



ST. LAURENCE CHURCH

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THE MINISTRIES THAT MAKE US STRONG

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ST. LAURENCE LIFE

Directory of Ministries

Dear Parish Family,

What you'll see as you look through this booklet is that there are all kinds of things that we do together as a Church family. Our life together centers around a few themes: serving together, growing together, praying together, and simply having fun together. The Christian faith is supposed to be a "together" activity and this booklet is intended to showcase that very thing.

This St. Laurence Life booklet is part of a larger effort to connect people more deeply to the Lord and to each other. It is a major priority of our Parish life to provide as many "on-ramps" as possible so that all of us connect with what God is doing among us. God has brought each of us here and given each of us unique gifts that this Parish family needs. Because we believe that, we want and need you to be involved as much as possible in the work we do as a Parish.

Please know a few things about our Parish:

1. The groups you see in this book are open to everyone.
2. There is never a bad time to join them. Can't join them right now because your plate is too full? You can join at any time.
3. The leaders' phone numbers and email addresses are printed here because they want you to contact them. We didn't have to twist anybody's arm. They are eager to welcome you.

We hope that there is something for everyone listed in this booklet and that you'll jump in. If you honestly look through this booklet and do not find what you are looking for, I hope you will reach out to me so that we can get that fixed. God bless you and by all means jump in and be part of the amazing work God is doing among us.

With Love,

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Acolytes

Description:	Carry the torches and cross during Church processions, assist during the Eucharist. Older acolytes can become Thurifers who carry the thurible filled with incense. Training sessions held periodically throughout the year. Children ages 10 and older.
How Often:	Every Sunday at either 8:30 or 10:45am service. Thurifers serve at the 10:45am service and on Holy Days.
Time Commitment:	One or two Sundays a month
Contact:	Bob Fulton and Jim Weaver

Altar Guild

Description:	Preparation of the Lord's Table for worship.
Duties:	Care for the linens, polish and oil the candles, and dress the Altar for services. Work in teams.
Time Commitment:	2-3 hours per month
Contact:	Michele Mitchell

Anglican Essentials/Adult Confirmation Class

Description:	Learn about the Anglican approach to the Bible and the Sacraments, the history of Anglicanism, what it means to live the Christian life in the Anglican way and much more. Perfect for those new to the Anglican tradition or those who just want a refresher on the basics. This class is also for those who wish to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Childcare is available.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Sundays beginning Oct. 1 and going until the Bishop's visit in the Spring (with holiday breaks), 5:30-6:45pm
Time Commitment:	1.25 hours a week
Contact:	Fr. Travis Province

Baby Rockers

Description:	A very special ministry for adults who love to hold babies! We want to give our youngest parishioners some extra attention and cuddle time in the nursery so their parents can attend Church. Under the direction of the nursery staff, volunteers will rock, sooth and play with infants who are over 3 months old but not yet walking. Background check required.
How Often:	Sundays during the 8:30am service
Duties:	Adult volunteers will attend to infants in the nursery (not responsible for toddlers)
Time Commitment:	About an hour one Sunday a month
Contact:	Hilary Hale, Children's Ministry Director

Bookstore

Description:	A retail-type store in the Parish Hall that sells St. Laurence swag (clothing & gifts with logo), Bibles, hymnals, the Book of Common Prayer, and more.
Set Meetings:	No
How Often:	Shifts of volunteers are needed 1 Sunday a month to run the store between the services
Time Commitment:	9:45-10:30am on Sundays
Contact:	Kathryn Meisl

Boy Scout Troop 168

Description:	An active, outdoor boy-led Troop. Focus is on fun and adventure with every activity while incorporating teamwork and community service. For boys starting at age 11 or 5-12th grade.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Every Sunday from 4:00-5:30pm in Parish Hall
Time Commitment:	Troop meetings are 1½ hours a week plus campouts once a month
Contact:	Simon McLean, Scoutmaster

Canterbury Choir

Description:	In addition to singing during some of our Sunday services, our Canterbury Children's Choir will also learn about music from an incredible curriculum from The Royal School of Church Music - America. This program will help them develop their vocal skills, musical understanding, and knowledge of the Anglican choral tradition. The choir is for kids in 2 nd – 8 th grades, or younger if they can read.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Rehearsal every Wed. 6:30-8:00pm during the school year.
Time Commitment:	Wed. rehearsals plus one or two Sunday services a month.
Contact:	John Heimel, Organist & Choirmaster

Children's Chapel

Description:	Leading or assisting in a simplified worship service for children (8 years and under) on Sunday mornings during the lessons and sermon portion of our regular services. Children's Chapel service includes age appropriate hymns, prayers and a Gospel lesson for approx. 30 minutes before the children re-join their families at the time of the peace.
How Often:	Every Sunday during the 8:30 and 10:45am services
Duties:	Adult and youth volunteers lead and keep order during the service. Work in 3-person teams with a Chapel Leader, a Chapel Assistant and a Youth Assistant in each of the 8:30 and 10:45 services.
Time Commitment:	About 30 minutes one Sunday a month
Contact:	Hilary Hale, Children's Ministry Director

Choir (St. Laurence Chorale)

Description:	The adult choir sings worship music from our hymnal and other sources during Church services.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Every Wed. at 7:30pm for rehearsal during the school year
Time Commitment:	Wed. rehearsals and 10:45am Mass on Sundays
Contact:	John Heibel, Organist & Choirmaster

Christmas is for Children

Description:	Arrange for St. Laurence families to sponsor one or more local children in need and purchase Christmas gifts for them. Gifts are collected at a special breakfast for St. Laurence families.
Set Meetings:	No
Duties:	Help get sign-ups after services on Sundays in November, assist with gift collection and delivery of gifts to Christmas is for Children distribution center.
Time Commitment:	One or more Sundays in November for sponsor sign-ups. Breakfast is Sat, Dec. 2.
Contact:	Gift Donations Kim Cooley and Amanda Chumchal

Christmas Pageant

Description:	Help the Director to stage a children's Christmas pageant on Dec. 17
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Casting Call Dec. 3, Rehearsals Dec. 10 & 17 between Sunday services, plus Dec. 17 afternoon dress rehearsal at 3:30pm and performance at 5:00
Duties:	Assist with casting, costume preparation, and monitoring of young children.

Time Commitment: 2 rehearsals of approx. 1 hour each + dress rehearsal and performance
Contact: **Hilary Hale, Children's Ministry Director**

Coffee Hour

Description: Looking to create teams of volunteers who will prepare for coffee hour between services. Teams will rotate.

Duties: Make coffee, prepare food, clean up

Time Commitment: 1-2 Hours each time

Contact: **Patty Christensen**
and **Gretchen Green**
and **Darlene Pruitt**

Cub Scout Pack

Description: Cub Scout Pack 168 at St. Laurence is for boys and girls in Kindergarten-5th grade. Cub Scouts is a family-focused program with fun activities such as hiking, nature, science, citizenship, first aid, sports, and more. Scouts learn by doing and they earn ranks, belt loops and pins for their accomplishments. The family joins in the program with their scout so they can help along the way. There is a different handbook at each grade level, with adventures that are age-appropriate for their developmental level.

Set Meetings: Yes

How Often: 2-4 times per month

Time Commitment: Sundays, 2:00-3:00pm

Contact: **Harry Bean**

Daughters of the King

Description:	An international order of women who take a vow of spiritual discipline of daily intercessory prayer, service and evangelism. Our St. Laurence chapter runs several service projects like the sock and underwear drive in the summer and a Christmas gift bag collection for an Assisted Living facility. They also have a book study during Lent and an annual tea in May.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	First Monday of each month at 1:00pm
Duties:	Pray for those on prayer list
Time Commitment:	1-2 hours a week
Contact:	Barbara Borg

Dinners For 8

Description:	Small groups gather for dinner to socialize and get to know each other better.
Set Meetings:	Each group decides
How Often:	Ideally every month or two
Duties:	Plan a shared meal at someone's home where everyone brings something or meet at a restaurant
Time Commitment:	2-3 hours whenever the group meets
Contact:	Lisa Mills

Family Mission Trip

Description: The Family Mission Trip will be March 14-16, 2024, at Community First Village in Austin. The weekend includes service projects, devotions, worship and plenty of fellowship. This is a fantastic opportunity to serve side by side with your kids and to grow closer to other St. Laurence families. Everyone is welcome: singles, couples of any age, or families, but children do need to be school age to attend.

How Often: March 14-16, 2024

Contact: **Katie LaPenna, Youth Ministry Director**

Feed Our Kids

Description: Provide, prepare and/or serve lunch to Grapevine kids in need July 8-12, 2024

How Often: One week

Duties: Donate food, prepare meals at St. Laurence, serve on-site at apartment and play with kids

Time Commitment: 2-4 hours per day. You can serve from 1 day to all 5 days, pick the time frame and day(s) that work for you.

Contact: **Cathy Barthelemy**

Flower Guild

Description: Decorate the Church with arrangements and décor for Holy Days and special occasions (Maundy Thursday, Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.). Also assist with flowers for funeral receptions and occasional other events.

Time Commitment: Approximately 2 hours per event

Contact: **Rita Dorris**

Gainesville State School – Youth Prison Ministry

Description:	Provide hope and the Good News of salvation to imprisoned male youth age 14-18.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Usually the 3rd Sunday of each month
Duties:	Those who wish to visit the boys spend time talking with them, bringing them Christian messages of hope and salvation, and celebrate the birthdays that month. Others are needed to write letters to the boys.
Time Commitment:	Five hours each visit, includes travel time to and from Gainesville.
Contact:	Carl Lapiska

God Squad - Youth Group for 4th-5th Graders

Description:	A monthly time for our 4th and 5th grade youth to enjoy fun games, snacks, devotionals and fellowship.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	One Sunday per month, 3:30-5:00pm
Time Commitment:	1.5 hours per month
Contact:	Hilary Hale, Children's Ministry Director

Golf Cart Shuttle Ministry

Description:	A team of adults who drive the golf cart and safely shuttle parishioners between the back parking lot and the Church.
How Often:	2 shifts are needed each Sunday, 8:15-10:15am and 10:15am-12:15pm. Volunteers are needed for 1 shift, 1 or 2 Sundays a month.
Duties:	Shuttle people from their car to the Church and back, drive the property during the services staying alert for security issues.
Time Commitment:	2 hours, 1 or 2 Sundays a month
Contact:	Jeff Butler

Greeters

Description:	Program to identify and welcome visitors.
How Often:	Every Sunday for 8:30 and 10:45am services
Duties:	Meet visitors outside Narthex, welcome them, complete visitor card
Time Commitment:	15 minutes before and after mass, 1 or 2 Sundays a quarter
Contact:	Dana Harrison

High School Youth Group (9th-12th Grades)

Description:	The High School Youth Group will meet on Sundays after the late service at 12:15pm. Some weeks they'll go to lunch together, other weeks they'll discuss various topics and teachings, play games and just have fun together. Also planned are service projects, outreach to others, serving monthly lunches at Union Gospel Mission and attending diocesan events like Youth Rally and the Bishop's Ball. The year will culminate with the Summer 2024 Mission Trip. What's the goal? To help them navigate high school through a strong relationship with Christ and with other Christian friends.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Sundays 12:15-1:45pm during the school year, beginning Sept. 17
Time Commitment:	1½ hours a week
Contact:	Katie LaPenna, Youth Ministry Director

Holiday Food Drives

Description:	Program to provide food donations to GRACE for their Thanksgiving and Christmas meal distribution.
Set Meetings:	No
Duties:	Help facilitate the collection of food donations from the Parish and assist with the purchase of

food items with money donated by the Parish.
All items to be delivered to GRACE.

Time Commitment: Approx. 2-3 hours for each food drive
Contact: **Diana Lucas**
and **Molly Lucas**

Hospitality Committee

Description: Parishioners provide meals to families who have had babies, are struggling with illness, hospitalization, death, etc. Also host funeral receptions and occasional other receptions

Set Meetings: No

How Often: As needed

Contact: **Gretchen Green**

Inscribe These Words Bible Study on Revelation

Description: Our very popular Bible Study begins Sept. 13 and we're studying the book of Revelation. "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it; for the time is near" (Rev. 1:3). This is a great chance to gain a deeper understanding of this complex book and we hope you will join us. Each Wednesday there is a dinner before the study begins so come early if you'd like. We begin with a small group discussion followed by a large group lecture led by one of the priests. Bible reading and homework is a critical component of the study. Perfect for those new to Bible studies as well as those who have been studying scripture for years. Childcare is provided.

Groups: Small groups for couples, men and women

How Often: Wednesdays Sept. 13- Dec. 13 (with a break for Thanksgiving)
Optional Dinner 6:00-6:30pm
Bible Study 6:30-8:00pm

Contact: **Fr. Jordan**

Lunch Bunch

Description: A monthly lunch for anyone who's hungry and wants to meet new people. Usually meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month after the late service, rotating to different local restaurants.

Time Commitment: 1.5-2 hours each lunch.

Contact: **Sharon Thomas**

Malawi Mission Committee

Description: This ministry group focuses on strengthening the ties between St. Laurence and the Diocese of Northern Malawi. Projects include the Lenten Adopt-a-Student campaign, the relationship with our sister parish, and communicating with our partner priest.

Set Meetings: No

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours a month or whatever you can give

Contact: **Angela Fraser**

Men's Bingo Night at Union Gospel Mission

Description: Fellowship and bingo with the resident men at Union Gospel Mission in Ft. Worth.

Set Meetings: Yes

How Often: 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:00pm at UGM

Time Commitment: 2-3 hours a month

Contact: **Swift Lindley**

Men's Friday Morning Bible Study

Description:	This group begins each Friday morning with a short prayer devotional and then reads and discusses the lessons for the upcoming Sunday to enrich our understanding of God's word. Brothers of all ages are welcome.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Every Friday from 6:30-7:30am in Parish Hall
Time Commitment:	1 hour a week
Contact:	Jay Halpin

Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th Grade)

Description:	The Middle School Youth Group is all about getting to know each other, having fun together, serving others and growing closer to Christ. They begin every Wednesday by eating dinner together at the Wednesday Night Dinner in the Parish Hall. Then they'll head to Youth Group where they'll study and discuss the book of Revelation, play games and have fun, work on service projects and join in diocesan events like Youth Rally and the Bishop's Ball. The year will culminate with the Summer 2024 Mission Trip.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Every Wednesday during the school year, beginning Sept. 13 Dinner 6:00-6:30pm, Youth Group 6:30-8:00pm
Duties:	Volunteers are needed to assist with activities
Time Commitment:	2 hours a week
Contact:	Katie LaPenna, Youth Ministry Director

Parent's Day Out

Description:	A ministry to provide Christian care and education to children age 18 months to 5 years old. Adults may volunteer their time and talent in a variety of ways: as substitutes, mystery readers, etc.
Set Meetings:	Volunteer times will be determined based on Parent's Day Out schedule.
How Often:	PDO is every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00am-2:00pm during the school year
Time Commitment:	Will vary
Contact:	Heather Marr, PDO Director

Pew Torch Team

Description:	Team who puts the torches on the pews for special services.
Time Commitment:	Less than 1 hour per event
Contact:	Joe Hodges

School of Sacred Arts (Icon Class)

Description:	Learn iconography, the ancient art of writing your prayers through symbols, colors and gold using images of Christ, His Mother and the Saints. Your success depends not so much on talent as it does on prayer. Jane Ladik, who has written many icons at St. Laurence, will guide and direct you. You will find a community of love and support with others looking to deepen their understanding of Christ and their faith. Beginners welcome! Cost is one time charge of \$175 for materials and \$40 each week.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Weekly

Time Commitment: 10:00am-4:00pm every Monday in the Parish Hall. Students may come and go, working at their own pace on icons of their choosing.

Contact: **Jane Ladik**

Sermon Video Team

Description: Film the sermon each Sunday at either service with provided iPad.

Duties: Hit record. Hit stop.

Time Commitment: Approx. 15 minutes during the service.

Contact: **Karie Edson**

Softball Team

Description: Men's softball team that plays in Grapevine Church League.

Set Meetings: Yes

How Often: 16 weeks of play each spring and fall on Tuesday evenings

Time Commitment: Games last 1-1½ hours

Contact: **Terry Stevens**

St. Larry's Burnt Offerings BBQ Team

Description: Provide barbecued meat for the Church

Set Meetings: St. Laurence Day and occasional other events

Duties: Help and learn to barbecue

Time Commitment: Whatever time you can give

Contact: **Ken Stone**

St. Laurence Men

Description: St. Laurence Men are kicking off the year with a Dallas Cowboys Watching Party on Sun, Sept. 10 in the Parish Hall (kickoff time 7:20pm). Subsequent monthly events will be planned by a team of Parish men who are coming together to lead the meetings and activities for the year. There's lots of great fellowship activities, service projects, spiritual discussions and a retreat to come. Find out more on Sept. 10 while we cheer on the Cowboys!

Set Meetings: Yes

How Often: Once or twice a month, days and times will vary

Time Commitment: 2-3 hours a month

Contact: **Tom Dunaway**

St. Laurence Multi-Sport

Description: Fun and fitness group for cyclists and runners. This group meets on occasional Saturdays to train together. Connect with others who celebrate the awesomeness of God's creation while burning calories at the same time. All fitness abilities are welcome. Bike helmets are required for all rides.

Set Meetings: Vary throughout year

Time Commitment: Up to participant

Contact: **Mack Embry**

St. Laurence Women

Description:	The St. Laurence Women have a great plan for the year with some fantastic activities that are sure to appeal to most everyone. We'll kick off with a "Dîner an Blanc" welcome mixer on Sept. 19. Then throughout the year there'll be a Breast Cancer program, Cajun Cooking class, an Irish Pub dinner, a book drive for Parent's Day Out and more. We'll end the year with a 150th Kentucky Derby party. Childcare will be offered most months. It's going to be a great year!
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Once or twice a month, days and times will vary
Time Commitment:	2-3 hours a month
Contact:	Linda Weaver and Crickett Westmoreland

Sunday School - Adults

9:50am Sept. 10 - April 21

Parish Hall Class	The newly updated 2019 Book of Common Prayer is already in use in many of the churches in our diocese and we will begin using it on Dec. 3 when Advent begins. In preparation for that, Fr. John's Sunday School class will walk us through the new Prayer Book. He'll teach us the reasons for its development, why it is important for us to make this move and help us to become familiar with the differences and similarities.
Contact:	Fr. Jordan

Ladies Bible Study	The Ladies Sunday School class will pause for the fall so everyone can attend the Parish Hall class on the 2019 Book of Common Prayer. Look for this to resume in January.
Contact:	Lisa Lapiska

Sunday School - Preschool-5th Grade

Description: Kids rotate through our four Sunday School classroom stations: Bible Drama, Bible Crafts, Bible Games and Interactive Bible. A new lesson will be introduced each month and kids will reinforce the same Bible lesson in four different ways each month. Our theme for this year is "Know Who You Are and Whose You Are: You Belong to God." For example, we'll begin by reinforcing the concept: "You belong to God and He will save you in times of trouble" with Moses, the Plagues and the Red Sea. In the Bible Drama room, kids will reenact God's rescuing His people through the Red Sea; in Bible Crafts they'll create a parting of the Red Sea; in Bible Games, they'll play games to understand the plagues, and in the Interactive Bible room, they'll see a short summary video of the Bible passage and then complete a project to realize that each plague defeated a certain Egyptian false god and therefore, God is our all-powerful and only Savior.

Set Meetings:

Yes

How Often:

Sundays between services from Sept-April

Volunteers Needed:

To bring snacks and serve as substitute teachers

Contact:

Hilary Hale, Children's Ministry Director

Sunday School - Middle School (6th-8th Grade)

Description: The Middle School youth will look at the Sunday Gospel reading each week, taking a deeper dive into the meaning of the passage and how it applies to their lives today.

Set Meetings:

Yes

How Often:

Sundays between services from Sept-April

Volunteers Needed:

To serve as substitute teachers

Contact:

Katie LaPenna, Youth Ministry Director

Sunday School - High School (9th-12th Grade)

Description:	The High School Sunday School Class will continue their conversation-style learning format. This year the youth are going to learn more about Christian Apologetics and how to actively defend their faith in the world today. Topics will include various arguments for God's existence, the Trinity, Incarnation, atoning death, and resurrection of Jesus. Our goal is to continue to help prepare youth for times when their faith is challenged.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Sundays between services from Sept-April
Volunteers Needed:	To serve as substitute teachers
Contact:	Katie LaPenna, Youth Ministry Director

Toilet Tissue Ministry

Description:	Donate or help with the collection and delivery of toilet tissue every month to GRACE.
How Often:	Collection date is the 4th Sunday of the month.
Time Commitment:	1 hour every month or so depending upon number of volunteers
Contact:	Gretchen Green

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Description:	Ongoing, year round Bible Study led by Fr. Jordan that studies various books of the Bible. Great fellowship and Bible Study combined. Join in at any time! Currently studying 2 Corinthians.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Every Tuesday 10:00-11:00am in Music Building
Time Commitment:	1 hour a week
Contact:	Fr. Jordan

Union Gospel Mission Meals

Description:	In addition to our annual Good Friday lunch, we also serve meals to the residents and homeless on a semi-regular basis, depending upon the need at UGM.
Duties:	Serve food UGM provides
Time Commitment:	Good Friday: provide, make and serve lunch Typically 2-2.5 hours per meal Good Friday: 2 shifts between 8:30am-1:00pm
Contact:	Gail Lindley

Ushers

Description:	Usher for Church services and other events.
Set Meetings:	No
Duties:	Greet, hand out bulletins and pass collection plate
Time Commitment:	Approx. 1 service per month
Contact:	Scot Richardson

Vacation Bible School

Description:	A 4-day religious education program for elementary children in the summer. Includes Bible stories, skits, movie, songs and crafts. Anticipated dates are June 3-6, 2024
Set Meetings:	Planning meetings begin in the spring
How Often:	Varies depending upon job
Duties:	Many different jobs are available to allow for a variety of talents and available time
Time Commitment:	Will vary
Contact:	Hilary Hale, Children's Ministry Director

Wedding Guild

Description:	Help with the many aspects of putting on a wedding.
Set Meetings:	No
Duties:	Be extra hands to assist. Plan to be on your feet a lot.
Time Commitment:	Approx. 6 hours/wedding
Contact:	Patty Christensen

XYZ Group (eXtra Years with Zest)

Description:	A fellowship of parishioners 65+ years old. Their mission is to become acquainted with each other and enjoy a meal together at a local restaurant. Everyone is welcome!
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Once a month
Time Commitment:	2 hours once a month
Contact:	Ruth Kennedy

Young Adult Social Group (With Childcare)

Description:	A social group for 20 and 30 year olds, whether you're single, married, with or without kids. This year they have a variety of new activities planned, beginning with a pool party on Sept. 16. Childcare will usually, but not always, be available.
Set Meetings:	Yes
How Often:	Once a month
Time Commitment:	Approx. 2 hours
Contact:	McKenzey Jacka