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
August 3 — In the Chapel
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
August 4 — 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

Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” - Mk 6:4

Our Mission:

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

Parish Office & Courtyard

The parish office provides services including pastoral care, liturgical planning, business, communications, and administrative support, and social concerns & 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 Office

3100 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-980-9812

Pastor: Fr. Drew Wood
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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, bwilkinson@stlaurence.org

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281-980-9812

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Finance Council: Bob Ladd, robert.ladd@haynesboone.com
Discipleship Council: Shawn Kelly, shawn_kelly@oxy.com
REJECTED, MISUNDERSTOOD, DISBELIEVED

In this Sunday’s Gospel reading, we see the painful truth of what happens when we share our faith with those who knew us before we became alive in our faith.

Like Jesus, we are rejected, misunderstood, and disbelieved by people who don’t understand why we changed. They feel threatened by our example; they don’t want to consider their own need to change. We sound like fanatics to them, and they use this as an excuse to remain uninfluenced by our testimony.

Jesus changed after he quit living an ordinary life in an ordinary town with an ordinary job to begin a ministry that would instigate persecution, and he invited everyone to follow his example. How crazy does that sound?

Making matters worse, he was now spending all of his time trying to change the status quo of everyone’s normal life and their normal ways of relating to others and their normal attitudes about religion — even affecting the status quo of those who did not want to follow him and become like him.

People don’t like to be challenged, especially when it means giving up what’s familiar and comfortable. However, this is not a reason for us to keep silent. We have been called by Christ to share the good news about him. We must make it known that conversion is important, or else we are sinning against him and against those who need to learn more about him.

We fulfill this mission by sharing our personal conversion stories and our spiritual insights, and especially by making this an invitation rather than by demanding that others change.

If you’re being rejected because of this, remember that Jesus understands how you feel. Let the sting of their rejection be replaced by an awareness that God is very pleased with you.

Questions for Personal Reflection:
In what ways has Jesus changed your life? Who are the people that misunderstand these changes? Now list those who do understand you: What can you do to enjoy their company more often?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:
When have you been rejected because of your spiritual growth? What have you learned about how lovingly respond to their objections? What are your frustrations in doing this? Have you ever walked away like Jesus did when he left his hometown?

In Our Prayers...

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**


**PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN**

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
SPC David Ambroicki, 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. Christopher Coffman, US Air Force
Maj. Patrick Coffman, USMC
Lt Colin Day, US Navy
CPT Andrew DeSplinter, US Army
SGT Nicholas Dockum, US Army
Capt. Brandon Driscoll, USMC
Maj. James Dunphy, USMC
ILT Michael Eberhardt, US Army
CPT Stacey Eberhardt, US Army Reserve
Derek Farias, US Navy
Capt. Matthew Fenelon, USMC
ILT Michelle Font, US Army
PFC Aaron Fox, USMC
PVT Jahneil Xavier George, US Army
SSG Philip Graham, US Army
ILT 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
Amn 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
ILT Taylor Rammrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
Ssgt Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force
LT Kevin Stransky, US Navy
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy
Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC
ILT Kevin Wheeler, US Army
SGT Bryce Whiteley, US Army
AM Troy Yelverton, US Navy

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 7**
5:00pm – Victor & Juanita Fadera (D)

**SUNDAY, JULY 8**
7:15am – Harry Kingerski, Sr. (D)
9:00am – Tom Chovanec (D)
11:00am – Emeka Cy Umeh (D)
12:45pm – Joseph Fernando Urrutia (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**MONDAY, JULY 9**
7:30am – Liam Cachero (I)
12:00pm – Eduardo Carvajal (D)

**TUESDAY, JULY 10**
7:30am – Shirley Anne Medwedeff (D)
12:00pm – Norman Jones (D)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 11**
7:30am – Jose Rivas (I)
6:30pm – Jim Macredie (D)

**THURSDAY, JULY 12**
7:30am – Joshua Dantas (I)
12:00pm – Orlando Quirch (D)

**FRIDAY, JULY 13**
8:15am – Evely K. Baliban (D)
12:00pm – Anna Mathew (D)

**SATURDAY, JULY 14**
8:30am – Doris Hudspeeth (D)
5:00pm – Timi Beeler (D)

**SUNDAY, JULY 15**
7:15am – Claire & Vincent Posluszny (D)
9:00am – Maria Lozano (D)
11:00am – Savio Kevin Le (D)
12:45pm – Crescencio Reyes (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

Colin 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
AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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 12: LEARN GREGORIAN CHANT
Spend eight “enchanted evenings” this summer learning and singing Gregorian Chant at the 10th annual Summer Learning Schola at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Immerse yourself in 2,000 years of Catholic liturgical chant at the 10th annual Summer Learning Schola at the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Classes start on July 12, offered each Wednesday and Thursday from 7-9pm, through August 3, with a special Mass to close the program. Tuition is $225. Register and get more info at www.chantschool.org/slusst or call Lowell Davis at 281-855-2358.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
Have faith that God can increase the blessing in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are August 3-5 or Oct. 12-14. Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 for more information. Or go online to www.houstonme.org.

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.

PARRISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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ONLINE GIVING

FAITH DIRECT
stlaurence.org/contribute-to-our-parish

Thank you for being a part of our St. Laurence Catholic Church family. We appreciate all that you do for our parish and community by sharing your God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure. Your active participation in the life of our parish helps us to fulfill our vision and mission. This summer, we pray that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy and peace of being with family and friends. Please consider that St. Laurence Catholic Church continues to be open for Mass, numerous activities and the Sacraments and our operational expenses don’t take a vacation. During these summer months your generosity through Faith Direct can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish and ministries. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TX460. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!
Registration for Elementary CCE beginning in mid-September is ongoing now through August 1st. Please check out www.stlaurenceschool.org/education for session times/days and to download registration forms. Elementary and the Kinder (Wed. option) classes will begin on Tues/Weds September 11th/12th and Preschool/Kindergarten (Sunday option) classes the Sunday before on September 9th for all registered children. Questions? Contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org for Elementary or Cindy Martin for Preschool-Kindergarten at cindymartin@stlaurence.org

SUMMER FAITH CHALLENGE: Participate more fully in Mass as a family. Before Mass this week, check out the Doing Mass with Kids webpage at https://www.pbgrace.com/doing-mass-with-kids/ for tips on how to make your weekly experience more meaningful for everyone in your family. Discuss why it is so special to celebrate Mass together as a family and why you make it a priority.

CALLING ALL ADULTS! Our CCE program is an entirely volunteer-based ministry which depends upon the time and talents of parents, grandparents, college students and other adults just like you. Availability of space for the children of St. Laurence in weekly Preschool through Elementary faith formation classes is completely dependent upon finding loving and faithful volunteers wishing to share their love of Jesus with our children. Please prayerfully consider stepping out in faith this year by becoming a catechist or assistant. 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. For more details, please visit the church website. Interested? Please contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org for Elementary or Cindy Martin at cindymartin@stlaurence.org for PreK3 through Kindergarten. This is an incredibly rewarding experience which you will never regret!
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

EDGE®

Catholic Middle School Ministry

ST. LAURENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

2018 SUMMER CALENDAR

JULY:
- 2nd- Encounter Bible Study // Youth Hall 6-8pm
- 9th- Encounter Bible Study // Youth Hall 6-8pm
- 16th-20th Jr. High Camp // Mon.-Th. 10am-5pm Fri 8am-5pm
- 23rd- Encounter Bible Study // Youth Hall 6-8pm
- 25th- Mass & Open Gym // 6:30pm Mass 7:15-8:30pm School Gym

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL SUMMER ACTIVITIES!

For more information head to www.stlaurence.org/summereedge or contact Mo Bass at mbass@stlaurence.org

EDGE REGISTRATION

To register your middle school child for Edge for the upcoming year, please visit www.stlaurence.org/edge for more information or stop by the Ave Maria Center. The deadline to register is August 1st.

For more information head to www.stlaurence.org/edge or contact Mo Bass at mbass@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

@ St. Laurence Young Adults
www.stlaurence.org/ya

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
- 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. 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 brunch — July 21. Twice a month resumes in August!

Blessed Is She Wild Retreat - October 12-13, 2018! Hosted at St. Laurence! Register here: blessedishe.net The Blessed is She Wild Retreat is all about unleashing God’s Spirit in the lives of women. Come and find freedom, learn to live in freedom, and give freedom to other women. With Michelle Benzinger, Ike Ndolo, Danielle Noonan, Katie Hartfiel, Sr. Maria Guadalupe, OP, and Beth Davis. We are expecting 300 women from all over Texas and the Southwest. All women ages 18+ are welcome to attend.

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
Men’s Bible Study
Mondays, 7:30-9:00pm, or
Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15am
St Francis Room, Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

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

Formation Toward Christian Ministry
Summer Intensive
Monday, July 9–Friday, July 13
9 am-4pm, Ave Maria Center

We know that it can be a challenge to find time to commit to formation during the school year. Why not make some time this summer to grow in your knowledge of the faith?

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. 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 understands Jesus to be
- **Sacraments:** The Liturgy and Sacraments

Full schedule and registration information can be found at [http://archgh.event.com/SummerIntensive2018](http://archgh.event.com/SummerIntensive2018)

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**Coming in September…**

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**
Begins Sept 11, 2018 9:00-11:45 am Marian Hall A

**Wisdom: God’s Vision for Life**

In this study by [Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith](#), you will examine biblical wisdom as it relates to daily life. Drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible - Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes - Wisdom will teach you how to actively seek out sound guidance and increase your sense of peace in navigating life. With this program, you will learn how to gather, gain, and grow in wisdom, and you will experience the joy it brings to your life. To register go to [stlaurence.org/biblestudies](http://stlaurence.org/biblestudies). For more info contact Joe at jkanusky@aol.com.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**
Begins Sept 10, 2018 6:30-8:30 pm Ave Maria Center Rooms 206 & 208

Come join us on the road to find Financial Peace. This life-changing program helps participants to achieve their financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. The program consists of a 9-week video curriculum—taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey. For more info: [Sunny Soji-Tom at sunnysojitom@hotmail.com](mailto:sunnysojitom@hotmail.com)

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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

**Interested In Becoming Catholic?**

RCIA is for those who have never been baptized, those baptized in another Christian faith tradition interested in joining the Catholic Church, and Catholics who were baptized but have not celebrated all of their Sacraments. Please come to one of the following sessions to get your questions answered.

**Inquiry Sessions:** Sundays, August 19 & 26
10:15-11:15am in the Corpus Christi Room

**Notice:** We are in need of catechists for the children’s RCIA process!
Contact Justin Frato, 281-265-5774 jfrato@stlaurence.org
More info: [stlaurence.org/rcia](http://stlaurence.org/rcia)
Have you ever been asked any of these questions by your friends and had no idea what to say?

Now you can be ready with an answer through our new apologetics Bible study course! Our team of knowledgeable presenters will teach on over eighty topics based in the “New Catholic Answer Bible” on common questions people have about the Catholic Faith over the course of four semesters. Through presentations, reading, and small group discussion, you will learn how to explain the Church’s teachings with logic and love.

Scriptural Answers to 88 Common Questions about Catholic Beliefs and Practices

Third Semester

Mondays, starting September 17, 2018
7:00-9:00 pm
Guardian Angel Hall

Cost for third semester:
$40.00 if new participant
(includes New Catholic Answer Bible)
$5.00 returning participant

Registration is required at stlaurence.org/apologetics

Presenters:
Marta Alves, Bob Bethancourt, Justin Frato, Deacon Dennis Henderson, Cindy Kral, Tom Ruck

For more information contact Justin Frato at 281-265-5774 or jfrato@stlaurence.org

Ave Maria Parish Life Center
3103 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land TX 77479
Today’s Gospel reveals Jesus as being amazed that the people in his hometown of Nazareth do not accept his teaching and ministry; he is taken aback by their lack of faith (Mk 6:6). Good stewards recognize and participate in Christ’s teaching, reconciling and healing presence in their community. Are we good stewards of our family of faith? Do we value and support the ministries that take place in Christ’s name? Are we attentive to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our parish and encourage those who work to enhance our life of faith?

My wife, Susanne, and I have been married 44 years and we have 2 children and 4 grandchildren, ages 8 to 3. We both grew up in Houston and attended Mt. Carmel High School together. We came to St. Laurence 3 years ago, when we moved from Houston to be closer to our daughter and family. (Grandson Connor is in 3rd grade at SLCS and Harvey is in the Weekday Children’s Program.) I lead the Christian Meditation group that meets in the Ave Maria Center on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. I led a similar group at St. Vincent De Paul for 15 years and was eager to be part of a group at St. Laurence. Elaine Smith leads a daytime contemplative prayer group, so the idea of adding an evening group was welcomed. Finding a location was initially a problem, so the group did not start until the wonderful Ave Maria Center was opened. I have been involved with the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) ever since hearing Benedictine monk Fr. Laurence Freeman speak on Christian Meditation at the Dominican Spirituality Center in the late 90s. Meditation has been described as the ‘prayer of attention.’ I hope I have experienced a slight improvement in paying attention to the wonders without and The Spirit within.

Faith in Jesus Christ frees us from sin, sadness, emptiness, isolation. It is the source of a joy that no one can ever take away.

— Pope Francis

June 25, 2018

St. Benedict Pray for Us!
Consecration to Jesus through Mary at St. Laurence Catholic Church

Six Popes have testified to the great power of Marian Consecration as the best way to enter into the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fr. Michael Gaitley MIC, in his book and Video Series 33 Days to Morning Glory, based on the wisdom of St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta and Saint John Paul II takes us through preparation for consecration. You are invited to join us in preparation for consecration to Jesus through Mary on the feast of the Assumption of Mary.

Tuesday: July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7 and 14, 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Ave Maria Center, St. Anne’s Room

Thursday: July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16, 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Ave Maria Center, Room 201

Contact Anne Marie Daniel 281-265-5774 adaniel@stlaurence.org

Register online: stlaurence.org/33-days-to-morning-glory
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.

Michael "Gomer" Gormley is a Lay Evangelist and well-known Catholic speaker. This father of four earned his Masters in Theology and Christian Ministry from Franciscan University and is the Coordinator of Evangelization for St. Anthony of Padua in the Woodlands. Learn more about this dynamic speaker and retreat leader at www.layevangelist.com.

A NIGHT FOR MEN TO FEED BODY AND SOUL

July 26, 7-9 pm
Marian Hall, AMC

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 Gormley. Reserve your spot at stlaurence.org/brosandbrisket.

We will take up a free will offering.
MEET OUR SUMMER INTERN: SARAH DENEEFE

Sarah DeNeefe is a Junior at Franciscan University of Steubenville, majoring in Theology and Catechetics. The daughter of Robert and Carol DeNeefe, Sarah grew up here at St. Laurence and she’s excited to bring her talents and energy to the Youth Ministry team this summer.

Q. What do you like to do in your free time?
A. Drink coffee, eat tacos, cheer on the Astros, play guitar, take pictures.

Q. What’s your favorite movie?
A. My favorite movie is White Christmas. I’m a sucker for cheesy, feel-good movies.

Q. Who would you most like to swap places with for a day?
A. I would love to swap places with a National Geographic photographer. That would be amazing!

Q. Where’s your favorite place in the world?
A. The Rocky Mountains in Colorado. I used to go to camp there every summer, and I just love the beauty of the pine trees and the crisp mountain air.

Q. What do you look forward to the most as a Summer Intern?
A. I can’t wait to hang out with the St. Laurence teens and really get to know them. It’s gonna be a great summer!

NOW HIRING: PART-TIME SACRISTANS

If you have a love for liturgy and are looking for meaningful part-time work (4-10 hours per week), consider applying for the position of Sacristan. Sacristans have an essential role at Mass, assisting clergy and lay ministers with the orderly flow of the liturgy. Sacristans arrive early to open the church; set out chalices, ciboria and other items for the liturgy; confirm lectors/altar servers are present; assist with securing the offertory; lock up campus; plus other duties. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, able to walk and stand for several hours and have a good working knowledge of the order and flow of liturgical services. Training will be provided. Apply by sending your resume to Rosemary Mascarenhas at rmascarenhas@stlaurence.org.

REGISTER NOW: WEDDING ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year? Plan to attend a Wedding Anniversary Jubilee Mass at the Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral, celebrated by Cardinal DiNardo! Couples who register in advance will get limited reserved seating and a signed recognition following the Mass. The 25th Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 16 (register before August 24), and the 50th Anniversary Mass will be held Sunday, October 21 (register before September 30). For more info and to register, please go to https://goo.gl/4QAStg

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 jffrato@stlaurence.org.
ST. LAURENCE SHOE DRIVE

Changing Lives... ONE NEW PAIR OF SHOES AT A TIME

Beginning in 2001, the St. Laurence Shoe Drive has impacted the lives of more than 6,800 children in need. This year we hope to serve over 700 children! The simple gift of a new pair of athletic shoes helps children attend school in comfort and with dignity, better prepared to learn and play. We hear such positive feedback from the participating agencies about how excited and delighted the children are when they open their new shoe boxes.

With your assistance and generosity, we will be able to distribute shoes to the following churches and agencies:

Queen of Peace Catholic Church (our sister parish)
St. John Fisher Catholic Church
Holy Family Catholic Church
Hick’s Elementary School
Fort Bend Rainbow Room
Rio Bend Foster Care Community
Lotus Military Project
Fort Bend Child Advocates
St. Laurence Village families
Fort Bend Back to School
Refugee Resettlement

The Shoe Drive tag line and monetary donation envelopes will be on the plaza after Mass today and next weekend. In addition to the Shoe Drive, please consider helping us provide necessary school supplies to help ensure that children in need in Fort Bend County are prepared to learn and succeed in the classroom. The rising cost of supplies coupled with the number of items requested has made it difficult for many families to purchase the supplies needed. A complete list of all school supplies will be available on our website and on the tagline. All school supply donations will be distributed to children in need at the Fort Bend County Back to School event on Saturday, August 4.

Thank you for your support!
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Be her Joseph In Genesis, Eve ate the forbidden fruit. But Adam was with her. He didn’t stop her and say, “This is a bad idea, let’s go.” He did not protect his wife, but stood by silently while the serpent convinced her to surrender her holiness and damage her relationship with God. Then there was St. Joseph. When Joseph obeyed the angel and brought Mary into his home, he was accepting the public shame and embarrassment of a pregnant fiancée. He sacrificed his personal honor and reputation to obey God and protect Mary and Jesus.

The choice for a husband is clear: he can be his wife’s Adam or he can be her Joseph. A man can stand by silently and allow his wife to suffer the physical and spiritual consequences of contraception. Or he can defend her virtue, body, and soul by using NFP. Today, contraception is accepted and expected. Any man who forgoes it for NFP will likely be exposed to ridicule and criticism. But as St. Joseph taught us, there are some things more important than the opinion of others. May we husbands choose to be Joseph to our wives!

—Tom Mealey, Diocese of Richmond, VA

A series of classes on NFP will be offered at St. Laurence on Thursday evenings July 19, August 16, and September 13. See stlaurence.org/natural-family-planning.

Did you know? Among teens who aborted their first pregnancy, 66% experienced miscarriage or premature birth of their second child.

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

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 listing of all the service opportunities that are available.

Who doesn’t love BINGO? Teach your children the importance of serving others, have fun doing it together, and brighten the day for local senior citizens by calling BINGO at Sugar Land Health Care Center is old Sugar Land. This is a GREAT family or small group service opportunity. For more info or to volunteers, please contact Janet Roberts at jroberts3207@gmail.com.

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
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, HOMELESS, 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.
ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL
The first commandment is to love God. What better way to love God than to spend time with Him in the chapel? The Archdiocese guidelines for Eucharistic Exposition require that 2 or 3 persons be present at all times. We are adding a second adorer whenever one is currently in place. Are you that second person?

URGENT Need for adorers at these times:
- **Mondays**, 12am to 1am
- **Saturdays**, 2pm to 3pm
- **Sundays**, 6am to 7am & 10am to 11am

Adoration will be reposed for the Independence Day holiday from Friday, June 29, 2pm through Monday, July 9, 8am. Please note that the chapel will be closed for maintenance.

Please check online: stlaurence.org/adoration or pick up a card at the back of the church for a list of days and times available and prayerfully consider the hours listed where we need committed adorers. Contact Fran Magelssen at adoration@stlaurence.org 281-224-6122

ST. LAURENCE ADULT SINGLES
- **WED, JULY 11, 6pm** Book Club Café Goo Goo Yen
- **SUN, JULY 15, 9am** Mass & Café Express
- **TUES, JULY 24, 7pm** – Planning Meeting
- **SAT, JULY 28, 6pm** Capone’s dinner and live music

The St. Laurence Singles Ministry serves adults of all ages who are widowed, divorced, separated or never married. We gather together in spiritual and social activities in a safe and friendly environment to develop friendships and have fun! We also occasionally do service projects to help our Parish. More Information: st.laurencesingles@gmail.com or stlaurence.org/adultsingles

VOCATIONS MINISTRY
July 27-29 — Life Awareness Retreat
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

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

FAMILY FAITH MINISTRY NEWS
INTERESTED IN A FAMILY FAITH EXPERIENCE
We have a few spots available in our 2018-2019 Family Faith program. Join our vibrant group of families! We meet on the first Sunday of the month for family faith formation, CCE classes for PREK3-12th grade, and an adult class. This program for children in PREK3-12th grade is a combination of CCE and home study with work from home due each month. For more information contact Melissa Calcote before July 31st at mcalcote@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774.
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)*

- **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.

**DivorceCare at St. Laurence**

**July 28: Unbound Prayer Ministry**

*Do you long to experience the love, freedom, and abundant life that Jesus talks about in the Gospels? But, do you often feel stuck, bound up, unable to move forward?*

**Unbound**

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 these principles in detail.

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 July 28, 2018 at the Corpus Christi Rm., Parish Courtyard, 9:00am to 12:00 Noon (Scheduled appointments only)**

**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 14: Ministerio Hispano Misa en Español**

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. Comunición a los enfermos, Irma Martinez Tel 281-313-2833. Recibir anuncios mandando correo a mhstlaurence@gmail.com.

**JULY 27: Loving Seniors Meeting**

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
Join other St. Laurence families for faith, fun, and friendly competition

FAMILY OLYMPICS

July 27th 6:30-8:00 pm
Ave Maria Center
Pizza and drinks will be provided.
Bring a side dish or dessert to share.
RSVP by July 25 at www.stlaurence.org/family-nights

TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MELISSA CALCOTE AT MCALCOTE@ST.LAURENCE.ORG
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