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
September  7 — In the Chapel
7:00pm - Rotary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
September 1 — In the Church
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
September 8 & 22   En la Capilla
Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las
7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes de
la misa de 6:00 a 6:45 pm. Comunión a los
enfermos. Irma Martinez
Tel 281-313-2833
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281-980-9812
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Discipleship Council: Shawn Kelly, shawn_kelly@oxy.com

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
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

AUG / SEPT

SUNDAY 26
(1153 in your Gather Book)
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading JOS 24:1-2A, 15-17, 18B
Second Reading EPH 5:21-32 OR 5:2A, 25-32
Gospel JN 6:60-69

MONDAY 27
First Reading 2 THES1:1-5, 11-12
Gospel MT 23:13-22

TUESDAY 28
First Reading 2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17
Gospel MT 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY 29
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
First Reading 2 THES 3:6-10, 16-18
Gospel MK 6:17-29

THURSDAY 30
First Reading 1 COR 1:1-9
Gospel MT 24:42-51

FRIDAY 31
First Reading 1 COR 1:17-25
Gospel MT 25:1-13

SATURDAY 1
First Reading 1 COR 1:26-31
Gospel MT 25:14-30

SUNDAY 2
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
First Reading DT 4:1-2, 6-8
Second Reading JAS 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27
Gospel MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Invitation to LOVE, LEARN, CONNECT & GROW

This weekend is the annual “Celebration of Ministries” at St. Laurence, an invitation to parishioners of all ages and abilities to find a meaningful way to engage in parish life.

Fr. Drew’s theme for the year “To Be Near God Is My Happiness” expresses in seven words the whole reason we are striving to become an Engaged Church community. People who are engaged in their parish have a sense of meaning and purpose; they are committed to their own spiritual growth and care about the spiritual growth of others; they make real connections and want to invite others to join them. And being near God, they experience happiness.

Down in the parish hall are hundreds of invitations to grow nearer to God. One is meant just for you.

LOVE: ministries that reach out in service to bring assistance, healing and hope to others

LEARN: ministries that educate, inspire and share our faith

CONNECT: ministries that connect people to others who share interests, talents or cultural backgrounds

GROW: ministries that inspire prayer and participation in the Sacraments

If you’ve been thinking about signing up for something new this year or are looking to join a group that can make this big parish feel more like family, then take a few minutes to visit the Ministry Fair after Mass today. Enjoy the refreshments, browse the displays, ask questions, and see what interests you. May you discover true happiness in being near God!

Ministry Fair in the Parish Hall after all Masses

PRAYING THE NEWS | AUGUST 26, 2018

“The Lord has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry. The Lord confronts the evildoers...”

PSALM 34:16-17

O God, we are sickened, saddened and righteously angry over the abuse of the innocent in Pennsylvania and elsewhere by those entrusted to lead them in your name. We are deeply grateful for all the good, humble and compassionate shepherds you continue to give us. We ask that you grace Pope Francis and the bishops with the courage and faith to openly seek truth, justice and healing. Jesus, we trust in you. Amen. †
In Our Prayers...

PRAY FOR THE SICK


PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Navy
SPC David Ambroick, US Army
PVT Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
P.O. 5 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
MSGT. 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
CPT 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
CPT Michelle Thibault, US Army
CPT Will Thibault, US Army
PFC Aaron Fox, USMC
PVT Jahneil Xavier George, US Army
SSG Philip Graham, US Army
CPT Spencer Henry, US Army
PVT Liam Hill, US Army
Daniel Hines, US Navy
SSG Matthew Hollobaugh, US Army Reserve
SPC Joshua Keenan, US Army
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
Major 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 Stranksy, US Navy
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy
Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC
ILT Kevin Wheeler, US Army
SGT Bryce Whitley, US Army
AM Troy Yelverton, US Navy

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUG 25
5:00pm – Buddy Podraza (D)

SUNDAY, AUG 26
7:15am – Jerry & Michael Watson (D)
9:00am – Brad & Carolyn Pitney (D)
11:00am – Filomena Snow (D)
12:45pm – Quynh Vu (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, AUG 27
7:30am – Frank Memec (D)
12:00pm – Bob & Pat McGinnis (D)

TUESDAY, AUG 28
7:30am – Robert Hudspeth (D)
12:00pm – Rodolfo Magat (D)

WEDNESDAY, AUG 29
7:30am – Heather Renee Brajkovich (D)
6:30pm – Rosa Pascual (D)

THURSDAY, AUG 30
7:30am – Joseph Rathmann (D)
12:00pm – Hedwig Kontrimas (D)

FRIDAY, AUG 31
8:15am – Jim Macredie (D)
12:00pm – Joe & Johnny Fernandes (D)

SATURDAY, SEPT 1
8:30am – Casore Family (I)
5:00pm – The Posadas Family (D)

SUNDAY, SEPT 2
7:15am – Jessica Whitmore (D)
9:00am – Quynh Vu (D)
11:00am – San & Tu Nguyen (D)
12:45pm – Blanca Amador Family (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

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

PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON

Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Please pray for: Isabella Flores, Adrian Zaldivar, Sonia Aguilar, Johnny Sanchez, Jessica Ayala, Elizabeth Rojas, Lizette Trevino, Marilyn, Frank & Nora Serrano and Family, Roger & Robert Sanchez, Linda & Keith Cameron and Family, Michael John Simon, Tommy Dooley, Chelsea George family, Denise Joslyn Family, Saturnino Gutierrez, Sr., Mariana Gutierrez, Sylvia G. Casarez, Saturnino Gutierrez, Jr., Lisa V Saenz, Amand Lee-Ann Gutierrez, Leticia Garcia, Jasso Family, Jerry Beasley, Ronald Bussey & Family, Fectee Family, Amy Austin, Alec, Daryl Florentino-Oneyda Vasquez and Family, Society of St. John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3.

(8/6/18)
SEPT 9: HOLY ROSARY PARISH BAZAAR
On Sunday, September 9, head to Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Rosenberg for their parish's 82nd Annual Bazaar. Be there between 11am and 2pm for great BBQ, fun activities for the whole family, live music and an auction. Come join the fun! All are welcome. INFO: www.hrccr.com, 281-342-3089.

SEPT 13: MISSION OF LOVE
The Catholic Charities Mamie George Community Center (MGCC) will host its fifth annual Mission of Love Gala Sept. 13 from 6:30-10 p.m. at the Safari Texas Ranch, in Richmond. The unique fundraising event will honor City of Richmond Mayor Evalyn W. Moore and will include a live auction and one-of-kind raffle items. Proceeds from the event help individuals, families and seniors who live in Fort Bend County. Catholic Charities’ services assist vulnerable seniors with little support, low-income families who are struggling to make ends meet, people who are hungry, victims of natural disasters, women veterans, immigrants who need support, low-income families who are struggling to make ends meet, people who want better lives and are striving for self-sufficiency. Anyone unable to attend the upcoming gala but wishing to support the event may donate at https://catholiccharities.org/donate-to-mission-of-love/.

SEPT 11: MEET MARIAN SERVANTS OF INCARNATE WISDOM
The Marian Servants of the Incarnate Wisdom is an approved apostolate in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston that meets weekly for praise & worship, prayer and formation. With special devotion to the Holy Spirit and to Mary, members of this community provide Spiritual Direction, Healing Prayer and direct the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. An introduction to the Marian Servants of the Incarnate Wisdom will be offered on Tuesday, September 11, 10:30am-12:30pm, at Mother of Perpetual Help Retreat Center, 3417 W. Little York, Houston. All are welcome. For details, please contact Kelly at info@marianservantshouston.org.

REGISTER NOW: LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION DAY
The Archdiocesan Office of Worship is offering a formation day for liturgical ministers on Saturday, September 29, at Christ the Good Shepherd in Spring, from 8:30am-3:30pm. Attendees may select from among sessions created for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Music Ministry and Hospitality. Register before September 9 and the cost to attend is just $20 (includes presentation materials and lunch). After that, the cost to attend is $30, and placement is first-come, first-served. Register and get details at archgh.org.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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PLAY & PRAY
Childcare is provided in a safe, loving, and Catholic environment to young children while their parents/guardians attend Mass and other parish programs. Register in advance with Elizabeth Hernandez, at stlaurence.org/play-pray or ehernandez@stlaurence.org

WEDDING PREPARATION
Next class: September 24
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 rmascarenhas@stlaurence.org.

BAPTISM PREPARATION
Next Classes: September 8 & October 6
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays each month. The parent preparation class is offered ten times per year. To schedule a Baptism or register for the class contact Barb Roy at 281-265-5774 x5371 or broy@stlaurence.org.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS
FUNERALS
Moses Eshiet, father of Anie Usoro
George Konikowski, husband of Ann Konikowski
Donald Sobocinski, father of Roxanne Sharrock
Andrew Dubois, father of Mark Dubois

ONLINE GIVING
FAITH DIRECT
stlaurence.org/contribute-to-our-parish
As Christ’s disciples, we are called to go forth and spread the good news of His Resurrection. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Laurence Catholic Church with electronic donations through Faith Direct. Sign up online by visiting www.faithdirect.net using our church code: TX460. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

2nd Collection Today
St Laurence Catholic School
Please note that Preschool and Elementary CCE registration has officially ended for this academic year. Limited availability and/or wait lists on some days and in certain grade levels may apply. If you have questions regarding registration and/or current availability, please contact Cindy Martin for Preschool CCE at cindymartin@stlaurence.org or Joan Hastreiter for Elementary (Grades 1-5) CCE at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org.

CCE Rosters and Class Placement: Our Preschool CCE through Kindergarten (Sunday option) will begin on Sunday, September 9 and the Elementary CCE and Kindergarten (Wednesday option) classes will resume on Tues/Weds Sept. 11/12 and for all registered children. Please be sure to check out class placements and rosters which will be posted THIS weekend (Aug. 25/26) in the Parish Hall for the Ministry Fair after all Masses. Rosters will be updated weekly as registrations are processed and posted thereafter at the AMC. Please note that students will not be individually notified of their class placements, but rather should look for their names on the posted class rosters. Questions? Contact Joan Hastreiter, jhastreiter@stlaurence.org or Cindy Martin, cindymartin@stlaurence.org.

MONDAYS: CALLING ALL MOMS WITH TOTS!
Are you a mom who is the primary caregiver for your young child(ren) ages infant to pre-K? Join the Moms & Tots Ministry! On Monday mornings, we gather for our weekly play group. We plan a variety of activities from parks and splash pads to mass and reconciliation opportunities! We support and encourage you in your vocation as a mother while sharing our faith with our kids and serving the community. Our meetings are casual, and kids and moms get a chance to make new friends and grow closer to Christ. Come every week or just when you can! Please contact us for more information at stlaurence.momsandtots@gmail.com or call (956) 802-8084.

Thank you for your support to the Plaid Bag Collection
The plaid bag collection today enables the school to assist families in crisis continue their children’s Catholic education. The monies collected will help families that find themselves dealing with an unexpected loss of job, medical crisis, or family emergency. We’d like to thank you in advance for your continued prayers for your parish school and your support of the plaid bag collection.

Let the children come
Weekday Children Program welcomed 275 children for the 2018-19 Academic Year.

School Holiday Sept. 3
Coffee Chat Wednesday Sept. 5
Parent Mixer Friday, Sept. 21
Fair Day Holiday, Friday Sept. 28
stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

Seeking future SLCS Saints
We have a few remaining spots open for students in 2nd-7th grades. Parents interested in pursuing a Catholic education at our parish school should call the school at 281-980-0500 or contact the Admissions Office at sbyrne@stlaurence.org.

Be part of our Saints family!
St. Laurence Catholic School has a few job openings! You can find the list online: stlaurenceschool.org/employment. At this time we are searching for a Librarian and Before and After School Staff. If you are interested in joining our Saints staff, please submit your information here: choosecatholicschools.org/employment-opportunities
CONFIRMATION

Confmation Penance Service
Tuesday, August 28, 6:30- 8:30pm.
In the Church
For Confirmation candidates of September 2018 and their Families.
Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation to be in a state of grace and cleansed for the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation.

Confirmation Parent Meetings
For Parents of teens to be Confirmed in 2019
A meeting detailing all of the sacramental preparation information parents need to ensure your teen will be properly formed and confirmed! Only parents need attend and you only need to attend one of the three meetings. As a reminder, these meetings are for parents of the new Confirmation candidates and not for the parents of the candidates being confirmed in September 2018.

Wednesday, August 29, (Guardian Angel Hall, 7:00pm)
Thursday, September 13, (Marian Hall, 7:00pm)

Go to stlaurence.org/confirmation or contact Daniel Glaze at dglaze@stlaurence.org for more information.

LIFE TEEN

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

LIFE TEEN AND EDGE PARENT MEETING
September 6th, 7-8pm, Youth Hall
All parents who have teens in our Edge or Life Teen programs are invited to join us for an optional informational meeting about all things youth ministry! We'll fill you in on everything you need to know about our programs and what they have to offer your middle school and high school aged children. We'd love for the chance to meet you and answer any questions you might have.

LIFE TEEN KICK-OFF
September 16th, 5pm Mass - 815pm.
We're back! All high school youth are invited to join us for our Life Teen Kick-Off on September 16th. We encourage all youth to join us for 5pm Life Teen Mass in the Church (teens can sit up front) and then Life Night from 615-815pm at the Ave Maria Center. It's a night you won't want to miss! More info about the year including our calendar can be found at stlaurence.org/lifeteen

HELP LEAD TEENS CLOSER TO CHRIST
Life Teen is only successful because we have adults who walk with our teens as a part of our Core Team. Core Team members simply give us their time on Sunday nights by helping lead small group discussions, and the rest is on us! Training and preparation is given. Email or call Eric at epainter@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774 for more information. We'd love for the opportunity to meet you!

EDGE

Catholic Middle School Ministry

For more information or to register your middle school child, visit stlaurence.org/edge.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

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

• SEPT 12: Fall 2018 Young Adult Bible Study: Wisdom
We live in a time of confusion, over-stimulation and moral relativism. How do we discern our priorities? Right from wrong? Life is often more gray than it is black and white. As young adults, we have an incredible need for wisdom. Wisdom can come through experience or the Holy Spirit, but it cannot be "taught." And its source is found in God Himself. Join us as we study and seek to understand how to live in goodness and truth, with hearts open to receive that gift that Solomon calls, Lady Wisdom. What do I need? Just your bible!
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month // Open to young adults in 20s and 30s // 7:30-9p @ St. Clare room, Ave Maria Center


• Monthly Social- 1st Wednesday // location varies

Young Married Couples
4th SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
The Young Married Couples group is for any young adult married couple (in their 20s or 30s). We will be coming together for fellowship and prayer as we share the joys and challenges of our vocation. Of course, kids are welcome! Please email Alex McBride at alexandriapan15@gmail.com for more information.

Blessed Is She: Women's Group
Open to all women in 20s + 30s // Usually 1st and 3rd Saturday // Brunches 10a-12p // Location varies // Sept 9/1: Endow Study of Lumen Gentium, “Light of the Nations”!
Contact person: Flo Francis, francis.florence6@gmail.com

Blessed Is She WILD Retreat
October 12-13, 2018! Hosted at St. Laurence! Register here: blessedisshe.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.
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 Session TODAY Sunday August 26**
10:15-11:15 am in the Corpus Christi Room
Contact Justin Frato, 281-265-5774
jfrato@stlaurence.org
More info: stlaurence.org/rcia

**THURSDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY**
Begin Sept 13, 2018
1-2:00 pm, St Anne, or 7:15-8:30 pm Ave Maria Room 205

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist shines fresh light on the Last Supper by looking at it through Jewish eyes. Dr. Brant Pitre using his in-depth knowledge of the Bible and ancient Judaism answers many questions on the Passover, the Manna and the Bread of the Presence. For more info: contact Julie Evett, jevett@comcast.net.

**THURSDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY**
Begin Sept 11, 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. Register at stlaurence.org/biblestudies or contact Joe at jkanusky@aol.com.

**THURSDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY**
Begin Mon, Aug 27, 6:30-8:30 pm, Ave Maria Rm. #201
OR Thurs, Aug 30, 9:30-11:30 am, Corpus Christi Rm.
Join us for a group study that delves into the Most Holy Trinity as the key to bringing the faith from our heads to our hearts and out into our lives. Cost: $30.00. Register online: stlaurence.org/wisdomandworksofmercy. For info: Joe Chirco at jchirco@aol.com.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**
Begin Sept 11, 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. Register at stlaurence.org/biblestudies or contact Joe at jkanusky@aol.com.

**THAT MAN IS YOU**
Wednesday, starting on Sept 12, 5:30-7:00 pm Marian Hall
This year’s theme for TMIY is “Revelation of the Father”. Discussion will focus on how men can model the fatherhood of God. For info: Roger Peters at rogerwpeters@me.com or stlaurence.org/tmiy.

**READY**
Mondays starting Sept 17, 7-9 pm Guardian Angel Hall
Come learn how to explain the Church’s teachings with logic and love. Cost: $40.00 for new participants, $5.00 for returning participants. Register and pay at stlaurence.org/apologetics.

**RE-MEMBERING CHURCH**
Mondays, starting Sept 10, 7-9 pm St. Joseph Room
Re-membering Church is a process of healing and reconciliation for inactive Catholics. No matter how long you have been away, for whatever reason, you are always welcome. Contact Tom Ruck at tomruckstl@gmail.com or 281 242-4750, or visit stlaurence.org/remembering

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**
Begin Sept 10, 6:30-8:30pm, Ave Maria Center
Rm 206 & 208
Come join us on the road to find Financial Peace. This lifechanging 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.

**LEARN**
**ENGAGE**
**GROW**

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**
Begin Sept 10, 6:30-8:30pm, Ave Maria Center
Rm 206 & 208
Come join us on the road to find Financial Peace. This lifechanging 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.

**THURSDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY**
Begin Mon, Aug 27, 6:30-8:30 pm, Ave Maria Rm. #201
OR Thurs, Aug 30, 9:30-11:30 am, Corpus Christi Rm.
Join us for a group study that delves into the Most Holy Trinity as the key to bringing the faith from our heads to our hearts and out into our lives. Cost: $30.00. Register online: stlaurence.org/wisdomandworksofmercy For info: Joe Chirco at jchirco@aol.com.
Date Night Series for Couples

REFOCUS

THE INVENTORY FOR MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Saturdays, 6:30 – 9:00 pm
Ave Maria Center, Marian Hall

Sept 15  Marriage as A Process
Oct 27   Intimacy
Nov 10   Compatibility
Dec 8    Communication
Jan 26   Commitment
Feb 23   Empty Nesters

Come take a REFOCCUS inventory that is designed to help you understand, appreciate and enrich your marriage. Ideal program for couples married 3 years or more.

The REFOCCUS inventory will provide presentations by licensed counselors, and the opportunity for discussion with your spouse, and other couples in small group, on the five core sections: marriage as a process, intimacy, compatibility, communication, and commitment. An optional 6th session for empty nesters will be offered. Each of these topics will be offered on separate Saturday evening sessions. Consideration of each of these areas will help refocus your attention to the core issues of your married relationship. This resource is meant to help you affirm the strengths in your marriage while identifying potential area for growth for you as a couple.

The evening will start with a pot luck dinner. We will provide the main dish. Please bring a side, salad, veggie, dessert to share with 10 people.

Cost: $70.00 (registration and materials)

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE  More details when you register

Register and pay at: stlaurence.org/refoccus
For more information contact Justin Frato at jfrato@stlaurence.org
LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD!
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today’s Gospel, we hear that a number of Jesus’ followers left him because his message was too difficult for them to accept. In essence, they did not believe in him. He then asked the Twelve if they wished to leave as well. Peter responds by making a profound profession of faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Twelve made a choice and stood by their choice, remaining loyal to their commitment to Jesus. A good question for our reflection might be this: Are we satisfied with the stewardship we exercise over our baptismal commitment? Are we just “along for the ride?” Are we keeping Christ in front of us as we make decisions about our daily activities, our relationships, our parish, issues in the workplace, issues such as peace and justice? What is the quality of our stewardship?

www.catholicstewardship.com

May the Holy Spirit grant us the grace of conversion and the interior anointing needed to express our compunction and our resolve courageously to combat them.

— Pope Francis

August 20, 2018

Q. I’m new to St. Laurence; what’s the Ministry Fair all about?

A. The Celebration of Ministries Weekend is the perfect way to get involved here! At every Mass there will be Parade of Ministries. After each Mass in the Parish Hall, lots of our ministries will have a table set up so you can visit the ones you are interested in and see if you’d like to join. We’re talking like 67 different ministries, people. Trust me, you will find a place here. Try something. If it’s not for you, try something else, just saying. Did I mention refreshments will be served? There’s coffee & donuts in the morning and cookies, cheese & crackers for the afternoon Masses. So it’s a win-win. You can have something to nosh on while learning what some of our ministries do, right? Stop by.

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.

STEWARDS AMONG US
THIS IS YOUR HAPPY PLACE

Each week in this space we share stories of the people who make St. Laurence the vibrant, faith filled parish that it is. These are your fellow parishioners who choose to be “doers of the word and not hearers only.” Instead, they respond – each in their own way – to the call to serve the Lord and one another. They may prepare a meal for someone going through a difficult time, or teach English to someone trying to earn their U.S. citizenship, or be a peaceful, prayerful witness for life in front of Planned Parenthood. They may have just one hour a week to give, but they choose to spend it in our Chapel of Divine Mercy in Adoration or in a classroom as a catechist for young children. The ways to serve are as diverse as our wonderful parish. Take a first step after Mass and go to the Ministry Fair. Maybe you’ll find one thing that looks interesting to you. Sign up and give it a try! This could be the way you experience “to be near God is your happiness.”
Drawing upon words of wisdom from St. John Paul II, this practical, encouraging talk offers age-specific parenting inspiration and ways to overcome common obstacles to peace, balance, and joy in daily family life. With humor and a realistic understanding of everyday challenges of family living, Danielle reminds us to focus on the beauty, joy, and privilege of the family’s unique call to be a school of virtue.

Childcare available!

For more information and to sign up for childcare go to stlaurence.org/parenting

Presented by DANIELLE BEAN

Sunday, Sept. 9, 7-9 pm, SLCS Dining Hall

-or-

Monday, Sept 10, 9:30-11:30am, Marian Hall*

*Bring a brown bag lunch and stay for Q & A session 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Co-sponsored by
This Weekend

Attend the MINISTRY FAIR
in the parish hall
after Mass today!

SOCIAL CONCERNS
& SOCIAL JUSTICE
- Bridges to Life
- Correctional Ministry
- Funeral Reception Ministry
- Habitat for Humanity
- Learn English Ministry
- Learn Spanish Ministry
- Meals That Heal
- Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy
- Respect Life Ministry
- Senior Rides & More
- Social Concerns Ministry
- Society of St. John de Matha

FAITH FORMATION
& EDUCATION
- Adult Faith Formation
- Bible Studies
- Catholic Men Called to be Saints
- Children’s Faith Formation
- Edge: Middle School
- Family Faith
- Financial Peace University
- Life Teen: High School
- Men’s Ministry
- Natural Family Planning
- Parish Library
- Play & Pray
- St. Laurence Catholic School
- Vacation Bible School
- Vocations Committee
- Weekday Children’s Program

PRAYER, RETREATS
& PRAYER GROUPS
- A.C.T.S. Retreat
- Adoration
- Christian Meditation Prayer Group
- Contemplative Prayer
- Divine Mercy
- Hearts of Jesus & Mary
- Lay Apostle Prayer Group
- Legion of Mary
- Marian Consecration
- St. Anthony of Padua Prayer
- St. Laurence Women’s Retreat

COMMUNITY
& PARISH LIFE
- African Catholic Community
- Bazaar
- Boy Scout Troop 828
- Catholic Daughters of America
- Challenge Club for Girls
- Council of Catholic Women
- Cub Scout Pack 1828
- Family Ministry
- Filipino Community of St. Laurence
- Hispanic Ministry
- Indian Subcontinent Ministry
- JOY Club (Senior Ministry)
- Junior Catholic Daughters
- Knights of Columbus
- Ladies Guild
- Little Flowers & Blue Knights
- Moms & Tots
- St. Laurence Singles
- Small Christian Communities
- Vietnamese Community
- Women of the Cloth
- Young Adults: Fiat Lux

EVANGELIZATION,
STEWARDSHIP
& LEADERSHIP
- Discipleship Council
- Finance Council
- New Evangelization Ministry
- Pastoral Council
- Re-membering Church

CARE & SUPPORT
- Annullments
- Cancer Support Group
- Caregivers Support Group
- DivorceCare
- Grief Support Group
- Grieving Families
- H.O.P.E. Bereavement Support
- Let the Children Come Group
- Loving Seniors
- Ministry with Persons with Disabilities
- NAMI
- PACT Parenting Group
- Pastoral Care to Sick & Homebound
- Spiritual Direction
- Unbound Prayer

To be near God
is my Happiness
Psalm 73:28

SACRAMENT
PREPARATION
- Baptism
- Confirmation
- First Holy Communion & Reconciliation
- Marriage Preparation
- Marriage Sponsor Couples
- RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES
- Acolytes
- Altar Linen Care
- Altar Servers
- Art & Environment
- Extraordinary Ministers
- Lectors
- Music Ministry
- Sacristans
- St. Laurence Greeters
- Ushers
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Information
The Social Concerns Ministry is dedicated to offering all parishioners the opportunity to live their faith through service to others. Jesus calls us to serve the poor and we thank you for joining us in this important and vital work. This is how you, St. Laurence, responded to Jesus’s call to serve the poor during our Fiscal Year 2018 (7-1-17 through 6-30-18)

- $374,000+ was collected through our monthly Black Bag collections, Faith Direct, Gold Envelope and Annual Drives
- $132,000+ went to direct assistance (rent, utilities, medical & cancer, etc.) for more than 491 individuals throughout Ft. Bend county
- An additional 165 individuals were assisted with items such as food, cleaning, supplies, household items, etc.
- Approximately $200,000 went to assist the more than 50 agencies/organizations, 20 ministries and 5 Catholic churches
- More than 30,000 volunteer hours were donated, when calculated with the Texas average of worth of $25.15, totaled $754,000+
- More than $336,000 was donated as gifts-in-kind, which includes more than 800 Thanksgiving meals, 2,000 Christmas gifts, 750 pairs of new school shoes, over 106 bags of school supplies, furniture and baby items for refugees, food and supplies for the military, gifts for seniors, children, orphans, and SO much more
- And finally, your incredible and generous response to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey: over $244,000 in monetary donations, $26,000 in gift card donations, more than $1,000,000 in donated supplies, over 700 volunteers worked 2,700 hours at the Ave Marie Center, and countless man-power hours donated by St. Laurence Boy Scout Troop 828, the Knights of Columbus, and Habitat for Humanity (1,500 hours muck and gutting 25 homes and 4,000 hours rebuilding 11 homes.) Thanks to your generous support, we have served over 3,000 individuals!

We are so thankful and honored to receive and distribute your gifts out to our community and the world. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity.

— Pennie, Nikki, and Monica, The Social Concerns Ministry Team

HELP ADULTS LEARN TO SPEAK ENGLISH

It’s time to Learn English!

Sign up to teach or register for FREE English classes now.

Volunteer or learn more about the Learn English Ministry by talking to a volunteer next weekend at the ministry fair. The Learn English Ministry offers free English language lessons to adults. Our students come from 30+ different countries and speak a variety of languages. We teach conversational English: those basic skills needed to talk on the phone, get directions, open a bank account or talk to a child’s teacher.

stlaurence.org/learn-english-ministry

VOLUNTEER! No experience is needed; we will train you. Talk to a volunteer after Mass to learn how you can help our highly motivated students improve their lives by learning to speak better English.

TAKE A CLASS! Sign up on the plaza for this year’s English classes. Our free classes are open to adults of all nationalities and faiths.
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Come see the Respect Life table at the Ministry Fair for information on the Pregnancy Resource Medical Center and Christian Voices for Life as well as our parish activities to pray for the preborn, educate the parish, and increase awareness of abortion in our community. Many volunteer opportunities or just sign up for emails to keep informed.

PRMC Volunteer Training: Is God calling YOU to make a tremendous difference in someone’s life? The Pregnancy Resource Medical Center in Rosenberg can train you to feel confident in how to help women resist the temptation of abortion. Please call Meggi at 281-232-2375. Other volunteer opportunities also available.

Voter Registration: Are YOU registered to vote in Fort Bend County? If you have recently moved into Fort Bend County, please get registered so you can help to shape our government to better reflect our values. If you have moved within the county you also need to register your change of address. Registration forms and information will be available at the Respect Life table at the ministry fair and at tables after all the Masses for the next two weekends. Deadline for registration for the November election is October 9.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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. This is a GREAT family or small group service opportunity. For more info or to volunteers, please contact Janet Roberts at jroberts3207@gmail.com.

NAMI

National Alliance on Mental Illness

Millions of Americans face the day-to-day reality of living with mental illness. We get it. We’ve been there. We offer help. We offer hope.

Please join us at one of our support meetings. All meetings are held at United Way, 12300 Parc Crest, Stafford, TX 77487.

Support Group (English) 2nd and 4th Thursday each month

Support Group (Spanish) 3rd Tuesday each month

Support Group (Chinese) Last Sunday each month

Family to Family Classes: Begins Monday, Sept. 10, 6-8:30pm
Family-to-Family is a 12-session educational course for family, caregivers and friends of individuals living with mental illness.

Peer to Peer Classes: Begins Monday, Sept. 17, 6-8:30pm
Peer-to-Peer is a 10-session recovery-focused educational program for adults living with mental illness who wish to establish and maintain wellness.

Call NAMI Greater Houston at 713-970-4419 or email at namigh@namigreaterhouston.org.

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.
CALLING ALL GIRLS GRADES 5-9!

VISIT THE CHALLENGE CLUB FOR GIRLS TABLE AT THE MINISTRY FAIR

Top 3 Reason You Should Join Challenge:
1. meet other girls with a heart for their Catholic faith
2. fun meetings every week and activities throughout the year (pizza, snacks, music, games, silliness included)
3. form lifelong friendships while you grow in your faith

"The best part of Challenge is the bonds and friendships we form" — Valentina, age 12
"My favorite part of Challenge are the games, the friends and the snacks" — Renata, age 10

There is something for everyone! For more information contact Monica Hager at 832-867-2824 or slcc1213@gmail.com

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ADULT SINGLES NEWS

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An Introduction to Theology of the Body
3-Week Course — Three Thursday Nights in a row
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Marian Hall at the Ave Maria Center
Anyone in their 20s or 30s single, dating, engaged, or married couples are invited to attend.
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CHALLENGE CLUB FOR GIRLS

Calling All Girls Grades 5-9!

Visit the Challenge Club for Girls Table at the Ministry Fair

Ministry News

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 only one is currently in place.

Are you that second person?

URGENT Need for adorers at these times:
Tuesday’s, 3-4am, Tuesday’s, 6-7pm
Sunday, 10-11 am

Adoration will be paused from 2pm on Friday, Aug. 31, until 8am on Tuesday, Sept. 4, for the Labor Day holiday weekend.

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**Buddy to a child with a disability**

Can you be the difference to a child with a disability? Are you ready to make an impact? Buddies play a pivotal role in welcoming all God’s children. A Buddy provides support to a child with special needs so that they can successfully be included in CCE (religious education). Buddies could serve as a guide to a child with a visual impairment, remind a learner with high functioning Autism to wait their turn to speak, or break down instructions for a learner with Down Syndrome.

This opportunity is open to adults and high school students. Buddies are needed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during CCE classes, on Wednesday during EDGE, and on Sundays during Preschool CCE and Life Teen. Previous experience is helpful, but not required. We will provide training and support. Please contact Cindy Martin with inquiries and complete the application on our website, stlaurence.org/buddy-application.

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**JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS**

You are invited to join the JOY Club.

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.

**WED 8/29** Ft. Bend Museum field trip and lunch at Sandy McGee's in Richmond — more details coming soon.

**TUE 9/4** Noon Mass and lunch. A year of Masses for our members facing surgery and illnesses. FAITH and PRAYER from a DISCIPLINED group.

**MON 9/17** 11am to 1pm, DOWNSIZING YOUR LIFE, in the AMC. Brown bag lunch

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**SEPT 6: CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

The Cancer Support Group is for all cancer patients and survivors, their caregivers and friends. The group meets September-June on the first Thursday of each month to share stories and journeys, listen and learn from professionals and one another, and find hope and strength through prayer. Join them on Thursday, September 6, 10:00-11:30am in the St. Clare Room at the Ave Maria Center, to hear guest speaker Dr. Janet Tu, an oncologist from MD Anderson Sugar Land. Dr. Tu will discuss the latest in cancer research and treatments, and answer any questions you may have about cancer. For more info, please call Mariann Licato at 281-778-6356.

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**SEPT 6: HOPE - GRIEF MINISTRY PROGRAM**

Thursday, September 6, 2018 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

HOPE (Helping Our Pain Ease) is a 7-week structured series designed to help adults grieve successfully by accomplishing the four tasks of grieving also utilized by the National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. Consider attending if you have lost a loved one due to a sudden, tragic death or from a long term illness, either recently or in the past. Led by a hospice-trained facilitator, the group meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. To register, call Annette Bisanz 281-980-1449 or Kathy Heinemann 281-468-0738.

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**PARISH LIBRARY NEWS**

DID YOU KNOW that you can donate books we are specifically looking to add to our collection in honor of a birthday, Baptism, memorial, or any other event or occasion? A book plate is placed in the inside of the book commemorating the occasion and you will receive a certificate to present to the person you wish to honor. Right now, we desire to increase our collection of materials for middle school aged children. Call the Parish Librarian to ask about specific titles we are hoping to add.

The library is still looking for dedicated, VIRTUS-trained volunteers to help manage the various tasks involved in running our ministry. Knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System and previous library experience are helpful but not necessary as long as you are willing to learn!

For more info visit online: stlaurence.org/parish-library

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**VOCATIONS MINISTRY NEWS**

**Fall Discernment from Vocations:** Thursdays, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8 and 12/13 from 6:30 pm—9:30pm

**WOMEN SEEKING THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED**

This is a monthly discernment gathering for single women ages 18 and older who are discerning a vocation to religious life. Registration and video about program is available: houstonvocations.com/women-seeking

**DISCOVER THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED**

This is a monthly discernment gathering at St. Mary’s Seminary for single young adult men ages 18 and older. Registration, video and information: www.houstonvocations.com/discover

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**2018-2019**

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DISCOVER...

- The unique power of a man’s heart to give life – not only in this world, but also into the next.
- The saint who developed a method to raise happy, healthy, holy children that integrates Christian wisdom with the latest findings of medical science.
- The mystical vision of Pope St. John Paul II that provides the basis for the call of modern men to become apostles of a new springtime of the Church and greater society.
- The spiritual tools necessary to be successful in today’s very challenging spiritual environment.
- The opportunity to bind together with other men of deep faith and solid convictions.

PROGRAM DEVELOPER

Steve Bollman
Founder and President of Paradisus Dei

During the Great Jubilee, Steve Bollman experienced a personal call to found a ministry dedicated to the renewal of marriage and family life. In 2002, he set aside his professional interests as an energy derivatives trader in Houston, Texas to found Paradisus Dei. In 2004, Steve developed the That Man is You! men’s program, which quickly moved across the country transforming men, marriages and families. Independent research by a Faith Advisor to The Gallup Poll identified it as one of the most life transforming programs ever studied.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Wednesday mornings starting September 12
Ave Maria Center, Marian Hall
3103 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land

SCHEDULE
5:30 Breakfast
6:00 Video Presentation
6:30 Small Group Discussion
7:00 Program Ends

REGISTRATION
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