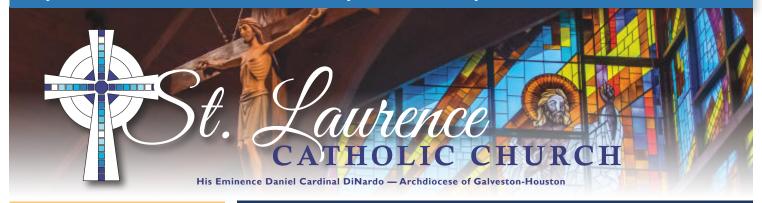
## July 15, 2018 | Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### **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**

August 3 — In the Chapel 7:00pm - Rosary & Confessions 7:30pm - Mass

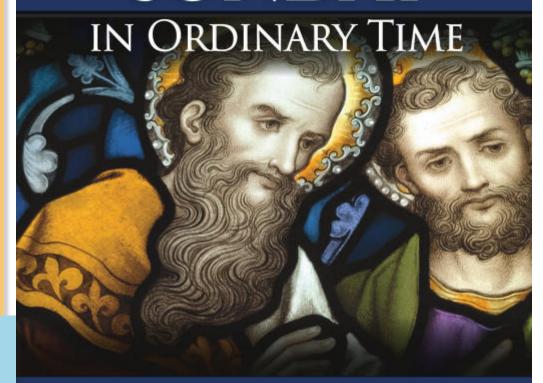
#### FIRST SATURDAY MASS

August 4 — In the Church 7:45am - Meditation & Rosary 8:30am - Mass

#### MISA EN ESPAÑOL

July 28 En la Capilla
Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las
7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes de
la misa de 6:00 a 6:45 pm. Comunión a los
enfermos, Irma Martinez
Tel 281-313-2833

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them."

- Mk 6:7, 10-11

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### **OUR MISSION:**

We the people of St. Laurence
Catholic Church are centered
in the love of Christ and live to

glorify God in all we do.

## PARISH OFFICE & COURTYARD

The parish office provides services including pastoral care, liturgical planning, business, communications, & administrative support, and social concerns & social justice support. The parish hall and meeting rooms are available through reservation by calling Nia Sepe at 281-980-9812. Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00am-9:00pm; Friday 8:00am-6:00pm; and Saturday 8:30am-12:00noon.

#### AVE MARIA PARISH LIFE CENTER

The Ave Maria Parish Life Center is located across the street from the church and is the site for all religious education classes, programs and offices. Inquiries and drop-ins are welcome during office hours: Monday through Thursday 8am-9pm; Friday 8am-4pm; Saturdays 8:30am-Noon (scheduled events only). The Weekday Children's Program is offered for infants through pre-school aged children. During the school year, WCP hours Monday-Friday are 8:00am-3:00pm.

## PARISH SCHOOL & CHAPEL

St. Laurence Catholic School provides strong academics in a Christian environment to 720 students enrolled in PreK4 through Grade 8. Office Hours: Monday-Friday are 8:00am-4:00pm.

Adjacent to the school is the Chapel of the Divine Mercy which offers Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and serves as the site for smaller liturgies.

#### **BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**

Announcements must be submitted via email at least 12 days before the Sunday of the publication.
Ron Martinez, Communications Coordinator rmartinez@stlaurence.org



In this Sunday's Gospel passage, Jesus teaches us about trust. If we're to fulfill our calling as God's missionaries of love in this world, if we're to fulfill our calling to share the Good News, we must trust God and the resources that he provides. And we must trust that he will always provide exactly what we need when we need it, even though it doesn't always seem sufficient. It's important that we don't feed the inclination to distrust him by expecting anything other than what he provides.

Every Mass ends with a re-commissioning rite for the calling we all have. The final blessing is a sending forth after we've been renewed in our relationship with Jesus. His presence in the Word and in the Eucharist and in the Church community re-energizes us (when we pay attention) to boldly go and do all that he asks of us. Through the priest, lesus sends us into the world to be the visible proof that he is real and that he's alive and that he cares. With Jesus, and in him and through him, we are all evangelizers who can make a difference in the world. Yes, all of us — all of us who have participated in the Eucharistic celebration with conscious awareness of what we are saying and praying and receiving during Mass. Go forth in bold confidence! Jesus is sending you out from the church with his Spirit and his sufficiency.

However, when we do the packing and decide what to take with us on the mission, we like to take an abundance of stuff, just in case we might need it. Thus, we fail to show others that God is reliable and trustworthy.

To be effective evangelizers, we have to surrender over to God whatever baggage interferes with our mission. Remember this: Surrender is not truly surrender unless we no longer want what we surrendered. If we still have some desire for it, we're attached to it by a bungee cord that yanks us back to it, yanking us away from our true purpose in life.

#### **QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

In what areas of your life do you rely upon the Lord? What areas do you still need to entrust to him? What will you do this week to surrender any distrust?

#### **QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNITY FAITH SHARING:**

What kind of "food" do others serve you when you rely on God to provide for your needs through them? How does their service to you help them understand God? What kind of baggage should be left at home instead of carrying it into ministry? How does letting go of this better reveal Jesus to others?

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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

## JULY

**SUNDAY** 

(#1135 in your Gather book) Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Gospel

AM 7:12-15 Second Reading EPH 1:3-14 OR 1:3-10 MK 6:7-13

**MONDAY** 

First Reading Gospel

IS 1:10-17 MT 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY

First Reading Gospel

IS 7:1-9 MT II:20-24

WEDNESDAY

First Reading Gospel

IS 10:5-7, 13B-16 MT 11:25-27

**THURSDAY** 

First Reading Gospel

Reading I IS 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 MT 11:28-30

**FRIDAY** 

First Reading Gospel

IS 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 MT 12:1-8

First Reading Gospel

MI 2:1-5 MT 12:14-21

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading IER 23:1-6 Second Reading EPH 2:13-18 MK 6:30-34

#### PRAYING THE NEWS | JULY 15, 2018

"Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven."

#### **PSALM 85:12**

Dear Lord, Source of all that is good, we pray that the desire for truth and justice will guide the next person chosen to sit on the Supreme Court and, indeed, the entire court. Please inspire the members of the court to humbly, compassionately and wisely consider all issues before it. May they be your instruments in sustaining and ever-perfecting our beloved nation in your sight. Jesus, we 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 Ambeau, Zade Ambeaux, Linda Babin, Eden Bantigue, Wallace Barbay, Deborah Beck, Deacon Al Bothe, Eduardo Caballero, Jun Castro, Bobby Castillo, Joe Celestain, Michelle Collins, Jim Cronin, John Cummings, Anthony DiMare, Lupita de la Rosa, Brittany Dodson, Julie Donati, Judith Dupre, Ashley Durand, Evelyn Dyogi, Agnes Fagnant, Amelia Flores, Enrique Flores, Maggie Flores, Marina Flores, Sally Flowers, Robb Flynn, Cynthia Forgas, Lupe Fraga, Jerry Gabino, Alicia Garcia, Patricia Garmon, Delia Genova, Beth Gloff, Jessica Gunter, Martha Harbin, Angelina Hernandez, Ramon Hernandez, Peter Heidel, Anne Higgins, Jim Hofmann, Rose Holbrooke, James Hrebenar, Shanthy Jayaprakash, Jeff Johnson, Regina Johnson, Paul Joseph, Brian Judice, John Judice, Sylvia Kauffman, Christine Kingerski, Cindy Kral, Carmelita Kussad, Charles Kramer, Donna La Magna, Mary Lavine, Chris Larkins, Mike Lojo, Beverly Marcellus, Russ Marcellus, Anna Mathew, Victor Mendiola, Marina Monroy, Jim Murray, Patrick Navidad, Paul Vung Nguyen, Fr. Roy Oggero, Robert O'Neil, Sandra Ortiz, Meena Outlaw, Catalina Padora, Charles Pierson, Lauren Popeney, Rose Marie Prevott, Angela Rankin, Frances Revelt, Melanie Robb, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Ivonne Ruiz, Provi Sabido, Gil Saenz, Kathleen Schroeder, Scotty Scott, Joan Sherman, June Sherman, Sandy Smith, Irma Soza, Steve Spaulding, Justin Stout, Adrianne Sturgis, Eugene Theobald, JD Tyler, Amy Visser, Doris Wagoner, Kylie Ward, Monica Williams, Gary Wilson.

## PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THOSE IN PRISON

Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Please pray for... Following are the prayer intentions of people visited by our Correctional Ministry. Please pray for... Isabella Flores, Adrian Zaldivar, Johnny Sanchez, Sonia Aguilar, Lizette Trevino, Jessica Ayala, Elizabeth Rojas, Linda Cameron, Dianna Coker & Family, Donna Prda & Family, Duane Reid, Colleen Rogers, Keith Cameron & Family, Daniel Lee, Ronald Bussey & Family, Micheal John Simon, Torres Family, Sierra Family, Carmen Hammond, Louisa Torres, Selena Sierra, Joshua Hernandez, Isak Hernandez & Family, Tommy dooley, Nick Joslyn, Cheyenne Joslyn, Florentino-Oneyda Vasquez & Family, Alamaráz Family, Lucio Family, Jasso Family, Serrano Family, Rodriguez Family, Mosqueda Family, Reyna Family, Canto & Riojas Family, Puente & Corez Family, Fecteau Family - Amy, Austin, Alec, Darly, Gerald Strauch. Society of St. John de Matha, the men in the Terrell Prison RCIA program and all the people of Jester 3. (7/2/18).

## 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 CPL Trevor Bello, USMC PFC John Blair, US Army LCpl Gordon Briggs, USMC SPC Jordan Briggs, US Army Maj. Michael Carroll, USMC Staff Sgt. 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 Capt. Brandon Driscoll, USMC Maj. James Dunphy, USMC ILT Michael Eberhardt, US Army CPT Stacey Eberhardt, US Army Reserve Derek Farias, US Navy Capt. Matthew Fenelon, USMC ILT Michelle Font, US Army PFC Aaron Fox, USMC PVT Jahneil Xavier George, US Army SSG Philip Graham, US Army CPT Spencer Henry, US Army PVT Liam Hill, US Army Daniel Hines, US Navy SSG Matthew Hollobaugh, US Army Reserve SPC Joshua Keenan, US Army Joseph Kingerski, US Navy EM4 James Locus, US Navy SGT Philip Loera, US Army PFC John Lundgren, US Army Amn Joseph Marcellus, USAF SGT William Marcellus, USMC TSGT David March, Texas Air National Guard Capt. Brendan McPartland, USMC CPT Alexander Morningstar, US Army CB, Richard Pinard, US Navy LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, USMC SGT Santiago Ramirez, US Army ILT Taylor Rammrath, US Army Sgt. Barbara L. Rangel, USMC SSgt Jonathan Slusser, US Air Force LT Kevin Stransky, US Navy CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, US Navy Maj. Michael Thesing, USMC ILT Kevin Wheeler, US Army SGT Bryce Whitley, US Army

AM Troy Yelverton, US Navy

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 14**

5:00pm - Timi Beeler (D)

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 15**

7:15am - Clara & Vincent P. Posluszny (D)

9:00am – Maria Lozano (D)

11:00am - Savio Kevin Le (D)

12:45pm - Crescencio Reyes (D)

5:00pm - St. Laurence Parishioners

#### **MONDAY, JULY 16**

7:30am - Timi Beeler (D)

12:00pm - John John (D)

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 17**

7:30am – Amie & Chris Schuetz (I)

12:00pm - Mr. & Mrs. D. Del Rosario (D)

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 18**

7:30am - Lorna Sombilla (I)

6:30pm – Donald Lanham (D)

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 19**

7:30am – Carmeline Cangelosi (D)

12:00pm - Galo & Evangelista Elbit (D)

#### FRIDAY, JULY 20

8:15am – Georgina DeMartinez (D)

12:00pm – Froilan & Felicisima Parado (D)

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 21**

8:30am – Sister Janice Ernst (D)

5:00pm – Dolores Cabanero (D)

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 22**

7:15am - Mary Joseph (D)

9:00am - Espinosa Family (I)

II:00am – Teresa Thuy Kim Nguyen (D)

12:45pm – Monica Dooley (I)

5:00pm – St. Laurence Parishioners

#### PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Collin Brown, Chad Henry, Bryan Williams,

Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Sister Daniela (Megan Bennett), Sister Rachel Marie of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus & Mary (Rachel Gosda), Christopher Meyer, Tom Ruck, Tim Cullen, Margaret Uche

### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

#### **MARIA GORETTI SUPPORT GROUP**

New support group for those afflicted with any type of abuse (physical, sexual, emotional, spiritual or mental) will begin to meet at 7:00 pm on the third Monday of every month in downtown Houston at the Cathedral Centre (1701 San Jacinto Street, Houston, TX 77002). For more info about the Maria Goretti Network that is sponsoring this support group, go to www.mgoretti. org or call 713-851-3708.

#### **AUG 4: WORKSHOP: BECOMING THE BEST FATHERS ON EARTH**

Expand your understanding of your most important job on earth: Being a father. This program is directed to fathers but mothers are welcome to attend as well. This workshop will combine the teachings of the church, philosophy, economics, common sense and practical teachings to help attendees become better husbands and fathers. The workshop will be held at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church on Saturday, August 4, 9am-3:30pm. Lunch and snacks are included. Cost \$20. For more information or to register, call the Office of Family Life to 713-741-8720.

#### **AUG 3-5: WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Jesus is asking us to go out two by two and proclaim His good news. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on August 3-5 or Oct. 12-14. Contact Brian & Tina Little at 281-773-4014 for more information. Or go on-line to www.houstonme.org.

#### **AUG 5: CATHOLIC RADIO LISTENER APPRECIATION PARTY**

Everyone is invited to the annual Listener Appreciation Party put on by KSHJ 1430AM Catholic Radio, in the gym at the University of St. Thomas on Sunday, August 5, at 2:00pm. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, this event is 100% free, including a BBQ brisket & sausage dinner, plus lots of fun games, activities and music. A \$500 donation is all that is needed to be a recognized underwriter; in exchange for your gift, Catholic Radio will offer you or your business one month of on-air sponsor spots plus an information booth at the event. Get details from Joe McClane at 832-786-4500, joe@ GRNonline.com.

#### PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION — WEEKLY OFFERTORY

JULY 8 COLLECTION  Registered Households  Envelopes Used  Loose Checks  2ND COLLECTION — ST.VINCENT DE	7,615 646 153
JULY I COLLECTION	\$52.322
Registered Households	
Envelopes Used	
Loose Checks	
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2 COLLECTION — PETERS PENCE	
ONLINE GIVING	
Monthly Offertory	\$190,973
Participants	1,060
DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND	
2018 Parish Goal	\$495,000
Total Amount Paid	
Total Amount Pledged	
Participants	869

#### 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.

\*not licensed by the state

#### WEDDING PREPARATION

#### Next class: July 30

The standard preparation time for weddings is 9-12 months in advance of the desired date. All engaged couples must attend an information session, usually offered every other month. Register with Rosemary Mascarenhas at 281-980-9812.

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

#### No class in July

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

#### **PARISH CELEBRATIONS**

#### **BAPTISMS**

Luke Gentry Dickinson, Miguel Escudero, Amelia Grace Fontana, Daniella Grovas, Jervic Monoel Quan Manalo, Nash Austin Rockett

#### **FUNERALS**

Peggy Anderson, mother of Sean Anderson Howard Cordova, father of Greg Cordova Alice Maldonado, mother of Leo Maldonado

#### **ONLINE GIVING**

#### **FAITH DIRECT**

Thank you for being a part of our St. Laurence Catholic Church family. We appreciate all that you do for our parish and community by sharing your Godgiven gifts of time, talent and treasure. Your active participation in the life of our parish helps us to fulfill our vision and mission. This summer, we pray that you will have some quiet and restful time that includes the love, joy and peace of being with family and friends. Please consider that St. Laurence Catholic Church continues to be open for Mass, numerous activities and the Sacraments and our operational expenses don't take a vacation. During these summer months your generosity through Faith Direct can help provide the consistent resources we need to operate our parish and ministries. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: TX460 Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

## Family, Children & Youth Ministry

#### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Registration for Elementary CCE beginning in mid-September is ongoing now through August 1st. Please check out www.stlaurence.org/education for session times/ days and to download registration forms. Elementary and the Kinder (Weds. option) classes will begin on Tues/Weds September 11th/12th and Preschool/Kindergarten (Sunday option) classes the Sunday before on September 9th for all registered children. Questions? Contact Joan Hastreiter at jhastreiter@stlaurence.org for Elementary or Cindy Martin for Preschool-Kindergarten at cindymartin@stlaurence.org

SUMMER FAITH CHALLENGE: Want to have your kids play some online faith-based games? Check out the Our Sunday Visitor website at http://aliveinchrist.osv.com/family and choose interactive games by grade level or, check out the games, videos and activities from EWTN at http://www.ewtn.com/ewtnkids/ home.asp. This is a great way for your children to review what they learned in CCE this past year or preview what's to come!

#### 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. Eligible youth who attend Catholic schools, public schools or are home-schooled should register for both Life Teen and Sacramental Preparation by August I. Go to stlaurence.org/confirmation for registration information. Contact Christine Dunn at cdunn@stlaurence.org for more information.



**OUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION** 

FROM CRIB **THROUGH 5 YEARS** 

Learn more and find the WCP Calendar at: www.stlaurence.org/weekday-childrens-program

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

FYI Night: August 8, 7:00pm Guardian Angels Hall Meet the teachers Thursday, August 9, 9:00am-10:00am for Monday, Wednesday and Friday Children and 5 Day Children 10:30-11:30am for Tuesday and Thursday Children.

First Days of School, August 13 and August 14, 11:30 dismissal

Weekday Children's Program is currently interviewing for part time assistant teachers. Send resume to bwilkinson@stlaurence.org.

**GET TO KNOW ST. LAURENCE** CATHOLIC SCHOOL — SCHEDULE A TOUR!

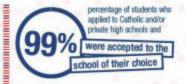


## About St. Laurence

Our 8th grade graduates consistently score in the top quartile on the lowa Assessments in

Reading Total Language Total FLA Total

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Interactive technology in every classroom



Programs Available

#### 2016 CHAMPIONSHIPS

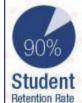














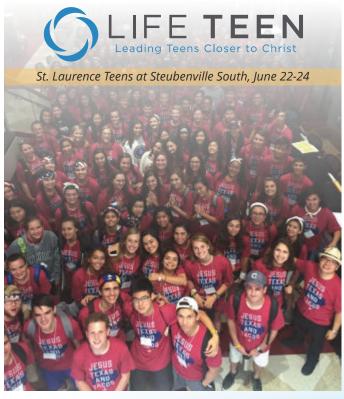


#### **BE PART OF OUR TEAM!**

St. Laurence Catholic School has a few job openings! You can find the list on our school website: https://stlaurenceschool. org/employment. At this time we are searching for a Librarian to join our team. If you are interested in joining our Saints Family, please submit your information here: www. choosecatholicschools.org/employment-opportunities

#### **INTERESTED IN A PART-TIME JOB?**

If you have a calling to work with children this could be an opportunity for you. The SLCS Before and After School Care (BASC) program is looking for college students and adults who enjoy working with children and are interested in working before and after school hours for the 2018-2019 school year. BASC staff supervise the students during homework and playtime. If you are interested in applying for a position with the BASC program beginning in August please email your resume to Betsy Brown at bbrown@stlaurence.org.



#### **SUMMER LIFE TEEN**

ALL LIFE TEEN SUMMER EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ANY INCOMING 9-12 GRADER.

#### **LIFE NIGHTS - JULY 15, 22, 29**

Join us for our Summer Life Night series on Sunday evenings in July. Following the 5pm Life Teen Mass, we'll be in the Ave Maria Center Youth Hall from 6:15-8:15pm. Food, community, games, prayer, a message, and more. See you there this Sunday!

#### **DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS - JULY 24, 31**

Free food, community, and a Bible Study. Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30pm in the Youth Hall.

#### MASS & OPEN YOUTH HALL - JULY 26

Food, fellowship, video games, ping pong, shuffleboard, games, and more. Thursday afternoons anytime from I-3pm in the Youth Hall. Join us for Noon Mass if you're able to!

#### **SOCIALS**

Follow us on Instagram @stlaurencelt for more socials throughout the Summer

#### **QUESTIONS?**

Contact Eric at epainter@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774



#### **EDGE REGISTRATION**

To register your middle school child for Edge for the upcoming year, please visit www.stlaurence.org/edge for more information or stop by the Ave Maria Center. The deadline to register is August 1st.

For more information head to www.stlaurence.org/edge or contact Mo Bass at mbass@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774

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#### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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



#### **Main Events**

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

- Young Adult Bible Study 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month // Open to young adults in 20s and 30s // 7:30-9p
   @ St. Clare room, Ave Maria Center
- 4-week Prayer Mini-Series July 25, Aug. 8, Aug. 22
- Fall 2018 Wisdom Study details coming soon!
- Monthly Social- 1st Wednesday // location varies
- Embodied: Introduction to Theology of the Body Series 3 Weeks // 7-9PM @ Marian Hall, Sept 20, Sept 27, Oct 4

#### **Young Married Couples**

Contact person: Alex McBride alexandriapane 15@gmail.com

July 20 - Lyrics & Lawn Games
 @ Sugar Land Town Center 6:30-8:30p

#### Summer College Ministru

Contact person: Michaela Barta mbarta@stlaurence.org

- Weekly Dinner & Teaching // Every Thursday
   6:30-8:30p @ Guardian Angels Hall, Ave Maria.
   July 19, July 26, August 2, August 9
- Winter College Ministry starts mid-December & runs weekly through mid-January 2019

#### Blessed Is She: Women's Group

Contact person: Flo Francis, francis.florence6@gmail.com
Open to all women in 20s + 30s // Usually 1st and 3rd Saturday //
Brunches 10a-12p // Location varies // Summer brunch — July 21.
Twice a month resumes in August!

Blessed Is She Wild Retreat - October 12-13, 2018! Hosted at St. Laurence!. Register here: blessedisshe.net The Blessed is She Wild Retreat is all about unleashing God's Spirit in the lives of women. Come and find freedom, learn to live in freedom, and give freedom to other women. With Michelle Benzinger, Ike Ndolo, Danielle Noonan, Katie Hartfiel, Sr. Maria Guadalupe, OP, and Beth Davis. We are expecting 300 women from all over Texas and the Southwest. All women ages 18+ are welcome to attend.

#### Men's Group

Contact person: Chris Koeppen c.m.koeppen@gmail.com

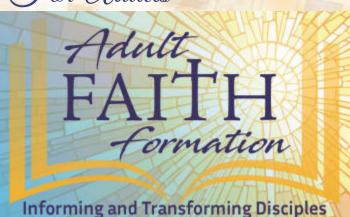
• Ist Thursday nights - location varies

#### **Service Daus**

Contact person: Marisa Vela marisaramon 18@gmail.com

July 18 - Seniors & Sangria - 6-7p rosary & communion service
 © Colonial Oaks, 7:30 drinks @ Los Tios Mexican Restaurant

## For Adults





Men's Bible Study Mondays, 7:30-9:00pm, or Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15am St. Francis Room, Contact: Steve Ewbank | 281-703-3873 ewbanksix@gmail.com

Catholic Men Called to be Saints Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 am,

Guardian Angel Hall Contact: Jim Kij | 281-253-4800 iimkij@comcast.net





#### Thursday, July 26, 7-9 p.m. Marian Hall, Ave Maria Center

Join other men of the parish for a night of delicious BBQ, great brotherhood, and a powerful talk from Michael Gormley on understanding every father's call to be a leader, protector, and provider of their family.

Michael earned his Masters in Theology and Christian Ministry from Franciscan University, is the Coordinator of Evangelization for St Anthony of Padua, and a popular Catholic speaker/retreat leader.

#### Reserve your spot in advance at stlaurence.org/ brosandbrisket

or contact Justin Frato at jfrato@stlaurfence.org.

NO CHARGE! A free will offering will be taken up at the event.

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

### Coming in September....

#### TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Begins Sept 11, 2018 9:00-11:45 am Marian Hall A



Wisdom: God's Vision for Life
In this study by Jeff Cavins and
Thomas Smith, you will examine
biblical wisdom as it relates to daily life.

Drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible - Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes - Wisdom will teach you how to actively seek out sound guidance and increase your sense of peace in navigating life. With this program, you will learn how to gather, gain, and grow in wisdom, and you will experience the joy it brings to your life. To register go to stlaurence.org/biblestudies. For more info contact Joe at jkanusky@aol.com.

#### FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Begins Sept 10, 2018 6:30-8:30 pm Ave Maria Center Rooms 206 & 208



Come join us on the road to find Financial Peace. This life-changing program helps participants to achieve their financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before. The program

consists of a 9-week video curriculum—taught by financial expert Dave Ramsey. For more info: **Sunny Soji-Tom at sunnysojitom@hotmail.com** 

#### ST. LAURENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



### **Interested In Becoming Catholic?**

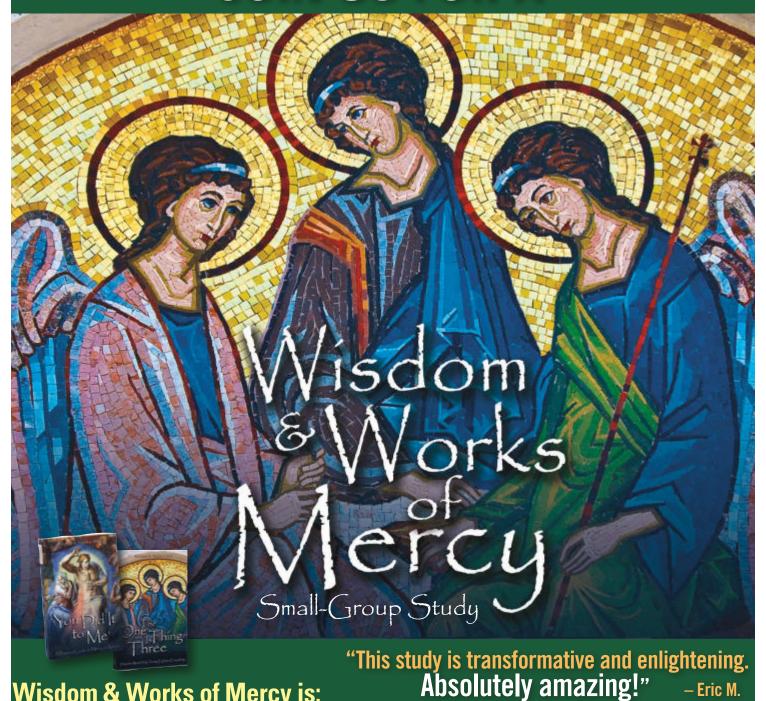
RCIA is for those who have never been baptized, those baptized in another Christian faith tradition interested in joining the Catholic Church, and Catholics who were baptized but have not celebrated all of their Sacraments. Please come to one of the following sessions to get your questions answered.

Inquiry Sessions: Sundays, August 19 & 26 10:15-11:15am in the Corpus Christi Room

Notice: We are in need of catechists for the children's RCIA process!

Contact Justin Frato, 281-265-5774 jfrato@stlaurence.org
More info: stlaurence.org/rcia

## **JOIN US FOR A**



## Wisdom & Works of Mercy is:

- The entire Stage Two of the Hearts Afire program
- Based on the popular books by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC: The 'One Thing' Is Three and 'You Did It to Me': A Practical Guide to Mercy in Action
- 10 Sessions of The 'One Thing' Is Three Group Study
- 1 Session of 'You Did It to Me' Group Guide

Join us for a group study that delves into the Most Holy Trinity as the key to bringing the faith from our heads to our hearts and out into our lives. Then put your faith into action with group works of mercy

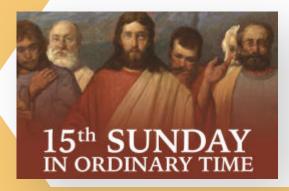
**Monday:** Aug 27, Sept 10, 17, 24, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 2018, 6:30-8:30 pm, Ave Maria classroom #201 **Thursday:** Aug 30, Sept 6, 13, 20, 27, Oct 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov 1, 8, 2018, 9:30-11:30 am, Corpus Christi Room Cost for materials: \$20.00

Register online: stlaurence.org/wisdomandworksofmercy, For more info: Joe Chirco jchirco@aol.com

## Living as Disciples

## LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In his letter to the Ephesian community, St. Paul teaches that God, the Father, has established a divine plan to bring all of creation to Christ and that He has blessed us with the divine gifts to help implement that plan. Christian stewards know what their gifts are and remain committed to using them in the service of the Lord. Do we know what our gifts are? Do we believe that God has given us these gifts? Are we committed to using our gifts to serve the Lord?

www.catholicstewardship.com

#### STEWARDS AMONG US

**PATRICIA BUILES** 



If we listen, God helps us find a way to put our interests and talents to work for His Kingdom! Known for her creativity and dependability, Patricia stepped up to organize arts & crafts activities for the Golden Agers, a parish group of Spanishspeaking seniors that gathers weekly in prayer and fellowship. Originally from Colombia, Patricia and her husband Jaime joined St. Laurence in 1999, and raised their four children here. She established an initial connection to her parish family by participating in the Spanish Bible Study and then began assisting Helena Gunter with the Spanish Golden Age group. Patricia says, "I joined the bible study to progress more deeply in my faith and the Golden Age group to serve our community in a more impactful way. Through my involvement, I have found inner peace in my daily life with my family. But also, I have had the opportunity to meet wonderful, spiritual people who have become a second family to me here. They have helped me grow spiritually over the years we have been together."



When we are firmly united to the God who loves and sustains us, we are able to withstand all life's difficulties and challenges.

— Pope Francis



June 30, 2018

## Ask Paula

What happens to the coupons people donate to Social Concerns?



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Students earn service hours for cutting, categorizing and totaling the value of the coupons. Once a week, Social Concerns mails the sorted coupons to the Support our Troops Troopons Program. I like how they say "troopons" instead of coupons, just saying. From there, the coupons are sent to military troops and their families all over the country. How great is that, right? Social Concerns receives so many coupons that they also have Coupons for a Cause shoppers, who use the coupons to save about 50% on groceries that we donate to Trini's Market, Fort Bend Family Promise and Park's Youth Ranch. WOW! Please keep those coupons coming and a BIG thanks to students and our shoppers.

Paula Savo has been our Parish Receptionist for 21 years and knows the practical answers to (practically) everything. Call 281-980-9812 or email her at psavo@stlaurence.org.



## Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.

It may not have been nighttime, but last year many of our parishioners heard the call and answered. The call was from God, but came in the form of an invitation from the bulletin, a friend who volunteers, or a phone call from one of our Religious Education program leaders who needed more catechists and volunteers. Is God calling you? St. Laurence relies on many people throughout the year to minister to our parishioners. We invite you to join this team of wonderful people who pass on the faith to a new generation or strengthen and encourage one another in our adult faith formation programs. With much gratitude we thank those listed below who answered the call in 2017-2018. You are amazing people of faith!

### St. Laurence Religious Education Catechists & Volunteers 2017-2018

#### **Special Need Catechists and Buddies**

Amy Amacker Noreen Barker Michael Blasdell Eva Imperial

Katherine Lange Betty Parra Fenella Pradhan Alessandra Vannema Skie Villani

#### **Pre-School CCE Catechists and Assistants**

Rachel Ammar Theresa Baer Matthew Biagiotti Margaret Biagiotti Katy Blackman Renee Budd Michael Colligan Susan Correa April Davis Carol DeNeefe Robert DeNeefe Sarah DeNeefe Ami Duran Diana Durazo Emilio Estevez Sophie Estevez Natalie Ford Ana Gibson Norma Gonzales Heather Heald

Jacquelyn Compton

Nadia Crespo

Amy Curiel

Kerry Dannecker

April Davis

Kristen Di Vece

Ninoshka Dias

January Hricisak
Eva Imperial
Amanda Jaramillo
Veronica Johnson
Brittney Kaiser Craw
Maria Land
Tyler Land
Jennifer Loupe
Laura Ludolph
Jessy Martin

Marina Mendonca Jean Paul Nguyen Jennifer Nguyen Thong Nguyen Leah Pereira Estephania Perez Melissa Peterson Jessica Pham Pattie Rodriquez Michelle Russell

Dominga Silva Hernandez Stacy Garcia Brittney Tann Mary Tann Rebecca Tann Mirka Valdivieso Ana Valenzuela Viviana Zamora

#### Elementary CCE Catechists, Assistants and Substitutes

Ailynne Abarado Jill Aburto loe Acosta Katie Amore Jeanette Arellano Tracey Bacalla Shannon Bandish-Nash John Bantu Melony Barran Sandy Basler Allison Bauer Claudia Bravo Sandi Brunello Frances Cabading Robin Callahan Linda Cao Rachel Collins

Christine Domonoske
Terri Donovan
Antoney Ejimadu
Brigit Engleman
Patricia Espino
Scott Feldman
Patricia Foster
Emily Frazee
Raquel Garcia
Bindhu George
Barbara Harrison
Anthony Hart

Donna Hart Heather Heald Kathy Hemminger Sharon Henry Tori Hernandez Gina Herring Dawn-Marie Hinson Tee Ilona Eva Imperial Veronica Johnson Renata Lara Aliyah Lewis Jennifer Loupe Laurie Lowery Linda Ludwig Amber Machacek Cary Martinez Irma Martinez Kim May

Sophia May Mark Moore Kelly Mueller Laura Najera Lauren Nguyen Quan Nguyen Josephine Nwachukum-Peters Nelly Okere Ann Oliver Juraxi Pastrano Patrick Pecson Cristen Petershagen Alice Powers Madeline Pyle Mimi Ramos Theresa Rawls Andell Remigio Stefanie Roach Randy Roberts

Patti Rodriguez Pattie Rodriguez Esperanca Rosa Nancy Rosa Jordan Seifert Dominga Silva

Marie Sims
Daniela Suarez
Nibin Thomas
Pulcharia Thompson
Gloria Tobin
Michelle Triesch
Barbara Villarreal
Edward Young
Evania Zulato

#### First Sacraments Preparation

Katie Amore Noreen Barker Sandy Basler Elane Biles

Jason Colunga

Maria Colunga

Gregory Brown Mike Casey Julie Evett Kathy Hemminger Anne Higgins Paula Marafino Lisbeth Medina de Camera Nancy Pilson Alice Powers Theresa Rawls Randy Roberts Gretchen Sassone

#### Family Faith Catechists and Volunteers

Ginu & Melwyn Alleluia Elane Biles Megan Biles Shannon Biles Carolyn Borak Hector & Johanna Camelo Charles & Donna Camp Ionel & Teresa Chila Jacob & Jillian Counts Carly Darnell Dacia Dietlein
Leila El-Hakam
Cindy Esteban
Diana Garcia
Stacey Heffernan
Andrea Henley
Jared & Melissa Johnson
Brad & Stephanie Kerwin
Jean Konrady
Tracy Kot

Jerry & Linda Lo
Cindy & Korey Lust
Blanca Maldonado
Michelle Manukonda
Anthony & Tammy Marino
Dante & Deyanira Martinez
Desmond & Tara McWhirter
Jeff & Kelly Morrison
Guillermo & Sara Narvacan
Hoang Ngo & Amanda Nguyen

Jenny & Travis Nutzman
Marissa Olvera
Rini Patterson
Sam & Tammy Pugh
Cristina Quintero
Rebecca & Stephen Rogers
Gabriela & Robert Scott
Deepa & Jason Thekkekara
Erika & Jason Tinnin
Audrey Trevino

Lorena & Steven Zbranek Molly Zimmer

> Family Ministry Volunteers Coppedge Family Davis Family

#### St. Laurence Religious Education Catechists & Volunteers 2017-2018

#### Middle School Core Team

Rose Anne Acosta Jim Biles Elane Biles Mary Boneno Catherine Cashiola Sana Clement Ross Conaster Steve Crockett Caity DeWitt Drew Donavan Lorraine Drews Amy Ewbank Maria Framo Gus Gozda Heidi Green Abby Gutierrez Art Hanzo Kaelyn Hardin Isabella Idrees
Jennifer Johnson
Shawn Kelly
Amber Machacek
Lourdes Martinez
Bridget Mazza
Duy Nguyen
Nick Pane
Lily Pereira

Caitlin Perry Christy Peters Philippe Petijen Maddie Purdy Matthew Reyes Libby Roberts Cindy Saha Marissa Salazar Diego Sananez Debbie Sandberg Rosie Sedita Ana Sobrino Jason Tinnin Alessandra Vennema Jackson Voller

#### **High School Core Team & Confirmation Preparation**

Melissa Alvarez Ruben Alvarez Amy Amacker Barb Baudler Paul Bauer Liz Black Julie Borque Rick Candea Michelle Cashiola Mark Chapman Mario Commito Collin Cooper Tiffany Cowin Michelle Durio Catherine Fergie Flo Francis IV Gonzalez Jessica Gunter Mitchie Hawkins Kristin Holy Jordan Howland Chris Koeppen Jessica Kral Katherine Lange Cindy Martin Bridget Mazza Philip McBride Dave McCoy George Mock Andrea Murray Tammy Noe Arlene Novak Lauren Novak Matthew Novak Sonya Purdy Scott Rech Caroline Roberts Robert Schiller Melissa Schroer Carl Sedita Patti Sedita Rosie Sedita Janet Sisolak Michael Sisolak

Evan Sokolich Jess Swenson Christina Triggs Bat Tucker Christie Viktorin Steven Washer Kyle Wisecarver Don Yeager

#### Adult Faith Formation/RCIA

**RCIA Volunteers** 

Daniel Corredor Amy Ewbank Anne Higgins Jane Hill Kirk Hill Bill Hodgson Susan Hollobaugh Ed Hudson Lesa Mohr Molly Moore Janelle Pennington Christi Peters Steven Saltsman Lee Schmoe Nick Stulack Sheila Stulack

AFF Core Team

David Barta Bob Bethancourt Rosario Dubois Joy Eckelkamp Jack Kehoe Jenny Nutzman SCC Core Team Genoveva Duque Steve Ewabank Tammy Luster Sylvia McPartland Roger Peters Angela Rankin

**Adult Faith Formation** 

Marta Alves
David Barta
Bob Bethancourt
Roland Bienvenu
Elane Biles
Gregory Brown
Shannon Brown
Suzan Bryan
Peggy Calabaza
Augustine Chan
Clara Chan
Betsy Clark
Cokey Clark
Mike Clark

Greg Cordova Stella Cordova Mary Clare Cullen Jason Davalos Mary Ann De Mont Tom De Mont Rachelle Dooley Monica Doucet Mark Dubois Rosario Dubois Joy Eckelkamp Julie Evett Steve Ewbank Sally Flowers Kathy Gawlick Corinne Gerke Carol Giardina Mike Giardina Helena Gunter John Harry Sharon Harry Deacon Dennis Henderson Leslye Henderson

Bill Hodgson Vicky Hu Mark Hudec Teresa Jalomo Charles Johnson Regina Johnson Carol Kanusky, Joe Kanusky Jim Kij Patrick King Arleen Kluepfel Cindy Kral Amy Le Mike Lojo Nerina Lyons Irma Martinez Dolores Mendoza Dave McCoy Marie McCoy Sharon McGlaun Claire McMullin Ken McMullin Bernadette Peters Roger Peters

Stacey Poche Tom Poche Kay Quenan Art Ramponi Marilyn Ramponi Veronica Reinoso Francisco Rojas **Dolores Ruck** Tom Ruck Cindy Savely Eileen Scamardo Tony Scamardo Joanne Schmidt Catherine Short Mark Short Bill Smith Elaine Smith Lesley Smith Sandy Smith Kati Sotillo Sunny Tom Cynthia VanDeursen Iohn Waldron Mike Zimmer

Young Adult Ministry

Anne Higgins

Core Team Flo Francis Jordan Howland Chris Koeppen Alex McBride Molly Moore Robert Schiller Marisa Vela Christie Viktorin Kyle Wisecarver

#### Interested in being part of this fabulous team of RE Catechists and Volunteers?

Call the Religious Education staff at 281-265-5774 to learn more about how rewarding it is to share in the faith journey of others while deepening your own faith or visit the websitestlaurence.org/registration and download the RE Volunteer Form.

#### CAUTION: WATCH FOR CHILDREN AND SLOW DOWN

We received a call from neighbors reporting parishioners who are driving too fast and not obeying stop signs. Let us take this as a reminder to be exceedingly cautious and to obey the posted traffic signs on all roads, most especially during the summer when children are playing outside during all hours. We are fortunate to be located in the midst of a vibrant suburban community, so let's be good and gracious neighbors to our friends in Stephens Grant and Colony Park. Thank you.

#### NEW ON STAFF: MEET ELIZABETH HERNANDEZ



Welcome Elizabeth Hernandez to parish staff as the Play & Pray Coordinator (to replace and enhance our current babysitting service, Kingdom Care). Elizabeth grew up in Georgia, went to the University of Kansas, and met her husband Jeremiah while teaching with Teach for America in South Texas. They are parents to Charlie (5), Stella (4), and Catherine (I), and have been parishioners for four years. Elizabeth says her favorite place in the world is to be at home with her family, riding bikes and playing in the backyard, but in her free time she loves a good mystery book and enjoys baking and Jazzersizing. Elizabeth says, "I have enjoyed

staying home with my kids for the past few years, and am excited to begin working with other young families at St. Laurence. I can truly relate to families who are looking for loving care for their little ones while becoming more involved in our parish. In this new role, I look forward to ministering to the littlest members of our parish, and also to their families." Elizabeth is part-time, with office hours on Tue/Thu. Look for more about Play & Pray in the weeks ahead and contact her at ehernandez@stlaurence.org, 281-265-5774.

#### SIGN UP NOW: ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Are you a member of St. Laurence Parish, in Grade 5-12, who feels a call to serve at Mass? Sign up for the annual training to become an Altar Server, scheduled on three Saturdays this fall. To be a part of this important ministry, you must have made your First Communion, be at least 10 years old, and understand the privilege and responsibility of being an Altar Server. If you, along with your parents, feel this is right for you and your family, register now and plan to attend all of the following training days:

- Saturday, AUG 18, 9:00-11:00am
- Saturday, SEPT 15, 1:00-3:30pm
- Saturday, SEPT 22, 10:00am-12:00pm

Altar Servers are expected to regularly serve at weekend Masses and attend additional training and rehearsals for other special liturgical celebrations. For more details about this ministry, visit stlaurence.org/altar-servers. Email Julie Rodriguez at julie. rodriguez@stlaurence.org to register for the training. (Please note, class size is limited by grade level, so register ASAP.)

#### **NOW HIRING: PART-TIME SACRISTANS**

If you have a love for liturgy and are looking for meaningful part-time work (4-10 hours per week), consider applying for the position of Sacristan. Sacristans have an essential role at Mass, assisting clergy and lay ministers with the orderly flow of the liturgy. Sacristans arrive early to open the church; set out chalices, ciboria and other items for the liturgy; confirm lectors/altar servers are present; assist with securing the offertory; lock up campus; plus other duties. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, able to walk and stand for several hours and have a good working knowledge of the order and flow of liturgical services. Training will be provided. Apply by sending your resume to Rosemary Mascarenhas at rmascarenhas@stlaurence.org.



#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FR. DREW

20 years ago this month
Fr. Drew came to St. Laurence.
We are blessed to have him.

## SHOE DRIVE TAG LINE

ON THE PLAZA THIS WEEKEND

#### ST. LAURENCE WOMEN'S RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 28-30
REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

STLAURENCE.ORG/WOMENSRETREAT

## REGISTER NOW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**CCE - EDGE - LIFETEEN** 

Deadline August 1st. Forms for CCE and First Sacraments preparation may be picked up in person at the AMC or www.stlaurence.org/registration

#### BE A CATECHIST

Sign up to serve when you register your children.

#### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES

A series of classes on NFP will be offered at St. Laurence on Thursday evenings

JULY 19, AUG 16, & SEP 13

stlaurence.org/natural-family-planning

## Serving Others

### ST. LAURENCE SHOE DRIVE



#### Changing Lives... ONE NEW PAIR OF SHOES AT A TIME

Beginning in 2001, the St. Laurence Shoe Drive has impacted the lives of more than 6,800 children in need. This year we hope to serve over 700 children! The simple gift of a new pair of athletic shoes helps children attend school in comfort and with dignity, better prepared to learn and play. We hear such positive feedback from the participating agencies about how excited and delighted the children are when they open their new shoe boxes.

With your assistance and generosity, we will be able to distribute shoes to the following churches and agencies:

Queen of Peace Catholic Church (our sister parish)

St. John Fisher Catholic Church

**Holy Family Catholic Church** 

**Hick's Elementary School** 

Fort Bend Rainbow Room

**Rio Bend Foster Care Community** 

**Lotus Military Project** 

**Fort Bend Child Advocates** 

St. Laurence Village families

Fort Bend Back to School

Refugee Resettlement









The Shoe Drive tag line continues this weekend. Shoe tags and monetary donation envelopes will be on the plaza after Mass today. In addition to the Shoe Drive, please consider helping us provide necessary school supplies to help ensure that children in need in Fort Bend County are prepared to learn and succeed in the classroom. The rising cost of supplies coupled with the number of items requested has made it difficult for many families to purchase the supplies needed. A complete list of all school supplies will be available on our website and on the tagline. **All** 

school supply donations will be distributed to children in need at the Fort Bend County Back to School event on Saturday, August 4.





#### RESPECT LIFE NEWS

#### **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS STARTS**

THIS WEEK. A series of classes on NFP will be offered at St. Laurence on Thursday evenings July 19, August 16, and September 13. See stlaurence.org/natural-family-planning. "Celebrate and reverence God's vision of human sexuality."

#### Did you know?

- Among teens who aborted their first pregnancy, 66% experienced miscarriage or premature birth of their second child.
- Abortion is linked to increased depression, violent behavior, alcohol and drug abuse, eating disorders, and replacement pregnancies.

#### SUMMER OF SERVICE

We have several Summer of Service opportunities coming up in the community and in the SCM workroom. Space is limited, so preregistration will be required. Details for each service project are on Sign Up Genius

#### **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

July 17, 1:30pm-3:30pm Summer Fun bags for Park's Youth Ranch

July 24, 1:30pm-3:30pm Military cards and treats

July 31, 1:30pm-3:30pm Shoe Sort

August 7, 9am-I Iam Bethel School Supply at Bethel Ministries in Stafford

Register via Sign Up Genius: 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. This will bring up a listing of all the service opportunities that are available.

Who doesn't love BINGO? Teach your children the importance or serving others, have fun doing it together, and brighten the day for local senior citizens by calling

BINGO at Sugar Land Health Care Center is old Sugar Land. This is a GREAT family or small group service opportunity. For more info or to volunteers, please contact Janet Roberts at jroberts3207@gmail.com.

#### **VOLUNTEER AT THE FORT BEND CLUBHOUSE**



The Fort Bend Clubhouse is a safe place where those with mental illness in Fort Bend County gather together and teach and learn life skills together. Volunteer mentors are needed in the following areas: kitchen, social media, computer skills, special projects and wellness projects. Please contact Michelle Lovelace at michelle@fortbendclubhouse.org or 281-605-9212 for more information.

#### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

#### WEEKLY

MONDAYS: Our Daily Bread 9:30am, SCM Workroom

WEDNESDAYS: Coupons for a Cause 1:00pm,

SCM Workroom

#### OTHER GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

**Bingo:** Call weekend Bingo games for nursing home residents at Sugar Land Health Care Center

Child Advocates Snack Bags: Monthly assembly of 100+ snack bags for children

Fresh Food Delivery: Twice a month, purchase and deliver fresh food St. John Fisher food pantry

Learn English Ministry: Teach English to non-English-speaking adults; no teaching or foreign language experience necessary

Lunches of Love: Decorate lunch bags; over 2,200 brown bag meals provided each week to children in Richmond-Rosenberg

Loving Creations: Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month in the SCM Workroom, I 0:00am-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

www.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), poptop 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.

## Ministry News

#### ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL



The first commandment is to love God. What better way to love God than to spend time with Him in the chapel? The Archdiocese guidelines for Eucharistic Exposition require that 2 or 3 persons be present at all times. We are adding a second adorer whenever only one is currently in place. Are you that second person?

URGENT Need for adorers at these times: Mondays, 12am to 1am, Saturdays, 2pm to 3pm, Sundays, 6am to 7am & 10am to 11am Please check online:

stlaurence.org/adoration or pick up a card at the back of the church for a list of days and times available and prayerfully consider the hours listed where we need committed adorers. Contact Fran Magelssen at

adoration@stlaurence.org 281-224-6122

#### **JULY 27: LOVING SENIORS MEETING**

Loving Seniors is a brand-new parish ministry that welcomes seniors with mobility issues and/or early dementia to grow in fellowship with others who share similar challenges. This group will meet at the Ave Maria Center on Friday mornings beginning July 27, 9:30-11:30am, to enjoy activities that promote their well-being and engage in service projects to benefit others. To learn more about this new parish ministry which will be starting soon, please contact coordinators Julie Koeppen (mjkoeppen@comcast.net, 713-320-7498) or Fe Vicerra (bertandfevicerra@yahoo.com, 713-248-0974).

#### **GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY - SUMMER MEETINGS**

#### No One Should Grieve Alone

Our program uses the foremost authorities in the field of grief and loss. They share their wit and wisdom as well as compassion, knowledge and understanding, which comes from personal experiences, formal education and practice. Our videos inform, inspire and offer important tools to help you navigate your grief journey. With our facilitators, who are certified educators/teachers, our participants get the best of both types of programs... information from the leading minds in the field and an opportunity for discussion (continuing support) from the compassionate members of this group who will walk the journey with you! We have also experienced the death of someone that we deeply love! No Cost - No Prerequisites - No Requirements.

All are welcome! Everyone grieves in their own way and in their own time. Whether your loss is recent or in the past we encourage you to come! We meet every week at The Ave Maria Center, Tuesday 6:30 pm OR Wednesday 10:00 am. We meet during the summer also. Contact: Sandy 832-451-9117 or help2grieve@hotmail.com

#### AUG 9: CAREGIVERS SUPPORT FAMILY DINNER

The Caregivers Support Group is a spiritually-based fellowship for those caring for a loved one (of any age) with special needs, such as autism spectrum, dementia, Down syndrome, Parkinson's and stroke. Come learn more about the group at "Celebrate the Super Hero in You," their 3rd Annual Family Dinner & Games Night on Thursday, August 9, 6:00-8:30pm, in Marian Hall. The Holy Spirit fills each of us with gifts of superhero proportions. Whether your super power is a super smile, witty wisdom, or powerful perseverance, we all have gifts to share, and we can't wait to see what God will do with those gifts as we gather in community! The evening includes dinner, fellowship, and fun ability-adapted games for all ages. Please RSVP by August 6, and bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. A main dish and drinks will be provided. To RSVP, or for more info, contact Lori Knowles (knowlesml5@gmail.com, 281-261-5738) or Jane Jewell (ejcomp@aol.com, 281-265-9658).

#### **FAMILY FAITH MINISTRY NEWS**

#### INTERESTED IN A FAMILY FAITH EXPERIENCE

We have a few spots available in our 2018-2019 Family Faith program. Join our vibrant group of families! We meet on the first Sunday of the month for family faith formation, CCE classes for PREK3-12th grade, and an adult class. This program for children in PREK3-12th grade is a combination of CCE and home study with work from home due each month. For more information contact Melissa Calcote before July 31st at mcalcote@stlaurence.org or 281-265-5774.

#### JUL 28: MINISTERIO HISPANO MISA EN ESPAÑOL

En la Capilla. Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada mes a las 7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes de la misa de 6:00 a 6:45 pm. Comunión a los enfermos, Irma Martinez Tel 281-313-2833. Recibir anuncios mandando correo a mhstlaurence@gmail.com.

#### **JULY 28: UNBOUND PRAYER MINISTRY**

Do you long to experience the love, freedom, and abundant life that Jesus talks about in the Gospels? But, do you often feel stuck, bound up, unable to move forward?

## **UNBOUND**

UNBOUND Ministry empowers people to take hold of the freedom they have been given in Christ.

Unbound is a safe, loving, simple, and reproducible prayer model that helps people to respond to the Good News of the Gospel and apply the truth to their lives using five simple keys. The Five Keys are: Repentance and Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father's Blessing. The book, Unbound, by Neal Lozano explains these principles in detail.

By using the Five Keys in individual prayer sessions and in personal prayer, people experience freedom from the influence of deception and lies, and embrace the reality that they are known and loved by the Father.

If you are interested in receiving this gift of Healing Prayer contact Anne Marie Daniel at adaniel@stlaurence.org or call 281-265-5774.

Individual Prayer Sessions on Saturday July 28, 2018 at the Corpus Christi Rm., Parish Courtyard, 9:00am to 12:00 Noon (Scheduled appointments only)

#### JULY 19: JOY CLUB FOR SENIORS

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 II:00am-I:00pm, for a social activity or program at the Ave Maria Center. Join us at these upcoming events and contact Anne Higgins at nannyhiggs@gmail.com, 832-755-5597.

THURS 7/19 Noon Mass and lunch.

**MON 8/6** I lam to Ipm: SOCIAL CONCERNS service project in the AMC, Brown bag lunch

#### PARISH LIBRARY NEWS

The library needs dedicated, VIRTUS trained volunteers to help manage the various tasks involved in running our ministry. Knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System and previous library experience are helpful but not necessary as long as you are willing to learn! Have you checked out the library's webpage? You can find out all the exciting things happening at http://stlaurence.org/parish-library Or contact the Parish Librarian, Susan Mule', at the Ave Maria Center: 281-265-5774

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to help you deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. They meet on Wednesday evenings, 7:00pm-9:00pm, in the St. Francis room in the Ave Maria Center. If interested, contact Janie Picou at jpdivorcecare@aol.com or 832-860-3398. More info: www.stlaurence.org/divorcecare

#### **SUMMER SESSION 2018** (You can join at any time)

July 18 - Kid Care

July 25- Single Sexuality

August I - Forgiveness

August 8- Reconciliation

August 15 - No Group - Assumption of Mary

August 22 - Moving On, Growing Closer to God

#### ST. LAURENCE ADULT SINGLES

The St. Laurence Singles Ministry serves adults of all ages who are widowed, divorced, separated or never married. We gather together in spiritual and social activities in a safe and friendly environment to develop friendships and have fun! We also occasionally do service projects to help our Parish. More Information: st.laurencesingles@gmail.com or stlaurence. org/adultsingles

**TUES, JULY 24, 7pm** Planning meeting in the Trinity Room at St. Laurence Church Courtyard. Come join us to give your suggestions on what you would like to do.

**SAT, JULY 28, 6:00pm** – Dinner and live music at Capone's Oven & Bar in Missouri City. Music starts at 7:30 pm.

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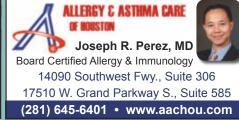
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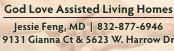




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