

Footnotes

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC PARISH

December 2022

BE SEALED WITH THE
Holy Spirit



THERE IS VALUE IN A GENEROUS HEART

I hope everyone has a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

January is the pro-life month. We take the time to thank God for the gift of life and we also pray for an end to abortion.

January also brings us the annual Catholic Charities Appeal. We appreciate all the generosity and love as you contribute to help the poor and the needy during this annual appeal. Special thanks to the St. Lawrence Catholic charities appeal chairpersons, Dr. Richard Roh and Tim Simmonds.

Thank you for your continued generosity throughout the year of 2022. Your tithing dollars help St. Lawrence provide much needed Ministry in the name of the Lord. Again, thank you for your continued generosity.

Many have set forth some New Year's resolutions. There are lots of opportunities to grow closer to God!



Have you ever noticed the beautiful statue of the Blessed Mother that sits near the Baptismal Font during the Months of May and October? This is the Pilgrim Virgin statue. It is a replica of the original statue of Our Lady of Fatima. In 1947 two statues were replicated, blessed and sent out on pilgrimage. The idea being that not everyone can go to Fatima. Mary in all her humility becomes the pilgrim.

The Pilgrim Virgin ministry has been part of St. Lawrence Parish for over 30 years. Leo Kuhle, the 1st Guardian at St. Lawrence acquired our statue from Chicago. She was brought here sometime in the 1990's and has been a guest in many homes on the Eastern Shore. David and Julia Byrne were the next Guardians starting in 2002. Ruth Donelan was Guardian from 2017 to 2022.

A new Guardian is now needed for the Pilgrim Virgin Ministry starting January of 2023. Guardians need a deep devotion to Mary. They organize the scheduling of host parishioners and ensure smooth transfer of the statue. Parishioners request to have the statue in their homes. The statue will stay with the hosts for one or two weeks. When the host/ family receives the PV statue into their home, they agree to pray the Rosary, the Litany of Mary and a consecration to Mary during her stay. These Rosaries are for the reparation of the sins of all mankind. Hosts are encouraged to invite family, friends and neighbors to their homes to join in praying the rosary. You do not need know how to pray the Rosary, this is a way many people have begun to learn and understand this beautiful devotion.

PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY MINISTRY

The St. Lawrence Pilgrim Virgin Ministry needs a new Guardian starting January 2023. The Guardian of the Pilgrim Virgin statue needs a deep devotion to Mary. Organization, scheduling, and computer skills are needed. Knowledge of parish families and ideas to reach new families would be helpful.

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Our Parish Our Faith Our Sacraments

Baptisms

LOGAN ROBERT NIX
SON OF STEPHEN & ANDREA NIX

GRIFFIN SCOTT EVRIDGE
SON OF TRAVIS & AMANDA EVRIDGE

VIRGINIA ANNE NEESE
DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL & KATIE NEESE

LEO MARTIN LIKHARAD
SON OF MAKSIM & YAUHENIJA LIKHARAD

BRENNAN MARGARET LANEFSKI
DAUGHTER OF JAKE & LAUREN LANEFSKI

ALICE COUNSELMAN
DAUGHTER OF PHILLIP & LAURA COUNSELMAN

TATE CLEVELAND AENCHBACHER
SON OF BENJAMIN & CRYSTAL AENCHBACHER

LANIE ESTHER WILCOX
DAUGHTER OF LELAND & JAYLIN WILCOX

MAE CLAIRE DOUGLAS
DAUGHTER OF TAYLOR & LAURA DOUGLAS

ALICE EDWARD SEALE
DAUGHTER OF THEODORE & SHELBY SEALE

CAMILLE ELAINE CORTOPASSI
DAUGHTER OF SIMON & ABIGAIL CORTOPASSI

New Parishioners

PATRICIA KOEBLER

MR. & MRS. MICHAEL AND GALE ZIEMAN

MR. & MRS. ALEX AND PAT MALOUF

MR. & MRS. STEPHEN AND MARY ESPOSITO

MR. & MRS. R. LANE AND GAYLE MONK

MR. & MRS. EDWARD AND KRISTY BUSHAW

MR. & MRS. LELAND AND JAYLIN WILCOX W/ LANIE

Weddings

JOHN MEDDERS & LINDSAY REDMAN

JAMES GILL & MARISSA MELTON

JOSEPH COURTNEY, III & HALEY BRANTLEY

COOPER NYE & ALICE NORMAN

SAMUEL STREET & DANIELLE WATTS

JOSHUA MILAM & CLAIRE CORTE

Deaths

SYDNEY PRINCE 10/20/22

GLENDA POSE 10/22/22

JOSEPH SLEDGE 11/13/22

ELECTA METZGER HARMON 11/14/22

Confirmation

On November 6th we had the incredible honor of witnessing the Confirmation of 45 of our young people. After a month of intensive preparation, our 11th graders received this beautiful sacrament in the company of their family and friends. Archbishop Rodi gave a homily full of hope and excitement for the future of our newly confirmed, and encouraged them to lean on their faith in times of difficulty and joy. We are so proud of our confirmandi and all the hard work they put into preparing for this life-changing event. We pray for their continued holiness, as they live lives fully initiated in the Catholic faith.



St. Lawrence Catholic Church Confirmation + November 6th, 2022

Top Row, Left to Right: Gary Brewer III, Tucker Watkins, Harrison Sherer, Isaiah Brannon, Parker Baas, Jovi Werner, Father Steven Williams, Archbishop Thomas J. Rodi, Charlie Ruiz, Judah McAleer, Parker Robson, Tadd Mitchell Jr., Dallas Boothe, Miles Miller, Grant Murphy
Middle Row: Payton Null, David Lilley, Michael Pintarelli, Henry Conwell, Maysie Douglas, Kendall Gorum, Abby Callahan, Maddie Key, Amelie Fitzgerald, Melissa Fowler, Carter McCullough, Christopher Immel, Molly Brown, Jackie Holyfield, Ryan Lankford, Crawford Gwin
First Row: Ryleigh Godwin, Jane Sylvester, Callie Henderson, Katy Ford, Phoebe Cisneros, Rachel Tusia, Maddie Grant, Peyton Grant, Townes Bowman, Keeley Bulman, Briege Noonan, Ella Barrois, Mary Hart Watson, Emory Bailey, Bryanna Marks-Craig, Ella Maciokas



Keeley Bulman



Charlie Ruiz



Amelie Fitzgerald



Harrison Sherer



Rachel Tusia



Henry Conwell



Carter McCullough



Nelly Brown



Callie Henderson



Nary Hart Watson



Ryleigh Godwin



Another Successful Christmas Bazaar!

Another successful Christmas Bazaar is in the books! The Christmas Bazaar plays an important role in bringing our whole parish community together, and this year was no different.

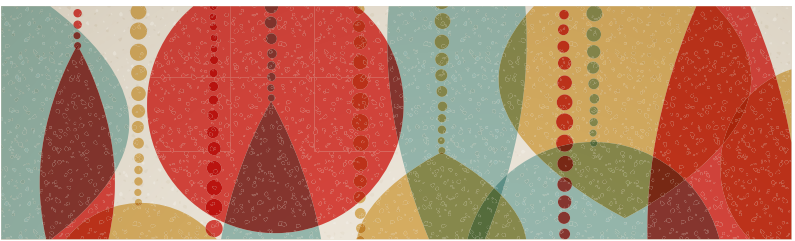
The outcome for this year far exceeded what we could have imagined. Edge and Life Teen brought in \$6,750 while Family Matters and Treasures made \$2,167! The gift baskets, casseroles, gumbo & soups, and decorations generated \$15,986 profit for the Bazaar. The Silent Auction made a whopping \$15,143 and the Bazaar as a whole grossed over \$41,000! WOW! This could not have happened without all of you!

In the upcoming year, the Christmas Bazaar will help with many church projects. Over \$8,000 will be donated to our parish ministries, including St. Vincent de Paul. We will donate \$4,000 toward the Martin Farrell Education

Scholarship and the St. Michael Guardian Angel Program. The Christmas Bazaar committee will discuss more charities to donate toward in the new year such as Vagabond Ministries and Women's Pregnancy Center. Thank you for supporting the Christmas Bazaar. Your participation makes it possible for us to aid our parish ministries and local community.

A HUGE thank you to the Christmas Bazaar Committee for putting in their time, talent, creativity, ideas and more. We would also like to acknowledge the Christmas Bazaar committee heads. Their patience, willingness and dedication are vastly appreciated. The committee is the reason for our success! Another huge thank you to Fr. Steve for all of his input and support. Thank you! We can't wait until next year: keep an eye out for information on the 18th Annual Christmas Bazaar!







THE FRUITS OF OUR EFFORTS ARE THERE TO SEE

EDGE STUDENTS CONTRIBUTE WITH CRAFTS AND OUTREACH

This year at the Christmas Bazaar I was reminded of the larger purpose of putting on such a big event. Several times over the weekend I got the chance to interact with visitors who don't attend St. Lawrence but were very excited to come for the Bazaar. Each of these folks had nothing but positive things to say about St. Lawrence, especially praising the involvement of our volunteers. It's easy to get caught up in the busy details preparing for this particular weekend each year and miss the effect the Bazaar has on our wider Baldwin County community. St. Lawrence, it seems, has quite a positive reputation for not only having the best Bazaar around, but for welcoming visitors with kindness and attention. What a wonderful way to evangelize!

Our Edge students outdid themselves once again with the handmade Christmas crafts - natural wood advent wreaths and Holy Family decorations - which were an instant hit!

As usual the students were very excited to make the crafts under the watchful eyes of parent volunteers, and only a handful lost their glue gun privileges during the process. In a single Edge night the students finished over 30 wreaths and Holy Families, and nearly all of these items sold during the Bazaar.

Some students and parents helped run the Edge booth among the other vendors in the gym, which gave them the opportunity to point out their individual work to customers. It's fun to watch students proudly talk about their work and explain that the money raised is used for Edge scholarships. Everyone who helped with Edge's involvement in the Bazaar this year did a fantastic job - I cannot thank y'all enough.

We look forward to doing it all again next year. Please keep our Jr. High ministry in your prayers!

In Christ,
Stephen Sylvester



ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION



Our All Saints Dinner was a perfect evening for fellowship, fun and yummy food in celebration of saints and their intercessions in our lives. Some children dressed as their favorite saint, and it was a precious sight! There were many saint-themed games available, such as "St. John Bosco Bowling" and "St. Dominic Dice Throw". It was tons of fun! Prayer cards of various saints were available to take home, along with information on how to create your own family Litany of the Saints. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped prepare the food and games. What a great way to celebrate the feast day of All Saints!



Fr. Augusty with Camille, Fulton, Henry, and Silas Rutter.



The Glaser Family dressed up as Saints Cecilia, Clare, and Margaret (their name sakes!).



Edith and Miriam Sylvester dressed up, and so did Cora Buhring.

ALL SAINTS DAY CELEBRATION



Mia Geans as Our Lady of Lourdes with Lexi Hester.



The children celebrate the saints! Samuel, Edith, Miriam, Cora, Elijah B. and Elijah S.



Pulled Pork and Mac & Cheese was delicious.



Ann and Horace Turner with Fr. Augusty.



Venerable Fulton Sheen offers a blessing!



The Gilliam Family enjoyed the evening together!

TREASURES: OUR TIME TOGETHER IS A TREAT!

Our Treasures group has been busy and active through the fall season with memorable trips, delicious luncheons, and wonderful times with one another.

The group had a most enjoyable visit to the Mississippi Aquarium in Gulfport on Wednesday, November 9th! It was a beautiful day to explore their indoor and outdoor exhibits which included sting rays, fish, sharks, alligators, dolphins, birds, otters and so much more! Everyone enjoyed exploring this excellent facility and engaging with their helpful staff. It was a delight for everyone who attended!

Back in October Treasures sent a small contingent to volunteer at Prodissee Pantry. It was a small task done with great care and love as we packed baskets of food and then walked out with those who arrived in need. We were so pleased to be able to offer our time and prayers to these fine folks and the ministry that serves them so well.

As for our monthly luncheons, they never disappoint! The food, festivity, and friendship is always boosts the spirits of all in attendance. We hope you will join us in January as we gather again!



We always value the good company enjoyed at our luncheons.



Tom and Paula bask in the wonderful weather at the Mississippi Aquarium.



Susie offers her time in service of others at Prodissee Pantry.



Bill & Mary Lou prepare the perfect plate.



George & Delores take in the sunlight of the aquarium grounds.



Patrick & Terri are always all smiles!



The Treasures cooking crew is the best in town!



Paul, Susie, Brian and Chris by the otter experience at the aquarium.



The sea life at the aquarium was a marvelous sight.

BEING A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

St. Lawrence parishioners were extremely busy supporting life in a variety of different ways during the Fall Campaign of 40 Days for Life. Even though the state of Alabama is not performing abortions anymore, not everyone agrees with this stand. We still have hearts to convert and of course, moms, dads and babies to support. Our prayers are very much needed.

Positive activities included praying outside Planned Parenthood in Mobile. We were there as a visible sign of the importance of respecting all life, no matter how small, to being a public witness to our Catholic faith. In addition, women still require being informed about the multitude of resources that are available for them.

Riding the church bus to participate in Holy Mass with Father Steve is always a highlight and a very moving experience. An extra bonus was having students from St. Michael attend along with their Pro-life sponsor, Drew Williams.

In support of one of our pregnancy centers, parishioners attended the Women's Health Center's annual banquet. The keynote speaker, Kelly Lester, shared her very moving and personal story of conversion.

Another community outreach activity was gathering across the street from the Fairhope Civic Center on election night and praying the rosary. This was met with many positive reactions.

To show our support for the work that Mary's Shelter does in Elberta for women experiencing unplanned pregnancy, we conducted a baby bottle fundraiser. Through the most generous support of St. Lawrence parishioners, \$18,500 was donated! What a true blessing for such a worthy organization.

As always, we concluded our 40 Days for Life with a rosary after Mass on the patio. The rosary is our weapon against the evil of abortion and the plead to our blessed Mary to change hearts. If you would like to help plan pro-life events at St. Lawrence, please contact Lisa Word at 404-307-1355. All ideas are welcomed!



St. Lawrence *Columbarium*

NICHES WILL BE SOLD BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

TOTAL COST FOR NICHES RANGE FROM
\$1,700 FOR SINGLE TO \$2,200 FOR DOUBLE



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St. Lawrence Praying as a Family **PARISH MISSION**



with Sr. Anna Christi &
Sr. Marie Genevieve

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY | MARCH 11, 2023

PRESENTED BY THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF ST. CECILIA

DELIVERING JOY TO LITTLE ONES

A word of sincere thanks to all who participated in our annual Box of Joy ministry this year. With your generous donations we were able to send off over 100 boxes to be distributed to over 100 children in various countries. Due to your wonderful gifts their Christmas this year will be brighter. It is truly remarkable to see our St. Lawrence family of faith come together to help those in most need. In this season of giving it truly means the world to us all to see the goodness that Christmas brings out in others. Please continue to keep these youngsters and their families in your prayers during this Christmas season.



Over 100 wonderful gifts ready to be delivered!

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

12-1 PM Confession
4:30 PM Children's Mass
8:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass
11:00 PM Midnight Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

Mass of the Nativity of our
Lord Jesus Christ
10 AM

**No other Sunday Masses will be offered
on Christmas Day*

