



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,

Welcome back from winter break. February was a relatively short month with winter break and the snow days, but our students enjoyed the Magic Carpet theater, the social media speaker Ben Tracy and our candidates received the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Bob earlier this month.

Lent has now begun and we are looking forward to helping our students prepare for the resurrection of the Lord. Students will be participating in the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. Also during Lent, students that are picked as Mustang Merit winners will have the option to pick a free jeans day coupon in case they gave up candy for Lent.

March is also reading month and our committee has many great activities planned to nourish a love of reading. See the School News section for the calendar of events.

Just a few other reminders I would like to share:

- During drop off in the morning, please do not leave our parking lot between the rectory and the church. You must exit at Greeley because parishioners are leaving mass. If you are entering the school parking lot off of Greeley, do not block the driveway for exiting vehicles.
- AOD STAR reports will be sent home soon.
- Spring concert for grade 3rd and 4th graders is on March 23.

Congratulations to our February Students of the Month. Also be sure to read about Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Karam in our Teacher Spotlight section.

Have a wonderful and blessed week!

Mrs. DiMercurio

MR. BARKER'S BULLETIN

Greetings, Parents & Guardians.

Ben Tracy spoke to our 4th-8th graders again this year and was excellent! The students really enjoyed the presentation and took a lot out of it. Parent participation for the evening session was disappointingly low again. A little better than last year, but still under 50. I know student schedules are busy in the evenings with sports and other commitments, but these events we offer for our parents are important and should be well-attended.

Social media affects most every student in our school or will at some point. Educating yourselves with the latest information and knowing the dangers are important to stay vigilant. If you missed the presentation, you may learn more at safesocialnetwork.com.

Lent has officially started this past Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time to draw nearer to our Lord through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Even though we missed Ash Wednesday mass due to the school closure, we will be doing something as a school community every Friday with Stations of the Cross and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. We will also offer a meatless option in the cafeteria on Fridays and students will be participating in a Lenten service project day, which you can read more about in the Parish News section.

God Bless!
Mr. Barker

DATES & DEADLINES

March Reading Month

March 13 - No school for students - AOD professional development day

March 23 - Spring concert - 3rd & 4th grades; 8th grade Mustang Choir - 6:30 p.m.

March 24 - No PM busses

March 30 - End of 3rd marking period

March 31 - No school for students - professional development records day

April 3-6 - No AM or PM busses - parents must provide transportation

April 7-14 - Easter Break

April 21 - 1/2 day of school; Spring Gala

April 29 - First Holy Communion Masses

SPIRITUAL CORNER



March 3 Rosary Group



Recipe for a Good Lent

Our rosary group is growing! We had a great turnout last month as we prayed for our school and our Confirmation candidates.

Do you have 20 minutes to give?

Fr. Roman invites everyone again to pray for our students on Friday, March 3 in Church. Please join St. Lawrence parents for prayer and fellowship at 8:45 a.m. All are welcome!

* **Make a Genuine Confession.** Clean up your soul and make a choice to adhere to the teachings of The Catholic Church.

* **Pray.** Increase your prayer life. Talk to God in good times and in bad. Build a relationship with Him. Sit before Him in Adoration. Pray as a family. Mary has asked us to pray the Rosary daily.

* **Fast.** 18-59yrs: Fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. 14 and older: Abstain from meat on Fridays. You should also fast to make reparation for your sins. Increase your self-control, not just with food, but with other pleasures as well.

* **Give Alms.** Give of your time, treasure and talent. Practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Make little sacrifices and offerings for others.

This Recipe Yields: Freedom from the enslavement of sin, true joy and many graces from Our Dear Lord, who suffered and died for **YOU!**

PARISH NEWS

Lenten Mission and Lenten Service Project Day

Our Family of Parishes, St. Lawrence, St. Kieran and St. Matthias, will be hosting a 3-day Lenten Mission on March 28-30. Join us for Mass, fellowship, and presentations on How to Be the Hands, Feet and Voice of Jesus. Check the parish bulletin for the schedule of events.

Thursday, March 9 – Lenten Service Project Day: Students will be packing buckets for the non-profit agency DRAW (Disaster Relief at Work). DRAW provides relief services to communities hit by natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes and tornadoes. A natural disaster is one of very few times in the human experience where a person or family goes from everyday life to rock bottom instantly.

DRAW's first response teams help survivors sift through the remains of their homes, including providing a bucket of needed items. We hope to help by providing DRAW's first responders with those buckets. Details on the service day coming soon!

FAMILY OF PARISHES
ST. KIERAN | ST. LAWRENCE | ST. MATTHIAS
LENTEN MISSION
MARCH 28-30
Be the Hands, Feet and Voice of Jesus!

Join us for a 3 day Lenten Mission! Includes morning Masses, fellowship, and evening presentations.

Tuesday, March 28
8:00am Mass at St. Lawrence
Hospitality to follow
7:00pm at St. Matthias
Speaker | Rev. Stephen Pullis
Faculty, Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Hospitality to follow

Wednesday, March 29
8:00am Mass at St. Matthias
Hospitality to follow
7:00pm at St. Lawrence
Speaker | Dr. Patricia Cooney-Hathaway
Professor, Sacred Heart Major Seminary
Hospitality to follow

Thursday, March 30
8:00am Mass at St. Kieran
Hospitality to follow
7:00pm at St. Kieran
Closing Mass | Most Rev. Robert Fisher
Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Detroit
Hospitality to follow

Food collection for Agape Center at all events. Contact parish office for list of needed items.



CRE News

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass for children ages 4-7. Children attend Mass with family – follow leader to library to share the Gospel – then return to family in church during the Offertory.

Vacation Bible School July 17-21, 2023

Catechists & Volunteers needed! Contact CRE Office. (Registration for campers is after Easter)

Adoration Chapel

6:00am-7:00pm (last hour begins at 6 p.m.)

Enter via "X" door in front of the church, facing the school.

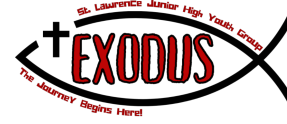
52 Sundays - CELEBRATE THE LORD'S DAY!

52 Sundays helps families celebrate and reclaim Sunday as a day set apart for the Lord, for family and for works of mercy through free weekly family reflections. 52Sundays for 2023 will be available online only. Click here to subscribe:

<https://www.52sundays.com/>

Faith Formation and Sacraments

- 2nd grade First Reconciliation: Thursday, April 20, 6:00 p.m.
- 2nd grade First Communion: Saturday, April 29. (NOTE: We have a few seats available at 9:00 a.m. mass if anyone from the 11:30 mass would like to come earlier, contact Mrs. Rajnicek in the CRE Office CRE@stlawrenceparish.com)
- 6th Grade: Maturation Presentation (students attend with parents): Wednesday, March 22, 2023 6:30 p.m.
- 7th Grade: March 17 In-house retreat with NET Ministries
- 8th Grade: March 23 In-house retreat with NET Ministries



Exodus Youth Group News

- March 24 is our next junior high youth group. Sign up here: <http://evite.me/JNdKuEZYkK>
- We are looking for Good Friday Passion Play participants. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48ABA72EA2FCC61-passion>
- We are looking for Youth Mass participants. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48ABA72EA2FCC61-youth>

Any questions can be directed to:

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TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Let's get to know our STEM and music teachers Mrs. Davis and Ms. Karam. These teachers help our students foster a curiosity in science and engineering as well as an appreciation for music. Thank you Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Karam for your dedication to our students.

Mrs. Davis

This is Mrs. Davis's 3rd year teaching STEM at St. Lawrence. She earned her Bachelor's of Science in Engineering from the University of Michigan Dearborn in 2002.



After working as an engineer, then leaving the career to start her family, she found her passion in teaching. She hopes to spark an early interest in Engineering and Science by engaging her students in fun project-based learning activities.

She has been married to her wonderful husband, Jeff, for 20 years. Their four children, Simon (16), Oliver (14), Madeline (13) and Penelope (10) all attend Chippewa Valley Schools. She also has an active Jack Russell Terrier that keeps the family busy. Mrs. Davis loves spending time with her family, vacationing and being outdoors.

Favorite Saint: St. Anthony

Advice: *"Live each day to your fullest potential - you have so much to offer!"*

Ms. Karam



This is Ms. Karam's 4th year teaching Music, but this is her 25th year working at St. Lawrence. She began working as a lunch mom when her daughter started first grade. After that, she was a substitute teacher for 10 years, followed by almost 8 years working in the Middle School Resource Room. Ms. Karam chose education as a second career.

She received a Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Development from Oakland University and recently earned a K-12 Music Education Certification from Schoolcraft College. Being offered the opportunity to teach music is a huge blessing and has allowed Ms. Karam to share her passion for music with the students, staff, and families at St. Lawrence.

Ms. Karam has two grown children, both of whom attended St. Lawrence. Her daughter Hailee is a former professional ballerina, who is now a social worker/counselor and lives locally. Her son, Zak, lives out of state, and works in IT and sales. Ms. Karam has two cats, Mocha, her orange tabby and best buddy, and Daisy, who is a beautiful baby face Persian.

Ms. Karam has many interests, but spends most of her free time reading or working on music. She plays keyboard, percussion, and sings locally with a four-piece band, Echo Friendo, and performs in two duos. She also sings in the St. Lawrence contemporary choir. Being able to teach and perform music again is an unexpected dream come true!

Favorite Saints: St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Teresa of Calcutta because of their little ways of love. "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love." -- St. Teresa of Calcutta

SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

Athletics

Congratulations to our Fall Scholar Athletes Mateo Vargas and Makenna Winn! Congratulations also go out to our Winter Scholar Athletes Antonio Cardella and Lorelai Montano! We pray for you as you continue your journey to high school. Always a Mustang!



Good luck to our varsity boys and girls basketball teams as they begin their run in the CYO playoffs! Please come and show your support!

Visit our Facebook page! For the latest on St. Lawrence Athletics, check out "St. Lawrence Mustangs" on Facebook.

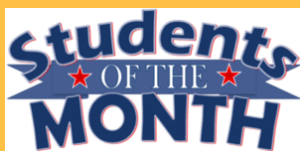


St. Lawrence Reading Is Sweet

March is Reading Month 2023



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 Reading Is Sweet! Create a "sweet" themed class name and decorate your door	2 Dr. Seuss Day Wear Dr. Seuss apparel or red with jeans and read a Dr. Seuss book	3 Create a reading goal for this month and read it to a family member tonight!
6 Book Bingo Book Swap Send in a like new book to share with a friend.	7 Read My T shirt Day! Wear a school appropriate shirt and jeans with words!	8 Drop everything and read for 20 minutes today.	9 Bishop Foley Catholic High Cathletes starting at 9am will read to your class.	10 Eat your snack and read to someone in your class.
13 No School	14 Bring your favorite Bible passage to share with a friend.	15 Drop everything and read for 20 minutes today.	16 Bring a riddle to share with the class	17 St. Patrick's Day Wear green & jeans or St. Joseph Day Wear red & jeans
20 First Day of Spring! Read a book about Spring!	21 "Reading is Cozy" Wear comfy cozy clothes with tennis shoes (no pjs or slippers).	22 Bring your favorite book to read at school today!	23 Drop everything and read for 20 minutes today.	24 Flashlight Friday! Bring a blanket and flashlight!
27 Dress like your Favorite Book Character - must be school appropriate and no masks.	28 Meet and Greet with Author Jonathan Rand Gr. 1-8: 9:15 - 10:15 Gr. JK-K: 10:30 - 10:45	29 Drop everything and read for 20 minutes today.	30 Beach Party! Bring a towel to sit on during reading!	31 No School



February SOTM Recipients

Congratulations to our February Student of the Month recipients!

Students will receive a free jeans day and pizza party with Mrs. DiMercurio and Mr. Barker. Parents of the recipients will receive an email with more information.

Kindergarten/Jr. K

Giancarlo Bugli
Alanna DiLuca
Mila Hermez
Logan Reese
Elenora Scheuer

First Grade

Amelia Elias
Mason Hermez
Dominic Morad
Mason Souweidane

Second Grade

Graham Amormino
Vienna Ciaramitaro
Angelina Derosa
Gabrielle Ludwinska

Third Grade

Ava Andrus
Timothy Rayrat
Alyanna Ries
Matthew Strzelczyk

Fourth Grade

Hunter Dwyer
Luciana Offer
Maria Riggio
Amelija Sinishtaj

Fifth Grade

Mia Femminineo
Loren Tocco
Shannon Wilson

Sixth Grade

Madeline Darmafall
Estelita Shango
Katelyn Toma

Seventh Grade

Emma Kiefer
Katherine Krull
Leah Santoro

Eighth Grade

Jacob Kmiec
Olivia Moore
Nicholas Samartino