

# Footnotes

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC PARISH

Apr 2022



**PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS AT  
ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR**



A MESSAGE FROM FR. STEVE

# KEEP GOING, KEEP GROWING IN FAITH

by Fr. Steven T. Williams

We have a few weeks left in our Lenten journey. Lent is a wonderful time to grow closer to God. It certainly allows us to celebrate Easter anew! What a blessing. Let us all count our blessings.

Please make every effort to join us for the Sacred Triduum on Thursday April 14th, Friday April 15th and Saturday April 16th. Join us for Adoration on Holy Thursday night in the St. Lawrence Room from 9:00 pm - Midnight. The full schedule can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Keep in your prayers all those coming into the Church on Holy Saturday night.

Pray for all those who received the sacrament of Confirmation, and those receiving First Holy Communion in May.



Fr. Steve and Fr. Gil supported the Seminary team who competed in the Hoops for Heart Fundraiser Game at St. Michael Catholic HS.

## FR. STEVE'S BIRTHDAY AT ST. MICHAEL'S



Fr. Steve spent part of his birthday celebrating Mass with the students of St. Michael Catholic High School. The students took time to sing him the Happy Birthday song.

Unsurprisingly, Fr. Steve spent his birthday giving gifts to others, by giving so much of his time and energy to those around him. Please pray for Fr. Steve, Fr. Gil and all of our priests and religious; pray that they have holy lives filled with God's mercy and providence.



# ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR A BLESSING FOR MANY

Thank you to all who made our St. Joseph Altar a success. In this unique and beloved tradition, we were able to gather together as a community of faith to celebrate St. Joseph's Feast and to offer our petitions and prayers of thanksgiving for St. Joseph's intercession in our lives. We are grateful for all of the generous donations from parishioners. We were able to assemble 18 baskets of fresh produce and bread for St. Vincent de Paul to distribute. We had over 4 large boxes of canned goods, rice, pasta, and beans to stock the food pantry. Thank you all again for your generosity. St. Joseph, pray for us.



Everyone enjoyed visiting the beautiful St. Joseph Altar.



Fr. Gil blessed the altar and attendees following the 8:30 am Mass.



Parishioners of all ages gathered together to celebrate the feast.



Camille, Fulton & Henry Rutter admiring the beautiful bread display.



# THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF LENT BEGINS WITH ASHES

## ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

At the start of Lent, we go back to the beginning so that we might go forward to redemption. We celebrated Ash Wednesday with the stark reminder, "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." As we near the end of Lent we hope that all of your lenten observances and sacrifices have brought you closer to relying on the Lord Jesus and His gifts. We hope to celebrate Easter with renewed hope and trust in a life with Christ.



Henry Rutter is marked with ashes by Fr. Steve.



Fr. Gil marks St. Michael students with ashes on Ash Wednesday.



St. Michael students display their ashes with joy to mark the beginning of Lent.

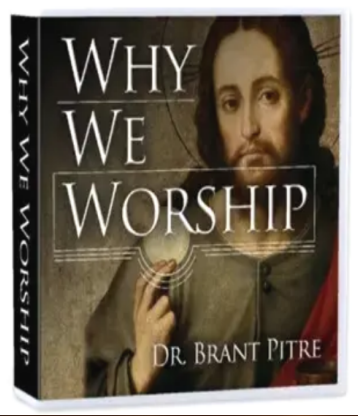


Fr. Gil offered Ash Wednesday Mass for the students of St. Michael.



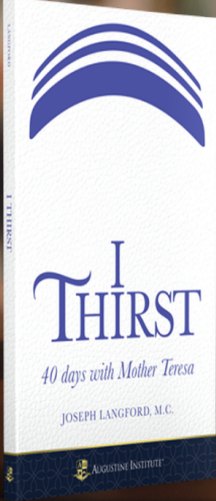
# LENTEN BOOK REVIEWS FOR YOU

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*A huge “thumbs up”* to the “Why We Worship” adult religious education series by Dr. Brant Pitre. It greatly enriched my knowledge of the Mass, especially its biblical roots. I now have a new and invaluable appreciation for its essence, beauty, and splendor. This is “a must” for every Catholic and anyone considering becoming Catholic!  
 - Sheila Wimberly”



“Why we worship is a 6 part program available from Catholic Productions that explains The Mass and other Catholic Traditions.”

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 “I Thirst: 40 Days with Mother Teresa” is both *powerful and simple.*  
 I chose to read it in its entirety first and I will then read it day by day during Lent. The author, Fr. Joseph Langford, writes in a way that is easy to understand and yet very deep. Though I read it quickly, I learned so much and I look forward to reading it again very soon--this time at a slower pace--day by day.  
 - Jamie McAleer”

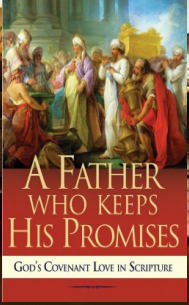


“I THIRST” is available from Augustine Institute Publishing on Amazon and many other platforms.

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 The subtitle of this book is “A Practical Guide To Prayer For Active People,” and while it meets that objective, it has a lot more to offer than one might surmise from its size, a brief 167 pages. Only one of the five pillars deal directly with verbal prayer. The other pillars are the Eucharist, the Beatitudes, the Holy Spirit, and the contemplative life (the latter being the largest section of the book, summarizing Ignatian-type spiritual practices).  
 Unlike many books that have only a few key points expanded with a lot of filler, Fr. Spitzer writes in a very concise, comprehensive style, packing a lot of information into every section. (Even his Table of Contents is in outline form with subsections and sub-subsections!).  
 Those familiar with Fr. Spitzer’s other works may see some information repeated here (specifically in regards to the four levels of desire and happiness), but Fr. Spitzer puts a fresh spin on it by showing how they tie into the spiritual exercises he proposes. (He also includes an epilogue with more depth on this topic, so the reader does not have to refer to those earlier works.)  
 Bottom line: While I found this book to be an enjoyable fast read, there is a lot to unpack, and I am already making plans to re-read certain sections. Recommended.  
 -J. Ledger”

“Five Pillars of the Spiritual Life”  
 by Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J

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 Dr. Hahn’s book does an excellent job of pointing out the signs of God’s coming New Covenant by tracing the roots of the Old Covenant from Abraham to the Passover and Crucifixion of Jesus. At the moment Jesus declares it is finished we are ushered into the New Covenant.  
 Our loving Father who keeps His promises is followed and illuminated throughout this book. I recommend this book if you want an insightful journey through the Old and New Testament. Your love for the Father and understanding of His plan for our salvation on earth and participation in His Glory in heaven will definitely grow through the reading of this book.  
 -Maureen Clark”



“A FATHER WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES” by Scott Hahn is available from St. Paul Center or Amazon.



# 2022 LENTEN MISSION

by Rose I. Metzger

I have so appreciated the wonderful Lenten missions at St. Lawrence over the years, each one very different from the others, but all with excellent, pertinent presentations. This year, though, it seemed in keeping with the times that we stayed close to home, led by our local priests, and focused on the foundation of our faith, the Eucharist.

Mass was celebrated for three consecutive evenings, with the mission presentation delivered as the homily. The presenting priests, Fr. Napolitano, Fr. Morrison, and our own Fr. Steve, referred to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which states that the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Each priest, in his own style, reminded us of Who we receive in Communion, Jesus Himself. We were challenged to gaze in appreciation and adoration as

the priest raises the Host at the consecration. We were also reminded that the Eucharist is our starting point, and we were not simply dismissed at the end of Mass, but that we were sent to take the Lord beyond the church doors into our families and communities. At the end of our lives, we will return to Jesus and be with Him forever.

What better way to cap off a Eucharistic-themed Lenten mission than with a Eucharistic procession, each person carrying a lighted candle. All the lit candles moving in procession were so very beautiful. Surely that scene made a visual impact on all those driving down the street, too. The Mass and procession were followed by a delicious spaghetti meal shared with our parish family. Great food, spiritual and physical, with great company—life doesn't get any better!



Our Eucharistic Procession marked a great close to our Lenten Mission.







Fr. Steve, Fr. Napolitano, and Fr. Jimmy Morrison were wonderful presenters for our mission.



The parish prepared individual candles for our Eucharistic procession.



# EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES VATICAN EXHIBIT

## PARISHIONER LISA WORD SHARES HER THOUGHTS ON EXHIBIT



by Lisa Word

After reading about Carlos Acutis' love of the Eucharist and how a teenager could have such devotion to our Lord by documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world, I knew I must experience this amazing collection of miracles. For me, having the Eucharist at Mass is a miracle in itself, but to read about our Lord coming to people for hundreds of years and even current miracles, it only reinforces our God's great love for us and His longing for us to know Him.



Often I think that these miracles were documented so long ago, but as I read about different miracles, there was one in 2006 - God is alive and always moving around us, we just need to stop and listen. I am so thankful I had the opportunity to learn more about our faith and the many treasures it has for us.



The Eucharistic displays were inspirational through their expansive depth of information and visuals.



# PRO LIFE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CONTINUES

## PRAYER, GIVING & ACTIVITIES FROM MANY VOLUNTEERS

New faces, new activities, and a stronger commitment for life was evident at St. Lawrence during the Spring Campaign of 40 Days for Life. Shamrocks, standing for St. Patrick and the Trinity, were used to show our support for life. Parishioners signed the shamrocks and they were displayed in the form of a cross and placed in the Church vestibule.

Generous parishioners filled and are still filling the baby crib in the vestibule for much needed items for two of our pregnancy centers - To Be and Women's Health Center. This collection will last until April 10th, so please continue to donate new car seats, diapers (Huggies/Pampers size 4, 5, & 6), baby bottles and diaper rash cream.

Don't forget about making congratulation cards to expecting moms. We have received beautiful, warm-hearted cards for the pregnancy centers to give to their clients. We can use more. Remember, please only sign your first name.

A committed group of thirteen souls rode the church bus on Saturday, March 12th to withstand the bitterly cold weather outside Planned Parenthood in Mobile. They gathered together for warmth and prayed the rosary for the protection of the unborn. What a beautiful witness to the power of Mary, our Mother and Intercessor.

Several new faces joined us on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood where we lifted our prayers to heaven in hopes to change a girl's decision to abort her baby. Our purpose was to offer them hope, love, prayers and support.

St. Lawrence parishioners and St. Michael students attended Mass the morning of March 22nd to offer prayers and reverence for the sacredness of human life and protection for all from the harms of abortion. It was encouraging to have a large contingent of students joining our Mass, scheduled twice a year in conjunction with the 40 Days for Life Campaign.

This campaign will conclude following the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, April 10th with donuts and the celebration of LIFE! Please join us on the outside patio and bring the family.







# TREASURES

## EXTRA FUN MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Treasures had a fantastic March Luncheon celebrating St. Patrick's Day, Lent and Catholic education. We enjoyed fried fish, wonderfully prepared by our tremendous Treasures cooking crew. We were also happy to enjoy the company of many St. Michael students from our parish. The students spent time visiting with Treasures attendees and everyone had a great time together. The students are a testament to the gifts and blessings of a Catholic education. Thank you to all who pray for and support Catholic education. We look forward to everyone joining us next month for our luncheon on April 4th, and then our Delta Boat Tour on April 26th.



Paula and Tom do a great job welcoming everyone to the luncheon.



It's nice to have the treats table with us as we celebrate Lenten feasts.



Billy Griffis made sure to add all those special ingredients to the fried fish.



Marguerite visits with her grandmother Joan Cowles.



Micah visits with his grandparents, Marty and Robyn Farrell.



Ava Cocke spent time sharing with this wonderful table of Treasures folks.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

## MARTIN FARRELL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Applications now available!

THIS IS A SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR K-12TH GRADE PARISHIONERS OF ST. LAWRENCE PLANNING TO ATTEND CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR.

This year the Christmas Bazaar committee will be awarding three \$1,000 scholarships.  
Applications due May 19th.  
Contact Afton Sylvester at [events@stlawrencefairhope.com](mailto:events@stlawrencefairhope.com) for applications.





The group of St. Michael Catholic HS students who joined our group for lunch was tremendous!



As always, the food was excellent.



Josh Murphy was great fun and conversation for this table of Treasures members.



Marguerite Cowles shared her time and gifts with this great table!



Roger Huckle, Luke Gilmore, and Morgan Blackinton shared their time with this table.



# IT'S A MARDI GRAS PARADE PARTY!

## FAIRHOPE PARADES ONLY ADDED TO THE FUN

The Mardi Gras Parade Party was a fantastic time to let the GOOD TIMES ROLL! Red beans and rice were a perfect meal for the occasion, and the king cakes were super delicious. The kids loved decorating their own king cake cookies while others had a blast at the photo booth. People young and old let loose and took hilarious photos! It was a great way to wrap up the carnival season as a parish family. Thank you social committee for your time to make this event a blast for the whole parish, and thank you to everyone who attended! Stay tuned for information on upcoming social events at St. Lawrence.



The Atkinson and Faqua family are ready for the parade!



All the kids became unrecognizable in the photo booth!



Camille and Henry Rutter along with Alice Counselman decorated Mardi Gras cookies.



Morgan and Susie Blackinton enjoying the delicious red beans.



# VBS 2022

ST LAWRENCE VBS  
EGYPTIAN EXPEDITION

Registration Ends April 22!

June 13-17, 2022

Child & Volunteer Registration Mar 1-Apr 22

WWW.STLAWRENCEVBS.COM

LEND A HELPING HAND!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**VBS WORK PARTIES**  
WEDNESDAYS  
APRIL 6 & 27  
6PM-9PM

**VBS TAKE-HOME JOBS**  
AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP  
THURSDAYS  
APRIL 7 & 28

**SIGN UP TO HELP!**

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CLICK ON THE WORK PARTIES TAB

**June 18**  
6:30PM

Come spend a while on the Nile!

Food ■ Games ■ Auction ■ Raffle ■ Music

**Monte Carlo Night**

Tickets at [vbsmontecarlo.com](http://vbsmontecarlo.com)

Advance entry tickets required

St. Lawrence Catholic Parish Fairhope

**WE NEED DONATIONS**

SUPPORT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MONTE CARLO NIGHT, WHICH SUPPORTS VBS**

- STORE & RESTAURANT GIFT CARDS
- VACATION & CONDO STAYS
- SPECIALTY ITEMS FOR PRIZES/AUCTION
- HANDCRAFTED ITEMS FOR AUCTION
- RESTAURANT FOOD DONATIONS FOR TASTE OF MONTE CARLO
- BIG TICKET AUCTION ITEMS
- SPONSORSHIPS
- CASH DONATIONS

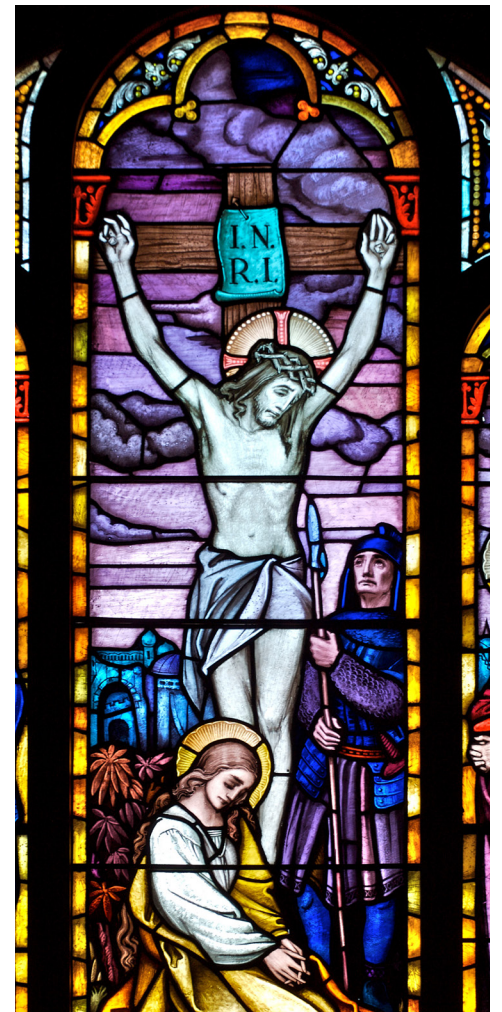
WANT TO HELP OR GET INVOLVED? CONTACT LISE GALLE

[family@stlawrencefairhope.com](mailto:family@stlawrencefairhope.com) [www.stlawrencevbs.com](http://www.stlawrencevbs.com)

We are so excited to bring VBS back this year! We are working hard to get ready for our Egyptian Expedition! There are just a few weeks left to register children for this opportunity to encounter Christ. We also need help to make VBS a success. We have several volunteer opportunities for everyone, before, during and after VBS! Then join us for Monte Carlo Night to make VBS 2023 a reality!



# LENTEN ACTIVITIES FOR CRE



Children's Religious Education (CRE) enjoyed a Lenten activity on March 13th during their class time. The CRE children walked the Stations of the Cross while learning more of the life of Jesus. This was a wonderful Lenten activity to do as a group. After the Stations of the Cross the children made a cross craft.



Women's  
**ADORATION**  
EVENING

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH  
6:00PM - 8:00PM  
ST. LAWRENCE ROOM

6:00pm  
Refreshments and Wine

6:30pm  
Fr. Gil - Feminine Genius

7:00pm  
Adoration with  
Praise & Worship





# *Our Parish Our Faith Our Sacraments*

## *Baptisms*

GEORGE HAMILTON ANKERSEN  
SON OF NATHAN AND BRITTNEY ANKERSEN

CHARLES ELLIOTT MCLEAN "CHARLIE"  
SON OF CHARLES AND MARY HELENE MCLEAN

HUGH BYRON WEINACKER  
SON OF JOHN AND VIGINIA WEINACKER

AVA MARIE RUTH GAMMON  
DAUGHTER OF JOSHUA AND ELIZABETH GAMMON

## *New Parishioners*

MR. & MRS. PETER AND CARMEN FLAMMINI  
WITH AUGUSTINO AND VALENTA

MS. MARJORIE HAMILTON

MR. & MRS. DAMIAN AND MARICELA CARAWAY  
WITH AUSTIN

MR. & MRS. SIDNEY AND SUSAN PEARSON, JR.

MRS. & MR. RACHEL AND ACE FAQUA  
WITH RHYS, HADLEY AND KENNEDY

MR. & MRS. ALFRED AND BRENDA KILLIAN, JR.

## *Deaths*

Romona Phillips 3/3/2022

Mary Langley 3/14/2022

John Tinsley 3/19/2022

Birdi Kohoutek 3/15/2022

## *Weddings*

PAT BROWNE AND LUCY LOTT

MATTHEW EDDY AND EMMA REDMAN

HYDEN J. STOKES AND MARY CLAIRE IVES



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# EASTER TRIDUUM LITURGY SCHEDULE

## HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 14TH

7:00 PM LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 15TH

3:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AFTER STATIONS  
7:00 PM LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

## HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 16TH

12:00 PM CONFESSION  
7:30 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS

## EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17TH

7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM MASS  
\*NO EVENING MASS

