



Footnotes

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC PARISH

JAN 2022

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LET US
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HIM!



STARTING OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH A GENEROUS SPIRIT

by Fr. Steven T. Williams

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! Two things come to mind when I think of the month of January. Firstly, the March for Life, which will take place on January 21, 2022. The March for Life is an annual rally and march protesting abortion, held in Washington, D.C. on or around the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Secondly, I think of Catholic Charities. This appeal supports more than 30 Catholic ministries throughout the Mobile Archdiocese.

Both are very important! Our brothers and sisters, both young and old, need our help. Please be generous during the Catholic Charities Appeal, and pray for all of us on the "March for Life".

Congratulations to Justin Barfield, who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. We are always very proud of our parish scouts achieving this rank.

Many have set forth some New Year's resolutions. In the midst of all the personal planning, remember there are lots of opportunities to grow closer to God!



WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

Michael & Kim Rossetti with Phillip, Alexis and Tristan
Justin & Leslie Hanks with Ian and Isaac
Ryan & Carla Coleman with Charles and Johanna

JOIN FR. STEVE ON A PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

For eleven days follow the footsteps of St. Paul and experience beautiful sites throughout Greece. Visit Philippi where Paul the Apostle delivered his first sermon and established the first Church in Europe, Mars Hill in Athens where he spoke to the Athenians, Corinth and the site of St. Paul's trials by Gallio, and more! Visit the House of the Virgin Mary in Ephesus in Turkey where she lived until her Assumption according to Catholic Doctrine. A popular Pilgrimage site, this Shrine has even received several papal visits and blessings. On your 3-day cruise, discover the captivating and beautiful Greek Islands like Mykonos, Crete, and Santorini.

Join **St. Lawrence Parish** on a Pilgrimage to

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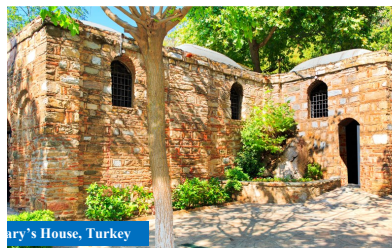
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PARISH YOUTH SPREAD JOY THROUGH SONG

CHRISTMAS CAROLING THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY

A wonderful group of children from our parish went Christmas Caroling during the Christmas Season. They spent time visiting with parishioners both homebound and those living in community. This beautiful effort was arranged by the Women's Bible Study and parishioner Judy Lankford.



Deacon George Yeend poses with some of the festive parish carolers.

2021 CHRIST THE KING RECIPIENT

St. Lawrence is very proud to announce this year's Christ the King Medal was posthumously awarded to Mr. Billy Lankford. Each parish throughout the archdiocese selects a parishioner who provides dedication and service in a special way to receive this special recognition. We all know how much time Billy offered to our parish in service of different ministries and events. Billy was always around and present for friends and parishioners in need of a helping hand or listening ear. Billy's wife, Paige Lankford, received the award from Archbishop Rodi in early November, on the Feast of Christ the King. Let us continue to pray for Billy and his family and emulate his service and dedication to our parish.



Paige Lankford with Archbishop Rodi on the occasion of Christ the King.

OUR 16TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WAS FRUITFUL & FUN!

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 \$4,860 while Family Ministry and Treasures made \$2,234.22! The gift baskets, casseroles, gumbo & soups, and decorations generated \$13,074 profit for the Bazaar and the silent auction made a whopping \$16,434 with the Bazaar as a whole grossing \$33,200.05!! WOW! This could not have happened without all of you!

In the upcoming year, the Christmas Bazaar will help with church projects such as replacing the flooring in the St. Lawrence Room as well as replacing the ovens in the kitchen. Over

\$8,000 will be donated toward our parish ministries as well as St. Vincent de Paul. \$4,000 will be donated to the Martin Farrell Education Scholarship and the St. Michael Guardian Angel Program. The Christmas Bazaar Committee will discuss additional charities to support in 2022. 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. Another huge thank you to Fr. Steve for all of his input and support. Keep an eye out for information on the 17th Annual Christmas Bazaar!







TREASURES ALWAYS HAVE FUN! JOIN US!



Treasures had a full and fun December serving at the Bazaar, enjoying their monthly luncheon, and visiting Airbus in Mobile. The December Treasures luncheon is always a treat with delicious roast and potatoes as well as classic Christmas songs on piano by Music Minister Jimmy Jones. Some of our talented choir members and Fr. Steve took time to join him in serenading us!

Treasures also enjoyed visiting the Airbus facility in Mobile. It was our first time at the Assembly Plant and it was quite incredible to

learn about the assembly of the Airbus 320 and 321 that take place here. Airbus employs over 1,000 people and it is the only Airbus Assembly Plant in North America. Parts arrive from all over the world via the Port of Mobile and are inspected, assembled, tested and delivered all from beautiful Mobile, Alabama. We hope you will join us next month as we celebrate the new year and visit City of St. Jude in Montgomery.

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TREASURES HAVE A GREAT TIME TOGETHER!



TREASURES TAKE TRIPS TO FUN LOCATIONS!



WHAT GOOD BARTENDERS THEY WERE!



On December 13th, Fr. Steve and Fr. Gil bartended at The Fairhope Brewing Company to take part in the Guest Bartenders of Christmas fundraiser. All the tips earned supported the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Lawrence. We are thrilled to announce that our parishioners and friends donated \$3,622 that evening! This bounty will support Christmas boxes, financial assistance and more towards our local community. Thank you so much to everyone who came out, donated and made the brewery such a warm reflection of our parish! Please continue to pray for our St. Vincent de Paul Society and particularly all those who are aided through their service.





LIFE TEEN CHRISTMAS CAFE WAS A SUCCESS!



MORE MEALS SERVED THAN EVER BEFORE

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Bazaar and supported Life Teen at the Christmas Cafe! We had our most successful year yet, serving over 500 meals in the course of two days.

The teens and their parents started preparations early in the week, gathering together to decorate and prepare their annual caramel apples. With music blasting and chocolate and caramel flowing, our Life Teen group worked hard to make Stuardi Hall a festive environment. On the days of the event, they arrived to the Cafe early and stayed late, offering Christmas Bazaar attendees delicious food choices. They had so much fun and are grateful to all who attended.

All of the profits from the Cafe go directly back to the program, through retreat scholarships and trips throughout the year. We couldn't do everything we do without your support!

As 2021 draws to a close, Life Teen is especially grateful for all the prayers and support provided by the parish. This year has been beautiful for Life Teen, and we cannot wait to see everything that 2022 has in store for our high school youth ministry. Please keep praying for our young people, and know we pray for you!





FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DINNER



Richard and Dottie Suk sit down to enjoy a delicious bowl of Gumbo.

The St. Lawrence Immaculate Conception Family Dinner was a cheerful and blessed way to celebrate the feast day as a parish family. The gumbo was perfect for the weather, and the hot cocoa was a sweet treat for the occasion. We had a wonderful turnout and many brought food to share with all. Fr.

Steve led us in an Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It truly was a beautiful evening of prayer in preparation for Christmas. Thank you Social Committee, for making this event for the whole parish, and thank you to everyone who attended!



The friends and fellowships were a real treat!



Edith and Samuel Sylvester enjoyed the Advent crafts.



Great company made the consecration and meal a wonderful experience for all.



EDGE kids stopped in for treats and fun!



THE PRO-LIFE CORNER

LIFE IS A GIFT...

This simple but beautiful saying by Mother Theresa is the theme of this year's 5th annual March for Life Mobile on Friday, January 21, 2022. March for Life Mobile is a grass-roots organization that is growing every year, and it is always on the same day as the National March in Washington. It begins with a rally, including a praise & worship band, prayer service, and local speakers, beginning at 9:45 am in Mobile's Cathedral Square. The actual march down Government Street starts at 10:45 am. This is a family friendly event and everyone is invited. There will be a food truck selling breakfast items for your convenience. You are encouraged to tell other members of your family, friends, and neighbors about the March. Let us show the world that every life is unique and irreplaceable. Life is truly a Gift!

THE POWER OF PRAYER

On December 1, 2021, St. Lawrence held a Pro-Life Adoration all day for parishioners. This was to pray for the U.S. Supreme Court's discernment on the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health case which had its opening arguments on the 1st of December. We ask you to continue to pray and fast so that the justices hold to their oaths, follow the law and protect all Americans, born and unborn. The final decision will probably be made in June, so we must stay diligent in our prayers. We must fight in the courts, but we will win on our knees.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Join us on Saturday, January 22 (the anniversary of Roe v. Wade) for the 8:30 am Mass to pray for the protection of all unborn babies in the womb. In the state of Alabama, there are approximately 6,110 abortions per year, which equates to 509 monthly and 17 babies killed per day. Following Mass, Father Steve will bless our 17 crosses that will be on display in front of the church reminding us of what is still occurring in our state daily and the need for continued

prayer. Show your support by attending the Mass and blessing.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN

Our Spring Campaign will begin March 2nd (Ash Wednesday) through April 10th (Palm Sunday). Be on the lookout for ways to become involved and to show your dedication to ending abortion. If you would like to join in the planning of the campaign, please contact Lisa Word at 404-307-1355.



ALL ARE INVITED TO A ST. LAWRENCE

*Mardi Gras
Parade Party!!*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
5:15PM - 7:30PM
ST. LAWRENCE GYM**

Park at St. Lawrence before walking down to the Maids of Jubilee Parade in Downtown Fairhope at 6:45pm or stay and enjoy the party!

Mardi Gras Music - Photo Booth
Red Beans & Rice - Soft Drinks
Purchase \$10 Drink Cup for Beer & Wine
Decorate your own King Cake Sweet
Bring a dish to share!!



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

Julie Goddard Thomas

Tallulah Bung

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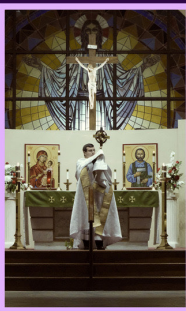
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PARISH DINNER (on March 10)



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EXHIBIT

TIME | 8th, 9th, 10th
5:30PM | MARCH, 2022

