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
Healing Mass: 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm

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
July 6 — In the Church
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

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

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
July 14 & 28 En la Iglesia
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

SO THEY MADE SIGNS, ASKING HIS FATHER WHAT HE WISHED HIM TO BE CALLED. HE ASKED FOR A TABLET AND WROTE, “JOHN IS HIS NAME,” AND ALL WERE AMAZED. IMMEDIATELY HIS MOUTH WAS OPENED, HIS TONGUE FREED, AND HE SPOKE BLESSING GOD.
—LUKE 1:62–64

“He is the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make his way straight in the wilderness. The voice of one calling, ‘Prepare for the Lord the way; make his paths straight.’”
—LUKE 3:4-5

His name is John. Pontormo, on a desco da parto, c. 1526.
PARISH OFFICE
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281-980-9812
Pastor: Fr. Drew Wood
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281-313-0329
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281-980-9812
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OUR MISSION:
“We the people of St. Laurence Catholic Church are centered in the love of Christ and live to glorify God in all we do.”

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

AVE MARIA PARISH LIFE CENTER
The Ave Maria Parish Life Center is located across the street from the church and is the site for all religious education classes, programs and offices. Inquiries and drop-ins are welcome during office hours: Monday through Thursday 8am-9pm; Friday 8am-4pm; Saturdays 8:30am-Noon (scheduled events only). 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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS
Announcements must be submitted via email at least 12 days before the Sunday of the publication. Ron Martinez, Communications Coordinator rmartinez@stlaurence.org
HOW ARE YOU LIKE JOHN THE BAPTIST?

On this day that celebrates the birth of John the Baptist, look at how much you and John the Baptist are alike!

God assigned John’s vocation to him at his birth and gave him his name while he was still in his mother’s womb. The Lord did the same with you! Since the moment of your conception, even before you looked human and had a beating heart and a brain that could think, he named you as his precious child.

God gifted John with a sharp-edged sword, i.e., the ability to speak the truth (the sword of the Spirit), which cuts through the lies and deceptions of evil. He gave you the same gift during your baptism when you received the Holy Spirit.

God concealed John in the shadow of his arm, i.e., he protected him. No matter how difficult your life has been, and no matter how often you strayed from the Lord, you still belong to him. He is holding onto you.

Even though you sometimes toil in vain and your efforts to do God’s work seem worthless, as if you’ve uselessly spent your strength, like John, your reward is with the Lord. He will reward you generously.

No matter how ugly you think you are, no matter if you are too short or too tall or diseased or malformed by a birth defect, you look glorious to the Lord, your Creator. The verses of today’s responsorial Psalm confirm this: You are wonderfully made! Since the moment of your conception, your life has been precious and important.

As it was with John, God is your strength. And like John, what you think you can do is “too little” compared to what he knows you can do. He has a more important use for your gifts and talents and experiences and training. He wants to make his light shine through you! His salvation will reach others as long as you’re willing to serve him.

What our Gospel reading today tells us of John is true of you also: You are God’s child, growing and becoming strong in spirit. You have experienced the desert of hardships and training. Everything that has happened to you can become valuable and useful when you let God send you forth in service for his kingdom.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Using Isaiah 49:1-6, how do the words reflect your own life? What is most surprising to you? Why? Do you see yourself as less useful to the kingdom of God than he sees you?

QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNITY FAITH SHARING:

God has wonderfully made you and each member of your family or group. Tell each other at least one thing that is evidence that God made a masterpiece when he created him/her. How is this useful to God?

In Our Prayers...

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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


PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

- CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
- SPC David Ambrocik, US Army
- PVT Michael Baird, US Army
- SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
- PO. S Debra Barnette, US Navy
- CPL 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. Patrick Coffman, USMC
- Lt Colvin Day, US Navy
- CPT Andrew DeSplinter, US Army
- SGT Nicholas Dockum, US Army
- Capt. Brandon Driscoll, USMC
- Maj. James Dunphy, USMC
- 1LT Michael Eberhardt, US Army
- Capt. Stacey Eberhardt, US Army Reserve
- Derek Farias, US Navy
- Capt. Matthew Fenelon, USMC
- 1LT Michelle Font, US Army
- PFC Aaron Fox, USMC
- PVT Jahneil Xavier George, US Army
- SSG Philip Graham, US Army
- 1LT Spencer Henry, US Army
- PVT Liam Hill, US Army
- Daniel Hines, US Navy
- SSG Matthew Hollobaugh, US Army Reserve
- SPC Joshua Keenan, US Army
- Joseph Kingerski, US Navy
- EM4 James Locus, US Navy
- SGT Philip Loera, US Army
- PFC John Lundgren, US Army
- Ann Joseph Marcellus, USAF
- SGT William Marcellus, USMC
- TSGT David March, Texas Air National Guard
- Capt. Brendan McPartland, USMC
- CPT Alexander Morningstar, US Army
- CB, Richard Pinard, US Navy
- LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, USMC
- SGT Santiago Ramirez, US Army
- 1LT Taylor Rammrath, US Army
- Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
- SSG Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force
- LT Kevin Stransky, US Navy
- CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy
- Maj. Michael Theising, USMC
- 1LT Kevin Wheeler, US Army
- SGT Bryce Whitely, US Army
- AM Troy Yelverton, US Navy

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

- 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, Tom Ruck, Tim Cullen, Margaret Uche

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JUNE 23
- 5:00pm – Sean Ihlanfeldt (D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 24
- 7:15am – Pablo & Jose Crescini (D)
- 9:00am – Katherine Ortiz De Gonzalez (D)
- 11:00am – Emeka Cy Umeh (D)
- 12:45pm – Joe Howlett (D)
- 5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, JUNE 25
- 7:30am – Alice & Thomas Murickan (D)
- 12:00pm – Larry Staszak (D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 26
- 7:30am – Dorothy Debord (D)
- 12:00pm – Leo Abadie (D)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27
- 7:30am – Mary Kalac (D)
- 6:30pm – Felix & Trudy Obu (I)

THURSDAY, JUNE 28
- 7:30am – Dougals & Marie Kalac (D)
- 12:00pm – Ski Orosky (D)

FRIDAY, JUNE 29
- 8:15am – Carlos Quintero (D)
- 12:00pm – Michele Savino (I)

SATURDAY, JUNE 30
- 8:30am – Mariano Garcia (D)
- 5:00pm – Mike & Timi Beeler (D)

SUNDAY, JULY 1
- 7:15am – Ron McGinty (D)
- 9:00am – Virginia Peck (D)
- 11:00am – Joan Kalac (D)
- 12:45pm – Anne Wilson (I)
- 5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON

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

REGISTRER NOW: REGINA CAELI ACADEMY
Come join our exciting mission to form the next generation of Catholics! Regina Caeli Academy (www.rcahybrid.org) provides a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition. PreK3-12th grade students attend Socratic, hands-on classes taught by trained tutors two days a week and homeschool on the remaining days. Lesson plans for home days are included and optimized for in-home education. Located at 4640 Richmond-Foster Road in Richmond. Make an appointment to tour the facility or get enrollment information at 470-239-0259, admissions@rcahybrid.org.

GRATIA PLENA: CATHOLIC COUNSELING SERVICE
Gratia Plena is a nonprofit organization that provides counseling services especially for the Catholic community, but open to all. Located in Stafford, services include professionally-facilitated, confidential support groups, such as: Loving and Eating Well Group (for adult women, to address issues related to food and intimacy), King David's Mens Group (for adult men, to address issues related to sex and intimacy), Joan's Girls Group (for teenage girls, to address issues of anxiety, depression, and self-esteem), and Art as Recovery Group (for men and women, to address healing through prayer and art). Most groups meet weekly, with a charge as low as $10 per session. Groups fill up quickly, so contact info@gratiaplenacounseling.org or go to www.gratiaplenacounseling.org for details.

JULY 14: OFFICE OF AGING CONFERENCE FOR CAREGIVERS
The Archdiocesan Office of Aging Ministry invites all seniors and their families to a conference sponsored by CarePartners on Saturday, July 14, 8:00-11:45am, at HCC's Stafford Campus. The conference is free and open to people caring for loved ones of any age or illness, with specific resources available for those caring for loved ones with dementia and other challenges of aging. Tour exhibits, enjoy a complimentary breakfast, and attend sessions of your choice. Learn more and register in advance at CarePartnersTexas.org or call 713-682-5995.

AUG 6-12: BUS TRIP PILGRIMAGE
Parishioner Margie Calo is organizing a Catholic bus trip to Missouri and Arkansas this August. Destinations include the popular Great Passion Play and Holy Land Tour in Eureka Springs, AR, Bob & Penny Lord's Retreat Center in Morriston, AR, shows in Branson, MO, and much more. The trip will be August 6-12, 2018, and you can reserve your spot now. Get all the details, including the itinerary and cost information, from Margie Calo at 281-980-4711 or 713-498-7359.

WEDDING PREPARATION
Next class: July 30
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 Rosemary Mascarenhas at 281-980-9812.

BAPTISM PREPARATION
No class in July
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays each month. To schedule a baptism call Julie Rodriguez at 281-980-9812. The parent prep class is offered monthly.

ONLINE GIVING

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

JUNE 17 COLLECTION .......................................................... $62,618
Registered Households .................................................. 7,615
Envelopes Used .............................................................. 694
Loose Checks ................................................................. 161
ONLINE GIVING
Monthly Offertory .......................................................... $190,514
Participants ................................................................. 1,053

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND
2018 Parish Goal ......................................................... $495,000
Total Amount Paid .................................................... $325,210
Total Amount Pledged ................................................ $389,578
Participants ................................................................. 848

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
**SUMMER FAITH CHALLENGE:** Kids already complaining that they are B O R E D? Find some great faith based activities at http://catholicmom.com/2015/05/14/faith-based-ideas-for-a-fun-summer/ or a family activity ‘bucket list’ at http://motherhoodandmiscellany.com/summer-bucket-list-50-summer-activities-for-kids/ to beat those summer boredom blues while continuing to connect with our Catholic faith.

**LOVE CHILDREN AND LOVE YOUR FAITH?** Please prayerfully consider volunteering this coming year as a Catechist or an assistant in the St. Laurence CCE program. No experience is necessary, just a passion for your faith and a desire to share that with our youngest church members. Training and materials are provided. Don’t want to teach? We need you too! There are other opportunities for parental and adult involvement including catechist assistants and desk monitors. Interested? Please contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org or Cindy Martin at cindymartin@stlaurence.org. This is an incredibly rewarding experience which you will never regret!

**REGISTRATION FOR THE UPCOMING PROGRAM YEAR** (which will begin in mid-September) is on-going and will continue through August 1st. Forms for the CCE and First Sacraments preparation programs may be picked up in person at the AMC or can be found on the St. Laurence ‘Education’ webpage under REGISTRATION.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**
Monday – Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm
Fridays 9am- 12:00pm
Regular Office Hours resume August 3
7:45am - 4:00pm
Office will be closed the week of July 4th

**IMPORTANT DATES**
August 10 - Visiting Day 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
August 13 - Students return - Noon Dismissal

**JOIN THE SAINTS FAMILY!**

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

The 2018-19 Program Calendar is now available on the Parish Web Site.

**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.

**STLAURENCECHOOL.ORG**

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**25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION**
Serving Grades Pre-K to 8th

**NATIONAL RECOGNITIONS**
2005, 2014
Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
2017
Innovations in Catholic Education Award

**BE PART OF OUR TEAM**
St. Laurence Catholic School has a few job openings! You can find the list on our school website: https://stlaurenceschool.org/employment. At this time we are searching for a Librarian to join our team. If you are interested, please submit your information here: www.choosecatholicschools.org/employment-opportunities
CONFIRMATION

Confirmation at St. Laurence is part of the Youth Ministry and Religious Education. 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 one year prior to beginning the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to ensure they have been catechized and are prepared for the journey to Confirmation. Eligible youth who attend Catholic schools, public schools or are home-schooled should register for both Life Teen and Sacramental Preparation by August 1. Go to stlaurence.org/confirmation for registration information. Contact Christine Dunn at cdunn@stlaurence.org for more information.

REGISTER FOR LIFE TEEN

Registration forms can be found at www.stlaurence.org/registration or at the Ave Maria Center. Questions: Eric Painter at 281.265.5774 ext.5367 or epainter@stlaurence.org

D - GROUPS

A small group Bible study and community Tuesdays from 6-7:30pm in the Youth Hall. Open to all High School students.

Main Events

Contact person: Michaela Barta, Young Adult Coordinator, mbarta@stlaurence.org

• Young Adult Bible Study - 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month // Open to young adults in 20s and 30s // 7:30-9p @ St. Clare room, Ave Maria Center

• 4-week Prayer Mini-Series - July 11, July 25, Aug 8, Aug 22

• Fall 2018 Wisdom Study - details coming soon!

• Monthly Social - 1st Wednesday // location varies

• Embodied: Introduction to Theology of the Body Series 3 Weeks // 7-9PM @ Marian Hall, Sept 20, Sept 27, Oct 4

Young Married Couples

Contact person: Alex McBride alexandriapane15@gmail.com

• June 30 - Sugar Land Skeeters Baseball game @ 6:05

• July 7 - Red, White, Blue & Brews @ Sugar Land Town Center 7-9p

• July 20 - Lyrics & Lawn Games @ Sugar Land Town Center 6:30-8:30p

Summer College Ministry

Contact person: Michaela Barta mbarta@stlaurence.org

• Weekly Dinner & Teaching // Every Thursday 6:30-8:30p @ Guardian Angels Hall, Ave Maria. June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2, August 9

• Winter College Ministry starts mid-December & runs weekly through mid-January 2019

Blessed Is She: Women’s Group

Contact person: Flo Francis, francis.florence6@gmail.com

Open to all women in 20s + 30s // Usually 1st and 3rd Saturday // Brunches 10a-12p // Location varies // Summer brunches — July 21. Twice a month resumes in August!

• Blessed Is She Wild Retreat - October 12-13, 2018! Hosted at St. Laurence! Register here: blessedisshe.net

Men’s Group

Contact person: Chris Koeppen c.m.koeppen@gmail.com

• 1st Thursday nights - location varies

Service Days

Contact person: Marisa Vela marisaramon18@gmail.com

• July 18 - Seniors & Sangria - 6-7p rosary & communion service @ Colonial Oaks, 7:30 drinks @ Los Tios Mexican Restaurant
Formation Toward Christian Ministry Summer Intensive
Monday, July 9-Friday, July 13, 2018, 9 am-4pm, Ave Maria Center

Do you want to feel secure that you know the basic teachings of the Church and can correctly answer questions that come your way? Join us at St Laurence as we offer the Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) program. This program offers basic theology and spiritual development to Catholic adults who want to deepen their commitment to Jesus and more fully answer their baptismal call to service as a mature disciple.

All Catholic adults are invited who are seeking greater understanding of their faith, who are already engaged in ministry, and those discerning their call to church ministry. FTCM provides the theological content courses required for diocesan certification as a catechist, is a pre-requisite for catechetical leadership preparation, and youth ministry leadership training.

SEMESTER 2 TOPICS OFFERED AT ST LAURENCE:

CATHOLIC BELIEFS: Basic concepts in Christian theology and doctrine

CHRISTOLOGY: Who the Church understand Jesus to be

SANCTUARY: The Liturgy and Sacraments

Full schedule and registration information can be found at http://archgh.cvent.com/SummerIntensive2018

THIS WEEK IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

Lay Apostle Prayer Group (1st Monday, July 2)
10:30am-12:00pm OR 7:00-8:30pm, St. Anne Meeting Room
Contact: Kay Quenan | 281-265-3238 | kquenan@icloud.com

TUESDAY

Men’s Bible Study
6:15-7:15am, St. Francis Room
Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

Tuesday Evening Bible Study
7:30-9:00pm, Marian Hall, Contact: Joe Kanusky | 281-265-4084

June 26: Put on the Whole Armor of God

WEDNESDAY

Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy
(1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
7:30-9:00pm, Corpus Christi Room
Contact: Suzan Bryan | 713-816-5859 | suzan.bryan@comcast.net

THURSDAY

Catholic Men Called to be Saints
5:30-7:30am, Guardian Angel Hall
Contact: Jim Kij | 281-253-4800 | jimkij@comcast.net

Christian Meditation Prayer Group
6:30-7:30pm, St. Anne Room
Contact: Patrick King | 713-444-6014 | patrickking50@gmail.com

LAY APOSTLE PRAYER GROUP
Monday, July 2 (First Monday)
Choose 10:30am-12:00pm, or 7:00-8:30pm, St Anne Meeting Room, Ave Maria Center. Join us for the Lay Apostle of Jesus Christ the Returning King prayer group. For more info, contact Kay Quenan at 281-265-3238.

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

Today’s Reflection for Religious Freedom Week
Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for freedom. Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek

PRAY: That the Holy Spirit would give us the courage to bear witness to the truth of the gospel.

REFLECT: All baptized Christians are called to share the joy of the gospel with others. When most of our co-workers, neighbors, and even family members don’t share our faith and perhaps do not practice any faith at all, we might be timid or afraid to talk about our faith. But in a culture filled with so much junk, people are hungry for solid food. When we encounter Jesus Christ, we come to know the bread of life, the truth in which the restless hearts of our age can rest. We love our neighbors by helping them to encounter Jesus.

ACT: As the Pope Francis teaches, “The Holy Spirit also grants the courage to proclaim the newness of the Gospel with boldness (parrhesia) in every time and place, even when it meets with opposition” (Evangelii gaudium, 259). Let’s take this week to exercise our freedom by sharing our faith in Jesus Christ or to talk about religious freedom with others. Try it today!
Did you know that you have FREE access to the best in Catholic digital video, audio, and e-book content on FORMED.org?

**FORMED by the Numbers**

Here are some statistics from the past year on the usage of FORMED at St. Laurence:

- **499,327** Total minutes users spent watching videos or listening to audio
- **15,098** Times users had any interaction with content on FORMED
- **5,987** Visits to FORMED
- **1,073** Registered users

**Most Popular Items on FORMED**

**Video:** *Divine Mercy in the Greatest Story Ever Told*, Fr. Michael Gaitley

**Audio:** *Love, Sacrifice, and Trust*, Fr. Mike Schmitz

**E-book:** *Who Am I to Judge?* Study Guide, Dr. Edward Sri

Discover what so many of our parishioners are already enjoying by signing up for your free FORMED account at stlaurence.formed.org!
Today we celebrate the birth of St. John the Baptist. This prophet, who practiced austerity in the desert, proclaimed the kingdom of God, a coming judgment, and baptism as a sign of repentance. With deep humility, John directed attention not to himself but to Jesus. John’s attitude was, “He must increase, I must decrease” (John 3:30). John’s birth, days after the summer solstice when daylight hours begin to decrease, contrasts with Jesus’ birth days after the winter solstice, heralding daylight’s increase. Like John the Baptist, stewards turn attention away from themselves and towards Jesus. The stewardship question for us is whether or not we ourselves are prepared to “decrease” and allow Jesus to “increase” in our hearts, minds, words and actions.

www.catholicstewardship.com

My family and I moved to Texas 14 years ago. We had been members of a large, very active parish in Illinois and we actively “shopped around” the Catholic parishes in the Sugar Land area in order to find an active and involved parish. We certainly found that here at St. Laurence! I became a Greeter 10 years ago, when we moved to the school gym for the construction of our beautiful new church, and have been a part of this ministry ever since. I’m generally greeting at the 9am Mass and I love seeing all the “regulars” and welcoming new people. I have been involved in several ministries including Adoration, Women of the Cloth and the Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy. I was privileged to participate in mission trips to Mexico and Laredo with MMDM and go on pediatric therapy mission trips to Costa Rica with Christ Church. On the trips, at the end of the day we gather and share moments when we feel God touched us. On one of my trips, 5 children (1 each day) learned to walk for the first time. Seeing the joy on each child’s face and on the faces of their parents and staff – that was definitely a God moment! My advice is to open yourself to try different ministries. You’ll meet wonderful people and you’ll be amazed how God to works through you. If you’re at 9am Mass, stop by and say Good Morning!

No one is so poor they cannot give what they have, but first and foremost, who they are

— Pope Francis

June 14, 2018

Q. Where do I register my children for CCE?

A. Over at the Ave Maria Center. Registration started in April and goes to August 1st, so you should really do it now because it will fill up, and if you don’t get your kids in, you’ll have to do home study, just saying. I found out that if your child is going to be making a sacrament this year (you know, like 1st Communion) you have to provide a copy of your child’s baptism certificate. So, you might want to bring that WITH you, so it doesn’t slow down the registration process. Here’s another important piece of info: Registered parishioners pay less than non-parishioners. Some people think they are registered here because they have been coming for a long time, but they are not. If you receive monthly St. Laurence offertory envelopes or give through Faith Direct, you’re registered!

Paula Savo has been our Parish Receptionist for 21 years and knows the practical answers to (practically) everything. Call 281-980-9812 or email her at psavo@stlaurence.org.
A Jubilant Song

Free Concert at St. Laurence
Friday, June 29, 2018
7:00-8:00pm
In the Church

Combined choir of St. Laurence and St. Cecilia parishes
Under the direction of Mary Thompson & Andrew Meinen

Hear selections ranging from Mozart to American Spirituals, including favorite works of liturgical music!

This combined choir will depart on a European performance tour of Bavaria, Austria and Prague July 12-21. Everyone is invited to enjoy this send-off concert, free and open to the public. All are welcome!

stlaurence.org/jubilant-concert
Join hundreds of young adults
THE VOICE OF CHRIST:
ROOTED IN LOVE, EPH 3:17
café CATHOLICA 2018

JULY 9
How To Pray, What To Say
And When To Shut Up
MIKE GORMLEY
COORDINATOR OF EVANGELIZATION
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH, NATIONAL SPEAKER

JULY 16
Embracing Authentic Love
MARY CAPRIO
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE AT
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 23
The Good News with Cardinal Dquared
CARDINAL DANIEL DINARDO

JULY 30
Tilling The Rocky Soil - Overcoming Obstacles To Love,
FR. SEAN KILCAWLEY
INTEGRITY RESTORED
DIRECTOR OF FAMILY LIFE OFFICE
DIOCESAN LINCOLN, NATIONAL SPEAKER.

Mondays
Confessions & Guided Prayer 5:15PM
Mass 6:15PM
Dinner 7:15PM
Talk 8:15PM

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
1801 SAGE RD, HOUSTON TX 77056
ARCHGH.ORG/CAFECATHOLICA

YCP will host a social after each night & closing social on July 30.
CARDINAL DINARDO STATEMENT ON ASYLUM SEEKERS

“At its core, asylum is an instrument to preserve the right to life. The Attorney General’s recent decision elicits deep concern because it potentially strips asylum from many women who lack adequate protection. These vulnerable women will now face return to the extreme dangers of domestic violence in their home country. This decision negates decades of precedents that have provided protection to women fleeing domestic violence. Unless overturned, the decision will erode the capacity of asylum to save lives, particularly in cases that involve asylum seekers who are persecuted by private actors. We urge courts and policy makers to respect and enhance, not erode, the potential of our asylum system to preserve and protect the right to life.

Additionally, I join Bishop Joe Vásquez, Chairman of USCCB’s Committee on Migration, in condemning the continued use of family separation at the U.S./Mexico border as an implementation of the Administration’s zero tolerance policy. Our government has the discretion in our laws to ensure that young children are not separated from their parents and exposed to irreparable harm and trauma. Families are the foundational element of our society and they must be able to stay together. While protecting our borders is important, we can and must do better as a government, and as a society, to find other ways to ensure that safety. Separating babies from their mothers is not the answer and is immoral.”

USCCB General Assembly, 6/13/18, usccb.org

MEET NIKKI AGNER: SCM OUTREACH COORDINATOR

This month, our Social Concerns Ministry welcomes to staff NIKKI AGNER to serve as Outreach Coordinator. As a longtime parishioner and SCM volunteer, Nikki will hit the ground running! She volunteered through SCM when it was just a “handful” of volunteers, which led to Ladies Guild, VBS, Familia and Family Faith. She says, “Now as my children have gotten older, I feel like I am being called back to Social Concerns. My passion is helping people in any way I can. I can’t explain it, I just love to hear people’s stories and fill the gap, whether it’s a listening ear, a meal or just a smile and a hug. The idea of working side-by-side with Pennie and Monica brings me great excitement and joy, because I know the amazing people they are and Social Concern’s impact on the community. I constantly think back on the Ladies Guild motto, taken from the Gospel of Matthew – ‘To serve, not to be served.’ The idea that I will come to work each day and truly be able to fulfill that mission, to the best of my ability, is an honor and a privilege.” Nikki and her husband Chris have two daughters, Hannah (19) and Madison (17), and a 6-year-old rescue dog named Bella. You may reach Nikki at nagner@stlaurence.org and 281-980-9812.

JULY 26: BRO’S & BRISKET SPECIAL EVENT FOR MEN

Men of all ages are invited to St. Laurence on Thursday, July 26, for a BBQ dinner and powerful talk delivered by guest speaker Michael “Gomer” Gormley. On tap: Gospel Fatherhood. What does it look like for a man to imitate Jesus Christ and lay down his life for his family? Let Gomer walk you through it with wisdom and humor. This father of four earned his Masters in Theology and Christian Ministry from Franciscan University, is the Coordinator of Evangelization for St. Anthony of Padua, and a popular Catholic speaker and retreat leader. Enjoy meeting other guys from the parish over a delicious BBQ dinner in Marian Hall at the Ave Maria Center; Thursday, July, 26, 7:00-9:00pm. No charge, but a free will offering will be taken up at the event. Reserve your spot in advance at stlaurence.org/brosandbrisket or contact Justin Frato at jfrato@stlaurence.org.

ST. LAURENCE WOMEN’S RETREAT SEPTEMBER 28-30
REGISTER ONLINE NOW!
STLAURENCE.ORG/WOMENSRETREAT

REGISTER NOW: WEDDING ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE MASS

ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 25TH OR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?
Info & Registration: https://goo.gl/4QAStg
As many of you have read from previous bulletins, my husband Ken and I have been facilitators for a NAMI support group since 2005. We have a son Eric who lives with mental illness. The key word here is LIVES. We have met many wonderful people who live with a mental health condition or who live with someone experiencing this tormenting illness. During that time we have seen family after family come to our support group with a loss of hope as to what has happened to their brilliant young son or daughter who went to college in the fall and by Christmas or Spring Break had dropped out of class. So begins the journey of where do we turn and how can this be.

This illness is not an all or nothing kind of illness—there is a broad spectrum of severity. What we do know about mental illness is that 2/3 of individual experiencing mental illness do not seek help. This is due to the STIGMA of mental illness from our society and an internal stigma that individuals carry themselves. Who among us wants to declare I have a mental illness? How much easier it is to share I have diabetes, heart conditions, cancer. Mental illness is a brain condition. How is it that we can have heart attacks but do not have brain attacks? God made us a body, a whole body and that most definitely includes the brain. Those that suffer with this illness are treated differently. It is as if we feel they should be able to pull themselves together and act better. This is not an easy journey, but we know that Treatment works and NAMI has given us the courage and hope to know that we are not alone. Education about the illness is essential, resources are essential, knowing what to do in a crisis is essential. We have lost family members to suicide, death by police, just a pure lack of knowledge of what to do in a mental health crisis. We have a Crisis Intervention Team here in Fort Bend County and they have trained over 1000 officers in our county. Since they began here in Fort Bend County, they have helped thousands of families.

Please call: 911 and ask for Crisis Intervention Team or non-emergency 281-341-8540

FORT BEND CLUBHOUSE
At The Brazos Bend Villa Apartment Community Room
2020 Rocky Falls Drive, Richmond Texas

We are open every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30-3. Please stop by and see what we do. Come by 11:30 and we will add another plate for lunch.

This is part of the International Clubhouse that began in New York many years ago. The focus of the Clubhouse is to create a work-ordered day. It is run as an office, it is a place to come each day to regain skills needed to reentry the work world or volunteer world as a productive and caring individuals. There is no cost. We work in units, and is run by the members and volunteers. The only eligibility is an adult with any diagnosis of mental illness. St Laurence Social Concerns has been such a wonderful support to help us get started and we continue to grow. We are learning to garden, cook, type resumes, do budgets, create and develop brochures, newsletters and all other types of office work. We give back to our community by making pillows for Cancer patients and for children who are homeless.

We are living proof that with treatment and community support Mental Illness is an Illness that can be conquered and We Can Thrive! We at NAMI thank the St. Laurence Catholic Community for its commitment to help educate and support the general community of Fort Bend County about Mental Health Conditions by providing us the financial support and emotional support carry on these classes and support groups and the Hope Fort Bend Clubhouse!

Please join us at one of our support meetings.
Our regular support group meet at United Way 12300 Parc Crest, Stafford, every 2nd and 4th Thursday for families living with someone with a mental health condition, we have a Spanish Speaking support group on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month and a support group for those that speak Chinese that meets the last Sunday of the Month.

There is no shame in mental health conditions illness... Treatment works.

NAMI Family to Family begins Monday, September 10, 2018 6-8:30pm. This is a 12 week class for caretakers who live with someone with a Mental Health Condition.

NAMI Peer to Peer begins Monday, Sept. 17, 6-8:30pm.
This is a 10 week class taught right next door to Family to Family for those who live with a Mental Health Condition.

Call NAMI Greater Houston at 713-970-4419 or Email at namigh@namigreaterhouston.org
“PIERCED BY SORROW, RELEASED INTO JOY”
JUNE 30: A Jerome’s Hope healing retreat for those experiencing stillbirth, miscarriage or early infant loss. For more information or to register contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8729 or jkfritsch@archgh.org.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK: JUNE 22 – JUNE 29
The theme of the week, designated by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is “Serving Others with God’s Love”. Each day has a specific intention to pray for. For example, the prayer for Tuesday June 26, is “May the Lord protect all migrants and refugees, and may all those who work with people on the move be free to serve.” Catholic programs to serve migrants are under attack for refusing to provide abortions for children under their care. To see the intentions and reflections for each day, see www.StLaurence.org/religious-freedom-week.

BE A VOICE FOR LIFE! Christian Voices for Life offers a brief training for individuals to confidently present and defend the pro-life view. Learn the importance of establishing common ground, asking good questions and telling stories. See www.ChristianVoicesforLife.org/voice-for-life-volunteers for more information or contact Marie McCoy at 281-610-3986 or Marie@ChristianVoicesforLife.org.

SUMMER OF SERVICE
We have several Summer of Service opportunities coming up in the community and in the SCM workroom. Space is limited, so preregistration will be required. Details for each service project are on Sign Up Genius

SUMMER SCHEDULE
June 26, 9am-11am MGCC Food Pantry at MGCC - Richmond
July 10, 1:30pm-3:30pm Rice & Beans packing
July 17, 1:30pm-3:30pm Summer Fun bags for Park’s Youth Ranch
July 24, 1:30pm-3:30pm Military cards and treats
July 31, 1:30pm-3:30pm Shoe Sort
August 7, 9am-11am Bethel School Supply at Bethel Ministries in Stafford
Register via Sign Up Genius: www.signupgenius.com. Click on the search icon near the upper right corner of the page. Enter the following information in the “SEARCH BY THE SIGN UP CREATOR’S EMAIL”: socialconcerns@stlaurence.org. Enter the authentication code. This will bring up a list of all the service opportunities that are available.

BLACK BAG DONATION TODAY!
This Sunday’s black bag collection will be used for our People in Crisis fund which is currently averaging more than $12,000 a month in financial assistance to individuals who come to Social Concerns for help or are referred to us by our community partners!

SERVICES 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
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
Loving Creations: Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month in the SCM Workroom, 10:00am-Noon, to provide handcrafted items for adults and children hospital patients
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

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 ISAIAH 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, HOMLESS, REFUGEES
• new white crew socks, new white t-shirts (size large), pop-top tuna/meat, individual peanut butters, granola bars for the HOMELESS
• 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.
Ministry News

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

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- Mondays, 12am to 1am
- Saturdays, 2pm to 3pm
- Sundays, 6am to 7am & 10am to 11am

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GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY - SUMMER MEETINGS

No One Should Grieve Alone
Our program uses the foremost authorities in the field of grief and loss. They share their wit and wisdom as well as compassion, knowledge and understanding, which comes from personal experiences, formal education and practice. Our videos inform, inspire and offer important tools to help you navigate your grief journey. With our facilitators, who are certified educators/teachers, our participants get the best of both types of programs… information from the leading minds in the field and an opportunity for discussion (continuing support) from the compassionate members of this group who will walk the journey with you! We have also experienced the death of someone that we deeply love! No Cost - No Prerequisites - No Requirements. All are welcome! Everyone grieves in their own way and in their own time. Whether your loss is recent or in the past we encourage you to come! We meet every week at The Ave Maria Center, Tuesday 6:30 pm OR Wednesday 10:00 am. We meet during the summer also. Contact: Sandy 832-451-9117 or help2grieve@hotmail.com

VOCATIONS MINISTRY

July 27-29 — Life Awareness Retreat
5pm, Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson, Tx

Come and join other single men and women of faith, ages 18-45, who are searching and discerning God’s call in their lives. Life Awareness is a weekend retreat of prayer, silent reflection, presentations, group discussions, and sharing on one-on-one encounters and guidance from priests and religious sisters and brothers, as you learn more about priesthood and religious life. This retreat is designed to help young adults to learn and explore the vocations of priesthood and consecrated life, to search deeply for the guidance, and to grow in courage to do the will of God. It will provide the time, environment, and opportunity to clarify one’s calling without any pressure of commitment. Come join us! Information: Deacon Gary Hilbig 832-549-4140 gary.hilbig@allsaints.us.com Henry Majoue 832-606-1372 Hjmajoue@gmail.com Cost: Free (Donations accepted). Short interview required. Pre-registration and forms at www.houstonvocations.com/life-awareness

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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 Martínez Tel 281-313-2833. Recibir anuncios mandando correo a mhstlaurence@gmail.com

JUNE 28: COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Join us for an exciting meeting on floral arranging, Thursday, June 28 at 11am given by retired floral designer Kathi Poncik. We are meeting at Holy Rosary Church, 1416 George St., Rosenberg in Marian Hall at 11:00am. Lunch will be provided and we will be installing our new officers. For more information contact Ginny Kazmierczak at 713-305-9845.

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Find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce

DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. The group is led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable DivorceCare resources to help you deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. They meet on Wednesday evenings, 7:00pm-9:00pm, in the St. Francis room in the Ave Maria Center. If interested, contact Janie Picou at jpdivorcecare@aol.com or 832-860-3398. More info: www.stlaurence.org/divorcecare

SUMMER SESSION 2018 (You can join at any time)

June 27 - New Relationships – In St. Clare Rm, Ave Maria Center
July 11 - Financial Survival
July 18 - Kid Care
July 25 - Single Sexuality
August 1 - Forgiveness
August 8 - Reconciliation
August 15 - No Group - Assumption of Mary
August 22 - Moving On, Growing Closer to God

INFO ON ANNULMENTS
If you missed Fr. Drew's update on the Church's annulment process last month, the session was recorded. You can access it at stlaurence.org/open-forum-2018 and are encouraged to contact Anne Marie Daniel at 281-265-5774 for more information.

JUNE 26: WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT MEETING

Discernment Meeting for Women's ACTS Retreat. If you have been on an ACTS retreat and want to serve on team, please join us Tuesday, June 26, 6:30-9:00pm in the Parish Hall. You will receive information about serving on team and answers to all of your questions. Please open your hearts to serving on a Women's ACTS retreat. Retreat will be October 4-7, 2018. If you have any questions please contact the Women’s Director Maria Jacobson at 713-582-8424.

"A JUBILANT" SONG CONCERT

Friday, June 29, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
This July, members of St. Laurence and St. Cecilia choirs will tour Germany, Austria and Prague to perform concerts and a Mass at the famed Salzburg Cathedral! Hear this choir at a free send-off concert in the church.

MINISTRY WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

JUN 27: Steering Committee Meeting, 7pm
The Ministry with Persons with Disabilities will hold its Steering Committee Meeting on June 27 at 7:00 pm in the St. Francis room of the AMC. This will be the inaugural meeting of the group. You are invited to get in on the ground floor of this ministry and help to shape its presence in our parish. The agenda will include developing our mission and identifying the needs affecting our parishioners. Some of the needs that have been identified include access to mass for families with special needs, the religious formation of children/young adults, and fostering greater community acceptance/integration. This initial meeting is open to St. Laurence parishioners. Please contact Cindy Martin for more information. cindymartin@stlaurence.org; 281-265-5774, ext. 5375

JULY 19: JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS

The J.O.Y. Club (Just Older Youth) is a parish group for people 55-and-up. The group meets on the first Monday of each month, from 11:00am-1:00pm, for a social activity or program at the Ave Maria Center. Join us at these upcoming events and contact Anne Higgins at nannyhiggs@gmail.com, 832-755-5597. THURS 7/19 Noon Mass and lunch.
MON 8/6 11am to 1pm: SOCIAL CONCERNS service project in the AMC, Brown bag lunch

JULY 27: LOVING SENIORS

Loving Seniors is a brand-new parish ministry that welcomes seniors with mobility issues and/or early dementia to grow in fellowship with others who share similar challenges. This group will meet at the Ave Maria Center on Friday mornings beginning July 27, 9:30-11:30am, to enjoy activities that promote their well-being and engage in service projects to benefit others. To learn more about this new parish ministry which will be starting soon, please contact coordinators Julie Koeppen (mjkoeppen@comcast.net, 713-320-7498) or Fe Vicerra (bertandfevicerra@yahoo.com, 713-248-0974).

TURN BACK MY SOUL TO YOUR REST

2017-2018

Be an apostle through a ministry
Welcome to St. Laurence!

We welcome these new families to our parish!
Have you been thinking about joining, too?

St. Laurence is a parish of 7,615 families, centered in the love of Christ and dedicated to glorifying God in all we do. To join our parish, simply pick up a New Parishioner form from the Hospitality Desk and place in the offertory basket, submit at the Hospitality Desk, or bring to the parish office. Then browse this bulletin and visit our parish website to learn how you can “serve the Lord with gladness” in one of our many parish groups and ministries at St. Laurence. Welcome!
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