

Footnotes ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC PARISH

MAY 2022



Fr. Steve Williams THIS IS A TIME OF GRACE AND JOY



Easter was wonderful! Please continue to pray for all our new Catholics. As the Easter season draws to a close on Pentecost, please use the gifts of the Holy Spirit in your life. Congratulations to our seniors and all those who graduating. This is an important time in your life and may God's providence be with you where ever your path takes you. Many of our young people received their first Holy Communion on May 1st. Please keep them in your prayers.

Vacation Bible school promises to be a wonderful experience for all of our children, as well as the workers. Thank you to all those

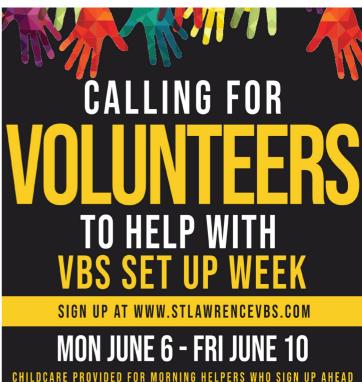
who work so hard to make VBS possible. Summer is a time where the children can learn much about their faith in different ways, let's take all the opportunities presented to grow in our faith.







SATURDAY, JUNE 18



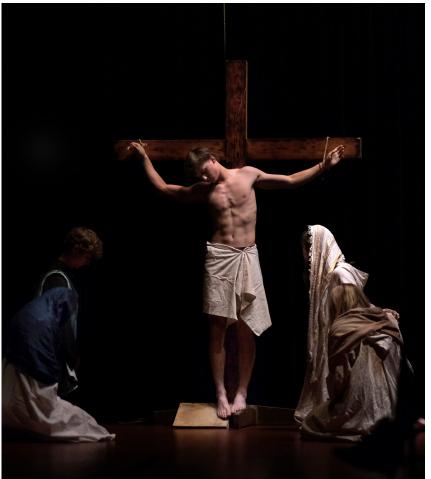
HAPPY EASTER From Life Teen



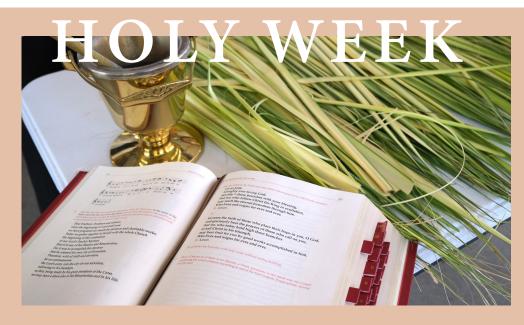
Huge thanks to our Living Stations Cast: Ryleigh Godwin, Megan Urbin, Caroline Rivers, Mary Hart Watson, Josh Murphy, Blake Urbin, and Robert Watson.

Life Teen had a very beautiful Lent, and are enjoying our joyful Easter season. We spent each Sunday of Lent growing in our faith and gaining a deeper understanding of fasting and prayer.

Thank you to all who joined us for our Living Stations. The cast worked hard to bring a moving experience to our parish to help everyone enter more deeply into the Triduum. A huge thank you to Meagan Daves who directed our production.



As we get closer to summer, Life Teen would like to invite all rising 9th-12th graders to join us for our fun-filled summer schedule! Head to stlawrencelifeteen.com for more information, or reach out to Kathleen King at lifeteen@stlawrencefairhope.com.



St. Lawrence had a very full week celebrating Holy Week and the Easter Triduum. Entering in to the solemn liturgies of Holy Week always offer moments of reflection on the mighty sacrifice of Christ's death and great glory of the Resurrection. Fr. Gil gave a homily on Holy Thursday focusing on the Institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Priesthood at the Last Supper; two precious gifts to the Church and the people of God. Fr. Steve reflected at the placement of Good Friday's liturgy between the institution of the Eucharist and the resurrection. Fr. Steve noted that without Good Friday and the passion of our Lord, the two other days lack the substance of sacrifice and total gift of self. The other celebrations hang in the balance around the suffering and pain of the Cross. We must die to ourselves in order to rise with our Lord. Finally, we celebrated with GREAT JOY at the Easter Vigil, with many joining the Church through the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the most holy Eucharist. The next few pages (4-9) share images from the liturgies of Holy Week. They are filled with moments to treasure. The grace, joy

and fullness of spirit bestowed during the liturgies are evident in the faces of the participants. Reflect upon Fr. Steve and Fr. Gil's words you as you move through these photos and allow them to energize you during this season of renewal.

































FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Parish joyfully celebrates sacrament

St. Lawrence was overjoyed to celebrate the Sacrament of First all their time and hard work preparing the class for reception of Holy Communion with 26 of our young people on Sunday, May 1st. It was a joyful time for the first communicants, their families, and our entire parish. Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Bell for

the Holy Eucharist. Please pray for these young people and their families that their lives be filled with faith in the Lord's presence and His great love for them.

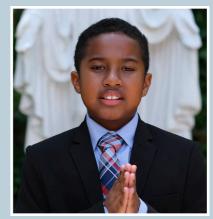


St. Lawrence Catholic Church First Communion + May 1st, 2022

Front Row: Matthew Sadler, Hanna Coleman, William Kane, Everly Nolan, Alyssa Stamatovich, Cael Brenizer, Cameran Cancienne, Michael Doyle, Amelia-Rose Klotz, Miguel Martinez Second Row: Jonas Bouriche, Addison Williams, Katarina Frlan, Davis Kemper, Joshua Moya, Alice Green, Keller Fergus, Audrey Faith Kane Third Row: Greyson Napiontek, Camille Williams, Jarick Brown, Aubrey Cates Rider, Andres Aguilera, Allie Jackson, Charlie Hooper, Mae Hall Back Row: Carol Bell, Fr. Steve Williams, Paul Bell























Our Parish, Our Faith, Our Sacraments

Baptisms

BANKS DOMENIC MCDONALD Son of Benjamin and Carley McDonald

ROSEMARY MALONE HAYS DAUGHTER OF ROBERT AND EMILY KANE HAYS

JAMES PHILIP ROGERS SON OF DAVID AND BRITTNEY ROGERS

Reese McKenzie Fuller Daughter of David and Franchesca Fuller

McKenzie Murchison Daughter of David and Christie Murchison

Owen Elisabeth Brady Daughter of Beau and Emaline Brady

New Parishioners

Edward & Evelyn Fusaiotti

DUSTIN & KADY DUCHETTE W/ MORGAN AND JAXON

PRESTON & LAUREN NIEMEYER W/ BECKHAM, BRIGGS AND LANE

DON & JAN MORRISSETTE

ROBERT & BARBARA FROST

MICHAEL GILSTRAP

Deaths

Charlie J Kohoutek 4/10/2022

William "Billy" Levitt, Jr. 4/22/2022

Weddings

Matthew Parker and Kristina Catherine Anis Ratanak Choeung and Victoria Bishop John Paul Kuhlman and Peyton Thomasson

CONNOR CHRISOM AND MORGAN WRIGHT

TREASURES ENJOY BOAT TOUR OF HISTORIC MOBILE BAY

Our Treasures group had a great day out on Mobile Bay on April 26th! We took in the Blakeley State Park's Civil War Delta Boat Tour. Our tour guide was a tremendous source of knowledge on the Blakeley/Spanish Fort area and the battles waged around the that area during Civil War times. We were able to see battle lines,

trenches, manmade islands for artillery, lookouts, and more. We had a wonderful time together as the weather stayed mild and the camaraderie was felt all across the boat. We hope you will join us next month!









DONUTS, FELLOWSHIP AND A JOYFUL END TO SPRING'S 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Getting to know fellow parishioners over donuts and coffee is a great way to meet others with common Christian values and goals. This happened at our gathering on Palm Sunday. Adults gathered on the outside patio, enjoyed a nice cool breeze, and enjoyed watching the children joyfully run and play around . To top it off, it was the closing of our Spring 40 Days for Life campaign. A collage of pictures were on display, highlighting the many pro-life activites that took place during this campaign. Flyers with activities for children of all ages were available for parents to take home. Hopefully these activities spark continued pro-life conversations.

If you have not had a chance to check out the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) new program called Walking with Moms in Need, now is a great time. It's a year of service, where Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need. Learn more at: https://www.walkingwithmoms.com

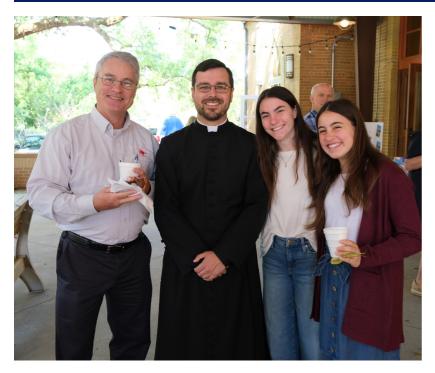
Upcoming Pro-life events to look forward to will be our 40 Days for Life campaign in the Fall, and we are looking into organizing a Life Chain in our area in October. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lisa Word 404-307-1355.







40 DAYS FOR LIFE 40





WOMEN'S ADORATION EVENING Fr. Gil is speaker for night of fellowship, reflection and prayer

Thank you to all the ladies who were able to attend the Women's Adoration evening. We had over 70 women from our parish attend! What a wonderful opportunity to gather as daughters of Christ for fellowship, reflection, and prayer. Fr. Gil delved into the theology of the Feminine Genius according to the teachings of St. John Paul II. He encouraged us to use the Blessed Virgin as the example of femininity and to sit and meditate with the image of the Pieta. Following his presentation, the women gathered in the church to experience adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with praise and worship. We thank Fr. Gil for his presentation and leading the women in adoration as well as the volunteers who helped! Please stay tuned for more details of upcoming events!







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