SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am,
11:00am, 12:45pm, 5:00pm

DAILY MASSES
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 7:30am, 12:00pm
Wednesday 7:30am, 6:30pm
Friday 8:15am, 12:00pm
Saturday 8:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday after morning Mass
Saturday 4:00pm–4:45pm
Wednesday 5:30pm–6:20pm
Monday–Thursday after morning Mass

ROSARY
Friday 6:30am

FIRST FRIDAY MASS
July 1 — In the Chapel
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
July 2 — In the Church
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Julio 9 — En la Capilla
Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las 7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes de la misa de 6:00 a 6:45 pm. Comunión a los enfermos, Irma Martinez
Tel 281-313-2833
OUR MISSION:

"We the people of St. Laurence Catholic Church are centered in the love of Christ and live to glorify God in all we do."

PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE & COURTYARD

The parish office provides services including pastoral care, liturgical planning, business, communications, & administrative support, and social concerns & social justice support. The parish hall and meeting rooms are available through reservation by calling Nia Sepe at 281-980-9812.
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-9:00pm; Friday 8:00am-6:00pm; and Saturday 8:30am-12:00noon.

AVE MARIA PARISH LIFE CENTER

The Ave Maria Parish Life Center is located across the street from the church and is the site for all religious education classes, programs and offices. Inquiries and drop-ins are welcome during office hours: Monday through Thursday 8:00am-9:00pm and Friday 8:00am-4:00pm. The Weekday Children’s Program is offered for infants through pre-school aged children. During the school year, WCP hours Monday-Friday are 8:00am-3:00pm.

PARISH SCHOOL & CHAPEL

St. Laurence Catholic School provides strong academics in a Christian environment to 720 students enrolled in PreK4 through Grade 8. Office Hours: Monday-Friday are 8:00am-4:00pm.
Adjacent to the school is the Chapel of the Divine Mercy which offers Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and serves as the site for smaller liturgies.
From June 21 to July 4, the Catholic Church in the United States will again celebrate a "Fortnight for Freedom." It is an observance to remind us of our gift of freedom in Christ, of our civic freedom and religious liberty in the United States, and of the threat to religious freedom occurring with such alarming regularity in many parts of the world. Even in our own country there are disquieting signs of an erosion of the religious freedom that we cherish.

The focus of this year will be on living witnesses to freedom; on 14 women and men of the past and present who have witnessed to our freedom in Christ. The Little Sisters of the Poor are one group of witnesses that carry on the work of their foundress, Jeanne Jugan, who cared for the elderly poor. Pope Benedict XVI praised them for their mission of welcoming Christ in the neediest elderly, and treating them as family and as worthy of the greatest respect and dignity. The Little Sisters of the Poor do not accept guaranteed forms of income and beg for all their funds. They have 27 nursing homes in the United States.

They have entered the national news. A recent mandate from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services would force the Little Sisters to arrange for coverage of abortion inducing drugs, contraceptives and sterilization in their employee health plans. If the Sisters do not arrange for coverage of these services, they would face massive fines from the Federal Government that could total $70 million dollars per year. The Little Sisters sued the Federal Government in order to avert these fines. Recently, the Supreme Court has decided to remand all the cases back to lower courts with instructions of how to reach agreements that would keep alive the free exercise of religion under federal law. The case is complicated, but the principles are important. Religious freedom exists, not only for houses of worship, but also for those who serve others like the poor and do so out of convictions of conscience — convictions that are part of Catholic Faith. I have great interest in this case and several others where Catholic institutions and agencies want to serve in freedom and serve with their Catholic Faith kept intact and not shredded by government instructions that are coercive in a way unacceptable to our Faith. It remains to be seen how these cases will be re-decided at a lower level of federal courts. We must pray intensely and give our support to these witnesses of religious freedom.

Learn more about Fortnight For Freedom, celebrated by Catholics in the United States, from June 21 - July 4, at www.usccb.org.
PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for these members of our parish family and all our loved ones listed in the Book of the Sick:


PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
Spc David Ambrocik, US Army
Pvt Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
P.O. 5 Debra Barnett, US Navy
LCpl Trevor Bello, USMC
PFC John Blair, US Army
Maj. Michael Carroll, USMC
Staff Sgt. Jason Chacon, USMC
Lt Matthew Chesney, US Navy
Maj. Christopher Coffman, US Air Force
Capt. Patrick Coffman, USMC
LTJG Colin Day, US Navy
1stLt Andrew DeSplinter, US Army
Sgt. Nicholas Dockum, US Army
Capt. Brandon Driscoll, USMC
Maj. James Dunphy, USMC
2ndLt Michael Eberhardt, US Army
Capt. Stacey Eberhardt, US Army
Derek Farias, US Navy
Capt. Matthew Fenelon, USMC
Pvt Jahnell Xavier George, US Army
SSgt. Philip Graham, US Army
1stLT Spencer Henry, US Army
PVT Liam Hill, US Army
Daniel Hines, US Navy
SSG Matthew Hollobaugh, US Army Reserve
1LT Michelle Horstman, US Army
SPC Joshua Keenan, US Army
Joseph Kingserski, US Navy
EM4 James Locus, US Army
PFC Philip Loera, US Army
PFC John Lundgren, US Army
Ann Joseph Marcellus, USAF
LCpl William Marcellus, USMC
Cpl Kevin McGinnis, USMC
Capt. Brendan McPartland, USMC
1stLt Todd Miller, US Army
Capt. Alexander Morningstar, US Army
CB, Richard Pinard, US Navy
LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, USMC
Sgt. Santiago Ramirez, US Army
1stLt Taylor Rammrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
SRA Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force
LTJG Kevin Stransky, US Navy
LCpl Daniel Thesing, USMC
Capt. Michael Thesing, USMC
1stLt Kevin Wheeler, US Army
Sgt. Bryce Whitley, US Army
AM Troy Yelverton, US Navy

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Marc Fryer, Brother Peter Francis (Brian Kelsch), Chad Henry, Bryan Williams, Sister Philomena (Kristy Cagandahan), Sister Daniela (Megan Bennett), Sister Rachel Marie of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus & Mary (Rachel Gosda), Margaret Uche, Dennis Henderson

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 25
5:00pm – Lee Gleghorn (D)
SUNDAY, JUNE 26
7:30am – Mary Kay Turner (D)
9:00am – Lloyd Waguespack, Sr. (D)
11:00am – Mike & Timi Beeler (D)
12:45pm – Chow Family (I)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners
MONDAY, JUNE 27
7:30am – June Renaud (D)
12:00pm – Mary Kay Turner (D)
TUESDAY, JUNE 28
7:30am – Lucille Moorman (D)
12:00pm – Erica Pyka (D)
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON

Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Pray for:

Debbie Green & family, Jessica Ayala, Adrian Zeldivar, Liz Trevino, Cristian Perez, Phillip Perez, Makayla Mendez, Leticia Flores, Lina & Arnoldo Lucio, James Shelby, Jace Laws, Autumn Salato, Serena Salato, Babba Cahoon, Miko Kraeger Cerrone, Teresa Ruiz, Raul Gonzalez, Jacinto, Rita & Louise Gonzalez, Tatiana Sobey, Sierra family, Torres family, Shane Hunt & family, Patricia LaFleur, Paul Ramirez, Angelic Marie Ramirez, Jocelin Ramirez, Roland Bergara, Robert Crenshaw, Chaplain Tom Lowe, Deacon Al Bothe, the Society of St John de Mathe, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3.
NEEDED: LOVING HOMES TO FOSTER REFUGEE TEENS  
St. Jerome’s Emiliani Homes for Children is currently looking for loving, nurturing and supportive foster homes to foster refugee teens and unaccompanied minors. There are many youth who are currently in emergency shelters in the greater Houston area, or who are in refugee camps, displaced from their home countries, because of gang violence, human trafficking, or war situations. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about our program, please contact Mishell Sparks at 281-202-6315 or msparks@catholiccharities.org.

JULY 14-16: MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE  
All married and engaged couples are invited to “Unveiled”, a marriage enrichment conference at St. Anthony of Padua in The Woodlands, July 14-16. Dr. Bob Schuchs of the JPII Healing Center will lead the conference which includes Thursday night (7-9pm), Friday night (7-9pm) and a full-day on Saturday (9am-5pm). Register before June 30 for an early bird rate of $145 per couple; after that, $165. Limited spots are available, so register at www.staoptw.org/MarriageMatters. For info and to inquire about scholarships, please contact Deacon Tom Vicknair at 281-296-2800.

JULY 23: ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER  
Prince of Peace Catholic Community is hosting the Archdiocesan Day of Prayer on Saturday, July 23, from 8:00am-1:00pm, featuring Fr. John Keller, Michael Gormley and Deacon Tom Vicknair as speakers, with Mass celebrated by Cardinal DiNardo. The event will be held at Prince of Peace, 19222 Tomball Pkwy, Houston, and the doors open at 7:30am. The cost to attend is $10. Get more information and register at http://staoptw.org/dop2016.

JULY 22-24: LIFE AWARENESS WEEKEND  
Life Awareness Weekend is a discernment retreat offered for young people at Holy Name Retreat Center, beginning Friday, July 22, at 6:00pm and concluding Sunday, July 24, after lunch. There is no charge to attend, but a short interview is required before July 18. The weekend includes presentations, prayer, group discussions, silent reflection and guidance from priests and sisters. Since 1983, 1150 men and women have attended and 13% have entered religious life. Go to www.houstonvocations.com/life-awareness or contact Deacon Gary Hilbig, gary.hilbig@allsaints.us.com, 832-549-4140 for more information.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK  
WEDDINGS  
Daisy Avilez & Christian Vega  
Aurea Del Moral & Matthew Westwick  
FUNERALS  
Mary Font, wife of Joseph Font and mother of Tammy Noe

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
WEEKLY OFFERTORY  
June 19 Collection $53,066  
Registered Households 7,275  
Envelopes Used 762  
Loose Checks 194  
2nd Collection – SCM Flood Relief $12,618  
AUTOMATED GIVING  
Monthly Offertory $180,097  
Participants 914  
DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND  
2016 Parish Goal $495,000  
Amount Paid $327,753  
Amount Pledged $406,243  
Participants 927

Diocesan Services Fund His Mercy Endures Forever  
Christ calls us to reach those who are sick or in need, to bless them, serve them, and show them mercy. Your gift to the DSF enables us to reach out to people across the archdiocese through more than 60 programs. Help us reach our parish goal of $495,000 with a pledge today. Donate online at www.archgh.org/dsf or pick up an envelope at the Hospitality Desk.  
THANK YOU!

MAKING PLANS FOR YOUR SUMMER VACATION?  
Please include St. Laurence in your vacation plans! Sign up today for eGiving through Faith Direct to make it easy to remember your gifts to St. Laurence Catholic Church while you’re off enjoying your summer vacation. Enrolling is easy – just go to www.faithdirect.net and use our church code TX460. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents, as well as treasure!
CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION

ELEMENTARY CCE

Summer Faith Challenge: Kids already complaining that they are B O R E D? Find some great faith based activities at www.catholicmom.com or a family activity ‘bucket list’ at www.motherhoodandmiscellany.com to beat those summer boredom blues while connecting with our Catholic faith.

Registration for the upcoming CCE year is open through August 15. Forms for CCE and First Sacraments prep programs may be picked up in person at the Ave Maria Center or may be found on the parish website under EDUCATION/Registration. Register early! Many classes fill up fast!

Consider serving as a CCE catechist or assistant. No experience is necessary, just a desire to share your faith with our youngest church members. Training and materials provided. Please contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org for these and other opportunities to get involved. This is an incredibly rewarding experience which you will never regret!

THIS WEEK: FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please pray for:
Natalia Camelo & Patrick Wadlington…
and all 226 children making their First Communion this year!

2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION:
Contact Peggy Finch at 281-313-0329 or stop by the Ave Maria Center to learn more about this outstanding early childhood program and inquire about openings.

www.stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

WCP believes that each child is a unique creation of God and a manifestation of His love. We seek to provide an atmosphere in which all children may grow and learn. The program is part of St. Laurence Catholic Church and assists in laying a foundation for a child’s eventual awakening to faith. Within an atmosphere of love and security children learn to trust and to come to feel the love of God. We believe that the love of God and each other binds us together. In that love we welcome and respect all faiths. We pray that each child will find love in our program.

A NOTE FROM MRS. BARTO

Dear St. Laurence Community,

I am blessed and humbled to be stepping into the role of principal at St. Laurence Catholic School this fall. As a long time parishioner and staff member of the school, I realize the importance of fully educating our youth in their Catholic faith. Many of you would agree that strong Christian and moral values will be necessary in order to effect a change in our current society. We have always made Catholic identity the top priority at SLCS and I plan to continue the mission of ensuring that our students receive that, along with strong academics and opportunities to expand and express their creativity and talents. We have been blessed with many resources, accolades and strong leadership for many years at SLCS. This includes an amazing and dedicated group of staff members, parents and students. In a letter to the employees, I recently quoted the scripture passage from Luke (12:48) which reminds us that “much will be required of those entrusted with much and still more demanded from those entrusted with more.” We understand that there are a lot of expectations that follow abundant blessings.

As one of the largest ministries of the parish, the school has an obligation to promote stewardship and service, a task which we have always embraced. We will continue to expand our ability to educate all of God’s children and ask that whether you have a child at the school or not, you pray for me and our entire staff in the coming year. Under the leadership of our supportive Pastor, Fr. Drew, we plan to continue following the example of the greatest teacher and educator, Jesus Christ. Please join us this year in celebrating the school’s 25th anniversary and if you have never had a chance to walk in our building, we welcome you to visit us soon.

God Bless,
Suzanne Barto, Principal
**EDGE®**

**Catholic Middle School Ministry**

EDGE is way more than effective catechesis. It’s Catholic Middle School Youth Ministry that helps young people with life’s most challenging years. Edge Nights take place Wednesday evenings, September through April at the Ave Maria Center. All 6th-8th graders are invited and encouraged to attend. Interested in helping out? Contact Eric Painter at epainter@stlaurence.org.

**SUMMER EDGE**

Any and all incoming 6-8th graders are invited to spend some time hanging out with Edge this Summer!

**Mass // Open Gym**

Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm (JUNE 22 – JULY 27)
Meet for Mass, then OPEN GYM at the school!

**Movie Nights**

JUNE 30 & JULY 21
7:00-9:30pm in the Youth Hall, Ave Maria Center
Come watch a movie with us. We’ll even cook you breakfast!
Get more at www.stlaurence.org/summeredge.

**LIFE TEEN**

Life Teen is for any teen currently in high school. This ministry is St. Laurence’s main outreach to 9-12th graders. Through teaching and social events we hope to build up the kingdom of God one teen at a time. For info and to help, please contact Kris Frank at kfrank@stlaurence.org.

**SUMMER IN LIFE TEEN**

**OPEN YOUTH ROOM:**
Mondays & Thursdays (1-3pm) Join us for Mass @ noon!

**DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS:**
Tuesdays (6-7:30pm) in the Youth Room

**SUNDAY LIFE NIGHTS:**
Following the Sunday 5pm Life Teen Mass
July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation at St. Laurence is part of Youth Ministry and Religious Education. We bring teens closer to Christ through this Sacrament of the Church. Contact Sara Sahlezghi at ssahlezghi@stlaurence.org.

Confirmation is open to sophomores and juniors in high school. Teens who do not attend Catholic School should attend Life Nights (HS religious education) for at least a year prior to beginning preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to ensure they have been catechized and are prepared for the journey to Confirmation.

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**MEET ANNIE DONOVAN**

Annie Donovan joins our parish staff this summer as a Youth Ministry Summer Intern. She is at Steubenville South this weekend with our 224 teens and will be around all summer to assist Kris, Eric and Sarah.

**WHO:** My name is Annie Donovan, and I grew up going to St. Laurence! My parents are Mark & Diedra, and I have a brother, Drew and sister, Claire.

**ST. LAURENCE CONNECTION:** I attended the Weekday Children’s Program, CCE, Edge, Life Teen, and received my Baptism, First Communion, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation at St. Laurence. When I was involved with Life Teen in high school, a group of us went to Loaves and Fishes to serve the homeless in downtown Houston. It was one of my first experiences serving others, and it opened my eyes to the person of Christ alive in the poor.

**SCHOOL:** I’m currently a senior at The University of Texas at Austin, studying psychology. I went to Elkins High School.

**ON THE INTERNSHIP:** I knew that I wanted to work in ministry in some aspect this summer, but I also wanted to be home with my family. This internship allows me to experience what full-time youth ministry entails, while also allowing me to spend time with my family. I know I will be inspired by the teens here at St. Laurence. They desire to know the Lord deeply, and I truly hope their zeal and eagerness will fuel the fire of my own relationship with Christ.

**FAVORITE VERSE:** John 21:15-19

**FUN STUFF:** I love to read, drink good coffee, and listen to the Hamilton soundtrack.

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**LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**

For our teens, chaperones, youth ministers and all who are participating in the Steubenville Youth Conference this weekend, that the Holy Spirit will inflame their hearts for Christ.
No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

En. 9:4-5

THIS WEEK IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

MONDAY
Men’s Bible Study (Weekly)
7:30-9:00pm, St Francis Room
Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

Lay Apostle Prayer Group (2nd Monday, July 11)
10:30am-12:00pm OR 7:00-8:30pm, St. Anne Room
Contact: Kay Quenan | 281-265-3238 | kquenan@icloud.com

TUESDAY
Men’s Bible Study (Weekly)
6:30-7:30am, St Francis Room
Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

Tuesday Evening Bible Study (Weekly)
7:30-9:00pm, Marian Hall, Contact: Joe Kanusky | 281-265-4084
JUN 28: Messianic Fulfillment 2: Christ Jesus Fulfills God’s Promises

WEDNESDAY
Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
7:30-9:00pm, Corpus Christi Room
Contact: Patti Kallemeyn | 281-438-0696

THURSDAY
Catholic Men Called to be Saints (Weekly)
6:00-7:30am, Guardian Angels Hall
Contact: Jim Kij | 713-855-0108 | jinkij@comcast.net

Divine Mercy Study & Book Study (Weekly)
9:00am-12:00pm, St Francis Room
Contact: Sally Flowers | 281-799-0331

Thursday Scripture Study (Weekly)
2 OPTIONS: 1:00-2:30pm, St Anne Rm OR 7:15-8:30pm, AMC 205
Contact: Julie Evett | jevett@comcast.net

In the comfort of your home, watch an inspiring movie together as a family. Adult Faith Formation has made this easier than ever for you by purchasing a subscription to FORMED. This online resource allows parishioners free access to the best Catholic digital content accessible on any device wherever you have internet access! See the flyer (opposite) for more info and to register for your free account.

Strong Catholic Marriage Workshop
Greg and Julie Alexander are returning to St Laurence!
Saturday, August 27
9 am - 4 pm
More information to follow

Daily Challenge for Married Couples
Pope Francis’ Amoris Laetitia (Joy of Love) came out on April 8. How much have you read? Join AL Bootcamp, read a small bit from Chapter 4 (Love in Marriage) and ask you to do something related to it for your marriage every day!

“Love is patient” (1 Cor 13:4).

Pope Francis: “Patience takes root when I recognize that other people also have a right to live in this world, just as they are. It does not matter if they hold me back, if they unsettle my plans, or annoy me by the way they act or think, or if they are not everything I want them to be. Love always has an aspect of deep compassion that leads to accepting the other person as part of this world, even when he or she acts differently than I would like” (Amoris Laetitia, no. 92).

Today: Deep down, if we are being honest, we may expect everyone else to think like we do; or if they don’t, they should. Today, take the time to consciously appreciate one or two things that your spouse, children, or other family members do better than you, and recognize that they put up with your imperfections just as much as you put up with theirs!
14 FREE Movies - Family Movie Night

A few months ago we announced that we have a gift for you and your family - a FREE subscription to Formed.org so you and your family can enjoy great movies, audio presentations, ebooks, Bible studies and more.

We are pleased to announce that 14 new inspiring movies have been added for your viewing pleasure.

Here's how easy it is to get started:
1. Go to Formed.org
2. First time users, type in the parish access code 012fc (middle of the home page) to create your account.
3. Returning users, log in top right with your username/ email and password.
4. You're in! Start watching, listening and reading.

We hope you and your family enjoy this FREE subscription and grow in Faith with FORMED.
Today’s Gospel reveals to us the beginning of Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem. We will journey with Jesus for many Sundays to come, and along the way he will teach us about the demands of discipleship. His instructions may seem harsh and unreasonable to our ears. His response to legitimate requests to postpone the journey reminds us that there are always justifiable excuses to defer the journey or put off the responsibilities of discipleship. Other important matters compete for our attention. Some of us must make heart-wrenching choices, but there is urgency about Jesus’ mission to bring forth God’s kingdom. His demand is that we proclaim the Kingdom of God now. Is this our first priority, or do we have other priorities?

www.catholicstewardship.org

STEWARDS AMONG US

IRMA MARTINEZ

I moved to Sugar Land 16 years ago, and the first thing I asked when I was signing the papers was if there was a Catholic Church nearby. They referred me to St. Laurence and my life changed 100%. My son was in college and when he would come home he would attend Life Teen Mass with me. Later my son and his wife were brought into the Church through the RCIA program; they were married here, their two sons were baptized and my oldest grandson just had his First Communion. My love for our parish drives me to give back to this place that has given my family and me so much. I started to volunteer with Children’s Liturgy of the Word with my brother. Presently, I help in Social Concerns, Medical Mission, Pastoral Care for the Sick, Golden Age, CCE, Learn Spanish Ministry, Hispanic Ministry, and we recently started a small group of people named Angels of Small Services, where we help people with different tasks. I believe that God guides us to do different things and he gives us the strength to do those things. I learn and receive more than I give; I feel that this is a blessing of being a part of St. Laurence.

Each of us should find ways to communicate Jesus wherever we are. All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives.

POPE FRANCIS I
(Evangelii Gaudium)

Ask Paula

Q. What’s the church’s stand on cremation?

A. Seems like people are always asking about this. Yes, cremations are definitely allowed in the Catholic religion. According to FD, about half of the funerals here at St. Laurence are cremations. (Who knew?) Here’s what you need to know about cremation: The cremated remains should be treated with respect and dignity. The ashes should be placed in an urn and should be buried in a grave or in a columbarium (big word for a place that ashes are stored in). You are not supposed to scatter them in the ocean... or divide them up with family members... or leave them on your mantel in your living room. Trust me, people have done this. Look, if you have any questions about Funeral Do’s & Don’ts, just call the church office and ask for Theresa Rawls. She knows it all.

Paula Savo has been our Parish Receptionist for over 19 years and knows the practical answers to (practically) everything. Call or email her at psavo@stlaurence.org.
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CATHOLIC HUMANITARIAN SERVICES

For decades, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) has carried out the commitment of the U.S. Bishops to serve and advocate for refugees, asylum, and other forced migrants, immigrants, and people on the move. Special concern is given to the most vulnerable among these populations, such as the victims of human trafficking. This commitment is rooted in the Gospel mandate that every person is to be welcomed as Christ Himself, and in the right of every human being to pursue the call to holiness.

MRS developed years of expertise in actively working to end human trafficking and protect those who have been exploited through trafficking. In 2006, MRS’s Anti-Trafficking Services Program (ATSP) began administering a federal program to provide intensive case management to foreign national victims of human trafficking identified in the U.S. and its territories. In 2010, through its network of subcontracting agencies, ATSP helped survivors of human trafficking from 64 countries, with the largest number of survivors from India, Mexico, Thailand, the Philippines, and Haiti. Survivors had been trafficked on farms, in hotels and casinos, in private homes, in spas, and in other industries for the purposes of forced labor and/or sex trafficking.

In 2011, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion “services” in violation of Catholic teaching. Consequently, the government refused to award a grant to MRS despite MRS’s earning a far higher objective score from the government’s independent grant evaluators than two other organizations that were awarded grants. And those two scored so low that they were deemed unqualified.

Religious institutions should not be disqualified from a government contract based on religious belief, and they do not lose their religious freedom or identity upon entering such contracts. Yet, a federal court in Massachusetts, turning religious liberty on its head, declared that the First Amendment requires such a disqualification—that the government violates religious liberty by allowing Catholic organizations to participate in contracts in a manner consistent with their beliefs on contraception and abortion. Fortunately, in 2013, an appeals court vacated this terrible decision. But the possibility of similar suits in the future remains.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat? Among many current challenges, the federal government has discriminated against Catholic humanitarian services based on their religious beliefs, even when those beliefs had no impact on performance. Religious liberty is more than freedom of worship; it includes our ability to make our contribution to the common good of all Americans without having to compromise our faith. Without religious liberty properly understood, all of us suffer, especially victims of human trafficking in need of important humanitarian services.

Text FREEDOM to 377377 to receive religious freedom updates from the U.S. bishops.

Sign up for Free to Serve, the e-newsletter of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty.

Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty
www.usccb.org/freedom | Twitter: @USCCBFreedom
www.forthefreedom.com
CONSECRATION TO JESUS THRU MARY

Six Popes have testified to the great power of Marian Consecration as the best way to enter into the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We have found this devotion so powerful that we repeat it yearly; it proves to be an unending fountain of graces!

Based on the book 33 Days to Morning Glory, by Fr. Michael Gaitley, the course consists of 6 weeks of video & group discussion sessions. Offered in the mornings and evenings on Thursdays, July 7 through August 11, choose from 10:00-11:30AM (Corpus Christi Room) OR 6:30-8:00PM at the Ave Maria Center. Over 190 parishioners have already been blessed by this book study!

REGISTER: Paul Cranley at pecranley@hotmail.com, 979-236-5906.
SHARING THE FAITH WITH OUR CHILDREN

Calling all Adults! Our CCE program is an entirely volunteer-based ministry which depends upon the generosity of parents, grandparents, college students and other adults just like you, sharing the gift of their time. How many children we can serve in PreK and Elementary CCE classes is entirely dependent on the number of people willing to step forward as catechists. Please prayerfully consider serving the parish in this way. No experience is necessary and training and materials are provided. Go to www.stlaurence.org/the-catechist for more information and a list of our needs based on current registration or contact Joan Hastreiter, 281-265-5774, jhaustreiter@stlaurence.org. Teaching our youngest parishioners about the Catholic faith is an incredibly rewarding experience which you will never regret!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

St. Laurence Social Concerns has been working closely with local agencies to learn how we can offer the most effective aid to people affected by the Brazos River flood. Thank you for your generous response to help! There is still a need for volunteers at the relief centers and for donations such as bottled water, toiletries, diapers & formula, and gift cards to Home Depot, HEB, Kroger and fast food. Please go to the parish website or contact Pennie DeGroot in our Social Concerns office for more information at pdegroot@stlaurence.org or 281-980-9812.

PARDON OUR DUST...

This summer, you might notice construction work being done around the parish courtyard and on the main playground at the school. These improvements were identified in the Facilities Master Planning process and we are now remodeling the Music Room to create an improved space and acoustics for our choir rehearsals. Additionally, the courtyard PreK classrooms are getting a much-needed facelift with new flooring and new cabinets. And our school has been raising funds for several years to provide a more versatile playground for the schoolchildren.

VIRTUS CLASSES

Anyone who serves at the parish, in our parish school or Weekday Childrens Program, working with or around children, must first be VIRTUS trained, to be in accordance with Archdiocesan policy. Go to www.virtus.org to register for classes offered throughout the archdiocese. Following are dates for classes scheduled here at St. Laurence. Questions? Please contact Tony Oltremari at 281-980-9812.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Initial VIRTUS training - 3-hour course
Saturday, 8/13 (8:00-11:00am)
Saturday, 9/17 (8:00-11:00am)

KEEPING THE PROMISE ALIVE

Refresher after 5 years - 90-minute course
Tuesday, 8/16 (6:00-7:30pm)
Wednesday, 9/7 (6:00-7:30pm)

HOUSE BLESSING

Habitat for Humanity
House Blessing & Dedication
SUNDAY, JUNE 26
2:00 PM
905 Fields Street, Richmond

Come join the St. Laurence Habitat Team in celebrating the completion of our 11th house! ALL ARE WELCOME
Get info and directions at www.stlaurence.org/habitat-for-humanity

A SPECIAL NEED

St. Laurence Catholic School is accepting applications for a SPICE (Special People in Catholic Education) teacher. Qualifications include: Bachelor’s or Master’s degree in special education (EC-8); experience in educating special needs students and mastery of effective classroom and student behavior management skills. Qualified applicants should complete the online archdiocesan application at www.choosecatholicschools.org/employment-opportunities/ and send a letter of interest and resume to Suzanne Barto at sbarto@stlaurence.org.
SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

EVERY WEEK AT ST. LAURENCE

MONDAYS: Our Daily Bread 9:30am, SCM Workroom

WEDNESDAYS: Coupons for a Cause 1:00pm, SCM Workroom

OTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Bingo: Call weekend Bingo games for nursing home residents at Sugar Land Health Care Center
Birthday Celebrations: Organize bi-monthly birthday/holiday celebrations at Sugar Land Health Care Center
Caring Creations: Meets first 3 Fridays each month to create crafts to donate to Mamie George Community Center and other Fort Bend agencies
Child Advocates Snack Bags: Monthly assembly of 100+ snack bags for children
Fresh Food Delivery: Twice a month, purchase and deliver fresh food St. John Fisher food pantry
Learn English Ministry: Teach English to non-English-speaking adults; no teaching or foreign language experience necessary
Lunches of Love: Decorate lunch bags; over 1,000 brown bag meals provided each week to children in Richmond-Rosenberg
Village Program: Matches parish families with families that struggle each month to make ends meet

For more info about these and other great ways to serve others, please go to www.stlaurence.org/social-concerns

GET TO KNOW NAMI

Millions of Americans face the day-to-day reality of living with mental illness. We get it. We’ve been there. We offer help. We offer hope. NAMI embraces people living with mental illness and their families, who are often isolated. We offer understanding and support unique to those who are affected by these conditions. NAMI improves lives. We take a stand. We know that the path to recovery lies with individual, family and community education, peer support, common sense public policy and the promotion of public understanding.

Pat’s Story

My husband Ken and I have been facilitators for NAMI-Fort Bend since 2005. We have met many wonderful people who live with a mental health condition or who live with someone experiencing this tormenting illness. Our son Eric, was diagnosed with Bipolar disorder after many years of us believing he had ADD. We saw signs of anxiety even as a baby and as he grew, he had his first real panic attack at 13. We began counseling, but as a teen he found his own medication... illegal drugs. Finally after many struggles and at the age of 27, he was diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder. With the correct medication, a psychiatrist, and family support that understands the real physical illness that mental illness is, he lives independently, works and lives a full life. This is not an easy journey, but we know that treatment works and NAMI has given us the courage and hope to know that we are not alone.

NAMI Meetings at St. Laurence

General Meeting: 1st Thursday of each month (except summer)
Support Group (English): 2nd and 4th Thursday each month
Support Group (Spanish): 3rd Tuesday each month
Support Group (Chinese): Last Sunday each month
Family to Family Classes: Begins September 12
Family-to-Family is a 12-session educational course for family, caregivers and friends of individuals living with mental illness.
Peer to Peer Classes: Begins September 19
Peer-to-Peer is a 10-session recovery-focused educational program for adults living with mental illness who wish to establish and maintain wellness.

Contact Us

Pat Sumner, 281-265-1554, psummerl@comcast.net

THERE IS NO SHAME IN MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS ILLNESS...TREATMENT WORKS!
WHAT WE NEED

You can help our many ministries in a variety of ways, but the simplest is through donations! Easier yet, you may have many of these items at home. Items may be dropped off at the parish office or in the SCM Donation bin in the church.

- men’s clothing for residents of ROSARY HOUSE, a halfway house for ex-prisoners: new underwear and gently used and new long & short sleeve shirts, pants, socks, shoes and jackets. There are 18 to 20 residents at the home.
- baby wipes, mini-toothpastes, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, mini Gold Bond foot powder for MILITARY & HOMELESS
- new white crew socks, new white t-shirts (size large), pop-top tuna/meat, individual peanut butters, granola bars for the HOMELESS
- birthday party gifts of new/unused toys, $10-$20 gift cards (fast food, Wal-Mart, Target) Birthday in a Bag Ministry, new or very gently used small children’s books, and small fleece blankets (Nighttime Cuddle Kits) for CHILDREN IN SHELTERS
- Sunday Coupon inserts for COUPONS FOR A CAUSE program; drop off in parish office or the Hospitality Desk in the church

SUMMER FUN IN SCM

SUMMER SERVICE IN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Each Tuesday during the summer, the Social Concerns Ministry offers service opportunities in the Social Concerns Workroom, unless noted otherwise. SPACE IS LIMITED and pre-registration is required.

Upcoming schedule:
- June 28 (1:30-3:30pm) July 4th treats for seniors at MGCC
- July 5 (1:30-3:30pm) Snacks for Bethel VBS
- July 12 (1:30-3:30pm) Rice & Beans
- July 19 (9:00-11:00am) Lunches of Love at FUMC, Rosenberg

Register via Sign Up Genius at www.signupgenius.com. Click on “Find A Sign-Up”, then type in socialconcerns@stlaurence.org. This will bring up a listing of all the service opportunities that are available. Signups are available now.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

RECORD BREAKING DONATIONS FROM VBS KIDS!

There is always an opportunity to serve, even while attending Vacation Bible School! The Social Concerns Ministry received donations of over 1,000 items from VBS children this year! The donations of summer toys and kid basics like socks and underwear were distributed to children at Bethel Ministries, Park’s Youth Ranch, Casa Juan Diego, Fort Bend Family Promise and Refugee Resettlement. Thanks to these children and their parents for “being a light” and sharing with children in need!

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? NEED SERVICE HOURS?

Visit the Social Concerns page on the parish website: www.stlaurence.org/volunteer-service-opportunities

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Christian Voices for Life

Did you know that birth control pills can actually cause early abortions? Or that pregnancy has been “re-defined” to begin at implantation (when the young embryo imbeds itself in the mother’s womb to begin receiving nutrition from her) rather than fertilization (when egg and sperm unite) in order to be able to claim that certain products (IUDs and the Morning After Pill) only “prevent” pregnancy? Read about the abortifacient effect of birth control and other life topics in the information sheets online at www.ChristianVoicesforLife.org.

Be a Voice for Life! Christian Voices for Life offers a brief training session for individuals to confidently present and defend the pro-life view. Learn the importance of establishing common ground, asking good questions and telling stories. For more info, please go to www.ChristianVoicesforLife.org/voice-for-life-volunteers or contact Marie McCoy at 281-265-7749, mariemccoyprc@gmail.com.

Visit the Respect Life page on our parish website or contact Marie McCoy at mariemccoyprc@gmail.com, 281-265-7749.
Ministry News

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

We at St. Laurence pray that all may know the true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and be graced with the holy desire to spend time with our God in adoration. Please prayerfully consider the hours listed that we are in need of committed adorers and substitutes. Contact Janice Swoboda at 281-980-8481, 832-816-4660 or adoration@stlaurence.org.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no scheduled adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 2:00pm Friday, July 1, until 8:00am Tuesday, July 5.

ADORERS STILL NEEDED FOR THESE HOURS:

- Sunday 2pm-3pm;
- Monday 1am-2am; Monday 2am-3am;
- Tuesday 4am-5am; Friday 4am-5am;
- Friday 4pm-5pm; Friday 5pm-6pm;
- Saturday 2am-3am; Saturday 6pm-7pm

SUMMER IN THE PARISH LIBRARY

Have you applied for a library card? Come pick it up! It’s waiting for you at the Main Reception Desk at the Ave Maria Center. If you haven’t yet filled out an application or checked out our amazing library, stop by and take a look. The library is turning into a pretty exciting place to be! NEW THIS MONTH: Story Time for Children and a new St. Laurence Parish Library Summer Reading Program! For more info, please contact Susan Mulé at 281-255-5774 or smule@stlaurence.org.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Father John Weyer Knights of Columbus Council 11343 wishes everyone a safe and restful summer! Thank you for supporting us this past year—by buying a turkey or brisket, coming to a Lenten Fish Fry, buying a calendar raffle, or just remembering us in your prayers. We’ll be back around Labor Day with our briskets and pork butts, and a few new events to show our thanks to everyone in the parish! We are always looking for new members, so if you’re a newly graduated high school senior, or someone looking to get involved in a Catholic Men’s Fraternity, please consider the Knights of Columbus. For more info, visit www.kofc11343.org, or contact Richard Ramirez at RRAVR2@aol.com.

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

The sadness that comes from experiencing the loss of a loved one can leave us frozen in place, just trying to cope with everyday life. Support groups are an important tool for finding hope and coping tools on this journey. Grief does not take a vacation so we continue to meet during the summer months. The Grief Support Ministry meets in the Ave Maria Center, every Tuesday night from 6:30-8:30pm, as well as every Wednesday morning from 10:00am-12:00noon. We are a group of compassionate lay people who also have experienced the death of someone we dearly loved. Join us, because no one should grieve alone! Please contact Sandy Barber at 281-633-9090 or help2grieve@hotmail.com.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The St. Laurence Cancer Support Group is winding down for the summer and will pick up again in September. Plan to join us! We meet on the first Thursday of every month and the group is open to all cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 1, and call Angela Rankin (832-945-2245) if you have suggestions for speakers. We hope that the summer months are happy and HEALTHY for you!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AT ST. LAURENCE

Is your heart restless? Are you experiencing a longing to grow closer to God? Are you experiencing life’s transitions and feeling like God is distant? Spiritual directors are available at St. Laurence to walk with you on your spiritual journey in the process of coming home to your deepest self and discovering God in the midst of daily living. Contact Anne Marie Daniel at 281-265-5774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org for details.
**TUESDAYS: WOMEN OF THE CLOTH**

9:00am-Noon in the St. Francis Room
Join the Women of the Cloth on Tuesday mornings from 9:00am to noon in the St. Francis Room at the Ave Maria Center for fellowship, sewing, knitting, crocheting and crafting. Bring your talent and help us make wonderful things to sell or donate in support of Habitat for Humanity and other local charities. Donations of fabric, yarn and other supplies are always welcome! For more information, please call Eileen Scamardo (281-242-0183) or Margie Koenig (281-313-3625).

**LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS’ CLUB**

2nd Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm, AMC 201
Have your daughter (Grade K-5) join the St. Laurence Little Flowers Girls’ Club. The group helps girls grow in virtue and fellowship with others and meets from 4:00-5:00pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month in Ave Maria Center Room 201. At each meeting, girls learn about a different saint and virtue, along with making a fun craft. Membership costs $12 and can be paid at the AMC front desk. To learn about Little Flowers, email Christina or Jenny at sugarlandlittleflowers@gmail.com.

**MAKE A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

In the 2nd reading today we are told, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Our spouse is our closest neighbor. Are we striving every day to love our spouse as Christ calls us to? Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend this summer, July 22-24, or July 29-31. Register early to reserve a spot. Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 for more information, or go online to register at houstonme.org.

**J.O.Y. STANDS FOR “JUST OLDER YOUTH”**

Monday, JULY 11: Trip to Brookwood
Join the JOY Club to tour Brookwood and learn about this great Texas destination. We will leave from the Ave Maria Center at 8:30am and return after lunch. Please RSVP to Anne by July 5, if you’re interested in going. There are only a limited number of spots available in the group.

Friday, JULY 15: Miller Outdoor Theatre
JOY Club is going to see “Million Dollar Quartet” at Miller Outdoor Theatre. Get there on your own, but meet the group for this free TUTS production at 8:00pm.
INFO: Anne Higgins, 832-755-5597, nannyhiggs@gmail.com

**CALLING ALL COOKS & BAKERS!**

Are you looking for ways to get involved, but you’re happiest in the kitchen? Check out these ways we can use your help!

**Meals That Heal**
We provide meals to parishioners who need a little help during times of illness, after surgery, or the birth of a baby. Get on their list by emailing ladiesguildmth@gmail.com.

**Treats for Park’s Youth Ranch**
Each Thursday, we deliver homebaked goodies to Park’s Youth Ranch, a homeless shelter for teens. To sign up for this service, go to www.stlaurence.org/volunteer-service-opportunities and follow the prompts to SignUpGenius.

**Funeral Reception Ministry**
Members of this group prepare and serve food for funeral receptions, seeing to the details involved in creating a reception for family and friends of the deceased. To learn more, contact Sue Kulha at 281-265-8332, smkulha@aol.com.

**Sunday Meals for Priests**
Sundays are NOT a day of rest for our priests! Sign up to make our wonderful priests a delicious homecooked dinner and drop it off at the rectory on Sunday morning. Contact Sheri Fasching at sherifasching@gmail.com to get on this list.

**FAMILY FAITH CATECHISTS NEEDED**

Family Faith, our CCE program that meets once a month on Sunday mornings for families to attend together, would like to invite a few parishioners to join their teaching team. If you enjoy working with 3-year-olds OR high school students, we can use your help starting in the fall. For more information about Family Faith or details of serving as a catechist, please contact Melissa Calcote at mcalcote@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774.

**MONDAYS: PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP**

12:45-2:30pm in the Oratory of the Rosary
You’re invited to gather with others in praise and worship of God every Monday afternoon in the Oratory of the Rosary, located in the new Ave Maria Center. We will pray the Rosary, worship God through music and reflect on God’s Word and spiritual writings. We also pray with each other and intercede for the needs of our Church, our community, families, and all who are in need of prayer. Contact Anne Marie Daniel at adaniel@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774 with questions regarding this new group.
Public Announcement—Ordination to the Diaconate for Dennis Henderson

It is herewith announced that Dennis Henderson, a candidate for the Order of Diaconate will be ordained a deacon on January 14, 2017 at a Mass to be celebrated by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston. If any persons know of a serious reason why this candidate should not be called to ordination, please notify Deacon Robert Ward, Director of Formation in the Office of the Diaconate, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston at 281-723-1910 or email rob.ward@smseminary.com. Please keep Dennis in your prayers as he prepares for ordination into this sacred ministry. May he always be faithful to the Diaconal Ministry of Service of Word, Liturgy and Charity to which he is about to be ordained. This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.

ST. LAURENCE A.C.T.S. RETREATS

ACTS Retreats have come to St. Laurence! ACTS Retreats for men and for women are offered to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Catholic communities to foster a spirit of love and true discipleship, to lead others to Jesus Christ.

MEN’S RETREAT: This retreat was held June 9-12. They were blessed with 39 retreatants, supported by 31 team members. What did they get? The next ACTS Men’s Retreat is scheduled for June 15-18, 2017. So mark your calendars now for this retreat which is sure to fill up fast! 

WOMEN’S RETREAT: The upcoming ACTS Retreat for women will be held the weekend of July 21-24. Registration for the retreat is at capacity, but they are keeping a waitlist. To speak about getting your name added to this list, please contact Beth Kugler at sheba_rufus@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU FROM OUR COSTA RICA MEDICAL MISSION

The Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed financially and spiritually to make the 2016 Costa Rica Mission a success. We could not do this without your support.

From April 16 to April 23, we established a base of operations in Grano De Oro, a small village in the sub-tropical part of Costa Rica. The team from Houston consisted of 42 medical, dental, spiritual and lay personnel. Local pharmacists, dentists, priest, missionaries, and Cabecar translators joined us and we were so grateful for their support. We treated approximately 600 patients; most were local indigenous Cabecar Indians who travel for hours by foot or horse to arrive at our location. Free services included pediatrics, general medicine, chiropractic, vision screening and new glasses, audiology, and dental services. Our own Dr Cumberbatch assisted a Cabecar mom deliver a new baby girl, christened Sofia. This was a first! Spiritual services included morning daily mass for the mission team, and evening mass and healing prayer services, which were open to the community.

We were all thankful to return home safely, tired, but so spiritually filled. We are thankful for you, our fellow parishioners, and look forward to your continued support so that together, we can continue to minister to people in need and spread God’s word through actions and prayers!

The Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy are planning their next mission to Laredo, November 5-12. To learn more about this mission trip, please contact Maria Jacobson at 713-582-8424, mjacobson1984@yahoo.com.
FAITH FORMATION & EDUCATION

A.C.T.S. Retreat
Adult Faith Formation
Edge (Middle School)
Elementary CCE
Family Faith
Life Teen (High School)
Natural Family Planning
Parish School (SLCS)
Parish School Board
Parish School PTO
RCIA
Vacation Bible School
Vocations Committee
Weekday Children’s Prog.

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Kris Frank | 281-265-5774
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Debra Haney | 281-980-8481
Monica Doucet | 281-265-5774
Fr. Simon Kipiti | 281-980-9812
Becky Wilkinson | 281-313-0329

PRAayer GROUPS & SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Catholic Men
Challenge Club for Girls
Contemplative Prayer
Divine Mercy (AM)
Divine Mercy (PM)
Hearts of Jesus & Mary
Lay Apostle Prayer
Legion of Mary
Men’s Bible Studies
St. Anthony of Padua
Small Christian Comm
Tuesday AM Bible Study
Jim Kij | 281-253-4800
Monica Hager | 281-240-7672
Elaine Smith | 281-499-6660
Sally Flowers | 281-265-8360
Patti Kallemeyn | 281-438-0696
Margie Calo | 281-980-4711
Kay Quenan | 281-265-3238
Carmelita Kussad | 713-922-2446
Steve Ebanks | 281-703-3873
Regina Johnson | 281-403-1792

MINISTRIES OF PASTORAL SUPPORT

Annulements
Bereavement Ministries:
Grief Support Group
Grieving Families
H.O.P.E.
Cancer Support
Caregivers Support Group
Divorce Care
NAMI
P.A.C.T. (Parenting Group)
Pastoral Care for Sick
Spiritual Direction
Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774
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Lori Knowles | 281-261-5738
Lorrie Kohoe | 281-980-2431
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Pat Summer | 281-265-1554
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Ambrose Graham | 713-865-3729
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Find more information about all our parish groups and ministries at www.stlaurence.org.