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Welcome...

ACT JUSTLY LOVE TENDERLY WALK HUMBLY

From the Pastor's Office

5th Sunday of Lent

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the great knockout punch. As we ascend to Calvary we have passed through various milestones along the way. We have visited with people like the Blind Man and the Woman at the Well. All of their encounters with Jesus were life changing events in their lives. Today is the knockout punch. The story is told in a very dramatic way. Jesus holds back. He is in no hurry to get to Lazarus. For the miracle to have the great effect everyone must know for certain that Lazarus is dead. From a distance Jesus must have known that Martha and Mary were crying out for Him. By now they must have thought that Jesus didn't really care for them at all. If He really cared, He would have been there immediately. They sent Him word. Jesus knew that Lazarus was dying. He never came. In order to get to Martha and Mary, Jesus had to walk through a

forest of hostile stares and resentments. Over there the Pharisees stand delighted to witness His failure. Let's see Him get out of this one. The whole scene is actually set up by Jesus. He knew what He was walking into. He doesn't get a pass by being the Messiah in this situation. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." That message is for the rest of us. Even when all seems lost we must never give up. Whatever you ask of God, God will give you. I am not sure how true that is because I have to test it. Anyway, the great scene is presented to us. I always see this as a scene from a movie. I can hear the Director telling everyone, "places everyone." They all stand in their places. Jesus stands before the tomb of Lazarus and there is complete silence. Then the words boom out across the valley, "Lazarus, come forth." Time stands still and we all hold our breath. Then the miracle of Lazarus appears in front of



us. That is not possible. We all knew that he was dead. Are you telling me that now he is alive? I don't believe it. If I didn't see it with my own eyes I wouldn't have believed it. All of this is lovely for the people of Bethany but now it is time for the Pharisees to arrest Jesus. We have seen enough. He has walked all through the land doing his miracles upsetting people and we will have no more of it. Chapter closed.

With love, Fr. Pat



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Mass Schedule

..... Cynthia Rodriguez, Livia Telles-Rodriguez

Confession

Adoration

Monday - Friday......9:00 am - 11:30 am

Organizations

| ACTS Kay Isle (949) 842-5584 | ļ |
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Marriage: Contact Diane Bily at (512) 892-2420 or diane.bily@stcatherine-austin.org at least nine months prior to the wedding date.

Baptism: Contact Jennifer Gamblin at (512) 892-2420 or jennifer.gamblin@stcatherine-austin.org

Bulletin: Send email Jo Ann Campbell at joann.campbell@stcatherine-austin.org or send written notice to the parish office 15 days prior to publication date.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 25

5:00 pm Consuelo "Connie" Gonzalez †

Sunday, March 26

7:30 am Guy Desrochers †
9:30 am Khuong Huynh †
11:30 am Phillip Cruzan †
1:15 pm Priest Intentions
5:00 pm People of the Parish

Monday, March 27

12:00 pm Alyson Anderson †

Tuesday, March 28

12:00 pm Karl K. †

7:00 pm Marisela Moawad †

Wednesday, March 29

12:00 pm Melissa Ann Davila †

Thursday, March 30

12:00 pm Patrick Bergen †

Friday, March 31

12:00 pm Gloria O'Neill †
7:30 pm Priest Intention

† = Deceased SI = Special Intention

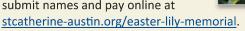
Sanctuary Lamp and Adoration Candle Intentions

Week of March 26

- Adoration Chapel donated by Loretta Hesse in celebration of Gene & Julia Kurtz's 72nd wedding anniversary
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine donated by Ana Bejarano in loving memory of Rodolfo Bejarano
- St. Joseph Shrine donated by Yoli Munoz for a special intention of eternal rest for John Muniz

Remember a loved one through a memorial gift of Easter lilies

Print the name of the person to be remembered along with \$13 in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers." You may place the envelope in the weekend Mass collection basket or bring to the parish office. You can also submit names and pay online at



Deadline is Friday, March 31.

Please pray for

The Sick

Debra Borrego Tracy Leinen Isabel Reves Robert Cabrera Maria Marek Randy Russell Mindy Cavazos Carolyn Massey Larry Sanchez Kyle Craven Theresa Massey Clyde Simeroth Manuel Cruz Yoli Muniz June Stewart Patricia Gerber Rose Ogilvie **Betty Stone** Ken Otte Ed Kaloustian Carol Walschlager

Our Service Members

Randall Davis Whitman Jones Robert Monroe
Kevin Goodlett Susanna Jordan Michael Pace
Josiah Griffin Ricky Martinez Nick Rocha
Louis Hause Michael Mazurek Andrew Sanchez

The Repose of the Souls of Loved Ones

recently called home by our Savior.

Collection Amounts

| Sunday, March 19 | \$24,755* |
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| * includes \$12,519 in online donations received | |
| Children's collection | \$171 |
| 2nd collection: Catholic Relief Services | \$2,645* |
| * includes \$324 in online donations received | |

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This weekend, we will have our bi-monthly second collection to support Catholic Education in the Diocese.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE



Wednesday, April 5

Mary's Way of the Cross 11:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday Mass, April 6 7:30 p.m. (No noon Mass)

Good Friday, April 7 (No Noon Mass)

Outdoor Family Stations of the Cross 10:00 a.m.
Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m.
Passion Service 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 8

Blessing of the Easter baskets & food 10:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt on Church grounds 10:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m.

(No Mass at 5:00 p.m. No Confessions.)

Easter Sunday Masses, April 9 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

Easter Monday, April 10 Daily Mass at 12:00 p.m.

Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, April 6, Friday, April 7, and Monday, April 10.



This week, please take a few minutes to review the exciting renovations of the bathrooms in St. Catherine's sanctuary! Please hold your camera over the QR code and click on the link that pops up to view videos and additional information provided on our website.



Our original bathrooms are showing their age, and St. Catherine's has plans to completely remodel and re-work the space. Please visit our campaign website or go to St. Catherine's website and select "Capital Campaign" on the home page and explore the site. It holds videos, an online brochure, a FAQ sheet and more!

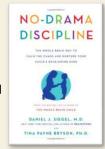
We need your help! As we continue to outreach to parishioners, the need for volunteers is growing. Please call the parish office if you would like to donate your time to this effort. Volunteering for this campaign is a great way to meet other parishioners and take ownership of your parish. A BIG thank you to our current campaign volunteers! We really could not do this without you!

If you are interested in donating, please select the "I want to donate" button on our campaign page and fill out the interest form. A campaign volunteer will reach out to you. As a reminder, parish staff and volunteers are calling on behalf of Father Pat and Father Ray to schedule times to share the message of the campaign and invite participation. These folks are working hard so please respond with an open heart and open mind.

Family Ministries

No-Drama Discipline Parenting Workshop

Parenting is a vocation, but it doesn't come with an instruction manual! Calm the chaos in your household with the expert advice of neuroscience and parenting experts Daniel Siegel, M.D. and Tina Payne Bryson, Ph.D. We'll meet once a week to study their bestseller, *No Drama Discipline*, continuing with Chapter 2 on Tuesday, March 28 at 9:15 a.m. in the Cenacle. It's not too late to join! Register online for \$25 at steatherine-austin.org/no-drama-discipline.



Monday Marriage Minute

Every Monday, spend 20-30 minutes online with other couples and the video series *Partners on the Journey*. We meet online on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom through May. This week's topic is "Marriage as Covenant". Couples are welcome to join occasionally or attend all 12 sessions. To receive the Zoom link, visit stcatherine-austin.org/marriage-enrichment.

Preschool Ministries

During Lent, our preschool will be collecting items for the homeless. This will help Mobile Loaves & Fishes and the St. Catherine's Compass Network Oakhill. We will pray for the homeless and give the donations in an offertory way.



This month we are learning about farms and animals. Farms can be so much more than cute little animals. These animals are useful. They provide us with milk, eggs, meat, and wool. Farms also provide us with the grains and vegetables that show up in our grocery stores. Farms can teach us about seasons. We closed our farm unit with a visit from a petting zoo with baby farm animals. The farm is the perfect place to learn about God's creations!

Community Ministries

Food Drive for Abiding Love Food Pantry

The Food Drive ends this weekend! Please return your non-perishable food donations this weekend. You may take them to the east narthex or to Abiding Love Parking Lot this Sunday between 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. where the Knights will unload your vehicle. Donate online at kofc8156.org/food-drive. Thank you for your generosity.

CRS Rice Bowl: Sharing Success

Most people in Turkana, Kenya raise livestock, and a few are farmers. But the hot and dry climate makes this work difficult—and climate change is making it even harder. Rebecca and Lotiang participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that installed a water well and taught them new farming techniques. They can support their family with their crops and are teaching others in their community what they learned. How can you use your skills and knowledge to help others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Please pick up your rice bowl in the Narthex.

Socks and Toiletries Needed

We are in need of men's white tube socks for the hygiene kits we prepare for our homeless brothers and sisters. If you have any small hotel toiletries, we need those as well. Place your donations in the wicker basket in the east entry of church. Thank you!

Support Group for Caregivers

Caregiving Café will meet on Thursday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. This is free and all family caregivers are welcome. Join us for educational presentations by professionals and insightful conversations on topics that are important to you. Contact Lynn Greenblatt at (830) 837-3162 or ccafemail2@gmail.com for questions and to RSVP.

Liturgy

We need Eucharistic Visitors!

If you are interested in serving in this ministry once a month and having the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ through bringing Holy
Communion to the homebound, please contact Katheryn Daniel in the parish office at katheryn.daniel@stcatherine-austin.org or (512) 892-2420, ext. 335.

We are holding a training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMoHC) on Saturday, April 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This training is required of both EMoHC who wish to serve during Mass and Eucharistic Visitors. Once you are trained and are EIM compliant, you are eligible to serve in one or both ministries. To sign up for the April 1 training, contact Katheryn Daniel, (512) 892-2420, ext. 335 or katheryn.daniel@stcatherine-austin.org.

If you were unable to attend our parish Lenten Penance Service, find other parish services at austindiocese.org/lenten-penance-services. Here are some upcoming penance services in our area:

• Thurs, 3/30 St. John Neumann Parish 6:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Join us on Friday Nights of Lent at 7:00 p.m. for Stations of the Cross. Mass follows immediately after the Stations for those who wish to remain. The parish also has Stations of the Cross outside on the grounds for you to walk and pray in private prayer.

Fasting and Abstinence during Lent

On the Fridays of Lent, it is the obligation of practicing Catholics from age 14 onward to abstain from eating meat. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of both fasting and abstinence. On days of fasting, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are permitted to eat one full meal and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. On days of fasting, refrain from eating between the permitted meals.





Religious Education

Adult Faith Formation

RCIA Ministry Minute: Last week, the Prime Timers provided the Ministry Minute. This week, it will be provided by the Prayer Shawl Ministry. God bless you for your kindness.

Parish Book Study

For those reading our parish book, *Our One Great Act of Fidelity: Waiting for Christ in the Eucharist* by Ron Rolheiser, study questions are available from Jennifer Gamblin in the Adult Education Office or at stcatherine-austin.org/parish-book-study.

Senior Ministry

Join us on Thursday, March 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the Cenacle for a slide show and presentation by Hjalmar Perez about Little Angels, the non-profit organization founded by Fr. Ray to help children in India. Kay Isle will also share her January 2023 India travel trip experiences.

History of the Reformation with Professor John Dahmus

This March, join us on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Cenacle for a four week course on the History of the Reformation. Professor John Dahmus will enlighten us on the split between Luther and the Catholic Church and all that followed. Professor Dahmus is a retired professor of history and a popular presenter here and at Life Long Learning.

Family Faith Formation

Good Friday Outdoor Family Stations of the Cross

Please plan to join us for our annual Outdoor Family Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m. at the outdoor stations on the parish grounds. We will gather outside on the lawn near the east driveway to begin. We are looking for a few readers to help lead the

Stations by reading the reflections as we walk from one station to the next. The parish has a microphone we can use; but we need readers who speak clearly and do not mind public speaking in front of a large group. High school or middle school students who are gifted at public speaking and strong readers are invited to volunteer. Please contact Marti at marti.salas@stcatherine-austin.org to volunteer.



General Parish

Christian Seder Meal, Wednesday, March 29, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

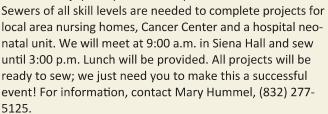
Everyone is invited to come and participate in this re-enactment of God's saving actions from the book of Exodus, which the Jewish people



still celebrate as their Passover meal today. The Church will provide the special Seder Plate, please bring a main dish, salad, or dessert to share. Families, children and all ages are welcome to come and celebrate together at this special annual meal as we prepare for Holy Week. Please RSVP at stcatherine-austin.org/christian-seder-meal-2023.

Lenten Sew-a-thon, Wednesday, March 29

Bring your sewing machines, sergers, thread, pins, scissors and other sewing tools and your talents to enjoy a day of friendship and service.



Lenten Meals

Every Friday evening during Lent, the Knights of Columbus Council 8156 and the Ladies Auxiliary will serve a Lenten Meal from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in Johnson Hall . The menu will vary each week and the meal will cost \$5 to off-set the increasing price of supplies. Come enjoy the company of fellow parishioners with a meal.

Krafty Ladies/Ladies Club

The Ladies Club will meet on Wednesday, April 5, at 11:00 a.m. in Siena Hall. A light lunch will be served. The Krafty Ladies, under the umbrella of the Ladies Club, meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us for one or both meetings. Come see what we are all about! For more information, please contact Betty Jo Summers, (512) 301-2564 or Rachel Lopez, (512) 565-1890.

Prime Timers (age 50+)

Don't miss the Brown Bag Lunch on Wednesday, April 12 at 12:30 p.m. Guest speaker Melissa Kavanaugh, Fitness Advisor from WellMed Charitable Foundation Community Center will discuss "Keeping Balance and Fall Prevention." Bring your lunch, we'll provide the beverage. RSVP to primetimers20@gmail.com by Monday, April 10. Pick up the Prime Timers EVENTS in the narthex for details. Prime Timers are a social group of parishioners over age 50 (couples, singles, widowed or divorced) who are eager to meet others in a social setting. There are no dues.

2023 Outstanding Achievement Award

The Outstanding Achievement Award sponsored by The Amigos Club recognizes academic achievement and provides financial support to qualified students completing 5th, 8th, and 12th grades in 2022-2023. Parishioners may pick up applications in the Parish Office or download from the parish website at stcatherine-austin.org/outstanding-achievement-award. Deadline to turn in applications is April 28, at 5:00 p.m.

Lay Dominicans

The Austin Chapter of the Lay Dominicans will begin meeting at St. Catherine's on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 3. All interested parishioners are welcome to join this group. Information concerning the Lay Dominicans can be found at Southern Dominican Laity St. Martin de Porres Province (laydomsouth.org) or contact Christopher Cregar, christopher.cregar@outlook.com or (512) 521-4263.

Creative Ministries

Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you know of someone in need of prayer (grieving, illness, new baby, etc.), contact Kay at scprayershawl@yahoo.com or (512) 923-2167 for a complimentary prayer shawl. Our next meeting is on Thursday, April 13, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. in rooms 231-232 in the Parish Center. Experienced crocheters and knitters are always welcome.



Out of Parish

Catholic Charities Counseling Services

Did you know that play therapy can assist children with improving communication skills, building coping skills, increase emotional regulation and assist them in improving relationships with others? Catholic Charities Counseling Services offers play therapy, as well as individual, couples and family counseling. Our clinicians accept all major insurances as well as offer services on a sliding fee scale to anyone looking for help and support with a variety of issues. To make an appointment, call (512) 651-6150 or visit ccctx.org/counseling-services.

Heart of Mary Retreat for Women

Attention young women: How is Jesus calling you to follow him? Join the Apostles of the Interior Life for *The Heart of Mary:* A Discernment Retreat for Women on April 14-16 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Temple. The retreat will include time for prayer, spiritual conferences on discernment and vocations, and opportunities to speak with other women discerning their vocation. All single women 18 - 35 years old are invited to attend. The cost of the retreat is \$35. For more information, visit austinvocations.com/upcoming-events/heart-of-mary-retreat.

Stay Connected!

We want to communicate more effectively with you and make it easy for you to control what announcements you receive and how you are notified. We are now using a service called *FLOCKNOTE*. It is totally free to use and it makes it easy for you to stay plugged in to the ministries or groups that you care about, all by text message or email. Your information will be completely safe and secure. You can unsubscribe from any updates at any time! To sign up, text *CATHERINE* to 84576 or visit stcatherineofsiena27.flocknote.com!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

We are grateful to this community for giving so greatly and regularly at home through online and mail contributions. Please also try to include St. Vincent de Paul in your giving. St. Vincent continues to try to meet the need of a growing group due to the economic effects of the virus and will need your continued financial support to meet this challenge.

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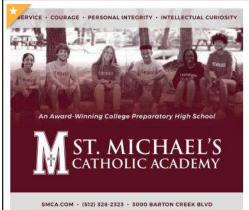




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