St. Laurence CATHOLIC CHURCH

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — *Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday after morning Mass
Saturday 4:00pm–4:45pm
Wednesday 5:30pm–6:20pm
Monday–Thursday after morning Mass

ROSARY

Friday 6:30am

FIRST FRIDAY MASS

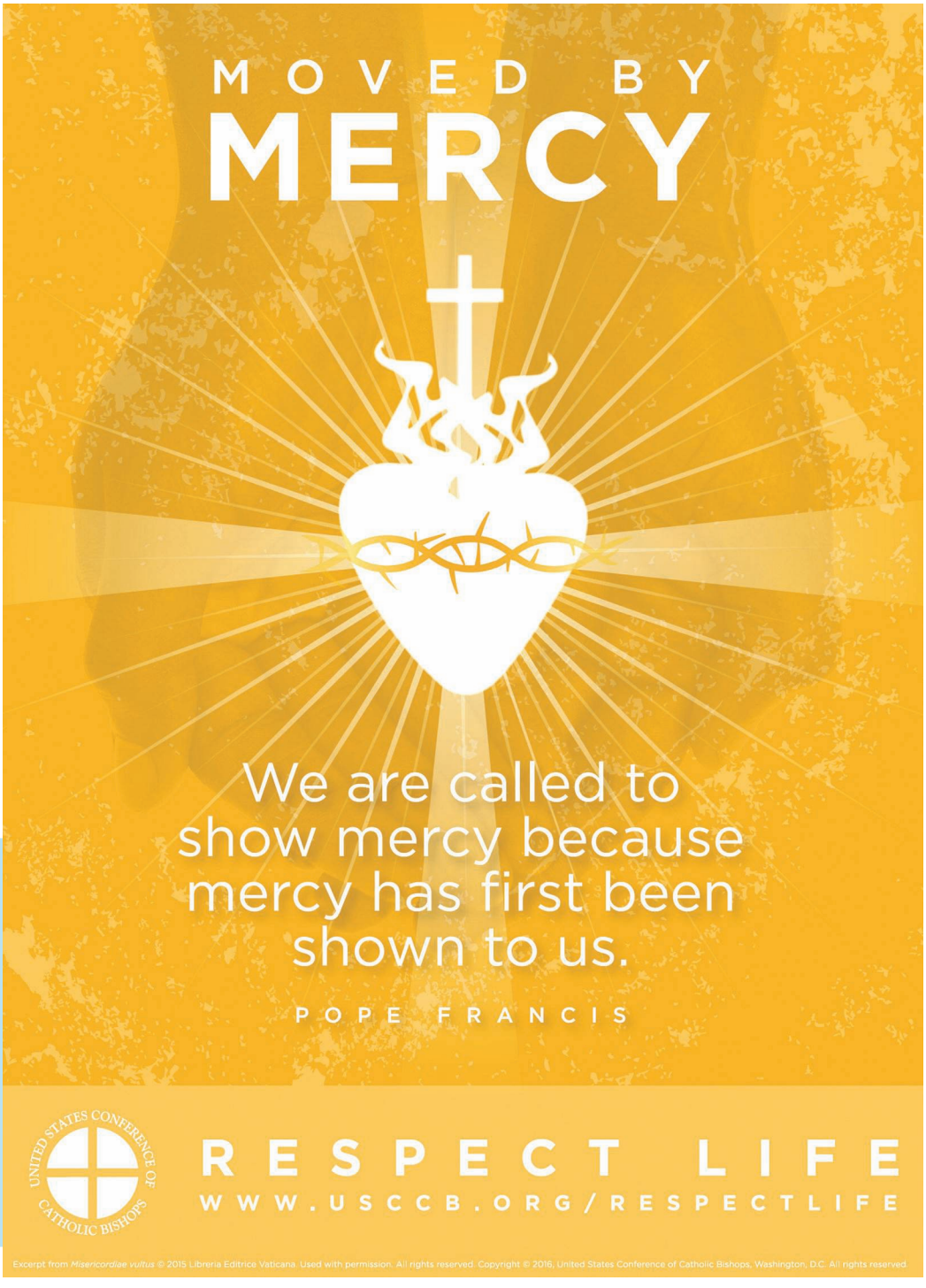
October 7 — *In the Chapel*
7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions
7:30pm - Mass

FIRST SATURDAY MASS

November 5 — *In the Church*
7:45am - Meditation & Rosary
8:30am - Mass

MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Octubre 8 — *En la Capilla*
Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las 7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes de la misa de 6:00 a 6:45 pm. Comunión a los enfermos, Irma Martinez
Tel 281-313-2833



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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 8:00am-9:00pm and Friday 8:00am-4:00pm. 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.

SHOW MERCY: RESPECT LIFE

Last year, undercover videos were released exposing the sale of fetal body parts from aborted babies at Planned Parenthood. The result of the investigation in Houston was to indict the makers of the videos. While those charges were eventually dropped, David Daleiden still faces charges in California. Congress has voted repeatedly to defund Planned Parenthood, who performs one-third of all the abortions in the United States and advocates strongly against any restrictions, but the President will not sign the bill. Many more health care providers are available to help women with true health care, without providing or promoting abortion. We are now in the midst of a Presidential race where one candidate seeks to remove all restrictions from abortion, and allow federal funds to be used to pay for them.

Even while more Americans become pro-life, there is a call for "Free abortions on demand without apology." Birth control and "emergency contraception" continue to be deceptively marketed as being purely preventative in action, rather than accurately described as sometimes ending life. Children are produced in bulk quantities, discarded if they seem unhealthy, and frozen indefinitely. Researchers continue to kill young embryos for their stem cells, in spite of greater success using adult stem cells for treatment of diseases. Handicapped people are seen as burdens rather than gifts of God. Some see assisted suicide as an appropriate 'treatment' for pain. The death penalty is seen as a more satisfying punishment for evil than simply preventing further harm and allowing a person the time they may need to repent.

Lack of respect for human life is a result of a much larger problem – the rejection of Christianity and moral values in our culture. Pornography is a multi-billion dollar business in the U.S. Television shows on the air include "Lucifer" and "Dating Naked". Religious freedom is under attack as the gap between what is legal and what faith-filled people are willing to participate in grows wider. Mainstream media uses terms such as "termination of pregnancy" and "reproductive rights" in reference to abortion, but restrictions on abortion to protect women from the deep regret for a hasty or uninformed decision are called "restriction of access," or even a "war on women". Pregnant women facing difficulties need to be offered better help than permission to kill their child. We need to love BOTH mother AND child and help them both with whatever problems they are facing. One way we can do that is by supporting the Pregnancy Resource Medical Center and Gabriel Project. Another way is to be willing to speak out on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves. We can talk to people we know, people we sit next to on a plane.

Today, we can also stand on a public highway with signs that proclaim truth. Today is Respect Life Sunday and Life Chain Sunday. The voices that proclaim abortion as a right – or as "health care"- must not be met with silence. Christians must speak out – and speak the truth with love.

Every year after Life Chain, someone gets a call from a woman who reports that she chose life for her child because of seeing the Life Chain signs. Perhaps it was because she was reminded of the truth that "Abortion Kills Children," or given pause by the fact that "Abortion Hurts Women." Perhaps she was given hope by the sign that indicated help was available at 800-712-HELP, or "Adoption the Loving Option".

From 2:00-3:30pm today, along Hwy 6 and all around the country, Life Chain signs will proclaim the truth that "The Pill & IUD also Kill Children" – a fact that many Americans are still completely unaware of. Signs are available in the Corpus Christi Room (former library) after all Masses. Please join us! Prayer outside abortion facilities is also powerful. Please see the parish website for details.

Marie McCoy, *Coordinator, Respect Life*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

OCTOBER

SUNDAY 2 — **(#1172 in your Gather book)**
First Reading HAB 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Second Reading 2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel LK 17:5-10

MONDAY 3
First Reading GAL 1:6-12
Gospel LK 10:25-37

TUESDAY 4 — **St. Francis Assisi**
First Reading GAL 1:13-24
Gospel LK 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY 5
First Reading GAL 2:1-2, 7-14
Gospel LK 11:1-4

THURSDAY 6
First Reading GAL 3:1-5
Gospel LK 11:5-13

FRIDAY 7 — **Our Ladyof the Rosary**
First Reading GAL 3:7-14
Gospel LK 11:15-26

SATURDAY 8
First Reading GAL 3:22-29
Gospel LK 11:27-28

SUNDAY 9
First Reading 2 KGS 5:14-17
Second Reading 2 TM 2:8-13
Gospel LK 17:11-19

PRAYING THE NEWS | OCTOBER 2, 2016

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather of power and love and self-control. **2 Tim 1:7**

O Lord, in times of strife and discord – which are constantly in the news these days – we pray for your grace and help. Please grant courage, strength, compassion and self-control to both protesters and police. May peace and good intentions prevail over panic, anger and unfounded assumptions. May your Holy Spirit guide thoughts and actions when needed most. Jesus, I trust in You. **Amen.** †

In Our Prayers...

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for these members of our parish family and all our loved ones listed in the Book of the Sick:

Elia Acuna, Stephanie Alford, Linda Ambeaux, Zade Ambeaux, John Argue, Linda Babin, Eden Bantigue, Deborah Beck, Deacon Al Bothe, Bob Brenner, Eduardo Caballero, Jun Castro, Joe Celestain, Michelle Collins, Lupita de la Rosa, Brittany Dodson, Julie Donati, Terri Donovan, Joyce Dunham, Judith Dupre, Agnes Fagnant, Amelia Flores, Enrique Flores, Maggie Flores, Maxima Flores, Robb Flynn, Connie Forbes, Lupe Fraga, Jerry Gabino, Alicia Garcia, Patricia Garmon, Delia Genova, Beth Gloff, Kathy Gonzalez, Jordan Hancock, Martha Harbin, Claire Harmon, Angelina Hernandez, Ramon Hernandez, James Hrebenar, Rosa Janik, Shanthy Jayaprakash, Jeff Johnson, Paul Joseph, Brian Judice, John Judice, Sylvia Kauffman, Christine Kingerski, Cindy Kral, Charles Kramer, Kelley Lamendola, Chris Larkins, Catherine Latz, Lisa Lauve, Mary Lavine, Mike Lojo, Beverly Marcellus, Russ Marcellus, Lavonne McFarland, Barbara McNees, Elsa Mendiola, Ernest Meyer, Marina Monroy, Jim Murray, Patrick Navidad, Paul Vung Nguyen, Fr. Roy Oggero, Sandra Ortiz, Meena Outlaw, Catalina Padora, Fay Parker, Charles Pierson, Lauren Popeney, Lily Belle Pyle, Angela Rankin, Frances Revelt, Melanie Robb, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Provi Sabido, Gil Saenz, Ed Sabrsula, Kathleen Schroeder, Joan Sherman, June Sherman, Sandra Smith, Steve Spaulding, Justin Stout, Adrianne Sturgis, Marianne Szalay, Jackie Tanner, Brian Teykl, Todd Triggs, JD Tyler, Amy Visser, Doris Wagoner, Kylie Ward, Loretta Wehmeier, Monica Williams

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON

visited by our Correctional Ministry. Pray for:

Shane Tuttle family, Debbie Green family, Liz Trevino, Jessica Ayala, Adrian Zaldivar, Isabella Flores, Carlos Ortiz, Steven Garner, Antonio Lopez, Christal G, David Martinez, Anna & Leanne Pounds & family, my brothers, Parole Board, FACRS Rodriguez, Arnoldo, Manuel, Blanca, Lucio, Brother Metcalf, Enis Alegria, Marina & Matthew, Tatiana & Thomas Sobey, Teresa Ruiz, Rita Gonzalez, Norma Espino, Stephen Reed & family, Jesus Robles Ronald Bussey, Diego Granja, Patricia LaFleur, Paul Ramirez, Angelic Marie Ramirez, Jocelin Ramirez, Roland Bergara, Robert Crenshaw, Chaplain Tom Lowe, Deacon Al Bothe, the Society of St John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3.

PRAY FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

CW2 Brett Aderhold, *US Army, AV*
Spc David Ambrocik, *US Army*
Pvt Michael Baird, *US Army*
SA Matthew Baird, *US Navy*
P.O. 5 Debra Barnette, *US Navy*
LCpl Trevor Bello, *USMC*
PFC John Blair, *US Army*
Maj. Michael Carroll, *USMC*
Staff Sgt. Jason Chacon, *USMC*
Lt Matthew Chesney, *US Navy*
Maj. Christopher Coffman, *US Air Force*
Capt. Patrick Coffman, *USMC*
LTJG Colin Day, *US Navy*
1stLt Andrew DeSplinter, *US Army*
Sgt. Nicholas Dockum, *US Army*
Capt. Brandon Driscoll, *USMC*
Maj. James Dunphy, *USMC*
2ndLt Michael Eberhardt, *US Army*
Capt. Stacey Eberhardt, *US Army*
Derek Farias, *US Navy*
Capt. Matthew Fenelon, *USMC*
Pvt Jahneil Xavier George, *US Army*
SSgt. Philip Graham, *US Army*
1stLT Spencer Henry, *US Army*
PVT Liam Hill, *US Army*
Daniel Hines, *US Navy*
SSG Matthew Hollobaugh, *US Army Reserve*
1LT Michelle Horstman, *US Army*
SPC Joshua Keenan, *US Army*
Joseph Kingerski, *US Navy*
EM4 James Locus, *US Navy*
PFC Philip Loera, *US Army*
PFC John Lundgren, *US Army*
Amn Joseph Marcellus, *USAF*
LCpl William Marcellus, *USMC*
Capt. Brendan McPartland, *USMC*
1stLt Todd Miller, *US Army*
Capt. Alexander Morningstar, *US Army*
CB, Richard Pinard, *US Navy*
QMSN Bryce Prochazka, *USNavy*
LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, *USMC*
Sgt. Santiago Ramirez, *US Army*
1stLt Taylor Rammrath, *US Army*
Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, *USMC*
SSgt Jonathan Slusser, *US Air Force*
LTJG Kevin Stransky, *US Navy*
CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, *US Navy*
Cpl Daniel Thesing, *USMC*
Maj. Michael Thesing, *USMC*
1stLt Kevin Wheeler, *US Army*
Sgt. Bryce Whitley, *US Army*
AM Troy Yelverton, *US Navy*
PVT Adrian Zaldivar, *USMC*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCT 1
5:00pm – Paul Kontrimas (D)

SUNDAY, OCT 2
7:30am – Clarence Russell Martin (D)
9:00am – Henry Bath (D)
11:00am – Charlene Salvacion Ocampo (D)
12:45pm – Robbe Kelly (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

MONDAY, OCT 3
7:30am – Louis Ludwig (D)
12:00pm – Melanio Ponce (D)

TUESDAY, OCT 4
7:30am – Anastasia Bimkinas (D)
12:00pm – T. Michael Sheffield (D)

WEDS, OCT 5
7:30am – Frances Nwosuocha (I)
6:30pm – Marie Walsh (D)

THURSDAY, OCT 6
7:30am – M.E. Joseph (D)
12:00pm – Joseph W. Ette (D)

FRIDAY, OCT 7
8:15am – Teodorico Bentulan, Sr. (D)
12:00pm – Joseph Algermissen (D)

SATURDAY, OCT 8
8:30pm – William & Philomena Suares (D)
5:00pm – Louise Anderson (D)

SUNDAY, OCT 9
7:30am – Betty Rodgers (D)
9:00am – Juan & Ceida Luna Torres (D)
11:00am – William & Kathleen Lewis (D)
12:45pm – Mary Cappiello (D)
5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Marc Fryer, Brother Peter Francis (Brian Kelsch), Chad Henry, Bryan Williams, Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Sister Daniela (Megan Bennett), Sister Rachel Marie of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus & Mary (Rachel Gosda), Collin Brown, Margaret Uche, Dennis Henderson

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

OCT 5: ADORE NIGHT ON THE BOOK OF ACTS

Monthly Adore Nights at the Catholic Charismatic Center are back, with the theme Dangerous Church: A Series on the Book of Acts. Adore Nights are offered the first Wednesday, with a powerful lineup of worship, teaching and adoration. Attend the next one on **Weds, October 5, at 7:00pm**. Adore Nights are free and open to the public. INFO: **www.adoreministries.com**.

OCT 8: MARCH OF THE SURVIVING YOUTH

Have you ever wanted to make a stand for life, but been afraid of doing it alone? Join hundreds of Catholic youth, **Saturday, October 8**, at the March of Surviving Youth, ages 14 and up (families welcome) at the **Catholic Charismatic Center**, 1949 Cullen. The event has four parts: 1) Mass at 8:30am celebrated by Cardinal DiNardo; 2) a light breakfast; 3) a pro-life youth rally with Fr. Ryan Higdon from Texas A&M, Seminarian and musician David Michael Moses, and Dunn Estacio; and 4) a Jericho March to Planned Parenthood. Call Mary Pinedo for more info at 832-729-5212 or go to **www.thecoolhouston.shutterfly.com**.

OCT 29: HOUSTON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All ladies are invited to register today for the Houston Catholic Women's Conference to be held on **Saturday, October 29, 9am-4pm**, at Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Church in Houston. The conference will include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, music and dynamic speakers, including **Sally Robb**, who spoke at Heart of Worship a few years ago. The theme for the conference is "Evangelization: Finding our Words." Tickets are $65 per person (includes lunch) if registering before October 9; after that, tickets go up to $75. Register and get more information at **www.HoustonCWC.com**. Seating is limited, so register early!

CHECK OUT ST. JOHN XXIII COLLEGE PREPARATORY

Schedule your individual family tour on Thursdays and Fridays at 9:00 or 10:00am every week and register for a Regular Shadow Day offered every other Friday from 7:45 to 11:00am. Or reserve a spot at one of our Official Shadow Days, lunch provided (space limited to 25 students per day) on Friday, October 7, 7:45-3:00 (with Homecoming Pep Rally) or Friday, October 28, 7:45-3:00 (with Halloween Pep Rally). Please contact the John 23 Admissions Office for more details and to schedule your "Lion" experience at admissions@sj23lions.org or 281-693-1000.

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

September 25 Collection	$ 55,660
Registered Households	7,391
Envelopes Used	763
Loose Checks	228
2nd Collection: SCM People in Crisis	$ 14,624

AUTOMATED GIVING

Monthly Offertory	$ 177,706
Participants	887

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND

2016 Parish Goal	$ 495,000
Amount Paid	$ 391,930
Amount Pledged	$ 440,230
Participants	1,032

Diocesan Services Fund

His Mercy Endures Forever

Christ calls us to reach those who are sick or in need, to bless them, serve them, and show them mercy. Your gift to the DSF enables us to reach out to people across the arch-diocese through more than 60 programs. Help us reach our parish goal of **$495,000** with a pledge today. Donate online at **www.archgh.org/dsf** or pick up a donation envelope at the Hospitality Desk.

THANK YOU!

KINGDOM CARE

Childcare is provided through Kingdom Care, a loving, Christian, and safe environment for young children while their parents attend Mass and other parish programs. Register in advance at the parish office with Christy Delamora at 281-980-9812.

WEDDING PREPARATION

Next class: OCTOBER 10

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 Theresa Rawls at 281-980-9812.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Next classes: OCT 8 and NOV 12

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays each month. To schedule a baptism call Rose Davis at 281-980-9812. The parent prep class is offered monthly.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMS

Elisa Sanchez, Nicholas Camacho, Alexander Camacho, Humberto Villarreal, Avery Smith, Bastian Smith, Charlotte Johnson, Emma Tellez

WEDDINGS

Cindy Hall & Chukwuma Osuorji

FUNERALS

Gina Mullé, *daughter of Gus Mulé*
Joyce Dunham, *wife of Deacon Bob Dunham*

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CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

PRESCHOOL CCE MEETS TODAY

ELEMENTARY CCE

In God's Image

God created every person in His image and likeness to be holy and happy. In His plan for our salvation, God sent Jesus who lived and taught us the way of holiness which is sharing in the very life and love of God. Each day, we ask the Holy Spirit to help us try our best to love, forgive, and care for others just as Jesus showed us. This week, discuss with your children how we are each called to holiness in our own lives. Together as a family, write a prayer to the Holy Spirit asking for help in living a holy life both as a unit and as individuals. Make this petition a part of your daily prayer life. We will begin CCE this week in the Guardian Angels Hall by praying a decade of the Rosary.

HOME STUDY CCE

Program materials for this year are now available for pick-up in the AMC. Please mark your calendars for our first mandatory Parent Enrichment and Homework Checkpoint Meeting on **Monday, October 24, 7-8pm**, in Marian Hall.

FIRST SACRAMENT PREPARATION

Next session for PARENTS & CHILDREN: Learn more about the treasure of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on SAT, 10/22 (1-4 pm in the AMC) for child's last name beginning with **A-K**, and on SAT, 10/29 (1-4 pm in the AMC) for child's last name beginning with **L-Z**. For more info, contact Melissa Calcote at **mcalcote@stlaurence.org.**

ST. LAURENCE WCP WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

OCTOBER FUN

OCT 5/6: **Fire Truck Visit**
OCT 7: **Archdiocesan Early Childhood Conference**
OCT 11/12: **Fun Run, Toddle & Crawl for B.I.G. Love**
OCT 17: **Program Closed**
OCT 24/25: **Picture Days**
OCT 26: **Join us for the Rosary**
OCT 28: **Annual Trunk-N-Treat**

Find the **WCP Calendar** on the parish website:
www.stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

St. Laurence Catholic School

HE MAKES ALL THINGS NEW SLCS 2016-2017

www.stlaurence.org/school

OCT 7: FAMILY DINNER & ROSARY

The St. Laurence Catholic School PTO is hosting a Family Dinner and Rosary on Friday, October 7, and **all families of the parish are invited**. Dinner will be served in the Parish Hall promptly at 6:00pm. After dinner, we will proceed as a group into the church for the Rosary. There is no cost to attend, but please RSVP to **PTOPrograms@gmail.com**.

OCT 31: SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNEY

Calling all golfers…professional or amateur! The **21st Annual St. Laurence Golf Tournament** is a scramble format that is fun for all! Registration forms are now at the Hospitality Desk for this annual event presented by Solvay on **Monday, October 31**, at **Sweetwater Country Club**. Like our plaid bag collection, this day assists families that require unexpected financial assistance. Be sure to pick up the registration form so you can enjoy the beautiful weather and support our parish school. Contact the school's front office at 281-980-0500 with questions or to sponsor. Thank you!

NOV 11: SPICE LUNCHEON

Come to the annual Special People in Catholic Education (**SPICE**) **Luncheon and Silent Auction on Friday, November 11**, at 11:30am in the Parish Hall. It is a luncheon you will not want to miss! Charlene Katra will be the guest speaker, with catering by Pappas BBQ and auction items featuring Disneyland and our very own Houston Texans. Tickets are $60 and reservations may be made through the Advancement Office at 281-980-0500.

FAREWELL, MR. STONE

Please join the SLCS families in prayers and well-wishes for **Mr. Richard Stone,** the middle school band director at our parish school, who is leaving the faculty after 18 years of teaching at SLCS. Mr. Stone is scheduled for a bone marrow transplant. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as we wish him a successful and speedy recovery.

EDGE is way more than effective catechesis. It's Catholic Middle School Youth Ministry that helps young people with life's most challenging years. Edge Nights take place Wednesday evenings, September through April at the Ave Maria Center. All 6th-8th graders are invited and encouraged to attend. Interested in helping out? **Contact Eric Painter at epainter@stlaurence.org.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT IS EDGE NIGHT

700-815pm at the Ave Maria Center

All middle school youth are invited and encouraged to join us. If you haven't registered yet, you can find the forms online or at the Ave Maria Center.

HELP NEEDED

If you're able or interested in helping in any of the following ways, please contact Eric at 281-265-5774.

Edge Core Team: ***(greatest need!)*** Adults who lead middle school youth into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

HS Teen Assistant: Sophomores or older who help to lead small groups and disciple just as our Core Team does.

Carpool Volunteer: Rather than sitting in your car, help to keep our carpool line moving quickly and safely.

Hallway Monitor: Help direct youth to their small group locations, keeping the area safe and controlled.

Life Teen is for any teen currently in high school. This ministry is St. Laurence's main outreach to 9-12th graders. Through teaching and social events we hope to build up the kingdom of God one teen at a time. For info and to help, please **contact Kris Frank at kfrank@stlaurence.org.**

LIFE TEEN TONIGHT!

SUN, 10/2 630-815pm Ave Maria Center

The fall semester is "I Am", a series on Jesus, where we will take a look at the character, motives and interactions of Jesus.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

TUESDAYS, 600-730pm Youth Hall

Discipleship Groups offer teens an opportunity to dig even deeper. Open to all high school students.

LEGACY

2ND/4TH TUESDAYS, 800-900pm Youth Hall

Open to Juniors and Seniors.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation at St. Laurence is part of Youth Ministry and Religious Education. We bring teens closer to Christ through this Sacrament of the Church. Contact Sara Sahlezghi at **ssahlezghi@stlaurence.org**. 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 a year prior to beginning preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to ensure they have been catechized and are prepared for the journey to Confirmation.

ENGAGED CHURCH

We want to hear from you!

How are you doing on your **PASTOR'S CHALLENGE**? As part of our parish's current focus on ways to LEARN and grow in our faith, Fr. Drew challenged every member of the parish:

In October, read one of the four Gospels in a thoughtful, attentive, discerning way.

Our ENTIRE PARISH is united in this challenge! It's something we can do on our own, with our spouse, as a family, or with friends or small group.

Tell us about it...

- **Which gospel did you choose? Why?**
- **How are you approaching the challenge?**
- **What have you learned?**
- **Do you have ideas for bible studies or programs that we might offer at St. Laurence?**

Send an email to **engagedchurch@stlaurence.org** or look for the "We Are Listening" Box on the Hospitality Desk in the narthex of the church and submit your ideas that way!

In the weeks ahead, we'll print some of the feedback we receive in this space in the bulletin, so share your ideas with us! And keep open to the many opportunities to LEARN and grow in your faith at St. Laurence!

For Adults

THIS WEEK IN ADULT FAITH FORMATION

MONDAY

Men's Bible Study (Weekly)
7:30-9:00pm, St Francis Room
Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

Lay Apostle Prayer Group (1st Monday, October 3)
10:30am-12:00pm **OR** 7:00-8:30pm, St. Anne Room
Contact: Kay Quenan | 281-265-3238 | kquenan@icloud.com

TUESDAY

Men's Bible Study (Weekly)
6:15-7:15am, St Francis Room
Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Weekly)
9:00-11:45am, Marian Hall, Contact: Joe Kanusky | 281-265-4084
Oct 4: The Miraculous Power of Jesus' Name

WEDNESDAY

That Man Is You
5:30-7:00am Marian Hall
Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-980-5575 | ewbanksix@gmail.com

Contemplative Prayer
9:30am-12:00 pm Corpus Christi Room
Contact: Elaine Smith |281-499-6660 | emchabert@comcast.net

Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy (1st and 3rd Wednesdays)
7:30-9:00pm, Corpus Christi Room
Contact: Patti Kallemeyn | 281-438-0696

THURSDAY

Catholic Men Called to be Saints (Weekly)
6:00-7:30am, Guardian Angels Hall
Contact: Jim Kij | 713-855-0108 | jimkij@comcast.net

Divine Mercy Cenacle
9:00am-12:00pm, St Francis Room
Contact: Sally Flowers | sallyjoflowers@comcast.net

Thursday Bible Study
1:00-2:00pm, St Anne Room or 7:15-8:30pm AMC Room 205
Contact: Julie Evett | jevett@comcast.net

WWW.STLAURENCE.ORG/AFF
facebook.com/groups/stlaurenceadultfaith

Are you a fan or follower of Jesus Christ?

Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7,
7:00-9:00 pm
Ave Maria Center, Guardian Angel Hall

Still time to join us on Mondays as we to spend time understanding the difference between admiring Jesus as a great historical figure and founder of the Catholic Church and entering into a personal relationship with him. Join others in this 7-week journey as we unpack the basic questions of life. We will meet each week for a potluck meal, followed by a video presentation, and a small group discussion. A one day, life-changing retreat on Saturday, October 29 will also be part of the experience. For more info and to register go to **stlaurence.org/discoveringchrist**.

Catholics Care.
Catholics Vote.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

We vote because we are citizens. But we vote conscientiously because we are people of faith. Our consciences are formed through studying Scripture and the teachings of the Church, examination of the facts, and prayerful reflection. Below are guidelines from the USCCB:

Here are some issues to consider.
Look in this space for more issues next week.

Issues that directly affect human lives such as abortion and euthanasia are fundamental and demand serious consideration.

Our Constitution heralds **religious liberty** in the First Amendment, yet increasingly people of faith are having to fight to retain this basic right.

There is a move in the nation to **redefine marriage**. The marriage of a man and a woman is the foundation of the family and an essential core element of a nourishing society.

Read the US Bishops' document in its entirety:
www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship

2016-2017 AFF SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTS

Joy of Love Marriage Panel

Thursday, October 6, 2016
7-9 pm

Ave Maria Center
Marian Hall A

In Pope Francis' recent **Apostolic Exhortation Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family**, he has issued an urgent call to renew marriage and family life. For this special event, we have put together a panel of married couples from a variety of backgrounds who will share with us how they have experience a joy-filled marriage grounded in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

We invite you and your spouse to join us to be inspired and get your questions answered about how you can experience the joy of love in your marriage!

For more information:
www.stlaurence.org/speakerseries
Or contact Justin Frato at 281-265-5774
jfrato@stlaurence.org

St. Laurence LEARN LIVE ENGAGED CHURCH

Living as Disciples

LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD!

Stewardship Reflection for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From today's second reading, we are made to realize, like Timothy, that Christ's call is meant for us all. Good stewards realize they have everything necessary to live for Christ. "Stir up the fire that is already burning inside you." Another way to express this thought in the vocabulary of stewardship is, "Use your gifts now! Serve the Lord now! Get involved now! God put the fire inside you but you have to stir up the flame! Let it burn!" Everyone can give witness to Christ's presence in the world, and most of us can do more than one thing for the Lord. How exactly do you "stir into flame" God's unique gifts you hold within you?

www.catholicstewardship.org

STEWARDS AMONG US

PAT SUMNER

"One of my favorite hymns is *We are Called*. I am so proud to call St. Laurence my parish; I do believe that this parish is Spirit filled and doing the work we are called as Christians to do. It is our Christian duty to give back in whatever ways we can and our sufferings needed to be turned to blessings. *God cannot be outdone*. I have received far more than I have ever given, and my growth has been a beautiful journey. I will not say it has been smooth; I have learned, though, that through the suffering that comes our way, we gain a spiritual peace that is beyond words. Pray and ask God to guide you to be His instrument. I never dreamed that I would become an advocate for those with a mental health condition. The stigma of that seemed so impossible to have in my family. God had other ideas and he continues bring me up short each time I say I have had enough. He keeps me going and I am not finished yet!" Pat is the leader for the National Alliance on Mental Illness support groups, education classes and advocacy for our parish and in Fort Bend County. She and her husband Ken have been parishioners for 27 years.

These two criteria are like the pillars of true love: deeds and the gift of self.

Pope Francis
June 7, 2013

Ask Paula

Q.

Where should I park when I come to the bazaar?

A.

Good question! Look people, instead of everyone cramming their cars on Stephens Grant or Colony Park Drive, park at the Fort Bend ISD building on Sweetwater Blvd. If we park in these neighborhoods, I'm sure it makes it difficult for the people that live there to get in and out of their own driveways, *right?* So let's ALL be good "stewards among us" that weekend, *get it?* We have a 5-year parking contract with FBISD, so why not use it? *Just saying.* You know you can park there during Mass times and special events on the weekends here at St. Laurence. Hey, since I'm talking about the Bazaar, don't forget to pick up raffle tickets. This could be your year to win!

Paula Savo has been our Parish Receptionist for almost 20 years and knows the practical answers to (practically) everything. Call 281-980-9812 or email her at psavo@stlaurence.org.

BAZAAR COUNTDOWN… JUST 2 WEEKS AWAY!

VOLUNTEER

It takes hundreds of people to make this bazaar happen and there are lots of ways to get involved. Sign up to work a shift at a booth. Most shifts are just a couple of hours long. It's a fun way to meet people and to help the parish. We can really use people who are VIRTUS trained to help man the rides. Please click on the **VOLUNTEER NOW** link at www.stlaurence.org/parish-bazaar to see the complete list of opportunities and sign up via Sign Up Genius.

SPONSOR

Sponsorships help to underwrite the cost of putting on the bazaar and our parish is so grateful for the generosity of so many individuals and businesses that help in this way. Want to be a sponsor? There are a variety of sponsor levels, starting at just $50. Call one of the bazaar chairs for all the details or information at **www.stlaurence.org/sponsorship**.

BUY RAFFLE TICKETS

This year, we are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a **Mini Cooper Convertible** from Momentum Mini of Houston! Raffle tickets are just **$2/each** or **$20/book** of 12 tickets. Books of tickets are available for pickup on the plaza after Mass today and at the parish office. In addition to the grand prize of the Mini Cooper, other prizes include $1500 gift card, $1000 gift card, $500 gift card, and $250 gift card.

DONATE

The more prizes we have, the more fun! We can use donations of the following:

PLANTS DOLLS
CAKES DESSERTS

Please list ingredients on all homemade baked goods and deliver to the Ave Maria Center on Friday (10/14), Saturday (10/15) or Sunday (10/16 before 10am).

CONTACT FOR MORE INFO

If you have a question, please contact Bazaar Chairs Tom Barry (281-545-4112) or Les Fuchs (832-360-3104).

UNBOUND

The UNBOUND: Freedom in Christ Conference is for

Presenters

Neal & Janet Lozano with Matthew Lozano

Neal Lozano and his wife, Janet, have more than thirty-five years of experience helping people find freedom in Christ. Their son, Matthew Lozano, a gifted teacher, will join them for the Houston Conference.

Anyone who finds themselves struggling with the same sin area time after time

Anyone who feels hopeless in finding freedom

Anyone who has trauma in their life from past hurts and needs healing

"Your teaching in The Five Keys brings faith alive unlike any other catechesis that I have witnessed. The reality of the Holy Spirit's desire and power to regenerate us was tasted and seen (1 john 1: 1-4)."

—Father John Horn, S.J.,
Co-Founder of the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University

FREEDOM

CONFERENCE DATES AND TIMES:
Friday, October 7, 2016, 6:30pm to 9:00pm
Saturday, October 8, 2016, 8:30am to 9:00pm

CONFERENCE LOCATION
St. Laurence Catholic Church
Ave Maria Parish Life Center
3103 Sweetwater Blvd
Sugar Land, TX 77479

How to Register:
Online registration:
HoustonUnbound.org
register online
or download the forms

Questions?
email us at
HoustonUnbound@gmail.com
or call 832.639.3371

For more about Unbound Ministry go to the Heart of the Father Website:

www.heartofthefather.com

TODAY: JOIN THE LIFE CHAIN & RESPECT LIFE

Today, **October 2, is Respect Life Sunday**. EVERY person (handicapped, poor, incarcerated, ill, preborn or born) was created in the image of God and is precious to Him! The mainstream media talks about "termination of pregnancy" but Abortion Kills Children. The media talks about "reproductive rights" but Abortion Hurts Women. Please join us in proclaiming the truth about abortion this afternoon as part of the Life Chain, **2:00-3:30pm, along Hwy 6 in Sugar Land**. WEAR RED and pick up a sign today after Mass! For more information, contact Marie McCoy at 281-265-7749 and download 10 Things You Can Do to Help Prevent Abortions from the Respect Life page of the St. Laurence website (www.stlaurence.org/respect-life).

OCTOBER 8: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The annual BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS at St. Laurence will take place on **Saturday, October 8**, on the Parish Hall lawn. The blessing will begin promptly at **9:30am with Fr. Jaison** presiding. Don't miss this opportunity to have your pet blessed! Your pet will receive a "blessed bandana", a St. Francis medal and treat. Please bring a bag of Hill's Science Diet (dog, puppy, cat or kitten formulas) or Fancy Feast cat food or any brand canned dog food to be donated to the City of Sugar Land Animal Center. ***St. Francis, pray for us!***

OCTOBER 7-8: UNBOUND CONFERENCE

St. Laurence will be the site for the next UNBOUND Conference! This very special 2-day conference will be held this **Friday, October 7 (6-9pm) and Saturday, October 8 (8am-9pm)** at the Ave Maria Center. Led by Neal & Janet Lozano, it is designed for anyone who struggles with the same sin repeatedly, or who feels hopeless, bound by past hurts or in need of deliverance. Please find the brochure on the opposite page and go to **www.HoustonUnbound.org** for more information and to register for the conference online. The cost to attend is $85 or $145 for a married couple. Neal Lozano and his wife, Janet, have more than 35 years of experience helping people find freedom in Christ. Their son, Matthew Lozano, a gifted teacher, will join them for the Houston Conference. Don't miss this great opportunity for spiritual healing!

PRAY THE ROSARY

Entire month of October

In honor of our Blessed Mother, the Legion of Mary will lead the prayer of the Rosary before the Noon Mass throughout the month of October. Gather in the church at 11:30am each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. And join Fr. Drew for Friday Morning Rosary every Friday at 6:30am in the church.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, OCT 15 at 12 noon

Join the "Public Square Rosary Rally" to pray for our nation on Saturday, October 15, at noon. There are 2 locations nearby:

St. Laurence
(corner of Sweetwater Blvd & Austin Pkwy)
and
Sugar Creek
(main entry: Sugar Creek Blvd & Hwy 59)

FAMILY DINNER & ROSARY

Friday, OCT 7 6-8pm

Sponsored by the SLCS PTO and open to all families of the parish. Dinner in the parish hall at 6:00pm, then go to the church for Rosary. **RSVP: PTOPrograms@gmail.com.**

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Sunday, OCT 9 8am-1pm

Support the Medical Mission and get your family's flu shots! The clinic will be held in the parish hall from **8:00am to 1:00pm**. Flu shots will be given by volunteer pharmacists, doctors and nurses at a cost of $30. (Regular flu shots only.) All proceeds support MMDM.

Also—MMDM is collecting donations of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, or crutches that may be given to patients during the mission in Laredo. For more info, please contact Maria Jacobson at mjacobson1984@yahoo.com. www.stlaurence.org/medical-missionaries.

Serving Others

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

EVERY WEEK AT ST. LAURENCE

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

Birthday Celebrations: Organize bi-monthly birthday/ holiday celebrations at Sugar Land Health Care Center

Caring Creations: Meets first 3 Fridays each month to create crafts to donate to Mamie George Community Center and other Fort Bend agencies

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 4,100 brown bag meals provided each DAY during the summer months to children in Richmond-Rosenberg

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, please go to www.stlaurence.org/social-concerns

Millions of Americans face the day-to-day reality of living with mental illness. We get it. We've been there. We offer help. We offer hope. For info, contact Pat Sumner, 281-265-1554, psumner1@comcast.net.

NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness

There is a General Meeting on the 1st Thursdays, support groups (English) on the 2nd/4th Thursdays, support groups (Spanish) on 3rd Tuesdays, and support groups (Chinese) on the last Sunday. Additionally, there are Family to Family classes and Peer to Peer classes, which are offered to assist families and individuals with mental illness to establish and maintain wellness. Please call for more information.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

HEART PILLOWS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Over the course of their lives, 1 in 8 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer. As National Breast Cancer Awareness Month approaches, Social Concerns is partnering with Cure & Company in Sugar Land to directly alleviate some of the pain and discomfort for those who have undergone a mastectomy. The heart pillow has been specially designed to fit comfortably under the arm of a post-op patient, relieving some of the pressure from that area and protecting it from painful bumps and bruises. These pillows are easy to make, appropriate for all ages and experience levels. They can be made with a sewing machine or stitched by hand. Stop by the Social Concerns office to pick up instructions, a pillow template, fabric and poly-fil. All pillows will be donated to the clients of Cure & Company in Sugar Land.

RESPECT LIFE BROCHURE OF THE MONTH

A Guide to Catholic Voting

Scripture and teachings of the Church have led to clear principles on how best to achieve justice, peace and human dignity for all men and women. The four key principles of Catholic social doctrine to be considered in voting decisions are: 1) promoting and defending the dignity of the human person, 2) supporting the family and subsidiarity in local, state and national institutions, 3) working for the common good where human rights are protected and basic responsibilities are met, and 4) acting in solidarity with concern for all as our brothers and sisters, especially the poor and most vulnerable. Our faith reminds us that we must always reject and oppose "intrinsically evil" actions of any sort. **Acts such as the taking of innocent human life are so deeply flawed that they are always incompatible with love of God and neighbor. This is why the Church so strongly opposes abortion and physician-assisted suicide (euthanasia).** In each case, the lives of the weak and the vulnerable are endangered, and there can be no good reason to allow the taking of these innocent lives or to vote for legislation that would allow these evils to result… The Church condemns genocide, torture, the targeting of noncombatants in acts of terror or war, and racism, for they too are severe violations of human rights and human dignity. Pick up a brochure at the Hospitality Desk in the narthex of the church for more info.

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 ROSARY HOUSE, a halfway house for ex-prisoners: new underwear and gently used and new long & short sleeve shirts, pants, socks, shoes, jackets.
- baby wipes, mini-toothpastes, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, mini Gold Bond foot powder for MILITARY & HOMELESS
- new white crew socks, new white t-shirts (size large), pop-top tuna/meat, individual peanut butters, granola bars for the HOMELESS
- birthday party gifts of new/unused toys, $10-$20 gift cards (fast food, Wal-Mart, Target), 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
- Gently used Christmas gift bags, tissue paper, gift boxes, and small jewelry boxes for WISH UPON A STAR
- wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and crutches for the MEDICAL MISSION patients in Laredo

DONATIONS NEEDED

GOT COSTUMES?

We are collecting new and gently used non-scary Halloween costumes for a Fall Festival for the children at Bethel Ministries. Please mark your donations "Bethel" and drop them into the big Social Concerns rolling bin (located in the church narthex) or bring to the parish or SCM offices. We will be collecting children's costumes through October 24.

THANK YOU, ST. LAURENCE!

The Social Concerns Ministry is so grateful for the gift of your **IN-KIND** donations!

Your support, in the form of in-kind donations, helps us meet the needs that are beyond our budget and improve the quality of life for individuals in need in Fort Bend County. Thanks to your prompt response to requests, we were able to donate the following items to agencies and individuals in need in just the past 2 months alone:

1 **twin bed** for a refugee family
2 **high chairs** for refugee babies
1 **brand new crib & mattress** for Gabriel Project
1 **shower chair & 4 walkers** for MMDM
1 **knee walker/roller** for an injured college student
food & supplies for military troops overseas
flat-screen TV and DVD player for Lotus Project
living room furniture for a family in need
clothing for 2 different families escaping domestic violence

Requests for in-kind donations like these appear from time-to-time in this column, but since many are immediate needs with a short leadtime, most are requested through the **SCM Newsletter**, which is emailed each Thursday. If you would like to be added to the list to receive this e-newsletter, please contact Pennie DeGroot at **pdegroot@stlaurence.org**. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

CAKES WANTED!

Each fall, Social Concerns sponsors the Cake Walk at the Parish Bazaar and we're doing it again Oct 15-16. **We will need LOTS of cakes!** If you can help, please drop off homemade and store bought cakes at the Ave Maria Center any time on Saturday, October 15, by 10:00am. Please include a list of ingredients on all homemade cakes. Thanks so much for your help!

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL

We at St. Laurence pray that all may know the true presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and be graced with the holy desire to spend time with our God in adoration. Please prayerfully consider the hours listed that we are in need of committed adorers and substitutes. Contact Janice Swoboda at adoration@stlaurence.org or 281-980-8481 or 832-816-4660 for more information.

ADORERS STILL NEEDED FOR THESE HOURS:

Sunday 11am-12pm,
Saturday 2am-3am
Saturday 10am-11am

WEDNESDAYS: DIVORCE-CARE

A new session of DivorceCare has just begun. Join us on on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm in the St. Francis Room at the new Ave Maria Center. If you have been suffering from the effects of divorce or separation, come receive help in rebuilding your life, focused on God's love for you. For more information, please contact Janie at 832-860-3398 or jpdivorcecare@aol.com.

OCT 6: CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group meets again on Thursday, **October 6, from 10:00-11:30am**, in the St Clare Room. The topic for this meeting is the roles that dogs have in identifying illnesses, followed by a roundtable discussion in order to catch up on each other's cancer journey. If you are a cancer patient, survivor or caregiver, join our group and know that you are not alone. For more information, please contact Angela Rankin at 832-945-2245.

JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS

The J.O.Y. Club (stands for Just Older Youth) is for parishioners 55-and-up. The group meets at the Ave Maria Center on the 1st Monday of the month, plus other activities as planned. For info, contact Anne Higgins at 832-755-5597, nannyhiggs@gmail.com.

OCT 3—Monthly gathering from 11am-1pm at the Ave Maria Center. Lunch is provided and Candace Twyman from the Better Business Bureau will be our guest speaker.

OCT 19—Mass at the Co-cathedral and go through the DOOR OF MERCY, followed by lunch at the Black Lab on Montrose Blvd. Meet in the Ave Maria parking lot at 11:15am to carpool there for 12:10pm Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered during the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses next Sunday, October 2.

Children in grades K-4 are encouraged to follow the faith sharers and lectors (banner carriers) to the Trinity Room and Parish Hall on designated Sundays for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Here they listen to the liturgy using language they can better understand, then rejoin their families for the celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. (Please note, this program is targeted for school aged children, so we ask that you keep their younger preK siblings in the church with you.) If you are interested in joining our ministry or just curious about how your child is participating in this part of the Mass, you are welcome to observe our sessions. For more information, please call Susan Choate (281-682-3389) or Claire Gregory (281-208-2715).

OCT 9: ANNUAL FLU SHOT CLINIC

Each fall, the Medical Missionaries of Divine Mercy sponsors a Flu Shot Clinic as a service to parishioners and a fundraiser for the upcoming medical mission to Laredo. The clinic will be held in the parish hall on **Sunday, October 9, from 8:00am to 1:00pm**. Flu shots will be given by volunteer pharmacists, doctors and nurses at a cost of $30 for a regular flu shot. (Note, the nasal flu vaccine will not be offered this year, based on recommendation of the CDC.) Support MMDM by getting your flu shot. Also, MMDM is collecting donations of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, or crutches that may be given to Laredo patients in need. For more info about MMDM, please contact Maria Jacobson at mjacobson1984@yahoo.com or go to www.stlaurence.org/medical-missionaries. Thank you for supporting the mission!

LADIES GUILD 'SHOP TILL YOU DROP'

JUST A FEW SPOTS REMAIN!

Attention vendors! This year, the St. Laurence Ladies Guild is moving the popular "Shop Till You Drop" event from the Parish Hall into the new Ave Maria Parish Life Center to offer even more vendors. Only a few spots remain. It will be held on **Thursday, November 17, from 6-9pm**. The monies raised go towards helping various organizations in our community and beyond. If you have a business and would like to purchase space in our event, contact Deb Hernandez, S.T.U.D. Chair, for more info at **debhernandez31@gmail.com.**

NEW AT THE PARISH LIBRARY

STOP BY FOR A VISIT AT THE AVE MARIA CENTER

The Parish Library has a number of new items and programs! Try Toddler Story Time on Tuesdays at 10am for children 3-and-under. We read stories, sing songs, color and sometimes do an easy craft. If you have not yet been to the new library at the Ave Maria Center, please come and take a look! If you filled out a library card application, be sure to pick up your card the next time you are in the Ave Maria Center. If you have borrowed books and not returned them, please remember to return them as soon as possible. Although our library does not charge fines for overdue books, we really would appreciate if parishioners would honor the due dates, so that everyone can enjoy all that our library has to offer. For more information, please contact Susan Mulé at 281-265-5774.

MONDAYS: PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP

Please join us on Mondays from 1:00-2:30pm, at the Ave Maria Center's 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. 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. Please contact Anne Marie Daniel for more information at 281-265-5774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org.

OCT 13: CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEET

Catholic Daughters invites all the women of our parish to join us for our monthly meetings for sisterhood, spiritual enhancement, works of charity and mercy, and a bond of fellowship and fun. If you would like to visit our October meeting, or join our court, we meet in the parish hall on the second **Thursday, October 13, at 6:30pm** for social time, followed by our meeting at 7:00pm. A warm welcome will await you. Hope to see you then. For more info, please contact Lucia Dziadul at 713-416-4926.

OCT 3: CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Join the Caregivers Support Group at 9:30am on Monday, October 3, for **Labyrinth & Lunch**. Linger with the Lord, prayerfully journeying with and toward Him while walking the labyrinth at the Cenacle Retreat House in Houston, then have lunch at a local restaurant. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend quiet time with God plus enjoy fellowship with others who understand the joys and struggles of the caring for a loved one (of any age) with special needs. You don't need to walk alone. Please come join us! For info and to RSVP, contact Jane Jewell (ejcomp@aol.com or 281-265-9658) or Lori Knowles (knowlesml5@gmail.com or 281-261-5738).

OCT 29: BEREAVEMENT RETREAT

St. Laurence will host a retreat for those who grieve the death of loved ones, recent or from many years ago, on **Saturday, October 29, 9:00am-3:00pm**, at the Ave Maria Center. The retreat will be facilitated by **Dr. Tim VanDuivendyk**, author of "The Unwanted Gift of Grief". Please register by Monday, October 24, and plan to bring a photo or small memento of your loved one to the retreat. For more info and to register, please **contact Anne Marie Daniel** at 281-265-5774 or adaniel@stlaurence.org.

"BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW"

Join a ministry or group and allow Jesus to make something new in you!

WELCOME TO ST. LAURENCE!

Following are the newest members of our parish family…

Thomas & Uoia Aguila
Carmen Alvarado
Vincent & Nkiru Amuzie
Wai Au & Tu Vuong
Raul & Christina Barberena
James & Diane Benton
Jose & Samantha Breton
Harry & Maria Buzek
Roberto & Michelle Calma
Josefina Carrillo
Michael & Amy Cassidy
Marco & Sonia Castellanos
Stanley & Wendy Chan
Fritz & Monica Colinet
DJ & Stephanie Consoli
Oscar & Lisbeth Cornelio
Louis & Josephine Craig
Christopher & Brittney Craw
Mario & Eva Cruz
Alfred & Diana D'Costa
Monique De Los Santos
Daniel & Beatrice DeMarco
Travis & Denise Dearing
Rico & Rhonda Del Castillo
Grant & Jessica Dickey
Glenna Doucet
Virgilio & Fernanda Freitas
Mitchell & Ester Galarroza
Victor & Stacy Garcia
Juan & Araceli Garza
Dany & Rini George
Robert & Amy Gerlach
Moises & Maria Granados
Amanda Guillory
Yulanda Hanson
Baisong & Jingjing Hao
Brandon Heidel
Jorge & Veronica Ibarra
Emmanuel & Nkoli Iloanya
Philip & Ajimol Jacob
Whitney Joseph
Mweete & Inez Kasimba
Ann Kurian
Peter & Elizabeth Kurniawan
Joanne Landrito
Pedro & Rosicela Lara
Mark & Shelly Leifrig
Phillip & Terri Leong
Adrian & Marcela Lopez
Hector & Michelle Lopez
Emilio & Jen Luna
Eduardo & Leticia Mancilla
Veronica Martinez
Dennis & Sharlet Matak
Shoney & Sheeba Matthew
Curtis & Irene May
Richard & Monique McClendon
Edward & Kathryn McLean
Brendon & Valerie McMahon
Claus & Maggie Mentari
Beatriz Mogannam
Seth & Emily Murphy
Bachar Nasser
Christina Nguyen
Marcus & Patricia Parker
Binu & Shwetha Pazhoor
Dennis & Bobbi Jo Pearson
Larry & Lyndsay Pilkinton
Rommel & Adriana Plantinos
Michael & Catherine Powell
Mary Louise Reumont
Michael & Jesusa Reyes
Eric & Melanie Reynolds
Clayton & Ashley Riddle
Rodolfo & Denise Rios
Dan & Jenny Roesler
Michael & Elizabeth Ruppert
Joe & Sherry Salazar
Silvera & Celia Samuels
Elias & Belinda Sanchez
Mary Sapaugh
Rick & Natalie Saucedo
Timothy & Jordan Seifert
Luke Shupak & Victoria Summers
Eric & Candace Smith
Marjorie Smith
Jeremy & Cheryl Strauch
Jose & Melanie Tanguma
Antonio & Ana Teixeira
Chris & Jennifer Tevis
Harry Thiem
James & Marelisa Tomlinson
Kevin & Wendy Turini
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