messiah the Son of the Living God. (Mt. 16:16)" Jesus responds by a reply, "Blessed are you Simon, son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so, I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. (Mt. 16:17-18)" Noting carefully we see that Jesus calls Simon by a different name. Renaming someone in the salvation history always signifies an important event. Abram became Abraham as God established a covenant with him and his descendants. Jacob became Israel as he would become the Father of the twelve tribes that made a Nation which God would guide and guard and call to holiness. In the case of Simon, we see that both his first name and last name (surname) is changed. First name to Peter. Everyone gets that because Peter is from petros which means rock. His other name is changed from John to Jonah. Some bible commentary on this likens Peter to Jonah in this way. Peter will end up later in life as the Bishop of Rome, as visible Head of the Church in enemy territory. Rome was the Center of the Western World and the conqueror of Israel. In Jonah's time, Jonah was sent to Ninevah the capital of Assyria which had conquered Israel and taken many into exile. Jonah preached a message of repentance to the enemies of Israel and likewise, St. Peter would take the message of the Gospel to the people of Rome. The greatest message of hope and reconciliation ever given to the world through our loving Savior! May we pray and love the Church that Christ established and may the Church continue to flourish in our time under the direction of St. Peter through the witness of Pope Leo XIV.

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

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

Budget Goals as of August 18, 2026	
Total Regular*	\$2,009
Regular Support Goal weekly plus fundraising	\$3,923
Surplus/ Deficit	\$-1914
Annual Support Needed (Budget) 7/26-6/27	\$204,000
Cumulative Support Actual 7/26-6/27	\$34,963

Parish Support August 15 & 16, 2026	
*Envelopes/ Online Giving	\$1,767.00
*Loose Cash	\$230.00
*Vigil Candles	\$12.00
Season of Stewardship	\$270.00
Religious Education	\$2.00
TOTAL \$2,281.00	

Upcoming special Collection, September 5/6

For The Catholic University of America: Founded by the U.S. bishops in 1887, The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. The National Collection, established in 1903, is the only nationwide second collection for Catholic higher education. Your gift helps educate future Catholic leaders—both lay and ordained—through a faith filled academic formation while supporting research, training, and initiatives that strengthen dioceses, parishes, and the Church throughout the nation. Find giving envelopes by the Bulletin Baskets, or scan QR Code.

Links to daily mass readings, the Vatican and Diocese webpages, plus mass intention and ministry schedules can now be found on St. Lawrence Church Homepage

Readings for the week of August 24

- Monday-St. Bartholomew
First Reading: Revelation 21: 9b-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 145: 10-11, 12-13, 17-18
Gospel: John 1: 45-51
- Tuesday
First Reading: Second Thessalonians 2: 1-3a, 14-17
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 96: 10, 11-12, 13
Gospel: Matthew 23: 23-26
- Wednesday
First Reading: Second Thessalonians 3: 6-10, 16-18
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 128: 1-2, 4-5
Gospel: Matthew 23: 27-32
- Thursday-St. Monica
First Reading: First Corinthians 1: 1-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 145: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Gospel: Matthew 24: 42-51
- Friday-St. Augustine
First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 107: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40
- Saturday-Martyrdom of John the Baptist
First Reading: First Corinthians 1: 26-31
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 33: 12-13, 18-19, 20-21
Gospel: Mark 6: 17-29
- Sunday
First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 63: 2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

Tuesday Aug 25	Weds Aug 26	Thurs Aug 27	Friday Aug 28 @ HSHS Chapel	Saturday Aug 29	Sunday August 30
Shirley Pottest	Nina Miller	Dave Korte	Posch Family	5:30pm People of St. Lawrence	8am Alice Kreher from Roy & Carole Bohle
From Mel Berman	From Valarie Leidner	From Tonie Speraneo	From People of St. Lawrence		10am Jim Hickman from Tonie Speraneo



Wednesday Night Meals start this week from 5:30-6:30pm All are welcome and meal is free! This week we will be serving sloppy joes and hot dogs.

Date	Mass	Lector	Servers	Eucharist	Gift Bearers
8/29/2026	5:30PM	Janice Betcher	Griffin Rehkemper	Mary Dickenson Sharon Elam	Tony & Carmen Koonce
8/30/2026	8:00AM	Levi Siebert	Ava Schaefer Colt Schafer	Thersa Coleman Joe Whalen	Fohne Family
8/30/2026	10:00AM	Mike Timmermann	Ethan Marcoot Oliver Smith	Alicia Gamino Maria Bemis	Tom & Deb Klincar

St. Lawrence Family Chicken Dinner

Sunday, September 13 from 11am-2pm we hope by shortening the hours we can offer both carry-out and dine-in meals. Sign-up at the back of church or on Flocknote.

Thanks to all for the prior year fundraising efforts, in the last fiscal year our fundraising funds helped provide a parish appreciation celebration, Bishop meet and greet meals, a new epoxy floor in our Posch Center fry room, and a new range in the Church Hall kitchen. Some fundraising money has been set aside in an interest earning savings account. Let's work together to make this Chicken Dinner a success for the future of our Church and Parish Family.

Raffle Ticket Pick-up

The Chicken Dinner raffle tickets are ready! Help us advertise the Chicken Dinner and raise funds for our religious education program by selling tickets; \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Envelopes with books of tickets are at the back of church. Extra tickets are at the church office. Turn in ticket stubs and money to the collection basket during mass or the church office or the raffle stand on the day of the dinner

Country Store & Silent Auction

CHWC plans to host the country store and silent auction again this year at the Chicken Dinner. If you have items you would like to donate for either of these please bring them by the church office or reach out to Paula at 618-267-0097.

CHWC Pampered Chef Fundraiser

CHWC is hosting an online Pampered Chef fundraiser through August 30th. To check out the party and purchase go to: www.pamperedchef.com/party/chwc0816

Book Club

Our September book will be Theo of Golden by Allen Levi. Nest meeting will be September 30th at 1pm in the Posch. All are welcome to join to discuss the book.

HSHS Gift Shop Volunteers

The Gift Shop at HSHS Hospital in Greenville needs volunteers. If interested, please call Margaret Iberg at 618-530-6708.

PSR News/Updates

DRE/CRE Mary Beth Kuentler
Email: mkuentler@stlawgreenville.org
Phone 618-664-9149

PSR Calendar

August 26—First Class—6:30-7:30
September 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
Reminder—our PSR Calendar will reflect the BCCU2 school calendar in regards to days off/early dismissals.

***K-5 will meet in the Church School Building
***Jr. High/High School will meet in the Church Office Building

We will not have a Pre-School class to begin the school year but will revisit this at the new year.

***If you have not turned in your child's registration form, please turn it in before the first class!

***We would still like to add teachers to our staff! Please touch base with Mary Beth if you are interested! Training and supplies are provided.

Celebrating this week August 23- 29

Birthdays

Aubrey Durbin
Katie Durbin
Jeff Goggin
Kacie Gomez
James Lawler
Glen Marti
Melba Pelate
Samantha Schlaefer
Gabriel Smith

Anniversaries

Bill & Terri Carpenter
Denny & Pat Potthast
Russel & Nancy Rieke
Mark & Sheryl Speraneo

