

Footnotes

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC PARISH OCT-NOV 2021



*"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."
-Mt 6:21*



MOMENTS OF GRATITUDE FOR LIFE'S BLESSINGS



by Fr. Steven T. Williams

November is the month of Thanksgiving. The word Eucharist means Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for! We need to be thankful for our faith, our Church, the Eucharist, our parish, our family and friends.

Two sons in the Cella family, Cal & Brody, were recently baptized and received their first Holy Communion. We give thanks for all preparing to receive the sacraments.

The Knights of Columbus were out with their "Tootsie Rolls", asking for donations to help those with mental illness. Thank you KOC for all you do.

Lastly, we recently celebrated senior night at St. Michael, and two St. Lawrence parishioners stood out. William Ford and Britton Cooper, who have played three sports at St. Michael for six years. No easy task! We give thanks for all our student athletes.



WE WARMLY WELCOME OUR NEW PARISHIONERS!

- MARY BARTER
- ELVIRA AND FRANK CONNELL
- MICHAEL AND SUSAN CUMPTON
WITH PATRICK, SARAH & JOHN THOMAS
- JAMIE DOGGETT
- JOHN EBNER
- MRS. AMANDA ECKART WITH NOELLE & BRIDGET
- SHANNON AND JOSH GARNER
WITH AYDEN, WILLIAM & CHARLIE
- CARL AND KATHA HELLMICH
- MISS KAITLYN LEBLANC
- STEPHANIE AND JONATHAN LOPEZ
- MOLLIE AND GLENN LYLE WITH JON
- ANGELA AND TERRY McCULLAGH
- MR. YOSVEL MOYA AND MRS. ERICA ZAMARRON
WITH ADRIAN, ADAM & JOSHUA
- KALEB NASEMAN
- VERONICA AND PETER PECORINO
- JADWIGA PROKOP
- LISA AND JOSEPH QUINA WITH JOSEPH & CHRISTOPHER
- PHILIP AND TIFFANY RIVERS WITH HALLE, CAROLINE, GRACE, GUNNER, SARAH, PETER, REBECCA, CLARE & ANNA
- KIMBERLY AND NORMAN WALKER WITH PATRICK AND LAUREL
- SUSANNE WEISS WITH HER FATHER DON SPENCER



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MEN & WOMEN'S ADORATION EVENINGS

A SPIRIT-FILLED EVENING OF ADORATION, INSIGHT & FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to all who were able to attend the Men and Women's Adoration evenings. Both evenings provided a wonderful opportunity to gather as sons and daughters of Christ for fellowship, reflection, and prayer. We are grateful to both Tom McDonald and Julianne Jackson for sharing their insight and experience, and we thank Fr. Gil for leading Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please stay tuned for more details for any upcoming events!

PARTICIPANT JOHN KING:

The Men's Adoration Evening provided a welcomed opportunity to meet other men of the parish and learn from the experience of Tom McDonald, whose personal stories and insight rekindled the flame to work for the salvation of souls. Adoring the Eucharist and partaking in Confession afterward allowed for a refreshing and reinvigorating conversation with God. I encourage male parishioners to take advantage of each other's support within St. Lawrence Parish.

PARTICIPANT KAT MCALEER:

I really enjoyed the Women's Adoration Evening. The environment was very pleasant—the St. Lawrence room was so pretty with twinkle lights and cocktail tables, the food was delicious and the opportunity to see friends was welcome in these days of COVID loneliness and separation. The speaker had a lot to say about the interior battles we face as women. But the highlight of the evening for me was going to Adoration with the beautiful music provided by Afton & Stephen Sylvester. I am very grateful to St. Lawrence for providing this opportunity for me to grow in my faith life, and also the opportunity to have fellowship with other women in the church.



Julianne Jackson presenting to the women of our parish.



The women of our parish enjoyed catching up with one another.




SENIOR MEN'S VOLLEYBALL IS FUN!

Come join the senior men's volleyball group. We are a group of men, age 50 years or older, Catholic and non-Catholic, who play volleyball every Tuesday from 6-8 pm in the St. Lawrence gym. Our group is centered around keeping a healthy spirit and body. To join, we only ask that you come and observe for yourself the fun, spirit and exercise we derive from each game. There are no fees or meetings. We play with a light weight ball, a high net, and special rules to make the game safer. Members are notified via email of the date and location of the next week's event. Please contact Dennis Clark for more information at 251-605-6356.



AGE 50 OR OLDER

Senior Men's VOLLEYBALL



ST. LAWRENCE GYM

TUESDAY NIGHTS
6PM-8PM

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FIRST FRIDAYS AT ST. MICHAEL CHS

GRACES RECEIVED THROUGH MONTHLY DEVOTION



St. Michael Campus Ministry has established a First Friday Mass devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on campus this year. The First Friday Mass devotion began after Jesus appeared in visions to a French Visitation nun by the name of Margaret Mary Alacoque. In these visions Jesus asked the faithful to "receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months." Jesus promised many special graces to those who partook in this special devotion.

Fr. Gil celebrated the first of the nine months of Masses in September in hopes of drawing the students of St. Michael into this sacred devotion. For the students, this devotion will wrap up perfectly with the completion of the school year in May. Let us hope and pray that this devotion captures the hearts of our parish and the students at St. Michael Catholic HS.



Fr. Gil preaches at the September First Friday Mass.



Marguerite Cowles reads during the First Friday Mass.

Mark your calendar!



FOR CHILDREN WHO WISH
FOR **JUST ONE GIFT**

Beginning October 30th empty Boxes of Joy will be available at the doors of the church, and in the parish office. Boxes are due back to St. Lawrence on Sunday, November 7th.

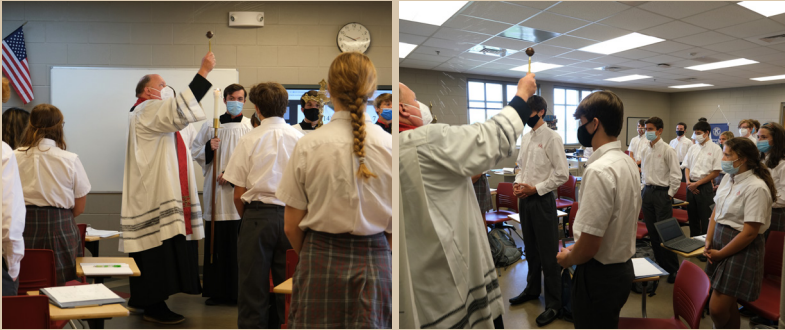
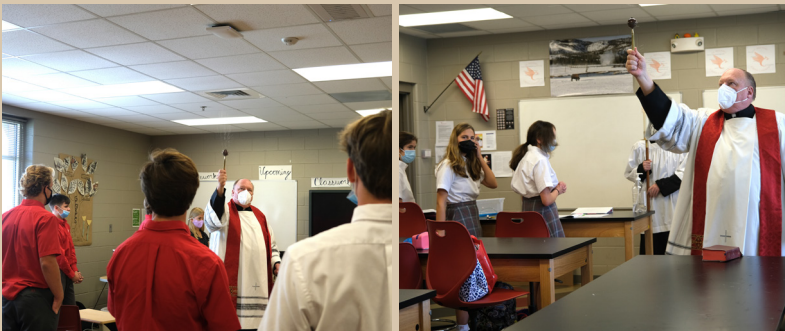
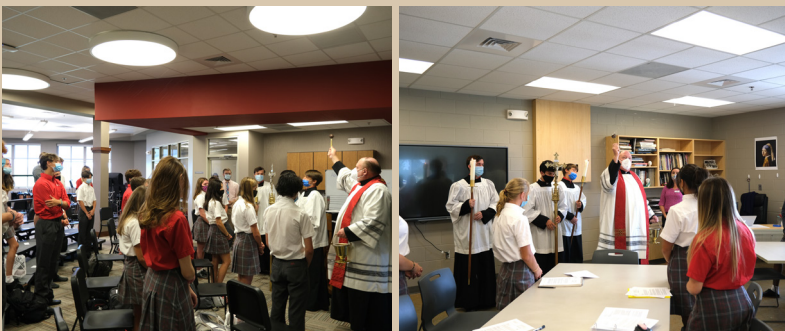


BLESSING THE STUDENTS AND PROGRAMS AT ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC



Our parish is committed to investing in the spiritual well being of the students at St. Michael Catholic HS. As the new school year kicked off, Fr. Steve took time to bless the students and grounds of St. Michael as well as praying with many of the organizations and sports teams. We are so proud of the young people and their families in our parish and are praying for their success in Christ!





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.



TREASURES GATHER AGAIN! OCTOBER GATHERING AND TRIP WAS AS FUN AS EVER

Treasures is overjoyed to be back together celebrating and traveling on trips. September and October's luncheons were delicious and festive occasions and we were happy to have a full house! We welcomed Vagabond Missions in September and enjoyed Dr. Norman McCrummen from NEST of Mobile in October. Both missions work with children and youth in underserved communities who have need of mentors who offer quality investment in their lives. Both groups were tremendously informative and well worth our support and prayers. Our October trip found us exploring the World War II Museum in New Orleans! We always enjoy a good bus ride to New Orleans and the fun along the way. We are also proud to bring so many veterans to visit this fine exhibition of patriotism and courage. The museum respectfully captures the great triumphs and tragedy that accompanies war alongside a tremendous tribute to the American spirit of courage and sacrifice. We look forward to our next trip together soon!





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**FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
PARISH FAMILY DINNER**

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH
ST. LAWRENCE ROOM & PATIO
6:00PM - 8:00PM

Fr. Gil will lead us in prayer to entrust our families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary following the 5:30pm mass.

Enjoy gumbo & hot chocolate
Advent craft table for kids!

Please bring a side, appetizer, or dessert to share with our parish family!

JOIN US!

All are invited for a parish family dinner in celebration of the feast of the Immaculate Conception and the Advent season. We will begin serving chicken and sausage gumbo at 6:00 pm in the St. Lawrence Room. Those attending the 5:30 pm Mass are more than welcome to join us afterward! Fr. Gil will lead us in the blessing, entrusting our families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary following the 5:30 pm Mass on the patio. There will be hot chocolate and Advent crafts for kids to enjoy. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share with our parish family. See the flyer for more details. Hope to see you all there!

LIFE TEEN EXPLORES THE QUESTION: “WHO AM I TO YOU, GOD?”

What a semester so far! Life Teen has been remarkable this Fall. We've been diving deep into our faith, and have had a really fun time doing it.

We started the semester off with our 4th annual Messy Games! We were blessed to have a private Life Teen Mass, to begin our year off with our Lord. Most of the pictures you see in our spread this month are from that fun-filled event. Kids got completely covered head to toe in mud, paint, flour, and soap. We couldn't have asked for better weather, or better company. It was truly such a fun night.

Since the kick off, Life Teen has been jumping head first into our year's them of "Who am I to You?" We've been exploring what it actually means to be created by an intimate, loving God, who cares deeply for us, and asking the big questions, like "why did you make me God?", "why did you make me this way?", "what do you love about me?", "what do you have planned for me?" It's been beautiful to see the ways that this perspective change effects each person - acknowledging that not only is God who He says He is, but that we are who He says we are.

Through small groups to foster closer friendships in the faith, testimonies to see God's work in each other's lives, and time spent in the presence of God, it's been a truly remarkable semester so far. If you or a loved one is interested in joining Life Teen, as a teen member or an adult core team member, please reach out by emailing me at lifeteen@stlawrencefairhope.com.

May we keep each other in prayer,
Kathleen King



An excellent (and very messy) kick off has our year off to a great start.



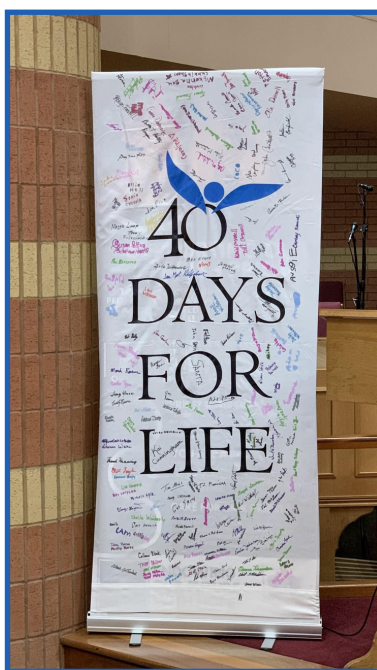
We were so grateful to celebrate Mass together as we begin our year of ministry.



Flour, mud, and paint covered everyone from head to toe!

RESPECT LIFE: COMMITMENT IN MOTION

During the September 22nd - October 31st 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign, St. Lawrence parishioners were involved in many different aspects of supporting the pro-life stance. We began our campaign by signing a "Stand for Life" banner after all the Masses. Parishioners of all ages participated in this activity. Items for our Pro-life info bags were donated and 50 bags were made & distributed to women considering an abortion. These bags provided alternative pregnancy resources as well as a snack. St. Lawrence sponsored our first Pro-life billboard located in Fairhope at Highway 98 & Sibley. Many thanks to all who helped with collecting donations and all those who generously contributed to the billboard. At 2 different Masses, we were blessed to have Maddie Farrell share why she is pro-life and Keri Buhring told us about the joys of adoption. Several people prayed on the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood in Mobile for an end to abortion. And as always, Father Steve offered Mass across from PP for all the babies lost to abortion and for the conversion of hearts.



COMMITMENT IN MOTION

Meet the Staff: Susie Blackinton, Parish Secretary



Hello! My name is Susie Blackinton and this past July I began working in the parish office. Before moving to Fairhope in 2004, I lived in Washington D.C., New York and Nevada, where I graduated from the University of Las Vegas with a major in Hotel Administration. UNLV is also where I met my husband, Kent.

Kent and I have been married 22 years and have 4 children: Dylan 18, Morgan 16, Tristan 15, and Finn 13. Dylan graduated from St.

Michael Catholic in 2021, Tristan and Morgan are currently enrolled at St. Michael and Finn is in his last year at Christ the King.

I have been a parishioner of St. Lawrence for 17 years, and I've served as a volunteer in many capacities. One of my favorite volunteer times was when I ran a girls group called "The Little Flowers Girls Club". Each month, the girls would learn about a different female saint. It brought me such joy to watch our young girls connect with these perfect role models. I have a deep devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux, "The Little Flower", and also to Our Blessed Mother. I think I received as much grace teaching about them as the girls did learning and praying!

It is a blessing and an honor to serve the parish in my new full-time capacity. St. Therese is a Doctor of the Church and famous for her "Little Way". I pray that I am guided by her and "miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

Meet the Staff: Amy Ankerson Duncan, Children's Religious Education Director

My family and I feel very blessed to be members of the St. Lawrence faith family for the last 9 years. I am married to Dr. Will Duncan who works as a curriculum supervisor for The Baldwin County Board of Education and we are blessed with two beautiful daughters Celi, 11 years old and Grace, 10 years old who attend St. Mary Catholic school. In my spare time my family and I love to go camping in our RV, reading, and walking.

I was born and raised in Mobile and attended St. Dominic's grade school, McGill-Toolen Catholic High School and Spring Hill College. While at Spring Hill I received a BS in Early Childhood Education. I am currently a 2nd grade teacher at St. Mary's Catholic School in Mobile and have been for the last 17 years. Since a young age I

have felt like God was calling me to education and to spread the Good News of our Catholic Faith as a Catholic school teacher.

I have a very strong devotion to St. Therese the Little Flower. She is always "Sending Roses" from heaven to show me that God is always listening to our prayers. My favorite quote from her is "Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be."



Meet the Staff: Lise Galle, Director of Family Ministry & Evangelization

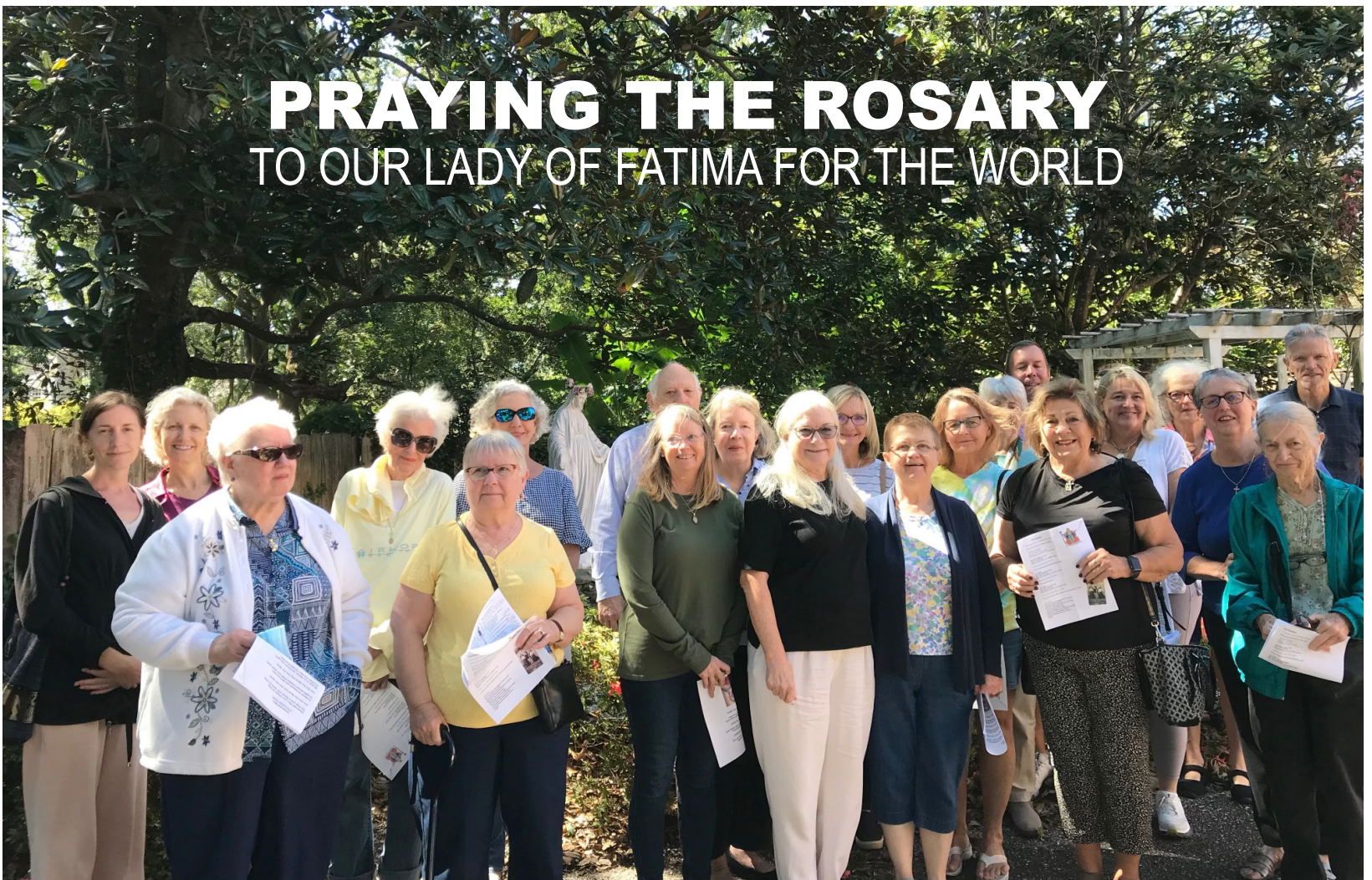


Lise Galle was born and raised in Alberta, Canada and is the fourth of five children. She attended Ave Maria College in Ypsilanti, Michigan and then transferred to Ave Maria University when it opened its doors in Naples, Florida. Lise majored in Theology and graduated with honors as the salutatorian of the first graduating class. While at the University, she got to know Fr. Fessio, S.J., the founder of Ignatius Press. After graduation she was invited to work for Ignatius Press in San Francisco.

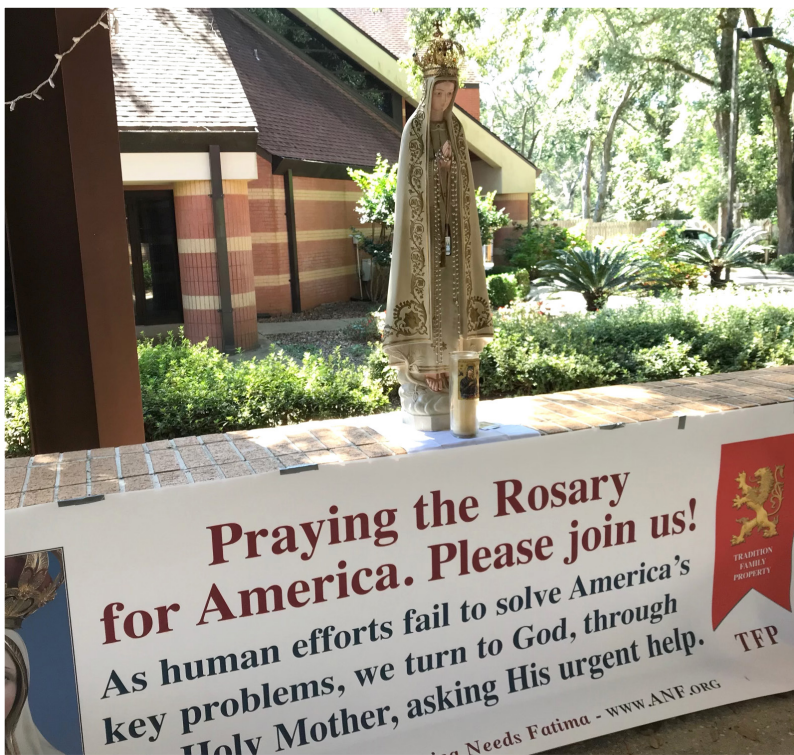
While there, she had the honor of working with the writings of various Catholic authors, including those of Pope Benedict XVI. She also very much enjoyed the opportunity to spend time in the beauty of the outdoors with the Pacific Ocean, mountains and red-

woods. She spent a great deal of time hiking around the Bay Area and in Yosemite National Park. After a few years, an opportunity to work with the Little Sisters of the Poor in Mobile came up and Lise was introduced to the warmth and hospitality of the South. Working with the Little Sisters, she developed a depth of appreciation for the aged. Lise is now in her tenth year of working for St. Lawrence and serves as the Director of Family Ministry. She has found it to be an incredible blessing to get to know so many families in the parish. During her time at St. Lawrence, Lise met her husband and they have started a family of their own. Throughout the years, Lise has organized many parish activities that support family life and the parish family. She helps with Vacation Bible School, which brings all ages together in service of the Gospel. Lise also assists with the annulment process to help provide those who have suffered a divorce the opportunity to experience the fullness of the life of the Sacraments. Working with Fr. Steve has proven to be a wonderful experience and Lise is always ready to do whatever she can to help him in serving the parish family.

PRAYING THE ROSARY TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR THE WORLD



On Saturday, October 16th, faithful parishioners gathered to pray the rosary at St. Lawrence in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. As human efforts fail to solve the world's problems, we turn to Jesus in prayer through His Mother Mary. We pray the Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima asking her urgent help and intercession. Faithful Catholics all across the nation prayed the Rosary at noon that day, and we were glad to join them in prayer.



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ST. FRANCIS FEAST DAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday, October 3rd, Fr. Gil blessed the pets of the parish on the occasion of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. This blessing is bestowed in honor of St. Francis's great love for all creatures of the Lord. Most of our beloved pets received the sprinkling and blessing with little fuss or furry fidgeting. Let us take care to pray to St. Francis and show great care and concern for the greater scope of God's creation around us!



Fr. Gil blesses Lia, the Blackinton's pet.



The Zdyb Family waits for their pet Remy to receive a blessing.



Dottie Suk brought their family pup down for a blessing.



Beth Caldwell brought Mozzie over for a blessing.



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

Diane Wanker

Jim Scott

Sandra Glazner

Stanislaw "Stanley" Tomasz Prokop

Elizabeth Jane Barfield

Steve Woolley

Tom Hogan

Billy Lankford

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