



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're off to a very cold new year, but we're still so happy to be back in school with our students. As I've shared, there have been changes again to Covid school policy where students exposed to Covid-positive students no longer have to quarantine. I also just shared this week that there are illnesses other than Covid that may warrant keeping your children home if they are sick. I appreciate everyone's cooperation in continuing to be vigilant in doing our parts to keep our kids healthy and in school.

This Sunday is our Open House and the start of Catholic Schools Week. Current families can check out the scholarship opportunity being offered from the Knights of Columbus in this newsletter. In addition, online tuition assistance applications are now available through the AOD on the Facts portal (not through the school). Please check the AOD website for more information: [Tuition Assistance Link](#)

While we unfortunately can't give tours of the new middle school building during Open House per the fire marshall, the renovation is just beautiful and we hope to make similar changes to the elementary school over time. We will be transferring our 6th-8th grade students just as soon as DTE completes some final work. Once they move, Specials classes will move back into classrooms, students will each have their own locker and K-5th graders will start having lunch in the cafeteria.

A few other highlights from this issue:

- **Donation Opportunities** - We have two new donation and volunteer opportunities for St. Vincent De Paul (SVDP) and the Detroit Rescue Mission in February. Details are included under Parish News and School News.
- **8th grade fundraiser** - Many discount cards are still available for purchase. Remember, this is our only fundraiser of the year and is in place of the entertainment books. Please consider supporting this

fundraiser for our 8th graders. Each of you will have an 8th grader one day and will appreciate the support from other school families at that time. If you need more cards, email classof2022stl@gmail.com.

- **Standards-based report cards** - Today marks the end of the second card marking period. A link with grades will be sent on Feb. 11; however no paper report cards will come home. Report cards will look different as we move to a standards-based report card. More information will come out explaining the new system.
- **Star testing** - Testing has begun and will run through Feb. 7. The results right now are just for teachers to plan curriculum and will be sent out at the end of the year.
- **Teacher Spotlight** - Get to know our wonderful eighth grade teachers who have the important job of preparing our students spiritually for Confirmation and academically for high school.

Have a blessed weekend everyone!

Mrs. DiMercurio

MR. BARKER'S BULLETIN

Hello & Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a safe and restful Christmas and New Year's break. We've been back at it now for a month – praised be Jesus Christ!

We are excited for the move next door with the Middle School students. I will have my official office moved next door, but Mrs. DiMercurio and I will both be in and around both buildings throughout the day.

Catholic Schools week begins January 30th and runs through the week ending on Saturday, February 5th. The theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Notice in the order that Faith comes first, [academic] Excellence second, and third is Service. It is in this precise order that an authentic Catholic school operates. It is a privilege to be able to share and pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I encourage you to have a conversation during CSW with your son/daughter about the importance and honor it is to be educated in Catholic school.

On a practical note, we are seeing some really awesome Christmas presents that Santa was able to bring to your children this year – God is Good! Please note, however, some of these items are not allowed during the school day. Mostly, we've seen jewelry and digital watches (e.g. iWatch). If you see your son/daughter wearing something that is not allowed, have them leave it at home. If you are unsure of what is allowed and what is not, be sure to check the handbook at the link below.

[StL Handbook](#)

We are hoping and praying for a successful and joyful 2022 – wishing you the same!

God Bless,
Mr. Barker

DATES & DEADLINES

Jan. 28 - End of Second Marking Period

Jan. 30 - Catholic Schools Week Open House (1-3 p.m.);

Jan. 30 - New Family Online Enrollment Begins

Jan. 31 - Feb. 4 - Catholic Schools Week

Feb. 11 - New Family Online Enrollment Ends

Feb. 18 - NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)

Feb. 21-25 - Winter Break

March Reading Month

March 2 - Ash Wednesday

March 14 - NO SCHOOL (Professional Development Day)

March 25 - NO SCHOOL (Teacher Records Day)

March 31 - First Reconciliation 6 p.m. Church (Second grade)

PARISH NEWS

Super Bowl

Friday February 11th

3:15pm-4:15pm

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be located in the back of the church parking lot, near the current donation box, for clothes donations during school dismissal.



Our donation box has been overflowing recently, I ask that you please gather your donations and wait until this date.

Contact Jack Novak with Questions:

586-731-5072 ext 244 | jnovak@stlawrenceparish.com

Donations Wanted

Closet Blitz!

[Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

St. Vincent De Paul Super Bowl Closet Blitz

On Friday, Feb. 11, we will have a St. Vincent De Paul truck at St. Lawrence for any families to drop off clothes donations before and after school dismissal from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

The SVDP truck will be located in the back of the church parking lot near the current donation box. Our donation box has been overflowing recently, so please hold your donations until this date.

The truck will also be at St. Lawrence on Feb. 12 and 13 accepting donations before and after all weekend masses. *Students may sign up to help collect donations through the SignUp Genius link.* Please contact Jack Novak with questions, jnovak@stlawrenceparish.com.

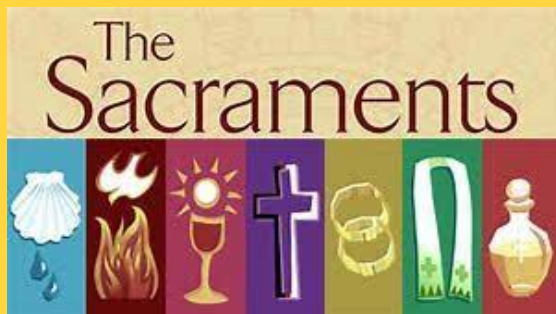
St. Lawrence Youth Group Calendar

January 28th from 6:30-8 p.m.: Youth group meeting in the school library. (Grades 6-8). We will be naming the youth group! Please bring name suggestions.

February 11th from 6:30-8 p.m.: Youth group meeting in the school library. (Grades 6-8)

YOUTH GROUP

February 11th, 12th, and 13th SVDP Super Bowl Closet Blitz!



Continuing Religious Education (CRE) & Sacrament News

- Regular CRE classes resumed this week with over 230 students.
- "On Fire for the Faith" Catechist certification topics are available to parents and adults to explore the Catechism of the Catholic Church
 - Online Courses are \$25. Register at: <https://explore.shms.edu/aod-catechist>
 - Group discussions are offered monthly with Mrs. Rajnicek.
- 2nd grade Communion Candidates – At-Home Retreat please return Reflection Page to your teacher.
- 8th grade Confirmation - Congratulations to our 8th graders who were confirmed by Bishop Robert Fisher this week. We are grateful for the prayerful support from our classmates who have already been confirmed in their Eastern Rite Catholic Churches.

St. Lawrence Parish and the Knights of Columbus invite the women and men of the Parish...

Lenten Morning of Reflection

Saturday March 19, 2022

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



*Called to be
Priest Prophet King*

Priest, Prophet King Morning of Reflection

Saturday March 19, 2022 8:30-11:30 a.m.

St. Lawrence is excited to invite ALL parishioners to a morning of reflection focused on understanding how we fit into the roles of priest, prophet and king.

8:30 a.m. - Mass

After Mass - Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. - Fr. Paul: Priest, Prophet and King

10:10 a.m. - Individual Stories

11:00 a.m. - God's Unconditional Love

11:30 a.m. - End

We are currently limiting the attendance to 80 people. Please contact Joe Lograsso (lograsso@comcast.net) with questions and register at <https://bit.ly/STLReflection>.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The St. Lawrence Council of the Knights of Columbus are excited to share news of two new initiatives for St. Lawrence School and school families.

1. **St. Lawrence School Tuition Scholarship Raffle.** Two \$500 scholarships will be raffled for 2022-2023 school year. To be in the raffle, you have to be a Catholic dad of any St. Lawrence School student(s) and is or becomes a member of the St. Lawrence Knight of Columbus between January 30, 2022 and March 31, 2022.
1. **School Membership Donation.** Our council will donate \$50 per new member of the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus that is a father of students at St. Lawrence School. Very simply, our Council is here to serve our local community, especially the Parish and school.

We are working on finalizing plans for a Catholic high school scholarship and we will share that information next month. 🙄🙄

We will be at the open house on January 30th so you can hear more about what the K of C stands for and what we do at St. Lawrence, and all the details of the scholarships.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.



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SPIRITUAL CORNER



Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day Feb. 11

In need of healing or a miracle? February 11th is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858 in Lourdes, France. During one of the apparitions, she instructed Bernadette to dig in the dirt to find a spring. This spring is still flowing with healing water today. Many pilgrims flock to this site for spiritual, mental and physical healing.

To learn more, we recommend the movie, "The Song of Bernadette". Also, you can view the incorrupt body of St. Bernadette online. If you would like to be blessed with Lourdes water, contact emeliekrull@gmail.com. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us!

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

This month we celebrate our eighth grade teachers, Mrs. Camilleri, Mrs. Gonyou, and Mr. Mangold. We thank them for preparing the eighth graders to continue their relationship with

Christ through the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation that they received this week. They also have the important role of getting students ready to meet the demands of high school. Let's thank these wonderful teachers for their commitment and dedication.

Mrs. Camilleri



Mrs. Camilleri started her career here at St. Lawrence back in 1999, 23 years ago. She and her brother are alumni of STL and at one point Mrs. Camilleri, her mother and brother were all on staff here at the same time.

Mrs. Camilleri has a bachelors degree from Oakland University and a master's degree from Concordia University. Her son also attends STL and you might see them at many of the school functions.

Mrs. Gonyou

This is Mrs. Gonyou's 18th year teaching at St. Lawrence. She teaches eighth grade Language Arts. She received her Bachelor of Science from Oakland University with endorsements in Language Arts and Science. She has her Master's in Reading from Oakland University.

She loves to read middle school and high school literature. If you have seen her classroom bookcases, you know she loves sharing the books with her students, too! She believes the "book is always better than the movie".

Mrs. Gonyou also loves gardening and spending time with her husband, son, and daughter.

Her favorite Saint: Saint Pancras, a 14-year-old boy who had converted to Christianity and would not renounce his faith. He is the patron saint of children.



Mr. Mangold



This is Mr. Mangold's 7th year teaching. He currently teaches 8th Grade History and 7th Grade Religion. He went to Olivet College where he studied History and Political Science. He received his Master's in Education from the University of Michigan Dearborn. Mr. Mangold is also an alumnus of St. Lawrence, class of 2003.

He celebrated his first wedding anniversary this past November. In his free time, he loves to watch and coach sports, watch movies, read history books, and spend time with his family. He has the cutest toy poodle named Spartacus.

Favorite Saint- St. Sebastian. St. Sebastian is the patron saint of athletes. Sports play a big part of my life and I always feel protected playing and being a part of sports

SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

Detroit Rescue Mission Youth Leadership Project

Hello St. Lawrence families. My name is Nethanya Fonseca, and I am an 8th grader at St. Lawrence. I am organizing a Youth Service project through the Knights of Columbus to benefit the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries. The Detroit Rescue Mission is a faith-based non-profit charity based in Detroit. Their mission is to help carry out and embody Christian values in our community. We all have tremendous blessings in our lives. This year, let us give to our brothers and sisters who don't share in all of the blessings we do.

From **Feb. 7-11**, every classroom will have a bin that you can place donations in. Please make sure that all donations are unopened and new. The following items would be greatly appreciated.

- Hair supplies (headbands, hairbrushes, combs, etc.)
- Stuffed animals and books
- Canned food (fruit, soup, vegetables, etc.) and boxed food (cereal, chips, crackers, etc.)
- Hair & body care - Shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, deodorant
- Socks
- Oral care - toothpaste, and toothbrushes, mouthwash
- Art supplies, stickers, colored pencils, crayons
- Notebooks, pens, & pencils



Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness. God bless!



Athletics

Spring registration for baseball and softball is open! Visit www.mightymustangs.com and click on the yellow Register Now button to sign up. Registration deadline is Feb. 6. CYO allows dual participation for spring sports; your child may try out even if he/she plays for a travel baseball/softball team.

Spring sports are open to boys and girls in grades 5-8 and who are parishioners of St. Lawrence or one of the surrounding supporting parishes. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Tocco, registrar, at jilltocco@comcast.net.

Congratulations go out to our JV2 Boys basketball team for their Guardian Angels Christmas Tournament championship win at Bishop Foley Catholic!

In Loving Memory, St. Lawrence Coach Jerry Bultinck, May 21, 1943-Jan. 16, 2022. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Interested in joining a Tuesday Ski Club at St. Lawrence?

Ski Club would take place at Pine Knob on Tuesday evenings directly after school until close. Lift tickets are \$25. More information can be found at www.pineknobskiskool.com.



If you are interested, please visit the signup genius and add your name and email. If there is enough interest, communications will be sent to this group. [Ski Club Sign-Up Genius](#)



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - 2022

During the week, we will have Coin Wars to raise money for Abigayle Ministries. Mrs. DiMercurio will award the highest earning classes a pizza party. (Prek-2, 3-5, and 6-8.)



Monday, January 31: Showing our STL Spirit

- *Jeans and wear anything blue and gold (hats, scarves, socks) NO face paint and school appropriate!*
- Spelling Bee



Tuesday, February 1: Parent Appreciation Day

- *Wear things that don't match and crazy hair (optional-no hair coloring)*
- Parents, thank you for choosing to send your child to St. Lawrence!



Wednesday, February 2: Teacher Appreciation Day

- *Dress-up Day!! Sunday Best*
- Mass
- Trivia Game



Thursday, February 3

- *Favorite Sports Team Day with jeans and tennis shoes. Hats are OK.*
- Catholic Schools Week Virtual Mass from The Blessed Sacrament Cathedral
- Basketball Game (Coaches vs. Students)



Friday, February 4: Student Appreciation Day

- *Comfy Cozy Day-No Leggings.*
- Movie with popcorn and lemonade

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!