

# Footnotes

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC PARISH

OCT - NOV 2022

## FOLLOWING ST. PAUL'S FOOTSTEPS

St. Lawrence pilgrims stand where St. Paul took his first steps onto the European continent.





A MESSAGE FROM FR. STEVE

# WE HAVE SO MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR

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 family and friends. Let us also keep our beloved deceased in our prayers and we celebrate All Saints & All Souls day, November 1st & 2nd.

Our trip "In the footsteps of St. Paul" was wonderful. Please continue to ask for St. Paul's intercession. On November 9th at 7:00 pm, I will offer a talk on our trip.



## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



St. Lawrence recently had an Altar Serving Training refresher course for all our new and current altar servers. We were very pleased with the turnout and the enthusiasm of our youth. A sincere word of thanks to those who came out and to our veteran servers who have been helping our newcomers as they shadow them during Mass. Please continue to encourage and affirm our new servers as they settle into their new roles. If you know someone who is interested in serving for us at Mass and are in Grade 4 or older please contact our sacristan Drew Donovan at [sacristan@stlawrencefairhope.com](mailto:sacristan@stlawrencefairhope.com)



# KEEPING UP WITH PARISH PROJECTS

It isn't always the case that parish maintenance and projects coincide with noticeable changes or beautification. Some of the latest projects have been far more appealing to the eye. Recently we had the parking lot stripes repainted across the whole campus making it much clearer when parking. The fence was repaired in the parking lot across the street from the church. The stairwell in the Family Life Center was repainted

(along with two of the upstairs classrooms). Most noticeably, the entire Family Life Center Roof is being replaced (almost 20,000 square feet) after Hurricane Sally damage two years ago. We moved two statues to a small base by the northwest entrance to the church as they were moved to prepare the space that will become our columbarium. Thank you for making the Church the most beautiful by your presence!





# ST. LAWRENCE CREW IS GOING STRONG

The 2022-2023 Children's Religious Education Workshop ("CREW") is off to a wonderful start. Classrooms are full of activity on Sunday mornings, as students in Kindergarten through 5th grade learn more about our beautiful and rich Catholic faith. We are deeply grateful to our amazing volunteer teachers, who dutifully prepare each week to educate their students in an engaging manner. If you have any questions about our CREW program, or would like to enroll a student, email [cre@stlawrencefairhope.com](mailto:cre@stlawrencefairhope.com).





CHRISTMAS BAZAAR  
**Gumbo Presale Begins  
October 17th!**

**1 QUART**

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**ORDER FORMS WILL BE IN THE PARISH OFFICE &  
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Gumbo pick up times:  
During the Bazaar at the casserole booth  
OR  
Dec. 5th 9am-5pm in the parish office

**DEADLINE FOR ORDER FORMS NOV. 22ND  
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Support the ministries at St. Lawrence by  
purchasing homemade gumbo lovingly made by  
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*Christmas Bazaar  
Bake Sale*

We want your cookies, cakes, pies,  
homemades candies, and breads!

*Please consider baking  
for the Christmas Bazaar  
Bake Sale Booth! Drop  
off at the parish office or  
gym connector on  
Thursday, December 1st  
&  
Friday, December 2nd*

Contact Afton at 251-517-5295 or  
[eventsetstlawrencefairhope.com](http://eventsetstlawrencefairhope.com) with  
questions.



*Bluegrass*  
**CHRISTMAS**

**A ST. LAWRENCE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR EVENT!**

**FEATURING THE SPEAKING SPARROWS**

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11:00AM-1:30PM  
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# GREECE - WHAT A TRIP!



A special moment offering Mass at the home of Mary.



Our group traveled to both Greece and Turkey.

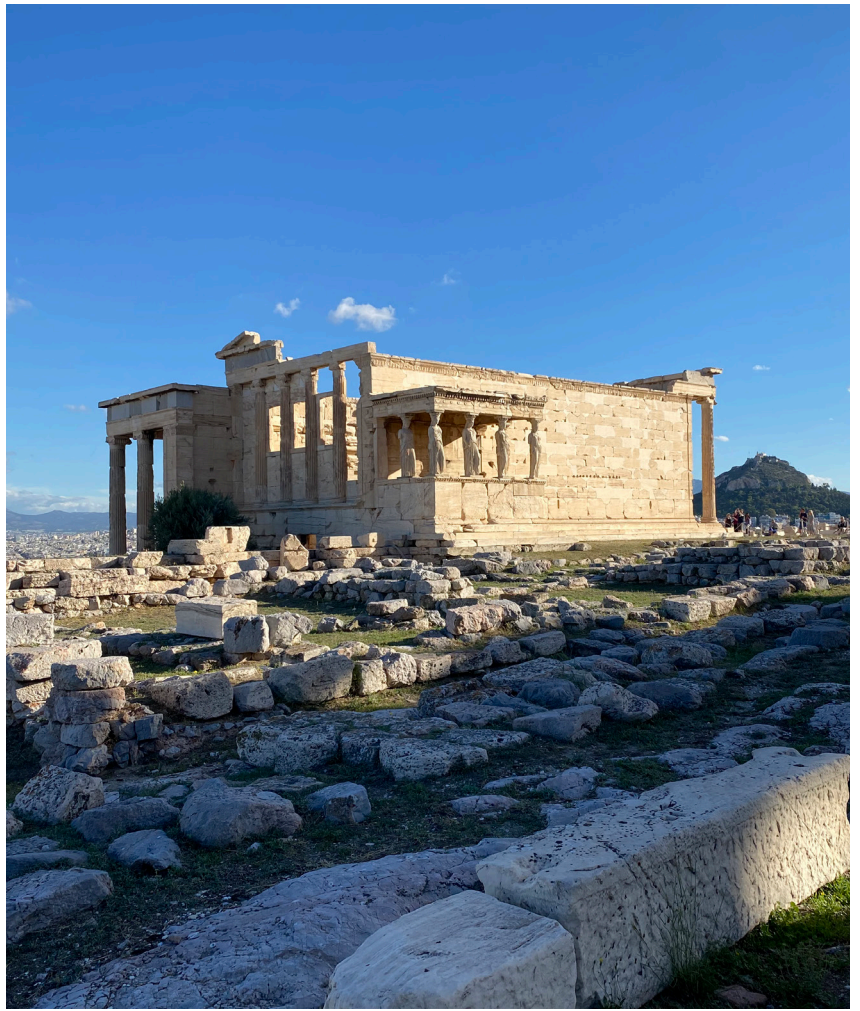


The pilgrims enjoyed visiting a monastery with elaborate frescos.





Our pilgrims enjoyed many things like the gyro meat and Greek salads.



Another view of the ancient Acropolis in Corinth.



The pilgrims visit the Acropolis in Corinth where Paul preached.



# 5TH ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST!

On Sunday, October 16th, our parish family celebrated its' 5th annual Oktoberfest! All of the children enjoyed the face painting and pumpkin painting while others enjoyed the good company and live music by Phil and Foster. A huge thank you to the Knights of Columbus for cooking bratwurst for the festival and to Fairhope Brewing Company for donating beer. Another thank you to all of the staff, teen helpers, and volunteers who helped to make this a great afternoon of fellowship for our parish. Needless to say, we can't wait for next year's festival!









# A FUN FRESHMAN CONFIRMATION GATHERING

Greetings from St. Lawrence youth ministry! We recently had the pleasure of hosting the first annual freshman Confirmation gathering at Holy Spirit Hall, and it was a smashing success. Over one hundred students from St. Lawrence and Christ the King got to participate in games, listen to speakers, eat some fantastic home-cooked food, and enjoy a special holy hour and Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel just for the participants and their families.

Fr. Williams had expressed a desire in the past to host an event for ninth graders, specifically geared toward Confirmation. What started as a trickle of interest from families with children in ninth grade turned into a wave of parent volunteers and student registrations. These blessings resulted in a huge group of teenagers ready to dive deeper into their Catholic faith.

It was encouraging to see so many young people and their families respond so well to the words of wisdom shared by Fr. Zoghby, Lauren Alley, Sylvia Stroud, and Todd Sylvester. Even more beautiful was the reverence and piety displayed by the teens during Adoration and Mass. It is easy to dismiss the faith of young people as fleeting in our world today, but clearly the Holy Spirit is moving in the lives of our freshman students. As they continue to prepare to be confirmed in eleventh grade, they will surely remember this gathering day as a turning point in their walk with Jesus.

To the parents who helped make this possible, thank you. To the students themselves and their families, thank you as well. If young people are the future of the church, this is the way we prepare them to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. This is the way that we strive to be Saints.

In Christ,  
Stephen Sylvester









# CONNECTING WITH OUR CATHOLIC YOUTH

Fr. Steve enjoyed his visit to St. Michael in early September to celebrate Mass and to bless the students, teachers, and classrooms. As the first quarter finishes up we pray for the holiness of all the students and that St. Michael is a place where are young people can come to know the Lord and his unique plan for their lives.





# STAND & PRAY AS A COMMUNITY

What a beautiful witness to our faith and the unborn which was displayed publicly on Sunday, October 2nd on Highway 98 in Fairhope.

Parishioners from St. Lawrence proudly held signs reading, "Pray to End Abortion", "Adoption, the Loving Option", and others, some were even homemade! Also attending this wonderful event were other Pro-lifers from Celebration Church, First Baptist, and Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church. It was very powerful and encouraging to stand and pray with our brothers & sisters from all over our community with one common goal - to end abortion.

In case you missed this opportunity, each year Life Chains form in cities nationwide to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for Life. Since 1987, believers have gathered nationwide on the first Sunday of every October to prayerfully stand for life. The last Life Chain in Baldwin County was ten years ago, so it was very exciting to have such a great turnout. Hope to see you and your family next year!



"...if my people, who bear my name, humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land. My eyes will now be open and my ears attentive to prayer from this place."

— 2 Chronicles 7:14-15



Our 40 Days for Life Campaign ends Sunday, November 6th. Please join us after the 9:00 Mass on the patio (weather permitting, otherwise in the church) to pray the Rosary as a faith community. Bring the family for this most powerful prayer. Also, if you have not returned the Mary's Shelter baby bottle, please do so as soon as possible so we can give them our donations. What a worthy organization! Thank you for your prayers and support during this 40 Days for Life Campaign. Keep praying!





# TREASURES FUN IS IN FULL SWING!

Our Treasures Group kicked the year off with so much fun, fellowship, and of course, delicious cuisine! We gathered in the months of September and October for our regular luncheons that included beef tips (September) and bratwurst (October). The turnout was excellent and we always enjoy our time together visiting and catching up. A never undersold highlight is the dessert table, you all do a fabulous job of supplying sides and desserts for our luncheons. Our first Treasures' Trip was in late September. We ventured out on the shores of Mobile-Tensaw Delta to visit the site of the Ghost Fleet. Our guides

were very knowledgeable on the topic of the waterways, the ecology of the delta, and the historic ghost fleet. The Mobile-Tensaw Delta is one of the most biodiverse places in the US and the world, and has even been deemed "America's Amazon." The Ghost Fleet or Tensaw Fleet was an armada of mothballed Liberty Ships and other Navy crafts that were parked on the Tensaw after World War II. During its peak, there were 347 ships in port. The weather was breezy and cool and we all had a fabulous time on our two hour cruise. We hope you will be joining us on the upcoming trips in the months ahead.



It was a mild and cool day for an outing on the bay.



We passed by the decayed remains of the piers and moors for the Ghost Fleet.



The company at the luncheons is always the top highlight.



Our cooking crew is second to none!



We have had an excellent turnout for the first two luncheons.



Make sure to join all the fun next month on November 7th!



# Our Parish Our Faith Our Sacraments

## Weddings

COLUMBA GERARD KELLY & LARISSA CONNELL

## Baptisms

NICHOLAS ROYCE WELLS  
SON OF JAMES & MONIKA WELLS

MICHELLE ROSE WELLS  
DAUGHTER OF JAMES & MONIKA WELLS

LILLAIN LOUISE HEMPFLENG  
DAUGHTER OF CODY & KAYLEIGH HEMPFLENG

ALEXANDER ROSTEN MALOUF  
SON OF GARDNER & COURTNEY MALOUF

LAWSON CHASE GERSONDE  
SON OF GRIFFIN & ALLISON GERSONDE

ELEANOR JAMES WADE  
DAUGHTER OF SKYLER & AMY WADE

## Deaths

PAUL BEDNAROWSKI 10/19/22

STANLEY GRUBIN 5/25/22

EMILY CLOUTIER 7/17/22

MARY RUTH FREGO 9/10/22

SONNY FREGO 9/21/22

VOLNEY EARL HAYES, JR. 9/30/22

## New Parishioners

TIM AND CHRISSEY NICLOUD W/ PAYTON, ASHLYN & LAUREN

PATRICK AND MEGAN HITPAS W/ CAROLINE, JACK & CLAIRE

JOHN AND LESLIE CROWLEY, JR

ANDREW WILLIAMS

GWYNN LEE

WILLIAM AND RITA HAWKES W/ VICTORIA & WILLIAM

DEMETRIUS COX W/ MAXIMUS, ALEXANDER, & HARUTO SOL INVICTUS REX

JOE AND MARISSA THETFORD W/ JOSEPH & JOHN

ANDREW AND JESSICA CALLAHAN W/ ELIZABETH & ANN

ANDRE AND MICHELLE DOUCET W/ AMELIA & BENJAMIN

CHRISTOPHER AND MARY HORTON

TRAVIS AND AMANDA EVRIDGE W/ SADIE & GRIFFIN

BOBBY AND HEATHER GREAUD W/ GRIFFIN

TOMMY HENRY W/ FINN AND GEORGI AND MS. CATHERINE COURTNEY

PARKER AND TERRI BOSTICK  
W/ BRADLEY, MILLER, & COPELAND

BO AND KELLY WILLIAMS W/ CAMILLE & ADDISON

DREW & STEPHANIE GILLIAM W/ ABIGAIL, MADALYN, GRACE, & CHRISTIAN

KRISTOFER & BRITTANIE KOENEMANN W/ GEORGE & CARDINA

CAROLYN O'BRIEN

CRYSTAL JOHNS AND BENJAMIN AENCHBACHER W/ TATE

ALAN AND EMILY BUSKIRK W/ ZACH, CALEB & JACOB

SKYLER AND AMY WADE W/ ELLIE

LUKA AND LAURA LEE FRLAN W/ MAGGIE & KATE

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## IT'S ALMOST HERE!

Our 17th Annual Christmas Bazaar is right around the corner! What an exciting time for us all to join together. Enjoy unique vendors, online bidding on over 100 items, handcrafted gift baskets, our Sweets Shoppe, and homemade gumbo and casseroles to go!

NEW THIS YEAR: Come out to hear live Bluegrass Christmas music on the patio, and photos with Santa. There will be many unique items from parish ministries, from Edge's advent wreaths to Nana's Treasures purses and jewelry, to Family Matter's small baskets. Don't forget about the tasty treats! Visit the Christmas Cafe for lunch or enjoy candied nuts & apples! Doors open at 9:00 am. Help support our parish ministries and local community by visiting our 17th Annual Bazaar.

### HELP THE CHRISTMAS ELVES WITH FINISHING TOUCHES

- Donate towards our gift basket booth: individually wrapped chocolates, bottles of wine, baking & dessert mixes, dip and soup mixes, crackers, coffee and tea.
- Donate to the silent auction as well by donating gift cards, a new children's book, use of a condo or beach house, new or gently used merchandise.
- Help fill the casserole booth by taking a casserole packet.
- See the display in the vestibule beginning October 27th for materials to help advertise.



ST. LAWRENCE  
*17th Annual*  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Bazaar*

**Saturday, December 3, 2022**

**Sunday, December 4, 2022**

9:00am – 3:00pm

370 S Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532

## Featuring

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December 4th at 2:30pm

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