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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 30, 2022



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



[He said to them], "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" - Lk 4:21-22

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ST. WILLIAM AND ST. LAWRENCE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We come together as members of St. William and St. Lawrence Parishes. Two parishes, with separate identities working together to grow in grace and love as disciples of Christ through the sacramental life of the Church, and to form new disciples by proclaiming the Gospel to all through word and service."

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On Monday-Thursday
8:00 a.m. — Noon on Friday

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The Way I Heard It

To truly appreciate the 200-year legacy of faith we have inherited and carry forward to future generations we need to know a little about the faithful people who conceived the idea of the Catholic community that eventually gave birth to our parish of St Lawrence.

Most of those early Catholic pioneers who settled here were poor farmers arriving in wagons or carts with few possessions and a desire for a better life. It is hard for us to imagine what it would have been like for them coming to a totally untamed wilderness. There were no roadways. There were wolves, bears and panthers. There were also the Native Americans who didn't want people moving onto the hunting grounds. There were no churches or priests for hundreds of miles. The Catholic faithful only got to celebrate Holy Mass when the "circuit" priest arrived to their area. Sometimes it could be years before one would make it to the community.

Father Charles Nerinckx is historically given credit for the first Catholic Mass celebrated in this area. Fr Nerinckx was a native of Belgium who escaped persecution and the threat of execution during the French Revolution. He had heard of the need of priests to minister to the settlers of the Kentucky territory and requested assignment. The Bishop of the Diocese of Baltimore, which covered a great geographical area, received his request with relief. He had been having a difficult time getting any priest to take on the vast and very primitive mission. Fr Nerinckx travelled from Baltimore with a group of Trappist Monks to Kentucky by flatboat and covered wagon. When one of the wagons was damaged and caused a lengthy delay Fr Nerinckx purchased a horse and saddle for \$75.00 (that cost was probably the equivalent of a top of the line loaded pickup truck today!) and riding on alone he began his ministry. He covered all of Kentucky west of Nelson County and parts of Tennessee, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri all on horseback. He told of attacks by wolves, sleeping outdoors in all kinds of weather and encounters with men who intended him harm. Because there had been no clergy to shepherd the Catholic flock in western Kentucky, he encountered many who had given up any precept and practice of the Catholic faith. Many had not participated in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist for many years. When the faithful heard a priest was nearby, they would travel by foot or on horseback as much as 15 miles to receive the Sacraments. The priest would spend many hours in a day Baptizing, hearing confessions, performing marriages and celebrating Mass.

In 1822 Fr Nerinckx celebrated the first Holy Mass in Daviess County at the home of Ezekial and Elizabeth Rogers Henning on Aull Rd near what is now Hwy 764. Mr. Henning was not Catholic at the time but his wife was and he later converted to Catholicism. Even though Fr Nerinckx didn't actually establish the parish of St Lawrence his perseverance in his ministry helped to keep our Catholic faith community active and growing.

These are the people that signed up for the Matthew 9 Mission, for the days of 30-5 of every month. They will pray the rosary for vocations to the priesthood. If you would like to sign-up, call the office.

SAINT WILLIAM CHURCH

- 30 Joey & Tara Moore
- 31 Dianne Ballard
- 1 Mary Lou Payne
- 2 Alicia & Steve Kurz Family
- 3 Sr. Mary Celine Weidenbenner OSU
- 4 Benita & Kenny Turner
- 5 Jessie & Marilyn Rhodes

SAINT LAWRENCE CHURCH

- 30 Marty & Kelly Lanham
- 31
- 1 Rhonda Smith; Joan Hayden
- 2 Marie Brandle
- 3 Sarah Boarman
- 4 Kenny & Debbie Lanham
- 5 Wilma Knott



STEWARDSHIP

"Our return to the Lord": In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received from God, last weekend we chose to return a portion to the Lord"

January 23, 2022	<u>St. William</u> envelopes	<u>St. Lawrence</u> envelopes
Regular Collections	\$ 12,456.00	\$ 4,097.00
Loose	\$ 59.00	\$ 27.00
Children's	\$ 1.66	\$ 2.41
Online giving	\$ 1,111.00	\$ 760.00
Total	\$ 13,627.66	\$ 4,886.41
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 3,000.00
Collections Year to Date**	\$ 289,888.13	\$ 106,305.57
Budget Year to Date**	\$ 291,000.00	\$ 90,000.00
Over (Under) YTD**	\$ (1,111.87)	\$ 16,305.57

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT BALANCE \$ 1,036,193.43

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 5-6

<p style="text-align: center; color: #FFD700; margin: 0;">EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</p> <p>4pm David Mills; Marilyn Rhodes 6:30am Jane Goodman 8am Debbie Lanham 10am Tony Lanham; Brook Mattingly</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #FFD700; margin: 0;">LECTORS</p> <p>4pm Barb Huskisson 6:30am Bobby Turner 8am Janey Gilmore 10am Charla Coomes</p>
<p style="text-align: center; color: #FFD700; margin: 0;">SERVERS</p> <p>4pm Fish Family; Wyatt Lanham 6:30am Wayne Haycraft 8am Finn & Hugh Williams, Paige Roberts 10am Joe & LT Varble, Lucas Murphy</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #FFD700; margin: 0;">SACRISTANS</p> <p>4pm EMHCS 6:30am Jack Haycraft 8am Lauren Johnson 10am Toni Isbill</p>

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT PLEASE CALL A SUB OR IF THAT DOESN'T WORK THE OFFICE AT 270-281-4802

MASS INTENTIONS

January 31-February 6


Tue.	8:00 a.m. SW	Pody & Catherine Higdon +
Wed.	8:00 a.m. SW	John Yates +
Thurs.	8:00 a.m. SW	Janetta Ballard +
Thurs.	6:00 p.m. SL	Frank Hardesty +
Fri.	8:00 a.m. SW	Chris Haycraft +
Sat.	4:00 p.m. SW	John W. Lanham +
Sun.	6:30 a.m. SW	Doe & Liz Hamilton +
Sun.	8:00 a.m. SL	Donnie Castlen +
Sun.	10:00 a.m. SW	Parishioners

FEBRUARY DONUT SUNDAY



Ethan & Misty Haycraft





Brian Wettstain, Pat Wright, Marie Fulkerson, Nick & Tyler McManaway, Danny Edge, Randall Cecil, Evan Barr, Mary Johnson, Janette Ford, Janice Payne, Roger Gilmore, Stephanie Mattingly, Charlie Boy Lanham, John Wells, Lisa Mayfield, Bobby Hamilton, Bernard & Lillian Haynes, Bob & Helen Ward, Chad Roberts, Chuck Winters, Edith Johnson, Cindy Payne, Ronnie Goetz, Joe Fitzgerald, Junior Hurm, Shelia Sanders, Dwayne Mattingly, David Montgomery, Ashley Whitaker, Cary Mattingly, Terry Stone, Francine Wright, Donna Barnett, Cecilia Recker, Sherri Murphy, Stevie Rhodes, Alex Payne, Whitney Burden, Eddie Burden, Jim Hazel, Nancy Meisenhelder, Jimmy Haynes, Jerome Hamilton, Kent Recker, Paige Morton, Margie Duncan, Janet Cecil Aud, Kenneth Huskisson, Bill McBrayer, Charles Aud

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: St. Lawrence Thursdays 5-5:30pm. St. William Saturdays 3-3:30 pm.

BAPTISM: Parents requesting Baptism for an infant or child under age 7, contact Kara Burch, at the parish office. Baptismal preparation is required and is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month **by appointment only**.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anyone having surgery or wishing to receive the Sacrament is asked to call the Parish Office.

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS: Any home-bound parishioner wishing to receive Communion or a pastoral visit is asked to call the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital.

HOLY MATRIMONY: At least one party must be a registered member of this parish. Do not set a wedding date before meeting with the Pastor. Please call for an appointment with Fr. Shijo at least six months before scheduling the wedding. The bride and groom must be free to marry in the Catholic Church before a date can be selected.

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JOIN US FOR OUR SYNOD MEETING

1st Session

Sunday, January 30th from 11 AM-12:30 PM at the Mary Carrico Gym

2nd Session

Sunday, February 20th from 11 AM -12:30 PM at the Mary Carrico Gym

SHARE YOUR OPINION!

Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of the Throats
at all weekend Masses
February 5 & 6



Candlemas Procession
and blessing of candles
Wednesday February 2nd
8 AM Mass

Presentation of Jesus

St. William & St. Lawrence
High School & Junior High
Youth Group

St. Lawrence Hall 9-10 am

Sunday, January 30

Muffin baking for the synod!

Contact Eathan Johnson ejohnson5623@gmail.com 270-315-9904



Blessed Elizabeth Canori Mora

This week we celebrate the feast of a very perseverant saint, Blessed Elizabeth Canori Mora. Elizabeth was born in Rome in 1774 to an aristocratic family. She grew up in a pious family and obtained an excellent education. She was known as being very intelligent and penitent. At age 21 she married a successful and rich lawyer, Cristoforo Mora. They had two daughters that survived infancy. Their marriage started out well, and Cristoforo was so proud of his wife that he paraded her around, calling her his “pearl of great price.” But these external shows were short lived as Cristoforo became controlling and abusive. He limited Elizabeth’s visits with her family, and slowly became resentful of her. He started an affair with a poor woman, and gave her all his time and money. He also squandered all his inheritance from his family. This left Elizabeth and their two daughters in extreme poverty, though Elizabeth was always faithful to Cristoforo, praying for him constantly. She became deathly ill, and no doctors could cure her, but she had a mystical experience and was miraculously healed. Her father-in-law was a doctor and also attributed the cure to a miracle. Elizabeth continued living in poverty, and sold all her jewelry, wedding dress, and whatever else she could find to pay off Cristoforo’s debts and save his good name. She spent all her time caring for her daughters, praying, and helping the poor. During this time Elizabeth also received many mystical experiences and visions of Mary, Jesus, angels, and the saints. Her friends and advisors suggested Elizabeth to separate from Cristoforo, but she declined. She stated that he had been given to her through the Sacrament of Marriage, and she was entrusted with some responsibility to save his soul. So she prayed for him all the more fervently and believed their union that no man could separate would lead him back to God. Elizabeth lived for many years in such suffering, and the word of her holiness, mystical experiences, charity, and miracles spread all over Rome. However, she still lived in humble poverty, helping others. She entered the secular Third Order of the Trinitarians, effectively joining the religious order as a married lay woman. She continued in her vocation faithfully until her death at age 50. When Cristoforo heard of her death, he



ran to her deathbed and said, “today we have lost a great bride and mother.” Elizabeth’s perseverance paid off as Cristoforo had a massive conversion and became a Franciscan priest for 10 years before his death. Her one daughter also became a nun, while the other married a good man. Elizabeth’s life is a staunch testament to the power of the Sacrament of Marriage and the virtue of fidelity. Venerable Fulton Sheen says in his famous book on marriage that because a husband and wife become one body and soul, one spouse can have a great impact on the salvation of the other’s soul, even if the other is utterly resistant. This proved true for Elizabeth. Her husband was utterly resistant, but her faithfulness and prayers brought about the salvation of his soul. He disregarded his vows and spiritual life, but Elizabeth’s perseverance made up for him in their unified soul. Let us follow Elizabeth’s perseverance and faith in not only our marriages, but also our jobs, parenting, and spiritual life. Blessed Elizabeth Canori Mora, pray for us!



HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

January 31-February 6

January 31 Gary & Becky Roberts	30 years	February 3 Mike & Mary McBride	44 years
February 1 Linus & Suzanne Murphy	36 years	February 5 Derek & Samantha Crisp	17 years

There is no greater force against evil in the world than the love of a man and woman in marriage. After the Holy Eucharist, it has a power beyond anything that we can imagine.

January 31, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOHN BOSCO

Today's readings: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20

Celebrating a lovely education

Saint John Bosco, a 19th-century Italian priest, was an educator ahead of his time. He understood the power of positive reinforcement long before modern psychology came along—and he applied this theory to teaching poor kids who had rough lives. His method? Quite simply, love. Rather than punish kids, he was kind. During Catholic Schools Week, offer a prayer of thanks for the educators who nurtured you through your formative years. Whether you went to Catholic schools or not, those special teachers were reflecting Christ's love back to you. Remember how their good works shaped the Christian you are today.

"Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you."

February 1, 2022

Today's readings: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mark 5:21-43

Catholic education for a better world

On this Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week, the focus is on the student. The National Catholic Education Association encourages schools to today recognize students' accomplishments—but also have them embrace the "grounding in faith, knowledge, and service" a Catholic education provides. In a June 2021 address to Latin American Catholic schools, Pope Francis expands this vision even more. He urges "welcoming schools" that "do not retreat into a selfish elitism, but that learn to live together with everyone . . . knowing that everything is connected." His wish? That "schools have conscience and create conscience." Pray for all Catholic students today.

"The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded."

February 2, 2022

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Today's readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Comfort food for the soul

Mexican American neighborhoods will be filled with the sweet aroma of warm tamales today, served because of a special connection this day has to January 6, the Epiphany. On Epiphany, La Rosca, a cake in the shape of a crown, is shared by family and friends in honor of the Magi, a.k.a., the three kings. The person who finds a small figure of Jesus hidden in their slice of cake is tasked with throwing a tamale party today, the day the infant Jesus is presented at the Temple. Welcome Jesus to your table today.

"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."

February 3, 2022

Today's readings: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13

Lift up her voice

Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, O.S.P., died on this day in 1882. Born into a well-educated family of means in the Caribbean, she immigrated to Baltimore in the early 1800s as a free black woman in a slave state. Seeing the need for education among her fellow Caribbean immigrants, she taught out of her home, opened a school in 1828, took first religious vows a year later, and founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Mary Elizabeth and her fellow sisters devoted themselves to works of mercy and social

reform, working with communities of color facing poverty, racism, and the degradations of slavery. Nearly 200 years later, the order's work continues strong, as does the canonization process for this remarkable woman. Let Mary Elizabeth's example inspire you to respond to injustice with courageous compassion.

"The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them."

February 4, 2022

Today's readings: Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29

Invest your humanity

On this Friday of Catholic Schools Week, Pope Francis offers supportive words for Catholic educators. "To educate is an act of love, it is to give life. And love is demanding, it calls for the best resources, for a reawakening of the passion to begin this path patiently with young people. The educator in Catholic schools must be, first and foremost, competent and qualified but, at the same time, someone who is rich in humanity" and able to promote spiritual growth. For this, Francis said in 2014, "it is necessary to invest." How can you help support Catholic educators today? "He added beauty to the feasts and solemnized the seasons of each year."

February 5, 2022

Today's readings: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

Be careful what you ask for

The wisest thing Solomon ever did was to ask for wisdom. Given the chance to ask for anything, he didn't go the route of wealth, fame, immortality, but rather chose the road less traveled. For, as one biblical commentator put it, wisdom is "a bountiful crop with a meager harvest." Often personified in biblical testimony as the feminine face of the Divine, Proverbs tells us that she "cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?'" We are Solomon, and the choice is ours to make. What will you choose?

"The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. . . . 'In addition, I give you what you have not asked for.' "



My dear boys, run, jump, play,
make noise, but do not sin.

ST. JOHN BOSCO



An elderly woman had recently died. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote ...
 “They wouldn’t take me out while I was alive; I don’t want them to take me out when I’m dead.”

Dependent on Alcohol? If you drink everyday or feel you need a drink to relax or have a good time, your brain may be dependent on alcohol. Come find freedom or support as a loved one at **A.A. & Al-Anon Meeting: 8pm Sundays at St. Mary of the Woods Cafeteria**



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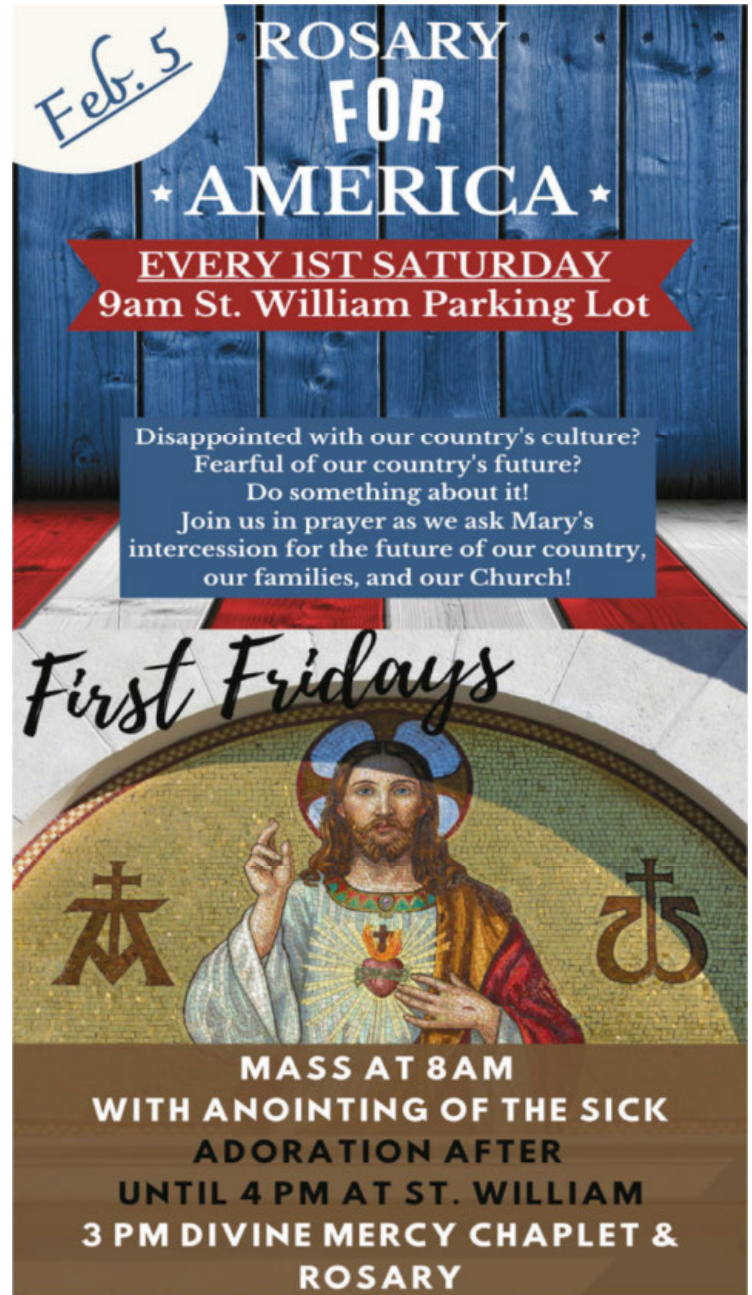
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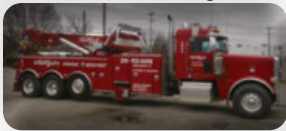
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