



Footnotes

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC PARISH

February/March 2021



**CREATE
IN ME
A CLEAN
HEART,
GOD**



GOD GIVES AN ABUNDANCE OF GRACE DURING LENT

PHOTO: HOLY THURSDAY 2019



by Fr. Steven T. Williams

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. It can be a time of Healing, Mercy & Forgiveness. God affords us an abundance of Grace.

St. Lawrence is celebrating the Year of the Eucharist with "40 hours of Devotion". Spend some time with our Lord in Adoration, March 17-19th, concluding with a procession to our St. Joseph Altar at 9:00 am on Friday, March 19th.

Also, please make every effort to join us for the Sacred Triduum. There is a class on the Triduum during Holy Week. Please join me.

Join us for adoration on Holy Thursday night in the St. Lawrence room from 9:00 pm until Midnight. Keep in your prayers all those coming into the Church on Holy Saturday night.



THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thank you to all who prayed, pledged, and supported the recent Catholic Charities Appeal. We are happy to report that at the time of printing we have reached of our parish goal of \$267,000. Over 334 St. Lawrence families contributed. This year was a special milestone for the Archdiocese of Mobile Catholic Charities as they celebrate over 90 years of service and devotion to those in need. The mission of Catholic Charities would have never been possible without the prayers and donations of the faithful of our Archdiocese of Mobile. We thank you again for your faithfulness and generosity with the many ministries and missions that rely on you. God Bless!



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 2021-2022 ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR.

This year the Christmas Bazaar committee will be awarding three \$1,000 scholarships.

Applications due May 20th.

Contact Afton Sylvester at

events@stlawrencefairhope.com for applications.

Easter Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 1

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 2

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 3:00 PM

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION - 7:00 PM

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

BEGINS GOOD FRIDAY AFTER STATIONS OF THE CROSS
AND EACH DAY IN THE CHURCH, UNTIL APRIL 10 - 3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, April 3

CONFESSION - 12:00 PM

EASTER VIGIL MASS - 7:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 4

EASTER MASS

7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

*NO EVENING MASS



PARISH FAITHFUL SAFELY BEGIN LENTEN SEASON WITH ASHES

While obstacles appear to get in the way, and alter the way we gather and worship, these changes will not prevent us from practicing our beloved Faith. It was quite uplifting to see so many of the faithful show up to begin the Lenten season on Ash Wednesday. The distribution of ashes was very different this year. Regardless of the changes, it was tremendously encouraging to see the large number of parishioners who safely gathered to begin the season. Our Masses were full even with the extra Mass time to accommodate seating restrictions. Lines formed down the street from the patio to receive ashes outside at two different times. We greatly desire the day when we will gather in large numbers together to worship and praise Our Lord as one unified family! God bless you all and may this Lenten season bear much fruit and great love for Our Savior.





LENTEN FISH FRY'S CONTINUE

FINDING CREATIVE WAYS TO CONTINUE
OUR BELOVED CATHOLIC TRADITIONS



\$12

**FRIDAY'S
DURING LENT**
5:30 - 7:00 PM

COME ENJOY A DELICIOUS PLATE
FRIED FISH - FRIES- COLE
SLAW - HUSH PUPPIES -
TARTAR SAUCE

\$12



Life Teen students spent time prepping fish fry boxes for pickup.



Jon Quint bring packed to-go boxes to the drive-through pickup.



High school youth minister Kathleen King greets drive-through customers at the Fish Fry.



**WE JOYFULLY
WELCOME OUR
NEW PARISHIONERS!**

YUSEF & TARA ADAS
WITH CALEB

JESSICA BONNER
WITH CHARLI LANDRY

JOHN & ANNE GERMANN

MEGAN HARRIS
WITH CHARLOTTE

THOMAS & DEBRA LAWRENCE

LUCY LOTT

MIKE & CHRISTI MOSSBURG

KENNY & MARTHA MUSCAT

KEVIN & SANDY NOLAN

SEAN & BROOKE O'DONNELL
WITH MILLIE AND ANNE
MARIE

GAIL ROSS

ROSS & PATTI SCOZZARO

TODD & CARYN SUDDUTH
WITH RYAN AND ROSE

IAN & NIA VILLAMORA
NATE AND KELLY

JOHN & MARTHA WILCOX

We pray for our fellow parishioners who have entered into eternal rest:

JAMES DAMICO

STEVE WOOLLEY

JACLYN GRODZICKI

JEAN BAILEY

JIM STRAWN

DENNIS DRISKELL

MARYBETH McISAAC

JOHN SCHNEEKLOTH



2021

CARDINALS *in the* Courtyard



honoring MRS. SUZANNE LINDLEY

SATURDAY + MARCH 20 + 6:30 PM

All proceeds benefit St. Michael Catholic High School

Don't miss the 5th annual Spring Gala, Cardinals in the Courtyard! Join us for an enjoyable evening with dinner by Naman's Catering, entertainment by comedian Aaron Weber, plus good conversation and company!

Mrs. Suzanne Lindley will be our guest of honor this weekend.

Thank you to those who have already committed to sponsoring Cardinals in the Courtyard! Because of your overwhelming response, our sponsorships are soaring. This means there will be very limited (if any) tickets left open to the public this year. Our event features a sit-down dinner and live entertainment by professional comedian Aaron Weber (son of our very own Faustin Weber). Because of this format, (and COVID protocols) being an event sponsor is the best way to guarantee your tickets. The deadline is February 28th. Once our final sponsor count is determined, we will see if any tickets are available to the public. An online sponsorship form is available online at www.stmichael.org/cardinals-in-the-courtyard-gala or contact Abbie McCullough at (251) 654-4825 or abbiemac518@gmail.com for more information.

You won't want to miss our online silent auction and live auction items! Stay tuned to our facebook page for auction item details and sponsor shout outs.

We are thrilled to offer several condos/vacation homes, braces, a fishing trip and many more exciting items. We would LOVE if anyone can help us obtain a golf cart to generate more awesome bidding. We still also welcome any business services, desirable home items, jewelry, gift cards, etc. Remember, rain or shine, the auction will be online, so the more great items we have the better. To donate an item go to _____ or contact Daphne Willcox at (334) 538-9112 or daphne6366@gmail.com. The newest auction item is a PUPPY! A precious female German shorthaired pointer can be yours on March 20th, if the price is right. She will be almost 9 weeks old and is AKC registered and will be fully licensed. DOB: January 19th, comes from a litter of 11 (6 girls and 5 boys). Many thanks to the Potier Family for donating her to our school to auction off to a wonderful forever family!

ST. MICHAEL STUDENTS ENJOY OUTDOOR MASS TOGETHER



On January 29th, Saint Michael Catholic High School was able to celebrate their first school Mass together in almost a year. The students have rotated which grade level attended Mass while the other classes joined virtually since the pandemic struck last March. The students used this opportunity to worship together and petition for the protection of the right to life for all. Fr. Gil was the celebrant for this outdoor Mass and asked the students to consider what we can do to promulgate a Pro-Life culture. He encouraged them to consider beliefs and behaviors that impact the world around them. Fr. Steve and Fr. Gil spent time hearing confessions with the students after Mass. Please pray for a respect for life and the vital formation of our young people across the community.



PHOTO TOP: Fr. Gil was the celebrant for this special outdoor Mass. PHOTO ABOVE: St. Michael students stand for the reading of the Gospel. PHOTO RIGHT: As school chaplain, Fr. Steve finds a small moment to connect with a St. Michael student.



LOVE FOR LIFE!

FEBRUARY 17 - MARCH 28, 2021

This campaign is right in the middle of our Lenten Season. There are so many wonderful opportunities to participate in the Pro-Life movement and show your love for life.

On January 22, we remembered the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children by having a Holy Hour which consisted of Adoration, Confession, and Spiritual music by Todd Sylvester. This was widely attended by our parishioners. As a faith community, we offered our prayers for the sanctity of all life, from conception to natural death.

PARTICIPATE IN THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Sign the "I will pray to end abortion" poster in the church vestibule. Make a visible mark of your commitment.

Pray on the sidewalk of Planned Parenthood in Mobile, located at 717 Downtowner Loop West. Visit www.40daysforlife.com/mobile or use sign-up poster in vestibule. We need volunteers!

Attend the Holy Hour (Adoration, Confession, & Music) on Friday, March 5th from 9:00 am - 10:00 am. Adoration only will continue until 5:30 pm.

Join us for Holy Mass across from Planned Parenthood in Mobile on Tuesday, March 23rd. Meet at the church parking lot at 6:30 am, ready to carpool.

Support Women's Health Center & To Be pregnancy centers by donating any of the following items: Huggies/Pampers diapers, baby wipes, baby bottles, bath items(shampoo, lotion), car seats and new baby clothes. Place donations in the crib located in the vestibule.

Come to the Closing Prayer Service on Sunday, March 28th following the 11:00 am Mass to pray the Rosary as a community. We'll meet on the outside covered patio.

Reach out in our community by spreading the joy of LIFE. Wear precious feet pin, pass out pro-life literature, put a pro-life sign in your yard, get educated and then educate others about the evil of abortion and the beauty of LIFE. GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF LIFE.





Fr. Gil leads benediction at the Holy Hour for Life on the Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO JOINED US LAST FRIDAY FOR THE MASS AND HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR 9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND STRENGTHENING OUR OWN LIVES AND OUR SOCIETY TO RESPECT THE DIGNITY FOR ALL HUMAN LIVES WHICH ARE CREATED AND LOVED BY GOD!

QUEST RETREAT

SACRED HEART CHAPEL | FAIRHOPE, AL

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX MARCH 13, 2021 | 9AM-5PM XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX



● "FLY HIGH" ●

\$25 | T-SHIRT INCLUDED

6TH-8TH GRADES WELCOME

MESSY GAMES ● ADORATION ● KONA ICE

SIGN UP NOW ON THE EDGE WEBSITE WWW.STLAWRENCEJRHIGH.ORG

ANNUAL QUEST RETREAT QUICKLY APPROACHING - JOIN IN!

The annual Edge QUEST retreat for middle school students in Baldwin County is on Saturday, March 13th from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, on the grounds of Sacred Heart chapel. QUEST is an acronym that spells out the topics of each talk given throughout the day: Questioning, Understanding, Evangelization, Service, and Trusting. Every year, this retreat is a highlight for the middle school youth group, and not just because of how fun it is. The messy games, relay races, and frisbee tournaments are popular, but without fail the participants always remember Adoration and the witness of the young adults giving the talks. For many middle school students, this retreat is the first encounter they have with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This year the participants will also have a special Vigil Mass celebrated just for them inside Sacred Heart - parents are welcome to join since Mass is at the end of the retreat! We hope your children and grandchildren can join us for QUEST!

2021 ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR THE
PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH



ST. JOSEPH ALTAR DONATIONS NEEDED

FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES,
DRIED BEANS, PASTA, RICE,
CANNED BROTH & TOMATOES

Please bring donations to the
parish office **March 15th - March
17th from 8am-5pm**

Celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph by attending the
Blessing of the Altar following Eucharistic Procession &
Benediction in the St. Lawrence Room at 9am March 19th

Altar Hours

March 19th - 9am-5pm

March 20th - 9am - 5pm

March 21st - 8:30am- 12:15pm

The St. Joseph's Altar is a loved tradition in the Catholic Church. Many years ago the people of Sicily begged their patron, St. Joseph, to bring an end to their famine. Their prayers were answered, and their crops were restored. Some time later, the people prepared a feast for the poor and needy as an act of thanksgiving to God and St. Joseph.

With the Apostolic Letter, *Patris corde*, Pope Francis has announced that December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 will mark a "Year of Saint Joseph" as a way to celebrate the declaration of Saint Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. (Vatican News).

In a special way, St. Lawrence will honor St. Joseph by displaying our own St. Joseph's Altar in the St. Lawrence Room following the 40 Hours Adoration event at our parish. The blessing of the St. Joseph's Altar will take place following a Eucharistic procession to the St. Joseph's Altar and Benediction after the 8:30am mass on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Friday, March 19th. The altar will remain open through Sunday, March 21st after the 11:00 am Mass. All are encouraged to come visit after Mass and to lift up prayers of thanksgiving for all God has given us.

Fresh food donations needed! St. Vincent de Paul will deliver the donated food to families in need on Sunday afternoon. This is a rare opportunity for the clients of St. Vincent de Paul to receive perishable foods such as fruits, vegetables, and baked goods.

All items can be dropped off at the office March 15th - March 17th. You may also drop off your saint statues to be displayed on the altar and blessed during that time. If you would like to help with the altar, please contact Afton Sylvester at 928-5931 ext. 115.



PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING

40 HOURS ADORATION

A parish experience celebrating the
year of the Eucharist & St. Joseph

BEGINNING **6PM ON MARCH 17TH**
&
ENDING WITH EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION &
BENEDICTION TO THE ST. LAWRENCE ROOM
ON **MARCH 19TH AT 9AM**

**Sign up in the Church
vestibule beginning
February 14th**

by Fr. Gil

This Lent, St. Lawrence will host a Forty Hours Devotion. The Forty Hours Devotion is a practice that has a long history in the Catholic Church. In this devotion, the Eucharist is exposed for Adoration for a period of forty consecutive hours. Many Catholics ask about the meaning of Forty Hours. Forty is a number that takes on a special significance in the Bible. The Great Flood in Genesis lasted forty days and forty nights; the Jews wandered forty years in the desert before coming into the Promised Land; Elijah spent forty days fasting on Mount Horeb; and Jesus began his public ministry by fasting in the desert for forty days and forty nights. The Church recognizes the significance of this number by making the season of Lent forty days. In these situations, the number forty usually signifies a time of preparation and penance.

It is in this context that the Church celebrates the Forty

Hours Devotion. We as a parish community are committing ourselves to adore Jesus in the Eucharist for forty consecutive hours. The past year has showed us that we live in volatile times. In this devotion, we have the opportunity to ask God to sanctify us as a parish as we pray for the Church and our world.

We will begin the Forty Hours Devotion with the 5:30pm Mass on Wednesday, March 17. It will then continue through the 8:30am Mass on Friday, March 19. Following Mass, there will be a Eucharistic Procession to the St. Lawrence Room where benediction will take place before the St. Joseph Altar. The Eucharist will remain exposed throughout this entire period with the exception of our daily mass times. Because the Eucharist will remain exposed for this period, we will need people to sign up to be present for each hour. The sign up sheets can be found in the vestibule. Please consider being a part of this amazing devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

ABOUT ANNULMENTS?

Lent is a good time to consider what barriers may prevent us from receiving the sacraments of the Church.

Those who have suffered a divorce may feel stranded, lost, afraid or unsure how to proceed. A special invitation is thus extended to learn more about the Church's teaching on marriage, divorce and annulments.

A series of Q&A's has been made available to help take a closer look into the annulment process, clarify misunderstandings and to assist in removing barriers from receiving the Church's sacraments.



visit www.stlawrencefamilyministry.com/annulments
or contact Lise Galle at family@stlawrencefairhope.com or 251-517-5294



**ENDOWING
OUR FUTURE
WITH HOPE**
ARCHDIOCESE OF MOBILE

— UPDATE —

St. Lawrence was entrusted with raising \$1,845,000 toward the Archdiocesan Generations of Faith Campaign. We have now raised 100% of our Parish Goal!

Thank you to all who have so generously pledged financially and who have contributed through prayers and sacrifice. Your support has been a true blessing and will continue to be a blessing for years to come!



WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT SERIES BEARS FRUIT

Rooted in Mercy: A Women's Retreat Series is currently underway! Fifty women from our parish have come together to enhance their Lenten journey as a community of faith. Through this four-night retreat series, we are diving into the book, "Real Mercy", based on homilies during the Year of Mercy by Jacques Phillipe, a priest in the Community of Beatitudes. We will touch on topics such as Divine Mercy, Mercy and the Mother of God, Mercy and Forgiveness in the

Family, and Mercy and Trust based on the teachings of St. Therese of Lisieux. These topics will help to bear fruit in the hearts of the retreatants and their families. We pray for these women on this continuous Lenten journey as they pray for the St. Lawrence community of faith.

Be on the look out for more spiritual opportunities during this season of Lent.

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St. Lawrence Catholic Church Lenten Schedule

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS AFTER 8:30 AM MASS & 5:05 PM

MUSICAL DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

WITH LIFE TEEN MUSIC GROUP

SUNDAYS, 5:10 PM

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

FEBRUARY 17 - MARCH 28

FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS TO GO

MARCH 5, MARCH 12, MARCH 19

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

CONFESSION

MARCH 3, MARCH 10, MARCH 17, MARCH 24

WEDNESDAYS 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

MARCH 5

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

MARCH 19 - MARCH 21

MASS FOR LIFE

TUESDAY, MARCH 23 @ 7:15 AM

AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

PARISH MISSION/ PENANCE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

5:30 PM



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TRIDUUM AND
EASTER
SCHEDULE