



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,

Happy Michigan vs. Michigan State weekend, Halloween and All Saints & Souls Day! It's been such a great week starting with our first ever CYO Championship for our varsity football team at Ford Field, followed by a beautiful weather Trunk-or-Treat and a fun-filled Spirit Week.

I'm also happy to announce that we have reinstated allowing parents to attend school mass for our host class only. When your student's class is hosting, you will receive an email with instruction on how to register.

Congratulations to our October Student of the Month recipients. We are very excited to recognize our students who exemplify spiritual, behavioral and academic excellence. This is a great honor and Mr. Barker and myself will be personally congratulating them at our luncheon next week. Check out the recipients in the School News section below.

In this month's Teacher Spotlight, we are highlighting our Preschool teachers. Please read about this wonderful team who work so hard with our little learners.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are November 21st and 22nd. Nursery/Preschool through 5th grade teachers will send out a sign-up Genius on November 7th for conferences. Grades 6-8 will be in the gym on November 21st and 22nd as well. Middle School parent conferences are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Lastly, Fr. Paul is inviting everyone to join him in rosary group on Friday, Nov. 7 immediately after drop off. If you are able to show your support, please join other school families in the St. Lawrence church at 8:50 a.m. (see Spiritual Corner).

Have a blessed week and safe trick-or-treating!
Mrs. DiMercurio

MR. BARKER'S BULLETIN

Greetings,

I would like to begin by sending out a big CONGRATULATIONS to our 7th & 8th grade Varsity Football team for capturing St. Lawrence's first ever CYO Championship crown! Great job to coach Collins, his staff, and most importantly, to all the players! You make St. Lawrence proud.

Welcome back to our 6th grade campers! History was made again, in that, this was the first time that all three grades (6th-8th) made the journey to The YMCA Storer Camp in the same year (2022). Fr. Paul and I were able to spend the day with the 6th grade campers and celebrate Mass together. A big THANK YOU to our teachers who coordinated and facilitated the trips; Mrs. Barnowsky, Mrs. Chamberlain and Mrs. Gaydos. Also, thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped chaperone.

Now that it is nearly November and we have been in school for a couple months, I would like to address a couple matters. The first concerns bus behavior. There have been several complaints of students misbehaving on the bus. Violations vary from cell phone use, standing up while the bus is not stopped, climbing over seats, and pushing/shoving other students (i.e., horse play). Please understand that riding the bus is a privilege, not a right. According to our Student Handbook, "Students may be denied this privilege for misconduct on a bus or at a bus stop" (p. 12). The other concern is hair styles/cuts, particularly middle-school boys. Hair must be a natural color (not two-tone), as well as neat and clean always. "Hair is to be kept trimmed, clean and combed. Boys' hair is to be above the ears, off the collar and at least (1) inch above the eyebrows" (Student Handbook, p. 23). If your child is issued a white slip warning and does not have their haircut by the date required, a detention will be issued. If a student still does not have their hair in code following a detention, the student may be asked to stay home until they are in code, or have their hair cut at school using a #2 trimmer.

Finally, November is the Month of the Souls in Purgatory. Purgatory, unfortunately, is not talked about much in these modern times. The reality is, however, it is real and it exists. Purgatory is based both on Scripture (2 Macab.12:39-46, Matthew 5:25-26, etc.) & Tradition (CCC 1030) and has been a teaching of the Catholic Church since its inception. Many souls endure longer periods before enjoying the fullness of the beatific vision because nobody is praying for them. Once in Purgatory, we can no longer pray for ourselves, but are greatly assisted by the prayers of those battling in the Church militant (i.e., those of us still fighting evil on earth). Pray this month for the dearly departed souls in Purgatory – better yet, if you can make it, get to Mass on Nov. 2nd for All Souls Day.

God Bless!
Mr. Barker

DATES & DEADLINES

- Oct. 31** - ½ DAY of SCHOOL – Dismissal at 11:45 AM / HALLOWEEN!
- Nov. 1** - Children's Mass – ALL SCHOOL MASS - 9:15 AM / All Saints Day
- Nov. 2** - No Mass this day – All Souls Day
- Nov. 3** - NO SCHOOL – MNSAA Conference for Staff
- Nov. 4** - NO SCHOOL – MNSAA Conference for Staff
- Nov. 11** - END of 1st Card Marking Period
- Nov. 14** - NO SCHOOL – Professional Development – Records Day
- Nov. 21** - ½ DAY OF SCHOOL – Dismissal at 11:45 AM – AM Busses Only – NO PM Busses
- Nov. 21** - Nursery - 8th Grades: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – 1:00-4:00 PM & 5:00-8:00 PM;
- Nov. 22** - ½ DAY OF SCHOOL – Dismissal at 11:45 AM – AM Busses Only – NO PM Busses
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SPIRITUAL CORNER



Nov. 7 Rosary with Fr. Paul

Fr. Roman and Fr. Paul invite all school parents and grandparents to attend a special rosary group after school drop off on Monday, Nov. 7 at 8:50 a.m. in the Church.

Fr. Paul will help lead us in prayer for the safety and well being of our St. Lawrence students and faculty as well as praying for the defeat of Proposal 3. Meet in the front of the Church. Rosary group is something near to Fr. Roman's heart, so please let's have a good turnout with Fr. Paul to show our support. *There will be fellowship in the social hall immediately following (pending no funeral services).*

PARISH NEWS



Knights of Columbus Events

KofC Breakfast

Sunday October 30, 2022

8:30 a.m. to Noon

St. Lawrence School Cafeteria

Please come out and join us for the return of the KofC breakfast. We will also have a Halloween costume contest for kids up to grade 4, dressing up as your favorite saint or priest.

KofC Christmas Raffle

We are excited to support the St. Lawrence Saint Vincent de Paul group along with our charity fund through this raffle.

We are raffling off three terrific prizes:

- Xbox Series X Gaming Console
- Kitchen Aid Professional 5 Quart Mixer
- DeWalt Six Tool Combo Kit – 20V Lithium Ion Cordless

Tickets go on sale October 30, 2022 at our breakfast and continue until December 18, 2022. Ticket prices are 1 for \$10, 4 for \$20 and 10 for \$30. Thank you for your support.

Knights of Columbus Youth Leadership Initiative

The Youth Leadership Initiative invites teens currently in the 8th grade in the Parish to explore their God-given talents as a means to leadership and service. Our Initiative uses leadership service opportunities to understand an Individual's Gifts of the Holy Spirit, project planning considerations, personal accountability and reflecting on the meaning of success.

The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus promotes leadership at all ages as a means to grow in our Catholic Faith and ensure the strong foundation for all generations in expressing the love of God and promoting the name of Jesus Christ to all we encounter.

Leadership means being able to set the example for our family, friends and those we encounter. The responsibilities of a leader are based on being committed to continual Christian formation and having courage to display the Faith that we all are constantly forming.

If your teen is interested in being part of this, or learning more, please contact Joe Lograsso at lograsso@comcast.net.



St. Lawrence Parish News

- It's Giving Tree time! Beginning the weekend of November 5/6 – December 3/4, the Giving Trees will be up in the gathering space. Stop by and see how you can help those in need this Christmas.
- Sunday, November 6, the American Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive in the Gym after all the Masses. See the Forum, the church bulletin, for details.
- School's annual Thanksgiving food collection for St. Vincent de Paul will begin November 7. Each grade level will be asked to bring in an item. All donations will go towards providing Thanksgiving meals to families in need.
- Pro Life group will be selling Christmas cards and ornaments after all the Masses the weekend of November 19 and 20.



Exodus Youth Group News

- Our next youth group meeting is Nov. 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the school library Room 106. Please RSVP at: <http://evite.me/E25jZjDejr>
- **Rake-n-Run is Saturday, Nov. 12** from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Volunteers sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48aba72ea2fcc61-rake>
- The next youth mass is January 15. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48aba72ea2fcc61-youth>

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

This month we celebrate our Preschool School teachers Mrs. Marrugi, Mrs. Recchia and Mrs. Shngoo. These wonderful teachers introduce our little Mustangs to the wonderful world of learning and prepare them for the big league of Kindergarten. Let's give thanks for our Preschool teachers!

Mrs. Marrugi



This is Mrs. Marrugi's first year teaching at St. Lawrence and her 14th year working in the field of early childhood education. She received a bachelor's degree from Rochester University in Early Childhood Development.

Mrs. Marrugi and her husband Chris live in Shelby Township and have been married for 17 years and have 4 children. Ayva (16) is a Junior at Regina High School. Zoiey (12) Christopher (10) and Levi (7) all attend St.

Lawrence. They also have a 3-year-old Boston Terrier named Louie.

In her free time, she loves attending her children's sporting events - baseball, football, gymnastics, soccer, volleyball, and track/field. Mrs. Marrugi also loves to travel and spend time with her family.

Mrs. Marrugi is so excited for a fun-filled year with her 4-year-old preschool class!

Favorite Saint: Blessed Father Solanus Casey

Words of Advice: "Thank God Ahead Of Time" - the words of Blessed Father Solanus.

Mrs. Recchia



Mrs. Recchia has been teaching at St. Lawrence for nine years in different capacities as Kindergarten support staff and as a reading intervention teacher before teaching Preschool.

Mrs. Recchia received a Bachelor of Science degree in Child and Family Development from Western Michigan University. She married her husband Domenic at St. Lawrence in 2018.

Mrs. Recchia coaches girls' softball at St. Lawrence. She loves giving back to the game that has given her so much through her life, memories, friendships, and life lessons. She also loves to golf and her and her husband enjoy traveling to play courses throughout Michigan and Florida. So far, her favorite courses include Tiburon and TPC Treviso Bay. In her free time, she loves spending time with her family and traveling to new places.

Favorite Saint: The Blessed Virgin Mary

Advice / words to live by: "Grow through what you go through"

Anything else you'd like your students to know: "You can do anything you set your mind to! Thank you for blessing my life for a season or a reason."

Mrs. Shngoo



Mrs. Shngoo has been with St. Lawrence for two years and teaching for 12 years. She received an associates degree in early childhood studies and general studies from Macomb Community College.

Mrs. Shngoo has two active teenagers, Anthony, 16, and Yasmeen, 15, who love to play sports. In her free time she likes to go to the movies, gym, organize, watch Anthony and Yasmeen's sports and get slurpees from 7-11.

Favorite Saint: Saint Anthony

Advice/words to live by: "Not all five fingers are the same, just like God made each person different." and "A little more love, time, and patience makes a difference."

Anything else you'd like your students to know: "God made you special and unique."

SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES



Athletics

Registration is open for Girls' and Boys' Instructional Basketball (3rd/4th grade). Deadline to register is midnight, Nov. 10. To register, visit www.mightymustangs.com and click on the yellow 'Register Now' button.

For any questions, please contact Christine Sommer at chmilchr@gmail.com or Jill Tocco at jilltocco@comcast.net.

Basketball tryouts for girls/boys in grades 5-8 will begin the week of Nov. 7. Please look for an upcoming email (for those who are already registered).



Safe Halloween - Friday, Oct. 28

Bishop Foley's National Honor Society invites you to its Safe Halloween on Friday, October 28 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Trick or treat in a safe environment in the decorated hallways of Bishop Foley (32000 N Campbell Rd, Madison Heights). Trick or treaters should wear their costumes, but will be given bags to collect candy. The whole event is free of charge. There will also be a nut free hallway to accommodate for allergies.

Veteran's Day Celebration

St. Lawrence will be honoring our veterans on Friday, Nov. 11 with a special service. We would like to invite parents/relatives of our students who have served in the Armed Forces to attend this celebration.

We will have coffee & donuts starting at **8:15 A.M. in the Elementary School Cafeteria**. We would love to have you wear or bring your uniform if possible. Also, please send in a picture of them during their time of service in uniform. Following the light breakfast, we will invite Veterans to visit classrooms to discuss their service.

We will conclude our celebration with a flag ceremony in front of the school with all our Scout troops.

If you are interested, please return the bottom portion of this [Veterans Day Invite](#) to the school office by **Tuesday, November 1st**.

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Thank you!

Gina Newby & Jill Coraci
gnewby@stlawrenceparish.com or jillysuec@gmail.com

R.S.V.P.
 Veterans' Day Celebration
 (Please return to **Gina Newby** by **Tuesday, November 1st**)

Student(s) Name: _____ Grade/Homeroom: _____

Guest of Honor: _____ (Veteran's Name)

I would like to share my service experience _____ Yes _____ No



Last Spring, St. Lawrence competed against 25 schools at the Macomb Science Olympiad County tournament. Science Olympians and parent coaches put in countless hours to train for the competition. I am proud to share that St. Lawrence performed extremely well, earning (2) 3rd place medals and (1) first place medal.

Congratulations to Addison Zdanowski and Helena Lucas for earning 1st place in Zowie Estimation! Merrill Sanchez and Amelia Kozak for earning 3rd place in A is for Anatomy! Sophia Sommer, Amelia Kozak and Vinny Camilleri earned 3rd place in Reflection Relay! Great job!

Science Olympiad is an extracurricular activity that allows students to compete in various science events. We are looking for 3rd-6th graders that are interested in joining the team this year. More information will be sent out early December. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please stop by the STEM room during conferences.



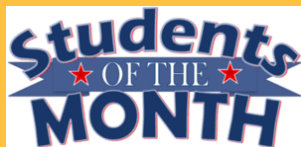
JANUARY 29, 2023 1:00PM - 3:00PM

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October SOTM Recipients

Congratulations to our October Students of the Month! Recipients!

They will receive a free jeans day on Wednesday, Nov. 2 and a pizza party with Mrs. DiMercurio and Mr. Barker where they will receive their certificates.

Their pictures will also be displayed on our SOTM bulletin board.

<u>Kindergarten/Jr. K</u>	<u>Fourth Grade</u>
Nelia Lalama	Amelia Micakovik
Joseph Lahdu	Nathan Fiedler
Alyssa Ketchum	Nolan Kizy
Elliana Eddy	Christina Bitonti
Valentina Calagna	<u>Fifth Grade</u>
<u>First Grade</u>	Lilliana Kukla
Jaxon Ries	Jenna Kaurich
Sophia Chirco	Mia Casaletta
Ketelyn Mahoney	<u>Sixth Grade</u>
Giulianna Shaman	Alyssa Brandow
<u>Second Grade</u>	Marella Joseph
Emma Madonia	Leah Fifield
Graziella Lalama	<u>Seventh Grade</u>
Kaden St. Laurent	Olivia Patalon
Adriana Gojcaj	Alex Rotole
<u>Third Grade</u>	Gjan Bardi
Charlotte Sicheneder	<u>Eighth Grade</u>
Leah Coraci	Francesca Camaj
Elizabeth Daraban	Maria Krull
Vincent Koski	Evan Feminineo



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Wednesday	12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
PEAK SEASON: July thru August	
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday	11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
<i>Closed Sunday & Monday - orders accepted online or fax 24 hours</i>	
OFF SEASON: January thru June	
Tuesday, Thursday	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Wednesday	12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
<i>Closed Friday, Sunday & Monday</i>	
<i>Closed for Holidays: Nov. 23rd - Nov. 26th, Dec. 23rd - Jan. 4th.</i>	
<i>Reopen on January 5, 2023</i>	
<i>For an appointment please call Judy at (586) 242-6390</i>	

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