



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,

Thank you to all of our families who donated toward our McRest Lenten Christian Service Project. I'm happy to share that we collected enough items to make over 80 bags for those in need! Everyday items that we often take for granted mean so much to those who have so little.

We also concluded our wonderful art contest to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph. If you haven't already seen them, please take a look at the winning artwork and artists in our Catholic Culture section of the School Advisory Board news.

As we get ready to enter into April, there are a few dates and events I'd like to highlight. First, next Friday, April 2 marks the end of the quarter. Report cards will be emailed to parents on April 19.

Our Virtual Book Fair will be held April 16-29. This is an important event to raise money for our school library. Please look out for more information to come home soon.

Another important deadline approaching is for the Stephen A. Wright Scholarship, with submissions due by April 23. As many of you know, Mr. Wright was a dearly beloved member of the St. Lawrence community and long-time coach of our school's Academic Games. This inaugural scholarship is open to families with financial need who send multiple children to St. Lawrence

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Catholic School. Details on eligibility can be found below.

Our second graders will soon be making their First Reconciliation on April 21 and First Communion on May 1. Let's pray for these students that the Holy Spirit will prepare their hearts and minds to receive these holy sacraments and deepen their love for our Savior Christ Jesus.

Lastly, our virtual, livestream Talent Show will be held on May 13. Mrs. Rider will send out information regarding tryouts. We look forward to seeing our many talented students perform!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. I wish all of you a very blessed Easter and wonderful weekend!

Mrs. DiMercurio

Mr. Barker's Bulletin

Greetings, Parents & Guardians.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. Happy Holy Week & Happy Easter! Albeit a little early but rest assured Easter will come!

We have all been on quite a journey this past year. We are grateful to have reached this point in the school year, and to be in-person learning for most of that time. We are proud of all our students, teachers, staff, and parents for doing their part in helping us get to this point.

As Christians, let us try and reflect on the fact that there is no Easter Sunday without a Good Friday. As tough as this year has been for many, I am reminded of the words of Pope St. John Paul II when he said, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

"O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Corinthians 15:55-57)

Blessings be upon you and your families for a safe, healthy, and happy Easter, as well as Easter break!

Mr. Barker

Reconciliation

Father Roman has invited school families to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation from 3-7 p.m. on March 26 and 30. Parents can even come in the Church while waiting at pick-up. We hope to see you there!

DATES & DEADLINES

April 2-11 - Easter Break

April 12-16 - 7th and 8th grade Boater's Safety Course

April 16-29 - Spring Scholastic Book Fair

May 1 - 2nd grade First Communion

May 5-7 - 8th grade Field Trip to Mackinac Island

May 6 - 1st grade Mother's Day Tea

May 13 - Talent Show

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD NEWS

Below is an update from our Catholic Culture committee of the School Advisory Board. If you have any questions, please email the Board at the link below.

Email School Advisory
Board



CATHOLIC CULTURE *St. Joseph Art Contest*

In honor of the Feast of St. Joseph, the Catholic Culture committee held an art contest for 4th -8th graders. Students had to create an image of St. Joseph with any media art. The prize was a \$40 visa gift card and a free comfy cozy day. We received so many beautiful art pieces.

Congratulations to our winners:

Marco DiLuca-4th Grade
Katie Krull-5th Grade
Maria Krull-6th Grade
Chiomma Nwoke-7th Grade



Violet Dedivanaj-8th Grade

To view the individual winning art, visit the school Facebook page below.

[StL Facebook Page](#)

PARISH NEWS

MESSAGE ON HOLY WEEK FROM CRE DIRECTOR, LISA RAJNICEK

Dear Parents,

Our Lenten theme of HOPE has helped us to anticipate the joy of Easter during this season of sacrifice and distance. The reading of the Passion stirs our emotions and reminds us of the supreme love our Lord has for us. We may wonder how the crowd could turn so quickly from their joyful welcome to the angry cry for crucifixion. In our lives today, we might have similar reactions to our Lord: we find it easy to celebrate when our circumstances are good, but we protest when the going gets rough.

Holy Week can be a prayerful time to grow our understanding of Jesus' sacrifice. During Mass on Thursday evening, we think about the Last Supper and the Apostles' experience of receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. On Good Friday, we remember our Lord's passion during the Stations of the Cross. The power of divine love brought life from death!

On Holy Saturday we have the blessing of food in the morning and the sadness of Friday turns into anticipation of our Easter celebration! The best part of Saturday is the Vigil Mass, when we welcome new members into the Catholic Church. Our faith in the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus comes alive in the faces of our growing family of faith. I hope you'll be able to attend our Holy Week Masses at St. Lawrence and experience the beauty of our Easter preparation and celebrations.

With peace and gratitude,
Mrs. Lisa Rajnicek

Important CRE & Parish Dates

- April 1 Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.
- April 2 Good Friday Stations 12:00 Noon, Liturgy of the Passion 1:00 p.m.
- April 3 Holy Saturday Blessing of Food 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
- April 3 Easter Vigil Mass 7:00 p.m. (no confessions, no 4:30 p.m. Mass)
- April 4 Easter Sunday Masses 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. (no 8:00 a.m. Mass)

April 21 2nd grade First Reconciliation 6:30 p.m.

April 25 Older grades First Communion 10:00 a.m.

April 28 2nd grade Rehearsal 5:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

May 1 2nd grade First Communion 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



FAMILIES OF PARISHES

Families of Parishes: our Family is St. Lawrence, St. Kieran, and St. Matthias. Register for our upcoming Family Gatherings — centered on the themes of Encounter, Grow, and Witness — to engage with other parishes in our Family, and discover how we will make our new Family a center for evangelization. To register, view current information from the AOD and read the full text of Archbishop Vigneron's Pastoral Note, Led By the Spirit on Mission.

[Families of Parishes](#)

STEPHEN A. WRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

Steven A. Wright Memorial Scholarship

Applications due April 23

Steven A. Wright was a devoted husband, a proud father of two daughters, a successful attorney and businessman, a 4th degree member of Knights of Columbus, and an active member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church. He fought a courageous battle against esophageal cancer, and in the process, taught all those around him how to handle adversity with dignity – no matter the odds.



Steve placed tremendous value on education. Steve's passion was teaching and coaching Academic Games. He was a member of the Coaches Hall of Fame of the Academic Games Leagues of America and earned coaching awards from both AGLOA and the Michigan Leagues of Academic Games. He was the 'winningest' coach in AGLOA history; however, he encouraged his students to do more than just learn the games and win trophies. He also taught them that character and integrity were more important than winning. His students learned to be tough yet humble. Honesty and good sportsmanship were more important than winning.

Steve's deep Catholic faith and knowledge that Jesus is the chief cornerstone of our faith helped him navigate life with grace and dignity. The Steven A. Wright Memorial Scholarship seeks to continue his legacy by assisting families who want a superior Catholic education for their children.

[SAW Application](#)

[SAW Mem Scholarship Requirements](#)

SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

Athletics

Athletics would like to congratulate our Winter Season athletes for another successful Basketball and Winter Cheer season. The players' hard work and dedication to their craft kept the Mustang Pride strong.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame!!

The birds are starting to chirp and the grass will soon be growing. Our baseball and softball programs are excited to get started April 12!

Gridiron Call-Out

Be on the lookout for the 2021 CYO football registration in the coming weeks. Anyone interested in playing football is encouraged to register. Those who will be in the 3rd-8th grade this fall are welcome to the program.

Box Top Leaders: Mrs. Guenther and Mrs. DiSanto

Mrs. Guenther's class and Mrs. DiSanto's class are in the lead for our box top competition!

Please continue to send in box tops to the school or SCAN your receipt at btfe.com.

No App? Send in your receipts to the school or snap a pic and send to boxtops4stl@gmail.com. Grandparents and Friends can download the App and send it to St. Lawrence. Don't forget to put in your child's teacher's name to give their classroom credit. If you forgot, go back to the App and add the teacher's name to your receipt!

Current leaders for the end of the year party:

Grades Pre-K through 5: Mrs. Guenther's class with 443 boxtops!

Grades 6-8: Mrs. DiSanto's class with 104 boxtops.

Classes keep earning all year round, but credit towards this year's class party ends May 31. Keep shopping and scanning!

