



ST. CATHERINE of SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekend Presider Schedules: *(subject to change)*

Saturday, November 15:

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Reconciliation,
5:00 p.m. MassFr. Pat

Sunday, November 16:

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

Welcome...

ACT JUSTLY
LOVE TENDERLY
WALK HUMBLLY

From the Pastor's Office

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we come to the end of the Church's year, the readings at Mass take on an ominous tone. They talk about the end of the world. Last June, I referred to the fact that there is a mysterious comet coming towards the earth. Parishioners laughed at me for mentioning it. Now that this baby is coming closer to us, scientists are paying attention. Why didn't anyone listen to me??? There are suggestions that maybe this is not a comet at all, but an alien spaceship. I confess I am a little bit concerned. I don't want to live out the script of "Independence Day." I don't want the aliens to attack the earth. When some

of these out-of-life experiences come to visit it is only natural we all feel a little bit vulnerable. The disciples asked Jesus questions after He made them all scared. "All that you see here – the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." My natural instinct is to feel scared. We are not masters of the universe as we pretend to think. The world evolves and shifts and moves and we are on board ship trying not to get seasick. I remember during the days of Covid. Will we ever forget? I came into the office when the whole world was locked down and maybe a couple of staff came to join me. How do we move forward when the world feels scared? It occurred to me. I

decided that the best thing to do, since I am the captain of the ship, was to steer my ship on a course and slowly but surely move forward, one day at a time Sweet Jesus. That carried us through the danger and eventually we came out on the other side. The world is full of danger. The aliens are coming to get us. Now is the time to steer our ship and move forward. Now we must lean on Jesus and let Him guide us on. In His company we feel safe.

With love,
Fr. Pat



How to Donate for Sanctuary Repairs

1. By Check – You may leave a donation by check in the Sunday collection baskets by placing it in an envelope labeled "Sanctuary Repairs." You can also stop by our offices from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays to drop off a check donation.

2. Online by Credit Card – You may make a donation by credit card on St. Catherine of Siena's Vanco page (Scan the QR code below or click the "Give" button at the top of our website home page, www.stcatherine-austin.org):



You may also donate directly through our website (scan the QR code below):



3. By Donating Stock - Contact Erin Hummel at erin.hummel@stcatherine-austin.org for information about donating stock.

Thank you for your generosity!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 15

5:00 pm Dr. Ana Maria Hernandez de Lopez †

Sunday, November 16

7:30 am Priest Intention

9:30 am Maria Beatriz and Ricardo Salinas (SI)

11:30 am Alfredo Cobos †

1:15 pm Donato Munoz †

5:00 pm Jean Garza †

Monday, November 17

12:00 pm Maria Elia Botello †

Tuesday, November 18

12:00 pm Flor Maria Chavez Gamboa †

7:00 pm Anibal Martin Rivas (SI)

Wednesday, November 19

12:00 pm Souls of the Faithfully Departed †

Thursday, November 20

12:00 pm Flor Maria Chavez Gamboa †

Friday, November 21

12:00 pm Lorenzo Che †

† = Deceased

SI = Special Intention

Altar and Ambo Flowers

The Altar and Ambo flowers were donated by Richard and Dianne Cardiel in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary.

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. The new schedule for 2026 will be out soon. Scan the code to check which weekends are available, or call the Parish Office at (512) 892-2420.



Sanctuary Lamp & Adoration Candles

Week of November 16

- **Adoration Chapel** - donated by Jo Ann Campbell in loving memory of Diane Bily
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine** - donated by Jo Ann Campbell in loving memory of Maria Elia Botello
- **Sacred Heart Shrine** - donated by Jo Ann Campbell in loving memory of Velma Gonzalez

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 **Steve Manz**, husband of Mary Manz.

Collection Amounts

Sunday, November 9\$41,735*

* includes \$24,125 in online donations

Children's Collection \$153

2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul Society\$20,722*

* includes \$6,016 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.

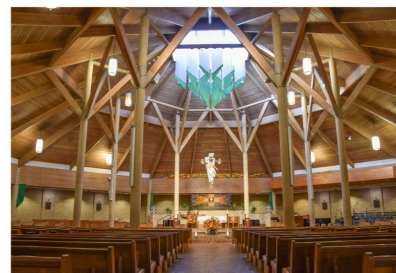
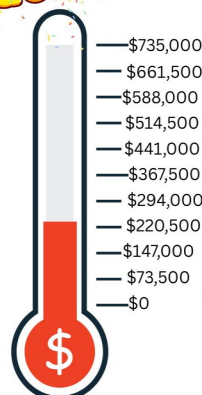
Second Collection This Weekend

The second collection this weekend is for the [Catholic Campaign for Human Development \(CCHD\)](#). The CCHD is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18). The CCHD is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes. Together, we can make a difference in families and communities across the United States. Please donate prayerfully and generously. Thank you.

GOAL!

Help us make repairs to our beautiful sanctuary!

HVAC Replacement * Cupola Repairs * Roof Replacement



Total Donations as of November 9: \$231,990

Information and Online Donations:



Liturgy

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:

- **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 (Día 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.

Poinsettia Flower Memorials

Remember your loved ones by purchasing a Christmas poinsettia to be used in decorating the church during the Christmas season. Anyone interested in remembering a loved one at Christmas with a memorial gift of poinsettias may place the name of the person to be remembered, along with \$15, in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers" and place in the collection basket. [Names and donations may also be submitted online by clicking here.](#) A poster with the memorial names will be displayed in the narthex at Christmas. The deadline is Monday, December 15.



The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Feast Day: November 21

On Friday, November 21, we celebrate the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Apostles of Mary group invites you to the daily 11:20 a.m. rosary in the day chapel.

After noon Mass, we will enjoy a LUNCH in the Parish Center.

Please bring a MAIN ITEM TO SHARE & enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners—and have a nice lunch as well!

Community Ministries

Carols and Cookies Christmas Celebration - December 12, 6-9 p.m.

Come share the joy of the season at our Carols and Cookies celebration! Join us for an evening of Christmas music in the church, fellowship, and festive treats in Johnson Hall on Friday, December 12 from 6-9 p.m. Bring your favorite cookies or simple finger foods to share, and enjoy a cozy night of singing carols, laughter, and community cheer. All are welcome - let's make this a sweet start to the Christmas season!

The Giving Tree Project

Thank you for your generous support of the Giving Tree Project! We will sort gifts on Wednesday, December 3 at 2 p.m. and deliver them Saturday, December 6 at 9 a.m. If you would like to help with the sort and/or delivery, please come to the church at the designated times. Please contact Rhonda.Smith@stcatherine-austin.org if you have any questions.

A Message About Requests for Money After Mass

From time to time, individuals may approach parishioners outside of church after Mass asking for money. While it's natural to want to help, we ask that you please direct anyone in need to contact our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry for assistance. Our parish offers help with food, clothing, rent, utilities, and other needs through this ministry. Cards with the St. Vincent de Paul phone number are available on the information tables in the Narthex. They are in English on one side and Spanish on the other. You may wish to keep one with you to hand to anyone who asks for help.

Toddler Boy Clothing Needed Please

We need gently used little boys winter clothing sizes 3T and 4T. You may leave your donations in the wooden box in the narthex or bring to the CMO office. Thank you.

Coats and Blankets Needed for Mobile Loaves and Fishes

Please donate your gently used blankets and winter coats to help our brothers and sisters on the streets stay warm this winter. You may take them to CMO or leave them in the wooden box in the narthex.



**** SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026 ****

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Father Lou's Ordination!

On November 28, 2025, Fr. Lou Brusatti will celebrate 50 years as a priest! Of course we want to celebrate his golden anniversary, and we definitely will! Please save the date of Saturday, January 17, 2026, when we will have a golden anniversary celebration for Fr. Lou after the 5 p.m. Mass. More details will be available soon! Happy anniversary, Fr. Lou!

Parish offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Wednesday, November 26, through Friday, November 28.

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, November 26 at 12 p.m.

Thursday, November 27 at 9 a.m.

Friday, November 28 at 12 p.m.

There will be no Adoration on these days.
The church will be closed following Mass.

HAVE A
Blessed
THANKSGIVING

Adult Faith Formation

OCIA Hospitality: This week's refreshments and Ministry Minute will be provided by Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary. The hosts for Monday, December 1, will be the Liturgy of the Word with Children ministry. God bless you for your kindness!

Centering Prayer Group

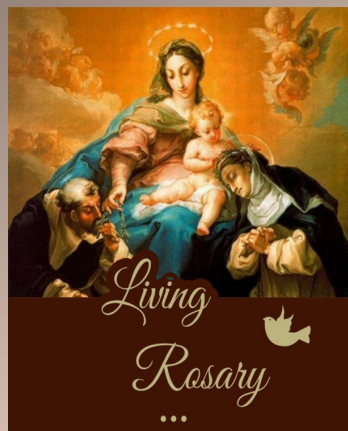
This group meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Cenacle and on Mondays via Zoom at 3 p.m. For information, contact Marianne Metzner at MarianneMetznerLPC@gmail.com or (512) 203-5460.

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 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.



*All are invited to be a bead in
the Living Rosary!*

*Sunday, November 23
After 9:30 a.m. Mass
(at approximately 10:45 a.m.)*

In the Parish Courtyard

Presented by ACTS

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](#), or visit <https://www.stcatherine-austin.org/catholic-social-teaching>.



St. Catherine of Siena Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 10

7 p.m. in the Church

**Confessions with
Parish Priests &
Visiting Priests**



Las Posadas

Sunday, December 7 after 5 p.m. Mass

Attend the Bethlehem walk with Mary and Joseph as they look for a room for baby Jesus to be born. Refreshments will be served afterward in Johnson Hall.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

Saturday, December 13 at 5 p.m.

Featuring a dramatization by the Amigos Club of the appearance of the Virgin Mary to St. Juan Diego.

Cookies and hot chocolate served after Mass in Johnson Hall.



Upcoming Parish Meetings

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 - November 19

The Krafty Ladies will have their regular weekly meeting on Wednesday, November 19 at 10 a.m. All ladies of the parish are invited. [Click here for more information about the Krafty Ladies.](#)



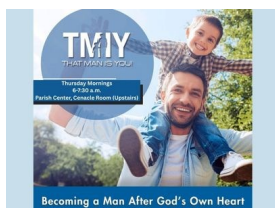
St. Catherine's Cross Stitch Group (Wednesdays)

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! - November 20, 6 a.m. in the Cenacle

[That Man is You](#) meets again on Thursday, November 20. 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 - November 20, 10 a.m. in the Cenacle

Fr. Lou will continue his series, "Fr. Lou and the Church." The topic for the November 20 meeting is Catholic Social Teaching. The meeting will be held in the Cenacle (2nd floor of Parish Center) from 10 - 11:30 a.m.



Walking with Purpose - November 20, 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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry - December 4 at 1 p.m.

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, December 4, 1 - 2 p.m. in the Parish Center, room 231/232. Experienced crocheters and knitters are always welcome.



Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting - December 8

If you are a wife, widow, mother, sister or daughter (over 18 years of age) of any member of the Knights of Columbus, in any parish, you are eligible to join the [Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary](#)! This group meets the second Monday of the month through May, beginning at 7 p.m. in Siena Hall of the Parish Center. The December meeting will be on December 8.



Bereavement Support

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.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Congratulations to Our Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is celebrating their 19th anniversary this month and 9,624 prayer shawls given to others. "May their shawls be a reminder of Your presence in their lives." They celebrated the anniversary at their meeting on November 13. Contact Heidi at scprayershawl@yahoo.com or 512-497-1082 to request a complimentary prayer shawl for your loved one in need of prayer.



Knights of Columbus News

Knights of Columbus Spotlight: David Tarasi

The Knights of Columbus Council 8156 will spotlight a brother Knight each month to share his story on the St. Catherine of Siena website. This month, Knight David Tarasi shares his story. [Click here to read David's story!](#)



Knights of Columbus Council 8156 Monthly BBQ

Sunday, November 16

Beginning after 7:30 a.m. Mass

Chicken, Pork Tenderloin, Ribs and Sausage

This Month's Beneficiary: Scout Troop 448



Knights of Columbus Monthly BBQ - November 16

This Sunday, November 16, the Knights of Columbus Council 8156 will hold its monthly BBQ of Chicken, Pork Tenderloin, Ribs and Sausage in support of Scout Troop 448. Knights will be in the St. Catherine's Courtyard beginning at 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!



We invite all newly married and engaged couples to this marriage enrichment time at the Shrine.

Just in time for the holidays!

BLENDING CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS, AND FAMILIES

**Saturday, November 22
9:30am - 12:00noon**

RSVP: justmarried@schoenstatt.us



**SPEAKERS
TONY & LAURA
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..... Marti Salas, Jennifer Gamblin

Religious Education (Children & Youth):

Marti Salas, Sarah Pedrozo, Laura Bristow, Cynthia Rodriguez, Livia Telles-Rodriguez

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

Organizations

ACTS

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K of C Council #8156

..... Arnold Auzenne 299-3527

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Ladies Club Brenda Mayes 791-8405

Lay Missionaries of Charity

..... Alison Manzer 745-7206

Prayer Shawl Ministry

..... Heidi Langan 497-1082

Prime Timers Juanita Josel 394-1254

St. Vincent de Paul ... Cathi Brown 826-7035

St. Vincent de Paul Assistance 550-5160

Scouts David Pesek 970-1218

Marriage:

Contact Monica Sanchez at monica.sanchez@stcatherine-austin.org or (512) 892-2420 at least nine months prior to the wedding date.

Baptism:

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

Bulletin:

Send email to Danielle Nepustil at danielle.nepustil@stcatherine-austin.org.

Updated EIM Compliance Information

The mission of the Diocese of Austin's Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) program is to help protect people from abuse and unethical behavior through education, action, and reporting, and to listen to and learn from those who have experienced abuse in order to provide healing. **EIM compliance is required for persons active in most ministries in the diocese.** Looking for resources and information about safeguarding children and other vulnerable people? Do you want to volunteer and are new to the EIM process? Are you returning to ministry and already have an EIM account? Visit austindiocese.org/eim to learn more about EIM policies and procedures and how they keep our parishes and schools safer for everyone. Contact your parish or school's EIM site administrator, [Evelyn Amador](mailto:Evelyn.Amador@stcatherine-austin.org) at [evelyn.amador@stcatherine-austin.org](mailto:Evelyn.Amador@stcatherine-austin.org), or eim@austindiocese.org for additional assistance. **Report Abuse:** Report abuse of a minor, elderly adult, or an adult with a disability to local law enforcement or the Texas Abuse Hotline at www.txabusehotline.org or (800) 252-5400 and the diocese at www.austindiocese.org/report-abuse or (512) 949-2447.

Stay Connected!

We want to communicate more effectively with you and make it easy for you to control the announcements you receive and how you are notified. We are now using a service called **CONNECT**. You can subscribe to regular e-mails from St. Catherine of Siena by [clicking here](#). 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, as well as receive weekly updates with a direct link to our digital bulletin. Your information will be completely safe and secure. You can unsubscribe from any updates at any time! Thank you for being a part of our parish community!

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.

WAYS TO GIVE



Donate Online at
stcatherine-austin.org/give-from-home



Call Erin Hummel (512) 892-2420 to set up online giving



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