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
November 4 — In the Chapel
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
November 5 — In the Church
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Octubre 22 — 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

BEHOLD THE BAZAAR IS BACK!

AVE MARIA PARISH LIFE CENTER
Purchase Raffle Tickets for a chance to win this Mini Cooper Convertible

ST. LAURENCE OCTOBER 15-16, 2016

FOOD GAMES, ACTIVITIES, RIDES, BINGO, LIVE MUSIC AND A RAFFLE TO ENTERTAIN YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE — PLUS SOME NEW ADDITIONS!
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3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-313-0329
Director: Becky Wilkinson, bwilkinson@stlaurence.org

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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 & 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.
St. Laurence 2016 Bazaar
Saturday, October 15
5:00 – 10:00
Sunday, October 16
10:00 – 5:00

After a 2-year break during the construction of the Ave Maria Center, we are excited to invite everyone to St. Laurence next weekend because—BEHOLD, THE BAZAAR IS BACK! It’s got all the great things you’ve come to expect from our bazaar—delicious food booths, games, activities, rides, bingo and live music. And this year, we are introducing some new elements, so plan to be a part of the fun! The Bazaar will take place across the street on the Ave Maria Center grounds and the entrance to the bazaar is free.

This year we are pleased to announce these exciting raffle prizes:
**Grand Prize – Mini Cooper Convertible**
*(Courtesy of Momentum Mini of Houston)*

- 2nd - $1500
- 3rd - $1000
- 4th - $ 500
- 5th - $ 250

Be sure to pick up an envelope of raffle tickets today for your chance to win one of these great prizes! Tickets are just $2 each or $20 for a book of 12.

Bring the whole family, bring your neighbors and spend the weekend at the St. Laurence Parish Bazaar! Sign up to work a shift at a booth and have even more fun!

It has been a great experience collaborating with our fellow Bazaar chairpersons, booth coordinators and hundreds of volunteers to present one of the best parish bazaars around! See you next weekend.

**Tom Barry and Les Fuchs, 2016 Bazaar Chairs**
**In Our Prayers...**

**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 Ambroicik, US Army
Pvt Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
P.O. S Debra Barnette, US Navy
LCpl Trevor Bello, USMC
PPC 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 DeSiplner, US Army
Sgt. Nicholas Dockum, US Army
Capt. Brandon Driscoll, USMC
Maj. James Dunphy, USMC
2ndLt Michael Eberhardt, US Army
Capt. Stacey Eberhardts, 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
ILT Michelle Horstman, US Army
SPC Joshua Keenan, US Army
Joseph Kingersky, US Navy
EM4 James Locus, US Navy
PFC Philip Loera, US Army
PFC John Lundgren, US Army
Ann Joseph Marcellus, USAF
LCpl William Marcellus, USMC
Capt. Brendan McPartland, USMC
1stLt Todd Miller, US Army
Capt. Alexander Morningstar, US Army
CB, Richard Pinard, US Navy
QMSN Bryce Prochazka, US Navy
LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, USMC
Sgt. Santiago Ramirez, US Army
1stLt Taylor Ramrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
SSgt Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force
LTJG Kevin Stransky, US Navy
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy
Cpl Daniel Thesing, USMC
Maj. Michael Thesing, US Army
1stLt Kevin Wheeler, US Army
Sgt. Bryce Whitley, US Army
AM Troy Yelverton, US Navy
PVT Adrian Zaldivar, USMC

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, OCT 8**
5:00pm – Louise Anderson (D)

**SUNDAY, OCT 9**
7:30am – Betty Rodgers (D)
9:00am – Juan & Cedia Luna Torres (D)
11:00am – William & Kathleen Lewis (D)
12:45pm – Mary Cappiello (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**MONDAY, OCT 10**
7:30am – Mary Joseph (D)
12:00pm – Ruth McCartney (D)

**TUESDAY, OCT 11**
7:30am – Johnny Garcia (D)
12:00pm – Jose Luis De La Garza (D)

**WEDS, OCT 12**
7:30am – John Garstka (D)
6:30pm – Joan Silvera (D)

**THURSDAY, OCT 13**
7:30am – Marie Grace Cugno (D)
12:00pm – Eduardo Ortiz (I)

**FRIDAY, OCT 14**
8:15am – Mary Font (D)
12:00pm – Martin Family (I)

**SATURDAY, OCT 15**
8:30pm - Mary Neil & Walter Henderson (D)
5:00pm – Gary Swoboda (I)

**SUNDAY, OCT 16**
7:30am – Henry Kwiat Kowski (D)
9:00am – Willis Allen (D)
11:00am – Kheu & Kim Pham (D)
12:45pm – Albert & Leo Ra Bossley (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

Marc Fryer, Brother Peter Francis (Brian Kelsch), Chad Henry, Bryan Williams, Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Sister Daniela (Megan Bennett), Sister Rachel Marie of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus & Mary (Rachel Gosda), Collin Brown, Margaret Uche, Dennis Henderson
AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

OCT 30: SACRED HEART FALL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR
The KC Council #7445 is hosting a Fall Arts & Crafts Fair and Family Festival on Sunday, October 30, from 10am-3pm at Sacred Heart in Richmond. Activities include great shopping, plus delicious barbeque and concessions. Admission is $2 per adult and free for children 10 and under. Family activities include inflatables, face painting, and more! Proceeds from the event will be donated to Lunches of Love. Get more info at kc7445craftshow@gmail.com.

OCT 21-22: NORTH AMERICAN CONGRESS ON MERCY
The Second North American Congress on Mercy is a historic gathering of inspiring, well-known speakers, powerful witnesses, music, exhibits and spiritual resources, right here in the Houston area! The Congress will be held all day Friday and Saturday, October 21-22, at Prince of Peace. Speakers include Cardinal DiNardo, Fr. Michael Gaitley, Fr. Donald Callaway and more! Register quickly to share in this great event and invite your family and friends to join you. For more info, call 413-298-1303 or register online at secure.marianweb.net/mercycongress.org/register.php.

OCT 29: HOUSTON CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE
All ladies are invited to register today for the Houston Catholic Women’s Conference to be held on Saturday, October 29, 9am-4pm, at Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Church in Houston. The conference will include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, music and dynamic speakers, including Sally Robb, who spoke at Heart of Worship a few years ago. The theme for the conference is “Evangelization: Finding our Words.” Tickets are $65 per person (includes lunch) if registering before October 9; after that, tickets go up to $75. Register and get more information at www.HoustonCWC.com. Seating is limited, so register early!

CHECK OUT ST. JOHN XXIII COLLEGE PREPARATORY
Schedule your individual family tour on Thursdays and Fridays at 9:00 or 10:00am every week and register for a Regular Shadow Day offered every other Friday from 7:45 to 11:00am. Or reserve a spot at one of our Official Shadow Days, lunch provided (space limited to 25 students per day) on Friday, October 7, 7:45-3:00 (with Homecoming Pep Rally) or Friday, October 28, 7:45-3:00 (with Halloween Pep Rally). Please contact the John 23 Admissions Office for more details and to schedule your “Lion” experience at admissions@sj23lions.org or 281-693-1000.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

BAPTISMS
Ryan Caparas, Sloane Kettle, Zoey Morgan, Jagger Choate, Mae Wizeman, Nora Beck, Kennedy Longoria, Pierce Longoria

WEDDINGS
Lauren Thornton & Alex Sowell

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

WEEKLY OFFERTORY
September 25 Collection $ 55,660
Registered Households 7,391
Envelopes Used 763
Loose Checks 228
2nd Collection: SCM People in Crisis $ 14,624

AUTOMATED GIVING
Monthly Offertory $ 177,706
Participants 887

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND
2016 Parish Goal $ 495,000
Amount Paid $ 391,930
Amount Pledged $ 440,230
Participants 1,032

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 a donation envelope at the Hospitality Desk.

THANK YOU!

OFFERTORY RENEWAL
Please prayerfully consider an increase in your support of the parish in the upcoming Offertory Renewal Appeal. Look for a letter in the mail from Fr. Drew which outlines his request for everyone in the parish to participate in the financial responsibility for this large parish family. No gift is too small. Look for a Commitment Card in the mail and take a moment to consider, complete and turn in your card. Also, if you are not currently using Faith Direct for electronic giving, please look into it at www.faithdirect.net and use our church code (TX460). Thank you for your generous support of St. Laurence!
PRESCHOOL CCE MEETS TODAY
Kindergarten students (who have not been opted out by their parents) will be presented the diocesan ‘Sacred and Safe’ lesson. Questions? Please contact Laura Stephens, DRE, at lstephens@stlaurence.org. Preschool CCE will NOT meet NEXT week, due to the Parish Bazaar. Have fun!

ELEMENTARY CCE
Sacred & Safe
This week, our grade-level Sacred and Safe group lessons required by the Archdiocese will be presented to all CCE students who attend CCE during their normal session times. All families should have previously received a preview of the lesson materials from our DRE, Laura Stephens, as well as instructions regarding pickup. Questions? Please contact Laura at lstephens@stlaurence.org.

FIRST SACRAMENT PREPARATION
Next session for PARENTS & CHILDREN: Learn more about the treasure of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on SAT, 10/22 (1-4 pm in the AMC) for child’s last name beginning with A-K, and on SAT, 10/29 (1-4 pm in the AMC) for child’s last name beginning with L-Z. For more info, contact Melissa Calcote at mccalcote@stlaurence.org.

OCT 20: WITNESS A LIVING ROSARY
The 4th Grade Class of SLCS invites everyone to join us in praying the Rosary as they present a Living Rosary honoring Mary, Lady of the Rosary, on Thursday, October 20, at 8:30am in the gym. The 4th graders will form a Rosary circle in the center of the gym and lead the praying of the Rosary. We look forward to your joining us as we lift up our prayers for peace in the world and for all the special intentions of our St. Laurence family.

OCT 31: SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT
Calling all golfers… professional or amateur! The 21st Annual St. Laurence Golf Tournament is a scramble format that is fun for all! Registration forms are now at the Hospitality Desk for this annual event presented by Solvay on Monday, October 31, at Sweetwater Country Club. Like our plaid bag collection, this day assists families that require unexpected financial assistance. Be sure to pick up the registration form so you can enjoy the beautiful weather and support our parish school. Contact the school’s front office at 281-980-0500 with questions or to sponsor. Thank you!

NOV 11: SPICE LUNCHEON
Come to the annual Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE) Luncheon and Silent Auction on Friday, November 11, at 11:30am in the Parish Hall. It is a luncheon you will not want to miss! Charlene Katra will be the guest speaker, with catering by Pappas BBQ and auction items featuring Disneyland and our very own Houston Texans. Tickets are $60 and reservations may be made through the Advancement Office at 281-980-0500.
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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS EDGE NIGHT
700-815pm at the Ave Maria Center
OCT 12—Sacred & Safe
All middle school youth are invited and encouraged to join us. If you haven’t registered yet, you can find the forms online or at the Ave Maria Center.

VICTORY: a retreat for men
paintball / food / prayer
october 22nd  815am-9pm
cost: $45
Contact Kris for more info.

LIFE TEEN TONIGHT!
SUN, 10/9  630-815pm  Ave Maria Center
The fall semester is “I Am”, a series on Jesus, where we will take a look at the character, motives and interactions of Jesus.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS
TUESDAYS, 600-730pm  Youth Hall
Discipleship Groups offer teens an opportunity to dig even deeper. Open to all high school students.

LEGACY
2ND/4TH TUESDAYS, 800-900pm  Youth Hall
Open to Juniors and Seniors.

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.

ENGAGED CHURCH

We want to hear from you!

How are you doing on your PASTOR’S CHALLENGE? As part of our parish’s current focus on ways to LEARN and grow in our faith, Fr. Drew challenged every member of the parish:

In October, read one of the four Gospels in a thoughtful, attentive, discerning way.

Our ENTIRE PARISH is united in this challenge! It’s something we can do on our own, with our spouse, as a family, or with friends or small group.

Tell us about it...

• Which gospel did you choose? Why?
• How are you approaching the challenge?
• What have you learned?
• Do you have ideas for bible studies or programs that we might offer at St. Laurence?

Send an email to engagedchurch@stlaurence.org or look for the “We Are Listening” Box on the Hospitality Desk in the narthex of the church and submit your ideas that way!

In the weeks ahead, we’ll print some of the feedback we receive in this space in the bulletin, so share your ideas with us! And keep open to the many opportunities to LEARN and grow in your faith at St. Laurence!
THIS WEEK IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

Lay Apostle Prayer Group (1st Monday, November 7)
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)
6:15-7:15am, St Francis Room
Contact: Steve Ewbanks | 281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Weekly)
9:00-11:45am, Marian Hall, Contact: Joe Kanusky | 281-265-4084
Oct 11: The Church Acts with Boldness

WEDNESDAY
That Man Is You
5:30-7:00am Marian Hall
Contact: Steve Ewbanks | 281-980-5575 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

Contemplative Prayer
9:30am-12:00 pm Corpus Christi Room
Contact: Elaine Smith | 281-499-6660 | emchabert@comcast.net

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 | jimkij@comcast.net

Divine Mercy Cenacle
9:00am-12:00pm, St Francis Room
Contact: Sally Flowers | sallyflowers@comcast.net

Thursday Bible Study
1:00-2:00pm, St Anne Room or 7:15-8:30pm AMC Room 205
Contact: Julie Evett | jevett@comcast.net

WWW.STLAURENCE.ORG/AFF
facebook.com/groups/stlaurenceadultfaith

Catholics Care. Catholics Vote.

We vote because we are citizens. But we vote conscientiously because we are people of faith. Our consciences are formed through studying Scripture and the teachings of the Church, examination of the facts, and prayerful reflection. Below are guidelines from the USCCB:

Here are some issues to consider.
Look in this space for more issues next week.

The growing disparity between rich and poor means most of the world’s resources are in the hands of a small percentage of its people. The federal budget is a moral document and must prioritize the poorest and the most vulnerable among us.

The millions of undocumented persons living in the United States deserve our compassion. There is an immigration problem, and we need a humane solution to it.

War, terror, and violence have caused thousands of lost lives. We must work for just solutions to conflict in the Holy Land, throughout the Middle East, and beyond.

Read the US Bishops’ document in its entirety:
www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship
2016-2017 AFF SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Deacon Larry Vaclavik
Thursday, November 3, 2016 7-9 pm
Ave Maria Center Marian Hall A

Join Deacon Larry Vaclavik, deacon at St. Theresa’s in Houston and Adjunct Lecturer at the University of St. Thomas Graduate School of Theology, for an exploration of what the bishops of the United States teach about faithful citizenship, conscience formation and voting. In this challenging election year with so many issues – terrorism, security, immigration, wages, jobs, gun violence – it is important for Catholics to consider how the Gospel intersects with our social, political and economic life and responsibilities. In no time in our history have we been so challenged to elevate our discourse on matters of freedom and conscience. Whatever our political inclination, we are called to, prayer, study, dialogue, debate and discernment before we vote for office holders and propositions.

For more information:
www.stlaurence.org/speakerseries
Or contact Justin Frato at 281-265-5774
jfrato@stlaurence.org
In today’s gospel, we hear of the ten men afflicted with leprosy, and the one who glorifies God for being healed. It is a dramatic scene of gratitude. But in order for the miracle to happen in the first place, these men had to start walking in faith before their diseased conditions changed one tiny bit. Good stewards of their faith realize that they cannot wait until their problems are over to start walking in faith. They praise God even in the darkest of nights, and in the worst of circumstances. Do we walk in faith, giving the Lord our gratitude even when we are in difficult circumstances?

www.catholicstewardship.org

It takes hundreds of volunteers to put on the Parish Bazaar and this great undertaking is led this year by Les Fuchs and Tom Barry. It’s a bit of a challenge to bring back the bazaar after a 2-year hiatus, but Les and Tom got started early, pulled together a great team, and put their talents and skills to work. Les, Joan and their two daughters moved to Sugar Land and joined the parish 7 years ago. The very next year, Les went through RCIA. He says of the experience, “I was touched by all the personal stories shared during my RCIA journey and the Parish Retreat. I felt called to give back to our parish, so for the next four years, I participated as a volunteer at the Parish Retreat helping on the planning committee.” He also joined the KCs, got active in our parish school as Treasurer of the Booster Club, and said the big YES to chairing the Bazaar. “My advice for someone who wants to get involved is this: St. Laurence has multiple ministries, large and small, and you just have to find something that speaks to your heart. I have enjoyed working on the Bazaar committee, meeting new people and giving back to our parish community.”

Ecumenism is a contribution not only to the unity of the Church, but also to the unity of the human family. It fosters fruitful, peaceful and fraternal coexistence.

Pope Francis
December 1, 2014

Q.
Someone stopped me after Mass and asked for money. What should I do?

A.
What!? People, NEVER give money to anyone begging on our property (unless it’s me). No, just kidding!! There really are some people in need, but some are scammers. Even if you know the person, DON’T. Instead, tell them to contact our Social Concerns Ministry. Pennie, Melanie and Monica are all there to help. They will assess the person’s needs and get them help they need. They provide financial assistance to people in crisis, including parishioners, on a short-term basis. That’s what the black bag collection is for, so give to that and then you will be helping the people begging on our property, right?

Paula Savo has been our Parish Receptionist for almost 20 years and knows the practical answers to (practically) everything. Call 281-980-9812 or email her at psavo@stlaurence.org.
**BEHOLD THE BAZAAR IS BACK!**

Tour the Art Gallery Inside the Ave Maria Center to see parishioners’ artwork depicting Fr. Drew’s theme for the year “Behold, I Make All Things New”.

**Activity Booths**
- Dolls
- Duck Pond
- Confetti Eggs
- Bean Bag Toss
- Fish Pond
- Strikeout
- Darts
- Hockey
- Cuddly Critters
- Crazy Hair & Face Painting
- Coke Ring
- Plants
- Cake Walk

**Food Booths**
- Indian
- Mexican
- Cotton Candy
- Sno-Cone
- Nachos/Pretzels
- Pizza
- Margaritas
- Beer & Wine
- African
- Vietnamese
- KofC
- Filipino
- Soda
- Desserts

**Thank You To Our Bazaar Sponsors**

**Saints**
- Mingo Hill Designs, LLC
- First Tire and Automotive
- Rick and Cecilia Garcia
- Rosamar and Carlos X. Martinez

**Family**
- The Kilboy Family
- Thai Huynh

**Guardian Angel**
- Bratton Pools
- Gravas Mechanical
- Lawrence C. Dietlein, Jr. Law Office
- Carpenter & Carpenter, P.C.
- Joe Ochoa Roofing, Inc.
- Classic Dental
- The Fitzpatrick Group
- Bain & Barkley
- Dr. and Drs. Delclos
- The Hick! Family
- Andrus and Tamara Kontrimas and Family

**Friend**
- Miller Funeral Services
- The Vollier Family
- The Dye Family

**Helping Hands**
- Grandiose Events
- John B. and Norma J. Ward
- Rene and Germaine Dartez
- Steve and Susan Crockett
- Joe and Michelle McGinnis
- Tim and Michelle Hannah
HOW YOU CAN HELP AT THE BAZAAR!

VOLUNTEER
It takes hundreds of people to make this bazaar happen and there are lots of ways to get involved. Sign up to work a shift at a booth. Most shifts are just a couple of hours long. It’s a fun way to meet people and to help the parish. Please click on the VOLUNTEER NOW link at www.stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar to see the complete list of opportunities and sign up via Sign Up Genius.

WHERE WE NEED YOU
We can really use more people who are VIRTUS trained. Most of these jobs are at the rides, which are managed by an outside company. Our volunteers are there to simply to ensure the security and safety of the children. It’s easy! But we need volunteers who have already taken the VIRTUS class so we can offer these fun rides at the bazaar. Go to the Sign Up Genius to help. Thank you!

BUY RAFFLE TICKETS
This year, we are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a Mini Cooper Convertible from Momentum Mini of Houston! Raffle tickets are just $2/each or $20/book of 12 tickets. Books of tickets are available for pickup on the plaza after Mass today and at the parish office. In addition to the grand prize of the Mini Cooper, other prizes include $1500 gift card, $1000 gift card, $500 gift card, and $250 gift card.

DONATE
The more prizes, the more fun! We can use donations of PLANTS, DOLLS, CAKES and DESSERTS. Please list ingredients on all homemade baked goods and deliver to the Ave Maria Center any time on Saturday (10/15) or Sunday (10/16) before 10am.

CONTACT FOR MORE INFO
If you have a question, please contact Bazaar Chairs Tom Barry (281-545-4112) or Les Fuchs (832-360-3104).

Saturday, October 15th, 5:00pm - 10:00pm
Sunday, October 16th, 10:00pm - 5:00pm
OCT 29: BEREAVEMENT RETREAT FOR PARISH

A Bereavement Retreat will be offered at St. Laurence for those who grieve the death of loved ones, whether the loss is recent or from many years ago, on Saturday, October 29, 9:00am-3:00pm, at the Ave Maria Center. The retreat will be facilitated by Dr. Tim VanDuivendyk, Vice President of Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care for Memorial Hermann Hospital and author of “The Unwanted Gift of Grief”. Please plan to bring a photo or small memento of your loved one to the retreat. For more information and to register, please contact Anne Marie Daniel at 281-265-5774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org.

FLU SHOT CLINIC TODAY

Sunday, OCT 9
8:00am-1:00pm

GET YOUR FAMILY’S FLU SHOTS and support the Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy’s upcoming trip to Laredo. The clinic is being held in the parish hall from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Flu shots are given by volunteer pharmacists, doctors and nurses at a cost of $30. (Regular flu shots only.) Proceeds support MMDM.

Also—MMDM is collecting donations of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, or crutches that may be given to patients during the mission in Laredo. For more info, please contact Maria Jacobson at mjacobson1984@yahoo.com. www.stlaurence.org/medical-missionaries.

PRAY THE ROSARY
Entire month of October

In honor of our Blessed Mother, the Legion of Mary will lead the prayer of the Rosary before the Noon Mass throughout the month of October. Gather in the church at 11:30am each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. And join Fr. Drew for Friday Morning Rosary every Friday at 6:30am in the church.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY
Saturday, OCT 15 at 12 noon

Join the "Public Square Rosary Rally" to pray for our nation at noon next Saturday, October 15. Two locations nearby:
St. Laurence
(corner of Sweetwater Blvd & Austin Pkwy)
Sugar Creek
(main entry: Sugar Creek Blvd & Hwy 59)

OCT 31: ST. LAURENCE GOLF TOURNEY

The 21st Annual St. Laurence Golf Tournament is a scramble format that is fun for all, whether you are a pro or amateur! Pick up a registration form at the Hospitality Desk for this annual event presented by Solvay on Monday, October 31, at Sweetwater Country Club. This fundraiser benefits the Tuition Assistance Fund that assists families experiencing unexpected financial difficulties. Please contact the school’s front office at 281-980-0500 with questions or to learn about sponsorship opportunities. Thank you!

COR Nights are offered on the 2nd Monday of the month, and are open to everyone of all ages. There is no charge and no RSVP is required. This month, Fr. Alvaro Interiano returns to St. Laurence to lead the teaching and Danielle Noonan will be joined by NOVUM for some truly exceptional music! So get the homework done early and save the dinner dishes for later. You’re going to COR Worship Night!
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 2,200 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

GOT COSTUMES?
We are collecting new and gently used non-scary Halloween costumes for a Fall Festival for the children at Bethel Ministries. Please mark your donations “Bethel” and drop them into the big Social Concerns rolling bin (located in the church narthex) or bring to the parish or SCM offices. We will be collecting children’s costumes through October 24.

21 ACTS OF KINDNESS
Social Concerns volunteer, Hannah Przybilla, wanted to celebrate her 21st birthday in a special way so she decided to have a “21 Acts of Kindness” birthday party. She and her friends got in their cars and headed downtown Houston to give out (21) Hope Bags to the homeless. Then they went on to do 20 MORE acts of kindness in Houston, Richmond, Rosenberg and Sugar Land. Hannah says “I feel like it’s very easy to get caught up in the excitement of a birthday, especially a 21st birthday. From that excitement we can forget just how blessed we are. I remember first thinking about what I would eat on my birthday, and then realized some people don’t have anything to eat at all. Then I started wondering, what I would wear on my birthday, and then realized some people don’t even have socks on their feet. The Hope Bags that Social Concerns provided for my ‘21 Acts of Kindness’ birthday party were absolutely amazing. I encourage everyone to step out of their comfort zone and be kind (it has domino effect), love one another and always thank God for what you have!” Thank YOU, Hannah, for your beautiful heart!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Prayer can prevent Abortion! 40 Days for Life prayer vigils have saved over 10,300 babies! The vigil at Planned Parenthood at 4600 Gulf Freeway has already begun. Join Christian Voices for Life on Thursday, Oct 20, or Monday, Oct 31, when we will provide prayer volunteers to cover the day from 6:30am to 6:30pm. Sign up to pray for ONE HOUR on Sign Up Genius. Search for the sign-up created by ChristianVoicesforLifeFB@gmail.com. You may sign up for other days by contacting Theresa Camara at 713-395-1330 and theresa@houstoncoalition.com.

THANK YOU
Thank you to all who participated in Life Chain last week, and to all the block volunteers who helped the day go smoothly! And thank you to all who made donations to Christian Voices for Life!
WHAT WE NEED

You can help with these simple donations. Look around the house and see what you have to share and drop 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, jackets.
- 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), new/gently used children’s books & small fleece blankets 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
- Gently used Christmas gift bags, tissue paper, gift boxes, and small jewelry boxes for WISH UPON A STAR
- wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and crutches for the MEDICAL MISSION patients in Laredo

SHARE GOD’S BOUNTY

Share God’s Bounty volunteer sign-ups will be available online starting Monday, October 31. Pick up meal tags on the plaza after Mass on Oct 29/30 and Nov 5/6. Share God’s Bounty is our annual Thanksgiving meal drive, providing Thanksgiving meals and items to restock the pantries of more than 800 families throughout Fort Bend County. We are getting a jumpstart on our Restock the Pantry packs with a pre-SGB collection! Items needed: canned pasta, canned soup, 1 lb. package rice, 1 lb. package beans, peanut butter, jelly (plastic containers only), cereal/breakfast bars and cereal. All donations should be new and unexpired and may be dropped in the Social Concerns rolling bin in the church narthex or in the parish or SCM offices.

THANK YOU, ST. LAURENCE!

The Social Concerns Ministry is so grateful for the gift of your IN-KIND donations!

Your support, in the form of in-kind donations, helps us meet the needs that are beyond our budget and improve the quality of life for individuals in need in Fort Bend County. Thanks to your prompt response to requests, we were able to donate the following items to agencies and individuals in need in just the past 2 months alone:

1 twin bed for a refugee family
2 high chairs for refugee babies
1 brand new crib & mattress for Gabriel Project
1 shower chair & 4 walkers for MMDM
1 knee walker/roller for an injured college student
food & supplies for military troops overseas
flat-screen TV and DVD player for Lotus Project
living room furniture for a family in need
clothing for 2 different families escaping domestic violence

Requests for in-kind donations like these appear from time-to-time in this column, but since many are immediate needs with a short leadtime, most are requested through the SCM Newsletter, which is emailed each Thursday. If you would like to be added to the list to receive this e-newsletter, please contact Pennie DeGroot at pdegroot@stlaurence.org. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

LAST CALL FOR CAKES!

Each fall, Social Concerns sponsors the Cake Walk at the Parish Bazaar and we’re doing it again Oct 15-16. We will need LOTS of cakes!

If you can help, please drop off homemade and store bought cakes at the Ave Maria Center any time on Saturday, October 15. Please include a list of ingredients on all homemade cakes. Thanks so much for your help and we’ll see you at the Cake Walk next week!
**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 adoration@stlaurence.org or 281-980-8481 or 832-816-4660 for more information.

**ADORERS STILL NEEDED FOR THESE HOURS:**
- **Sunday 11am-12pm**
- **Saturday 2am-3am**

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**WEDNESDAYS: DIVORCE-CARE**

A new session of DivorceCare has just begun. Join us on on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm in the St. Francis Room at the new Ave Maria Center. If you have been suffering from the effects of divorce or separation, come receive help in rebuilding your life, focused on God’s love for you. For more information, please contact Janie at 832-860-3398 or jpd divorcecare@aol.com.

**ST. LAURENCE SINGLES ACTIVITIES**

The St. Laurence Adult Singles Ministry serves adults of all ages who are widowed, divorced, separated or never married. For more event info, email us at st.laurencesingles@gmail.com.

**MONDAYS: MOMS & TOTS GROUP**

Are you a mom who is home with young child(ren) ages infant to pre-K on Monday mornings? Please join Moms & Tots for our weekly Play & Pray Group! We plan a variety of activities for our children as we support and encourage one another in our vocation as mothers. Our meetings are casual, and kids and moms get a chance to make new friends and grow closer to Christ. Come every week or just when you can! Contact us at stlaurence.momsandtots@gmail.com or call Chrissy Campbell at 310-926-7085 for details.

**JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS**

The J.O.Y. Club (stands for Just Older Youth) is for parishioners 55-and-up. The group meets at the Ave Maria Center on the 1st Monday of the month, plus other activities as planned. For info, contact Anne Higgins at 832-755-5597, nannyhiggs@gmail.com.

**OCT 19**—Mass at the Co-cathedral and go through the DOOR OF MERCY, followed by lunch at the Black Lab on Montrose Blvd. Meet in the Ave Maria parking lot at 11:15am to carpool there for 12:10pm Mass.

**NOV 7**—Brown bag lunch from 11am-1pm. John & Angela Rankin will give a presentation on their recent visit to Lourdes, France. Bring a small 1-oz. container and for the possibility of receiving the healing Lourdes water.

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**YOU’RE INVITED TO HOLY HAPPY HOUR**

Offered every week during scheduled Elementary CCE classes

**TUESDAYS:** 4:30-5:30pm OR 6:30-7:30pm

**WEDNESDAYS:** 5:30-6:30pm

What a terrific idea! Instead of trying to squeeze in a brief errand or just sit in your car after dropping off your child for Elementary CCE, why not spend some time growing in your faith? Join other parents at HOLY HAPPY HOUR during any Elementary CCE session this year for these special sessions to help you learn the Catholic Faith so you can effectively pass it on to your children. For more information, please contact Justin Frato at 281-265-5774 and jfrato@stlaurence.org.

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**WED, 10/12 @ 6:00PM**—Book Club Dinner at Cafe Goo Goo Yen. The October book is *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri. Read up and join us for a great discussion.

**OCT 15 & 16**—Parish Bazaar. We are working the Duck Pond booth from 5-10 on Saturday and 10-5 on Sunday. If you are not one of our wonderful volunteers who is working the booth, please stop by and say hi!

**SAT, 10/22 @ 11:00AM**—Oyster Creek Walk and Lunch at Chipotle. Let’s meet at the bridge entrance to Oyster Creek Park at 11:00am.
LADIES GUILD ‘SHOP TILL YOU DROP’

JUST A FEW SPOTS REMAIN!

Attention vendors! This year, the St. Laurence Ladies Guild is moving the popular “Shop Till You Drop” event from the Parish Hall into the new Ave Maria Parish Life Center to offer even more vendors. Only a few spots remain. It will be held on Thursday, November 17, from 6-9pm. The monies raised go towards helping various organizations in our community and beyond. If you have a business and would like to purchase space in our event, contact Deb Hernandez, S.T.U.D. Chair, for more info at debhernandez31@gmail.com.

MONDAYS: PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP

Please join us on Mondays from 1:00-2:30pm, at the Ave Maria Center’s Oratory of the Rosary, as we gather to praise and worship God. We 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. Please contact Anne Marie Daniel for more information at 281-265-5774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org.

OCT 20: HOPE GRIEF SERIES STARTING

HOPE (Helping Our Pain Ease) is a structured series to help adults grieve successfully by accomplishing the four tasks of grieving also utilized by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Consider attending if you have lost a loved one due to a sudden, tragic death or from a long term illness, either recently or in the past. Led by a hospice-trained facilitator, the group meets on Thursday evenings for 7 weeks from 6:30-8:30pm, beginning on October 20. To register, please call Annette Bisanz (281-980-1449) or Kathy Heinemann (281-468-0738).

OCT 20: DR. KEN AT GRIEVING FAMILIES

The Grieving Families Support Group is for those who are grieving the death of loved ones through murder, suicide, accident, or any sudden death. The group meets twice a month (1st and 3rd Thursday) 1:00-2:30pm, at the Ave Maria Center. The next meeting is October 20, when they welcome Dr. Ken Buckle, Catholic psychologist and founder/director of Gratia Plena, an organization that provides services to the Catholic community for mental illness, addictions, marriage & family problems, and the spiritual distress that often accompanies these issues. For more info, contact Agnes Fernandes at agnesffernandes@gmail.com and 281-933-3721.

“BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW”

Join a ministry or group and allow Jesus to make something new in you!
COR WORSHIP NIGHT TOMORROW

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A NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND ADORATION

10/10/16
ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH // 7-830PM
MESSAGE BY FATHER ALVARO
MUSIC BY DANIELLE NOONAN & NOVUM

“BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL; AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS HIS HOLY NAME!”
-PSALM 103:1
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## MINISTRIES OF PASTORAL SUPPORT

### Annulments

Name: Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774

### Bereavement Ministries:

- **Grief Support Group**
  - Name: Sandy Barber | 281-633-9090
- **Grieving Families**
  - Name: Agnes Fernandes | 281-933-3721
- **H.O.P.E.**
  - Name: Annette Bisanz | 281-980-1449
- **Cancer Support**
  - Name: Angela Rankin | 832-945-2245
- **Caregivers Support Group**
  - Name: Lori Knowles | 281-261-5738
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### Divorce Care

Name: Janie Picou | 832-860-3398

### NAMI

Name: Pat Summer | 281-265-1554

### P.A.C.T. (Parenting Group)

Name: Steve Brown | 832-471-6136

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Name: Ambrose Graham | 713-865-3729

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### Challenge Club for Girls

Name: Monica Hager | 281-240-7672

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Name: Sally Flowers | 281-265-8360

### Divine Mercy (PM)

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