

# Footnotes

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC PARISH

AUG-SEP 2021

# Come, Holy Spirit!

Shed the light of Your love on all who visit You here.



# To Everything There is a Season

by Fr. Steven T. Williams

Sacred Heart has now closed for the winter and students are back in school. Please pray for all students, their parents, teachers, coaches and all others involved in their formation. This also means religious education classes begin this month. We look forward to seeing our parish youth from Kindergarten through 5th grade attend.

The RCIA program has begun. It is a wonderful program. Every year I offer an invitation to you, to invite others who would love to learn more about the Catholic faith. Invite him/her! Please get in touch with Barry Little through our parish office, for more information.



Jude Evans, Fr. Steve and Edward Cowles.

We recognize and congratulate parishioners Jude Evans and Edward Cowles for winning distinguished senior awards at their Catholic high schools this past May.

Jude Evans was recognized as Mr. McGill for McGill-Toolen Catholic High School's senior class of 2021. Mr. McGill is an award given to a senior male graduate who displays a strong devotion to the Christian faith and strives to share the love of Jesus Christ with others through discipleship and christian character.

Edward Cowles was recognized as the Thomas J. Rodi Ideal Graduate for St. Michael Catholic High School. St. Michael Principal Faustin Weber stated, "the Rodi Ideal Graduate reflects a student who has lived out the mission of our school- to be a scholar, leader, and disciple of Jesus Christ-in a remarkably balanced and wholistic way."

We thank and congratulate these young men for representing their families and our parish so well. We wish them much luck and success as they begin college.

# FAMILY DAY

\$15 per person (2 and under are free)  
Includes admission on the Terrace at the South Alabama Stadium,  
hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks.

FOR ST. LAWRENCE PARISHIONERS

Register at [www.stlawrencefamilyministry.com](http://www.stlawrencefamilyministry.com)

## WELCOME

### WELCOME TO ST. LAWRENCE PARISH!

#### WE WARMLY WELCOME:

MARVIN & ELLEN HEEBE

GERRY WHITNEY

JAY & NIKKI COTNEY  
WITH LIZZIE, JACK & CLAIRE

JAMES & LISA ELLIS

MARY LOUISE MCPHERSON

AMELIA BROWN

STEPHEN & EMILY RIVERS  
WITH VIVI, ELLIE ROSE, JOHN, AND MOLLY

JON & SANDY PALAZZO  
WITH GABY





# What is Anointing of the Sick and Last Rites?

## UNDERSTANDING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE

by Fr. Gil Pierre

Much of our attention these days remains focused on COVID-19. In light of the increased discussion on this and other illnesses, it is a good time to reflect on what the Church offers to those who are seriously ill and dying. For those who are sick and dying, the Church offers Anointing of the Sick. It is sometimes called Last Rites when given to the dying and in the past was also called Extreme Unction.

The sacrament has its basis in scripture. The letter of James states, "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven." (James 5:14-25). The Gospel of Mark also describes the twelve Apostles being sent out on mission by Jesus. Mark tells us that while on mission they "drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them" (Mark 6:13).

In the Anointing of the Sick, the priest anoints the sick person with the Oil of the Sick. As the priest anoints the person's forehead and palms he says, "Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit." and "May the Lord Who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."

When Anointing of the Sick is given to someone who is dying, it is commonly referred to as Last Rites. Along with this sacrament, it is ideal for a dying person to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist as Viaticum, that is, re-

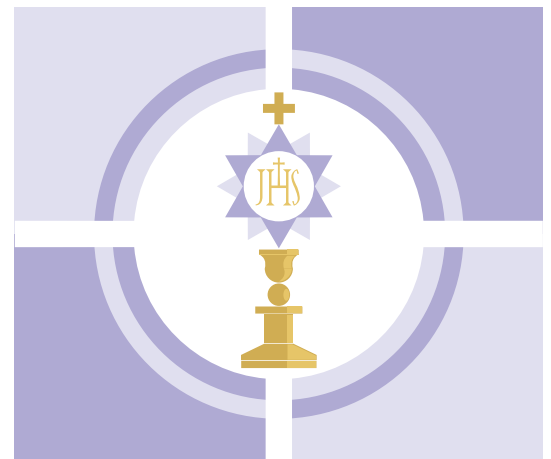
ceiving Communion for the last time. One who is dying can also receive the Apostolic Pardon. This is a plenary indulgence that a priest can give to someone who is close to dying that releases them from all time in Purgatory. Finally, when someone is dying, the sacrament is accompanied by a set of prayers called Commendation of the Dying.

Lastly, I wanted to offer some advice concerning this Sacrament. First, don't wait too long to ask for it. When one begins to be in danger of death due to sickness or old age, the time to receive Anointing of the Sick has arrived. This would include undergoing serious operations as well as undergoing treatment for serious illnesses. Also, one does not have to be at the point of death to receive Last Rites. It would be best to call a priest as soon as it becomes clear that death is approaching. That allows Fr. Steve and I plenty of time to make sure the dying person receives the sacraments. Finally, don't assume that your family will know to request Last Rites for you. Make sure there's somebody among your family or friends who will make sure that a priest is called to administer these last sacraments should you be in a situation in which you can't ask for it yourself.

The Lord is generous with His grace surrounding these sacraments. I myself have seen them work powerfully in the lives of those who receive them. I've experienced the peace that comes over someone preparing for a major operation. I've seen people at the point of death go from a state of extreme agitation to deep peace from being anointed. They remind us that even some of the darkest moments of our lives are not beyond God's grace.

## We Pray For Our Fellow Parishioners Who Have Entered Into Eternal Rest:

JAMES THOMSON  
LOITRAN  
JOHN ADAM HALL  
DEBRA HARTY  
KENNETH WILLCUTT  
DIANE WANKER  
JAMES PAUL SCOTT  
JOHN MICHAEL GAMMER  
THOMAS MARTIN HOGAN



### Men's ADORATION EVENING

Thursday, September 23rd  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Refreshments  
Guest Speaker  
Adoration  
Confession

### Women's Adoration Evening

Thursday, October 14th  
6:00pm - 8:00pm





# It's an Open House!

## PARISHIONERS VISIT NEWLY OPENED HOLY SPIRIT HALL AT CAMP CULLEN

Fr. Steve and St. Lawrence were pleased to host an open house at the newly opened Holy Spirit Hall at Camp Cullen on Sunday, August 15th. Parishioners and guests were invited to browse the new building and grounds after the Sacred Heart Masses while enjoying pleasant company and sweet treats. We had multiple generations of families on property sharing old

stories and treasured memories of times spent at Camp Cullen. We saw many young children that are sure to enjoy sacred moments and formative memories on the grounds in the decades to come. We are overjoyed at the opening of Holy Spirit Hall and hope you will join us in supporting the ministries of Holy Spirit Hall in prayer. Come, Holy Spirit!



The building features a wrap around porch that overlooks Mobile Bay.



Mass will continue to be offered at Sacred Heart Chapel with the addition of Holy Spirit Hall.



The porch has ample seating area and places to gather or visit in small groups.



Holy Spirit Ministries is now managing all temporal care for both Holy Spirit Hall and Sacred Heart Chapel.





Fr. Steve visits with the Weber and Immel families at the open house.



Vance McCown poses with his grandchildren who are sure to roam the grounds of Holy Spirit Hall for years to come!



Parishioners and guests walk over from Mass to get a glimpse of this amazing project.



The project dedicated an entire room to a tremendous collection of old photos, stories, and collectibles from the original Camp Cullen.



The grounds are sure to be a place where the Lord will move hearts!



# Music Festival at St. Lawrence

## PARISHIONERS ENJOY GOOD MUSIC AND SUMMER FUN

The St. Lawrence Music Fest was the perfect evening for music and fun outdoors! Stephen Sylvester, Brigham Cason, and the band really made the evening special. The kids had an amazing time on the inflatables while kids and adults alike enjoyed the Kona Ice snow cones. We thank Fairhope Brewery for donating drinks for the adults to enjoy. We also thank The Hotdoghery Food Truck for providing delicious food! What a great way to celebrate together on the feast day of our patron, St. Lawrence.







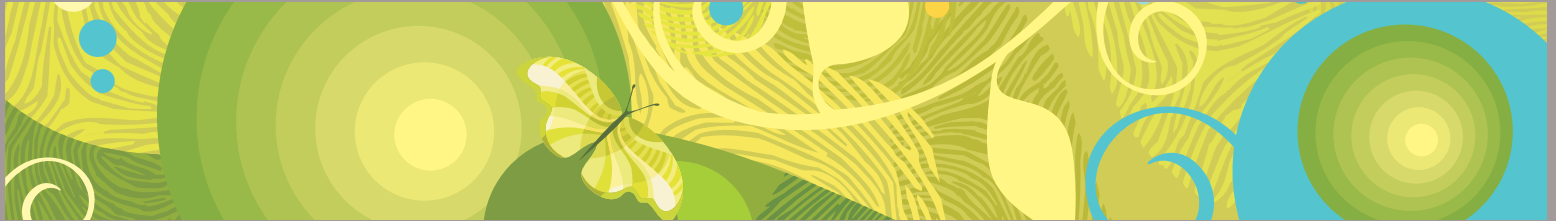


# Treasures

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021-2022

Join the Treasures group as we begin our new season together!

Treasures meets on the first Monday of every month for their festive and delicious luncheons. Lunch is served at 11:30 am and is followed by a short program or entertainment. There is no charge and all are welcome to bring a dessert or side to share. We look forward to having you join us at the luncheons or outings this year!



### SEP 2021



**9.13.21 LUNCH**  
Grilled chicken with baked beans, macaroni and coleslaw.

**THE SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD IN THE GYM FOR AMPLE SPACE AND DISTANCING.**

**SPEAKER/CHARITY**  
Anthony Tobin from Vagabond Missions

### OCT 2021



**10.4.21 LUNCH**  
Bratwurst with potato salad and baked apples.

**10.19.21 TRIP**  
WWII Museum in New Orleans w/IMAX movie "Beyond All Boundaries". Lunch at museum restaurant.

**SPEAKER/CHARITY**  
Dr. Norman McCrummen from NEST of Mobile

### NOV 2021



**11.1.21 LUNCH**  
Turkey w/dressing, seasoned green beans, baked sweet potatoes & rolls.

**11.9.21 TRIP**  
Ohr-O'Keefe & Walter Anderson Museums of Art in Ocean Springs, MS. Lunch at Mary Mahoney.

**SPEAKER/CHARITY**  
St. Vincent de Paul

### DEC 2021



**12.6.21 LUNCH**  
Pot Roast with mashed potatoes and green bean casserole.

**12.12.21 TRIP**  
Mobile Symphony "Joy to the World".  
Oyster House Dinner  
**12.14.21 TRIP**  
Airbus Facility Tour.  
Lunch at Spot of Tea.

**SPEAKER/CHARITY**  
Jimmy Jones Christmas Tunes benefiting our Angel Tree



# JAN 2022



**1.3.22 LUNCH**  
Roasted pork tenderloin w/black eyed peas, greens and cornbread.

**1.12.22 TRIP**  
Mass at City of St Jude Parish/Civil Rights Museum of Montgomery. Lunch at Pannie-George Kitchen.

**SPEAKER/CHARITY**  
St. Michael Catholic High School students benefiting Catholic Charities

# FEB 2022



**2.7.22 LUNCH**  
Red beans and Rice with coleslaw and French bread.

**2.1.22 TRIP**  
New Orleans Cooking School: Shrimp Bisque, Chicken Étouffée, Bread Pudding.

**SPEAKER/CHARITY**  
Cardiology Associates representative benefiting Heart Health

# MAR 2022



**3.7.22 LUNCH**  
Fried fish with cheese grits, hush puppies, coleslaw and fries.

**3.24.22 TRIP**  
Festival of Flowers w/ visit to new St. Ignatius Church. Lunch in Midtown.

**SPEAKER/CHARITY**  
Barry Little from The Haven

# APR 2022



**4.4.22 LUNCH**  
Meatloaf with mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, and rolls.

**4.26.22 TRIP**  
Civil War Delta Boat Cruise. Lunch at Bluegill on the Causeway.

**SPEAKER/CHARITY**  
A welcome representative from Claire's Hope

# MAY 2022



**5.2.22 LUNCH**  
Chicken Fajitas w/ grilled veggies, refried beans, Mex. rice & salad.

**5.10.22 TRIP**  
Tour of the new Blessed Seelos Parish in Spanish Fort. Lunch at David's Catfish.

**SPEAKER/CHARITY**  
Cybersecurity representative benefiting The Little Sisters of the Poor

*Bring a dessert to share!*

## SPRING 2022 CARD PARTY

**MAY 12, 2022**

Lunch  
Split-the-Pot  
Silent Auction  
Jewelry  
and more!





# It was a Super **EDGE** Summer!

This may have been the best Edge summer ever at St. Lawrence! For 8 weeks in a row, Edge students enjoyed trips to water parks, museums and other awesome activities with their friends. Not only did they seem to have a great time, but so did our group of young adult chaperones, who graciously offered up their time this summer to help with Edge ministry.

The biggest hit by far was the gigantic pool in Jackson, AL filled with inflatable slides and a 20-foot tall iceberg. Edge students spent the day swimming in the spring-fed water, eating pizza for lunch, and convincing Stephen to jump off the diving board. This particular trip is always a good one, but this year especially it felt great to be back at a familiar fun spot.

Many of our Edge students (and Stephen) got to relive parts of their childhood at the Exploreum education museum and Gulf

Quest maritime museum. Both places were highly informative, teaching us about the shipping history of Mobile Bay and how our bodies use the calories in our food, but neither felt boring. The group of students were lucky enough to pick a hot day for this trip, which made us all appreciate the technology behind air conditioning even more.

I cannot say enough about the respectfulness and charity of our Edge students this summer! Everyone did a fantastic job setting an example of how children on a Church outing should act. Their parents should be very proud of their behavior, and it makes me even more excited for next year's Edge summer! Please continue to keep our ministry in your prayers, and know that you and your families are in mine.

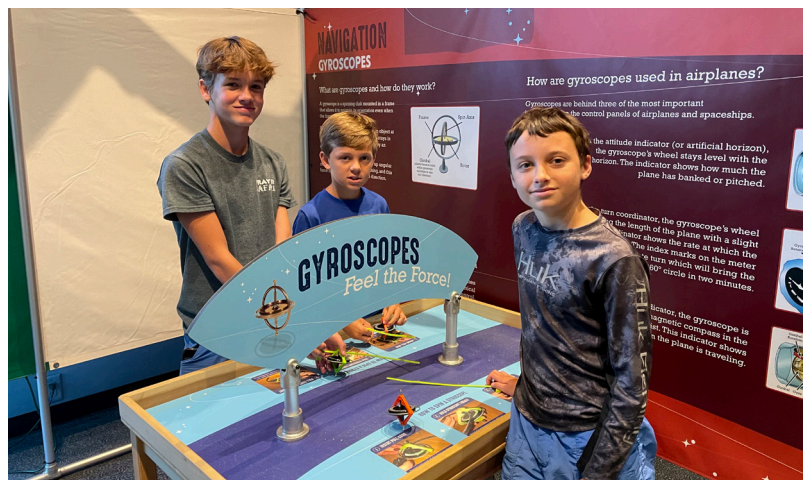
In Christ,  
Stephen Sylvester



The whole gang had a blast at Gulf Quest!



Jacob showed the boys a thing or two about legos.



Davis, Henry and Davison were all about the gyroscopes.





Reid, Patrick, Dominic and Townes cheating for the camera.



The Saturn Inflatable was a hit at the Jackson Pool.



None of the boys were shy about showing off.



Everyone had a turn cooling off in the shade.



## Meet the Staff:

Stephen Sylvester is the oldest of ten, father of four, and undisputed Lifeteen dodgeball champion, who runs the middle school youth ministry program at St. Lawrence, also known as Edge. Youth ministry has been a significant part of Stephen's life from an early age through his father, Todd, who ran the youth program at St. Ignatius in Mobile for many years. He spent two years of college as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Mobile, and although he did not become a priest, he gained an immense amount of respect for those who are called to serve God in that way. Stephen graduated with a B. A. in Philosophy and Catholic Studies from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN, and proceeded to work as a religion teacher for two years afterward.

Eventually, after marrying his wife Afton, Stephen took the job of middle school youth minister at St. Lawrence, and is now in his sixth year of working there full-time. His job includes a packed schedule of classes during the school year, trips during the summer, and helping out with the high school youth ministry (which includes many of his former Edge students). In his increasingly rare spare time, Stephen loves to read science fiction novels, write songs with his guitar, and hunt for the best espresso in Baldwin County. He plays for school Masses at St. Michael Catholic High, and brings his family to daily Mass as often as he can. You can find more information about Stephen and the Edge program online at [www.stlawrencejrhigh.org](http://www.stlawrencejrhigh.org).



# RCIA

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person into doctrinal, liturgical, practical and apostolic formation. The RCIA is intended to serve:

- The unbaptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion.
- Those baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic.
- Those baptized Catholic who have not completed the Initiation Sacraments or who have not been raised in the Faith.

If you or someone you know may be interested in joining RCIA, please contact Barry Little at (251) 928-5931 or email: [rcia@stlawrencefairhope.com](mailto:rcia@stlawrencefairhope.com).

**Classes  
at St.  
Lawrence  
begin  
in early  
September  
2021**

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE™



### It's Time For Our Annual Fall Campaign! Sept. 22 - Oct. 31

CAN WE COUNT ON YOU  
AND YOUR FAMILY TO PARTICIPATE?

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40 day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

#### What can Pro-Lifers do?

1. Get educated. We must know & understand the abortion industry. Stay informed.
2. Speak up. Be bold in sharing your pro-life beliefs. Write, email, or call your elected officials. Support your local pregnancy center.
3. Pray, pray, pray! Prayer is the most important thing we can do.

#### Ways to get involved at St. Lawrence

- Help sponsor the first Pro-Life billboard in Baldwin County. Donations will be accepted throughout the 40 days (Sept. 22 - Oct. 31) More info to come.
- Sign up to pray outside Planned Parenthood in Mobile. Visit [www.40daysforlife.com/mobile](http://www.40daysforlife.com/mobile). Pray any day and any time! Your presence makes a huge impact.
- Join Father Steve as he offers Holy Mass across from Planned Parenthood. Our church bus will be available. Date TBD.
- SEPT 18-19: Sign the "We Stand for Life" banner. This is for all ages. There will be a banner in the vestibule and outside the side doors towards the parking lot.
- SEPT 19: A parishioner will share their story on Why I'm Pro-Life during Mass.
- OCT 3: Holy hour with Adoration, Confession and music right after the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am.
- OCT 10: A parishioner will share their story on The Joys of Adoption during Mass.

If you would like to help with the Fall campaign, please contact Lisa Word at 404-307-1355 or [lisaword245@gmail.com](mailto:lisaword245@gmail.com)



# Congratulation Scholarship Winners!

The Christmas Bazaar Board is proud to announce the winners for the 2021 Martin Farrell Education Scholarship. Congratulations Grace Duncan, Justin Barfield, and Megan Urbin! These applicants beautifully articulated the importance of a Catholic education in their lives. We had many qualified applicants, and the Christmas Bazaar Board was impressed with all of them! Please be on the look out for how to apply for the 2022 Martin Farrell Education Scholarship.



Grace, a 4th grader at St. Mary's, says that loving God is important because God's love is real, and it is important to show others how we love like God.



Justin, a rising 8th grader at Christ the King Catholic School, has expressed that he is grateful to be at a Catholic School so that he can be surrounded by a culture based on Jesus Christ.



Megan, an upcoming freshman at St. Michael Catholic High School, best articulated that her Catholic education is her strong foundation that helps her to stay steadfast on the path to God.

## Christmas Bazaar Quickly Approaching!

Please support the Christmas Bazaar. This event creates tremendous support for the St. Lawrence ministries!

The **Gift Basket Committee** is looking for the following donations in August/September: wine glasses, coffee cups, tea cups, everyday dishes, (plates, bowls, etc.) serving utensils, baking pans, cat and dog items, board games and card games. Place these donations in the boxes located in the back of the church.

Help us make our online bidding for the **Silent Auction** a success by donating!! The committee will gladly accept goods such as condo stays or tickets, gift cards to your favorite business, salable items, or services from your business for this year's Bazaar.

Help us "fill the bookcase" for this year's silent auction! Please help by donating one new **children's book**. Place it in the drop off boxes located in the parish office or church vestibule.

**Love to cook?** Be a part of the Bazaar by donating a casserole. Casserole packets can be picked up in the back of the church or the front office beginning on September 30th.

**Gumbo Presale** begins October 18th! More details coming soon!

Don't care to shop? **Monetary donations** accepted at the front office. Please label, "Christmas Bazaar."

Purchase an **advertisement** to promote your business on our on-line bidding page or become a Bazaar Sponsor! Sponsorship helps to fund expenses and scholarships.

Contact Afton Sylvester 928-5931 x. 115 or [events@stlawrence-fairhope.com](mailto:events@stlawrence-fairhope.com)) with questions or about donations, and check out our website for more details!

### Santa's Workshop is accepting donations of Cookie Cutters and Mixes

Cookie cutters must be in excellent condition and cookie mixes must be pre-packaged. Donations used for Santa's Workshop Booth to support Family Ministry. Please mark Santa's Workshop on donations.



WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS TO MAKE SMALL GIFT BASKETS TO SELL IN SANTA'S WORKSHOP AT THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR! THESE GIFTS WILL BE GREAT FOR CHILDREN TO GIVE TO THEIR LOVED ONES. DONATIONS MUST BE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. WE CAN USE ITEMS SUCH AS: INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CHOCOLATES & CANDIES, INDIVIDUAL PACKS OF HOT CHOCOLATE & TEAS, TOYS, CRAFTS, COFFEE CUPS, MARKERS, CRAYONS ETC. THE SANTA'S WORKSHOP DROP OFF BOX IS IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL LISE AT [FAMILY@STLAWRENCEFAIRHOPE.COM](mailto:FAMILY@STLAWRENCEFAIRHOPE.COM)



# Summertime with Life Teen

PARISHIONER EMMA GUITTERREZ WRITES OF HER FULFILLING SUMMER ACTIVITIES WITH LIFE TEEN



We had such a messy, silly time at Covecrest.



Our high school SOULstice team put on an amazing retreat for middle schoolers!

Hi everyone! My name is Emma Gutterrez. I'm 16, and I'm a junior at Fairhope High School. I would love to share with you a small bit about my summer with Life Teen.

This summer was probably my favorite summer I have had in a while. To start the summer off we had The Amazing Race competition at Life Teen. We were given clues and then had to run all over St. Lawrence to complete our tasks. Let's just say I was out of breath by the end! Next was the Soulstice Retreat, and while not everything went to plan due to the big storm that weekend, I think it turned out amazing. It was my second time being a group leader and I absolutely loved all the kids that were in my group.

In between all these activities we had weekly community gym nights on Wednesdays. It was nice to see people bringing their friends and now most of them frequently come to Life Teen!

Another amazing trip we got to go on was Camp Covecrest which is in Tiger, Georgia. That was the most life changing retreat I have ever been on. We were able to hike to a waterfall, do a high ropes course, a rock climbing wall, and even a rosary nature walk. I loved my small group and I was able to talk about my experiences I had in adoration. Once a week, my small group gathered for Bible study. This makes sure we keep God as our priority; not just during the summer, but the school year as well.

Last but not least was our End-of-the-Year Lock In. I had so much fun, but I was sad that the summer was coming to an end. Thank you to everyone who has ever come to a fish fry or supported Life Teen in any way, it means so much to us. Another thank you to Kathleen for setting up all the fulfilling and fun activities for us. God bless everyone!







The beautiful scenery of camp made our time there even more special.



We were blessed by beautiful liturgies while away at camp.



Teens got muddy, painty, and wet during the camp's two messy games.



It was amazing to see the teens push themselves to try new things and step out of their comfort zones.



Amelie Fitzgerald looks on in prayer during adoration.



## Meet the Staff:

Hello all! I'm Kathleen King, Director of High School Youth Ministry. In 2016, after graduating from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a double major in Theology and British Literature, I moved to Mobile and have worked at St. Lawrence ever since! While in college I was blessed with many adventurous travels, living in Austria for a while, doing mission work in Romania, and even meeting my husband John on a trip to Ireland. We love living in Fairhope, and share our home with our Great Dane/lab mix, Wesley. When it comes to ministry, St. John Paul the Great is perhaps my most significant influence, particularly his philosophy that all is a gift from God. In college I was deeply moved by a story about the great saint, where in a moment of suffering he offered the simple prayer "Thank you Jesus, for loving me this way." As I look at my 5 years thus far at St. Lawrence, I say this same prayer with deep gratitude for the people I've met, the experiences I've had, and the growth God has invited me to in daily ministry and community. It's a great blessing to be a part of this parish, and a humbling honor to work with our young people and help introduce them to the greatness of a life with Christ.



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