

Footnotes

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC PARISH

JUNE-JULY 2021



**"Let the children come to me
... For the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."**

Mt. 19:14

GETTING TOGETHER AND GETTING INVOLVED



by Fr. Steven T. Williams

Summer is here and lots of youth activities are happening. Encourage your children to get involved! Our Edge and Life Teen ministers both included articles in this newsletter. It's easy to see that participants have a great time together.

Our church is fully open again for Mass and other activities. Don't come if you are sick. Continue to use hand sanitizer (at the doors) and be considerate of others.

As the parish gets back to a normal schedule, we have a few needs: we are looking for a new Bereavement Coordinator. This position is important for families who have lost a loved one. We sincerely thank Jackie Pate and Susan Evans for their years of service in this ministry. More information can be found in the parish bulletin or call the parish office.

We are also in need of new Eucharistic Ministers, particularly to bring communion to the homebound. Please call the parish office if you hear the call to fill this need.

Fall season is quickly approaching and RCIA classes will begin again. Do you know someone interested in the faith? Have them call the parish office and chat with Barry.



WELCOME TO ST. LAWRENCE PARISH!

WE WARMLY WELCOME:

DENNIS & EMILY CALLAHAN,
WITH MARY BYRNE, ABBY, CAROLINE, AND CHARLIE
DANIEL & JESSICA CELLA, WITH TYLER, BRODY, AND CAL
CHAD & MACKENZIE COLLINS, WITH LOUISE
DAVID & ROSEMARY HENRY
NICKOLAS & RYAN KLARMAN, WITH CLARA & MARY
LARRY & SARAH LILLEY, WITH JOSEPH AND DAVID
GREGORY MILLER & LAUREN SPARKMAN, WITH JACK
GEORGE & CYNDI TARLTON, EMILY AND ANSLEY
WILLIAM & SARA WADE, WITH EMERSON, PEYTON, LIBBY,
SHEPARD AND BOONE



BRYCE BOOTH MEETS NY CARDINAL TIMOTHY DOLAN

Parishioner Bryce Booth was able to meet Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York on a recent trip. Bryce is a rising ninth grader at Fairhope High School, and was kind enough to share a bit about his chance encounter and what it meant to him.

"I was fortunate to go on the East Coast trip. I attended with other students from our area. We went to Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. I was lucky to meet Cardinal Dolan. He was a great speaker and has the kindest heart. I will remember this experience for the rest of my life."



“FOLLOW THE SAINTS, BECAUSE THOSE WHO FOLLOW THEM WILL BECOME SAINTS” -POPE CLEMENT I

BLESSED MOTHER MARY

In addition to the myriad feast days honoring Our Lady under her many titles and virtues, the entire month of May is especially given to her praise. During the month of May we honored our Blessed Mother Mary by placing beautiful flowers at her statue. In addition, we offered our prayer intentions for our earthly moms and placed them at the feet of Mary.

ST. JOSEPH

POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS “YEAR OF ST JOSEPH”

With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from, December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

In June, we honored our fathers by placing flowers with their names on them around the statue of St. Joseph, asking St. Joseph for his wisdom, understanding, and strength to guide our fathers in the footsteps of Jesus.

Many thanks to all who participated in these spiritual bouquets.



LEFT: Three hundred paper flowers acknowledging our fathers were offered as a spiritual bouquet to St. Joseph.
TOP: Beautiful flowers surrounded our Blessed Mother and our prayer intentions were placed at her feet.
ABOVE: Graciously giving of their time, (left to right) Robyn Ferrell, Charlene Whitt, Karen Urbanek, and Kat Fadok made the paper flowers used to remember our fathers on Father’s Day.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

“ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU” SAYS THE LORD

We were overjoyed to celebrate First Holy Communion with our second grade children and their families on Sunday, May 16th. We give thanksgiving to God that they are now fully united with Christ in body and spirit through His Sacraments. Please pray for these young people and their families that they may be united to Christ always!



St. Lawrence Catholic Church First Communion + May 16th, 2021

Front Row: Eliot Moore, Audrey Howard, Sydney Grant, Eden Cryar, Cam Boothe

Second Row: Lucy Smith, Royce Hammers, Peyton Boward, Nevaeh Heuermann, Sadie Ferrell

Back Row: Harper Houston, Fr. Steve Williams, Zack Johnson



Zach Johnson poses with Fr. Steve before Mass begins.



First communicant Cam Booth poses with his brothers Bryce and Dallas.



The Houston family takes time to join Harper in celebrating her First Holy Communion.



The Grant family was overjoyed to celebrate Sydney's First Holy Communion day!



The Moore Family came together to celebrate with their first communicant, Eliot Moore.



Lucy Smith prepares to receive her First Holy Communion.



Royce Hammers receives his First Holy Communion from Fr. Steve.

TREASURES GATHER ONCE AGAIN!

TREASURES JOIN TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER A YEAR



The St. Lawrence Treasures group was able to gather late in the season for one monthly luncheon and a quick trip to New Orleans. While we were only able to gather once this past year, we made the most of our time together. Our luncheon was safely full of familiar faces and new members who spent time sharing so much of recent times spent apart.



Joan and Jack Ardrey shared lunch catching up with Eleanor Livaudais.



Ann Torbert makes her way around visiting and catching up with friends.



Ed Brinson and Helen Rosaia are glad to see the return of Treasures gatherings.



Fr. Steve addresses Treasures for the first time in over a year.

We had a tremendous time traveling to New Orleans to attend the New Orleans School of Cooking. We enjoyed watching our chef, Michael, prepare a delicious array of Cajun culinary classics. He began by preparing the sauce for our Shrimp Creole, moved on to a mouth-watering bowl of Corn and Crab Bisque, and then topped our meal off with pralines and bananas foster! Everyone left with warm hearts and full stomachs after our time there. We very much look forward to a new lineup of Treasures luncheons and trips in the Fall! See you soon.



Chef Michael's Bananas Foster were a delicious spectacle to behold!



Wanda Griffis and Chef Michael shared a good laugh dancing and carrying on before cooking.



The meal we shared was almost as wonderful as the company.



We were happy to take a group of old friends and newcomers to New Orleans for Cooking School.

CONGRATULATIONS 2021 SENIORS!

AS YOU TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP FORWARD, REMEMBER GOD IS WITH YOU

Congratulations to all our Seniors! You've done it! You made it through a high school career filled with more challenges than you could have probably ever imagined. But you did it. You should be so very proud of yourselves!

Some of you may be heading to college, others to careers, and others to a gap year. No matter where life takes you from this point forward, remember this: you are deeply, irrevocably, unconditionally loved by the Creator of the Universe. This doesn't mean you are loved only if you attend Mass perfectly, make every decision after consulting the Catechism, and follow your parent's instructions without fail and never mess up. This means unconditionally! When you make a bad decision, which you will, or when you find yourself feeling far from God, remember the God you experienced during St. Lawrence Masses, in retreats and prayer, and in time spent with people you love. He is still loving you, not any more or any less than He has ever loved you. You were created intentionally, all your flaws and gifts, and God has a great plan for you. You are a great gift to this world, unrepeatable and irreplaceable. In the words of one of my favorite saint friends, Catherine of Siena, "Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world ablaze!"

The future that awaits you is immeasurably better, deeper and more than you could possibly imagine. But if you find yourself needing to be reminded of who you are, know you always have a home at St. Lawrence. We will miss you and be praying for you.

With love and prayer,
Kathleen King



Ada Cummings
Fairhope HS



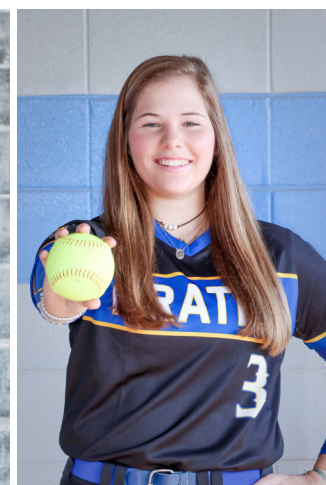
Anna Claire Potier
St. Michael HS



Anna Robitaille
Fairhope HS



Anne "Millie" Ollinger
St. Michael HS



Bailee Welsh
Fairhope HS



Charlotte Fell
Fairhope HS



Christopher Shelby
St. Michael HS



Davis Hopper
Fairhope HS



Dawson Wyatt
Fairhope HS



DeLaney Hempfleng
Fairhope HS

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Dylan Blackinton
St. Michael HS



Edward Cowles
St. Michael HS



Frances Jones
McGill-Toolen HS



Giselle McNulty
St. Michael HS



Hamp Repdl
McGill-Toolen HS



Holly Fdey
Fairhope HS



John Davis
St. Michael HS



Jack Watson Jr.
St. Michael HS



Jonathan Claunch
Fairhope HS



Jude Evans
McGill-Toolen HS



Justice Palmer
Fairhope HS



Lane Raley
St. Michael HS



Luke Lalisan
St. Michael HS



Luke Wilkinson
Fairhope HS



Morgan Danning
St. Michael HS



Patrick Murphy III
Fairhope HS



Rheka Brown
Fairhope HS



Ryan Brown
St. Michael HS



Trent Mayr
Fairhope HS



Zachary Petrie
Fairhope HS

LIFE TEEN SUMMER KICK OFF



July and August At A Glance

July

- 7/4 No Life Teen - Happy Independence Day!
- 7/5 Covecrest Parent and Teen Meeting
6:00-7:00
- 7/7 Life Teen Open Gym
6:00-8:00
Stuardi Hall and the St. Lawrence Gym will be open to everyone to come hang out!
- 7/11 Meet Your Priest Night
6:30-8:30
Come get to know Father Steve and Father Gill! We'll eat their favorite food for dinner, play a game to get to know them, and have an "Ask a Priest!" panel where you can ask them all your questions!
- 7/14 Life Teen Open Gym
6:00-8:00
- 7/18 Zoo Day!
11:00 - 4:00
We'll attend 11:00 Mass together, take a sack lunch to the zoo, spend a few hours with the animals, and be back by 4:00. Permission slips and more info will be at stlawrencefairhope.com ASAP!
- 7/21 Life Teen Open Gym
6:00-8:00
- 7/25 Ultimate Spoons Tournament
6:30-8:30
- 7/26-31 Covecrest Retreat!
This retreat is closed, but if you'd like to be put on the wait list, let me know ASAP!
- 7/28 Movie Night with Stephen!
6:30-8:30

August

- 8/1 Life Teen Open Gym
6:30-8:30

SOULstice Reunion!
6:00-8:00
All who attended the SOULstice Retreat in June are invited back to Stuardi to celebrate and remember the great time we had together. We'll watch the end of retreat video, eat great food, and spend some quality time together!
- 8/4

End of Summer Lock In and Concert
We'll participate in St. Lawrence Summer Fest and then stay overnight together to celebrate the great summer we had. More details to come!
- 8/7-8
- 8/15 Life Teen Break
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We will not have Life Teen for these weeks as we plan and prepare for the school year to come.
- 8/22
- 8/29 4th Annual MESSY GAMES!
Details to come! Join our Remind and our emailing list to get all the most up to date information.

Life Teen has had an incredible few months! We kicked off our summer by welcoming our rising Freshmen with a crazy night of sumo suit wrestling and bungee cord racing - Kona Ice even made an appearance! We've since followed up with an Amazing Race all around the world*(*St. Lawrence's campus), and an Oscars Murder Mystery Party! It's been a great summer so far, getting to know each other and spending some quality time together. We have tons left in store for the rest of the summer, and would love to have you or your loved one join us! If you're interested in joining Life Teen and getting involved, reach out to Kathleen King at lifeteen@stlawrencefairhope.com. We'd love to have them join us!



The lovely ladies on the red carpet.



A great night to welcome our new freshman!



INFLATABLES, SNOW CONES, AND "MURDER AT THE OSCARS";
LIFE TEEN HAS HAD SUCH A GREAT SUMMER SO FAR!



Hosted by Holy Spirit Ministries



A Catholic retreat for young women
in every stage of their faith
looking to dive deeper into the
merciful heart of Jesus.

A retreat for young adult women, ages 20-35, in the Archdiocese of Mobile

Friday, August 20th 6:00pm – Sunday, August 22nd 12:00pm

Holy Spirit Hall
18673 Scenic Highway 98, Fairhope, AL 36532

\$45 Early Bird Registration (July 2nd – July 8th)

\$55 Registration (July 9th – August 6th)

Space is limited.

Sponsorship opportunity available!



REGISTER ONLINE BY VISITING:
[surveymonkey.com/r/RootedinMercyRetreat](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RootedinMercyRetreat)

Contact Afton Sylvester at events@stlawrencefairhope.com

ROOTED IN MERCY RETREAT

All young adult women, ages 20-35, are invited to Rooted in Mercy Retreat! Holy Spirit Ministries, the administrators for Holy Spirit Hall, is hosting this retreat for young women in every stage of their faith looking to dive deeper into the merciful heart of Jesus. This retreat will take place on the beautiful bay at Holy Spirit Hall. It will be a weekend of prayer, including Mass, Adoration and Confession; talks on mercy, small group discussion, free journaling time, activities, and fellowship with other women. The women's Lenten retreat held at St. Lawrence was such a beautiful experience. Holy Spirit Ministries wishes to take that same experience and share it with other women in the young adult community in the Archdiocese of Mobile. See the flyer for more information about the retreat and encourage the young adult women in your life to sign up! Early bird registration begins July 2nd!

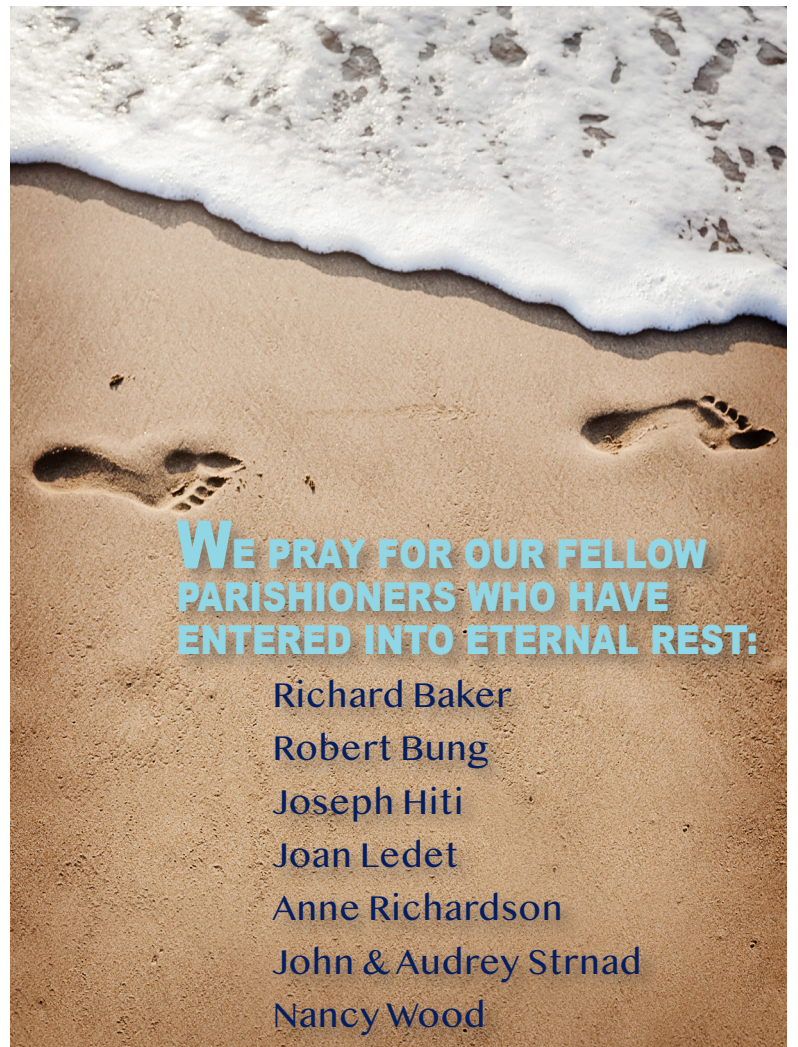
FAMILY DAY



\$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



WE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST:

Richard Baker

Robert Bung

Joseph Hiti

Joan Ledet

Anne Richardson

John & Audrey Strnad

Nancy Wood

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR KICKOFF

The Christmas Elves have begun working diligently on the 16th Annual St. Lawrence Christmas Bazaar. Please consider being part of this year's Bazaar and help by donating for gift baskets or the silent auction!

Gift Basket items needed including: cooking & baking items such as: mixing bowls, sheet pans, utensils, etc. Place these donations in the boxes located in the back of the church.

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

Become a sponsor for Christmas Bazaar, and receive promotion for your business! Sponsorship helps to fund expenses and scholarships.

Vendor spots are available! If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a vendor for the Christmas Bazaar, contact Afton for an application.

This year we will continue to feature online bidding for the silent auction! The silent auction committee will gladly accept goods (furniture, antiques, etc.), salable items (gift cards to local businesses), or services (lessons, babysitting, manual labor) for this year's Bazaar. Please bring donations to the front office, or contact Afton Sylvester to arrange for pick-up. Check out our website for more details: www.stlawrencechristmasbazaar.com.

Contact Afton Sylvester with any questions at 928-5931, ext. 115 or email: events@stlawrencefairhope.com.



16th Annual
**St. Lawrence
Christmas Bazaar
Kickoff**

Please join us for refreshments, fellowship, & planning! If you are interested in joining the Christmas Bazaar Committee, this meeting is for you!

*When: Tuesday, July 20th
from 7pm - 8pm*

*Where: EDGE room located upstairs
in the Family Life Center*

Wine & Refreshments begin at 6:30pm



EDGE SUMMER SCHEDULE

SOULSTICE RETREAT

June 18 - 20 - St. Lawrence, TBA Times | \$50
For rising 7th - 9th Grades Only
Run by high school students and adult leaders

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

Bus Day Trips to Off-Campus Activities
For rising 6th - 8th Grades Only

June 2 - Waterville 9am - 5pm \$35	June 30 - Gulf Island Water Park 9am - 6pm \$35
June 9 - Pensacola Naval Museum / Sam's Surf City, 9am - 6pm \$30	July 7 - The Factory / Gulf Shores Zoo 9am - 6pm \$30
June 16 - Tubing at Adventures Unlimited 9am - 6pm \$25	July 14 - Pearce Jr. Memorial Pool 9am - 6pm \$15
June 23 - Exploreum / Gulf Quest 9am - 5pm \$25	July 21 - Eastern Shore Lanes 7pm - 11pm (\$20)

OPEN GYM MONDAYS

St. Lawrence Gym, 6 - 8pm
Registration is Free | No Meal Provided

June 7 - Basketball	June 14 - Dodgeball
June 21 - Yard Games	June 28 - Ultimate Frisbee
July 5 - Wiffleball	July 12 - Football
July 26 - Line Game / The Game	

Contact Stephen Sylvester with questions, comments, or concerns!
edge@stlawrencefairhope.com | (251) 366-6831



EGYPTIAN EXPEDITION

Save the Dates!

St. Lawrence VBS
June 13-17, 2022

Monte Carlo Night
June 18, 2022

EDGE IS HAVING A BLAST

HAVING A GREAT TIME TOGETHER WITH A GREAT GROUP OF STUDENTS

The Wonderful Wednesday trips for Edge Jr. high youth ministry at St. Lawrence have begun, and they are going extremely well! We kicked off the summer with a trip to Waterville in Gulf Shores, which had a record turnout for a wonderful Wednesday trip. Our students did an excellent job representing both St. Lawrence and the broader Catholic Church by the way they were respectful and kind to each other and to the other children and families playing at the water park. The next week was Sam's Surf City in Pensacola, where we spent all day in the water park and adjacent amusement park. Most recently, Edge went tubing down the Blackwater River near Milton in Florida, and we could not have asked for more perfect weather for a day on the river.

As our ministry begins to feel normal again (after having to modify so many things due to the pandemic) I must congratulate our St. Lawrence parishioners for how well behaved the children in this middle school class are. The other minis-

ters and chaperones have all reported that your children and grandchildren who attend these trips are tremendous witnesses to us and to the other people we encountered.

I am so happy for our students to have these opportunities for fun activities with their friends this Summer, but even more so, I'm glad that our ministry can provide a Christ-centered environment for them to participate in. The primary purpose of our trips is to allow our Edge students to have authentic fellowship with one another, and hopefully to learn how to better respect their friends and build each other up in faith. So far our students have exceeded all my expectations. We look forward to resuming our weekly middle school Edge nights this upcoming school year! I want to personally thank everyone who has supported St. Lawrence junior high ministry in any way. We could not do this without y'all. Please keep us in your prayers, and know that you and your families are in ours.

In Christ,
Stephen Sylvester



Getting ready to tube down the Blackwater River!



Finn, Patrick, Fisher, Jimmy, and Wells got some sun.



Julia and Mary Elizabeth relaxing on the water.



Brendan and Peter cheesing between slides.



Hitting the water with a splash!



Addison, Emma and Sara had a great time on the slides.



The rope swing was a big hit on the river.



All the edge students were pumped to be tubing!

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AUGUST 7

6:00PM-8:00PM

ST. LAWRENCE PATIO*

FREE ADMISSION

LIVE MUSIC

THE HOTDOGHERY FOOD TRUCK

FREE

**FAIRHOPE BREWERY BEER,
SOFT DRINKS,
KONA ICE, & INDOOR INFLATABLES
FOR THE KIDS**

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!
COVERED SEATING AVAILABLE**

***WILL RELOCATE TO THE GYM WEATHER PERMITTING**

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF MUSIC, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP AS WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE - ALL TOGETHER AS A PARISH FAMILY! IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING VIGIL MASS, THE MUSIC WILL BEGIN, FEATURING SOUTHERN SOUL ARTIST STEPHEN SYLVESTER AND HIS BAND, AND SOLO MUSICIAN BRIGHAM CASON. THERE WILL BE MANY TREATS! YOU CAN PURCHASE POPCORN OR DINNER FROM THE HOTDOGHERY FOOD TRUCK, ENJOY FREE KONA ICE SNOW CONES, SOFT DRINKS, AND FAIRHOPE BREWERY BEER. WORRIED THAT IT WILL BE TOO HOT? WE HAVE COVERED AND INDOOR SEATING AVAILABLE! WE ALSO PLAN TO FOG FOR MOSQUITOS, SO WE CAN ENJOY THE NICE SUMMER EVENING EVENT OUTSIDE. BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND PLEASE JOIN US! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS EMAIL: EVENTS@STLAWRENCE-FAIRHOPE.COM.