

# Mardi Gras Madness Family Fundraiser

## Let the Good Times Roll

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Family Mardi Gras  
Wagon Parade



Silent Auction  
One-of-a-kind Art Pieces made  
by our precious children

Delicious Cajun Food  
Chef George Micheaux

Child Care for ALL Children  
SIBLINGS WELCOME  
Pizza & Movie with their Teachers



ST. LAURENCE

February 2018

**W** **C** **P**  
WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

# Scoop

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FAMILIES OF ST. LAURENCE WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

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### Quality Early Childhood Education for All Children

#### OUR MISSION:

St. Laurence Weekday Children's Program is an early childhood ministry of St. Laurence Parish. We believe that children are the heart of the Kingdom of God. Together with family and community we are called to support children's spiritual and human growth and development.



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## Director's Corner

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### Hugging- The Perfect Cure

- No Movable parts
- No batteries to wear out
- No periodic checkups
- Low in energy consumption
- High energy yield
- Inflation-proof
- No monthly Payments
- No insurance required
- Theft-proof
- Non-taxable
- And, of course, fully returnable
- Hugging is health
- It relieves tension
- Combats depression
- Reduces stress
- Improves blood circulation
- It's invigorating
- It's rejuvenating
- It elevates self-esteem
- It generates goodwill
- It has no unpleasant side effects
- It is nothing less than a miracle drug.
- Author Unknown



**Happy Valentine's Day!**





## What's Happening at WCP this Month?



### Group Rosary

Every Thursday morning after  
drop off, 9:10 - 9:30 AM  
in the Oratory of the Rosary  
(Ave Maria Center)  
All are welcome!

### **President's Day**

Monday, February 19  
WCP will be **CLOSED**

### **Texan Chili Teachers Luncheon**

Wednesday, February 21

### **Chinese New Year LION DANCERS**

Friday, February 16th  
At 10:30 AM



## Texas Snakes

& More Show for Preschoolers  
February 20 and 21



## THE JELLY BELLY SCHMELLY SHOW!

For Toddlers, February 22 and 23

## What's Happening at WCP this Month?

### Library Corner

Have you checked out the Parish Library lately? Our Pre-K children have! Our Parish Librarian invites you to come and experience all that we have to offer. Here are this month's top pics for WCP parents!

Did you know that we have entire courses? The *Momnipotent* program is great for individual or group study! Learn about the dignity of motherhood and how to find peace and joy in your hectic life! This Valentine's day, you can enjoy the rich combination of recipes and ways to deepen your marital love with Fr. Leo Patalinghug's *Spicing up Married Life*. Do you have a family movie night? How about checking out one of the movies in the *Narnia* series? Did you know that C.S. Lewis actually wrote the *Narnia* series as an allegory to Christian life? Maybe you just want a short, easy to read parenting book? Try *Tend your Own Garden* by Timothy O'Connell



### Lenten Novena

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God,  
During the Holy Season of Lent  
You call us to a closer union with Yourself.  
Help me to prepare to celebrate  
The Paschal Mystery  
With mind and heart renewed.  
Give me a spirit of loving reverence  
For You, our Father,  
And of willing service to my neighbor.  
As I recall the great events  
That gave us new life in Christ,  
Bring the image of Your Son  
To perfection within my soul.

This great season of grace is Your gift  
To Your family to renew us in spirit.  
Give me strength to purify my heart,  
To control my desires,  
And so to serve You in freedom,  
Teach me how to live  
In this passing world with my heart set  
On the world that will never end.

I ask for the grace  
To master my sinfulness  
And conquer my pride.  
I want to show to those in need  
Your goodness to me by being kind to all.

Through my observance of Lent,  
Help me to correct my faults  
And raise my mind to You,  
And thus grow in holiness  
That I may deserve  
The reward of everlasting life.

In Your mercy grant me this special favor:  
(State your intention here...)

The days of the life-giving Death  
And glorious Resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
Your Son, are approaching.

This is the hour  
When He triumphed over Satan's pride,  
The time when we celebrate  
The great event of our Redemption.  
The Suffering and Death of Your Son  
Brought life to the whole world,  
Moving our hearts to praise Your glory.

The power of the Cross reveals  
Your judgment on this world  
And the kingship of Christ crucified.  
Father, through His love for us  
And through His Sufferings, Death and Resurrection,  
May I gain eternal life with You in heaven.



## Around the Parish

*We are extremely lucky to be a ministry of St. Laurence Catholic Church—such a wonderful parish! Here are just a few things going on around the parish this month:*

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Many of the sign-ups are done via [Sign Up Genius](#). This will be indicated in the description. Once you are on the Sign-Up Genius site, click on the search icon, and then select "Search for a Sign Up". Enter our email address: [socialconcerns@stlaurence.org](mailto:socialconcerns@stlaurence.org). You will then have to enter the random text in the box. Have patience as this step may require several tries to be successful! You will then see a listing of many of the service opportunities we have available.

Should you have trouble registering at Sign Up Genius, please call 281-980-9812 or send us an email at [socialconcerns@stlaurence.org](mailto:socialconcerns@stlaurence.org)

### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

#### Distribution of Ashes - In the Church

- 6:30 AM Service
- 8:15 AM Mass
- 12:00 Noon Mass
- 4:30 PM Service
- 6:00 PM Service
- 7:30 PM Mass

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**6:30pm | Liturgy of the Hours**  
**7:00pm | Stations of the Cross**

Meet in the church each Friday during Lent to meditate upon the Passion, the suffering and death of Jesus on the Cross. All ages are welcome and booklets are provided.

### SUMMER OF SERVICE

Social Concerns offers service opportunities in our workroom throughout each summer of on Tuesday afternoons. Space is limited and volunteers must register using [Sign Up Genius](#)

**Registration for summer 2018 will begin in May.**

**Check back here often as new opportunities are added all the time.**

Here are just a few ideas:

- Cut coupons for military families. Coupons are sent to families throughout the world to use at the commissary. Packets can be picked up at the Social Concerns office. **4 hours max on this project**
- Go to our Sign Up Genius page to see if there is an opening for baking cookies or making casseroles. **Baked goods are worth 2 service hours (up to 6 service hours) for each 2 dozen cookies, bars or brownies . Casseroles are worth 3 service hours each (up to 6 service hours).** [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) Click on "find a sign up" (top right) Enter our email address: [socialconcerns@stlaurence.org](mailto:socialconcerns@stlaurence.org) and all of the available sign ups will pop up
- Contact Volunteer Manager, Mary Ann Procopio (281-202-6222) at the Mamie George Community Center in Richmond to see if there are any upcoming events where volunteer assistance will be needed.
- Volunteer at Second Mile Mission in Stafford. More info on their website: <http://www.secondmile.org/> This is a great "hands on" volunteer opportunity for families, teens, small groups, etc. and you can just drop in!
- Decorate a Lunch Bag for Lunches of Love. Lunches of Love provides over 2,200 brown bag meals each weekend to hungry children in the Richmond-Rosenberg area. To add a little bit of extra love, the bags are decorated. Get a stack of lunch bags & add your creativity! **IMPORTANT:** Be sure to decorate your bag on the bottom 2/3 of the bag as they are rolled down to keep lunch from falling out. Need service hours? Bring 50 beautifully decorated bags to the SCM office to earn 3 hours of service. **Contact:** Monica Hager at [mhager@stlaurence.org](mailto:mhager@stlaurence.org)

## February / March Community Events

### Mardi Gras Galveston

*February 2 - 13, Galveston*

At Mardi Gras Galveston, the extravagance found in Texas' largest Mardi Gras celebration starts with the beads! More than 3 million beads will be thrown at Mardi Gras Galveston and that's just the beginning of the elaborate parades, headliner performances, family events, feasting and other festivities that come with hosting Mardi Gras island style. WATCH...DANCE...RUN the official 5k...ROLL with the Zaniest Golf Cart Parade...or RIDE on a float! The entertainment is endless!

### Monster Jam

*Saturday & Sunday, February 10 - 11, NRG Stadium*

New in 2018, the Pit Party Early Access Pass is available to fans who purchase a ticket to the Saturday event. The pass provides early entry into the Saturday Pit Party from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. and serves as the regular Pit Party pass from 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. The Monster Jam drivers will depart from the Pit Party at 5 p.m. The Pit Party Early Access Pass must be accompanied by an event ticket and quantities are limited. **Featuring:** Avenger driven by Jim Koehler, Big Kahuna driven by Shane England, El Toro Loco driven by Bryan Wright, Grave Digger driven by Adam Anderson, Great Clips Mohawk Warrior driven by Bryce Kenny, Ice Cream Man driven by Roy Pridgeon, Jester driven by Matt Pagliarulo, Max-D driven by Neil Elliott, Megalodon driven by Alex Blackwell, Monster Mutt Rottweiler driven by Brad Allen, Mutant driven by Todd LeDuc, Rod Ryan driven by Steve Sims, Whip-lash driven by Brianna Mahon, and Xtermigator driven by JR McNeal.

### Lunar New Year WonderWeek

*February 16 - February 22, Fort Bend Children's Discovery Center*

The Fort Bend Children's Discovery center will go howl at the moon for this year's Lunar New Year WonderWeek celebrating the Year of the Dog. Become immersed as we celebrate interactive activities, including making Cherry Blossom Trees, designing fire lanterns and much more!

### Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

*February 27 - March 18, NRG Stadium*

Don't fret if you don't have rodeo tickets, you can visit the Houston Rodeo Carnival rides, livestock, games & food. NRG Park admission is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children (3 - 12). Access to livestock show, shopping & exhibits in NRG Center. Access to horse show & events in NRG Arena. Admission to Carnival (not valid for rides or games!) Half price Carnival tickets if purchased before February 24,. Deadline for tickets delivered via mail is Friday, February 9th. \$50 will get you a half-price carnival pack valued at 134.00 that includes 150 tickets (valid for rides and games), nine refreshment coupons, buy two games get two free, two free rides (Ferris Wheel and Funhouse), and \$5 off show merchandise. Carnival packs can be purchased through this link <https://Secure.RodeoHouston.com/CarnivalTickets/?SalesCode=857060>

### Disney Junior Dance Party On Tour!

*Thursday, March 22nd at 6:00 pm, Smart Financial Centre at Sugar Land*

Come along for a dance party like no other and interact with your favorite Disney characters! Join Mickey, Minnie, Sofia The First, The Lion Guard and the brand new Disney Junior show, Vampirina as they perform their biggest songs in a show for the whole family. You'll also get a sneak peek into Disney Juniors highly anticipated brand new show Muppet Babies which is due to be released in early 2018. Join hosts, Dee and Jay and the DJ Dance Squad as they welcome Mickey, Minnie and other Disney Junior characters to perform popular songs from the Channel including "Hot Dog Dance", "Time For Your Check Up", "Zuka Zama" and "Happy Helpers". Tickets on sale now, prices range from \$40 to \$50.



## February / March Community Events: Fun Runs & Charity Events

### Corks & Forks at The Corinthian

Friday, February 9th at 7:30 pm, The Corinthian, 202 Fannin St.

Join the American Cancer Society in finishing the fight against cancer at the Houston Corks and Forks event. The one-of-a-kind evening will feature a culinary competition among some of Houston's top chefs, with food tastings and wine pairings for the crowd. Throughout the evening, you can cast your vote for your favorite chef and enjoy live music, spectacular live and silent auctions, and more. Admission Tickets start at \$125 per person, with additional table and sponsorship opportunities available. <http://www.cancer.org>

### Karbach Cookoff at Lucky's Pub

Saturday, February 10th at 12:00 pm to 10:30 pm, Lucky's Pub

The annual Karbach Cookoff is one of the brewery's biggest charity events of the year, with 100 percent of the proceeds benefiting the Houston Fire Department and local area firefighters. Admission Tickets are \$60 and include entry to the cookoff, unlimited tastings, a commemorative firefighter glass, entry to the concert, and three Karbach beers. VIP and concert only tickets are also available. <http://karbachcookoff.com/>

### Graeme's Run



Saturday, February 10th at 8:30 am, No Label Brewery Katy

The annual Graeme's Run will be full of fun activities for everyone! We will start with a 5K and a 1 mile family walk in Old Katy starting and ending at No Label Brewery. Following the run/walk we will have: No Label serving free beer, food trucks, Righteous Cause Band and All Around Bounce will have several bounce houses set up. 100% of funds raised will go to The Children's heart Foundation. <http://www.graemessuperheroes.org/register/>

### Austin Moonwalk and Fun Run

Saturday, February 24th at Austin Elementary Richmond

Join us for our 3rd annual fun run and TIMED 5k benefitting the Austin Elementary PTO. Registration include, but not limited to: finisher's medals, race shirts, post race food and lots of family fun! Kids Fun Run registration is \$15 and Running-5K is \$35. <https://www.active.com/richmond-tx/running/distance-running-races/austin-moonwalk-and-fun-run-2018?int=72-3-A6>

### Causeway FunD Run

Saturday, March 3rd at Galveston Causeway

The School of Health Professions Causeway FunD 5K Run/Walk will start in the Galveston County Daily News parking lot and proceed to the top of the Galveston Causeway where participants will turn around and return to the starting line. Kids can participate in the 1k fun run/walk. A wheelchair 5k follows the kids run, which is then followed by the 5k run and 5k walk afterwards. The UTMB School of Health Professions' Causeway FunD Run/Walk benefits SHP student scholarships. It is one of only two yearly races on the causeway, which spans Galveston Bay.

<https://shp.utmb.edu/fundrun/default.asp>

# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>PPT</i>	2 <i>PPT</i>	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 <i>MGM Auction Set Up</i>	13 <i>Mardi Gras</i>	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	15	16 <i>Chinese New Year</i>	17
18	19 <i>Holiday No School</i>	20	21	22 <i>PPT Staff Meeting</i>	23 <i>PPT</i>	24 <i>SLCS Screening</i>
25	26 <i>Advisory Board</i>	27	28			





# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>PPT</i> <i>Rodeo</i> <i>Picture Day</i>	2 <i>PPT</i> <i>Rodeo</i> <i>Picture Day</i>	3
4	5	6	7	8 <i>Rodeo Day</i>	9 <i>Rodeo Day</i>	10
11	12 <i>Spring Break</i> <i>No School</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 <i>Advisory</i> <i>Board</i>	20	21	22 <i>Dad's Night</i> <i>PPT</i>	23 <i>PPT</i>	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Good Friday</i>	31

