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ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC PARISH

SEPT-OCT 2023

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A SEASON FOR THANKSGIVING

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.



DONALD PAUL MADDUX NEW DIRECTOR OF PARISH FAITH ENGAGEMENT



My name is Donald Paul Maddux and I am the new Director of Parish Faith Engagement at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. I will be working with Fr. Steve and assisting in Catechesis and Evangelization.

I was a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Mobile for 3-1/2 years. I studied at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, LA for two years, where I earned my Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Theological Studies. I then attended St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology where I studied Theology. After the start of my second year at St. Meinrad, I discerned that God was calling me to leave seminary. A few days after leaving seminary, I met my future wife. We got married in May of this year and we are now expecting a little boy who is due in February of 2024.

I am humbled and excited at the opportunity to work at St. Lawrence and serve this community. I look forward to the opportunity to meet as many of you as possible.

As we continue together along the road of faith, let us be reminded of God's unique love for each one of us and seek to do His will more intentionally every day. God Bless!

OUR SACRAMENTS

Weddings

Christopher Maute and Susana Marques

Baptisms

William Busbee
Son of John and Theresa Busbee

Matthew Parker Hanlon
Son of Christopher and Melissa Hanlon

Aiden Joseph Bond.
Son of Christian and Christina Bond

Sullivan Charles Rolls
Son of Michael and Andrea Rolls

Brooks Harrison Pearl and Bennett Boyd Pearl
Sons of Harrison and Ann-Katrin Pearl

Amelia Louise Pate
Daughter of Aaron and Rachel Pate

Arya Laura Roberts
Daughter of Kevin and Catherine Roberts

Rowan Patrick Miller
Son of Adam and Caitlyn Miller

Deaths

John G. Taylor
Stephen Delgado
Geza Papp
Dr. John S. Taylor
John Germann
Missy O. Butts
Margaret "Meg" Smith

New Parishioners

Victor and Carlie Maridakis

Robert and Veronica Valli with Xavier and Luke
Ann Durrett

David and Theresa Jellenc with Stephen and Dawson

Leona Vinzant

Treasure Hervey

Patrick and Cheryl Adonizio

Robert and Christine Duarte with Roman

Andrew and Hope Lewis with Olivia and John

James and Marie Ransom with James III

John and Melynda Keating

Leah Ladd

Oscar and Colleen Lopez with Reilly, Jonathan
and Joseph

Garland and Candice Faulk with Fisher

Ashwin and Amy Ananth with Ava, William, and Jack

Michael and Mary Gusmus with Michael and Jones

Brantley and Mallory Rutz with Charli, Maggie,
Penelope, Spurgeon, Marigold, and Sebastian

Thomas Chicilo

Glenn A. Harris

Zachary Hooper

Andrew Chouinard

Joe and Sharon Lynn with Brian

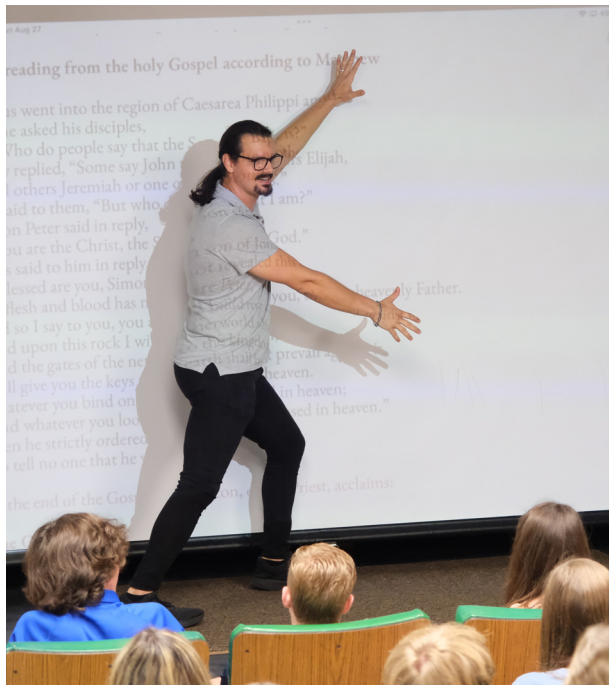
Amelia Garriga with Whitley and Reese

Mirl and Debbie Bergeron

Bart and Emily LeBlanc

Joann Hodgins

Jeremy and Lindsey Babb with Wyatt, Elly, Abigail,
Aubrey, and Ava



ENTHUSIASTIC START FOR LIFE TEEN

STEPHEN SYLVESTER IS THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH DIRECTOR AND CONTINUES AS THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH DIRECTOR

“Greetings, y’all! I am so happy to address everyone as the new High School Youth Director! I’m honored to be able to continue this ministry and the Jr. High youth ministry at St. Lawrence.”



“My profound thanks to Kathleen King, our High School Youth Director for the better part of the past seven years. Because of her hard work and dedication in the face of many difficulties, St. Lawrence Lifeteen has thrived. She certainly left her mark on the parish, and especially on the teens who grew closer to Christ with her help.”

-Stephen Sylvester

Greetings, y'all! I am so happy to address everyone as the new High School Youth Director! I'm honored to be able to continue this ministry and the Jr. High youth ministry at St. Lawrence.

This semester has started off strong, with the largest group of high school students in recent memory at our first Sunday night Lifeteen meeting - over 60 high school students attended! It reminded me of my own positive experience with youth ministry when I was younger, and I was so glad to help provide the same kind of community that had such an effect on me. My sincere hope is that every young person who comes through the doors of

Stuardi Hall feels loved, appreciated and part of our parish family.

As always, I continue to ask for your prayers - for myself, the teens, and their families - and invite you to get involved if you are willing and able. This is a trying time for the Church in our nation, and much of that has to do with our young people feeling aimless and rejected. Although it is not a perfect solution, youth ministry is designed to give teens the tools they need to grow into well-formed adults, treat one another with respect, and above all, to love God with a fire that inspires others to holiness. That is the goal, and if you feel the Holy Spirit

tugging at your heart as you read these words, consider this your invitation to help.

Thank you for all that you do for our young people at St. Lawrence. I look forward to what the Lord has in store for both Lifeteen and Edge this year!

Photo: (bottom middle, left to right) Drew Donovan, Stephen Sylvester, Afton Sylvester, Kathleen King, Fr. Steve, Morgan Parker, Susie Blackinton, Fr. Martin.

SEPT. 27
TO
NOV. 05

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

THE THREE PILLARS OF 40 DAYS

PRAYER & FASTING

Knowing that "with God, all things are possible," people of faith and conscience unite in 40 days of prayer and fasting. Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting.

SUGGESTIONS

Learn about St. Gianna B. Molla on the Hallow app.

Pray the Rosary as a family.

Pray to St. Gerard Mojella for expectant moms.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Tuesday 10/17: Mass across from Planned Parenthood in Mobile. Ride the church bus, leaving at 6:30 am and return by 9:00 am.

CONSTANT VIGIL

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility in your community. It is a peaceful and educational presence.

SUGGESTIONS

Sign up at

www.40daysforlife.com/mobile
7 days a week 6:00 am - 6:00 pm

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the first moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." -CCC 2270

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

During 40 Days for Life, the message is taken proactively to every corner of your community. Education is the key. Be a part of the solution.

SUGGESTIONS

ST. LAWRENCE VOLUNTEER DAYS
Wednesday 10/11: Women's Health Center. Carpool at church 9:00 am - return 12:30 pm.

Friday 11/10: Mary's Shelter Thrift Store. Carpool at church 9:00 am - return 12:30 pm. (Call Lisa 404-307-1355 to sign up)

Sunday 10/22: Attend pro-life dinner with speaker Dr. Lile 6:00 pm. RSVP to office (7th graders & up).

Monday 10/23: Tour "To Be Options" at Catholic Social Services. Leave church at 9:00 am & return by 11:30 am. Call office to sign up. Bus provided.

Thursday 11/9: Women's Health Center Banquet. 6:00 pm. Tickets available by calling 251-604-4754

Take a baby bottle & fill it up with a donation for Mary's Shelter. Located by church doors. Return by Sunday 11/15.



Bring your family & friends.
(7th graders & up)



PRO-LIFE DINNER
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

6PM DOORS OPEN | 6:30 PM DINNER | 7PM SPEAKER

LIMITED SEATING. RSVP TO THE FRONT OFFICE. 251.928.5931
FREE ADMISSION. BABY ITEMS (DIAPERS, CLOTHES, ETC.) APPRECIATED.
ST. LAWRENCE GYM 370 S. SECTION ST | FAIRHOPE, AL

TREASURES LUNCHEON

The St. Lawrence Treasures group is back together for lunches and outings and we are so happy to be enjoying our time together once again! We had a most pleasant September luncheon with delicious food prepared by our excellent cooking team. During our September luncheon we hosted Vagabond Missions of Mobile. Vagabond Missions is doing tremendous work sharing God's love and fellowship in underserved communities of Mobile through food, fellowship, trips and more.



Next Luncheon:
Mon, Nov. 6th
St. Lawrence
Gym

TREASURES

DAUPHIN ISLAND SEA LAB TRIP

A few short days after our kickoff luncheon we took off on our first trip of the season to the Alabama Aquarium at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. It was a beautiful day to visit the newly renovated facility. With a warm, bright shining sun and a cool brisk sea breeze, it was a most wonderful day! Some people spent just as much time on the boardwalk outside as inside with the exhibits. We all thoroughly enjoyed our time on the other side of the bay learning more about our incredible natural environment. See you all next month!

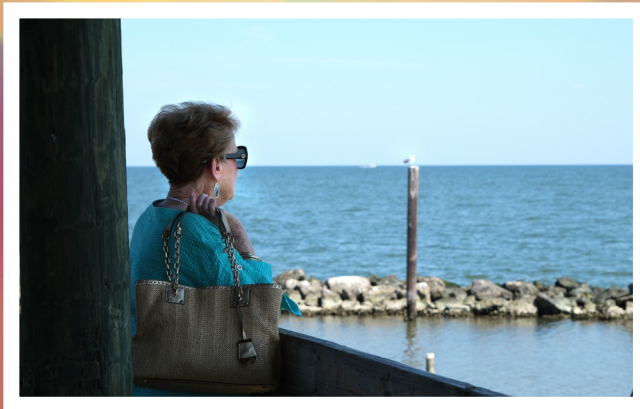




PHOTO DESCRIPTIONS

Above, the group especially enjoyed watching the sting rays swim in their 7,000 gallon pool. One could even pet them as they swam passed, if desired. The tank contains three species of rays: Atlantic Stingray, Bluntnose Stingray and Cownose Stingray. The bronze sculpture of three cownose stingrays, below, is located at the entrance to the Aquarium.

Next Outing:
Mississippi River
Paddlewheel Cruise
in New Orleans



BLESSINGS

Fr. Steve blesses school grounds, students and faculty at St. Michael Catholic High School.

Earlier in the school year, Fr. Steve enjoyed blessing the classrooms and grounds of St. Michael Catholic High School as they began their academic school year. This has become a yearly tradition for Fr. Steve since the school first opened in 2016.

We are grateful for how far the school has come since the time when it was only a hope and prayer of parishioners and friends. It's quite humbling how many additional buildings and facilities have been added since then. Praise be to God! We pray for all the students, teachers and parents as they embark on another year of growth and formation. Go Cardinals! St. Michael defend us!



"St. Michael Catholic High School, a college preparatory school of the Archdiocese of Mobile, aspires for its students to become scholars, leaders and disciples of Jesus Christ."

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"We want our students to become magnanimous! We want them to "form great hearts and minds", so that they may live joyful lives, and in so doing, "do great things" for others."

...

"Infused with optimism, immersed in a culture of excellence for four years, blessed by teachers who care about kids and lift them up when they stumble, and elevated by a dynamic faith, we believe St. Michael changes students' lives!"

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The school's full mission can be read here: <https://stmichaelchs.org/our-vision>



WELCOME DINNER



IN SEPTEMBER, FR. STEVE AND THE PARISH STAFF HOSTED A DINNER WELCOMING NEW PARISHONERS TO THE PARISH.

Many new parishioners have joined the parish, which only makes St. Lawrence even more wonderful and vibrant. We are truly blessed to have a thriving and active parish family that's constantly growing.





Hosts Fr. Steve and the parish staff were thrilled with the turnout for this simple meal and gathering welcoming new parishioners to St. Lawrence. It was a great opportunity to meet new friends and learn more about the social and spiritual opportunities in the parish.

Fr. Steve and the staff look forward to hosting another dinner in the future, for all those new parishioners who have joined since, and those who may have missed this fun evening.



FALL & CHRISTMAS WREATHS & DECOR

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C.R.E.W.



Children's Religious Education Workshops "CREW" is off to a wonderful start. We began the year with Fr. Steve blessing our students and the classrooms. We are very excited for the students, teachers and volunteers who have assembled together to encounter Christ this year and pray for good fruit in due season.

For more information about CREW please contact Amy Duncan at cre@stlawrencefairhope.org.

Children's Religious Education Workshops





SENIOR MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Senior Men's Volleyball Group has been meeting for over 20 years. It's an ecumenical group that is led into "battle" every Tuesday night by our wise and beloved senior member John Pierce (in the red shirt). John turns 95 this month and he will assure you that getting together with "the whippersnappers" every Tuesday

is the highlight of his week. John is granted a few rule "papal dispensations" but rest assured every team looks forward to having him on their side of the net. If you are interested in joining the group or just dropping by to see what it is all about, call Dennis Clark at (251) 605-6356.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Gumbo Presale
Begins October 15th!

1 QUART
CHICKEN & SAUSAGE GUMBO \$18
SEAFOOD GUMBO \$20

ORDER FORMS WILL BE IN THE PARISH OFFICE &
 CHURCH ENTRANCES BEGINNING OCTOBER 15TH

Gumbo pick up times:
 During the Bazaar at the casserole booth
 OR
 Dec. 4th 9am-5pm in the parish office

DEADLINE FOR ORDER FORMS NOV. 21ST
RETURN FORMS TO THE PARISH OFFICE

Support the ministries at St. Lawrence by
 purchasing homemade gumbo lovingly made by
 parishioners of our parish!

Bluegrass
CHRISTMAS

A ST. LAWRENCE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR EVENT!

LIVE MUSIC & SELFIES WITH SANTA!
 FEATURING SWAMP WATER SYMPHONY
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
 10AM-11PM & 12PM-1:30PM
 ST. LAWRENCE PATIO DURING THE CHRISTMAS
 BAZAAR!

ENJOY LUNCH
 FROM LIFETEEN
 CHRISTMAS CAFE
 HOT CHOCOLATE
 & COFFEE

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18th Annual

CHRISTMAS Bazaar

Saturday, December 2, 2023

Sunday, December 3, 2023

9:00am - 3:00pm

370 S Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532

Featuring

VIRTUAL AUCTION WITH ONLINE BIDDING

Visit SLBazaar23.givesmart.com OR
text SLBazaar23 to 76278 to bid!

BIDDING HOURS:

December 2nd at 9:00am

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December 3rd at 2:30pm

Visit stlawrencechristmasbazaar.com

EVENT SPONSORS

Donna Bee Good Farms - Tastefully Simple - Dots & Swirly Art
Ken's Custom Prints & Frames - Simply Scarlett Smocks - Beaded by Aleena -
Spanish Fort Soaps & Gifts - Stampin' Turtles - SheWil Textiles - The Cookie Mouse, LLC

Bazaar News!

OCTOBER DONATIONS NEEDED

Individually Wrapped Chocolates
Bottles of Wine, Tea, Coffee
BBQ Utensils, Small Containers Mixed Nuts
Baking, Dessert, & Dip Mixes
Gift Cards or Items from Local Restaurants & Businesses
Use of a Condo or Beach House
New Children's Books

Casserole Packets
available in the vestibule
and parish office! Please
take one to help fill the
casserole booth.

GUMBO PRESALES
BEGIN OCTOBER 15TH.
Forms will be at church
entrances and the parish
office.

**Help Advertise for the
Bazaar!**
Yard Signs & Magnets will be
available beginning October 29th
in the church vestibule.

UPCOMING INFO FOR...
Bake Sale
Selfies with Santa
Bazaar Patio Entertainment
Silent Auction

Contact Afton with questions:
events@stlawrencefairhope.com

COOKIES, CAKES, AND PIES - OH MY!

Love to bake?
Please consider baking for the
Christmas Bazaar Bake Sale!

*We accept baked goods of all kinds! Please wrap
your items for individual sale.*

*Drop off at the parish office or gym connector
on*

Thursday, November 30th

&

*Friday, December 1st
from 9am-3pm*

Contact Afton with questions!
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