



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! I am so thrilled to be back in school with our wonderful staff and students. We're off to a great start. It has only been one month and yet so much has already happened or is in progress.

As I shared in a previous email, STAR testing has begun and will conclude by Oct. 7. Parents will receive STAR scores for the fall during "Parent Teacher Conferences."

School masses have started. Given the size of our school now, this year we are breaking up our grades into two school masses every Wednesday, but there will be several times of year where we still worship as an entire school. Our school calendar has those dates listed. We have also completed our safety drills so that our students are familiar with our school policies.

In addition, we have a few events and programs that I would like to highlight:

- **Fun Run - Sept. 30** - We have a beautiful day today for Fun Run!
- **Trunk or Treat - Oct. 23** at 5 p.m.
- **Blessing Bags Volunteer Opportunity - Oct. 16** after 10 a.m. mass (see School News)
- **Charity Challenge** between Fr. Roman and Fr. Paul for the Michigan/Michigan State football game (see Parish News)
- **Rake-n-Run Volunteer Opportunity - Nov. 12** (see Parish News - Youth Group)
- **American Heritage Girls Chapter Launched** (see School News)
- **Wait Until 8th** - program is accepting new parent pledges (see School News)
- **Parish activities** - there are many great St. Lawrence parish activities coming up. Please see the Parish News section to sign up for these faith, service and fellowship opportunities.

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SCHOOL NEWS

This month in our Teacher Spotlight, we recognize our wonderful Nursery School teachers. We will continue the series this school year to highlight our remaining grades and faculty. Also, be sure to read Mr. Barker's Bulletin to learn about an exciting new student recognition program.

Lastly, I wanted to thank all of you for your patience as we navigated changes to our drop off and pick up procedures. I think we have gotten over the first few weeks of delays and have found our rhythm. When everyone follows the rules and does their part, things go very smoothly.

Have a blessed week!

Mrs. DiMercurio

MR. BARKER'S BULLETIN

Greetings and welcome back! It is so wonderful seeing our hallways filled with our students and faculty in the school we love so much.

With the enrollment growth of St. Lawrence this past year, we are thrilled to welcome so many new students into our school family. But with this many students, our rules, code of conduct, vision and mission statements become so imperative for our students to follow. And as a Catholic school family, our mission is to *nurture and celebrate a love for Jesus Christ and educate the whole child with academic excellence*.

In support of our school mission, I'm pleased to announce the start of our new **Student of the Month (SOTM) Program**. The Student of the Month program aims to promote student success inside and outside of the classroom. By following St. Lawrence's mission, students will grow to be spiritually alert, morally aware, and ethically empowered young Catholics with a strong foundation that prepares them to be productive citizens of the world.

The Student of the Month award is designed to select students who exemplify excellence in faith and character. When we acknowledge our students as engaged, respectful citizens of our Catholic school community, we encourage them to go out and be joyful missionary disciples in society by choosing kindness, respect and compassion.

All students from Kindergarten through 8th grade are eligible to receive the Student of the Month award. In order to be considered for an award, students must not be failing any classes or have any discipline referrals. Each teacher is eligible to nominate one student per month.

To be nominated as Student of the Month, the candidate should meet at least 3 of the criteria below:

- Shows improvement in and/or meets learning standards
- Demonstrates a love for Jesus Christ in words and/or actions toward others
- Demonstrates best effort
- Maintains good attendance
- Displays leadership and integrity
- Exemplifies good character traits
- Shows excellent behavior
- Displays a positive attitude toward others and/or learning
- Participates to the best of his/her ability in the classroom
- Demonstrates responsibility
- Follows classroom/school rules and expectations
- Respects peers, teachers, staff, and self
- Is kind and caring toward others

The selected students' picture and name will be posted on the Student of the Month bulletin and highlighted in the St. Lawrence newsletter. In addition, they will receive a jeans day and a free pizza luncheon with Mrs. DiMercurio and myself.

Our first Students of the Month recipients will be announced at the end of October. This is a wonderful program to bring to St. Lawrence and I hope you will encourage your students to strive for spiritual, behavioral and academic excellence as joyful disciples of our Lord.

Mr. Barker

DATES & DEADLINES

Sept. 30 - Fun Run

Oct. 1 - Fr. Roman's birthday

Oct. 10 - JR KN-8 th Grades: PICTURE RETAKE & MAKE UP DAY; Nursery/PreSchool: PICTURE DAY

Oct. 17 - **NO SCHOOL** for Students – Professional Development Day

Oct. 23 - Trunk or Treat

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
 Nov. 22 - Nursery - 8th Grades: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES – 1:00-4:00 PM & 5:00-8:00 PM;
 Nov. 23-25 - NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

SPIRITUAL CORNER



MIRACLE OF THE SUN

The Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima is on Thursday, October 13. Our school children will be praying the rosary together on this day.

Let us remember the words of Our Blessed Mother to the children at Fatima...

"I am The Lady of The Rosary. Continue to pray the Rosary everyday. Let them offend Our Lord no more, for He is already much offended."

PARISH NEWS

CHARITY CHALLENGE

OCTOBER 29, 2022

**SUPPORTING
RIGHT TO LIFE
OF MICHIGAN**

**SUPPORTING
ST. LAWRENCE
ORGAN
BEAUTIFICATION**

TO JOIN IN ON THE FUN, AND HELP GO TO
[HTTPS://UTICAKOFC.COM/CHARITY-CHALLENGE](https://uticakofc.com/charity-challenge)
 SELECT "CHARITY CHALLENGE" ON THE DROP DOWN MENU,
 SELECT YOUR TEAM AND DONATE (MINIMUM \$10 RECOMMENDED)
 MONEY IS DIVIDED 75%/25% WINNER/LOSER RATIO



Knights of Columbus Calendar

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council #2950 continues to be present to the community for works of service, charity and faith formation. Please find our current schedule of activities that we welcome everyone to participate in.

OCTOBER

- **October 8** – Square Dance fundraiser for St. Leo's Soup Kitchen at the K of C picnic grounds
- **October 8** – 9 a.m. til noon – stop by the picnic grounds for tootsie roll sales, raffle tickets, refreshments and kid's games

SAVE THE DATE!



Date: Friday, Nov 18, 2022- 7 pm Start
Held at St. Lawrence Parish Social Hall
44633 Utica Rd, Utica, MI 48317
Ticket Value - \$30 per person
(Includes admission, food & beverages)



**ST. LAWRENCE
COUNCIL #2950**

Thank you for Your support!

- October 9 – Prolife March after the Noon Mass, we start in the Social Hall
- October 12 – Men's Mass at 6:30 p.m. at the K of C Picnic Grounds. Sign up with link or QR code below:
<https://bit.ly/mensmass2022>
- October 30 – K of C Breakfast in the cafeteria; 8:30 a.m. til Noon with Halloween Costume Contest (dress up as your favorite Saint or priest)
- All of October – U of M / Michigan State Charity Challenge (see below)
- March 11 - **SAVE THE DATE!** St. Pat's Party



Please contact Joe Lograsso for tickets to Trivia Night. Teams of up to 8!
lograsso@comcast.net



Hospitality Presentation

The Family of Parishes of St. Kieran, St. Lawrence, St. Matthias invite you to a special presentation called *'Working Together...to Welcome Them Home'*; with Sheri Wohlfert.

This is an evening to learn about intentional hospitality and how we can introduce Christ to others. Be the door!

Where: St. Kieran
When: Tuesday, October 4
7pm-9pm
Refreshments to follow



Flu Shot Clinic

Sunday, October 16
After all Masses

CVS will be providing these shots and will bill your insurance company for you. Be sure you check with your insurance company to have the most accurate information, since all insurances are different.

Remember to bring your photo ID and insurance card.



Electronic Recycling Day

Bring your electronics to recycle to St. Lawrence on Saturday, Oct. 22 in the parking lot across the street from the school.

ACCEPTED ITEMS

Computers (keyboards, mice, cables), Notebooks, Tablets, LCD monitors, Printers/scanners, Ink cartridges (Please bag used cartridges that are leaking), Speakers, Audio, video, and projection equipment, Cameras; old style and digital, Cell Phones, Flat Panel TVs, Calculators, Floppy/hard drives, CD/DVD players, Electrical cords/cables Miscellaneous Electronic Small Items, digital picture frames, clocks, personal music players (MP3, iPods), tablets, headphones, radios, video game consoles, Small appliances; blenders, microwave ovens, mixers, irons, toasters, curling irons, blow driers, Christmas lights

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Cathode Ray Tube (CRT) monitors and TVs
Light bulbs



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YOUTH MASS SCHEDULE

NOON MASS ON:
OCTOBER 9TH | JANUARY 15TH | MARCH 19TH | MAY 7TH

7TH-12TH GRADERS SIGN UP HERE:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48aba72ea2fcc61-youth>



Junior High Youth Ministry

6th-8th Grade | 6:30-8pm

Room 106 (School Library)

10/14 | 11/11 | 12/2



High School Youth Ministry

9th-12th Grade | 10:00am

We are teaming up with the Knights of Columbus Youth Leadership group this year!

Middle School Cafeteria

10/16 | 11/13 | 12/4



World Youth Day 2023: Lisbon, Portugal

If your high school student is interested in World Youth Day, please contact Jack Novak.

Exodus Youth Group News

- Our first youth group meeting is Oct. 14 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the school library Room 106. Please RSVP at: <http://evite.me/jngs3aVe4z>
- If you are interested in the youth mass at noon on October 9th, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48aba72ea2fcc61-youth>
- **Rake-n-Run is Saturday, Nov. 12** from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Volunteers sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48aba72ea2fcc61-youth>

NOTE: All personal information is destroyed before items are out of the possession of Old Village Recyclers. If cellphones/tablets are not reset to factory settings, please tape password on device.

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- If you are looking for ways to earn service hours please visit: <https://stlyouthgroups.com/service>

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

This month we celebrate our Nursery School teachers Mrs. Grove and Mrs. Marcopoli. These two wonderful teachers lovingly welcome are youngest Mustangs into St. Lawrence while helping them learn proper school behavior and begin their journey of faith. Let's give thanks for our Nursery School teachers!

Mrs. Grove



This is Mrs. Grove's 6th year teaching at St. Lawrence. Not only is she a teacher here, but she is also an alumni of the school! She went to school at St. Lawrence from preschool-8th grade. Her love for Jesus and learning stems from this wonderful school. In her spare time she loves to cook, go for walks, and spend time with her family. Mrs. Grove has been married to her husband Mike for 5 years, and they have a 6 month old son named Samson. Mrs. Grove is so excited for a fun Nursery School class and for a fabulous school year!

Favorite Saint: St. Thomas Aquinas.

Advice: *"Stay rooted in your faith, for each day you must start and finish at the foot of the cross. When you don't know what to do, read your Bible, find a verse that speaks to your heart, and recite it every day to feel Jesus talking to you."*

Mrs. Marcopoli



Mrs. Marcopoli has been with St. Lawrence's Nursery and Preschool program since 2007 and has been working in Catholic education for more than 30 years. She is now teaching 3-year old Nursery school. She graduated from the University of Dayton, a Catholic university in Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Marcopoli and her husband Vince live in Macomb Township and have been married for 26 years and have three children. Nicholas (25) lives and works in Manhattan. Maria (23) lives and works in Washington, D.C., and Anthony (21) is a Junior at Michigan State University. They also have a 15-year old Cairn Terrier named Tyson.

In her free time, she loves to attend and watch high school, college, and professional sports, and theatre. She is from the Cleveland, Ohio area so her favorite teams are the Cleveland Browns, Guardians, and Cavaliers. She also loves her college team (UD Flyers), Bishop Foley Catholic High School, and University of Notre Dame. Mrs. Marcopoli also loves to read and travel.

Interesting facts you'd like to share: *"My three children went to STL since Nursery School and Preschool!"*

Favorite Saint: *"Saint Teresa of Calcutta. She's our classroom saint!"*

Advice / words to live by: *Saint Teresa of Calcutta always said, "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love."*

Anything else you'd like your students to know: *"Many of the friends you meet in Nursery School and Preschool will be with you forever! So give everyone a smile and meet a new friend every day."*

SCHOOL NEWS & UPDATES

Blessings Bags Volunteer Opportunity - Oct. 16

Families are invited to help assemble Blessing Bags for the homeless and those who seek help from St. Lawrence on **Sunday Oct. 16 at 11:15 a.m.** in the St. Lawrence Social Hall,



Join other school families after the 10 a.m. mass for donuts, fellowship and service for those most in need in our community. Blessing bags will include toiletries, food and gift cards. Children can also make rosary bracelets and cards to share Christ to our homeless brothers and sisters.

Please RSVP to Claudia Tapia at ctapia1240@gmail.com.

St. Lawrence American Heritage Girls Chapter Established in 2022



This year, St. Lawrence has started its own chapter of American Heritage Girls. American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered character and leadership development program for girls 5-18 years old. They are dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. The group is open to K-8 grade girls. All grades will meet monthly on the same day after school and break out by age groups. To learn more, please contact Katherine Lucas at kasia.helena@gmail.com.



Athletics

2022-23 Winter Sports Registration for Girls' and Boys' Basketball (5th-8th), Winter Cheer (4th-8th) and Bowling (5th-8th) is open.

Visit <http://www.mightymustangs.com> and click the yellow Register Now button.

Registration for Instructional Basketball (3rd-/4th-grade boys/girls) will open soon; more information to follow within the coming weeks.

St. Lawrence Athletics is looking for an Instructional Basketball coordinator. Instructional Basketball is a developmental program directed toward 3rd-/4th-grade boys and girls. This volunteer position requires a two-year minimum commitment.

Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the placing of 3rd-/4th-graders on teams, assisting with uniform distribution, and acting as contact person among other coordinators of surrounding schools, to name a few.



At the end of the last school year, the St. Lawrence Strategic Planning committee rolled out a new program for St. Lawrence families called **Wait Until 8th**.

Wait Until 8th is a pledge parents take to delay the purchase of smartphones for their children until at least 8th grade.

Smartphones and social media are potentially dangerous for children and can lead to cyberbullying, social anxiety, depression and exposure to content that is not developmentally appropriate.

More than 60 St. Lawrence families have already signed the pledge! Join other school parents and take the pledge by clicking the link below.

Make sure you choose '**St. Lawrence Catholic School**' as your school. Once complete, email your name and your student's name(s) and grade to Alkida Offer (offer0404@gmail.com) and Sarah Eddy (sarah.eddy32@yahoo.com).

If interested, please contact Matt Bultinck,
athletic director,
at matt_bultinck@yahoo.com.

Once we have our new school families signed
up, we will be sharing information to connect
our Wait Until 8th families together.

[Sign the Pledge Here](#)

