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
April 5 — In the Church (during Lent)
8:00pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
April 6 — In the Church
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
April 13 & 27: 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
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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 rrmartinez@stlaurence.org
Readings for the Week

**Sunday**

- **First Reading**: JOS 5:9A, 10-12
- **Second Reading**: 2 COR 5:17-21
- **Gospel**: LK 15:1-3, 11-32

**Monday**

- **First Reading**: IS 65:17-21
- **Gospel**: JN 4:43-54

**Tuesday**

- **First Reading**: EZ 47:1-9, 12
- **Gospel**: JN 5:1-16

**Wednesday**

- **First Reading**: IS 49:8-15
- **Gospel**: JN 5:17-30

**Thursday**

- **First Reading**: EX 32:7-14
- **Gospel**: JN 5:31-47

**Friday**

- **First Reading**: WIS 2:1A, 12-22
- **Gospel**: JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday**

- **First Reading**: JER 11:18-20
- **Gospel**: JN 7:40-53

**Sunday**

- **First Reading**: IS 43:16-21
- **Second Reading**: PHIL 3:8-14
- **Gospel**: JN 8:1-11

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**A Statement on Families**

By Fr. Drew Wood

Pastor, St. Laurence Catholic Church

It is incumbent upon husbands and wives, mothers and dads, and single parents to spend time in prayer, discernment, and dialogue about the kind of family they are choosing to be. After that, a response to modern society can be wisely, prudently, and intelligently made. The process of discernment is first and always receptive, prayerfully seeking God's direction and inspiration through the Church. Decisions about family life will of course never be too rigid or inflexible, always open to re-evaluation as life grows and changes. Every family will be different in its needs and aspirations. Proper discernment will always make room for family prayer, shared meals, shared faith dialogue, shared charity, and a certain discipline in family life that allows for these virtues to happen.

All parents must create a kind of moat around their home. Every effort will be made to keep evil outside: anger, rage, abuse, active addictions, and the dark side of modern technology. Within the home, the parents will nurture gentleness, affection, active listening, prayer, humor, fun, diligence, study, and some measure of solitude and meditation. Families will safeguard against the compulsion to over-commitment and will strive to say ‘no’ while saying ‘yes’ always to God.

Families are so precious and key to virtuous, joyful living. We want to seek mentors of all ages in the Church to help others with an array of wonderful ideas. Everything we do for the sake of the family will be for the glory of God. It isn’t easy today. But prayer, courage, and intentionality will change the world and bring joy to the faces of our children and our Church.

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**Praying the News | March 31, 2019**

“...your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.”

LUKE 15:32

Dear loving Father, no one is beyond hope in your eyes and your arms remain wide open to forgive. With California suspending their death penalty and the Supreme Court considering the life sentence given to an underage defendant, may mercy granted yield mercy and peace received. Console and heal victims and their families. Help us, Lord, resist the lure of vengeance and of regarding others as irredeemable.

Jesus, we trust in you. Amen. †
In Our Prayers...

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**


**PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN**

Following are the prayer intentions of those in prison:

**PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON**


**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, MAR 30**

5:00pm – Jacob Richard (D)

**SUNDAY, MAR 31**

7:15am – Ralph Kimberl (D)

9:00am – Kathleen Weingart (D)

11:00am – Mark & Rocio Williamson (I)

12:45pm – Douglas & Beverly Coats (A)

5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**MONDAY, APR 1**

7:30am – Kathy Tello (I)

12:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**TUESDAY, APR 2**

7:30am – Joe Celestain (D)

12:00pm – Jonathan Bui (I)

**WEDNESDAY, APR 3**

7:30am – Dorothy Stefans (D)

6:30pm – Donald Kennedy Lanham, Jr. (D)

**THURSDAY, APR 4**

7:30am – Luis Haget (D)

12:00pm – Maria Luisa Fernandez (D)

**FRIDAY, APR 5**

8:15am – Felix Thomas (D)

12:00pm – Alberto Dorta (I)

**SATURDAY, APR 6**

8:30am - Kevin Jaimon (I)

5:00pm – Felix Thomas (D)

**SUNDAY, APR 7**

7:15am – Agnes Kingerski (D)

9:00am – George Jobin (I)

11:00am – Ernesto Pittaqo (I)

12:45pm – Jesus Chao (D)

5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION**

Collin Brown, Chad Henry, Billy Dodd, 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, Tim Cullen, Margaret Uche
APR 1: REGINA CAELI HOMESCHOOL TOUR & INFO SESSION
The Regina Caeli Homeschool Resource Center will offer an information session and tour on Monday, April 1, at 10:00am at 4640 Richmond Foster Road, in Richmond. Regina Caeli Academy provides a classical, hybrid education in the Catholic tradition for PreK3-Grade 12. Applications are currently being accepted. Please contact Valerie Ragusa at vrragusa@rcalybrid.org for more information and to RSVP for the April 1 event.

REGISTER BY APRIL 1: BIBLE CONFERENCE WITH DR. JOHN BERGSMA
The Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson is pleased to present Dr. John Bergsma on the Covenants of Salvation History at a weekend Bible Conference May 31-June 2. Bible scholar, speaker, and Franciscan University professor, Dr. John Bergsma will lead an in-depth study of Salvation History by focusing on the covenants of Salvation History. Limited to only 90 people, spots are going quickly. Register by April 1, and the cost to attend is $200 (commuters) and $250-350 (overnight); cost includes 2 nights lodging and 6 meals. The conference begins at 6:00pm on Friday, May 31, and concludes at 1:00pm on Sunday, June 2. Get info and register at retreatcentercrc.org.

APR 7-9: ST. ANGELA MERICI LENTEN MISSION
St. Angela Merici extends an invitation to join them for their upcoming Lenten Mission featuring Catholic evangelist and speaker, Joe McClane. The theme for the mission is “The Radical Choice: In Pursuit of Sanctity Over Success” and will be held on Monday and Tuesday, April 8-9, with talks given twice each day, at 10:00am and 6:30pm. On Sunday, April 7, a special talk for Youth will be given at 6:30pm. A light reception will be offered after the evening talks. St. Angela Merici is located at 9009 Sienna Ranch Road in Missouri City. Find more info at stamerichig.com/parish-lenten-mission.

APR 9-10: THE ORIGINAL IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY FILM
St. Theresa in Sugar Land is hosting a screening of a documentary on The Original Image of Divine Mercy, both in English and Spanish. The films will be shown in the Community Center at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 9 (English), at 6:30pm on Wednesday, April 10 (Spanish). The director of the film, Daniel DiSilva, will make a special appearance, offering a Q & A segment. The Original Image of Divine Mercy film merchandise will be available for purchase. See the trailer at divinemercyfilm.com and call Laura for more info at 281-748-6642.

MAY 10-11: GIVE MOM A WOMEN’S SPA RETREAT
The Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson is offering a Women’s Spa Retreat on Friday and Saturday of Mother’s Day Weekend, May 10-11. Register early for this spiritually rejuvenating weekend away for mothers, daughters, sisters and friends. The retreat will be facilitated by Kim Brown (featured on EWTN, Ave Maria and Relevant Radio) and includes spa services on Friday afternoon (2:30-5:30pm), dinner at 6:00pm, and the retreat concludes with Mass Saturday evening. Get details and register at retreatcentercrc.org.

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: May 20
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: April 6 & May 11
The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays each month. As an alternative, the 1st Saturday is offered in January, April, July and October. To schedule a Baptism or register for the required parent preparation class, please contact Barb Roy at broy@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774 x5371.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS
FUNERALS
Donald Drapp, father of Brantley Drapp
Al Baker, Jr., husband of Mary Baker

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

| MAR 24 COLLECTION | $52,697 |
| Registered Households | 7,713 |
| Envelopes Used | 692 |
| Loose Checks | 186 |

| 2ND COLLECTION | Social Concerns | $14,223 |

| ONLINE GIVING | Monthly Offertory | $189,396 |
| Participants | 1,066 |

| DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND (Activity thru 3/25/2019) | $495,000 |
| 2019 Parish Goal | $212,031 |
| Total Amount Paid | $145,525 |
| Participants | 425 |

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!
**APRIL EVENTS**

April 3, 9:30am, Ave Maria Center
Summer Camp registration for St. Laurence Parishioners
Children Ages 9 months – Entering 2 grade

**FUN DATES**

Jelly Belly Show, April 17 and 18 at 10:00am

Good Friday & Easter Monday Holidays, April 19 & 22

Spring Family Day, Sunday, April 28, 2pm-4pm

Week of the Young Child, April 29-May 3 Shop our Book Fair

Family Picnics, May 2 and May 3

WCP Advisory Board Discernment, Monday, April 29, 7:00pm

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**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.

**STLAURENCESSCHOOL.ORG**

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**WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL AUCTION!**

St. Laurence Catholic School is excited to present their annual dinner and auction gala "Cirque du Saints". This spectacular event will take place on April 27, 2019, at the Marriott Town Square. This event benefits St. Laurence Catholic School by providing funds that go directly to operating costs. SLCS provides students with an education focused on Christian values, strong academics, social skills, and community service. Contact the Advancement office at 281.980.0500 for sponsorship or ticket information.

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**SERVE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD**

Did you know that several board members will have fulfilled their term limit of three years at the end of this school year, so we will be actively seeking new members? We are open to all parents and community members that are committed to SLCS, but especially have a need for those of you that specialize in the areas of law, construction/facilities, commercial real estate, finance, technology or security. If you are interested, please contact our Principal, Suzanne Barto at sbarto@stlaurence.org.

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!**
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. Go to stlaurence.org/confirmation for information or contact Daniel Glaze, dglaze@stlaurence.org

April 28: Eight Service Hours Due
May 11, June 5 & 17, 2019 - Exit Interviews

FAITH & FAMILY FOCUS

The challenge for the family is not to succumb, but to be proactive and intentional about the kind of family they are choosing to be. – Fr. Drew Wood

APRIL 3: EDGE GYM NIGHT IN SCHOOL GYM
Edge Nights are held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:15pm at the Ave Maria Center Marian Hall unless otherwise noted. Info: stlaurence.org/edge

APRIL 4: BOUNDARIES & BALANCE WITH DR. KEN
Thursday, April 4 / 6:45-8:45PM / AMC, Marian Hall
Night will include FREE dinner, talk and Q&A by Dr. Ken Buckle, round table discussion. Dr. Ken is the founder of Gratia Plena, a Catholic Counseling nonprofit

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May 11, June 5 & 17, 2019 - Exit Interviews
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

CATHOLIC MEN CALLED TO BE SAINTS
Thursdays, Apr 4-Jun 27, 2019, 5:30-7:30 am, Guardian Angel Hall
Come together with other men and learn about spiritual and practical ideas. Contact: Jim Kij, 281-253-4800, jimkij@comcast.net.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY
Mondays, Apr 1-Jun 24, 7:30-9:00 pm, or Tuesdays, Apr 2-Jun 25, 6:15-7:15 am, St Francis

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
Apr 2, 9:00 –11:45 am, Marian Hall
No Class! Join us at the Parish Mission
Contact Kay Quenan at kquenan@me.com

THAT MAN IS YOU
Wednesdays, Apr 3-May 1, 5:30-7:00 am Marian Hall
“Revelation of the Father”. Contact: Roger Peters at rogerwpeters@me.com or stlaurence.org/tmiy

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY
Apr 4, 1-2:00 pm, St Anne, or 7:15-8:30 pm Ave Maria Rm 205
“No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion” by Dr. Sri.
Contact: Julie Evett, jevett@comcast.net

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For Adults

Adult FAITH Formation
Informing and Transforming Disciples

"Learn It, Love It, Live It!"

Coming Up in April

PATTY SCHNEIER
Monday, April 8, 2019
ARISE Night of Worship
6:30-8:30pm, In the Church

“God, I Really Don’t Have Time for This”
Life is hectic! It’s difficult to find time for quiet, reflective, meditative prayer... but we need it desperately. Without prayer, we will die spiritually. In this energetic, “down-to-earth” talk, Patty shares ways to incorporate prayer into your everyday life—in the midst of family obligation, jobs, and chaotic schedules. Discover how you can transform your prayer life—no matter how young, no matter how old, no matter how busy you are! NO more excuses: Find the prayer life your soul has been searching for!
Patty Schneier is a life-long Catholic, housewife and mother of three from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. She speaks at parishes and Catholic Conferences across the United States, sharing her personal testimony. She gives witness to the beauty of the Church’s teachings and her love of the Catholic Faith.

Childcare Available
Advanced registration required at stlaurence.org/play-pray

RCIA AWARENESS
Scrutinies — The Heart of Lent
SUNDAYS (March 31 & April 7) 9:00am Mass
How can Every Catholic make Lent a Time of “Purification and Enlightenment”? In this period of purification and enlightenment, which the RCIA elect have begin in the Scrutinies, we, the parish community, can also use this time for spiritual recollection in preparation for celebrating the Paschal Mystery. We can attend weekday Mass. We can reflect on the Creed, taking each statement of belief and asking ourselves if we do believe, and what it means in our everyday lives. We can go to adoration and to Confession. We can pray the Stations of the Cross, pray the Liturgy of the Hours, pray the rosary. We must pray, every day. We can fast from food, TV, foul language, gossip, and the list goes on and on. We can give alms, in a genuinely sacrificial manner, to the poor. As Catholics we know all of these things. It is not a lack of “things to do” that have many of us scratching our heads on Holy Thursday wondering why Lent was really not any different for us than any other forty days throughout the year. What we lack is a conversion of the heart. We don't have to seek far to hear God speak to us. The Church in her wisdom provides us in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass what our hearts yearn to hear. In the Lenten liturgies the Church prays what she believes and teaches, and in word and sacrament the Lord directs us toward his Divine heart.

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PG 8 | ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
We are wives and mothers, business women and nurses, teachers and scout leaders, room moms and coaches—not to mention the daily cook, cleaning lady and chauffeur. So often we spin our wheels and exhaust our spirit as we try to be Superwoman. Who are you? What is your true identity? Discover how you can live in the joy and freedom of being “God’s Masterpiece”—amidst the laundry and dirty dishes of ordinary life. Reclaim your identity as a daughter of the Royal King!

Cost: $15.00 per person. To register and pay go to stlaurence.org/womensbreakfast

Breakfast provided by La Madeleine

Childcare Available
Advanced registration required at stlaurence.org/play-pray
I moved to the area in 2010, from Fort Worth. My husband, Tyler, and I met while we were both serving on Life Teen Core during college, so when planning our future and family together, we knew we had to belong to a parish that had Life Teen. We went to a few churches in the area and when we attended the Life Teen Mass here, we never left. The teens are not just the future of the Church, they ARE the Church. I have been honored to pray and journey with teens in Confirmation prep, at Steubenville conferences, retreats and Covecrest (my all-time favorite). The Life Teen community is fun to be a part of and our teens are great! I have been involved long enough to see teens grow and mature into holy men and women doing amazing things in the world and Church! I absolutely love to talk with former teens over a cup of coffee. Tyler and I now have two children, Liam and Dillon, and I’m also involved in VBS, Young Adults and Discipleship Council. Every ministry has influenced my faith and love for the Lord in a unique way and I feel a greater sense of belonging and accountability to really walk the walk. So, whatever sticks out to you or tugs on your heart, just jump in. Everyone has a unique set of gifts that the Church and our world so desperately needs. YOU are loved and there is a place for you here!

NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. What started as a small group of families gathered around a kitchen table in 1979 has blossomed into the nation’s leading voice on mental health. Today, we are an association of more than 500 local affiliates who work in your community to raise awareness and provide support and education that was not previously available to those in need. **We educate:** Offered in thousands of communities across the United States through NAMI State Organizations and NAMI Affiliates, our education programs ensure hundreds of thousands of families, individuals and educators get the support and information they need. **We advocate:** For better treatment of those living with a mental health condition. **We support:** Our toll-free NAMI Helpline (800-950-6264 or text NAMI to 741741) allows us to respond personally to hundreds of thousands of requests each year, providing free information and support—a much-needed lifeline for many.

**Stop by the Hospitality Desk after Mass to learn about the great NAMI resources right here in Fort Bend County.**

**Q. Is there a trash receptacle in the courtyard by the church?**

**A.**

Your question should be, “Why don’t people use the trash can??” Anyway, it’s not by the church because, honestly, how would that look, right? There is one by the bell tower outside the Corpus Christi Room, along with an ashtray. I can’t tell you how many times staff members come in with trash that they picked up in the parking lot or even on the sidewalks in the courtyard. Why aren’t you guys putting your trash in the pail? Or why are you coming to Mass with cups and wrappers? Leave that stuff in your car, right? How about all the gum that’s on the sidewalk from the parish hall to the church? Our maintenance guys are always scraping it off. People, I’m not making this up. If you are spitting your gum out, please DON’T! Keep St. Laurence beautiful. Thanks.

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.
The sealing of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church.

Once each year, Adult Confirmation Preparation is offered for Catholics

- Who are at least 18 years of age and graduated from High School
- Already baptized and received first Eucharist
- Are actively practicing their faith
- If married, marriage must be sacramental in the Catholic Church

The sessions meet on 9 consecutive Thursday evenings, concluding with the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Register at www.stlaurence/adultconfirmation. Complete the information form and email to Mary Visser at mvisser@stlaurence.org.

Discernment interviews are required prior to the first session. You will need to provide a recently issued copy of your baptismal certificate dated within the last 6 months. Please call the church that you were baptized at and ask them to “re-issue” your baptismal certificate. You will be contacted after we receive your form for an interview.
JOIN US APRIL 1st
St. Laurence Divine Mercy Chapel

ALL are invited to join in praying before the Blessed Sacrament for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the protection of all our priests

PRAYER / TRANSFORMATION / BEAUTY

Every 1st Monday of the month from 7-8 pm
Come once or come each first Monday of the month!

www.stlaurence.org/vocations or Nia Sepe 281-980-9812
There is an immediate need for a general family practice doctor to join the April 27-May 4 Medical Mission to Costa Rica. Two doctors from the mission team had to withdraw unexpectedly, so the mission has an urgent need for at least one more internist or family practitioner to go to Costa Rica. If this is a possibility, please contact Maria Jacobson (713-582-8424, mjacobson1984@yahoo.com) for more information. The Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy are invited by the Health Ministry of Costa Rica and the Archdiocese of Cartago at this time each year to provide medical and spiritual healing to the indigenous Cabecar Indians and the poor of Grano De Oro. To learn more, please visit stlaurence.org/medical-missionaries. Thank you!

Patty Schneier is a sought-after Catholic speaker featured on numerous Catholic Radio shows and through Lighthouse Catholic Media. Her new book, Love Letters from Mom on What Matters Most, is a compilation of personal letters written to her three children as they mature into adulthood and venture out on their own. Without preaching or scolding, she candidly discusses the joys of living a faith-filled life, what it means to be a Catholic in the world today, and why it matters. On Monday, April 8, Patty will be at St. Laurence to present at the Women’s Prayer Breakfast (9:00-11:30am) reminding women of their true identity as “God’s masterpiece”. Later that night, she will be the featured speaker at Arise Night (6:30-8:00pm) on the importance of and strategies for incorporating prayer into even our busiest days. Don’t miss this dynamic speaker! Register in advance for the Prayer Breakfast and for childcare. DETAILS: stlaurence.org/womensbreakfast and stlaurence.org/arise

The Knights of Columbus thanks everyone who has come out and supported the Fish Frys this Lent. When Fr. John Weyer asked the Knights to consider hosting a Fish Fry 25 years ago, he envisioned a couple hundred people gathering with friends for dinner in the parish hall. Little did he know that all these years later, the KC Fish Frys would still be going strong, serving over 600 people every Friday night. If you haven’t been to a Fish Fry this year, there are just two left! Stop by and see what you’re missing. Doors open at 5:00pm and they keep serving until 8:00pm. (Stations of the Cross is usually over by 7:45pm, so you can still grab a to-go box before heading home.) Don’t worry about the long lines; they move quickly and it gives you a chance to make new friends. Don’t miss the final Fish Fry of the season on Friday, April 12, when CRAWFISH is added to the menu!

Today’s second collection is for Catholic Relief Services, which supports Catholic Church organizations that provide international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. Please find more info at usccb.org/crscollection. Thank you for your generous support!

There is an immediate need for a general family practice doctor to join the April 27-May 4 Medical Mission to Costa Rica. Two doctors from the mission team had to withdraw unexpectedly, so the mission has an urgent need for at least one more internist or family practitioner to go to Costa Rica. If this is a possibility, please contact Maria Jacobson (713-582-8424, mjacobson1984@yahoo.com) for more information. The Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy are invited by the Health Ministry of Costa Rica and the Archdiocese of Cartago at this time each year to provide medical and spiritual healing to the indigenous Cabecar Indians and the poor of Grano De Oro. To learn more, please visit stlaurence.org/medical-missionaries. Thank you!
Sign up for free (beginning, intermediate and advanced) Spanish classes this summer, offered through our Learn Spanish Ministry. Summer 2019 classes will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and are open to priests, deacons, religious, missioners and those active in parish ministries. The program will be June 10-August 5 in the Ave Maria Center. For more info, to register or to volunteer as a teacher, please contact Adriana Gutierrez, Learn Spanish Ministry Coordinator at LearnSpanishMinistry@gmail.com or 713-269-2851.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The building of our 13th house will soon be underway. Now is the time to sign up if you or your ministry would like to provide lunch for the hungry workers. The lunches are so appreciated by the volunteers, as well as the prospective owners, who also participate in the build throughout the construction period. Monetary donations are also welcome. It takes approximately $110.00 to feed everyone. For more information and to reserve your date, please contact Lawerance Perreau at 832-525-8717 or lperreau@comcast.net.

NAMI Greater Houston offers on-going support groups for family members of those diagnosed with mental health conditions. By sharing your experiences in a safe and confidential setting, you gain hope and develop supportive relationships. No registration is required.

This free, 90-minute group allows your voice to be heard and provides an opportunity for your personal needs to be met. It encourages empathy, productive discussion and a sense of community. You’ll benefit from other’s experiences, discover your inner strength and learn how to identify local resources and how to use them.

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 & 4th Thurs each month
Support Group (Spanish) 3rd Tuesday each month
Support Group (Chinese) Last Sunday each month

For more information, call Pat Sumner at 281-384-3156 or psumner1@comcas
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.

FOR MORE INFO ABOUT THESE AND OTHER GREAT WAYS TO SERVE OTHERS, GO TO www.stlaurence.org/social-concerns
GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 1, 9:00am-4:30pm, Ave Maria Center

How would you like to experience in a special way the power and the charismatic gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT? If so, attend the Gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT Workshop, in celebration of the coming Pentecost. This is a hands-on presentation of the charismatic gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT (1 Cor. 12:7-11): the gifts of tongues, interpretation of tongues, prophecy, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, discernment, faith, healing and miracles. Our prayers and expectations are that the HOLY SPIRIT will impart to us or stir in us these gifts that we can use to minister to others. Fr. Drew Wood, our pastor and Fr. Mark Goring, director of the Catholic Charismatic Center, are our main speakers. The Workshop will culminate with a powerful healing service. Free, open to all and lunch is provided. To register, go to stlaurence.org/holy-spirit-workshop.

URGENT NEED FOR A SECOND ADORER FOR THESE THREE TIMES:

Friday, 8am to 9am, Sunday 10am to 11am, and Sunday noon to 1pm.

Second adorers also needed for 35 other times.

Please check online: stlaurence.org/adoration or pick up a card on the table in the chapel foyer for a list of days and times available and prayerfully consider the hours listed Contact Fran Magelssen at adoration@stlaurence.org 281-224-6122

VOCATIONS NEWS

Vocations Fish Fry – April 5

Friday, April 5th will be a special vocations-themed Lenten fish fry. To showcase our young St. Laurence parishioners in religious formation and in appreciation for all our wonderful priests and religious. Please plan to attend and enjoy — learning about what many vocations are happening at our parish. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Adoration for Vocations, Monday, April 1, every first Monday of the month, 7:00-8:00pm,
In the Divine Mercy Chapel

The Vocations Committee invites all to attend this special hour of adoration for vocations each month, praying before the Blessed Sacrament for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the protection of all our priests.

ALL ARE WELCOME. Come once or come each first Monday of the month! Prayers read aloud, recitation of the rosary, and time for quiet reflection. Questions: Email Vocations Coordinator, Nia Sepe at nsepe@stlaurence.org

APR 5: HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY PRAYER GROUP

April 5: Hearts of Jesus & Mary Prayer Group

Blessed by Fr Jaison at a Mass this past January, the Hearts of Jesus and Mary Healing Ministry, is prepared to pray over people after First Friday Mass in the Church Friday, April 5, from 8:30-9:00pm.

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 nannyhiggins@gmail.com, 832-755-5597.

Monday, April 1, 11:00am - 1:00pm, First Monday meeting in the Ave Maria Center. Bring a brown bag lunch and we will do Art & Prayer with Jane Jewel.
**RECEIVE THE MESSAGE OF DIVINE MERCY**

The message of Divine Mercy is that God loves us. He asks us to trust in Him and allow His mercy to flow through us to others. Participate in this devotion to grow in discipleship and live a life of mercy to others, as Christ is merciful to you. Mark these dates on your calendar and plan to join in these upcoming Divine Mercy events at our parish, leading to the Sunday of Divine Mercy on April 28, the 2nd Sunday of Easter.

- **APR 12:** Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross, 7:00pm, in the church
- **APR 19:** Good Friday Divine Devotion & Stations of the Cross, 11:30am
- **APR 21-27:** Divine Mercy Novena & Presentations, evenings, in the chapel
- **APR 28:** Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration, 2:30pm, in the church

Get details at stlaurence.org/divine-mercy or contact Sally Flowers, sallyjoflowers@comcast.net, 281-265-8360.

**APR 3: DIVORCECARE MEETING**

*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. They meet on Wednesday evenings, 7:00pm-9:00pm, in the St. Francis room in the AMC. If interested, contact Janie Picou at jpdivorcecare@aol.com or 832-860-3398. More info: www.stlaurence.org/divorcecare

- **April 3 - Forgiveness**
- **April 10 - Reconciliation**
- **April 24 - Moving On, Growing Closer to God**

**PARISH LIBRARY — SAVE THE DATES**

Upcoming events at the library are this summer’s Story Time and our great Summer Reading Program that will kick off June 5 with our second annual Meet the Author’s Night! We are currently setting up the line-up of local authors so if you are an author or know of one, be sure and contact the Parish Librarian, Susan Glynn Mulé at 281-265-5774 or smule@stlaurence.org

**WHO WE ARE**

**WE THE PEOPLE OF ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH ARE CENTERED IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST AND LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD IN ALL WE DO.**

**How we carry out our Mission**

At St. Laurence Catholic Church, we respond to Jesus who calls us to love God and our neighbor. As a member of this faith community, I strive to:

- **LOVE** by showing respect, mercy and compassion to all
- **CONNECT** with others in a meaningful way
- **GROW** closer to God through prayer, Sunday Mass and the Sacraments
- **LEARN** about my Faith and share it with others

Filled with the Holy Spirit, I will be a grateful and supportive member of the Body of Christ.

**MINISTERIO HISPANO**

**APR 13 & 27: 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. Comunión a los enfermos, Irma Martinez Tel 281-313-2833. Recibir anuncios mandando correo a mhstlaurence@gmail.com.

**APR 5: LOVING SENIORS MEETING**

**LOVING SENIORS.** A ministry that welcomes seniors with mobility issues and/or early dementia, to grow in fellowship with others who share similar challenges, enjoy activities that promote their well-being, engage in service projects to benefit others, and to provide free time for their loved ones/caregivers. Contact us for an initial meeting! Julie Koeppen, 713-320-7498, mjkoeppen@comcast.net or Fe Vicerra, 713-248-1164, bertandfevicerra@yahoo.com
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 7,713 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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