

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:00 am and 11:30 am
Sunday Mass: 9:45 am at our Mission,
St. Patrick Catholic Church in Walters
Daily Masses: Monday-Saturday 7:30 am
Check Mass Schedule for any changes.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Thursday after 6:30 pm Holy Hour

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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November 12, 2023

Pastor, Rev. Raymond K. Ackerman
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens—friends and family members of the bride—to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home.

As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

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Altar Society Take-Out
Turkey Dinner and Silent Auction
November 12, 2023 in Parish Hall

11:00 am—1:00 pm

Tickets: \$10.00 adults and
\$6.00 children
under 12 yrs



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Deacon Bob Quinnett
Email: DeaconBob@lawtoncatholic.com

CAMERON CATHOLICS

Billy Gonsler Campus Minister
Email: youthdirector@lawtoncatholic.com

ALTAR SOCIETY

Meets the second Monday of the month,
September through May only

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS, COURT ST. JUDE

Meets the third Saturday of the month

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at
6:30 in the St. Mary Cafeteria

MARRIAGE

At least six months preparation time is required and one party must be registered in the parish. Please call the parish office to begin this preparation.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Choir rehearsals are the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesday
From September - May at 6:00 pm in the Church

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Director: Alicia Brierton
Email: re@lawtoncatholic.com

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Director: Alicia Brierton
Email: safe@lawtoncatholic.com

THRIFT SHOP

(580) 581-1309
Currently Open Mondays and Wednesdays
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents should call for an appointment at least three months prior to the desired date of Baptism. Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for more information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

(580) 355-7837(Help Line)
Meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall

YOUTH DIRECTOR

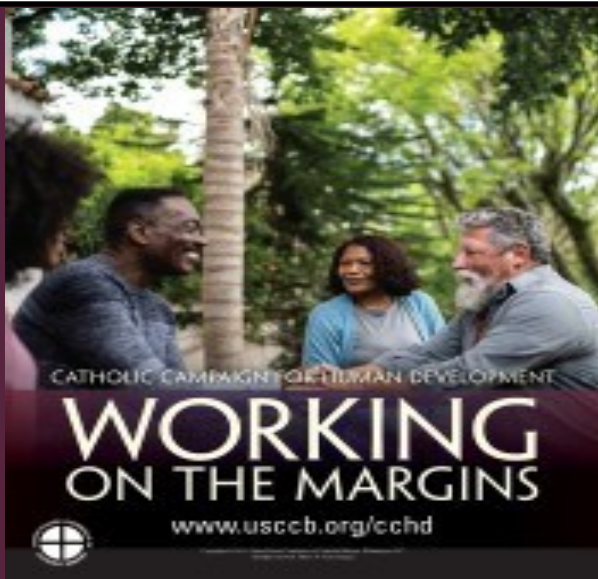
Director: Billy Gonsler
Email: youthdirector@lawtoncatholic.com



RE Classes are meeting on
November 15th from
6:15 pm until 7:30 pm in the
St. Joseph Building.



Bible Study is meeting
in the Parish Hall
November 15th from
6:15 pm until 7:30 pm.



Collection date: November 19, 2023

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth.

For information please contact

Deacon Bob (580) 583-0271, deaconbob@lawtoncatholic.com

Come join us at 3 PM on Sunday in the Parish Hall.

SPONSORS NEEDED!!

If you are a fully initiated Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed, actively participating in the Eucharist) who is at least 18 years of age,

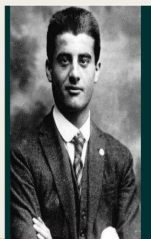
PLEASE contact

Deacon Bob Quinnett (deaconbob@lawtoncatholic.com) to find out how you could be a Sponsor.

Frassati Society

YOUNG ADULTS OF LAWTON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

SPEAKER: LISA WADE "ST. VINCENT DE PAUL &
SMALL GROUP" 6:00 PM AT BLESSED
SACRAMENT IN THE PARISH HALL



Youth Group

November Dates

(Grades 9-12)

Sun. Nov. 5th @ Blessed Sacrament
6-8 PM PARISH HALL

Sun., Nov. 19th @ Holy Family
6-8 PM in the GYM

Special Guest Nov. 5th



CALLING ALL 6TH-
12TH GRADERS

YOUTH GROUP

PIZZA PARTY,
SMALL GROUPS,
OPEN GYM, AND
MUCH MORE AT
HOLY FAMILY

TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 21ST
6:00PM-8:00PM

CAMERON CATHOLICS

Bible Study

JOIN US AT THE WESLEY CENTER
(500 SW 27TH ST - ACROSS THE
STREET FROM CAMPUS)
MONDAY NIGHTS FROM 7PM-9 PM



SNACKS AND
REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED



Catholic Daughters St. Jude Chapter Meeting

10:00 am, Nov. 18th in the Parish Hall at
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church.

Fellowship potluck is at 9:30 am. For more
information call Jolene Schonchin, 580-583-2649.



The Knights of Columbus are not having
a Pancake Breakfast in November or
December, but invite everyone to a
Spaghetti Dinner on January 21, 2024.

ADVENT RETREAT



Pre-Advent Retreat

"Prepare the way of the Lord" Luke 3:4

Holy Family Parish

Saturday, November 18th

8:00 am—2:30 pm

Breakfast and lunch provided

All ages welcome.

To register Email: secretary@lawtoncatholic.com

If you would like to make
contributions online, simply scan this
QR Code with your smartphone
camera. This code will take you
directly to our contribution website.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Welcome

If you are new to our parish, please ask an usher for a registration form or go to lawtoncatholic.com to register online.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 13 Aldrick Biscette, Jackson Hickman and Daniel Peek

Nov 14 Linda Benke, Erich Braun, Abbi Cash, Jesse Dunckley, Marivel Herrera, Haylee Palma, Denice Tomson and Lee Weglarz

Nov 15 Kristan Borek, Hatsuko Craig and Peyton Upchurch

Nov 16 David Benner, Sonia Flores, Andrew Garcia Peña, Enrique Hernandez, Thomas Rine, Karen Schafer and Elaine Tillery

Nov 17 Calli Ray, Sancho Robinson, Jonathan Skiles, Grace Williamson and Christopher Wright

Nov 18 Ashley Aki, Lyndsi Bass, Lance Chadwell, Ryan Flood, Rosalba Garcia, Chijindum Obidile, Chinagozim Obidile and Mary Prowell

Nov 19 Nicolle Miller, Alastair Monterroso-Woodfill, Sabine Reyna, Dan Sarmiento and Juan Trevino

THANK YOU

for your generosity

Our Weekend Mass Offerings October 28 and 29, 2023

General Fund—Envelopes and Cash	\$4,801.27
St. Vincent de Paul	\$870.00
General Fund Online Giving(464646)	\$1,845.02
Parish Improvement Fund Online Giving	\$66.92

Second Collection Next Week:
Campaign for Human Development

**We want to extend our deepest thanks
for your continued support.**

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Walters Weekend Mass Attendance and Offerings

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Operating Fund	\$763.00
Attendance	47

Thank You!



Rosary...Join in praying the rosary, every Wednesday, at 6:30 pm in the church.

Rosario...Todos están invitados a rezar el rosario, cada miércoles a las 6:30 pm en la iglesia.

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

WELCOME TO BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

**We are glad you are
here today!**

My soul
is thirsting
for you,
O Lord.
PSALM 63



Monday, November 13

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Nicole Prowell by Her Family)

10:00 am—Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm

Tuesday, November 14

7:30 am—Daily Mass (For the intentions of Sarah Garcia by Keith and Mary Smith)

No choir practice this week.

6:30 pm—Knights of Columbus Meeting in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 15

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Jeannie Labbe by Robert Labbe)

10:00 am—Thrift Shop open until 2:00 pm

6:15 pm—RE Classes in St. Joseph Building

6:15 pm—Bible Study Meeting in Parish Hall

6:30 pm—Rosary in Church

Thursday, November 16

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Keely Huffman by Her Family)

6:00 pm—Young Adults Meeting in Parish Hall

**6:30 pm—Holy Hour of Adoration, followed
by confessions**

Friday, November 17

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Laura Cote by the Furtado Family)

Saturday, November 18

7:30 am—Daily Mass (+Peggy Kauanui)

3:00 pm—Confessions in the Church until 4:30 pm

5:00 pm—Vigil Mass (+Harry Arnett by Rosie Arnett)

Sunday, November 19

8:00 am—Mass (For the People of the Parish)

9:45 am—Mass at St. Patrick in Walters

(Intentions of Sarah Garcia by Keith and Mary Smith)

11:30 am—Bilingual Mass (+Rigo and +Ann Gonzalez by Bertha Davila)

3:00 pm—Christian Initiation of Adults in Parish Hall

Mass Attendance October 28 and 29, 2023

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm had 137 in attendance
Sunday Morning at 8:00 am had 122 in attendance
Sunday Morning at 11:30 am had 147 in attendance
Total Attendance 406

Mass Attendance All Saints Day, November 1, 2023

7:30 am had 97 in attendance
7:00 pm had 249 in attendance
Total Attendance 346