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
Noviembre 12 — 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

Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full

Share God's Bounty
Thanksgiving Meal Drive
**PARISH OFFICE**
3100 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-980-9812
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Parochial Vicar: Fr. Jaison Thomas, MSFS, jaisonthomas@stlaurence.org  
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Simon Kipiti, skipiti@stlaurence.org  
Deacon: Renato (Rey) Arellano, deacon.rey@stlaurence.org  
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Deacon: Don Burns, don@donburns.com  
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Social Concerns: Pennie DeGroot, pdegroot@stlaurence.org  
Parish Life & Communications: Sharon Ehrenkranz, sehrenkranz@stlaurence.org

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281-265-5774
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Youth Ministry: Kris Frank, kfrank@stlaurence.org  
Sara Sahlezghi, ssahlezghi@stlaurence.org  
Eric Painter, epainter@stlaurence.org

**ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
2630 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-980-0500
Principal: Suzanne Barto, sbarto@stlaurence.org  
Registrar: Marie Brown, mbrown@stlaurence.org

**WEEKDAY CHILDREN’S PROGRAM**
3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-313-0329
Director: Becky Wilkinson, b wilkinson@stlaurence.org

**PARISH LEADERSHIP COUNCILS**
281-980-9812
Pastoral Council: Tom Ruck, rucktg@gmail.com  
Finance Council: Bob Ladd, robert.ladd@haynesboone.com  
Discipleship Council: Marc Sherman, MarcSherman@iheartmedia.com

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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.

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

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

**PARISH SCHOOL & CHAPEL**
St. Laurence Catholic School provides strong academics in a Christian environment to 720 students enrolled in PreK4 through Grade 8. Office Hours: Monday-Friday are 8:00am-4:00pm. Adjacent to the school is the Chapel of the Divine Mercy which offers Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and serves as the site for smaller liturgies.
Share God’s Bounty
St. Laurence Parish-wide Thanksgiving Drive

On the plaza after Mass, pick up a TURKEY TAG or a cash donation envelope to contribute to our annual Share God’s Bounty Drive! Each tag is a shopping list for a frozen turkey and all the fixins. These simple items you purchase will go directly to a family in need here in Fort Bend County, plus to families at our sister parish, Queen of Peace in Houston. Every Thanksgiving, over 800 meals are distributed on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Thank you for sharing so generously each year!

To better understand how your donation impacts families in our area, read the following testimonials from those involved:

For many years we have been blessed to be a minor part of “Share God’s Bounty”. God has always led us to extremely needy and deserving individuals and families. These people wait at their homes with grateful anticipation for the prayed over, beautifully packaged meals provided by caring parishioners. Share God’s Bounty has opened many hearts to the love of Christ. Thank you once again for allowing this simple act of love to meet real needs and build relationships with people who are struggling. ~ John Gilbert

The meals you provide for our parishioners are so awesome! Our families are so happy and grateful to receive this blessing from St. Laurence. May God bless you all! ~ St. John Fisher Catholic Church

Our families are so thankful for your generosity. Please know that you are truly helping make Thanksgiving and Christmas brighter for our families. For some families, this will be their only Thanksgiving meal. Because of you, a few families are experiencing a Thanksgiving meal for the first time! ~ Bethel Ministries

The refugee families are very excited when they receive their Thanksgiving meals. We have our caseworkers help them learn how to cook the turkey. Thank you for providing food and comfort to our families in need! ~ Refugee Resettlement

The Share God’s Bounty meal and the Wish Upon a Star program have been ministries of kindness and compassion to my family. As a single parent, it is usually a struggle to prepare a special holiday meal with all the trimmings that put a big smile on the children’s faces. The same tension arises as Christmas approaches, and underneath the tree has many empty spaces. Through these two programs, my family was gifted with very generous helpings of holiday foods and beautiful thoughtful gifts for the children. What better gift for a parent to receive, than to see their children laughing with full bellies. The Share God’s Bounty meal and the Wish Upon a Star programs removed the worry from my holiday season and made room in my heart and mind to soak in all of the happiness surrounding me.

~ From a family in need

Please visit www.stlaurence.org/share-gods-bounty for more information.
## 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

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, NOV 5

5:00pm – Souls in Purgatory

### SUNDAY, NOV 6

7:30am – Miriam Amerau (D)  
9:00am – Kevin Hinguillo (D)  
11:00am – Edmond Atallah (D)  
12:45pm – Mario & Ermentina Forcade (I)  
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

### MONDAY, NOV 7

7:30am – Ramon Hurtado (D)  
12:00pm – Mathai Abraham (D)

### TUESDAY, NOV 8

7:30am – Josefina Villasenor (D)  
12:00pm – Charles Wheelock (D)

### WEDS, NOV 9

7:30am – Thomas Figoski (D)  
6:30pm – Sherryl & Alana Jardinel (I)

### THURSDAY, NOV 10

7:30am – Sweeney Thompson (D)  
12:00pm – Victor Robledo (D)

### FRIDAY, NOV 11

8:15am – Anthony Yuen (D)  
12:00pm – Gilbert Leal (D)

### SATURDAY, NOV 12

8:30pm - Romy Arias (D)  
5:00pm – Joseph Flaherty (D)

### SUNDAY, NOV 13

7:30am – Sharon Gase (I)  
9:00am – James Fay (D)  
11:00am – Federico Silva (D)  
12:45pm – Tresa Punnoose (D)  
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

## PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON

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


## PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

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

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[5:00pm – St. Laurence Catholic Church]
AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

NOV 6-12: NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK
This week is National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW), an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States, dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Please pray for our clergy and for an increase in young people called to the priesthood and religious life. For more information about Houston events to promote vocations, go to www.houstonvocations.com.

NOV 12: ARCHDIOCESAN DISABILITY CONFERENCE
Anyone who has a heart for disability ministry, including clergy, catechists, principals, teachers, pastoral & social justice ministers, families, friends and care providers of children and adults with disabilities, are invited to “In God’s Image” Disability Conference on Saturday, November 12, 8:00am - 4:00pm at University of St. Thomas Jerabeck Center, 4000 Mt. Vernon, in Houston. The cost to attend is $30 (includes lunch). Register by October 31 at archgh.cvent.com/InGodsImage2016.

NOV 20: 8TH ANNUAL ‘IN MEMORIA’ CONCERT
The Archdiocesan Choir, under the direction of Dr. Rick Lopez, presents the 8th Annual In Memoria concert, to be held at 3:00pm on Sunday, November 20, at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. The first half of the program honors the Year of Mercy with music compositions written in honor of this past year, including two works from local Catholic composers. The second half of the program will feature The Sunrise Mass by Ola Gjeilo. Tickets are $25 for general admission, $15 for seniors and $10 for students. Go to www.archgh.org/InMemoria for info and to purchase tickets.

NOV 21: INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE
In the spirit of fellowship, everyone is invited to join with members of different faith communities in expressing our shared gratitude at Thanksgiving in Community, a Fort Bend Interfaith Community service on Monday, November 21, at 7:00pm, at Christ Church, located at 3300 Austin Parkway. Be there with Fr. Drew and members of our choir ministry as they join with Christ Church (Methodist), Congregation Beth El, His Highness the Aga Khan Council, Maryam Islamic Center, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for this special interfaith Thanksgiving celebration.

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!

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

FUNERALS
Gloria Hyatt, mother of John Hyatt
Emma Barto, mother of Todd Barto
Maxima Flores, mother of Lynne Pancho & Aura Espinosa

BAPTISMS
Adrianna Albarran, Eberechi Mbaka, Karson Bui, Ava Aranda, Grace Brevelle, Benjamin Kramer, Xander Cagas, Easton Seifert

WEDDINGS
Suzana Garcia & Matthew Weeks
Linda Moses & Ejike Okwumabua

OFFERTORY RENEWAL
Our thanks to those of you who have returned your Commitment Card with a pledge to increase your donation to the weekly offertory. If you haven’t returned your Commitment Card for the Offertory Renewal Appeal, please do so now. No gift is too small. Also, get more info about electronic giving at www.faithdirect.net (use church code TX460). Questions? Contact Tony Oltremari at toltemari@stlaurence.org, 281-980-9812.

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 parent prep class is offered monthly.
CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION

PRESCHOOL CCE MEETS TODAY

ELEMENTARY CCE THIS WEEK

The Sacraments of Initiation

The Sacraments of Christian Initiation are signs of God’s love which lay the foundation for our lives as disciples of Jesus. This week, bring out photos of your children’s baptisms and share with them your memories of that special day. Discuss why it was important to you, your child and your family that your child be baptized into the Christian, but particularly the Catholic, faith.

MONDAY MORNINGS: MOMS & TOTS

Are you a mom who is home with young child(ren) ages infant to pre-K on Monday mornings? Consider joining Moms & Tots. The 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 the group for more info at stlaurence.momsandtots@gmail.com or call Chrissy Campbell at 310-926-7085.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
TODAY, NOVEMBER 6

Offered during the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses

Children grades K-4 are invited to follow faith sharers on designated Sundays for Children’s Liturgy of the Word to hear the readings in language they can better understand. For more info, please call Susan Choate (281-682-3389) or Claire Gregory (281-208-2715).

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

ST. LAURENCE SCHOOL WINS TWO CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ONE WEEK!

Congratulations to the St. Laurence Saints Football team for capturing the championship for the 2nd year in a row!

The Saints Boys & Girls teams are the 2016 Cross Country Champions for a 4th year in a row!

CALLING ALL SLCS ALUMNI

Preparation is underway for the winter edition of The Saints’ Scoop, our Alumni Magazine! We want to know what our Saints have been up to since leaving SLCS. Please share your info and photos at https://goo.gl/forms/i9qa44n4pTExIIX2 or email Adriana Gutierrez at agutierrez@stlaurence.org.

Follow SLCS

(Images and contact information for various social media platforms)
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
This Wednesday, NOV 9, in Marian Hall
Next Wednesday, NOV 16, in School Gym
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.

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.

LIFE TEEN TONIGHT!
SUNDAY, 11/6 630-815pm Ave Maria Center
Tonight, we begin “The Summit” a series on the Mass. Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass changes everything!

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS
TUESDAY, 11/8 600-730pm 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.

What are “D-Groups”?
Discipleship Groups are small, grade-specific community faith groups. Join us for free food, community and faith sharing. These groups run on bible studies which work hand-in-hand with our other youth ministry programs to help teens better understand their Catholic faith.

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.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis encourages us to learn and grow in our faith every day. He recognizes our daily struggle and inspires us to make our heart a fertile ground, through humility, so that the seed of God’s grace may grow in us. Further, he tells us to spend at least a minute daily reading the Gospel to know Christ better:

I would like to remind you again, the importance of having a pocket-sized Gospel, the Bible. A small Gospel in your purse, in your pocket, and to nourish yourselves every day with this Living Word of God, to read a passage from the Gospel every day, a passage from the Bible. Please don’t ever forget this. Because this is the strength that makes the life of the Kingdom of God sprout in us. (Pope Francis, June 14, 2015)

Coming up this week:
MONDAY, 11/7 @ 10:30am OR 7:00pm
Lay Apostle Prayer Group
Scripture and Message from Anne, A Lay Apostle

TUESDAY, 11/8 @ 9:00am in Marian Hall
Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Study of Acts: The Persecutor Becomes the Preacher

WEDNESDAY, 11/9 @5:30am in Marian Hall
That Man Is You
Session 9: The Willingness to Pay the Price
EXPERIENCING NEW LIFE THIS ADVENT

**Friday Night: JANUARY 6**
6:00-8:30pm Marian Hall
*Living the Life You Don’t Have Time For*

**All Day Saturday: JANUARY 7**
9:00am-3:00pm Marian Hall
*Walking Toward Eternity Seminar*

**JANUARY 6-7, 2017**

**A Live Seminar with JEFF CAVINS**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**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

**WWW.STLAURENCE.ORG/AFF**

facebook.com/groups/stlaurenceadultfaith

**Join us for an Advent Evening of Reflection where we will prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ this Christmas. Come and discover where Jesus wants to make “all things new” in your life.**
Un día de encuentro con
La Virgen María

Ven y Vive un Testimonio de amor con

Carolina Name
desde Bogotá Colombia

Viernes 11 de Noviembre 2016
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Ave Maria Parish Life Center
Ave Maria Marian Hall A
3103 Sweetwater Blvd. - Sugar Land, TX. 77479
LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD!
Stewardship Reflection for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s second reading, Saint Paul offers encouragement to the Christian community and prays that the Lord instill encouragement in their hearts. There is nothing worse than discouragement to drain people spiritually and emotionally. Yet, at times, it is much easier to lose patience with others and offer critical and discouraging words. We are “our brothers’ (and sisters’) keepers.” We are stewards of our relationships with others. Offering encouragement is essential to the exercise of that stewardship. Saint Paul understood that God worked through him just as God works through us to encourage others. How often do we ask the Lord for encouragement? How often do we look for opportunities to affirm, strengthen and encourage others in our daily lives?

www.catholicstewardship.org

STEWARDS AMONG US
MARIA JACOBSON

This week, Maria Jacobson is in Laredo, Texas, leading a team of 50 medical missionaries to bring care to the very poor in our state. So how does a recently retired Chevron Crude Oil Operations Manager, with no medical background, find herself in charge of the Medical Mission? “I kept hearing that little voice each year telling me to sign up, and somehow I would argue back and say that I had no medical experience. Finally, one year the voice won, and I said yes. Who would have thought that someone who started out without any medical experience would end up working with such a great group of giving people? You just never know what God has in mind, but listen to the little voice!”

In addition to the Medical Mission, Maria serves in Adoration, ACTS, bible studies, a Small Christian Community and as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. She encourages others to find a way to engage in parish life: “Start small, but pick one, and let God do the rest. You realize there is so much more about our faith that we think we know (after all I was born Catholic), but honestly, there is so much to learn every day! God works through others to teach us.”

Religious freedom is not a right which can be guaranteed solely by existing legislation, although laws are necessary. Rather, religious freedom is a shared space – like this one – an atmosphere of respect and cooperation that must be built with everyone’s participation.

Pope Francis
September 21, 2014

Ask Paula

Q.
Isn’t it time for the 2017 Missals to be available?

A.
You guys are in luck, they are! Look for the baskets by the exit doors and on the Hospitality Desk in the narthex. Now remember, we don’t SELL them but we do ask for a small donation, just saying. (FYI, they cost the church $2.50, so you decide.) Get yours now because they will go quickly, right? Listen, Missals always end up in the Lost & Found, so PLEASE put your name inside yours. We’ll call you when you leave it, and trust me, a lot of you will. Guess what else is available? The 2017 calendars, YEA! Look for these FREE calendars in the church and I do have some in the parish office, too. Thanks, Arlene Rolson, for sponsoring these again for us.

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.
Part I of the summary of the US bishops’ reflection, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, considered the core principles that underlie Catholic engagement in the political realm. Part II is a consideration of the process by which these principles are applied to the act of voting and taking positions on policy issues. It begins with the general consideration of the nature of conscience and the role of prudence. The application of prudential judgment does not mean that all choices are equally valid or that the bishops’ guidance and that of other church leaders is just another political opinion or policy preference among many others. Rather, Catholics are urged to listen carefully to the Church’s teachers when they apply Catholic social teaching to specific proposals and situations.

How Does the Church Help the Catholic Faithful to Speak About Political and Social Questions?

**A Well-Formed Conscience**
The Church equips its members to address political questions by helping them develop well-formed consciences. “Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act. . . . [Every person] is obliged to follow faithfully what he [or she] knows to be just and right” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). We Catholics have a lifelong obligation to form our consciences in accord with human reason, enlightened by the teaching of Christ as it comes to us through the Church.

**The Virtue of Prudence**
The Church also encourages Catholics to develop the virtue of prudence, which enables us “to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1806). Prudence shapes and informs our ability to deliberate over available alternatives, to determine what is most fitting to a specific context, and to act. Prudence must be accompanied by courage, which calls us to act. As Catholics seek to advance the common good, we must carefully discern which public policies are morally sound. At times, Catholics may choose different ways to respond to social problems, but we cannot differ on our obligation to protect human life and dignity and help build, through moral means, a more just and peaceful world.

Doing Good and Avoiding Evil
There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society, because they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. These intrinsically evil acts must always be rejected and never supported. A preeminent example is the intentional taking of innocent human life, as in abortion. Similarly, human cloning, destructive research on human embryos, and other acts that directly violate the sanctity and dignity of human life including genocide, torture, and the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, can never be justified. Nor can violations of human dignity, such as acts of racism, treating workers as mere means to an end, deliberately subjecting workers to subhuman living conditions, treating the poor as disposable, or redefining marriage to deny its essential meaning, ever be justified.

Opposition to intrinsically evil acts also prompts us to recognize our positive duty to contribute to the common good and act in solidarity with those in need. Both opposing evil and doing good are essential. As St. John Paul II said, “The fact that only the negative commandments oblige always and under all circumstances does not mean that in the moral life prohibitions are more important than the obligation to do good indicated by the positive commandment.” The basic right to life implies and is linked to other human rights such as a right to the goods that every person needs to live and thrive—including food, shelter, health care, education, and meaningful work.

Avoiding Two Temptations
Two temptations in public life can distort the Church’s defense of human life and dignity: The first is a moral equivalence that makes no ethical distinctions between different kinds of issues involving human life and dignity. The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception until natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed. The second is the misuse of these necessary moral distinctions as a way of dismissing or ignoring other serious threats to human life and dignity. Racism and other unjust discrimination, the use of the death penalty, resorting to unjust war, environmental degradation, the use of torture, war crimes, the failure to respond to those who are suffering from hunger or a lack of health care or housing, pornography, human trafficking, redefining civil marriage, compromising religious liberty,
or unjust immigration policies are all serious moral issues that challenge our consciences and require us to act.

**Making Moral Choices**

The bishops do not tell Catholics how to vote; the responsibility to make political choices rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience, aided by prudence. This exercise of conscience begins with always opposing policies that violate human life or weaken its protection.

When morally flawed laws already exist, prudential judgment is needed to determine how to do what is possible to restore justice—-even if partially or gradually—without ever abandoning a moral commitment to full protection for all human life from conception to natural death (see St. John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, no. 73).

Prudential judgment is also needed to determine the best way to promote the common good in areas such as housing, health care, and immigration. When church leaders make judgments about how to apply Catholic teaching to specific policies, this may not carry the same binding authority as universal moral principles but cannot be dismissed as one political opinion among others. These moral applications should inform the consciences and guide the actions of Catholics.

As Catholics we are not single-issue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter’s support. Yet a candidate’s position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support.

**What Public Policies Should Concern Catholics Most?**

As Catholics, we are led to raise questions about political life other than those that concentrate on individual, material well-being. We focus more broadly on what protects or threatens the dignity of every human life. Catholic teaching challenges voters and candidates, citizens and elected officials, to consider the moral and ethical dimensions of public policy issues. In light of ethical principles, we bishops offer the following policy goals that we hope will guide Catholics as they form their consciences and reflect on the moral dimensions of their public choices:

- Address the preeminent requirement to protect human life—by restricting and bringing to an end the destruction of unborn children through abortion and providing women in crisis pregnancies with the supports they need. End the following practices: the use of euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of illness and disability; the destruction of human embryos in the name of research; the use of the death penalty to combat crime; and the imprudent resort to war to address international disputes.
- Protect the fundamental understanding of marriage as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false “gender” ideologies; provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically, so that our nation helps parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility.
- Achieve comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.
- Help families and children overcome poverty and ensure access to and choice in education, as well as decent work at fair, living wages and adequate assistance for the vulnerable in our nation, while also helping to overcome widespread hunger and poverty around the world, especially in the policy areas of development assistance, debt relief, and international trade.
- Ensure full conscience protection and religious freedom for individuals and groups to meet social needs, and enable families, community groups, economic structures, and government to work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good, and care for creation.
- Provide health care while respecting human life, human dignity, and religious freedom in our health care system.
- Continue to oppose policies that reflect racism, hostility toward immigrants, religious bigotry, and other forms of unjust discrimination.
- Establish and comply with moral limits on the use of military force—examining for what purposes it may be used, under what authority, and at what human cost—with a special view to seeking a responsible and effective response to ending the persecution of Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East and other parts of the world.
- Join with others around the world to pursue peace, protect human rights and religious liberty, and advance economic justice and care for creation.

**Notes**

1. Veritatis Splendor, no. 52.
NOV 14-15: FR. DAVE PIVONKA RETURNS!

St. Laurence welcomes back Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, to lead our Parish Mission on Monday and Tuesday, November 14-15. All parishioners of any age are encouraged to attend the Mission, which will be offered in one-hour sessions twice a day: 9:30-10:30am and repeated at 7:00-8:00pm. All sessions are free, open to everyone and held in the church. Over these two days, Fr. Dave will focus on God, the Holy Spirit, inspired by a term the ancient Celts used to describe the Holy Spirit: Wild Goose. God’s Spirit is power and blows not merely like a gentle breeze but at times like a raging wind. Our first instinct is to get it under control, but like a wild goose, it’s hard to control. So, “let the goose loose” and come to the Parish Mission! Get more info at www.stlaurence.org/parishmission.

NOV 15: LADIES GUILD SHOP ‘TIL YOU DROP

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping at the annual Ladies Guild Shop ‘Til You Drop on Thursday, Nov 17, 6:00-9:00pm. This year, it will be held in the new Ave Maria Center, which will allow it to be bigger and better than ever with even more vendors. Look for jewelry, home décor, Christmas and gift items, food, services, and much more! Admission is free and beverages are provided by the Ladies Guild, so invite a friend and enjoy the evening! This is a fundraiser which benefits local charities and parish ministries supported by the Ladies Guild. For all the details about Shop ‘Til You Drop or the St. Laurence Ladies Guild, please contact President Tina Dougherty at 713-859-6861 or tinadougherty95@gmail.com, and visit www.stlaurence.org/shop-til-you-drop.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. JAISON

Sign up now for 11-Day Pilgrimage from June 2-12, 2017

All are invited to join Fr. Jaison on an 11-day Holy Land Pilgrimage to Cana, Tiberias, Bethlehem, Mt. Beatitudes, Nazareth, Jerusalem, & Mount of Olives on June 2-12, 2017. The cost is $3,390 per person (includes roundtrip airfare from Houston, first class hotels, 2 meals a day, daily Mass, taxes, surcharges and tips). For a brochure and more information, contact Maria Jacobson at 713-582-8424 or mjacobson1984@yahoo.com, or call Inspirational Tours at 713-961-2785. Inspirational Tours has made this once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage a fundraiser for the Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy, so your involvement will benefit our medical missions as well! Act quickly—the spots are going quickly! Visit www.inspirationaltoursinc.com for all the details.

VETERANS DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 13

In honor of our veterans, the Knights of Columbus invite EVERYONE to the parish hall next Sunday following the 7:30am and 9:00am Masses for a FREE Pancake Breakfast. Veterans will receive a blessing from our priests and a gift from Family Faith and Social Concerns Ministries following ALL Masses next weekend.

KC’S SMOKING GOOD TURKEYS

Today on the Plaza

Order a delicious 12-14 lb. turkey, smoked by the Knights of Columbus and ready for your Thanksgiving table for $40. NEW! Look for the Lawn Nativity Set on display on the plaza. The KCs are selling these for $150 (value=$180). Limited to just 50 pre-orders, so get one today!

TIME TO SHARE GOD’S BOUNTY

Thanksgiving Meal Drive

Each year, our parish provides a full Thanksgiving dinner, plus stuff to stock the pantries of 800+ families in need. Pick a tag from the line today!

ANNULMENT INFO SESSION

Thursday, November 10

An information session on the Annulment Process will be offered this Thursday, November 10, from 7:00-8:30pm, at the Ave Maria Center. Learn more about this frequently misunderstood process. Free and no registration required. Contact Anne Marie Daniel for details at adaniel@stlaurence.org, 281-265-5774.
Serving Others

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

SHARING YOUR GIFTS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

We are so blessed to serve our parish and community through the Social Concerns Ministry. We are inspired and touched each and every day by your overwhelming generosity. One of the primary goals of SCM is to give parishioners an opportunity to serve those in need by donating time, monetary support and gifts in kind (goods or services). In all, there are over 30 ministries and support groups that are a part of the SCM family. Another 20+ agencies are supported by your donations.

Two of our largest projects/drives are just around the corner: the Share God’s Bounty Thanksgiving food drive and the Wish Upon A Star Christmas gift program.

Share God’s Bounty provides over 700 meals to families in need throughout the Fort Bend area, plus another 100 to our sister parish, Queen of Peace in Houston. The “turkey tags” will be available on the plaza after all Masses this weekend, along with information on how to sign-up for the 200 volunteer positions.

Wish Upon A Star provides approximately 2,000 Christmas gifts to children, adults and the elderly in need throughout our area. In some cases, this will be the only gift this person receives. The Wish Upon A Star tags will be on the plaza Nov 19-20.

As you take a Share God’s Bounty or Wish Upon A Star tag, please know that there is a very real family or person that will be the recipient of your generosity. By returning your donation at the appointed time, that person will be guaranteed a meal or gift. The recipients of the meals and gifts provided by St. Laurence are so grateful for the generosity of the parish. When you share your gifts, you touch a life!

May God bless you all this holiday season!

Pennie, Melanie & Monica—Social Concerns Ministry Office

HELP OUR TROOPS THIS HOLIDAY

The St. Laurence Military Ministry is collecting snack size packages of nuts, sunflower seeds, dried fruit, beef jerky, energy bars and Power Bars Protein Plus bars. It will be cold in some of the locations, so hot cocoa mix, instant coffee packets, tea bags, individual sugar & powdered creamer packets are appreciated. Please mark MILITARY and drop off in the SCM bin by November 30. Thank you!

HALLOWEEN CANDY DEPOSITORY

THANK YOU for bringing in your leftover Halloween candy! Social Concerns is still collecting donations of candy for several projects, including Share God’s Bounty. Drop off your donations in the “Halloween Candy Depository” in the Social Concerns Office, in the parish office, or look for the SCM collection bin (large rolling cart) in the church narthex.

Please mark your bag: SCM.
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

RESPECT FOR LIFE

BROCHURE OF THE MONTH
End of Life Issues

As our loved one’s approach death, or are suffering with pain or serious handicaps from an illness or injury, we face difficult choices about their care. While we want to support life, we do not want to prolong suffering. This brochure addresses pain control, providing food and water, and the right to refuse certain medical treatments, and explains Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders, extraordinary or disproportionate care, and medical futility. Readers are also referred to the National Catholic Bioethics Center at www.ncbcenter.org, which provides a free ethics consultation service by phone or online inquiry. The article can be viewed in both English and Spanish on the Respect Life brochure of the month page of the St. Laurence website at www.stlaurence.org.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Option Line is a 24/7 helpline for anyone facing an unplanned pregnancy. A staff person is ready to listen and talk to you at any time; Spanish speakers are available. Referrals will be made to a local pregnancy center for ongoing local support (or they can connect you directly if the center is open). Please go to www.OptionLine.org or call 800-712-HELP (4357).

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

It’s a yearly tradition for SLCS student, Gabbi Arenas (pictured with her friends) to celebrate her birthday by helping those in need. This year, she asked her friends to bring a food item for our Share God’s Bounty food drive. The party included a fun service project. The children had a great time making snack bags for CASA and coloring lunch sacs the Lunches of Love program.

PICK UP SOME HOPE BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

Stop by the Social Concerns Office during regular business hours (Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00) and pick up some Hope Bags for the Homeless. Each bag contains a protein, a starch, fruit and water. Hope Bags are stitched by St. Laurence parishioners and all items in the bag are donated and assembled by parishioners. Now we need YOU to deliver them to people who can use them! Each month, over 75 Hope Bags are distributed by parishioners like you. If you cannot pick up the bags during the specified hours, please call us at 281-980-9812 and we’ll make arrangements for you to pick up in the parish office. Thank you!

Let’s all get together and…
SHARE GOD’S BOUNTY!

Share God’s Bounty is our annual Thanksgiving meal drive, providing a holiday meal and extra items to restock the pantries for more than 700 families throughout Fort Bend County and another 100 meals for our sister parish, Queen of Peace. Pick up a tag this weekend to provide a complete holiday meal for a family in need.

Want to help distribute meals on Saturday, November 19th? Signups are on Sign Up Genius now. A few spots remain. Thanks for signing up! Contact Pennie DeGroot in the SCM office at 281-980-9812 with questions.
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.

WED, 11/9 @ 6:00PM—Book Club Dinner at Cafe Goo Goo Yen. The November book is Killing Reagan by Bill O’Reilly. Read up and join us for a great discussion.

SUN, 11/13 @ 9:00AM—9AM Mass at St. Laurence and then brunch at Sweet Tomatoes on Sugardale Drive in Stafford. Look for us at Mass near the choir.

TUES, 11/22 @ 7:00PM—Planning meeting in the Trinity Room at St. Laurence. Join us to share your suggestions on what you would like to do!

The St. Laurence Hispanic Ministry traveled to Poland and the Czech Republic in September to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy. They are already planning their next trip, to the Holy Land in September 2017. The Hispanic Ministry meets each month on the 2nd Wednesday, from 7:00-8:30pm in the Corpus Christi Room. For info, contact Francisco Rojas-Ayala at mhstlaurence@gmail.com.

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.

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.

NOV 22—Join the group in thanksgiving for Noon Mass. We’ll meet and sit together in the church, then go to lunch somewhere fun, before all your family and friends arrive for the Thanksgiving holiday!

DEC 5—Annual Potluck Lunch and gift exchange ($15 limit) from 11:00am-1:00pm in Marian Hall. Turkey & ham provided, so bring a favorite dessert or side dish to share.

COPING WITH GRIEF THRU HOLIDAYS

Offered December 13, 6:30-8:30pm

Holidays are times to gather with family and friends. If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, the holidays can be filled with sorrow and grief, making you feel as though everyone has joy but you. Join the Grief Support Ministry for a special 2-hour holiday focused session on Tuesday December 13, at 6:30pm, in the St. Clare Room. Videos of grief counseling specialists will provide tools/suggestions for dealing with expectations of family and friends during these most difficult times, plus opportunities to share. All are welcome and the sessions are free. For more information and to register, please contact Sandy Barber at 281-633-9090, help2grieve@hotmail.com.

ST. LAURENCE ADULT SINGLES GROUP

ST. LAURENCE HISPANIC MINISTRY

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 Denise MacDougall or Fran Magelssen at adoration@stlaurence.org or 281-224-6122(Fran) or 281-235-8008(Denise) for more information.

ADORERS STILL NEEDED FOR THESE HOURS:

- Sunday 7am-8am
- Saturday 2am-3am
- Saturday 2pm-3pm
**NOV 21: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS**

A special workshop for people who are separated or divorced will be offered on Monday, November 21, 7:00-9:00pm, in Marian Hall, to provide help and hope for navigating the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Are you wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can’t be recreated? Join us for this seminar which will provide practical strategies for coping with the memories of past family celebrations. Learn how to deal with emotions, tips for surviving social events, ways to give your kids a good holiday experience and how to discover hope for your future. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Janie at 832-860-3398 or jpdivorcecare@aol.com.

**NOV 20: THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE**

The renowned bakers of the Catholic Daughters Court St. Laurence will be on the plaza Sunday, Nov 20, after the morning Masses (but only as long as supplies last!) selling delicious homemade Thanksgiving cakes and pies (even specialties like rhubarb pie and our famous rum cake), candy, cookies, and breakfast breads. Get there early for Mariann’s famous biscotti to have with your coffee while you are preparing your family’s Thanksgiving feast. All proceeds from this fundraiser go to support the many charities and works of mercy of the Catholic Daughters, who are grateful for the opportunity to serve this parish. For more info about the CDA, please contact Lucia Dziadul at 713-416-4926 or lucydz812@hotmail.com.

**NOV 20: QUILT RAFFLE**

Get your raffle ticket next weekend (Nov 12-13) for the beautiful award winning quilt, *It Must Be Magic*, pieced by the Women of the Cloth and professionally quilted by Barb Wall. Tickets are just $2 each or $10 for a book of 6 tickets. Proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets will be donated to Elijah Rising.

**NOV 10: CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS BUNCO**

It’s time for the Catholic Daughters’ annual Potluck Dinner & Bunco Meeting. All ladies of the parish are welcome at this popular event, to get to know the Catholic Daughters and meet some new friends! Plan to join them in the parish hall on Thursday, November 10, at 6:00pm. All are welcomed to visit or become a part of this wonderful group. Please bring your favorite covered dish and $5 to this special November meeting. For info about the Catholic Daughters, please contact Lucia Dziadul at 713-416-4926.

**GO ON A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

“But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.” Let us strengthen our marriages in faithfulness by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Some upcoming dates in the Houston area for 2017, are February 17-19, March 24-26 and May 19-21. To learn more about Marriage Encounter, please contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 or go on-line for information and to register at www.houstonme.org.

**NOV 9: YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Are you a young adult in your 20s-30s, looking to connect to your parish? Look into the St. Laurence Young Adult Ministry. We have a Young Adult Bible Study at 7:00pm this Wednesday, November 9, at the Ave Maria Center. We’re discussing John 13-17. So, bring a bible and we’ll provide some good snacks! For more information about this newly reorganized group, please contact Michaela Barta at mbarta@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774.

**“BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW”**

Join a ministry or group and allow Jesus to make something new in you!
With All Saints’ Day celebrated on the 1st of this month, we will take this Family Night to learn about the saints as we play games together. These special friends of God teach us ways we can be a living saint today in our own lives!

Friday, November 11

6:30 pm Hamburger Dinner

7-8 pm Saintly Games

Guardian Angels Hall in the

Ave Maria Center

Please RSVP by November 9 at

www.stlaurence.org/family-nights

Hamburgers will be provided.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

St Laurence Family Night
CANCER SUPPORT

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

- **Baptism**: Rose Davis | 281-980-9812
- **Confirmation (Teens)**: Sara Sahlezghi | 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**:
  - **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 Hastreiter | 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
  - **RCIA**: Justin Frato | 281-265-5774
  - **Vacation Bible School**: Cindy Martin | 281-265-5774
  - **Vocations Committee**: Fr. Simon Kipi | 281-980-9812
  - **Weekday Children’s Prog.**: Becky Wilkinson | 281-313-0329

FAITH FORMATION & EDUCATION

- **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 Ebanks | 281-703-3873
- **St. Anthony of Padua**: Joseph Ellankil | 832-282-3032
  - **Sunny Tom**: 832-620-7417
- **Small Christian Comm**: Genoveva Duque | 281-980-1014
- **Tuesday AM Bible Study**: Regina Johnson | 281-403-1792

MINISTRIES OF PASTORAL SUPPORT

- **Annulments**: Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774
- **Bereavement Ministries**:
  - **Grief Support Group**: Sandy Barber | 281-633-9090
  - **Grieving Families**: Agnes Fernandes | 281-933-3721
  - **H.O.P.E.**: Annette Bisanz | 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 Sumner | 281-265-1554
  - **P.A.C.T. (Parenting Group)**: Steve Brown | 832-471-6131
  - **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 Pendell | 281-253-7088
- **Learn English Ministry**: Wendy Moore | 713-208-5169
- **Learn Spanish Ministry**: Adriana Gutierrez | 713-269-2851
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