



ST. CATHERINE of SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekend Presider Schedules: *(subject to change)*

Saturday, October 18:

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation,
5:00 p.m. Mass Fr. Lou

Sunday, October 19:

7:30 a.m. Mass Fr. Lou
9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Mass.....
..... Fr. Johannes
1:15 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. Mass Fr. Pat

Welcome...

ACT JUSTLY
LOVE TENDERLY
WALK HUMBLLY

From the Pastor's Office

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The story of the battle between Amalek and his army brings to mind the story of Constantine's battle against opposing Roman forces from the Western part of the Roman Empire. Constantine won this battle, and it paved the way for the rise of Christianity in the Roman world. The famous story tells us that the night before the battle Constantine doubted if he would win this battle. In desperation he prayed to the Christian God. In a dream he was told to daub the Christian symbol of the cross on all the shields and banners of his army. I guess the troops grew in confidence, so much so that they won the battle convincingly. I am talking about the power of symbols and what they represent. The Nazi world was dripping in

Nazi insignia to denote power and control. We all rally to the flag. The lovely story of the American national anthem comes to mind. After the pounding by the British forces at Fort McHenry, people wondered what they might see when daylight came again. They were astounded to see that the flag was still flying. This gave them great confidence and courage to continue the fight. The same scenario happened when Moses and his people fought against Amalek. Moses was not a military general leading his troops to battle. These were ordinary people who fought for their cause. Moses stood up on a height so that his people could see him. As they entered the battle, they saw Moses raising his hands, to signify that the God Yahweh was with His people in the midst of the fight. This gave them courage. God is with us. That's all we want to know. I want to know that God is with me. Knowing that, I can

cope with anything. We must never underestimate the power of symbols and what they mean. They give us heart. They rally the people to arms when necessary. Knowing that God is with us, we march to the fight with courage and conviction. I remember reading about the soldiers who went into ancient battle. Their job was to march across a battlefield. The odds were high that they would all be killed. Naturally they were afraid. Naturally they prayed to all the Gods they knew to protect them. It turns out that many "Christian" soldiers emblazoned on the back of their shields a pray to God for protection. Whatever works...



With love,
Fr. Pat

Second Collection This Weekend: World Mission Sunday

Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. It is a day when Catholics around the world unite in prayer and solidarity to support the missionary work of the Church. This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," is particularly moving because, even though it was chosen by Pope Francis, it reflects both the heart of our faith and the vision of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

Pope Leo XIV, who spent most of his priestly ministry as a missionary in the remote regions of Peru, reminds us that The Pontifical Mission Societies are "the primary means for awakening missionary responsibility among all the baptized [and for] supporting ecclesial communities in areas where the Church is young." His personal witness deepens the meaning of this year's celebration, inviting us all to renew our commitment to the Church's mission in the world.

The second collection this weekend will support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in our collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



**Catholic Services Appeal
(CSA) Next Weekend,
October 25-26**

Next weekend we will have a special collection for the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA), which supports the important mission and ministries of our diocese.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 18

5:00 pm Connie Garcia †

Sunday, October 19

7:30 am Priest Intention

9:30 am Tommy Lichenstein †

11:30 am Denis Cowhig †

1:15 pm Petrus Julius †

5:00 pm Santiago † and Sarita † Rivas

Monday, October 20

12:00 pm Felix Soto †

Tuesday, October 21

12:00 pm Daniel Gabriel Doyle (SI)

7:00 pm Ana Teresa Sankar †

Wednesday, October 22

12:00 pm Justin Gustovich †

Thursday, October 23

12:00 pm Christopher Gregory Doyle †

Friday, October 24

12:00 pm Evelyn Francis †

† = Deceased

SI = Special Intention

Altar and Ambo Flowers

The Altar flowers were donated by Penny Lichenstein in memory of Tommy Lichenstein and John and Olivia Rountree. The Ambo flowers were donated by Penny Lichenstein for the repose of the souls of friends and loved ones that have gone before us.

[Donate flowers in memory of a loved one or special occasion for a specific weekend.](#) We ask for a donation of \$175 for the altar flowers, \$125 for the ambo flowers, or \$250 for both. Scan the code to check which weekends are available, or call the Parish Office at (512) 892-2420.



Sanctuary Lamp & Adoration Candles

Week of October 19

- Adoration Chapel - donated by Lydia Guenther in loving memory of John R. Guenther.

Sanctuary Lamps: [Sign Up](#) to have a Sanctuary Lamp lit for a week for a special intention. Suggested donation is \$10.

Please pray for

The Sick

Mindy Cavazos

Kyle Cravens

Frank Dworaczyk

Jane Dworaczyk

Caroline Garcia

David Guzman

Mary Hamad

Alma Hughes

Connor Hull

Philomena Leinen

Tracy Leinen

Sharon Lufftus

Carolyn Massey

Yoli Muniz

John Naftanel

Ken Otte

Olga Marie Prieto

Carol Ramirez

Nicolas J. Salas

Betty Stone

Christina M. Tovar

Frank Yorke

Kathleen Walschlager

Jack Wolford

Our Service Members

Randall Davis

Kevin Goodlett

Michael Mazurek

Corey Leinen

The Repose of the Souls of Loved Ones

recently called home by our Savior, **especially Donato Munoz, husband of Eusebia Munoz.**

Collection Amounts

Sunday, October 12\$44,014*

* includes \$24,082 in online donations

2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul Society.....\$11,188*

* includes \$5,893 in online donations

Thank you for your continued support! We are grateful to this community for giving so greatly and regularly at Mass and at home through online and mail contributions. The St. Vincent de Paul Society does so much to help our neighbors in need. Read more about their work on page 6.

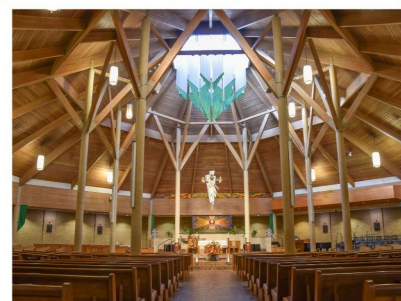
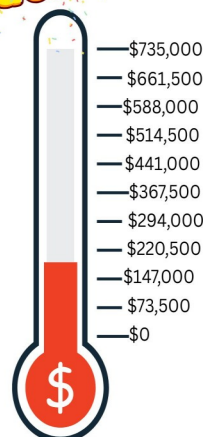


Welcome back to Austin and to St. Catherine of Siena, Fr. Johannes! We are thankful to God for your safe return!

GOAL!

Help us make repairs to our beautiful sanctuary!

HVAC Replacement * Cupola Repairs * Roof Replacement



Total Donations as of October 12: **\$197,961**

Information and Online Donations:



Liturgy

Fr. Johannes is Back!

This week we will resume Confession at 6 p.m. and Mass at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, and daily noon Mass on Wednesdays.



All Saints Day, November 1

All Saints' Day, November 1, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Saturday. We will celebrate our usual 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 1, as a Vigil Mass for All Souls' Day.

November is the month in which we remember our beloved dead. During this time, we intercede for those who have gone before us in faith, that they are received and embraced by God. Here are some special ways to remember your departed loved ones in prayer at St. Catherine's during this month of remembrance:

- **All Souls Day:** Our Special Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated during the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, November 1. There will be a candle ceremony for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.
- **Sign their names in our Book of the Names of the Dead** which will be placed in front of the Baptismal Font during the month of November.
- **Bring a photo or memento of your loved one and place it in the narthex on the Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) Parish Altar.** The altar will be set up in the narthex from Saturday, November 1 until Saturday, November 22. Please label your photo or memento with your name.



Cry Room During Mass

Families may use the Choir Room in the church. The large TV monitor will project a live feed of Mass. You will need to come into the Sanctuary to receive Communion.

Fall Festival Cancelled

The Fall Festival scheduled for Saturday, October 25, has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience. St. Catherine of Siena will have a Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 24, from 6-7:30 p.m. presented by ACTS. It will be a fun family event and all are welcome! St. Catherine's Preschool will also have their annual Holy Ween Party, which will be on Thursday, October 30, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Parents, preschoolers, toddlers and infants are all invited to attend! Please see page 8 for more information about both of these events.



**Knights of Columbus
Council 8156 Monthly BBQ**

**Sunday,
October 19**

Beginning after
7:30 a.m. Mass

Chicken, Pork Tenderloin,
Ribs and Sausage

This Month's Beneficiary:
Coats for Kids Project

Knights of Columbus Monthly BBQ - October 19

This Sunday, October 19, the Knights of Columbus Council 8156 will hold its monthly BBQ of chicken, pork tenderloin, ribs and sausage in support of the Coats for Kids Project. Knights will be in the St. Catherine's Courtyard after 7:30 a.m. Mass to serve your meal needs. Learn how the Knights of Columbus lead with our faith to protect the family, serve others and defend our values. The benefits of being a Knight are numerous. Contact the Membership Director at 512-576-4675!

CUSTODIAN NEEDED

We are looking for a custodian to work 20 to 25 hours per week. This job may require evening and weekend hours. Interested parties should contact Sue in the Administration Office.

(512) 892-2420



Adult Faith Formation

OCIA Hospitality: This week's refreshments and Ministry Minute will be provided by the Lector Ministry. Next week's hosts will be That Man is You. God bless you for your kindness!

Help Welcome a New Catholic as an OCIA Sponsor

We are looking for parishioners to join our OCIA program and serve as sponsors for those who are preparing to become Catholic at the Easter Vigil next year. OCIA meets Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and training will be provided. Are you someone who loves the Catholic faith and likes to share that faith with others? Perhaps you're a fully-initiated Catholic but would like to learn more about our Catholic faith with others in our community? For more information or to get involved as an OCIA Sponsor, contact [Marti Salas](#).

Registration for Women's ACTS Retreat Online

The [Women's ACTS retreat](#) will be held from Thursday, November 13, through Sunday, November 16, 2025, at the Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet, TX. Transportation will be provided. Fillable registration forms are available [online](#) and can be returned by e-mail to casa.gloria.rodriguez@gmail.com.



St. Catherine of Siena Women's ACTS Retreat
Eagle's Wings Retreat Center
November 13-16, 2025



Centering Prayer Group

This group meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Cenacle and on Mondays via Zoom at 3 p.m. For information, contact Marianne Metzner at MarianneMetznerLPC@gmail.com or (512) 203-5460.

Breaking Open the Word (Tuesdays Online)

Study the Sunday readings with this online resource that is shared weekly on the website. Join our online group on Tuesdays from 1 - 2:30 p.m. or study alone. To join, email [Jennifer Gamblin](mailto:Jennifer.Gamblin).

Lay Missionaries of Charity

Lay Missionaries of Charity welcome you to "Come and See" any Tuesday for Adoration at 10:00 a.m., followed by our general meeting with a Rosary in the Ignite Room and Daily Mass at noon. For more information, contact Alison Manzer at (512) 746-7206 or Stephanie Nelson at (512) 730-3920.

Family Faith Formation

Youth Ministry News - DCYC 2026

The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) will be held on January 30 - February 1, 2026, at the Waco Convention Center. If you have a high school student interested in attending, please [click here to sign up on our interest form](#) by November 1 and for more details. EIM compliant chaperones and adult drivers will be needed to get the youth to the conference. [Click here for more information on DCYC from the diocese](#). Please contact our Youth Minister [Livia Telles-Rodriguez](#) if you have any questions.



Fall 2025 Parish Book Study

SHANE OWENS



RETURN to the HEART
THE BIBLICAL SPIRITUALITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S CONFESSIONS

Return to the Heart:

The Biblical Spirituality of St. Augustine's Confessions

Our new pope belongs to the Augustinians, an order whose charism emphasizes the proper role of "the heart."

Join us this Fall to learn more about the saint who inspired the Augustinians and heavily influenced the early Church, St. Augustine of Hippo.

Meets on Thursdays through November 13
12:10 - 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Ignite Room (2nd Floor)
Bring a lunch to enjoy during the meeting!

[Click here for more information!](#)

OCIA Sponsors Needed

Do you love the Catholic faith and like to share that faith with others?

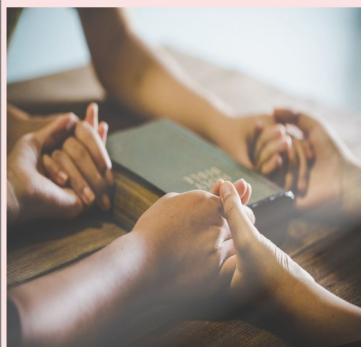
Would like to learn more about our Catholic faith with others in our community?

Consider becoming an Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) sponsor!

We are looking for parishioners to serve as sponsors for those who are preparing to become Catholic at the Easter Vigil next year.

OCIA meets Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and training will be provided.

Contact Marti Salas in the office:
Marti.Salas@stcatherine-austin.org



Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching on St. Catherine's Website

A page on the St. Catherine's website is dedicated to Catholic Social Teaching, which can be found by [clicking here](https://www.stcatherine-austin.org/catholic-social-teaching), or visit <https://www.stcatherine-austin.org/catholic-social-teaching>.

Texas Bishops Call for the Abolition of the Death Penalty

The Texas Conference of Catholic Bishops has released a statement calling for the abolition of the death penalty, denouncing its effects not only on victims and others immediately affected, but also on society.

"Capital punishment vitiates our hearts' capacity for mercy and love," the bishops write, noting that "the death penalty not only does not correspond to the common good, it actually does great harm to it." In their statement, the bishops cite several ways that harm is inflicted: 1) Capital punishment is used disproportionately on the poor, minorities, and people with mental disabilities; 2) Costs for capital punishment cases are three times that of a prisoner with life imprisonment; 3) The finality of death does not allow for rehabilitation or for consolation for victims' families and 4) Studies have shown that innocent people have been executed by the state and that crime rates are not affected by a state's use of the death penalty. [Click here to read more.](#)

Georgetown University Livestream Event October 21 - Broken Links: How Do Media Silos Undermine Social Solidarity?

Pope Leo XIV has urged the media to serve as peacemakers and to embrace communication that brings us out of the confusion of loveless, ideological, or partisan languages. Yet the proliferation of new and heavily ideological media outlets prevents dialogue among people with differing views, continues to deepen existing polarization, and erodes possibilities for a politics of solidarity. A growing share of Americans hold increasingly hostile views toward those with different beliefs, and today's highly fractured media landscape only seems to reinforce those divides. The online seminar by Georgetown University, entitled "Broken Links: How Do Media Silos Undermine Social Solidarity?" will address many of these issues. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, from 6-7 p.m. Central Standard Time. [Click here to register online.](#)

Georgetown University Livestream Event October 30- Pope Leo XIV's New Challenge and Moral Leadership on Poverty, Work and Artificial Intelligence

In his new apostolic exhortation *Dilexi te* ("He loved you"), Pope Leo powerfully elevates concern for the poor as a central theme of his pontificate. He writes, "The condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church. On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ himself." Learn more about "Pope Leo XIV's New Challenge and Moral Leadership on Poverty, Work and Artificial Intelligence" during a livestreamed event from Georgetown University on Thursday, October 30, from 6-7 p.m. Central Standard Time. [Click here to register online.](#)

Community Ministries

Donations Needed

Men's white tube socks, hotel-sized toiletries, ribbon (any width), nursery flannel material for infant blankets, diapers sizes 5 and 6.

The Giving Tree

It's almost time for our Annual Giving Tree Project! We will be putting up the trees with the tags November 2. If you would like to adopt an entire family before then, please contact [Rhonda Smith](#) in the Community Ministries Office. Thanks.



The Roof Over Your Head

On a recent St. Vincent de Paul call we visited one of our neighbor's homes at around 4:00 p.m. She had already been through the eviction process through the Austin court system, and the eviction was scheduled to take place that afternoon at 5:00 p.m. We informed the neighbor that we would do our best to help her. The neighbor called the court to inquire what time their office closed. The court employee told the neighbor that the money had to be paid by 4:45 p.m. The county judge would not accept a check that day but gave her an extension until 8:00 a.m. the next day. After the judge's approval, payment was accepted, thus preventing the neighbor and her family from being evicted.

In the last fiscal year, **\$69,253** of the funds collected from our parish went to provide rent relief and prevent evictions. The St. Vincent de Paul conference is grateful for the generous support of our parishioners, without whom we would not be able to assist our neighbors with their needs, be it rent, utility bills or food. The next collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be on the weekend of November 8-9.

The Marriage Preparation Ministry is Looking for Volunteers!



Contact Monica in the office or scan the QR code:



- We are looking for married couples to share their time with engaged couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.
- Married couples should be comfortable or have an open heart to present to a group of engaged couples, and be married in the Catholic church.
- You will work with a team of other married couples, and training will be provided.

Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

Knights of Columbus Online Silent Auction Through October 26

Knights of Columbus 8156 will be holding our annual **ONLINE SILENT AUCTION** from October 14th through October 26th. Proceeds from this auction will go to Abiding Love Food Pantry. You may register and bid on auction items at: <https://app.betterunite.com/ctcwaustin-auction2025> from now until October 26th. For more information, please contact Eddie Mazurek at 512-965-2137.



Bridge Club (Mondays)

Experienced bridge players are welcome to join the Bridge Club every Monday from 1 - 4 p.m. in the Parish Center, Room 222 (next to Siena Hall on the second floor). Questions? Contact nancydobbs@yahoo.com.



Krafty Ladies Meeting - October 22, 10 a.m. in Siena Hall

The Krafty Ladies will have their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 22, at 10 a.m. in Siena Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to join. [Click here](#) for information about the Krafty Ladies.



St. Catherine's Cross Stitch Group (Wednesdays)

St. Catherine's Cross Stitch group meets at 1 p.m. Wednesdays in the Parish Center, rooms 231/232. ALL experience levels invited! No tools needed to get started! Contact Glenda Massey at m4force@aol.com for more information.



That Man is You! - October 23, 6 a.m. in the Cenacle

[That Man is You](#) meets again on Thursday, October 23. If you want to meet other men in the parish, deepen your relationship with God, or just enjoy a good breakfast and a cup of coffee, then join us! Breakfast starts at 6 a.m. upstairs in the Parish Center. A video will be shown at 6:30 a.m. with a conversation to follow in the Cenacle. (Online participation via Zoom is available starting at 6:30 a.m.) We end promptly at 7:30 a.m.



Senior Ministry - October 23 at 10 a.m. in the Cenacle

Join Senior Ministry for the second presentation this season from Fr. Lou Brusatti's series "Fr. Lou and the Church." Fr. Lou will share updates on Pope Leo and continue his discussion about the Nicene Creed. The meeting will be on Thursday, October 23 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Cenacle room of the Parish Center (on the second floor). Open to all ages! [Click here for more information on Senior Ministry.](#)



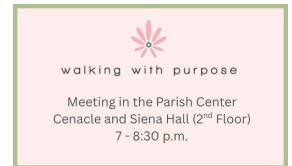
Prayer Shawl Ministry - October 23 at 1 p.m. in the Parish Center, Room 231/232

If you know of someone in need of prayer, (grieving, illness, new baby, etc.), please contact Heidi Langan at scprayershawl@stcatherine-austin.org or (512) 497-1082 for a complimentary prayer shawl. Our next meeting is on Thursday, October 23, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. in room 231/232 of the Parish Center. Experienced crocheters and knitters are always welcome.



Walking with Purpose - October 23, 7 p.m. in the Cenacle and Siena Hall

If you desire to grow in your faith - in a supportive community of Catholic women - Walking with Purpose is for you! The Walking with Purpose (WWP) Bible study combines personal study workbooks with small group discussions, linking our everyday challenges to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



October/
November
2025

Prime Timers EVENTS



Friday, October 31
12:30 pm - Cenacle

Prizes Galore!
We'll provide the
cookies and drink.

Test your knowledge of all things Halloween with Halloween Trivia. It has many surprising facts that many people do not know. Plus, enjoy lemonade and cookies while you play bingo. Come enjoy fun and friendship. Bring a friend.



"The Cognitive Psychology of Aging: How We Deteriorate and Compensate" by Dr. James Speer

Wednesday, November 12-12:30 pm Siena Hall

James' early career was in the oilfield service industry. A middle-aged career changer in 1980, he earned a PhD at Stanford, in developmental psychology. He was a faculty member of Stephen F. Austin State University, 1980-2003. He served as Dean of Liberal Arts, 1995-2000. Dr. Speer is retired with the title of Professor Emeritus.

Twice widowed, his second wife passed away about a year ago. On account of her influence he became a Catholic in 2020, having previously been a life-long Anglican.

Fall Events at St. Catherine's

Trunk or Treat - October 24 | Presented by ACTS

Get ready for Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 24, from 6-7:30 p.m.! This event is open to all parishioners and is hosted by the ACTS Community with the assistance of the Knights of Columbus and various other organizations. If you would like to dress up your trunk for this event, [please click here to sign up](#). Slots are limited. We are also asking for volunteers and item donations, [click here to sign up](#). Help us make this a family friendly and safe event. We will have hotdogs, chips, water, and games. AND of course our city's Fire Department will be present to educate families on fire safety. Make sure to wear your Halloween costumes!

Annual Holy Ween Party - October 30

Presented by St. Catherine's Preschool

Join us for a spooktacular time at our Annual Holy Ween Party! Parents, preschoolers, toddlers, and infants, you are invited to our much-anticipated Annual Holy Ween Party on October 30, 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You and your little one won't want to miss this celebration! Our dedicated preschool teachers have prepared an enchanting array of games and activities that promise a delightful experience for your little pumpkins. Costumes encouraged! Parents and children alike, this is your chance to unleash your creativity and embrace the Halloween magic. Whether it's superheroes, princesses, or friendly ghosts, everyone is welcome to participate and have a spooktacular time together. No scary costumes, please.

St. Catherine of Siena ACTS Presents

Trunk OR Treat

Come and Join Us!

Decorate your car and pass out treats, or just bring the family.

FRIDAY, OCT 24 TH

Arrive by 5:30 to decorate your car
Event 6 to 7:30 pm

Games Food Prizes Fire Truck



Visit the website for more information

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS, PRESCHOOLERS, TODDLERS, AND INFANTS!

ST. CATHERINE'S PRESCHOOL PRESENTS THE ANNUAL

HOLY WEEN PARTY

PRESCHOOL WILL DISMISS AT 11:00 AM

OCTOBER 30TH ✦ 11:15-12:30

GAMES PRIZES TREATS



Check out our adult classes!



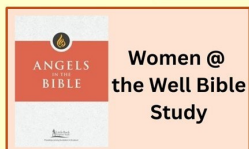
Centering Prayer



LUKE
The Story of Salvation Fulfilled



The History of Ancient Israel



Women @
the Well Bible
Study



walking with purpose
Meeting in the Parish Center
Cenacle and Siena Hall (2nd Floor)
7 - 8:30 p.m.
On Thursdays

Click here to learn more!

Seeking Natural Family Planning (NFP) Promoters

- Present an introduction to NFP for engaged couples and parishioners
- Training provided by the Diocese of Austin
- Must be married in the Catholic church and practicing NFP
- Contact Monica in the office or scan the QR code to sign up:



Bereavement Support

Grieving During the Holidays - November 12

As the Christmas Season approaches, we wonder how it is we will get through all those traditions, and how we will prepare for the holidays if we have lost a loved one recently. Lori Kruczek will present some practical solutions on getting through the holidays at St. Catherine's on November 12, 2025. This is a two-hour session from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Center, rooms 231/232. [Click here to register online](#), or contact Evelyn Amador at evelyn.amador@stcatherine-austin.org, or (512) 892-2420 ext. 315.

Six-Week Grief Support Group - Wednesdays Beginning January 7 Through February 11, 2026

If you have lost a loved one, you are invited to join a Six-Week Grief Support Group that will meet on Wednesdays beginning January 7, 2026. Sessions will include a time to learn about grief, share your sorrow, and recognize and pray for healing. The group will be led by Lori Kruczek, founding member of St. Catherine of Siena, who has participated in our Grief Ministry since 2014. [Click here to register online](#), or contact Evelyn Amador at evelyn.amador@stcatherine-austin.org, or (512) 892-2420 ext. 315.

News Beyond Our Parish

ST. THÉRÈSE IS COMING TO TEXAS!

October 31 to
November 4

**LITTLE
FLOWER
BASILICA**

San Antonio, TX



SEE THE FULL SCHEDULE OF
THE TRAVELING RELICS
littleflowerbasilica.org/relics-2025



Relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux Coming to San Antonio October 31 - November 4 at the Little Flower Basilica

From October 31 through November 4, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower will welcome the relics of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, whose faith and "Little Way" continue to touch millions. It has been over two decades since her relics last visited in 1999, when 75,000 pilgrims filled the Basilica day and night.

St. Thérèse, known as the "Little Flower of Jesus," lived a short but impactful life. Entering the Carmelite convent at 15 and dying at 24, she revealed a spirituality rooted not in grand gestures but in small, loving acts done with trust in God. Her words still resonate: "What matters in life is not great deeds, but great love." Her Little Way transcends denominations and generations. It calls each of us—Catholic or not—to live with compassion, patience, and intentional love. In a world filled with division and noise, Thérèse's life reminds us that holiness can bloom in the ordinary: in a flower, a smile, a kind word, or a moment of patience with a stranger.

The last visit left a lasting imprint on San Antonio, uniting people across backgrounds in hope and prayer. This October, we are invited again to pause, reflect, and rediscover the power of simplicity and love. San Antonio has the privilege of welcoming the Little Flower once more. Let us open our hearts as we open the Basilica's doors, ready to be reminded that even the smallest acts of love can change the world.

Grieving During the Holidays

Wednesday, November 12

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

in the Parish Center - Rooms 231/232

Please click [here](#) to register online.



Awareness Weekend October 18-19



**Our parish is celebrating the
Catholic Services Appeal (CSA)!**



www.austindiocese.org/give





ST. CATHERINE of SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Austin, TX 78749

www.stcatherine-austin.org

Administration Office (512) 892-2420
Community Ministry Office .. (512) 892-2433
RE Office (Children & Youth) (512) 892-2426
Fax..... (512) 892-0488
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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:30 am*
 11:30 am, 1:15 pm, 5:00 pm
Monday – Friday 12:00 pm*
Tuesday 7:00 pm
 * Denotes online livestream Masses

Confession

Saturday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Tuesday 6:00 pm – 6:45 pm
 By Appointment (512) 892-2420

Adoration (Day Chapel)

Monday - Friday 9:00 am – 11:30 am
Thursday 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Daily Rosary (Day Chapel)

Monday - Friday 11:20 am – 11:45 am

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