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
Dec 6 — In the Chapel
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

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

MISA EN ESPAÑOL
Nov 23 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

Time to Commit
Our Faith, Our Mission
**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.”

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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
IGNITE Capital Campaign

Uniting with our Local Church in “Our Faith, Our Mission”

This weekend, I invite you to join me in supporting the Archdiocesan Capital Campaign, IGNITE. The first block of parishes in Galveston-Houston kicked off this multi-year effort in January 2017, and now it’s our parish’s turn to participate.

In total, the goal of the campaign is to raise $150 million. Our portion of that goal is $4.9 million. The largest amount of the money raised is for the construction of a new dormitory, plus other building improvements, at St. Mary’s Seminary ($30 million). Additionally, funds will be directed to 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).

Each parish retains one-third of all monies collected. In our case, we have chosen to designate these funds for the reduction of our existing parish debt ($2.2 million). That means, if we reach our goal, the $1.6 million back to us will put our parish on track to be debt-free in early 2021, two years early.

Envision what paying off our debt would mean for our parish: We could further expand our outreach programs to help those less fortunate in our parish, our community and our archdiocese, and we could have more funds available to enhance our worship, our faith formation and parish ministries.

Our parish family has always made the sacrifices necessary to meet our immediate needs and prepare for our future, thanks to the generous response of parishioners. Today, I ask for you to respond in a similar manner and support the IGNITE Campaign with a gift that reflects your gratitude for all that God has given you. I encourage all families to share what you can. Not everyone can offer an equal size gift, but with a grateful heart, every family in this parish can make an equal size sacrifice.

Please make your commitment to the IGNITE Campaign today.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Drew Wood, Pastor

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### NOVEMBER

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## PRAYING THE NEWS | NOVEMBER 10, 2019

“May our Lord Jesus Christ …encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.”

2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17

Dear Lord, we thank you for the goodness to be found in the news. For the mutual respect and friendliness of Astros and Nationals fans during the World Series, for the 650 people who transferred books between libraries in Norman, OK, and for dedicated firefighters in California and our own hometowns. Help us each offer kind words and selfless deeds — both great and small.

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 Ambrociok, US Army
PVT Michael Baird, US Army
SA Matthew Baird, US Navy
P.O. S Debra Barnette, US Navy
CPL Trevor Bello, USMC
PFC John Blair, US Army
LCpl Gordon Briggs, USMC
SPC Jordan Briggs, US Army
Maj. Michael Carroll, USMC
LC. 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 Farias, US Navy
Capt. Matthew Fenelon, USMC
CPT Michelle Thibeau, US Army
CPT Will Thibeau, US Army
LCpl Aaron Fox, USMC
PVT Jahnee 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
EM4 James Locus, US Navy
SSG Philip Loera, US Army
PFC John Lundgren, US Army
ILT Anthony Marich, US Army
Ann 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
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
PO3 Troy Yelverton, US Navy
2LT Copeland Zaunbrecher, US Army
2LT Kazia Zaunbrecher, US Army

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOV 9
5:00pm – Duc & Chinh Duong (D)

SUNDAY, NOV 10
7:15am – Dominador Santos (D)
9:00am – Francesco Ambrosio (D)
11:00am – Special Intention (I)
12:45pm – Mario Forcade (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, NOV 11
7:30am – Dominic Xavier Rodrigues (D)
12:00pm – Kathleen Weingart (D)

TUESDAY, NOV 12
7:30am – Hospicio Ho (D)
12:00pm – Maria Sofia Pinto Lobo (D)

WEDNESDAY, NOV 13
7:30am – Jincy George (I)
6:30pm – Kelly Morssey (D)

THURSDAY, NOV 14
7:30am – George Valverde (D)
12:00pm – Romaine Escriva (D)

FRIDAY, NOV 15
8:15am – Rafaela Wong (D)
12:00pm – Marie Duenwald (D)

SATURDAY, NOV 16
8:30am – Jane & Santan D’Souza (D)
5:00pm – Carol Siwierka (D)

SUNDAY, NOV 17
7:15am – Weinkle Family (I)
9:00am – Andres Espinosa (I)
11:00am – Federico Silva (D)
12:45pm – Catalina Llamado (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Adrian Annicchiarico, Collin Brown, Leah Burrhus, Tim Cullen, Billy Dodd, Chad Henry, Christopher Meyer, Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Margaret Uche

PRAY FOR THE SICK

The concert will feature Frank La Rocca’s Mass of the Americas, as well as Beethoven’s 9th and other works, on Sunday, November 24 at 3:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

The Archdiocesan Choir will perform the 11th annual In Memoria Concert on November 24. For details and to register, call 281-497-3131. Suggested offering is $200 for overnight guests and $155 for commuters. Call 281-497-3131 for details and to register.

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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.

Annabelle Ryann Bobeck, Walker Easton Bobeck, Julian Austin Divin, Milli Vy Do, Chloe Alessandra Donato, Natalie Rose Guevara, Sophie Lea Hollek, Anastasia Mila Vo

Noﬁdly do as a single parish. To date, our parish is $88,000 behind our goal of $495,000. At this time last year, we were at 88% of goal, compared to 77% this year. Your donation to IGNITE beneﬁts future capital efforts, but your support of DSF directly impacts programming and ministries this year. Thank you for the many ways you support our local Church. Donate online at www.archgh.org/dsf.
Congratulations to our Art students who entered the Lions Club Peace Poster contest. The theme was “Journey of Peace”. We are very proud of our winners:
1st Place: Abigail Bergman, her poster is moving on to the state level of the competition.
2nd place: Ella Grover.
3rd place: Anna Nguyen.

Learn more about our art program Call 281-980-0500 or visit sl Laurenc eSchool.com

Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 11:30am - 1:00pm Ave Maria Parish Life Center, Marian Hall 3100 Sweetwater Boulevard, Sugar Land, TX 77479

We invite you to join us for an afternoon learning about how St. Laurence Catholic School celebrates the unique gifts of all of our students, and how our Resource staff members support learners at all levels. The luncheon benefits the SPICE Program, for Special People in Catholic Education. Get your tickets here: stlaurenceschool.org/a-celebration-of-our-unique-gifts

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 stlaurenc e.org/confirmation for information or contact Daniel Glaze, dglaze@stlaurenc e.org

St. Laurence Catholic School presents A Celebration of Our Unique Gifts Luncheon Benefiting SPICE Featuring guest speaker Dr. Chad Brandt

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NOVEMBER

10 | LIFE NIGHT
17 | LIFE NIGHT & CONFIRMATION LIFE NIGHT
24 | NO LIFE NIGHT (THANKSGIVING)

NOV 10: LEGACY @ LIFE NIGHT
In the Guardian Angels Hall from 6:30-8:15pm
Legacy is St Laurence’s program for current high school upperclassmen who have already been Confirmed. Life Teen invites you to Legacy during Life Night. Legacy has moved from Tuesdays to two Sundays per month during Life Nights. It is a more in depth level of formation to equip Confirmed upperclassmen to be missionary disciples. Again, ALL confirmed Juniors and Seniors are invited.

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

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

November EDGE events
13 | EDGE Night, Guest speaker, Alyssa Vijil from St Ignatius
15 | EDGE Movie Night in the Youth Hall 7-9PM
20 | EDGE Night
27 | NO EDGE- Happy Thanksgiving!

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

NOV 12: BIBLE STUDY
Our next Bible Study is Tuesday, November 12th, 7:00 - 9:00pm at St Laurence Ave Maria Parish Life Center. Join us as we grow deeper in faith while exploring Scripture through various mediums. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday this will be the only Bible Study in November.

NOV 16: WOMENS BRUNCH
For any young adult woman aged 18-39. Join us at the Ave Maria Center on Saturday, November 16th, 10am - noon. We will be having a potluck brunch in the Youth Room. Please see the sign up genius at https://stlaurence.org/ya

NOV 21: MENS GROUP SOCIAL
For any young adult man aged 18-39. Join us at No Label Brewery on Thursday, November 21st, 6-9pm. Address: 5351 First Street, Katy.

NOV 20: MOMS’ ADVENT STUDY
Step away from the hustle of the season and join fellow Moms at St. Laurence as we take time to reflect this Advent. Each week will consist of prayer, fellowship and discussion along with a fun Christmas themed evening the last night. Due to space restrictions an RSVP is preferred to: ljackson@stlaurence.org

FAITH & FAMILY FOCUS
In priority order:
God comes first.
Husband and wife come second.
Children come next.

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
Follow us on Instagram @stlaurencelt for more details
SACRED SUNDAY ON MONDAY
Monday, 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.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15am, or Mondays, 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.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays, 9:00-11:45am, Marian Hall A
Nov 12: “Ephesians 1: To the Praise of His Glorious Grace”. For more information: stlaurence.org/biblestudies or contact Kay Quenan at kquenan@me.com.

THAT MAN IS YOU
Wednesdays, 5:30-7:00am, Marian Hall
The 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.

CATHOLIC MEN CALLED TO BE SAINTS
Thursdays, 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.

THURSDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY
Thursdays, 1-2:00pm, St Anne, or 7:15-8:30pm, AMC Room 205
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary. For more information contact: Julie Evett at jevett@comcast.net.

Advent starts on December 1, and from the 1st to the 24th, a lot can happen to distract you from what the season is all about. So how can you keep your focus this coming Advent? To help you journey through this holy season start now and check out these resources to enrich your Advent experience.


Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph, by Fr. Mark Toups, is a prayer resource with daily meditations that will help you prepare to welcome Jesus through the eyes of Joseph. Purchase at ascensionpress.com/collections/rejoice-advent-meditations-with-joseph.

Best Advent Ever, from Dynamic Catholic, rediscover the joy of Christmas with a free email program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during this busy holiday season. Watch short inspirational videos, get practical tips and real-life encouraging stores. Sign up at dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/resources.

Sacred Advent Ignatian Spirituality
Embrace the Advent season as a sacred space from the ease of your e-mail inbox. Each day of Sacred Advent invites you to a step-by-step way of praying with a Scripture reading and related points of reflection. The messages also include suggestions for further exploration of Advent themes. Free resources at ignatianspirituality.com/advent/

EWTN Advent invites you to take a moment each day to reflect on our reasons for hope this Advent season. Our spiritual guides will be the psalmist, the writers of other books of Sacred Scripture, various saints, theologians, authors, and recent popes. Free resources at ewtntv.com/advent/calendar.asp
When many Catholics hear the word “vocation,” they immediately think of the call to priesthood or religious life. However, lay people also have a unique vocation. Fr. Richard will share with us how we can answer God’s universal call to holiness in our life.

MUSIC  Mary Thompson

PLAY AND PRAY CHILDCARE
Available with advanced registration
Arlene Rolsen has a special place in her heart for veterans. “The men and women who serve in our Armed Forces give up so much for us to be free. I have tremendous gratitude for what they and their families have sacrificed for my family.” She always wears a red, white & blue wrist band on her left arm, because it’s the one “closest to my heart.” For 10 years, Arlene and her husband Len hosted a Christmas party as a fundraiser for Impact A Hero, a charity that supports severely wounded veterans. The first year netted $5,000, and by the tenth year, proceeds topped $15,000. Len and Arlene joined the parish in 1999; they found St. Laurence to be friendly and they loved the music and the pastor, Fr. John Weyer. To this day, their favorite way to serve together is to bring communion to a nursing home; Len reads from Scripture and Arlene’s “sermon” always inspires residents to reminisce and share their stories. Arlene says, “Len and I are so blessed! We have 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons. I’ve been in real estate since God’s dog was a puppy, a career I still find so satisfying. Giving back to the parish and community comes from gratitude. We love to support all that happens here at St. Laurence.”

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Anyone who has been battling with cancer knows the importance of a support group. It is a safe place where a cancer survivor may express fears, joys and ask questions… and knows that someone in the group knows exactly what is meant because of the common experience.

The Cancer Support Group was founded at St. Laurence in October 2008, by Angela Rankin, a parishioner and teacher at the school, who had survived three different cancers within a short period of time. Angela says that when she was challenged with cancer her world (for her and her family) was changed forever. Cancer makes a long lasting difference, but with support and proper care, there is life after a cancer diagnosis.

Our ministry is for cancer survivors (you are a survivor the day of your diagnosis) and caregivers. A caregiving team may include family members, friends and anyone interested in learning more about the disease. We are a support team for each other and even our tears help to prove that “out of crisis, strength emerges.” Our diagnosis helps us call on God for strength and hope and realize the power of prayer and trusting in Our Lord. Our meetings are the first Thursday of the month, September-June, 10:00-11:30am in the St. Clare Room at the Ave Maria Center. We invite professionals from nearby hospitals to share expertise on the latest cancer treatment options and findings, as well as programs available after treatment to help restore strength, energy, and the quality of life through physical activity, art and music. All are welcome.

Don’t worry if you’re not strong enough before you begin. It is in the journey that God makes you strong. The Lord shall guide thee continually and satisfy thy soul (Isaiah 58:11).

Stop by the Hospitality Desk after Mass to meet with members of our Cancer Support Ministry!

Q. When will the new Sunday missals be available?

A. Good news, the wait is over! They are available now. The missals will be on the ledges in the narthex and by the doors on the Austin Parkway and church parking lot sides ONLY. People ask ALL the time, “How much are they?” We’re not in the book business, we don’t sell them, but we do ask for a donation. Now with that said, I believe they cost the church about 3 bucks each, just saying. I’m sure you guys are sick of me saying this, but put your name and phone number in your new missal, because we find so many in the Lost & Found every week. Hey, before someone calls and asks about the church calendars, they will be out the first weekend in December. So mark your calendars! (Get it!!) Thank you Arlene Rolsen for the calendars again this year! Make sure you get one, cuz they go quick!

The #GospelOfTheDay (Lk 19:1-10) shows us that the merciful gaze of the Lord reaches us before we even realize that we need it to be saved.

— Pope Francis
November 3, 2019
TweetDeck

STEWARD AMONG US

ARLENE ROLSEN

Ask Paula

PG 10 | ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH
St. Laurence Ladies Guild Presents the 11th Annual

SHOP 'til u drop

Thursday, November 21
1:00 pm to 8:00 pm
(NEW EXTENDED HOURS!)
in the
Ave Maria Center
3103 Sweetwater Blvd., Sugar Land
(across the street from St. Laurence Catholic Church)

OVER 70 Vendors with Something for Everyone
Many new vendors
Toys – Gifts – Home Décor - Jewelry – Christmas Décor - Food
Silent Auction – Door Prizes
FREE ADMISSION
BRING A FRIEND AND START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING EARLY
Food, Drinks, Desserts available for purchase

Follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/LadiesGuildShopTilUDrop/
HEALING Ministry Workshop

Saturday, November 16, 2019
8:30 am to 4:00 pm
ST. LAURENCE CHURCH PARISH HALL

Hearts of Jesus & Mary Prayer Group of St. Laurence invites you to join.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Those who are interested in starting or joining a Healing Ministry, those who are already in the Healing Ministry or those called upon to pray by laying on of hands.

SPEAKERS:
Fr. Jorge Alvarado
Director-Catholic Charismatic Center
Steve Kroeger
New Springtime Ministries

Deadline for Registration
Sunday, November 10, 2019
(Register at St. Laurence Website)
https://www.stlaurence.org/hearts-of-jesus-and-mary

NO WALK-INS
Limited capacity, may close registration if capacity is reached.

For more information contact:
Deacon Rey Arellano
713-854-8804
Email deacon.rey@stlaurence.org
Margie Calo
281-980-4711
Email: diomargo77@gmail.com

FREE ENTRY, REGISTRATION REQUIRED • LUNCH PROVIDED
NOW HIRING: HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTER
St. Laurence Catholic Church is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of High School Youth Minister. The High School Youth Minister collaborates with the Confirmation Youth Minister in the planning of weekly catechetical sessions and other High School events including retreats. This is a full-time position requiring some evening and weekend work. Sundays are regular work days and there are overnight retreats several times per year. Interested candidates should send a resume with a cover letter to Christine Dunn, St. Laurence Director of Religious Education, at cdunn@stlaurence.org. See full job description online at stlaurence.org/parish-job-opts.

TODAY: KC THANKSGIVING TURKEYS SALE
After all Masses, the Knights of Columbus will be on the plaza accepting pre-orders for their delicious smoked turkeys for Thanksgiving. Each 12-14 lb turkey is $45, and comes fully seasoned and smoked, so it only needs to be warmed up for your Thanksgiving dinner. Order on the plaza or go to stlaurence.org/KC-store to order online, but hurry! Orders must be received before 5:00pm on Tuesday, Nov 19. Turkeys will be available for pickup from the parish hall kitchen on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, Nov 27, 5:00-8:00pm. INFO: Contact Greg Cordova, gregcordova@yahoo.com.

TIME TO ORDER YOUR APPLE STRUDEL
Order them now. The Council of Catholic Women, Western Deanery is selling their homemade apple strudels again. They will distribute them Sunday, December 8 after the 9am, 11am and 12:45pm Masses. Contact Mary Ann Brenner at maryannbrenner@gmail.com or text 713-306-6410. Provide your name, phone and email along with the number of strudels. Cost is still $20 each. Strudels are frozen and ready to bake.

NOV 14: DISABILITIES MINISTRY STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
The purpose of the Ministry With Persons With Disabilities is to ensure full participation in the life of the parish for every Catholic with physical, behavioral, emotional or cognitive disabilities. All are invited to be a part of this ministry! Please attend the Steering Committee Meeting this Thursday, November 14, at 7:00pm, in Ave Maria Center Room 207, and contact Cindy Martin at DisabilitiesMinistry@stlaurence.org for more information.

NOV 14: CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS POT LUCK & BUNKO
The Catholic Daughters invite all ladies of the parish their annual Pot Luck Dinner & Bunko night on Thursday, November 14, 6:00pm, in the parish hall. Visit or become a part of this wonderful group, all are welcome! Please bring your favorite covered dish to share, plus $5 for bunko. Additionally, please bring canned goods to donate to the Social Concern Ministry for Share God’s Bounty. INFO: Contact Pam White at 281-265-3070.

FALL BAKE SALE ON NOV 24 – Mark your calendars for the morning of Sunday, November 24, when the Catholic Daughters are on the plaza selling homemade Thanksgiving cakes & pies, plus candy, cookies and breakfast breads for the Thanksgiving holiday. Come early, these treats go fast! All proceeds benefit charity.
A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MOMS & TOTS

These cute little tots, along with help from their moms, are learning at a very early age how to help care for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Together, they created beautiful Christmas cards and filled Hope Bags that will be given to the homeless this holiday season. Each bag contains a winter hat, a t-shirt, socks, a hygiene kit, water, crackers, granola/cereal bar, Christmas candy and protein item. Hope Bags are available for pick up in the SCM office during normal business hours.

SHARE GOD’S BOUNTY TAGLINE CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND

Share God’s Bounty is our annual Thanksgiving meal drive, providing Thanksgiving meals and items to restock the pantries of more than 700 families throughout Ft. Bend County and 100 meals to our sister parish, Queen of Peace. Pick up a tag this weekend to provide a complete holiday meal for a family in need. Want to help distribute meals on Saturday, November 23rd? Go to our sign-up page 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, you can search all of the Share God’s Bounty volunteer opportunities.
RESPECT LIFE NEWS

ROSARY FOR THE PREBORN
TODAY after the 11:00am Mass. Join us members of Respect Life and Knights of Columbus in the Rosary Garden outside the Ave Maria Center to pray that our preborn brothers and sisters will be spared from abortion and that mothers who are tempted or pressured to abort will find the support they need to choose life.

MOURNING AFTER A MISCARRIAGE
We extend our sympathies to women who suffer the loss of a child through miscarriage. Please stop by the church office to receive a memory bracelet to remember your child, a prayer card, and a list of mothers who have also suffered in this way who are available for you to talk to. May God give you consolation and peace.

LOVING EMBRACE
Houston area Catholic Infertility and Miscarriage Support group. Monthly meeting, usually 3rd Monday of the month, “secret” Facebook group, someone to talk to. Email: InfertilitySupportHouston@gmail.com. No one wants to be in this club, but the struggle is easier with friends who get it.

CALL BINGO AT THE SUGAR LAND HEALTH CARE CENTER

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 in old Sugar Land. This is a GREAT family or small group service opportunity. Playing BINGO is the highlight of the weekend for the seniors and they love winning quarters to purchase items from the vending machines. For more info or to volunteer, please contact Janet Roberts at jroberts3207@gmail.com

SERVICES OPPORTUNITIES

WEEKLY

MONDAYS: Our Daily Bread 9:30am, SCM Workroom
WEDNESDAYS: Coupons for a Cause 1:00pm, SCM Workroom

OTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Bingo: Call weekend Bingo games for nursing home residents at Sugar Land Health Care Center
Child Advocates Snack Bags: Monthly assembly of 100+ snack bags for children
Fresh Food Delivery: Twice a month, purchase and deliver fresh food to 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”

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Make a Date with God

The first commandment is to love God. What better way to love God than to spend time with Him in the chapel. There are almost 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: The wee hours of the night between 12am and 5am.
Please call or check the website for days.
There are almost 30 hours available to be near God.

NOV 13: DIVORCECARE

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

- Nov 13 | Reconciliation
- Nov 20 | Moving On, Growing Closer to God

Vocations News

Myriam Dinner

Vocation Gathering for High School Girls
Nov. 21 at St. Theresa, Sugar Land, 6:30 - 8:30pm
Myriam Dinner is a program for young women in High School who are interested in religious life. The program consists of an evening of prayer, dinner and sharing with religious sisters and consecrated women from around the archdiocese. Must register in advance to attend, seating is limited. Event is free. More info & to register go to houstonvocations.com/myriam-dinner Or contact us at 713-652-8239 or vocations@archgh.org.

Discover the Road Less Traveled

Thursday, December 19, 2020

Monthly discernment gathering at St. Mary’s Seminary for single young adult men ages 18 and older. Join priests and seminarians for fellowship, prayer, music, dinner and talks about the discernment for priesthood. Time: 6:30-9:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s Seminary, in Houston. To register or for more information, click here or visit: houstonvocations.com/gather

Prayer and Praise Group

Please join us on Mondays from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, at the Ave Maria Center, Oratory of the Rosary, as we gather to praise and worship God. We pray the Rosary, worship God through music and reflect on God’s Word and spiritual writings. Starting January 6, 2020 we will be reflecting on the writings of Archbishop Fulton Sheen, The World’s First Love, Mary, Mother of God. We also pray with each other and intercede for the needs of our church, our community, families, and all who are in need of prayer. If you have questions regarding this ministry contact Anne Marie Daniel at 281-265-5774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org.

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. Contact Anne Higgins nannyhiggs@gmail.com, 832-755-5597.

Monday, Nov 18: Game Day at Quail Valley City Center, 10 am. Bring your favorite game. Meet y’all there.

Nov 16: Healing Ministry Workshop

This workshop, led by Fr. Jorge Alvarado & Steve Kroeger, aims to lay a firm foundation for healing based upon the teachings and examples of Jesus in the Gospels. You will grow in your knowledge of the goodness of God and your identity as his beloved child. You will have the opportunity to encounter the Holy Spirit more powerfully and be better equipped to effectively minister healing in the name of Jesus Christ. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group invites all those interested in starting Healing Ministries, or are already members of Healing Ministries, or are called upon to pray for healing by laying on of hands. Free registration online at stlaurence.org/hearts-of-jesus-and-mary. Deadline for registration is Nov. 10, 2019. Only the first 250 registrants are accepted. WALK-IN NOT ALLOWED. Lunch provided. For questions, call Deacon Rey at 713-854-8804 or Marie Calo at 281-980-4711.
NOV 6: A Healing Ministry meeting every first Friday, the Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group Healing Ministry will pray for individual needs after the First Friday Masses, from 8:30-9:15pm. Adoration will start immediately after in the Divine Mercy Chapel.

HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY PRAYER GROUP

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NOV 7: CANCER SUPPORT MINISTRY

LEARN ABOUT CANCER SURVIVORSHIP PROGRAM
The Cancer Support Ministry invites all cancer patients, caregivers, friends and family to their next meeting on Thursday, November 7, 10:00-11:30am, in the St. Clare Room. The special guest speaker will be Monique Dilland, a certified physical and lymphedema therapist from the Methodist Hospital Cancer Survivorship Program. All are invited to learn more about resources available to us here in Sugar Land and connect with others on the journey to find hope and strength through prayer. For more information, call Mariann Licato 281-778-6356.

NOV 12: COPING WITH GRIEF THRU HOLIDAYS

Holidays and holy days are times to gather with family and friends. If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, the holidays may be filled with sorrow and you may feel as though everyone has joy but you. Come to a special session of Coping With Grief Through the Holidays this Tuesday, November 12, 6:00-8:30pm, at the Ave Maria Center. This session offers help and tools to face the fear and sorrow. If you cannot attend this special session, our Grief Support Group meets every Tuesday evening throughout the year. Meetings are free of cost, open to all, parishioners and those from other parishes and denominations. For more information please contact Sandy Barber, help2grieve@hotmail.com, 832-451-9117.

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.

HELP TO SHARE GOD'S BOUNTY

Sign up now to help on the day of Share God’s Bounty, Saturday, November 23. Thanks to everyone who picked up a Turkey Tag last weekend! We have only about 300 left. Not here that day? You can still help! Cash donations help us to purchase any last minute items that are missing and fill up the pantries for the people we serve. Please go to stlaurence.org/share-gods-bounty to help this big outreach project.

MINISTERIO HISPANO

Nov 23: 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.

LOVING SENIORS. A ministry that welcomes seniors with mobility issues and/or early dementia, to 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

NOV 15: LOVING SENIORS MEETING

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- That Man is You
- Small Christian Community
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- Lay Apostle Prayer
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- Margie Calo | 281-980-4711
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- Contemplative Prayer
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- Preschool CCE
- Cindy Martin | 281-265-5774
- 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
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