SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:15am, 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 4:00pm–4:45pm
Wednesday 5:30pm–6:20pm
Monday–Thursday after morning Mass

ROSARY
Friday 6:30am

FIRST FRIDAY MASS
April 7 — In the church during Lent
8:00pm - Mass

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

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Marzo 25 — 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

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” —Mt 17:5

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

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

AVE MARIA PARISH LIFE CENTER
The Ave Maria Parish Life Center is located across the street from the church and is the site for all religious education classes, programs and offices. Inquiries and drop-ins are welcome during office hours: Monday thru 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

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration for your life today

Atop Mount Tabor, the pure light of Christ was revealed, as seen in this Gospel reading. The Father said, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

The transfiguration is repeated every time we listen to him and allow our faith to be enlightened more today than it was yesterday. Now it is we who are transfigured! We are transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost being, which was created in the image of God and baptized into the likeness of God.

We enjoy life much more when we live according to our true identity. For example, how do you feel when you're impatient? Not so good, right? That's because God is patient (see 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 for a description of his true identity and yours), and when we are patient, we are much happier.

During Lent, by humbly examining how Christ-like we are and repenting from our sins, we let his light consume the darkness within us.

Jesus left his mountaintop experience to fulfill his calling. Following Christ, we too leave our mountaintops to do what God has gifted us to do. Although there is, as the reading from Timothy points out, hardship in living a holy life, we can be comforted by the fact that after every Calvary there is always an Easter. We can rely on the strength that comes from God.”

Listen. Can you hear what God is saying about you? It’s the same words he spoke about Jesus on Mount Tabor: "This is my beloved child; listen to him/her." What are you saying as Christ's partner in ministry?

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What's going on in your life that you would like Jesus to transfigure? What will you do this week to expose it to Jesus' healing light?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

1. As you read the passage from Genesis, how does it feel to think that others could “find a blessing in you”? How does Jesus bless others through you?

2. Timothy reminds us of our holiness. Recall a time when you were enlightened by a new understanding of the faith. How did that change your behavior?

3. In the Gospel story, because the Father was so pleased with his Son, he affirmed him publicly. How do you know when the Father is pleased with you?

In Our Prayers...

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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


PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON

Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Please pray for...


PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
SPC David Ambrociok, US Army
PVT Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
PO 5 Debra Barnette, US Navy
LCpl Trevor Bello, USMC
PFC John Blair, US Army
LCpl Gordon Briggs, USMC
SPC Jordan Briggs, 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 Colm Day, US Navy
LT Andrew DeSplinter, US Army
Sgt Nicholas Dockum, US Army
Capt. Brandon Driscoll, USMC
Maj. James Dunphy, USMC
LT Michael Eberhardt, US Army Reserve
Derek Farias, US Navy
Capt. Matthew Fenelon, USMC
RCT. Aaron Fox, USMC
PVT Jahnne Xavier George, US Army
SSG Philip Graham, US Army
LT Spencer Henry, US Army
PVT Liam Hill, US Army
Daniel Hines, US Navy
SSG Matthew Hollobaugh, US Army Reserve
LT Michelle Horstman, US Army Reserve
SPC Joshua Keenan, US Army
Joseph Kingserski, US Navy
EM4 James Locus, US Navy
PFC Philip Loera, US Army
PFC John Lundgren, US Army
Ann Joseph Marcellus, USAF
LCpl William Marcellus, USMC
TSgt David March, Texas Air National Guard
Capt. Brendan McPartland, USMC
LT Todd Miller, US Army
CPT Alexander Morningstar, US Army
CB, Richard Pinard, US Navy
QMSN Bryne Prochazka, USNavy
LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, USMC
SGT Santiago Ramirez, US Army
ILT Taylor Rammrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
Sgt Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force
LTJG Kevin Stransky, US Navy
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy
Cpl Daniel Thesing, USMC
Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC
ILT Kevin Wheeler, US Army
SGT Bryce Whitley, US Army
AM Troy Yelverton, US Navy

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAR 11
5:00pm — Vinson Varghese (D)

SUNDAY, MAR 12
7:15am — Jeremiah Pascual (D)
9:00am — Bob Brenner (D)
11:00am — Cytiriam Emeka Urneh (D)
12:45pm — George Valverde (D)
5:00pm — St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, MAR 13
7:30am — Ana D’souza (I)
12:00pm — Michael Hayes (D)

TUESDAY, MAR 14
7:30am — Chester Kazmierczak (D)

WEDNESDAY, MAR 15
7:30am — Ganesan & Chithra Kolandaivelu (I)
6:30pm — Kevin Hinguillo (D)

THURSDAY, MAR 16
7:30am — Judy Collins (D)
12:00pm — Alfredo & Remedios Aquino (D)

FRIDAY, MAR 17
8:15am — Justina Crescini (D)
12:00pm — Ed Streich (D)

SATURDAY, MAR 18
8:30am — Josepha Aquino (D)
5:00pm — Peggy McConnell (D)

SUNDAY, MAR 19
7:15am — Ruth V. Egan (D)
9:00am — Remily Avanzado (D)
11:00am — David Grace (D)
12:45pm — Beverley Carpenter (D)
5:00pm — St. Laurence Parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

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

*not licensed by the state

**WEDDING PREPARATION**
Next class: MARCH 13, MAY 15
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 classes: APRIL 8, MAY 13, JUNE 10
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.

**PARISH CELEBRATIONS**

**WEDDINGS**
Janet Stanley & Wayne Switzer

**BAPTISMS**
Josiah Contreras, Addison Miller, Carlos Cabrera, America Cabrera, Dominic Perera, Alyssa Gonzalez, Connor Chhay, Benjamin Ruegger, Julie Graham

**FUNERALS**
Nelson D’Avino, brother of Cecilia Espinel
Isabelle Avery Le, daughter of Brian Le & Angie Hui

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**
www.stlaurence.org/contribute-to-our-parish

**Fast. Pray. Give up your Envelopes!**
We invite you to help your parish save money by giving up your offertory envelopes this Lent! Enrolling with Faith Direct will provide St. Laurence Catholic Church with consistent support and simplify your giving without the wasteful envelopes. Join us in giving up envelopes this Lenten season!

Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TX460

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!
NO PRESCHOOL CCE until March 26th due to Spring Break. Enjoy your holiday!

MAR 14, 15 - NO ELEMENTARY CCE THIS WEEK
SPRING BREAK: See you back at Elementary CCE on March 21/22.
Lenten Challenge: Traveling this Spring Break? God doesn’t take a break from us so we shouldn’t take a break from Him! Attend Mass in your favorite vacation spot by checking times and locations near you ahead of time at http://www.masstimes.org/.

JUN 5-9 : VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION for all children (incoming Kindergarten-incoming 5th) is now on-going at the Ave Maria Center, space permitting by grade level. Please call for availability of space. Youth Volunteer registration will begin Monday, March 20 at the AMC for ALL youth grades 6 and up, until the positions are filled. Only those youth available to serve all five days of VBS will be placed. Questions? Contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org or Cindy Martin at cindymartin@stlaurence.org.

QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
FROM CRIB THROUGH 5 YEARS
Learn more and find the WCP Calendar at:
www.stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

MAR 13-17 Spring Break
MAR 29, 30 School Pictures

JOIN US FOR SUMMER CAMP 2017
Ages 6 months – Entering 5th Grade
JUNE 12-16 Back Yard Fun
JUNE 19-30 Space
JULY 10-21 Circus
JULY 24-AUG 4 Pirates and Princesses
Registration
Currently Enrolled Families forms go home Mar 9, 10
Parishioner Registration April 5
Community Registration April 19

ARCHDIOCESAN SPELLING BEE FINALIST
C-O-N-G-R-A-T-U-L-A-T-I-O-N-S to Eshaan Mani, 5th grade student, for competing in the 3rd-5th Elementary Archdiocesan Spelling Bee yesterday and finishing in the top 6! He did an amazing job and represented SLCS very well! Way to go, Eshaan! We are proud of you!

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL AUCTION
“New York Nights...Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence!”
SLCS is excited to present their 25th annual dinner and auction. This spectacular event will take place April 29, at the Sweetwater Country Club. This annual event benefits St. Laurence Catholic School, which educates students from four years of age through 8th grade. St. Laurence Catholic School provides to our students a program of Christian values, strong academics, social skills and community service. Contact the Advancement office at 281.980.0500 for sponsorship or ticket information.

SLCS MISSION STATEMENT
As a pastoral instrument of the Church, St. Laurence Catholic School educates and develops the whole Christian person in body, mind, and spirit through the trinity of parent, child, and educator.
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.

BE WITH JESUS

St. Laurence is blessed with perpetual adoration offered in our Chapel of Divine Mercy, adjacent to St. Laurence Catholic School. Some people stop by the chapel as their schedules allow. Others commit to be at the chapel during a specific hour each week, so that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. Following is a bit of practical advice for those who have never tried Adoration from a regular adorer. For additional information, please contact Fran or Denise at adoration@stlaurence.org or go to stlaurence.org/adoration.

How do you go?

With reverence. The procedure is to walk through the double doors into the chapel. Some people genuflect, some kneel. I often find it sufficient to quietly say “hello” to Jesus.

I know that He is present in the host but it is somehow easier for me to imagine Him sitting in the presider’s chair.

How long do you go for?

St. Faustina talks of hopping into the chapel for a few minutes. Your visit isn’t an indefinite commitment. Scheduled adorers have one hour blocks because it would get weird scheduling the kind of impromptu visits that the saints describe. But if you are dropping in for a visit, the duration is entirely up to you. Again, imagine this as walking past a friend’s office/cube. Sometimes the chat is 2 minutes and sometimes it extends longer.

How do you leave?

It is a lot like coming, but in reverse. You leave when you are ready to go. I leave, saying “goodnight” to Jesus.

What do you do while there?

I journal as one form of prayer. Sometimes I read. It helped me a lot when I read that St. John Paul II moved his correspondence desk in front of the monstrance to allow Jesus to be present in his work. When alone, I often sit on the steps of the altar, imaging that I am sitting near Jesus listening to him (ala Mary and Martha). When other people come into the chapel, I move back to the pew so that people are not stuck adoring me.

By Kevin Lavery, St. Laurence parishoner and regular adorer
**Lent: Experience Something New**

**FORMED**

Lent is a time for spiritual reflection. Go to FORMED, a program offering prayer and insights for the Sunday Readings. Personal prayer journals are available to make the most of the Sunday Readings. Included in FORMED is Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross.

To register, go to formed.org and enter parish code 012fc.

**An Introduction to Christian Meditation**

*Every Thursdays 6:30-7:30 pm*

*St Anne Meeting room*

This Lent come learn the practice of meditation. In this prayer of silence we find God who dwells within our hearts. The meeting includes a short talk on meditation, 20 minutes of silent meditation, and a question and answer period. For more info: Patrick King, patrickking50@gmail.com, 713.444.6014.

**Adult Confirmation**

St. Laurence Catholic Church

**Mondays, March 20 – May 22**

**7:00-9:00pm, St Clare Meeting Room**

The sealing of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church. Once each year, Adult Confirmation preparation is offered for Catholics who are at least 18 years of age, graduated from high school, already baptized, received first Eucharist and are actively practicing their faith. The sessions meet on 10 consecutive Monday evenings, concluding with the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 4.

Register at www.stlaurence/adultconfirmation. Complete the information form and email to Mary Visser at mvisser@stlaurence.org. Discernment interviews are required prior to the first session. Baptismal Certificates are needed and must be issued within the last six months and noted on the back, the date of your First Communion.

**CATHOLIC MEN CALLED TO BE SAINTS**

**THURSDAYS, Mar 9-Jun 29, 5:30-7:30am**

*Ave Maria Center, Guardian Angel Hall*

Join this group of men as they study *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* presented by Dr. Edward Sri. This is an in-depth eight part series on how Mary works in our daily lives and draws us closer to her Divine Son. This study is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary’s unique role in God’s Kingdom and in our lives. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. Mary will become a part of your daily life, and in your daily life, you will become more like Christ. For more information contact Jim Kij at jimkij@comcast.net.
How many times have you wished you could start all over again? What does it take to start a new life? The New Testament is full of stories of Jesus’ miraculous healings. “Be healed, go and sin no more.” Did those who were healed by Jesus take that opportunity to start a new life or did they return to their previous life? Join Debbie Jones, Associate Director of the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, as we take a look into how Lent can begin your Journey to a New Life.

For more information: stlaurence.org/speakerseries
St. Laurence Catholic Church, 3103 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77479
In today’s second reading, Timothy is issued a strong directive: “Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.” For the early Christians this could mean torture and execution. For most Christians today enduring hardship for the gospel might include accepting ridicule or mockery, or the suggestion that we lack sophistication. Nevertheless, in his letters, Saint Paul is adamant that we should not be ashamed of being followers of Christ. Good stewards are not ashamed of their allegiance to Christ. They do not hide their faith. Reflect on this question: Are you willing to speak about following Christ Jesus no matter who your listeners happen to be?

www.catholicstewardship.com

Ryan Dunbar and Clare Glynn grew up side-by-side at St. Laurence, students at our parish school, both from families that instilled in them a spirit of service and discipleship. Two years ago, they added Holy Matrimony to the list of Sacraments they have received at St. Laurence, they got active as young adults in the parish and this month they look forward to the arrival of their first child. They explain, “The Catholic Church does not call us to ‘watch’ Mass on Sundays but to live our faith in the way Jesus taught. Serving in ministries is a great way to put our faith into practice and takes us from being mere spectators to becoming active in our parish community. After growing up in the parish and benefiting from all of the work others had done in the various ministries, we both feel compelled to give back in whatever ways we can.” Currently, Ryan serves as one of 12 people on the Pastoral Council, responsible for helping Fr. Drew with the long-range pastoral planning for the parish. He encourages others to take a first step and see where it may lead: “Typically, we begin helping because we either are asked or see an opportunity where we feel we have talents to offer. As we become more involved, we feel God calling us to give more and to grow closer to Him… which results in us learning more about ourselves and deepening our faith.”

"Consult your bible as often as your cellphone... What would happen if we turned back when we forget it, if we opened it more often each day, if we read the message of God contained in the Bible the way we read messages on our cellphones?"

Pope Francis
March 5, 2017

Ask Paula

Q. Can you have a wedding during Lent?

A. I always thought you couldn’t, but you CAN! I think way back when I first started here, they didn’t allow them, just saying. (Before you ask, we do have baptisms during Lent, too.) Now, there are a couple of rules that you have to follow if you want to get married during Lent, like NO FLOWERS are allowed in the church. (Don’t worry you can carry a bouquet!) Oh, and you can’t have loud music either. It has to be soft. You would want to check with our Music Director, Mary Thompson, on this. Me? If I was getting married here, I would have it at Easter or Christmas, when the church is decorated beautifully with flowers… and you don’t have to pay for them! Talk about cost effective, right?

Paula Savo has been our Parish Receptionist for 20 years and knows the practical answers to (practically) everything. Call 281-980-9812 or email her at psavo@stlaurence.org
Let us love one another as Christ has loved us bringing light to our families and community.

COR IS OPEN TO EVERYONE, NO CHARGE, NO NEED TO RSVP. JUST COME.

COR
A NIGHT OF WORSHIP AND ADORATION

BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW
Topic: The Healing & Calming Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist
Monday, March 13
7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Church

Teaching by Deacon Dennis Henderson
Music by Danielle Noonan
Eucharistic Adoration
Let’s start Talking

CONNECT
This Lent, we are looking for opportunities to CONNECT with one another and START TALKING about God. Keep it simple and start with your own family or close friends.

DECREASE SCREEN TIME
Adults devote over 10 hours each day using tablets, smartphones, personal computers, multimedia devices, video games, radios, DVDs, DVRs and TVs… a dramatic one hour increase over the same period last year. *(Nielsen Total Audience Report Q1 2016)*

INCREASE TOGETHER TIME
- Sit down for dinner together and take turns discussing the day – “What was the best part of your day?”
- On the way home from Mass, discuss the readings and homily; turn to page 3 of this bulletin and answer the reflection questions.
- Come up with questions of your own or consider one of the following…
  - How do you listen to God?
  - Do you have a favorite saint? What makes him/her your favorite?
  - Why are you here on earth?
  - Name something you did for someone else that made you feel good inside.

WHEN YOU DO TURN THE SCREENS BACK ON…
CONNECT to one or more of the many Lenten resources available at www.stlaurence.org/lenten-season and make this your best Lent ever!

THE AVERAGE CHILD IN AMERICA SPENDS MORE TIME CONSUMING ELECTRONIC MEDIA THAN GOING TO SCHOOL.
FISH FRYs
Knights of Columbus
Delicious fish dinners with all the trimmings (or spaghetti)
Each Friday during Lent
5:00-8:00pm
Parish Hall
$10 for adults / $5 for children
Proceeds benefit KC charities

MAR 25: VIETNAMESE LENTEN RETREAT
Join the Vietnamese community of St. Laurence on Saturday, March 25, from 10:00am-3:00pm, for “Called to Holiness,” a full day of spiritual enrichment, prayer and praise, featuring guest speaker Cha Steve Tran DCCT. The retreat will be held at the Ave Maria Center and includes lunch, free and open to everyone. Please register in advance by contacting Amy Le at 281-330-0565 or amyhongle@yahoo.com.

MAR 13: COR WORSHIP NIGHT
Behold! Lent is a perfect opportunity to allow Jesus to make all things new in you. The next Cor Worship Night is Monday, March 13, at 7:00pm in the church. Come for an inspiring message from our new Deacon Dennis Henderson, plus awesome music offered by Danielle Noonan and her band, culminating in Eucharistic Adoration. It's only 90 minutes long, it’s free, and open to everyone. Go on-line for more information about COR Worship Night: www.stlaurence.org/cor-worship-night

APR 6: LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION
This Lent, we welcome Debbie Jones who will lead Lent: A Journey to New Life, a Lenten Evening of Reflection at the Ave Maria Center on Thursday, April 6, 7:00-9:00pm. The St. Laurence Adult Faith Formation Speaker Series is free, offered on the first Thursday each month, featuring outstanding national & local speakers to help us grow in our faith. Learn about this and all the upcoming Speaker Series events at www.stlaurence.org/speakerseries or contact Justin Frato at jfrato@stlaurence.org.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Each Friday during Lent in the church
6:30pm to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

THE GIVING TREE
Pick up a tag after Mass this weekend — e-tags online too!
A Lenten drive organized by our Social Concerns Ministry to collect donations of common household items.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Thurs, Mar 16
Friday, Mar 24
Wednesday, Mar 29
Sign-ups will be held this weekend on the plaza. Pray to end abortion
**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**WEEKLY**

**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  
**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, GO TO www.stlaurence.org/social-concerns

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**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK!**  
Thanks to the generosity of St. Laurence parishioners, Social Concerns was able to supply medications for the patients served at the Vigan Surgical Mission in the Philippines. Parishioner, Dr. Maria Argoa (pictured with other volunteers) would like to extend her thanks and appreciation for this blessing for her patients. The mission served 2,500 patients and performed 200 surgeries in only six days!

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**TEEN SERVICE POWER**

The SLCS Teen Leadership Team, led by Ms. Gunter, recently visited Social Concerns to sort toiletries for our Hope Bags. This energetic group of 7th and 8th graders sorted hundreds of small bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash and lotion in less than 45 minutes. Thank you for your enthusiastic spirit in helping us with such a huge task—we were so inspired by their joyful spirits and attention to detail! Thank you Teen Leadership Team, Ms. Gunter, and to everyone who donates toiletries for our Hope Bags and other ministries. Keep them coming!
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.
- mini/trial sizes shampoo, men’s deodorant, soap, lotion, toothpaste & toothbrush for MILITARY, HOMELESS, REFUGEES
- 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
- Paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, disinfectant spray cleaners for PEOPLE IN CRISIS.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

MAR 18: MASS FOR GOD’S INFANTS
Join the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants for 8:15am mass at St. Dominic Village Warren Chapel, 2401 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX followed by Rosary at Planned Parenthood 4600 Gulf Freeway. If you cannot join us, please remember us and all individuals whose lives we touch that day in your prayers. For more information contact Vicky Whynott 832-875-5126 or Spanish, Viola Griselda Mendoza-Morales 832-660-3924.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SIGN-UPS TODAY!
Since 2007, over 12,000 babies have been saved from abortion by prayer outside abortion facilities in 40 Days for Life campaigns! Christian Voices for Life is sponsoring Thurs Mar 16, Friday Mar 24, and Wed Mar 29 (one hour shifts from 6:30 am to 6:30 pm) at the big Planned Parenthood at 4600 Gulf Freeway. We park and stand on Gulfcrest. Stop at the table in the plaza today or next week for all the information, or go to www.ChristianVoicesforLife.org/40-Days-for-Life

GABRIEL PROJECT NEEDS BABY ITEMS:
Donate receiving blankets, diaper bags, baby care items (Desitin, shampoo, lotion thermometer), bottles, strollers and pack-n-plays. Items can be new or gently used. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara at barbara@panefamily.com or 281-734-7413. Thank you!

LENTEN SERVICE

Lent is a special time of prayer, penance, sacrifice and good works. The Social Concern Ministry is offering service opportunities in the Social Concerns Workroom to help those in need in our community. Space is limited, so pre-registration will be required. Registration is open now.

Tues, Mar. 21, 4:00pm-5:00pm
Easter eggs for Bethel children

Tues, Mar. 28, 3:00-4:30pm
Easter treat bags for seniors at SLHC

Tues, Apr. 4, 4:00-5:00pm
Birthday cards for hospitalized children

Register via Sign Up Genius: www.signupgenius.com, click on “Find a Sign-Up,” then type in SocialConcerns@stlaurence.org. This will bring up a listing of all the available volunteer opportunities. Contact pdegroot@stlaurence.org with questions.

THIS LENT HELP RE STOCK OUR SHELVES

The Giving Tree, our LENTEN Service Project, kicked off this past weekend. The Giving Tree restocks the shelves of the Social Concerns workroom with much needed household items. These items include everything from soap to pots and pans to gift cards and are used throughout the year to assist families referred to us through Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement as well as parish and community families in need. The tag line will be on the plaza this weekend March 11-12.

GIVING TREE e-tags are available online. Go to our sign-up page at www.signupgenius.com. Hit the search button. Enter our email address socialconcerns@stlaurence.org. Enter the authentication code. Once in, click on the Giving Tree e-tag and sign up.

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE

MAR 25: 6:00pm – 11:00pm, Stafford Centre

Proceeds raised benefit the Fort Bend Women’s Center that is celebrating 36 years of bringing healing and hope to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault along with their children. Join us for a fun night including food stations from various restaurants, dancing to Disco and Club music by DJ Rock N Robin, costume and dance Contests. Silent and Live Auctions, Purse-a-Nality & the new Mystery Gift Card event! Cost per person is $75.00. Information: Angela Parker at amparker@fortbendwomenscenter.org Or 281-344-5750.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are members of the congregation who are commissioned to help with the distribution of communion at Mass. With additional training, some Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion extend this to the Hospital Ministry and visiting the sick and homebound.

If you’ve ever thought about serving at Mass by helping distribute the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ to His people, please plan to attend a training session on Monday, Mar 27 at 7-9pm in the church to find out more.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Annual Training (NEW Ministers ONLY):
Register on the parish website: stlaurence.org/extraordinary-ministers

NEW MINISTRY FORMING AT ST. LAURENCE!
One of our parish families, the Nguyens (Christine and Martin), have been fostering children this past year. Through their experiences of both suffering and joy, they would like to start a new ministry here at St. Laurence. The mission of this ministry is to educate, nurture and support families who desire to foster or adopt. This ministry would serve current and former foster parents, adoptive parents and all who want to support this much needed work even if they cannot themselves bring a child into their homes (i.e. donations, babysitting, prayer, etc.)

At this point, we are looking for a few people who would be interested in forming a core leadership group with the Nguyens to help start this new ministry. If you are interested, please contact Martin Nguyen at 832-419-4677 Or martin.nguyen@att.net
**UNBOUND — PRAYER MINISTRY**

Have you ever felt stuck, bound up, unable to move forward? Do you long to experience the love, freedom, and abundant life that Jesus talks about in the Gospels?

UNBOUND Ministry empowers people to take hold of the freedom they have been given in Christ. Unbound is a safe, loving, simple, and reproducible prayer model that helps people to respond to the Good News of the Gospel and apply the truth to their lives using five simple keys. The Five Keys are: Repentance and Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father’s Blessing. The book, Unbound, by Neal Lozano explains — by using the Five Keys in individual prayer sessions and in personal prayer, people experience freedom from the influence of deception and lies, and embrace the reality that they are known and loved by the Father. If you are interested in receiving this gift of Healing Prayer contact Anne Marie Daniel at adaniel@stlaurence.org or call 281-265-5774. Individual Prayer Sessions on Saturday March 25, 2017 at the Ave Maria Center 9:00am to 12:00 Noon (Scheduled appointments only)

**TEACHINGS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Deacon Rey will continue teachings on the Holy Spirit and his gifts every 2nd & 3rd Friday’s of each month except when announced otherwise. Meetings in the Chapel of the Divine Mercy starts at 7:00pm with the Holy Rosary. Next meetings are on March 10 & 17, April 21, May 12 & 26 other days later. For questions call Deacon Rey at 713-854-8804 or Margie Calo at 281-980-4711.

**ST. LAURENCE VIRTUS TRAINING**

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- **Protecting God’s Children**
  - Saturday, April 1 – 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., Marian Hall
  - Saturday, May 27 – 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., Marian Hall

- **Keeping the Promise Alive (refresher)**
  - Tuesday, April 11 – 6:30 – 8p.m., Marian Hall
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**KC ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST**

The Reverend John T. Weyer Knights of Columbus Council 11343 is once again offering FOUR scholarships to the students of our parish. You do not have to be enrolled in Catholic school at this time to qualify, just a member of the parish.

We will award TWO $1,000 scholarships to eighth grade students of St. Laurence Parish who will attend ANY of the Catholic high schools in the area for the first time in the fall of 2017. An additional TWO $2,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors who are members of St. Laurence Parish entering college for the first time in the summer or fall of 2017.

Scholarship applications will be available on-line: www.kofcl11343.org on Sunday, March 12. The deadline for entry will be Sunday April 9, and winners will be announced by the end of May. Any further questions, please contact Nathan Raun at nathan.raun@gmail.com.

**HOPE - GRIEF MINISTRY PROGRAM**

Thursday, Apr. 20, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

HOPE (Helping Our Pain Ease) is a 7-week structured series designed to help adults grieve successfully by accomplishing the four tasks of grieving — 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 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. To register, call Annette Bisanz 281-980-1449 or Kathy Heinemann 281-468-0738.

**MAR 15: DIVORCE-CARE**

DivorceCare: Wednesdays from 7:00- 9:00pm in the St. Francis room of the Ave Maria Center. At our next session on Mar 15, we will discuss “Kid Care” following divorce and separation. If you have been suffering from the effects of divorce or separation, seek support — come receive help in rebuilding your life, focused on God’s love for you. For information contact Janie at 832-860-3398 or jpdivorcecare@aol.com.

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**THIS LENT GET CONNECTED**

Great things happen when people gather... Join a ministry today!
St. Laurence Faith & Family Night

DYNAMO VS NEW YORK RED BULLS | SAT., APRIL 1st | 7:30 PM

- Discounted ticket to the match for St. Laurence by Clicking Here
  - Group seating
- Post match player testimonials featuring Dynamo and Dash players and the Dynamo Team Chaplain

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MIKE MONDELLO
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