

St. Lawrence
CATHOLIC CHURCH

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo — Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

PARISH THEME 2022-2023

Still
Bearing
Fruit

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ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON - HOUSTON

PARISH OFFICE

3100 Sweetwater Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479
281-980-9812

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281-980-0500

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WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

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281-980-9812

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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 facilities are available through reservation by contacting Nia Sepe, Facilities Scheduler, at nsepe@stlaurence.org or 281-980-9812.

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:00am - 6:00pm; Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm; Closed on Saturday and Sunday.

Do you have a change of address? Please email Ida Buckle, ibuckle@stlaurence.org

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.

Office hours: 8am-9pm Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm Friday, and 8am-1pm Saturday, closed on Sunday.

The Weekday Children's Program is offered for infants through pre-school aged children. During the school year, **WCP** office hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00am - 3:00pm.

PARISH SCHOOL & CHAPEL

St. Laurence Catholic School provides strong academics in a Christian environment to 685 students enrolled in PreK4 through Grade 8.

Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 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

Still Bearing Fruit

St. Laurence Catholic Church in 2022-2023

The just will flourish... in the courts of our God.

Still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green;

To proclaim that the Lord is just; in him, my rock, there is no wrong (Psalm 92:13-16).

"Still Bearing Fruit" is the theme Fr. Drew selected for the parish this year.

Inspired by Psalm 92, the theme is likely part autobiographical, as Fr. Drew celebrates (this week, in fact) 20 years as pastor of St. Laurence, and on April 28, 2023, 50 years as a priest, his Golden Jubilee.

What a blessing for our parish! In Fr. Drew we have a pastor who enthusiastically embraces his priestly vocation and loves his flock with abandon. Health permitting and with the blessing of Cardinal DiNardo, Fr. Drew has declared that it is his desire to continue to serve the people of St. Laurence as long as he is able.

By the grace of God, Fr. Drew is still bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God. And so is St. Laurence Catholic Church.

It has not been without its challenges, especially over the last 2½ years.

Throughout the pandemic, we have collectively experienced times of stress, doubt, division and exhaustion. But quoting the wisdom of St. Barnabas in the 1st Century, Fr. Drew advises that when evil days are upon us, "we must attend to our own souls and seek to know the ways of the Lord. In these times, reverential fear of the Lord and perseverance will sustain our faith."

Reverential fear of the Lord – The Eucharist unites us as One Body in Christ. In Him, there is no darkness and no division. During the current National Eucharistic Revival, return to God with your whole heart and plan to attend events this year at St. Laurence featuring national speakers on the Eucharist.

Perseverance – St. James says it best: "Consider it pure joy when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. And let perseverance be perfect, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4).

Gratitude – Our parish family came to Texas from all over the globe, bringing beautiful traditions that have enriched a Catholic faith community founded 37 years ago in a spirit of cheerful giving. Thanks be to God, that great spirit continues to this day.

What will be your unique contribution to our parish story?

What Fruits of the Holy Spirit do you exemplify in your everyday life?

How do you know when you bear fruit?

Our parish mission statement reminds us that we are a people "centered in the love of Christ and live to glorify God in all we do." So let us stay centered in that Love, cling to the Vine and love one another as He taught us—and thereby bear good fruit.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another (John 15:16-17).

Sharon Ehrenkranz

Director of Parish Life

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST

SUNDAY

GATHER BOOK #1154

21

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Is 66:18-21

Reading II

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel

Lk 13:22-30

MONDAY

22

Memorial of The Queenship of the BVM

Reading I

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12

Gospel

Mt 23:13-22

TUESDAY

23

Reading I

2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17

Gospel

MT 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY

24

Reading I

Rv 21:9b-14

Gospel

Jn 1:45-51

THURSDAY

25

Reading I

1 COR 1:1-9

Gospel

MT 24:42-51

FRIDAY

26

Reading I

1 COR 1:17-25

Gospel

MT 25:1-13

SATURDAY

27

Reading I

1 Cor 1:26-31

Reading II

Mt 25:14-30

SUNDAY

28

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Reading II

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel

Lk 14:1, 7-14

DAILY MASSES IN THE CHURCH

Monday*, Tuesday, Thursday 7:30am, 12:00pm

Wednesday 7:30am, 6:30pm

Friday 8:15am, 12:00pm

Saturday 8:00am

*Monday, 7:30am, Mass in the Chapel of Divine Mercy

Reconciliation following 7:30am Masses, Wednesday 5:30-6:20pm
and Saturday, 4:00-4:45pm

Healing Mass: 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm

First Friday Mass: September 2, 7:00pm, in the chapel

SUNDAY MASSES IN THE CHURCH

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 7:00am, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 11:00am,

Sunday 1:00pm, Sunday 5:00pm

A recording of the Sunday Mass is available
ONLINE, Saturdays, 7:00pm at stlaurence.org

MISA EN ESPAÑOL, Segundo y cuarto sábado de cada
mes a las 7:00pm. Confesiones en Español antes
de la misa de 6:00 a 6:45pm. En la Capilla

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.

Jan Casey, Jack Boudreau, Donna Giblin, Bobby Castillo, Cody Martin, Fr. Roy Oggero

This column in the Sunday bulletin is a place that parishioners may ask for intercessory prayer in their time of sickness. To add your name, please call the parish office during business hours (281-980-9812). The sick person must be a parishioner of St. Laurence and the request must come directly from the person (or a close family member, such as spouse or parent). Your name will appear on the list for 4 weeks. If struggling with a longer term illness, please call back and your name will be added for another 4 week period.

Not a parishioner?

Ask for the name to be added to the Book of the Sick. Anyone in need of prayers for healing may have their name written in the Book of the Sick.

PRAYING THE NEWS
AUGUST 21, 2022

"Go out to all the world and tell the Good News."

MARK 16:15

O Lord, we thank you for the Good News message given recently by Isaiah Jarvis during the Little League Southwest Region baseball championship. After being hit in the head by a pitch, he went to the mound and hugged the opposing pitcher who was still upset. Interviewed later, Isaiah said he "wanted to go over there and spread God's love and make sure he's OK." Lord, help us do the very same whenever we can.

Jesus, we trust in you. Amen ✠

SERVICEMEN
AND WOMEN

Please pray for our Troops and especially for the following parishioners currently serving in the military:

- CW3 Brett Aderhold, *US Army, AV*
- SPC Nicholas Ambrocik, *US Army*
- PVT Michael Baird, *US Army*
- SA Matthew Baird, *US Navy*
- P.O. 5 Debra Barnette, *US Navy*
- CPL Trevor Bello, *USMC*
- Lt Aaron Blades, *US Navy*
- PFC John Blair, *US Army*
- LCpl Gordon Briggs, *USMC*
- SPC Jordan Briggs, *US Army*
- Maj. Michael Carroll, *USMC*
- MSgt. Jason Chacon, *USMC*
- Lt Matthew Chesney, *US Navy*
- LTC Christopher Coffman, *US Air Force*
- Maj. Patrick Coffman, *USMC*
- CPT Andrew DeSplinter, *US Army*
- SGT Nicholas Dockum, *US Army*
- Maj. Brandon Driscoll, *USMC*
- Derek Farias, *US Navy*
- Destini Gaytan, *USMC*
- SPEC Nathan J. Hoelker, *US Army*
- CPT Matthew Fenelon, *USMC*
- LCpl Aaron Fox, *USMC*
- PVT Jahneil Xavier George, *US Army*
- MSG Philip Graham, *US Army*
- LCpl Eric Gurnell, *USMC*
- CPT Spencer Henry, *US Army*
- PVT Liam Hill, *US Army*
- Daniel Hines, *US Navy*
- EM4 James Locus, *US Navy*
- SSG Philip Loera, *US Army*
- PFC John Lundgren, *US Army*
- CPT Anthony Marich, *US Army*
- Amn Joseph Marcellus, *USAF*
- TSGT David March, *Texas Air National Guard*
- CPT. Brendan McPartland, *USMC*
- Major Alexander Morningstar, *US Army*
- SPC Michael Nester, *US Army*
- 1LT Anthony Patrick, *USMC*
- CB, Richard Pinard, *US Navy*
- LCpl Byron Ray Ramirez, *USMC*
- SGT Santiago Ramirez, *US Army*
- CPT Taylor Rammrath, *US Army*
- GySgt. Barbara L. Rangel, *USMC*
- LCPL Ty Ripoll, *USMC*
- CTM3 Nicholas Stuhlman, *US Navy*
- Maj. Michael Thesing, *USMC*
- 1LT Kevin Wheeler, *US Navy*
- SGT Bryce Whitley, *US Navy*
- PO2 Troy Yelverton, *US Navy*
- 2LT Copeland Zaunbrecher, *US Army*
- 2LT Kazia Zaunbrecher, *US Army*

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, AUG 20

8:00am - Chacko Joseph (D)
5:00pm - Elias de Luis (D)

SUNDAY, AUG 21

7:00am - Maricela Svoboda (I)
9:00am - Katie Coppedge (I)
11:00am - Brenda Burke (I)
1:00pm - Vivian Rodriguez (I)
5:00pm - Parishioners of St. Laurence

MONDAY, AUG 22

7:30am - Sr. M. Marie Giodava, OSF (D)
12:00pm - Marilyn Jacobs (D)

TUESDAY, AUG 23

7:30am - Bridget Laffy (D)
12:00pm - Carmina & Jose Viegas (D)

WEDNESDAY, AUG 24

7:30am - Dennis Ukegbu (D)
6:30pm - Fred Trlicek (D)

THURSDAY, AUG 25

7:30am - Olen Hurst (D)
12:00pm - Gage Pitney (D)

FRIDAY, AUG 26

8:15am - Nieves Gonzalez III (D)
12:00pm - Brian Surginer (D)

SATURDAY, AUG 27

8:00am - Frank Nemeck (D)
5:00pm - Marybeth Murphy (D)

SUNDAY, AUG 28

7:00am - Rodolfo Magat (D)
9:00am - Juliet Lei (D)
11:00am - Mr. & Mrs. Bien Tu Nguyen (D)
1:00pm - Thu Van Nguyen (D)
5:00pm - Parishioners of St. Laurence

(D) Death, (I) Intention, (A) Anniversary

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS
IN RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Shawn Kelly, Keenan Annicchiarico, Roger Boneno, Brother Collin Mary Brown, Frater Giovanni (Billy Dodd), Frater Dominic (Adrian Annicchiarico), Sister M. Philomena (Krystle Cagandahan), Sr. Maria Christi of the Holy Spirit (Leah Burrhus), Sr. Margaret Uche, Patrick Kinnick, Brandon Bain, Beau Guedry (nSJ) Br. Levi Pro (Cameron Cashiola), Basil Housewright.



THAT MAN IS YOU!

is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.



THY KINGDOM COME

CLAIM YOUR ROYAL DIGNITY AND INHERITANCE

EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF TRANSFORMATION!

- Confront the worldly kingdoms and spiritual evils of our day.
- Discover exactly what it takes to overthrow an empire and inherit the kingdom of God.
- Discover a new way, a new outlook and new perspective on this life and the next.
- Wrestle with the mysteries of a kingdom "not of this world" yet simultaneously "within you".
- Learn to acquire the taste for the kingdom of heaven with food for both the body and soul.
- Contemplate a powerful, modern day prophecy and discern its profound implications.
- Experience the transformation of God through personal testimonies that will touch the hardest of hearts.
- Embrace the God of mercy and experience His superabundant compassion and love.
- Discover Jesus Christ present, as the true King of your heart and claim your royal inheritance.
- Live with an eternal perspective.
- Become the man we need to rebuild the kingdom!

SPEAKERS:



FR. DAVE PIVONKA
PRESIDENT, FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY OF STURBEVILLE
CREATOR, THE WILD GOOSE



DR. RALPH MARTIN
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, GENERAL HUSBANDRY



DR. LENNY DELORENZO
DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, MICHAELI INSTITUTE



FR. LEO PATALINGHUG
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, PLATINO GRACE



MICHAEL GORMLEY
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, LAY EVANGELIST



JOHN EDWARDS
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, JUST A GUY IN THE PULPIT



KEVIN WELLS
HEAD COACH, ATHLETE AND CATHOLIC SPEAKER (FORMER SPORTS WRITER)



JEFF JOAQUIN
TMY CORE TEAM LEADER, FLORIDA



MARK HARTFIEL
VICE PRESIDENT, PARADISUS DEI



STEVE BOLLMAN
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, PARADISUS DEI

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Wednesdays, starting September 14
St. Laurence Catholic Church
Ave Marie Center, Marian Hall
3103 Sweetwater Blvd.
Sugar Land, TX

SCHEDULE:

5:30 a.m. Breakfast
5:45 a.m. Program
6:20 a.m. Small Group Discussion
7:00 a.m. Session Ends

REGISTRATION:

Register for this free program by contacting Chris Salinas at 757-275-624
chrissalinashomes@gmail.com
or going to stlaurence.org/tmy



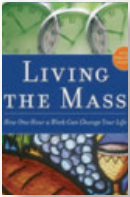
FAMILY LIFE

It is incumbent upon husbands and wives, mothers and dads, and single parents to spend time in prayer, discernment, and dialogue about the kind of family they will be. Family and home does not automatically happen.

Fr. Drew Wood

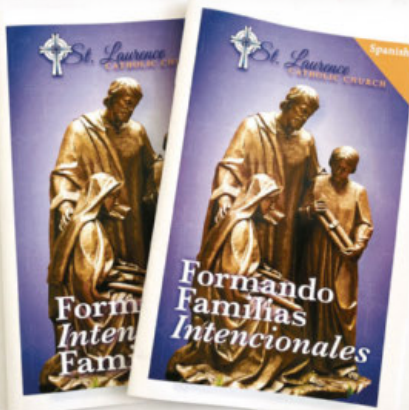
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FAITH & FAMILY FOCUS



It's so hard to know how to act when you don't know who you are or what you believe in.

- *Living the Mass* (pg. 65)



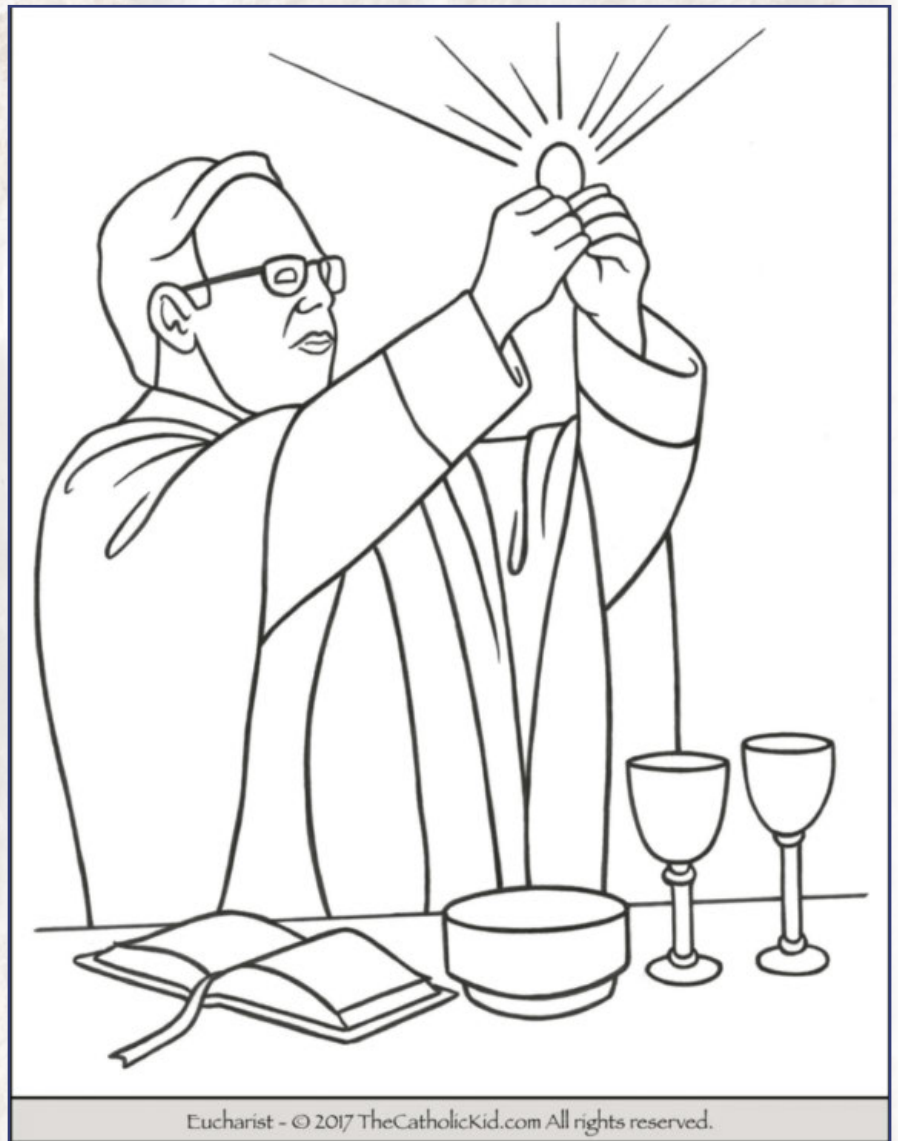
FORMING INTENTIONAL FAMILIES

Available in English and Spanish at the Hospitality Desk and online stlaurence.org/family



HOME STUDY

PreK thru High School
PARENT KICK-OFF MEETING
Monday, September 12, 7-8pm
stlaurence.org/home-study



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MY LORD AND MY GOD



PARISH LIFE

ADORATION IN THE CHAPEL



The Divine Mercy Chapel is open to the parish and community for adoration. Jesus awaits you every day from 5:00am to 9:00pm. The chapel is open to only scheduled adorers during the night.

Two adorers are required at all times. We are seeking a second committed adorer for 13 available hours.

Urgent Need: *A second committed adorer is needed 1am to 2am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturdays. We pray you will feel called to this hour.*

Please check online: stlaurence.org/adoration. Contact Fran Magelssen at adoration@stlaurence.org or 281-224-6122 to sign up.

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: CUB SCOUT PACK 1828

Cub Scouts is a vibrant ministry at St. Laurence geared toward quality intentional family time and adventures! Cub Scouts is for boys and girls, kindergarten to 5th grade. It is a program where youth develop the foundations for leadership, citizenship, and personal fitness through fun activities involving friends and family.



Pack 1828 meets as a large group in the parish hall once a month and smaller grade-level groups meet for activities throughout the year. Cub Scouting activities are designed for Scouting families to get in on the fun, and include exploring the outdoors, service projects, making friends, growing in our faith and developing family bonds. This is a great way for you and your children to be active together, yet not feel overwhelmed. It's also a great way for the whole family to get connected to our parish.

This is a perfect time to join! For details about Cub Scout Pack 1828, please visit stlaurence.org/cub-scouts or contact Cubmaster Brian Henritze at brianhenritze@gmail.com.

Stop by the Hospitality Desk after Mass today to pickup some information and meet with some of the families involved in Cub Scout Pack 1828.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Next Class: September 10, 2022

Preparation classes are offered 10 times a year. Class registration is available at stlaurence.org/baptism or contact Barb Roy at broy@stlaurence.org / 281-265-5774 x5371. Group Baptisms are celebrated at our parish three times each month.

WEDDING PREPARATION

Next Wedding Info Session: September 26, 2022

Please email Betty Holub, bholub@stlaurence.org for registration information. The standard preparation time for weddings is 6-9 months in advance of the desired date. All engaged couples must attend an information session.

PARISH CELEBRATIONS

BAPTISMS:

Leo Blanco, Rivers Hayes, Carlisle Kisner, Vivian Kisner, Ifeanyichi Mbaka, Landon Perez, Lennox Perez, Valentina Safar, Joziah Zamora

WEDDING:

Genesis Cano & Rodrigo Garcia



WHO WE ARE

We the people of **St. Laurence Catholic Church** are centered in the love of Christ and live to glorify God in all we do.

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

LOVE by showing respect, mercy and compassion to all

CONNECT with others in a meaningful way

GROW closer to God through prayer, Sunday Mass and the Sacraments

LEARN about my Faith and share it with others

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

AUG 27-28: SEE YOU AT THE MINISTRY FAIR NEXT WEEK



If the Eucharist is the heart of our faith, then it's through our ministries that we experience the pulse of parish life. Come be a part of this great parish by joining a ministry or group that interests you or matches your unique talents. After a 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the annual Ministry Fair returns the weekend of August 27-28, following all six Masses in the parish hall. It's a super convenient way to see at once the wide array of ministries and groups that make up St. Laurence, speak directly with representatives and get to know your fellow parishioners. Try this: Make it your goal this year to find one new thing that interests you and sign up. We've been waiting for you! stlaurence.org/ministry-fair

TEACH ENGLISH AND CHANGE LIVES

Volunteer teachers in the Learn English Ministry teach English to non-English-speaking adults. If you can speak English, you can teach it! No experience is necessary and you do not need to speak a foreign language to teach. All training and materials are provided. Please consider this rewarding volunteer opportunity and have a real impact on the lives of others, to help them get jobs, become US citizens, enroll in college and more effectively communicate with their English-speaking children and teachers.



ESL classes are held Tuesday and Thursday mornings (9-10:30am), Monday and Thursday evenings (7-8:30pm), and Saturday mornings (9am-12pm). US Citizenship classes are held on Monday evenings (7-8:30pm). All details are on the parish website. Volunteer orientation and training begin August 23. If you would like to get more information or sign-up for training, please email learnenglishministry.slc@gmail.com or text your name and contact information to 713-208-5169. INFO: stlaurence.org/learn-english-ministry

SEP 7: NEW DIVORCE-CARE SERIES BEGINS

If you are experiencing the difficulty of separation and divorce, DivorceCare offers a friendly, caring group of people to walk alongside you. Additionally, you'll gain access to valuable DivorceCare resources to help you deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your life. DivorceCare is a 13-week series offered on Wednesday evenings, 7-9pm, at the Ave Maria Center. A new series will begin September 7. Contact Janie Picou with questions at jpdivorcecare@aol.com. INFO: stlaurence.org/divorcecare

TODAY: PURCHASE A BRISKET FOR LABOR DAY

It's time for the Knights of Columbus "locally famous" smoked briskets and pork butts sale! Place your order early and plan to pickup Labor Day Weekend, the morning of Sunday, September 4. Online orders will be accepted through August 25, while supplies last, or order from the KCs on the plaza after Masses this weekend. Purchase a perfectly and fully smoked whole brisket (\$100), half brisket (\$55), or smoked pork butt (\$55) for the holiday. All proceeds benefit the many charities of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for your support! ORDER: stlaurence.org/kc-store



THANKS BE TO GOD FATHER DREW WOOD

20 YEARS AS OUR PASTOR
1998 – Parochial Vicar at St. Laurence
2002 – Pastor of St. Laurence

SAVE THE DATE HEALING MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 8
8am-4pm at Ave Maria Center

DIDACHE: BLESSED TRINITY

In-depth study of the Trinity
Begins August 29
Mondays 7-9pm
stlaurence.org/didache

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

9-week Dave Ramsey course
Begins September 15
Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm
stlaurence.org/financial-peace-university

MOMS GIFT GROUP

Live Big, Love Bigger
Begins September 14
Wednesdays 7-8:30pm
stlaurence.org/gift-group

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Learn ancient prayer of the Church
Begins September 15
Thursdays 7-9pm
stlaurence.org/loth

TUESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom
Begins September 13
Tuesdays 9-11:45am
stlaurence.org/tmbs

PARISH FINANCIAL INFORMATION – WEEKLY OFFERTORY

TOTAL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS – 7,300

AUG 14 COLLECTION 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ... \$37,138

Envelopes Used 315

Loose Checks..... 125

2ND COLLECTION \$11,983

Infirm Priests Collection

ONLINE GIVING

Monthly Offertory July 2022.....\$263,671

Participants.....1,451

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2022

2022 Parish Goal.....\$490,000

Parish Paid (Activity thru 8/8/2022)..... \$360,470

Participants 709

TODAY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

AUGUST 21, 2022

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY



SIGN-UP TODAY AT FAITH DIRECT

Simple & convenient online giving

faith.direct/TX460

1-866-507-8757

Summer is almost over! Ministries and activities are starting up in full swing in our busy parish. Have you made the switch to eGiving? It's a great way to support St. Laurence Catholic Church and grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recurring gifts can streamline your stewardship and sustain our parish in the "dog days" of summer and throughout the year. You'll provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community.

Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/TX460 . Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.



KEEP INFORMED

Over 12,000 people are signed up to get St. Laurence Parish Flocknotes. It's the best way to stay up-to-the-minute on parish news. Sign up at

stlaurence.org/parish-communications

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

SEP 24: TOGETHER IN HOLINESS CONFERENCE



ROLAND MILLARE, STD
Vice President of
Curriculum and Director of
Shepherd's Heart, St. John
Paul II Foundation



DOMINICK ALBANO
Catholic Author and
Speaker



KEVIN AND LISA COTTER
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Register now to attend the Together in Holiness Conference at St. Faustina in Fulshear on Saturday, September 24, 10:30am-6:00pm. This marriage enrichment conference is for couples desiring to grow together in holiness and empowers and equips parents to form their children in the Catholic faith. Hear dynamic presentations from Kevin & Lisa Cotter, Dominick Albano and Roland Millare, enjoy fellowship with other couples, and partake in Mass, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. The cost to attend the all-day conference is just \$64/couple or \$40/individual. On-site childcare is available. INFO/REGISTER: forlifeandfamily.org/events

CELEBRATE YOUR JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

In honor of your Golden Wedding Jubilee (50th Anniversary) or Silver Wedding Jubilee (25th Anniversary), Cardinal DiNardo invites you to join him for a celebratory Mass at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. On Sunday, September 25 at 3pm, a 50th Anniversary Mass will be offered. On Sunday, October 23 at 3pm, a 25th Anniversary Mass will be offered. Virtual participation is also available. Register at least 30 days in advance of the event. All details are available on the archdiocesan website. INFO/REGISTER: archgh.org/flmevents

SEP 12: APOSTLES ON MISSION

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to participate in a 10-week leadership and evangelization formation program called Apostles on Mission. Cultivate a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, understand your personal gifts and strengths, and live out these gifts in a unique way within your community! Sessions will be held Monday evenings (7-8:30pm) beginning September 12, at St. Dominic Chancery (2403 Holcombe Blvd). The deadline to register is September 4. INFO/REGISTER: archgh.org/apostlesonmission

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SOCIAL CONCERNS

Visit stlaurence.org/social-concerns to learn more about the Social Concerns Ministry and to sign-up for our weekly newsletter.

A Fruitful Summer of Service



The JOY Club enjoyed a presentation about the Star of Hope and prepared 75 Hope Bags to be given to homeless individuals in Houston

Thank you to everyone who participated in our seven Summer of Service projects. Because of you, we were able to make a positive impact on the lives of children, military veterans, seniors, and the homeless this summer.



Volunteers made cute, summer placemats for the seniors at Mamie George Community Center

RESPECT LIFE

Pregnancy Resource Medical Center Banquet: Thursday, Sep 15, 2022. Learn more about the work of PRMC to help women choose life, and enjoy a silent auction, dinner, and program at Sugar Creek Country Club. Nationally renowned speaker Mike Williams uses humor to tell personal stories of rescue adoptions. See www.prmcfortbend.org/events/upcoming for more details and registration.

All Hands on Deck! Saturday, Sep 24, 9:00 – 10:30 am Marian Hall at the Ave Maria Family Life Center. While abortion is now illegal in Texas, our culture still needs changing. Women are still being pressured to end their pregnancies. Learn how to speak effectively to pro-choice friends and how to help women choose life. Please go to ChristianVoicesforLife.org/all-hands-on-deck to register.

Healing Retreat for those suffering after abortion: Weekend retreat in Spanish on Sep 23-25, 2022 to experience God's forgiveness and learn to forgive yourself. Call 713-440-3443 or zgonzalez@archgh.org. Your information will be kept confidential.

"Pierced by Sorrow, Released into Joy": Sep 24, 2022, 8:30 – 5 pm. A Jerome's Hope healing retreat for couples who have experienced stillbirth, miscarriage or early infant loss. \$35/person or \$60/couple. Call 713-741-8729 or jkfritsch@archgh.org.



Volunteers sort 700 pairs of shoes for children in need

BLACK BAG DONATION TODAY!

This Sunday's black bag collection will be used for our People in Crisis fund which is currently averaging more than \$10,000 in financial assistance to individuals who come to Social Concerns for help. Because of your generous donations, we were able to assist 44 families in crisis with rent/mortgage payments, utilities, counseling, medical/cancer costs, burial, and food and gas cards in July. We and those we serve are so thankful for your generous support!

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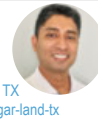
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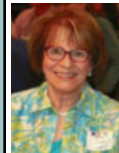
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