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
Oct. 4 — In the Chapel
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
Oct. 5 — In the Church
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Sept. 28 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) 989-1655

...‘Rejoice with me because
I have found my lost sheep’.
I tell you, in just the same way there will be
more joy in heaven over one sinner who
repents than over ninety-nine righteous people
who have no need of repentance....

LUKE 15:6-7
PARISH OFFICE
3100 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-980-9812
Pastor: Fr. Drew Wood
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Jaison Thomas, MSFS, jaisonthomas@stlaurence.org
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Truong Son Nguyen, tnguyen@stlaurence.org
Deacon: Rey Arellano, deacon.rey@stlaurence.org
Deacon: Albert Bothe, deaconal@ssjd.org
Deacon: Don Burns, don@donburns.com
Deacon: Dennis Henderson, dhenderson@stlaurence.org
Deacon: Charles Plant, DeaconCharles@outlook.com
Deacon: Tom Ruck, truck@stlaurence.org
Parish Administrator: Tony Oltremari, toltremari@stlaurence.org
Liturgy: Rosemary Mascarenhas, rmascarenhas@stlaurence.org
Facilities: Sheila Stella, ststella@stlaurence.org
Social Concerns: Pennie DeGroot, pdegroot@stlaurence.org
Parish Life/Communications: Sharon Ehrenkranz, sehrenkranz@stlaurence.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICES
3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-265-5774
Director Religious Education: Christine Dunn, cdunn@stlaurence.org
Religious Education Registrar: Ruba Kaiser, rkaiser@stlaurence.org
Adult Faith Formation: Justin Frato, jfrato@stlaurence.org
Young Adult Coordinator: Lucia Jackson, ljackson@stlaurence.org
Children's Faith Formation: Joan Haste, jhaste@stlaurence.org
Youth Ministry: Christine Dunn, cdunn@stlaurence.org
Maureen Bass, mbass@stlaurence.org
Daniel Glaze, dglate@stlaurence.org

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
2630 Austin Parkway, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-980-0500
Principal: Suzanne Barto, sbarto@stlaurence.org
Registrar: Suzanne Byrne, sbyrne@stlaurence.org

WEEKDAY CHILDREN’S PROGRAM
3103 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-313-0329
Director: Becky Wilkinson, bwilkinson@stlaurence.org
Registrar: Christine Novia, cnovia@stlaurence.org

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

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.”
Good News Reflection

**Pray:** Beloved Lord, Your love covers my life with Your mercy. You don’t let my sins keep you from continuously looking for me. Give me a thankful heart, sensitive to all the wonderful things with which You have surrounded me. 

**Amen.**

**RECOVERING THE LOST**

This Sunday’s Gospel reading is an assurance of God’s desire to regain what has been lost. Our Lord is a God of reconciliation and renewal. He pursues those who have strayed from the truth. Why? Because he cares — he cares more than we do about the people we know who are “lost sheep” or “lost treasures” like the coin in this parable.

Think of the people who have been lost to you because they have abandoned you. God cares and is pursuing them to bring healing to the relationship, and he will continue his efforts even until they take their last earthly breath (sometimes the healing comes after death).

Think, too, of people who are neglecting their faith. Jesus is a Good Shepherd who will never give up pursuing them. Why? Because their value to your family and the Church is important! Their absence is depleting the strength of the community. And God, who is the source of the life of the community, is doing everything possible — well, even the impossible — to lead them to repentance and healing and a safe return.

However, we cannot leave it all up to God. He works through us. Only when we’ve tried and our influence is nil does God say, “Let go. Trust that I am continually working on the problem.” We can believe that Jesus is still chasing after them, even though they hide from him. He is not far from them, even though they push him away.

If there is something else we can do to invite them back into the sheepfold, but we don’t, someday we will have to explain to Jesus why we didn’t. Why did we fail to love as much as he loves them? Why did we let them stray away without researching how we could help them? Have we done anything to push them away?

No matter how difficult it gets as we partner with Christ to bring others back to the sheepfold, the most important thing we can do is keep loving them unconditionally. Hopefully, they will see in us the love that Jesus is offering to them.

**QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

Who are the lost sheep and missing treasures of your family and your parish community? What will you do this week to reveal Jesus and his merciful love for them? Is there a parish ministry or an evangelization program that you could join to learn how to better help others turn to Jesus?

**QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY & COMMUNITY FAITH SHARING:**

When the lost are not ready yet to turn to Jesus or return to us or to the Church, how do our attempts to give them Jesus prepare them for an eventual conversion? Why is it worth trying, even if we don’t see any fruits for our efforts? Even if it includes sacrifice and extra humility on our part?


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**PRAYING THE NEWS | SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**

“...the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, ‘This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.’”

**LUKE 15:2**

O Lord, who in the news today would you sit with for a meal — that I would avoid joining or would complain about? Would I even see you there? Who am I to judge, O Lord? Thank you for being more merciful than I deserve. Help me see with your heart those I am tempted to dismiss. Help us come together in compassion at your table. **Jesus, we trust in you. Amen. †**
In Our Prayers...

PRAY FOR THE SICK


PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CW2 Brett Aderhold, US Army, AV
SPC Nicholas Ambroic, US Army
ILT David Ambroic, 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 Jordan Briggs, USMC
SPC Jordan Briggs, US Army
Maj. Michael Carroll, USMC
LTC. 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
Maj. Brandon Driscoll, USMC
Maj. James Dunphy, USMC
CPT Michael Eberhardt, US Army
CPT Stacey Eberhardt, US Army Reserve
Derek Farías, US Navy
Capt. Matthew Fennelon, USMC
CPT Michelle Thibeau, US Army
CPT Will Thibeau, US Army
LCpl Aaron Fox, USMC
PVT Jahneil Xavier George, US Army
SFC Philip Graham, US Army
LCpl Eric Gurnell, USMC
CPT Spencer Henry, US Army
PVT Liam Hill, US Army
Daniel Hines, US Navy
SSG Matthew Hollobaugh, US Army Reserve
SN Lucas Kennedy, US Navy
EM4 James Locus, US Navy
SSG Philip Loera, US Army
PFC John Lundgren, US Army
ILT Anthony Marich, US Army
Amm Joseph Marcellus, USAF
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
CAPT Taylor Rammrath, US Army
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC
SGt 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 Whittley, US Army
PO3 Troy Yelverton, US Navy
2LT Copeland Zaunbrecher, US Army
2LT Kazia Zaunbrecher, US Army

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, SEPT 14
5:00pm – Posadas Family (D)

SUNDAY, SEPT 15
7:15am – Clara & Vincent P. Poslusny (D)
9:00am – Salvador Rosario (D)
11:00am – Alice & Thomas Muricken (D)
12:45pm – Anthony Pavlik (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, SEPT 16
7:30am – Maria Hernandez (D)
12:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

TUESDAY, SEPT 17
7:30am – Linda Pane (D)
12:00pm – Maria & Carlos Ced (I)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 18
7:30am – Joseph Xuyen Vu (D)
6:30pm – Bottone Family (I)

THURSDAY, SEPT 19
7:30am – Joseph Xuyen Vu (D)
12:00pm – Nancee Bell (D)

FRIDAY, SEPT 20
8:15am – Fr. Thomas Sularz (D)
12:00pm – Calvao Family (I)

SATURDAY, SEPT 21
8:30am – Lukose Family (I)
5:00pm – Kathleen Weingart (D)

SUNDAY, SEPT 22
7:15am – Raymond Syzek (D)
9:00am – Raul Lopez (D)
11:00am – Demonia Doan Daniel (D)
12:45pm – Frank Demario (I)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Adrian Annichiarico, Collin Brown, Leah Burrhus, Tim Cullen, Billy Dodd, Chad Henry, Christopher Meyer, Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), 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, Kristin Funderburg, Johnny Sanchez, Sonia Aguilar, Erikia Ayala, Elizabeth Rojas, Jessica Ayala, Tommy Dooley, Chelsea George, Krista & Ben, Nicholas, Erica, Johnnie, Laurie & John, Matt, Mack, Heather, Tarin, Tim & Family, Chris & Family, Elizabeth, Sam, Sally, Lanay, Amanda, Zack, Abby, Bobby, Faith, Kevin, Damian, Hope, Michael, Abigail, Arriola & Family, Michael Wade, James Gentry, Banda Family, McNutt Family, Vasquez Family. Society of St. John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3. (8/26/19).
SEPT 21: STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP: CASTING NETS MINISTRIES
at patrickking50@gmail.com, 713-321-4810.
Information on Christian Meditation, please visit wccm-usa.org and contact Pat King.
No prior experience or registration is required. Free will offerings accepted.
For more information on Christian Meditation, please visit wccm-usa.org and contact Pat King.

SEPT 21: MORNING OF CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
Learn the Church’s best kept secret, the ancient practice of Christian Meditation, at a Morning of Christian Meditation on Saturday, September 21, 9:00am-12:00 noon, at the Dominican Spirituality Center (6501 Almeda, Houston, 77021). The program will include a video talk by Fr. Laurence Freeman OSB, Spiritual Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation, with time for meditation. No prior experience or registration is required. Free will offerings accepted. For more information on Christian Meditation, please visit wccm-usa.org and contact Pat King patrickking50@gmail.com, 713-321-4810.

SEPT 21: STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP: CASTING NETS MINISTRIES
Discipleship – Stewardship – Evangelization
Casting Nets is a lay apostolate dedicated to the New Evangelization. It will be held at St. Laurence Catholic Church September 21. The workshop will be led by the Ave Maria Parish Life Center from 8 am – 12 noon. A light continental breakfast will be served. Casting Nets will bring a great deal of inspiration and information in three talks that are humorous and entertaining. Tickets are $20. Please register by September 18 at https://cvent.me/MNaoa

SEPT 28: TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE CONFERENCE
The St. John Paul II Foundation presents the 5th annual Together in Holiness conference at St. Theresa in Sugar Land on Saturday, September 28, 8:30am - 3:30pm. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Featured speakers are Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Bishop Joseph Strickland, and breakout sessions at each location will discuss living the vocation of marriage as a young growing family or as empty-nesters. On-site childcare is available (2-12yrs), pre-registration required. Cost: $59/couple or $35/individual—scholarships are also available. For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email th@forlifeandfamily.org.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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WEDDING PREPARATION

Next Class: September 23
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 or 281-265-577x5371.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Next Classes: Oct 12
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 281-265-577x5371.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMS
Sebastian Daniel Quintero Gonzalez, Ariah Elise Kent, Katherine Elizabeth Kopan, Nathaniel James Hawkins, Colton Ryan Nguyen, David Fabian Palacios, Liam Simon Sajo, Grace Louise Carter, Thomas Joseph Carter

WEDDING
Claudia Picou & Pablo Maldonado

FUNERAL
Eva Amaya, mother of Bill Amaya
Russell Bantigue, son of Richard and Eden Bantigue
Joe Perez, father of Danny Perez
Alfred Ramirez Rivas, father of Elissa Rivas Stipes

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

*not licensed by the state

FAITH DIRECT ON-LINE GIVING
We are thankful for all the generous monetary gifts that you provide to our parish Offertory and special collections. If you are not already doing so, we encourage you to consider using our secure electronic giving program, Faith Direct. Faith Direct will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. This is much easier and convenient for you and makes the accounting more accurate and efficient for us. Signing up is easy! Visit faith.direct/TX460
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

SEPT 16: Deadline to register for Confirmation. A copy of the youth’s Baptism Certificate is required to register.

Catholic High School students must register for Confirmation preparation with their home parish.
HIGH SCHOOL LIFE TEEN PROGRAM
Life Teen is our main outreach to all 9th-12th grade students and our mission is simple: to lead teens closer to Christ. Through teaching, discipleship, prayer, social events, and service, we hope to build up the kingdom of God one teen at a time. For more information on activities head to stlaurence.org/lifeteen

LIFE NIGHT 2019 FALL SCHEDULE
Our weekly evangelistic outreach gatherings. Sundays 6:30-8:15pm in the Ave Maria Center. Join us for Life Teen Mass in the church at 5pm.

SEPTEMBER
15. LIFE TEEN KICK-OFF - TODAY!
22. LIFE NIGHT
29. LIFE NIGHT & CONFIRMATION LIFE NIGHT

OCTOBER
06. LIFE NIGHT
13. LIFE NIGHT
20. NO LIFE NIGHT (BAZAAR)
27. LIFE NIGHT & CONFIRMATION LIFE NIGHT

NOVEMBER
03. LIFE NIGHT
10. LIFE NIGHT
17. LIFE NIGHT & CONFIRMATION LIFE NIGHT
24. NO LIFE NIGHT (THANKSGIVING)

LEAD TEENS CLOSER TO CHRIST
Life Teen is looking for adults who love Jesus and have a desire to pass on their faith to the young church. If you are interested or simply have questions, please contact Christine, cdunn@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
Join us in fellowship and prayer. Registration must be complete in order to attend each event. All forms and information can be found online at stlaurence.org/edge. Questions? Email Mo Bass, mbass@stlaurence.org

EDGE FALL 2019 SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 18 EDGE KICK-OFF
25 EDGE NIGHT
27 EDGE SOCIAL 7-9PM YOUTH HALL

YOUNG ADULT GROUP
@ St. Laurence Young Adults
www.stlaurence.org/ya
Contact: Young Adult Coordinator
Lucia Jackson, ljackson@stlaurence.org

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY
LECTIO & VISIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY
Tuesday, Sept 24, 7-9pm, St. Anne Room
Join Young Adults in their 20s/30s for a new bible study combining both Lectio and Visio Divina prayer. These ancient forms of prayer allow our hearts to connect with God through reading, meditation, and “sacred seeing.” Please feel free to attend any or all of the nights. Contact Ray Bacalla at bacallarfr@yahoo.com or visit the St. Laurence Young Adults Facebook page for details.

EDGES FAMILY NIGHT
ALL INCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOLERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO COMEDY SPORTZ!
EMAIL MBASS@STLAURENCE TO RSVP

Our EDGE Kick off this year is for the whole family (ages 6 and up only). Laugh the night away with Comedy Sportz, a live interactive improv experience, for the whole family. We hope to see you September 18, at 7:00pm in the Ave Maria Center. RSVP for your family at mbass@stlaurence.org.

We are all called to be good stewards of our talents, time and material resources…
all gifts from God.
MINISTRY BEGINNINGS...

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays, Sept 17-Jun 25, 6:15-7:15am, or Mondays, Sept 16-Jun 29, 7:30-9:00pm, St Francis
Monday evenings study “The First, Second, and Third Letters of St John and The Revelation to St John”, Tuesday mornings examine the readings for the next Sunday’s Mass. Contact: Steve Ewbank, 281-703-3873, ewbanksix@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC MEN CALLED TO BE SAINTS
Thursdays, Sept 19-Jun 25, 5:30-7:30am, Guardian Angel Hall
Come together with other men as they grow in their faith journey. Contact: Jim Kij, jimkij@comcast.net.

ESTUDIOS BIBLICOS-ONTONO 2019
Thursdays, Sept 19-Dec 15, 10-12pm, Marian Hall

ECHO: SEMESTER ONE: THE CREED
Mondays, Sept 16-Dec 16, 7-9pm, Guardian Angel Hall
Attend this free course on the Catechism so that you can receive and pass on the echo of these ancient truths to others. For more information: stlaurence.org/echo.

RE-MEMBERING CHURCH
Mondays, Sept 16, 7-9pm, St Joseph Room
This is a process of healing and reconciliation for inactive Catholics. For more information: stlaurence.org/remembering.

SACRED SUNDAY ON MONDAY
Mondays, starting Sept 16, 10:30-11:30am, St Anne Room
Join us as we ponder and reflect upon Sunday’s reading and homily. Contact: Bernadette Peters at bernadettepeters@mac.com.

WISDOM & WORKS OF MERCY
Mondays, starting Sept 16, 6:30-8pm, Rm 201, Ave Maria Center OR Thursdays, starting Sept 19, 10-11:30am, Corpus Christi Rm
Join us for a group study that centers around Fr. Michael Gaitley’s book, The One Thing is Three. Cost: $30 registration and information at stlaurence.org/worksofmercy.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
Tuesday, Sept 17, 9:00-11:45am, Marian Hall A
Study Galatians: Set Free to Live by Jeff Cavins. Register at stlaurence.org/biblestudies or contact Kay Quenan at kquenan@me.com.

THAT MAN IS YOU
Wednesdays, Sept 18, 5:30-7:00am Marian Hall
The new program Vision of Man Fully Alive enables men to experience authentic freedom as sons of God. Roger Peters at rogerwpeters@me.com or stlaurence.org/tmiy.

MOMS GIFT GROUP
Wednesday, Sept 18, 9:15-11:00am, Marian Hall B
Join other moms in reading “The Friendship Project” by Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet. For more info: contact Rachelle Dooley at rdooley1987@outlook.com.

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY
Thursdays, Sept 19, 1-2:00pm, St Anne, or 7:15-8:30pm, Ave Maria Room 205
In Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary, Dr. Brant Pitre takes readers step-by-step to reveal how deeply biblical Catholic beliefs about Mary really are. For more information contact: Julie Evett at jevett@comcast.net.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY
Thursdays, Sept 19-Nov 7, 1-2:30pm, Ave Maria Rm 200
Fulfilled, Uncovering the Biblical Foundation of Catholicism, Part 2, by Sonja Corbitt continues. Register at: stlaurence.org/womensbiblestudy.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
Begins Mondays, Sept 23, 6:30-8:30pm, Ave Maria Center, Rm 200 & 202
The program consists of a 9-week video curriculum—taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey. For more information contact: Sunny Soji-Tom at sunnysoji@hotmail.com.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?
RCIA is for those who have never been baptized, those baptized in another Christian faith tradition, those interested in joining the Catholic Church, and Catholics who were baptized but have not celebrated all of their Sacraments. Still time to join RCIA, if interested contact Justin Frato, 281-265-5774 or jfrato@stlaurence.org

ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Ave Maria Center, 200 Ave Maria, Spring, Texas 77379
281-265-5774
www.stlaurence.org
SUNDAY, SEPT 22
6:30-8:30 PM
IN THE CHURCH

CHOOSE the TRUTH at HAND

SPEAKER: TONY BRANDT, CASTING NETS MINISTRIES
Tony Brandt will share his inspirational story of returning to the Catholic Faith. He will then explain how telling our own stories is a simple way we can draw others to Christ.

MUSIC
Life Teen Praise Group, led by Dr. Kevin Klotz

CHILDREN AVAILABLE
Advance registration required at stlaurence.org/play-pray

For more info: STLAURENCE.ORG/ARISE | St. Laurence Catholic Church, 3100 Sweetwater Blvd. Sugar Land, TX 77479
David & Rebecca Wells joined the parish in 2009, shortly after moving here from Brighton, Michigan. Their initial feeling was that St. Laurence seemed so large and somewhat overwhelming, but that changed quickly after they dove in, both at the school and the parish. Daughter Lauren, now a junior at St. Agnes Academy, attended SLCS from Grade 4-8. Stella started at Weekday Children’s Program and is currently in 3rd Grade at SLCS. Together, David & Rebecca love serving on the team that puts on the annual SLCS Family Retreat. David became a Catholic, going through RCIA in 2011, and today he is active in the KCs and serves as a Lector. Rebecca taught CCE for 8 years, helps with Funeral Receptions, and is starting her 3rd season as the SLCS tennis coach. They say, “St. Laurence has blessed us in so many ways! We are so grateful for the wonderful Small Christian Community we have been a part of for 7 years. This small group has a special place in our hearts, because we enjoy it as a couple and it has strengthened our marriage. Through daily prayer, we attempt to cultivate our family church and serving at St. Laurence is one way to act on that prayer. We feel it is our obligation to give back through time, talent and treasure.”

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: ARCHDIOCESAN IGNITE CAMPAIGN

Over the next couple of months, our parish is participating in the IGNITE campaign. This archdiocesan capital campaign is a multi-year, $150 million fundraising effort involving every parish in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. The primary beneficiaries of this fundraising effort are: St. Mary’s Seminary ($30 million), Catholic Education ($20 million), Faith Formation ($10 million), Disaster Recovery Fund ($20 million) and a fund for rebuilding parishes and schools post-Harvey ($20 million). The $50 million balance is retained by parishes.

Our parish goal is $4.9 million. If each member of our parish discerns an appropriate gift and contributes, we can make a big difference in the archdiocese. No matter how much we successfully raise, our parish will keep one-third of the monies, which will go to reducing our existing parish debt.

Receptions are scheduled through October. Pick one to attend, meet with fellow parishioners and learn about the IGNITE campaign! The receptions only last about an hour and it’s a great opportunity to ask questions. Please feel free to contact IGNITE campaign chairs, Steve & Julie Ewbank (ewbanksix@gmail.com) or Paige Van Wormer (pvanwormer@guidanceingiving.com).

Meet with members of the IGNITE campaign team at the Hospitality Desk after Mass today!

Q. Do I need to go to one of the IGNITE receptions?

A. No, but we are having five here (they are listed in the bulletin) and they’re only about an hour long. Fr. Drew, Fr. Jaison and “fun size” Fr. Truong Son will be there. Plus food will be served, just sayin. Anyway, here’s what you guys need to know about this campaign: It’s been going on in the archdiocese for a few years and now it’s St. Laurence’s turn to jump in. The good news is we only need to raise $4.9 million of the $150 million that the archdiocese needs… easy right? Most of the money raised is to repair St. Mary’s Seminary and some to help rebuild parishes and schools post-Harvey. Here’s the best part, no matter how much we raise, we get to keep one-third of it! Before you ask, this is NOT my raise, it will be used to reduce our parish debt.

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.
Parent workshop with Casting Nets Ministries

WINNING THE HEARTS
OF YOUR CHILDREN

Tony Brandt

Chris Stewart

Monday, Sept 23, 6:30-8:30pm

Tony Brandt and Chris Stewart of Casting Nets Ministries will offer an inspiring evening on the role we have as parents in keeping our children Catholic or praying them back home to the Church.

Play and Pray Childcare available with advance registration for this event at stlaurence.org/play-pray

Cosponsored by St. Laurence Adult Faith Formation and St. Laurence Catholic School

This is a free event. For more information visit online: stlaurence.org/parenting

Ave Maria Parish Life Center, Marian Hall
3100 Sweetwater Blvd | Sugar Land, Tx | 281-980-9812

www.castingnetsonline.com
The Archdiocesan Capital Campaign, IGNITE, is a wonderful opportunity for us all to support the Cardinal in his efforts to meet the many significant areas of need that are necessary to continue to spread the Word of God.

It has been six years since we last ran a campaign in our parish and the monies raised allowed us to build our beautiful Ave Maria Parish Life Center. Our parish still holds a debt of about $2.2 million from our initial cost of $15.9 million. By achieving our IGNITE goal of $4.9 million, our parish will be able to reduce our debt by an additional $44,943 per month. This will allow us to completely pay off our debt two years early (early 2021)!

This reduction of debt will most directly benefit St. Laurence’s many outreach ministries to help those less fortunate, and enhance our parish community, worship, faith formation and ministries.

Everyone one of our registered parishioners will receive an invitation to attend any one of our campaign receptions. Receptions are your opportunity to learn firsthand about the exciting future for our community and ask specific questions, all while gathering with your fellow parish families. Get a sneak peak of our campaign—Watch our IGNITE Trailer!

Visit stlaurence.org/IGNITE or open your iPhone’s camera app and focus on the QR code. Safari will prompt you to open the video.
Calling all kids of St. Laurence Parish in Grades 2-8! After-school rehearsals for the St. Laurence Children’s and Youth Choirs are starting up on Monday, September 16. This is a parish-wide group that meets on Mondays in the Music Room, 4:30-5:30pm for Children’s Choir (Grade 2-4) and 5:45-6:45pm for Youth Choir (Grade 5-8). The Children’s & Youth Choirs sing at Mass about every other month (and the Youth Choir even gets to try their “hand” at playing handbells), so if your child loves to sing, praise God, and wants to find a way to help serve this great parish, this is for you! Please contact Mary Thompson at mthompson@stlaurence.org or just come to the first rehearsal on September 16.

Is the Holy Spirit nudging you? Then say “YES” and join the Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy on the annual mission trip to Laredo from November 2-9. This is the 11th year going to minister to the poor and needy of our own state of Texas. The team needs people without medical experience who can translate, plus professionals in medicine, nursing, pharmaceutical, ophthalmology/optometry, and dentistry, both dentist and dental hygienist. The fee is $975 and includes transportation, meals and lodging. Please visit stlaurence.org/medical-missionaries for the application form. There is still room and we are still accepting applications.

Remember “Some go on mission to give, others go on mission by giving”. So, if this is still not your time to physically go, then please remember that there are other ways you can help.

1. Financial support through the upcoming tag line on the plaza the last two weekends in September.
2. Prayers for all the people that we will serve and for our faithful missionaries.
3. Donations of walkers, canes, wheelchairs, or crutches.

Whatever you can do to support us will be greatly appreciated! May God bless you!

**Mission Appeal: Fr. Joe Perez**

**Today’s 2nd Collection**

Support Ministries in Guatemala

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**St. Laurence is excited to welcome Tony Brandt and Chris Stewart from Casting Nets Ministries who will speak at three special events at our parish later this month.**

- **CAST DEEP:** Archdiocesan Stewardship Workshop on Saturday, Sept 21 (8:00am-12:00noon) with three talks on Missionary Discipleship, Complete Gift of Self, and Seven Pillars of Effective Evangelization. Cost is $20. Register at event.me/MNa0a.
- **CAST WIDE:** Arise Night on Sunday, Sept 22 (6:30-8:00pm) in the church. Great talk by Tony Brandt on what led him to return to the Catholic Church, with Adoration and music by Kevin Klotz and the Life Teen Praise Group.
- **CAST EFFECTIVELY:** Parent Workshop on Monday, Sept 23 (6:30-8:30pm) in Marian Hall. “Winning the Hearts of Your Children” with a focus on parents’ role in sharing the Faith, keeping our children Catholic and praying them back home to the Church.

Learn more about this nationally acclaimed speaking team at castingnetsministries.com.

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**Women’s Bible Study**

Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism, Part 2

**Sonja Corbitt**

**Thursdays, 1:00-2:30 PM**

**Starting Sept 19**

**Ave Maria Center**

Facilitator: Anne Marie Daniel

stlaurence.org/womensbiblestudy

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**Parish Bazaar**

**OCTOBER 19-20**

Sponsorships available and lots of ways to get involved

stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar

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**Life Night Kickoff**

WITH JONATHAN ALEXANDER & DANIELLE NOONAN

**TODAY**

Sunday, Sept 15, 6:30-7:30pm

**In the Church**

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**25th Bazaar**

**St. Laurence Catholic Church**

**OCTOBER 19-20**

Sponsorships available and lots of ways to get involved

stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar
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. The following is your beautiful response to His call to provide love, hope, and relief to thousands of individuals and families in need during our Fiscal Year 2019 (7-1-18 through 6-30-19)

- $380,000+ was collected through our monthly Black Bag collections, Faith Direct, Gold Envelope and Annual Drives
- $135,800+ went to direct assistance (rent, utilities, medical/cancer, burial, counseling, car/gas assistance and food) for more than 658 individuals throughout Ft. Bend county
- An additional 210 individuals were assisted with items such as food, cleaning, supplies, household items, etc.
- Approximately $245,000 went to assist the more than 50 agencies/organizations, 20 ministries and 5 Catholic churches
- More than 38,382 volunteer hours were donated (including two Medical Missions), when calculated with the Texas average of worth of $25.43, totaled $976,00+
- More than $350,000 was donated as gifts-in-kind, which includes more than 800 Thanksgiving meals, 2,000 Christmas gifts, 750 pairs of new school shoes, over 170 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.

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

**Volunteer Information Session**

Child Advocates of Fort Bend is holding a volunteer information session on September 20, 11-12:30pm at the Fort Bend County Justice Center. We will be talking CASA and CAC volunteer roles, how to get involved with their fun and fabulous events like the Christmas Home Tour, and much more. Please RSVP with Lindsey Castellanos at lcastellanos@cafb.org

**Cakes Wanted!**

Social Concerns is once again sponsoring the Cake Walk at the Parish Bazaar on October 19 & 20. We will need LOTS of cakes and volunteers to run the Cake Walk. Sign up at 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. Once in, sign up to bring a cake or work a 2-hour shift. Please read all instructions carefully. Adult volunteers must be Safe Haven (formerly VIRTUS) trained. Thanks so much for your help! Contact pdegroot@stlaurence.org if you have any questions.
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Peaceful and loving prayer outside abortion facilities have saved over 16,000 babies. Over a million individuals have participated – you can too! Christian Voices for Life is sponsoring prayer on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm outside an abortionist’s office in Sharpstown, from Sept 25 to Nov 3. Contact Marie at Marie@ChristianVoicesforLife.org for more information and a link to the sign-up.

SEPT 21: SIDEWALK ADVOCACY TRAINING
If you want to do more than pray outside an abortion facility, come to the Sidewalk Advocacy Training at the AMC on Sept 21, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Learn how to offer information to everyone approaching the building, and be prepared to help women who want to explore alternatives. Contact Marie McCoy at Marie@ChristianVoicesforLife.org or 281-265-7749 for more information and to sign up. Cost is $15 and lunch is provided.

SEPT 27: HEALING RETREAT FOR THOSE SUFFERING AFTER ABORTION
Experience God’s forgiveness and learn to forgive yourself. You are not alone and Jesus loves you very much. Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat will be offered in Spanish on Sep 27-29. For more information or to register contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8729 or jkfritsch@archgh.org. Your information will kept confidential.

OCT 5: JEROME'S HOPE RETREAT
For those seeking healing following miscarriage, stillbirth or infant loss will be held on Saturday, October 5. Retreat cost is $25/person ($50/couple). For more information or to register contact the Office of Pro-Life Activities at 713-741-8729 or jkfritsch@archgh.org.

SEPT 21: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
After various delays for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts and building permit challenges, your Habitat for Humanity ministry is ready to build our next house! We will begin on-site wall building on Saturday, September 21 and continue on every Saturday until the house is done, sometime around Thanksgiving. Due to the generous contribution of your treasure, we have raised the funds to fully sponsor this house, to be built in North Richmond. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent, we would like to have you join us for any or all of our Saturday builds.
Simply contact Steve Pondell at spondell@comcast.net and we'll get you on our distribution list. Don't worry if you do not have a lot of experience in house building – we'll teach you everything you need to know and give you the tools as well!

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.

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 4,000 brown bag meals provided each day (during extended school holidays & weekends) to Fort Bend County children in need

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 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

"Surrender to God and He will do everything for you"

The first commandment is to love God. What better way to love God than to spend time with Him in the chapel. **There are over 30 hours available to be near God.** Please check online at stlaurence.org/adoration for needed hours or pickup a card at the chapel. Contact Fran Magelssen at adoration@stlaurence.org or 281-224-6122.

God is waiting for you every day from 5:00am to 9:00pm. Just drop in. A code is provided to committed adorers to access the chapel 24 hrs a day.

URGENT NEED FOR ADORERS:
- Thursdays, 8-9pm
- Sundays, 11am to noon
- Sundays, noon to 1pm

There are over 30 hours available to be near God.

MAKE A DATE WITH GOD

"Speak, Lord, for you servant is listening." 1 Sam 3:9

MEN’S EMMAUS DINNER For Young Adult Men with Cardinal DiNardo and priests from the Archdiocese

Friday, Oct. 4, 6:30-8:30pm at St. Mary’s Seminary

A unique opportunity to have dinner, ask questions, and hear stories from priests about their vocation journey. This is a simple step to actively discern God’s calling in your life if you noticed a desire for priesthood in your prayer. A night for single young adult men ages 18-40 who are open to discern the diocesan priesthood. Spots are limited, register today! houstonvocations.com

SAMUEL GROUP FOR SINGLE WOMEN

Tuesday, October 8, 6:00-9:00pm,

St. Joseph Church Parish Hall in Houston

A discernment group for young women, ages 19-30, who will meet together once a month for six months in order to study, pray, and discover their individual vocations or lifetime call from God. Deadline to Register is Sept. 24, 2019. More info: houstonvocations.com

SAVE-THE-DATE: SHOP TIL U DROP

Shop Til U Drop is the popular holiday market presented by St. Laurence’s Ladies Guild each November. Please save the date – Thursday, November 21, 1:00-8:00pm – and plan for a fun-filled shopping day in the Ave Maria Center, featuring over 50 vendors, unique gifts, décor and foods. There’s something for everyone! This year, the market will be expanded to include even more vendors and longer shopping hours. Just a few vendor spaces are still available. For more information, please contact Carol at slg.shop@gmail.com.

VENUES NEWS

“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 jpdevorcecare@aol.com or 832-860-3398. More info: www.stlaurence.org/divorcecare

- Sept 18 | Facing My Depression
- Sept 25 | Facing My Loneliness
- Oct 2 | What Does the Owner’s Manual Say? Biblical References to Divorce
- Oct 9 | New Relationships
- Oct 16 | Financial Survival
- Oct 23 | Kid Care
- Oct 30 | Single Sexuality
- Nov 6 | Forgiveness
- Nov 13 | Reconciliation
- Nov 20 | Moving On, Growing Closer to God

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, bertandfievicerra@yahoo.com

HOMILY FOR THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Laurence Catholic Church

"Surrender to God and He will do everything for you"
ADULT SINGLES GROUP

Tuesday, September 17, 11:30am  Lunch Bunch meets this month at Brandani’s Restaurant and Wine Bar in Missouri City.

Friday, September 20, 6:00pm  Dinner at Berryhill Baja Grill Dinner on the Southwest Freeway in Sugar Land. Cyndy C. is the host for this event — let’s enjoy a yummy Mexican dinner and socialize.

Tuesday September 24, 7:00pm  Planning meeting in the Trinity room at St. Laurence Parish Courtyard. Come join us to give your suggestions on what you would like to do!

Sunday, September 29, 9:00am  Mass at St. Laurence and then brunch at Denny’s. For mass, we sit in the elevated seats by the choir. After mass, we’ll go to Denny’s on Highway 6 South, in Sugar Land.

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. For questions or more info email: stlaurencesingles@gmail.com or stlaurence.org/adultsingles

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, at the Ave Maria Center. For the mid-September JOY Club activity information, e-mail Anne Higgins. nannyhiggs@gmail.com

MINISTERIO HISPANO

SEPT 28: 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) 989-1655. Recibir anuncios mandando correo a mhstlaurence@gmail.com.

SEPT 19: WELCOME BACK, LADIES GUILD!

Ladies Guild kicks off another great year of friendship and service to the parish and community on Thursday, September 19, 6:30-8:30pm, in the parish hall. Open to all women, Ladies Guild meets once a month with a great speaker/program, fun & fellowship and plenty of opportunities to serve. This month, enjoy a Mexican meal catered by El Regio and play Bunco. Dinner is free with a paid $30 annual membership, or $10 for non-member guests. Please bring coffee supplies (coffee, creamer, sugar, Stevia) to donate to Angela House, a charity for women transitioning into society after incarceration. Come and bring a friend! Contact: Sharon Gonzales, sharongonzales100@gmail.com

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.
Fulfilled: Uncovering the Biblical Foundations of Catholicism, Part 2
By Sonja Corbitt

Thursdays, Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, 24, 31, Nov 7, 2019
1:00-2:30 pm
Ave Maria Room 200-202
Facilitator: Anne Marie Daniel

Fulfilled, Uncovering the Biblical Foundation of Catholicism, by Sonja Corbitt continues. It will focus on the elements found in the inner sanctuary of the Tabernacle and how they connect to the Magisterium, the Eucharist, incense, Mary and more. Participants of this program will understand how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament, while acquiring a thorough knowledge of the tabernacle's design, facilities, and function as the skeleton for true faith. They will become equipped to share their faith concisely, to answer incomplete, and non-Catholic interpretations of the Bible, and grow deeper in their relationship with God.

To register go to stlaurence.org/womensbiblestudy
For more information contact Anne Marie Daniel at 281-265-5774

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SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Baptism  Barb Roy | 281-265-5774 x5371
Confirmation (Teens)  Daniel Glaze | 281-265-5774
Confirmation (Adults)  Mary Visser | 281-265-5774
First Holy Communion  Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
First Reconciliation  Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
Marriage Preparation  Rosemary Mascarhenas | 281-980-9812
Marriage Sponsor Couples  Sharon & John Harry | 281-980-8090
RCIA (Becoming Catholic)  Justin Frato | 281-265-5774

FAITH FORMATION & EDUCATION

A.C.T.S. Retreat  Paul Fontenot | 281-725-0794
Adult Faith Formation  Justin Frato | 281-265-5774
EDGE (Middle School)  Maureen Bass | 281-265-5774
Elementary CCE  Joan Hastreiter | 281-265-5774
Preschool CCE  Cindy Martin | 281-265-5774
Family Faith  Melissa Calcote | 281-265-5774
Life Teen (High School)  Christine Dunn | 281-265-5774
Natural Family Planning  Jacob/Jillian Counts | 281-300-3704
Parish Library  Susan Mulé | 281-265-5774
Parish School (SLCS)  Suzanne Barto | 281-980-0500
Parish School Board  Lionel Martin | 281-277-3066
Parish School PTO  Jennifer Reyes | 817-845-7627
Mary Phillips | 832-647-0642
Play & Pray  Elizabeth Hernandez | 281-265-5774
Vacation Bible School  Joan Hastreiter | 281-265-5774
Vocations Committee  Nia Sepe | 281-980-9812
Weekday Children’s Prog.  Becky Wilkinson | 281-313-0329

PRAYER GROUPS & SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Challenge Club for Girls  Maria Garcia Leano | 979-549-2683
Christian Meditation  Patrick King | 713-444-6014
Contemplative Prayer  Elaine Smith | 281-499-6660
Divine Mercy (AM)  Sally Flowers | 281-265-8360
Divine Mercy (PM)  Suzan Bryan | 713-816-5859
Hearts of Jesus & Mary  Margie Calo | 281-980-4711
Lay Apostle Prayer  Kay Quenan | 713-826-4939
Legion of Mary  Maria Argo | 281-221-8228
Men Called to Be Saints  Jim Kj | 281-253-4800
Men’s Bible Studies  Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873
St. Anthony of Padua  Joseph Eiland | 382-282-3032
Small Christian Comm  Genoveva Duque | 281-980-1014
That Man is You  Roger Peters | 713-857-8386
Tuesday AM Bible Study  Kay Quenan | 713-826-4939

MINISTRIES OF PASTORAL SUPPORT

Annulments  Anne Marie Daniel | 281-265-5774
Bereavement Ministries:  Sandy Barber | 832-451-9117
Grief Support Group  Agnes Fernandes | 281-933-3721
Grieving Families  Annette Bisanz | 281-980-1449
H.O.P.E.  Bonita Bell | 281-468-8641
Cancer Support  Lori Knowles | 281-261-5738
Caregivers Support Group  Jane Jewell | 713-775-7172
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8:10 pm Dance of Our Lady and Blessing of Families and Sacramentals / 8:30 pm Veneration

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