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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 18, 2026

Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel this week, Jesus answers the question for the Pharisee in a way that reveals much to all generations of people. The question was about paying taxes. Jesus in his answer reveals the more important truths of life. Jesus asks to look at the coin that was used to pay the tax. Then, he asks them whose image is on the coin. (Mt. 22:17-21) They reply, Caesar. Then Jesus tells them to "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Ceasar and to God what belongs to him." The key word is "image" in the sentence to aid our understanding. We are made in God's image. Therefore, to repay God we are called to live as he commands and repay God by living a life worthy of Our heavenly Father. Jesus has spent his life revealing this way to us and to the Church!

God reveals to us that the most important thing in life is not politics, not taxes or wealth or the accumulation of wealth, but the most important thing is our relationship with God and our understanding of its significance in our lives. What we value the most influences all our work and actions. When our life is influenced by our discipleship in Christ then we may quote St. Paul with the knowledge of our own personal experience. "For our Gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction (1Thes1:5)" May God direct our lives, so that we always live in a way that is pleasing to God and as a witness to our faith in Christ Jesus Our Lord!
May the fact that we are made in the Image of God always remind us that we are called to grow in likeness to God through a life of loving service!

Peace,
Fr. Jeff

Our Sympathies

Our prayers go out to the Gray & Tompkins families at the passing of Jeff Gray's mother, Jeanette Gray. May she rest in peace and may God bring comfort to her family.

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: <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 October 15, 2026

Total Regular*	$2,052
Regular Support Goal weekly plus fundraising	$3,923
Surplus/ Deficit	-$1,8711
Annual Support Needed (Budget) 7/26-6/27	$204,000
Cumulative Support Actual 7/26-6/27	$59,319

Parish Support October 10 & 11, 2026

*Envelopes/ Online Giving	$1,797.00
*Loose Cash	$231.00
*Vigil Candles	$24.00
Cemetery Fund	$55.00
Rental Income	$50.00
Black & Indian Mission	$25.00
World Mission	$5.00
	TOTAL $2,187.00

<u>Diocesan Respect Life Mass & Rosary Walk</u>

All are invited to join Bishop Thomas John Paprocki for the annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass and Rosary Walk on Saturday, October 24, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City. The day begins with Mass at 9 a.m., followed by a Rosary Walk. A free luncheon at 11:30 a.m. at Engelbert Hall in Madison will feature guest speaker Lucy Sykes of Students for Life of America. A free-will offering will benefit Project Rachel, the diocese's confidential ministry of healing for those affected by abortion. This annual gathering offers Catholics throughout the diocese an opportunity to come together in prayer, fellowship, and a shared commitment to the dignity of human life. No registration is required.

<u>Readings for the week of October 19</u>

- **Monday-Sts. Isaac Jogues and John De Brébeuf**

First Reading: Ephesians 2: 1-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 100: 2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5
Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21

- **Tuesday**

First Reading: Ephesians 2: 12-22
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 85: 9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14
Gospel: Luke 12: 35-38

- **Wednesday**

First Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-12
Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Gospel: Luke 12: 39-48

- **Thursday-St. John Paul II**

First Reading: Ephesians 3: 14-21
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 33: 1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Gospel:Luke 12: 49-53

- **Friday**

First Reading: Ephesians 4: 1-6
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
Gospel: Luke 12: 54-59

- **Saturday**

First Reading: : Ephesians 4: 7-16
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5
Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

- **Sunday**

First Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Second Reading: First Thessalonians 1: 5c-10
Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

Tuesday Oct 20	Weds Oct 21	Thurs Oct 22	Friday Oct 23 @ HSHS	Saturday Oct 24	Sunday Oct 25
Alice Kreher	Carl Sparlin	Nina Miller	Martin Family	5:30pm Alvina Sparlin	8am Charlie Steiner from Dan Steiner
From Pat Young	From Sparlin Family	From Valarie Leidner	From Martin Family	From Sparlin Family	10am People of St. Lawrence

Bible Study with Fr. Jeff
Wednesday October 21st at 6:30pm in the Posch. Please read Isaiah chapters 46-66

Date	Mass	Lector	Servers	Eucharist	Gift Bearers
10/24/2026	5:30PM	Janice Betscher	Kevin Budde	Mike Wilhite Mary Dickenson	Cory Elam
10/25/2026	8:00AM	Sherri Beckham	Kaleb Johnson Kaitlyn Johnson	Denny Potthast Pat Potthast	Potthast Family
10/18/2026	10:00AM	Boneva Wamser	Mykie Sanchez Jayden Sanchez	Kathy Henderson Gena Moore	Marcoot Family

Priesthood Sunday

Sunday, October 25th we will celebrate Priesthood Sunday, a U.S. Catholic observance dedicated to honoring priests for their ministry, sacrifice, and service. We will offer a special prayer for Father Jeff and have coffee & donuts after the 8 & 10am Masses. Please join us in showing our appreciation.

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>

Parish council will meet on 10/20 at 6:30 in the Posch, all parishioners are welcome to join.
Finance council will meet on 10/26 at 6:30 pm

<u>St. Lawrence Adult Choir</u>

Please join us for choir practice on Wednesdays at 6:30pm

<u>Food Pantry Volunteers</u>

October is St. Lawrence month at the Bond County Food Pantry. Help is needed for food distribution for dates & times please call Joe Whalen at 618-292-4519 to volunteer.

<u>Mass in Memory of Miscarried Babies</u>

The Daughters of Isabella Circle 218 invites all to attend a Special Mass in Memory of Miscarried Babies on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 6:45 p.m. at St. Boniface Catholic Church, 128 N. Buchanan St., Edwardsville. Families may have a baby's or family name displayed with a candle during Mass by emailing daughtersofisabella218@gmail.com. Attendees will receive a flower and prayer card following Mass. RSVP is appreciated by October 18 but is not required.

<u>Bond County Grandfamilies Round Table</u>

Support group for grandparents and older relatives who are raising grandchildren or other younger family members. The group is being launched in partnership with the Bond County Health Department and is intended to provide a welcoming environment for caregivers to connect, share experiences, and learn about community resources. Different guest speakers will be featured each month. The meetings will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Bond County Health Department in Greenville, Illinois. Scheduled dates include October 27, November 17, and December 15. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided.

PSR News/Updates

DRE/CRE Mary Beth Kuenstler
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Phone 618-664-9149
October 21, 28
November 4, 18
School Holiday—November 11—No PSR
Thanksgiving Break—November 25

Wednesday Eve Meal, October 21
Menu: Tacos

<u>CHWC 2027 Mission Trip</u>

Catholic Heart Workcamp 2027 registration has opened, anyone interested in going please let Paula Caylor know as soon as possible. Our date options are June 27-July 3, July 11-17 or July 25-31 text Paula with your preferred dates.

<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>St. Paul New Year's Retreat for Youth</u>

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to attend St. Paul Catholic Church's New Year's Retreat. Kick off the new year with music, inspiring speakers, fun activities, and opportunities for prayer and faith growth. For retreat dates, registration information, and costs, visit St. Paul Highland's youth retreat page or contact Carrie Albaugh at chenrichsalbaugh@stpaulhighland.org.

Celebrating this week October 18-24

Birthdays	Anniversaries
Mary Adams	Mike & Diane Bingham
Craig Boyd	Gabriel & Kacie Gomez
Mason Gomez	Tom & Kristy Schaefer
Lauren Hutchinson	
Kayla Tompkins	
Macie Vonder Haar	
Angie Willman	

