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

Our help
is from the Lord,
who made
heaven and earth.
Psalm 121
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, and 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.
Good News Reflection
Sunday, October 16, 2016
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday’s Gospel reading, God promises to secure the rights of his faithful ones who seek his justice. When we’re abused, neglected, rejected, abandoned, or falsely accused, God comes to our rescue. And speedily, he says! What? He’s not helping you fast enough? Is he breaking his promise with you?

Although God often seems way too slow, whether it takes months or years (and it often does) before your problem gets resolved, Jesus is in fact at your side immediately delivering you from evil, in the very moment you begin to cry out to him.

The real question is not “Where is Jesus?” nor “Why doesn’t he care enough to help me sooner?” The question that matters -- for the healing of our souls -- is stated in the last sentence of this Gospel passage: As he’s arriving to help us, do we greet him with faith? Or is fear spinning our minds in such turmoil that we don’t see him as he stands right next to us offering a helping hand?

If we’re not living by faith, we inadvertently expand our problems. Are you feeling miserable after calling upon God for help? Look! Jesus is at your side begging for your trust. Are you feeling frustrated because God is not removing the obstacles you’re facing? Look! Jesus wants you to follow him in a direction that’s different than where you think you should go.

We all have adversaries. Jesus is wielding his sword of truth against the spirits of darkness who are working against you; he is driving them away. But if we reject the truth he wields, his sword is of no help to us.

What about the troublemakers who continually annoy you? When our eyes are on them instead of on Jesus, we miss the healing embrace that he’s offering to us as vindication.

When we live by faith, we experience God’s vindication every day, even while injustices continue. We experience it in our hearts as we receive his peace and his patience and his endurance.

Questions for Personal Reflection:
What injustices are frustrating you today? What evil is being done against you? What will you do right now to be a faith-filled follower of Christ? What action will you take to conquer your fears and choose to give God your trust?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:
Describe an injustice that you recently witnessed or experienced. What shocked and dismayed you the most about it? What is fearsome about it? And what does trust for the Lord encourage you to believe about it?

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

CV2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
Spc David Ambrocik, US Army
Pvt Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
P.O. 5 Debra Barnette, 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
LTG 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
ILT Michelle Horstman, US Army
SPC Joshua Keenan, US Army
Joseph Kingerski, US Navy
EM4 James Locus, US Navy
PFC Philip Loera, US Army
PFC John Lundgren, US Army
Sgt. 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, USNavy
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
LTG Kevin Stransky, US Army
CMH Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy
Cpl Daniel Thesing, USMC
Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC
1stLt Kevin Wheeler, US Army
Sgt. Bryce Whiteley, US Army
AM Troy Yelverton, US Navy
PVT Adrian Zaldivar, USMC

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCT 15
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

MONDAY, OCT 17
7:30am – Filomena Villasenor (I)
12:00pm – Mariamma Mathai (D)

TUESDAY, OCT 18
7:30am – Francois Jean (D)
12:00pm – Sean Anderson Family (I)

WEDS, OCT 19
7:30am – All Souls in Purgatory
6:30pm – Mary Font (D)

THURSDAY, OCT 20
7:30am – Tom Chovanec (D)
12:00pm – Rose Guarisco & Family (D)

FRIDAY, OCT 21
8:15am – Bernard R. Smith (D)
12:00pm – Gerald Alves (D)

SATURDAY, OCT 22
8:30pm - Gregorio Bacalla (D)
5:00pm – Eileen Ziegenfus (D)

SUNDAY, OCT 23
7:30am – Douglas Van Horn (D)
9:00am – Alex Sakulich (D)
11:00am – Jose Estrella (D)
12:45pm – Luis Haget (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 (Kristy Cagandahan), Sister Daniela (Megan Bennett), Sister Rachel Marie of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus & Mary (Rachel Gosda), Collin Brown, Margaret Uche, Dennis Henderson

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON

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

Carols Jesus Ortiz, Pete Saenz’ Uncle Gustavo & Aunt Elsa, Isabella Flores, Liz Trevino, Jessica Ayala, Nora Serrano, Mary Portillo, Bea Rodriguez, Maria & Family, Shane Tuttle & family, Casey & Colby Christian, Ana Alegria, Enis Alegria, Yolanda Alegria, Patricia LaFleur, Paul Ramirez, Angelic Marie Ramirez, Jocelin Ramirez, Roland Bergara, Robert Crenshaw, Chaplin Tom Lowe, Deacon Al Bothe, the Society of St John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3.
AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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 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 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 admissions Office for more details and to schedule your “Lion” experience at admissions@sj23lions.org or 281-693-1000.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK
BAPTISMS
Isabella Werner, Charlotte Werner, Pablo Hernandez, Patrick Hudson, Maxwell Facker, Luca Seliman, Adelyn Liem, Emma Bourgeois, John Cumpian

FUNERALS
Andy Purcell, father of Katie Lavery
Sweeney Thompson, mother of Martin Thompson

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!

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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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!

KINGDOM CARE
Childcare is provided through Kingdom Care, a loving, Christian, and safe environment for young children while their parents attend Mass and other parish programs. Register in advance at the parish office with Christy Delamora at 281-980-9812.

WEDDING PREPARATION
Next classes DEC 13 and JAN 12
The standard preparation time for weddings is 9-12 months in advance of the desired date. All engaged couples must attend an information session, usually offered every other month. Register with Theresa Rawls at 281-980-9812.

BAPTISM PREPARATION
Next class: NOVEMBER 12
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays each month. To schedule a baptism call Rose Davis at 281-980-9812. The parent prep class is offered monthly.
NO PRESCHOOL CCE TODAY
Have fun at the Parish Bazaar and we will see you next week!

ELEMENTARY CCE
The Liturgy and Liturgical Year
When the Church gathers to celebrate the liturgy, the People of God are doing important work. The word *liturgy* means ‘a public work’ or ‘work of the people.’ It is the work of the faithful joining with Christ, the Head of the Church, in his work of giving praise and glory to his Father. Discuss with your children the importance of participating fully in the Liturgy both individually and also together with our parish community.

CCE will begin in Guardian Angels Hall praying the 3rd Decade of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary together. Fall Service Project collections end NEXT week on October 26. Check your fliers or the Elementary CCE webpage for details.

HOME STUDY FAMILIES
Home Study Parent Enrichment & Homework Checkpoint is next Monday, October 24, 7:00-8:00pm in Marian Hall. We begin with a guest speaker, followed by small group discussion and checkout procedure to review work completed to date. This requirement applies to families of all students in grades 1-12 who are registered for the CCE Home Study program. Children welcome, but attendance is only mandatory for the parents.

FIRST SACRAMENT PREPARATION
Next session for PARENTS & CHILDREN: Learn more about the treasure of the Sacrament of Reconciliation next 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 information, please 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 22: HOOPS & DOGS
Each year, SLCS has an event just for fathers & sons called Hoops & Dogs. It’s catered by James Coney Island next Saturday, October 22, from 6:00-8:00pm. To learn more about SLCS, a national Blue Ribbon Award winning school, with fun community and family events like this, please contact the school office at 281-980-9812.

OCT 31: SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNEY
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. Please contact the school’s front office at 281-980-0500. 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**
7:00-8:15pm at the Ave Maria Center
This Wednesday, OCT 19, in Marian Hall
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  8:15am-9pm**
cost: $45
Contact Kris for more info.

**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.

**NO LIFE TEEN TONIGHT!**
Enjoy the Parish Bazaar and catch us next Sunday, 10/23 6:30-8:15pm 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, 6:00-7:30pm Youth Hall
Discipleship Groups offer teens an opportunity to dig even deeper. Open to all high school students.

**LEGACY**
2ND/4TH TUESDAYS, 8:00-9:00pm 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 Ewbank | 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 Ewbank | 281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Weekly)**
9:00-11:45am, Marian Hall, Contact: Joe Kanusky | 281-265-4084

**WEDNESDAY**

**That Man Is You**
5:30-7:00am Marian Hall
Contact: Steve Ewbank | 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 | sallyjoflowers@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

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**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.

As Catholic citizens, we should remember three things:

1. **Respect for the dignity of each person** is the core of Catholic teaching. This is our most basic principal.

2. **We focus on the common good**, not our own personal interests. We ask, how can we make the world a better place? Not, how can I improve my own personal situation.

3. **We have a responsibility - a true obligation** - to form our consciences and participate in the civic life of this nation.

Behold, I make all things new

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

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LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD!
Stewardship Reflection for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we want to know what Jesus’ parable is about in today’s gospel, it seems that we don’t need to work too hard because Saint Luke tells us right at the beginning: “Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.” This parable has often been used to bring comfort to us about our prayer life. But could there be a more challenging message for those who take stewardship seriously? Widows were the poorest and most vulnerable of people in Jesus’ time. Oppressive legal and economic structures were the norm. Could it be that we are also encouraged to pray persistently for the poor, the weak and the vulnerable as we hear their cry for justice? And that we must not lose heart that we can effect change in their lives?

www.catholicstewardship.org

STEWARDS AMONG US

EVA DONALSON

Eva Donalson likes to quote St. Teresa of Calcutta: “A life not lived for others is not a life lived,” and shares an event 8 years ago that changed her life forever: “Cameron, my only child, died at the age of 19. My world as I had known it would never be the same. After months and months of grieving, I knew that I had to find a purpose in order to go on. I felt the need to serve and to share the love that I had for Cameron with others. I immediately turned to St. Laurence and became involved in Catholic Daughters, Ladies Guild and Meals That Heal.” From there, she got involved in community organizations that serve children, such as Project SMILE, Santa’s Exchange, Bethel Ministry, and the Mamie George Community Center Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program. “I feel honored and with a grateful heart that I am able to participate in such beautiful ministries. Each one of us has something to offer others. Find your true passion in life and share your time and talents with others less fortunate and be open to all that is available to you through all the different ministries within St. Laurence and our community.”

Ask Paula

Q.
When will the tags be available for the turkey dinners?

A.
You guys are in luck, the meal tags for Share God’s Bounty will be available on the plaza the weekends of Oct 29-30 and Nov 5-6. Now here’s what you guys need to know: Every tag is a real family that needs a meal! Please don’t call AFTER Thanksgiving (like a few people do) and say I went out of town and do you still want the meal? Let me ask you, do you eat your turkey dinner after Thanksgiving? St. Laurence provides dinners for over 800 families in need from other churches and agencies, so we really appreciate everyone’s help. Parishioners usually bring their meal in a laundry basket or box. But, you know what would be good? Those reusable bags that are sold everywhere for like a dollar. They are so much easier to pack and load into cars, just saying. Gobble-Gobble!!

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.
What is Conscience?

In *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* (no. 17), the Catholic Bishops of the United States Conscience remind us:

“The Church equips its members to address political and social questions by helping them to develop a well-formed conscience. ... Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what we should or should not do. Rather, conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.”

Conscience is a judgment of practical reason that helps us to recognize and seek what is good, and to reject what is evil (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778, 1796).

Conscience does not simply “come to us”! Throughout our lives, we have to spend time *forming our consciences* so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular situations.

How Do I Form My Conscience?

As the bishops note in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, we need to form our consciences in an ongoing manner. How do we do this?

1) When examining any issue or situation, we must begin by being open to the truth and what is right.
2) We must study Sacred Scripture and the teaching of the Church.
3) We must examine the facts and background information about various choices.
4) We must prayerfully reflect to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults adds:

5) The prudent advice and good example of others support and enlighten our conscience.
6) The authoritative teaching of the Church is an essential element.
7) The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us develop our conscience.
8) Regular examination of conscience is important as well (p. 314).
Reflections on Conscience

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

1777 Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking.

1778 Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right. It is by the judgment of his conscience that man perceives and recognizes the prescriptions of the divine law.


Reflections on Conscience Formation

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

1784 The education of the conscience is a lifelong task. From the earliest years, it awakens the child to the knowledge and practice of the interior law recognized by conscience. Prudent education teaches virtue; it prevents or cures fear, selfishness and pride, resentment arising from guilt, and feelings of complacency, born of human weakness and faults.

The education of the conscience guarantees freedom and engenders peace of heart.

1785 In the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path, we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord’s Cross. We are assisted by the gifts of the Holy Spirit, aided by the witness or advice of others and guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church.

3 Cf. Ps 119:105. 4 Cf. Dignitatis Humanae 14.

Reflection Questions

1. What is conscience?
2. When has my conscience guided me to “do good and avoid evil”?
3. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
4. Forming conscience is a “lifelong task.” What do I do to regularly form my conscience? What more should I do?

To download this and other helpful resources, visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org!

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OCTBER 31: ST. LAURENCE GOLF TOURNAMENT

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!

FAITHFUL CATHOLICS & AMERICAN CITIZENS

Pope Francis said, "We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." The Catholic bishops of the United States offer guidance in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, a teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement provides guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy, urging all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching. The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order. The bishops ask us to read the document in its entirety at [www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship](http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship). And plan to attend the AFF Speaker Series on Thursday, November 3, at 7:00pm, when we welcome Deacon Larry Vaclavik to speak on this important subject. For more info, contact Justin Frato at 281-265-5774.

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.

ANNUAL REPORT

Mailed to your home

All registered parishioners should have received in the mail a copy of the 2016 Annual Pastoral Report. Check it out!
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.

LIVING THEIR FAITH, SHARING LIKE JESUS

The Social Concerns Ministry received some very special visitors last week. The precious children in PreK classes taught by Ms. Jonas, Ms. Dodson and Ms. Centanni came to show us that “Jesus teaches us to share.” Each child brought in a food item to share with hungry children. These items will be used to fill the Share God’s Bounty Pantry Packs that will go to families in need right here in Fort Bend County. Thank you to these SLCS teachers and young students for sharing their blessings!
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.

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Prayer can prevent Abortion! 40 Days for Life prayer vigils have saved over 11,800 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.

SUPPORT SCM WITH AMAZON SMILE

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon automatically donates 0.5% of the purchase price to St. Laurence Social Concerns. Please bookmark this link and support us every time you shop: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/76-0157777

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to call weekend BINGO at Sugar Land Health Care Center in old Sugar Land. This is a GREAT family or small group service opportunity. For more info or to volunteer, please contact Janet Roberts at jrob3207@comcast.net.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

NAMI Fort Bend is a grassroots organization whose mission is to improve the lives of those affected by mental illness. Come to the General Meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month. Support Groups (English) are on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, Spanish Support Group is the 3rd Tuesday each month and Chinese Support Group is the last Sunday each month. For more information, please contact Pat or Ken Sumner at 281-265-1554, psumner1@comcast.net, or visit our parish website.

HALLOWEEN CANDY DEPOSITORY

Halloween is still a couple of weeks away, but it’s never too early for a reminder! Once again, Social Concerns will happily collect your leftover Halloween candy that we use for several projects, including Share God’s Bounty. You may drop off your donations in the “Halloween Candy Depository” in the Social Concerns Office or in the parish office or the SCM collection bin (large rolling cart in the church narthex). Please mark your bag: SCM.

Thank you!
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 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

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 jpdivorcecare@aol.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.

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.

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.

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.

TUE, 10/25 @ 7:00PM—Monthly planning meeting in the Trinity Room at St. Laurence. Come and give your ideas!

Welcome to our newest members who signed up to join us at the Ministry Fair: Katherine, Kathy, Lydia, Larissa, Dianne, Myriam and Cesar! We are looking forward to having you as active members of our group!
**LADIES GUILD TREATS & TREASURES**

**MEETING THIS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 6:30PM**

Enjoy fall fellowship at the next Ladies Guild meeting this Thursday, Oct 20, at 6:30pm in the parish hall. Help us set the seasonal spirit by bringing along an autumn-inspired appetizer or dessert to share. After a brief meeting, we will creatively bag some treats for residents of a local health care center/nursing home. Come help in this service to others to share joy of the autumn season! (We are asking for donations of travel sized toiletries for this project, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, lotion, small soaps, shampoo & conditioner.) Then save the date for Friday, October 28, at 2:30pm, when we hit the Autumn Trail to deliver the bags and enjoy a sing-a-long gathering with some of the residents! For more information about this meeting or Ladies Guild, please contact President Tina Dougherty at 713-859-6861.

**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.

**NEW AT THE PARISH LIBRARY**

**STOP BY FOR A VISIT AT THE AVE MARIA CENTER**

The Parish Library has a number of new items and programs! Try Toddler Story Time on Tuesdays at 10am for children 3- and-under. We read stories, sing songs, color and sometimes do an easy craft. If you have not yet been to the new library at the Ave Maria Center, please come and take a look! If you filled out a library card application, be sure to pick up your card the next time you are in the Ave Maria Center. If you have borrowed books and not returned them, please remember to return them as soon as possible. Although our library does not charge fines for overdue books, we really would appreciate if parishioners would honor the due dates, so that everyone can enjoy all that our library has to offer. For more information, please contact Susan Mulé at 281-265-5774.

**NOV 4-6: MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Fall is a beautiful season full of color and crisp fresh air. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like autumn because it’s a weekend full of fresh air, new beginnings and a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. It’s a great time to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. The dates for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is November 4-6. Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 for more information or register online at www.houstonme.org.

**OCT 20: H.O.P.E. 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 agnesfernandes@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!

St. Laurence Catholic Church | PG 17
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”.

Saturday, October 15th, 5:00pm – 10:00pm  
Sunday, October 16th, 10:00pm – 5:00pm

**Bouncers and Others**
- Swing Ride
- Hoops
- Rockwall
- Extreme Jumpers
- Trackless Train
- Leaps & Bounds Obstacle Course
- Ninja Challenge Obstacle Course
- Cars Dual Lane Slide
- Tiger Craze
- Big Top Playland

**Activity Booths**
- Dolls
- Duck Pond
- Confetti Eggs
- Bean Bag Toss
- Fish Pond
- Strikeout
- Darts
- Hockey
- Gummy 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
- Kofé
- Filipino
- Soda
- Desserts

**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
- Graves Mechanical
- Lawrence F. Dietlein, Jr. Law Office
- Carpenter & Carpenter, P.C.
- Joe Ochoa Roofing, Inc.
- Classic Dental
- The Fitzpatrick Group
- Bain & Barkley
- Dr. and Dra. Delclos
- The Hickl Family
- Andrius and Tamara Kontrimas and Family

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

**Helping Hands**
- Grandiose Events
- John B. and Norma J. Ward
- Rane and Germaine Dartaz
- Steve and Susan Crockett
- Joe and Michelle McGinnis
- Tim and Michelle Hannah
SAECRAT PREPARATION

Baptism: Rose Davis | 281-980-9812
Confirmation (Teens): Sara Sahleghi | 281-265-5774
Confirmation (Adults): Mary Visser | 281-265-5774
First Holy Communion: Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
First Reconciliation: Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
Marriage Preparation: Theresa Rawls | 281-980-9812
Marriage Sponsor: Sharon & John Harry | 281-980-8090
Couples

FAITH FORMATION & EDUCATION

A.C.T.S. Retreat: Dcn. Don Burns | 281-734-8715
Adult Faith Formation: Justin Frato | 281-265-5774
COR Worship Nights: Danielle Noonan | 832-754-0567
Edge (Middle School): Eric Painter | 281-265-5774
Elementary CCE: Joan Hasterreiter | 281-265-5774
Family Faith: Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
Life Teen (High School): Kris Frank | 281-265-5774
Natural Family Planning: Jacob/Jillian Counts | 281-300-3704
Parish School (SLCS): Suzanne Barto | 281-980-0500
Parish School Board: David Wells | 810-599-9896
Parish School PTO: Kristin Holy | 281-491-8236
Vacation Bible School: Cindy Martin | 281-265-5774
Vocations Committee: Fr. Simon Kipti | 281-980-9812
Weekday Children’s Prog.: Becky Wilkinson | 281-313-0329

PRAYER GROUPS & SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Catholic Men: Jim Kij | 281-253-4800
Challenge Club for Girls: Monica Hager | 281-240-7672
Contemplative Prayer: Elaine Smith | 281-499-6660
Divine Mercy (AM): Sally Flowers | 281-265-8360
Divine Mercy (PM): Patti Kallemeyn | 281-438-0696
Hearts of Jesus & Mary: Margie Calo | 281-980-4711
Lay Apostle Prayer: Kay Quenan | 281-265-3238
Legion of Mary: Carmelita Kussad | 713-922-2446
Men’s Bible Studies: Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873
St. Anthony of Padua: Joseph Ellankil | 832-282-3032
Small Christian Comm: Sunny Tom | 832-620-7417
Tuesday AM Bible Study: Genoveva Duque | 281-980-1014

MINISTRIES OF PASTORAL SUPPORT

Annulments: Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774
Bereavement Ministries: Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774
Grief Support Group: Sandy Barber | 281-633-9090
Grieving Families: Agnes Fernandez | 281-933-3721
H.O.P.E.: Annette Bisan | 281-980-1449
Cancer Support: Angela Rankin | 832-945-2245
Caregivers Support Group: Lori Knowles | 281-261-5738
DivorceCare: Janie Picou | 832-860-3398
NAMI: Pat Summer | 281-265-1554
Pastoral Care for Sick: Ambrose Graham | 713-865-3729
Spiritual Direction: Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774

SOCIAL CONCERNS & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Bridges to Life: Dana Cutbirth | 281-343-1417
Correctional Ministry: Deacon Charles Plant | 281-300-3059
Funeral Receptions: Carol Giardina | 281-703-8615
Habitat for Humanity: Steve Pondell | 281-253-7088
Learn English Ministry: Wendy Moore | 713-208-5169
Learn Spanish Ministry: Adriana Gutierrez | 713-269-2851
Meals That Heal: Joan O’Daniel | 281-788-5430
Medical Missionaries: Herb Appel | 713-826-1017
Ministry of St. Joseph: Tim Beverick | 281-265-1533
Respect Life: Marie McCoy | 281-265-7749
Senior Rides & More: Annette Bisanz | 281-980-1449
Social Concerns: Pennie DeGroot | 281-980-9812
Society St. John DeMatha: Deacon Al Bothe | 713-582-3870

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Adoration: Janice Swoboda | 281-980-8481
Altar Linen Care: Rose Davis | 281-980-9812
Altar Servers: Joy Smith | 281-265-0839
Art & Environment: Michele Holbrooke | 281-265-8425
Children’s Liturgy of the Word: Catherine Short | 713-628-3949
Extraordinary Ministers: Susan Choate | 281-682-3389
Liturgical Ministers: Claire Gregory | 281-208-2715
Mass Hospitality: HalMechel | 281-543-9876
Music Ministry: Mary Thompson | 281-980-9812
Dr. Kevin Klotz | 281-980-9812

EVANGELIZATION, STEWARDSHIP & LEADERSHIP

Come & See: Art & Marilyn Ramponi | 832-945-2110
Discipleship Council: Marc Sherman | 713-962-0617
Finance Council: Bob Ladd | 281-980-3246
Financial Peace University: Jason Davalos | 832-876-9824
Pastoral Council: Tom Ruck | 713-855-2399
St. Paul Street Evangelization: Marta Alves | 713-569-3679
Welcome Ministry: Eva Fernandez | 832-633-5640

COMMUNITY & PARISH LIFE

African Catholic Comm: Esther Iredia | 832-661-2945
Bazaar: Tom Barry | 281-545-4112
Boy Scout Troop 828: Craig Popp | 281-731-6140
Cub Scout Pack 1828: Danny Kliebert | 225-614-3148
Catholic Daughters: LuciDziadul | 713-416-4926
Council of Cath Women: KimKatzmierczak | 713-305-9845
Filipino Community: Cheryl Koe | 713-248-1164
Hispanic Ministry: Francisco Rojas-Ayala | 281-690-3374
Knights of Columbus: Joe Chirco | 281-216-6896
Liturgical Ministers: Tina Dougherty | 713-859-6861
Moms & Tots: Chrissy Campbell | 310-926-7085
Pastoral Council: Chrissy Campbell | 310-926-7085
St. Laurence Singles: Kathy Gawklik | 281-980-2677
Seniors (JOY Club): Anne Higgins | 832-755-5597
Vietnamese Group: Amy Le | 281-330-0565
Women of the Cloth: Margie Koenig | 281-313-3625
Young Adult Group: Michaela Barta | 281-265-5774

Find more information about all our parish groups and ministries at www.stlaurence.org.