



St. Lawrence

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We are a Catholic School family dedicated to nurturing and celebrating a love for Jesus Christ and educating the whole child with academic excellence.


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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

We are closing out an exciting week and month of April. Our 8th graders had a wonderful time in DC this week and have made lifetime memories. Next Saturday, our second graders will make their First Communion and experience the joy of receiving the Body of Christ. And of course, our gala was a huge success. Thank you to our committee for putting on such an amazing night and thank you to all of our families for helping to raise funds to support school improvements. As a bonus, we now have an extra day off for Memorial Day weekend on May 23!

As we shared at the gala, we will be building out a new wing for the 6th graders near the gym for next school year. We also need to update the flooring, bathrooms, windows and playground area. If you are able to support our building improvements, please consider donating here:

<https://www.osvhub.com/archdiocese-of-detroit/giving/funds/catholic-schools-general-fund>. Thank you for your support!

As we enter our last full month of school in May, we will have STAR assessments coming up, a school Art Gallery and Field Day. Our Literati Book Fair starts on Monday, April 29 and runs through Friday, May 3. Mark your calendars for all of these exciting events (see School Calendar section).

Congratulations to our April Students of the Month and Accelerated Reader winners. Check out our Teacher Spotlight where we highlight our first grade teacher Ms. Jusko.

Have a wonderful weekend and please pray for our First Communicants!

God bless,
Mrs. DiMercurio

ASSISTANT'S PRINCIPLES

I don't know about you, but I am very excited that – for the most part – we are finally experiencing some nice weather! Naturally, our students are feeling a bit of spring fever, too. It is easy to get distracted by thoughts of outdoor fun and activities. That is why it is so important to talk to your kids about staying focused on school! They need to continue all their hard work to keep their grades up and get their homework completed on time. Good time management skills will help them balance academics with the sunshine and fresh air that comes with spring. Let's finish the year strong!

While we are all focusing on academics, we cannot afford to lose focus on discipline. Respect for oneself and others remains paramount, as does adherence to school guidelines on appearance. We've noticed some students taking liberties with haircuts, skirt length, nail polish, etc. We need your help ensuring all our students follow the dress code all the time... period.

Additionally, the warmer weather historically tends to bring out more rambunctious behavior. I'm all for having fun, but we have to maintain our decorum. Remember, following the rules doesn't mean sacrificing fun—it means ensuring that everyone can enjoy it together.

For parents, the daily routine of school drop-off and pick-up is a time to exercise patience and kindness in the parking lot, keeping the safety of all children as the top priority. It's a collective effort to maintain a harmonious and safe environment for everyone. Look on the bright side...at least you can roll the windows down and enjoy some fresh air while you are waiting for your kids!

Here's wishing everyone a delightful spring season filled with growth, learning, and joy.

God bless,
Mrs. Tsatsos

DATES & DEADLINES

APRIL

- 26 8th grade return from D.C.
- 29 Spring Book Fair begins

MAY

- 1 Art Show 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 3 Spring Book Fair ends
- 4 Second grade Holy Communion
- 11 Science Olympiad County Tournament at Macomb Community College South Campus
- 22 Field Day
- 23 NO SCHOOL (Memorial Weekend)
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- 27 NO SCHOOL (Memorial Weekend)
- 29 8th Grade Last Day of School
- 31 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony

JUNE

- 5. Last Day of School 1st-7th
- 26 VBS Mandatory Meeting for CATECHISTS 6:30 PM (Social Hall)

JULY

- 15-19 VBS

SPIRITUAL CORNER



DIVINE NEWSLINE MAY 2024

THE FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On May 13, 2024, we celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima. On May 13th, in the year 1917, the Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children, Lucia dos Santos, Francisco Marto, and Jacinta Marto, near Fatima, Portugal. They were tending sheep in a field, about 70 miles northeast of Lisbon, when they had a vision of a woman surrounded by light who identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary. Following the initial event, the children saw the vision five more times, once each month, continuing through October. During her appearances, Our Lady of Fatima gave the children three secrets and repeatedly exhorted them to pray the rosary for world peace. She emphasized the necessity of devotions to her Immaculate Heart in order for souls to be saved.

What is the prayer for adoration of Fatima?

Fatima Prayers – Saint Mary of Sorrows. My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. Amen.

What is the Fatima Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity?

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. Amen.

What is the prayer for Our Lady of Fatima?

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen.

Why is it important to pray the Fatima prayer?

This prayer is concerned with the “conversion” of poor sinners, but it teaches us to rely not just on our own prayers, but the Eucharistic offering of Christ and the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

What is the new Fatima prayer?

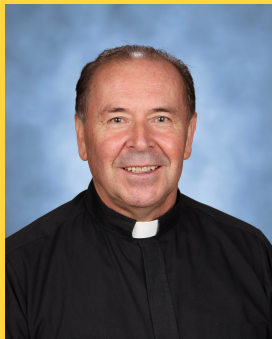
Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima, with renewed gratitude for your motherly presence we join in the voice of all generations that call you blessed. We celebrate in you the great works of God, who never tires of lowering himself in mercy over humanity, afflicted by evil and wounded by sin, to heal and to save it. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, today we pray for your Son to come to our aid and end the suffering and wars throughout the world. Help us to be like the children at Fatima; loving, trusting and faithful. May we pray to bring peace to our own world in our own small way by choosing to love and trust in the Lord. Amen.

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

OUR MISSION

We are a Catholic School family dedicated to nurturing and celebrating a love for Jesus Christ and educating the whole child with academic excellence.



Calling all Married Couples!

Join our St. Lawrence 'Beloved' group on **Monday, April 29, 6:30-8 p.m.** in the social hall for dinner and fellowship. **Fr. Roman will be our guest speaker.**

'Beloved' is a marriage enrichment program aimed at helping couples put Christ at the center of their marriage. The group meets monthly for faith and fellowship with dinner and guest speakers.

All are welcome to attend to hear Fr. Roman's advice for married couples and learn more about the group. Attendance is free. Come meet other Catholic school couples and let's walk in faith



Scapular Enrollment

This May, our Second Graders will be enrolled in The Brown Scapular. Our Blessed Mother has asked us to wear this garment as a sign that we belong to her. In return, she has promised to protect us from evil, provide us with many graces and intercede for us at the hour of our death. See the links below for more details.

New students or those who have never been formally enrolled in the Scapular will also be invited. More details to come in May.

<https://youtu.be/4rpirXCwEd0>

<https://youtu.be/FdEZgPZfiQ>

together!

**Please RSVP for dinner by Saturday, April 27,
to Claudia Tapia at ctapia1240@gmail.com.**

PARISH NEWS

CRE News

First Communion May 4, 2024

Pray for our 130 candidates to receive the Grace of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist.

Rehearsals are Wednesday, May 1 - 5:00 p.m. rehearsal for 10:00 a.m. Mass; 6:30 p.m. rehearsal for 12:00 p.m. Mass. Please attend the correct rehearsal for your Mass time.

Children go to the church with the teachers. Parents go to the Social Hall with Mrs. R and Fr Alex. Parents may bring religious items/gifts for blessing.

VBS July 15-19, 2024 – SCUBA living in friendship with God!

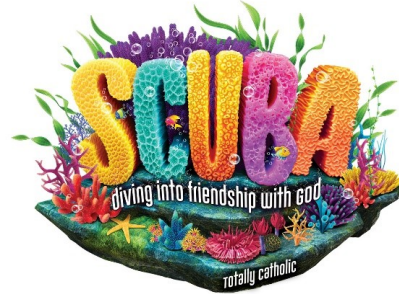
K-2nd grades are full! - We need more Adult Catechists to add more classes!

Call the CRE Office for details 586-731-5072

<https://vbspro.events/p/stl-utica-vbs>

Donations of the following items are greatly appreciated:

12 clear plastic shoe boxes; 6 rolls of black plastic sheeting 10ft wide x 25 ft long, 3mil thick; (Home Depot item #300282498, model #P1025/3B, \$9.99/roll); crepe paper streamer rolls - red, orange, yellow, purple; plastic rectangle tablecloths – white, green, gold, gray, black, blue (12 of each color needed); preprinted plastic backdrops (Group.com; Oriental Trading; Amazon, etc); (coral reef, blue sky, stone wall, desert sand, water drops, under the sea); 12 mister spray bottles; 12 clear plastic pitchers; can tuna (8 small cans, unopened); ping pong balls; plastic fish, assorted sizes; pool noodles; 8 oz water bottles (12 cases)

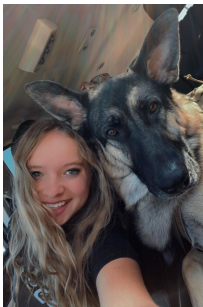


TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

This month we get to know our 1st grade teacher Ms Jusko. We are happy to have her as part of our St.

Lawrence family in teaching our young students to foster a love for learning.

Ms. Jusko



This is Ms. Jusko's second year teaching at St. Lawrence in first grade. She is an alumnus of St. Lawrence and received her bachelor's degree from Oakland University.

Ms. Jusko has a German shepherd named Moose. He is 3 years old and is her whole world. They love going on walks and visiting her parents. In her free time, she spends time with family and friends and loves to go hiking and do anything adventurous!

Favorite saint: "St. Francis of Assisi because he is the patron saint of animals."

Interesting fact: "I have played soccer since the age of 4. One year, my travel team won a national championship!"

SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

Congratulations to our Accelerated Reader winners in March and April.

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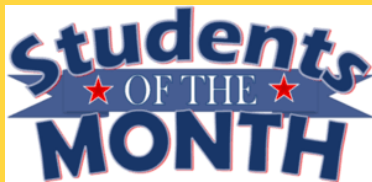
Sophie Bainbridge (3rd time), 7th grade

4/8-4/12

Richard Hessel (4th Time), 4th grade



Literati Story Safari Book Fair
April 29 - May 3, 2024



April SOTM Recipients

Congratulations to our April Student of the Month recipients!

Students will receive a free jeans day and breakfast with Mrs. DiMercurio and Mrs. Tsatsos. Parents of the recipients will receive an email with more information.

Kindergarten/Jr. K

Steven Girodat
Michael Marsh
Mila Sorgi
Weston Wiegand
Joseph Williams

Fourth Grade

Emilia Baratta
Noah Kada
Lily Kiefer
Sophia Salvaggio

First Grade

Jack Bultinck
Sophia D'Orazio
Brayden Pintar
Liam Poullath

Fifth Grade

Hunter Dwyer
Nathan Fiedler
Giuliana Lalama
Juliana Wrightner

Second Grade

Sofia Chirco
Jacob Holuk
Isabella Hosmi
Elianna Tor

Sixth Grade

Ella Jablonski
Elizabeth McGrath
Merrill Sanchez

Third Grade

Kaitlyn Baker
Tiffany Hekuri
Mason Joffrion
Gabrielle Ludwinska

Seventh Grade

Mila Atreo
Amber Bardhi
Salvatore Cardella

Eighth Grade

Katherine Krull
Paul Mason
Evelyn Zalewski



SCRIP

To help reduce the cost of your tuition, St. Lawrence Catholic School participates in the SCRIP program. SCRIP is substitute money and is just like a "gift card." For more info: <http://www.stlawrence->



Kroger Rewards

If you shop at Kroger and have a rewards card, you can earn money for the school with NO cost to you. Just log-in to Kroger Rewards, go to My Account, then Community Rewards. Search for "St.



Box Tops

Do you already purchase Annie's, Nature Valley, Yoplait, General Mills, Cascadian Farm and more?

Scan your receipt instantly with the boxtop app; No Clipping Required! Search for St Lawrence School, Utica

[school.com/scrip-program](https://www.school.com/scrip-program)

Lawrence School PTO" and click
Enroll.

MI. Use bonus code GH016H6M when
you sign up to earn more.

The money that we have earned helps
the PTO to benefit our teachers and
students.
