



NATIVITY^{OF} THE LORD



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Blessings of the season to you
and your family!

From Fr. Pat, Fr. Johannes, Fr. Lou
and the St. Catherine's Staff

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Schedule for
December 24 through
January 2, 2026
([Click here to view online](#))

Wednesday, December 24, Vigil Masses

4:00 PM*, 6:00 PM, 8:00 PM, Midnight

(4 PM Mass - Christmas Carols begin at 3:30 PM)

(Midnight Mass - Christmas Carols begin at 11:30 PM)

Thursday, December 25 - Holy Day Mass at 10:00 AM*

* denotes live-stream Christmas Masses

DAILY MASSES (Regular Weekday Schedule)

December 22, 23, 26, 29, 30, 31 12:00 PM

No 7:00 PM Mass or Reconciliation Dec. 23 and Dec. 30

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, December 27

Reconciliation 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 28

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM*, 11:30 AM

1:15 PM, 5:00 PM

* denotes live-stream Mass

Thursday, January 1, 2026 - Mary, Mother of God at 10 AM

DAILY MASSES Resume Regular Schedule on

Friday, January 2, with 12:00 PM Mass.

No Adoration December 22 through January 4, 2026.

From the Pastor's Office

4th Sunday of Advent

I try to imagine Jesus in some heavenly place hearing confessions before Christmas. Gazillions of people are waiting for their turn. "Bless me Jesus for I have sinned..." Then we all drone on forever about everything. Same old sins, the good old favorites. I give Jesus my usual complaints about the family. I ask for the same things every time. I suspect Jesus has a lot more patience than me. He is willing to sit there forever and listen to me droning on and on. I even get bored with myself sometimes. Isaiah speaks to us. "Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God?" Because

we are nice and we might not say it out loud, truth be told, I get very tired of you going on and on about it. Nothing seems to change. This calls for a dramatic intervention. "Therefore the Lord will give you a sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall name Him Emmanuel." Great change is coming. Already the deserts have burst into flower. The water holes are full again. With the coming of the Messiah we are given a guide to help us navigate our way through this life. When I begin to engage with this Messiah, things begin to change in my own personal life. People were once strangers to me. Now I regard them like they are my brothers and sisters. I feel the need to do works of charity. I begin to pray

for other people and not always for myself. I feel concern for the world. I was never like this before. I identify myself as a Christian, a follower of Christ, part of the Christian community. I join myself with a common purpose. I am a pilgrim and I am on the journey to the Promised Land of Heaven. All roads converge on the Heavenly Jerusalem. Once we arrive and we have our rooms, we begin our new life with a Heavenly Banquet. I wonder will there be cheesecake? If there is, I know that it will be Heavenly!

With love,
Fr. Pat



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

We don't usually think of Paul in this way, but Paul was a bit of a poet. He knew how to craft words. One of his famous images is given to us today. He describes the idea of embracing the faith, walking the Christian way like unto putting on a coat. "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility....And over all these put on love." Today on the Feast of the Holy Family, let us contemplate the idea of putting on the Holy Family like unto putting on a coat. This will be a decision that we will make. We commit ourselves to being a Holy Family. When people come to visit our house, one of the first things they will notice is that they are in the home of a Holy Family. In this place we commit ourselves to love. We commit to living out the Christian virtues. We will show Christ to our children and our children will show

Christ to us, their parents. We will pray together. We will do works of charity together. Of course we will have our fights, that is kind of natural, but very quickly we will reconcile with each other. We will share what we have with each other. Because I am a child that might be a bit harder to achieve, because I don't like much sharing my toys with the others. But I will commit to it. Hopefully, I will get used to the idea and it won't be so bad. In our Holy Family, Mom and Dad commit to being role models for us their children. In this Holy place, they will make us feel safe and secure, a place we call home. They will always encourage their children to talk with them about anything. Mom and Dad promise that no Facebook or Instagram or Smart Phone or ball game will ever get in the way of us being together and talking. The thing that will move our hearts is the way we share our treasure and warmth with other people. We, this Holy Family, take our love with us out into the

community. Together as a family we commit to works of charity. We make time to participate and work in our parish

community. Sometimes we go to the Food Bank and help with the food. Sometimes we take part in City of Austin things to show our solidarity with other Holy Families. The effect of our commitment to being a Holy Family is that other families have begun to imitate us. We are becoming a community of Holy Families. We are the people who walk in darkness. We have seen a great light.

With love,
Fr. Pat



Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us."

- Matthew 1:23





Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 20

5:00 pm Dorothy Bieniek †

Sunday, December 21

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:30 am Bill McGee †
11:30 am John A. Mouracade †
1:15 pm Flor Maria Chavez Gamboa †
5:00 pm Brian Daniel †

Monday, December 22

12:00 pm John M. Ritoch †

Tuesday, December 23

12:00 pm Roy Garza, Jr. †

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 pm Priest Intention
6:00 pm People of the Parish
8:00 pm Priest Intention

Thursday, December 25

12:00 pm People of the Parish
10:00 am Priest Intention

Friday, December 26

12:00 pm James Frei †

Saturday, December 27

5:00 pm Apolonio Solis †

Sunday, December 28

7:30 am Priest Intention
9:30 am People of the Parish
11:30 am Elvira Rodriguez †
1:15 pm Anibal Martin Rivas (SI)
5:00 pm Olivia Casarez †

Monday, December 29

12:00 pm Gloria Goddard (SI)

Tuesday, December 30

12:00 pm John Greene †

Wednesday, December 31

12:00 pm Marcia Fife †

Thursday, January 1

10:00 am Jesse Thomas Rhodes †

Friday, January 2

12:00 pm Arokiasamy Family (SI)

† = Deceased

SI = Special Intention

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
Giovana McGettrick
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 **Agapito Ruedas**, father of Lisa Serrano; and **Jorge Rios**, husband of Lee Rios and father of Monica Rios Howeth.

Collection Amounts

Monday, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception \$1,868

Sunday, December 14\$36,100*

* includes \$13,680 in online donations

Children's Collection \$175

2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul Society\$12,523*

* includes \$6,334 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 Collections 12/21/25 and 12/28/25

The second collection on December 21 is for **Retired Clergy and Religious**. Please consider giving generously for those who have spent their lives serving God and the church. [Click here for more information about the Retirement Fund for Religious.](#)

The second collection on December 28 is for **Diocesan Family Services, which include Maternity Homes for the Diocese of Austin: [Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown](#), [Our Lady of the Angels Maternity Shelter in Temple](#), and the [Pro-life Activities Office](#) of the Diocese of Austin.**



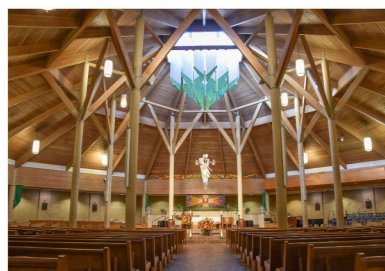
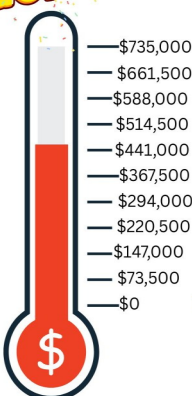
Parish Offices will be closed from Monday, December 22 through Sunday, January 4, 2026.

we will resume regular office hours beginning Monday, January 5, 2026.

GOAL!

Help us make repairs to our beautiful sanctuary!

HVAC Replacement * Cupola Repairs * Roof Replacement



Total Donations as of December 14: \$448,321

Information and Online Donations:



Liturgy

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21 - Love

December 21 is the Fourth Sunday of Advent! This week we celebrate love. God showed His great love for us when He fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which said "the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." As we are told in this week's Gospel reading from Matthew, Emmanuel means "God is with us." God is truly with us through the birth of His son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Sunday, December 28 - Feast of the Holy Family

On Sunday, December 28, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. With this feast, we celebrate the love and unity made manifest in the family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus. May we aspire to cultivate that same love in our own lives.

Thursday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

On Thursday, January 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mary is the model of holiness for us in her willingness to hear and obey God's will. Mother Mary, please pray for us to be able to love our Lord with the same faithfulness that you demonstrated!

Sunday, January 4 - Epiphany of the Lord

On Sunday, January 4, we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. We remember the gifts that the Three Kings brought to the baby Jesus. Epiphany packets will be available at the church doors. Please take one home and bless your home for the New Year!

A Special Thank You!

A special thank you to all of our priests, deacon, choirs and musicians, lectors, ushers, Mass coordinators, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers and altar linen ministry members who give of their time and talents to serve the community throughout the year and through this very holy season. A very special thank you to all the members of the Arts and Environment Committee for returning again and again this season, enabling us to celebrate in a beautifully decorated church. You have our deepest gratitude and may God bless you all!

Now Open: Sign Ups for 2026 Altar/Ambo Flowers

Donate flowers in memory of a loved one or special occasion for a specific weekend in 2026. We ask for a donation of \$175 for the altar flowers, \$125 for the ambo flowers, or \$250 for both. Your name and occasion will be printed in the weekly bulletin, posted on our announcement monitors in the various buildings at St. Catherine's, and in our weekly email to parishioners. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up for a date in 2026.



Community Ministries

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM CMO!

Many thanks to all of you for your very generous support.

Congratulations Fr. Lou!

We will celebrate Fr. Lou's 50th Anniversary to the priesthood on Saturday, January 17, 2026. We will have a Mass of Thanksgiving at 5 p.m. and then a reception and dinner in the Parish Center. [Please RSVP on the parish website as soon as you can by clicking here](#). We need to get a headcount to plan for the food. Thanks!

Donations Needed

Gently used winter coats and clothing, white tube socks, and small toiletries. Thank you!

Mobile Loaves and Fishes

Would you like to volunteer for Mobile Loaves & Fishes? We go out every 3rd and 4th Saturday mornings of the month. EIM Certification is required for any ministry work. Please contact [Evelyn Amador](#) in the main office for EIM information. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Rhonda Smith at Rhonda.smith@stcatherine-austin.org. Note: There is a write-up in the December issue of *Catholic Spirit* about St. Catherine's Mobile Loaves & Fishes Team. [Click here to check it out!](#)

Get on the CMO (Community Ministries) Volunteer Email List!

Send your email address to Rhonda.smith@stcatherine-austin.org to sign up to volunteer for CMO. I send out emails when I need volunteers. You respond only if you wish to help! Just ignore the email if you don't. This is a no-stress way to volunteer and incorporate volunteering into YOUR schedule. Thanks to all our amazing volunteers.

Sanctuary Lamp & Adoration Candles

Week of December 21

- **Adoration Chapel** - donated by **the Cruz Family** in loving memory of the Espinosa Family
- **Sacred Heart Shrine** - donated by **Amy Stringfellow** in loving memory of Chuck and Joanie Miller

Week of December 28

- **Adoration Chapel** - donated by **Margarita Flores** in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Amador
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine** - donated by **Ignacio Zamarron** in loving memory of Leonor Zamarron Rodriguez
- **Sacred Heart Shrine** - donated by **the Cruz Family** in loving memory of the Hisbrook Family

Sanctuary Lamps: [Click here](#) to make a donation for sanctuary lamps and adoration candles, which will be lit for a week for your special intention. **Dates for 2026 are now available.** Donations and intentions will be published in the weekly digital bulletin, on our announcement monitors in the various buildings at St. Catherine's, and in our weekly email to parishioners. Suggested donation is \$10.

Adult Faith Formation

OCIA Hospitality: St. Catherine's Music Ministry will provide refreshments when OCIA resumes January 12, 2026. God bless you for your kindness!

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion **Wednesdays - January 14 to February 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center, Room 233/234 (2nd Floor)**

Dieu Van Dinh will facilitate this beautiful five-session study from Ascension Press. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.
[Click here to register.](#)

Centering Prayer Group (Resumes January 5, 2026)

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.

Lay Missionaries of Charity (Resumes January 6, 2026)

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.

Knights of Columbus News

Knights of Columbus Monthly BBQ - December 21

On Sunday, December 21, the Knights of Columbus Council 8156 will hold its monthly BBQ of chicken, pork

tenderloin, ribs and sausage in support of Patriots Hall. 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!



Knights of Columbus
Council 8156 Monthly BBQ

**Sunday,
December 21**

Beginning after
7:30 a.m. Mass

Chicken, Pork Tenderloin,
Ribs and Sausage

This Month's Beneficiary:
Patriots Hall



**NO
GREATER
LOVE**
A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH
CHRIST'S PASSION

Will You Follow Jesus to Calvary?
No Greater Love is a Biblical Pilgrimage that Reveals Christ's Amazing Love for Us

This Beautiful Five-Session Bible Study will be Facilitated by Dieu Van Dinh
Wednesdays Beginning January 14 to February 11
Meetings Begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center, Rm. 233/234 (2nd floor)
[Click Here for More Information and to Register Online](#)

You Are Invited to a
**Special Prayer Service for
Expecting Mothers**
Friday, January 9 @ 6:30 p.m.
Parish Center - Cenacle

All are welcome: expecting mothers,
families, friends and anyone who
wishes to pray for life.

Join us for 45-minute prayer,
music and reflection service.

A free meal will immediately
follow the service.

Scan or click here to register:



"Children are a gift
from the Lord."
- Psalm 127:3




Six Week Grief Support Group

Wednesdays, Beginning January 7 - February 11, 2026
10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Parish Center, Room 231/232



Register Online:


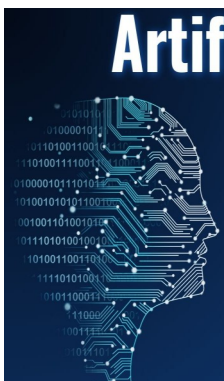


Artificial Intelligence

Learn more about AI and how it effects
different aspects of our lives.

Rod Whisnant, a St. Catherine's parishioner, will present
the latest issues discussed at the 2025 Builders Artificial
Intelligence Forum (BAIF) hosted by the Pontifical
Gregorian University.

Hosted by Senior Ministry
Thursday, January 15 from 10 - 11:30 a.m.
In the Parish Center Cenacle Room (2nd Floor)
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

Bridge Club (Mondays - Resumes January 5, 2026)

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.



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.



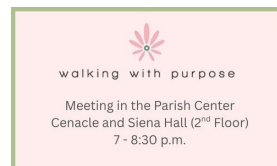
Prayer Shawl Ministry - January 8 at 1 p.m.

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, January 8, 1 - 2 p.m. in the Parish Center, room 231/232. Experienced crocheters and knitters are always welcome.



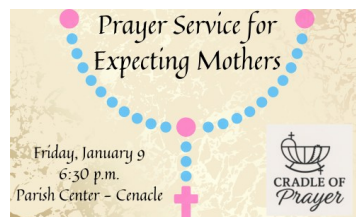
Walking with Purpose - January 8 in the Cenacle and Siena Hall

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. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2026, in the Cenacle and Siena Hall.



Cradle of Prayer: A Special Prayer Service for Expecting Mothers - Friday, January 9, 6:30 p.m. in the Cenacle

You are invited to a special prayer service for expecting mothers, Cradle of Prayer. Expecting a child is a blessing, but also a time of uncertainty. We're here to pray with you as you prepare for this special gift. We will meet on Friday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cenacle (second floor of the Parish Center). All are welcome: expecting mothers, families, friends and anyone who wishes to pray for life. Join us for a 45-minute prayer, music and reflection service. A free meal will immediately follow the service. [Please click here to register](#).



Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting - January 12

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 January meeting will be on January 12. For more information, please e-mail Pamela White at pamela.larawhite@gmail.com.



Prime Timers Brown Bag Lunch: Positive People are Happy - Wednesday, January 14 in Siena Hall

Author, speaker and magician Jim Gentil, also known as "Mr. Positive," will be the guest speaker during the Prime Timers Brown Bag Lunch on Wednesday, January 14, beginning at 12:30 p.m. in Siena Hall. The topic will be "Positive People are Happy." Mr. Positive Jim Gentil's passion is in showing others the miraculous successes that can be achieved through cultivating a positive attitude. Bring your lunch and Prime Timers will provide the beverage. RSVP at primetimers20@gmail.com.



St. Catherine's Cross Stitch Group (Wednesdays - Resumes January 14, 2026)

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.



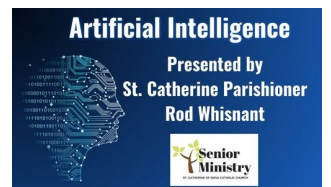
That Man is You! - January 15, 6 a.m. in the Cenacle

[That Man is You](#) meets again on Thursday, January 15. 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 Presents "Artificial Intelligence" - Thursday, January 15 in the Cenacle

Artificial Intelligence (AI) continues to evolve and effect financial, business and many other aspects of our lives. Rod Whisnant, a St. Catherine's parishioner, will present the latest issues discussed at the 2025 Builders Artificial Intelligence Forum (BAIF) hosted by the Pontifical Gregorian University at the Collegium Maximum, Rome. It will take place during the regular Senior Ministry meeting on Thursday, January 15, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. in the Cenacle.



Catholic Social Teaching

50 Years Connecting Catholic Social Thought and Public Life:

Lessons from John Carr's Leadership - January 21, 2026

Georgetown University will present an in-person and livestreamed public dialogue and gratitude reception honoring John Carr, founder of their Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life. John is retiring at the end of 2025. This event will serve to remember and honor John's founding of the Initiative in 2013, his more than 25 years of service at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as director of the Department of Justice and Peace, and his leadership at the Archdiocese of Washington and other vital Catholic and interfaith efforts. The dialogue will also be a time to explore how the lessons from John's leadership can help us advance the principles of Catholic social teaching, lift up "the least of these," and advance the common good in these challenging times. We hope you will join us in thanking John for founding the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life and for more than half a century of service at the intersection of faith and justice. The event will be lived-streamed from 5 - 7:15 p.m. CST on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. [Please click here for more information and RSVP.](#)

Prime Timers Special Event

Join Your Fellow Prime Timers to Enjoy Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass - Sunday, January 18 at the Long Center

This show will be an evening with Herb Alpert and his brand-new Tijuana Brass. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Long Center on Sunday, January 18. Herb, along with his six great musicians, will be playing all your favorite TJB hit songs just as you remember hearing them. Don't delay, rear parterre seating, \$70.

Contact Juanita Josel at jgjosel@yahoo.com or at primetimers20@gmail.com to reserve your tickets.

**Prime
Timers**



Baptism

Baptism Coordinators Needed

Upcoming Training:
Saturday, January 10, 2026
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Church

Please contact
Jennifer Gamblin
for more information
jennifer.gamblin@stcatherine-austin.org

Click here or Scan the QR code to register online:



DIocese
of
AUSTIN

Women's Giving Circle

Catholic women coming together to give with purpose!

OUR PURPOSE

To create a community of philanthropically minded Catholic women dedicated to raising awareness and funds for Catholic aligned community organizations within the Diocese of Austin. We leverage pooled membership fees to have a greater impact on organizations in need. Our mission is to educate women in philanthropic giving and to reach out to younger women to invite them to be future leaders of the Church in giving back.

OUR MISSION

The Women's Giving Circle supports nonprofit organizations that benefit those in need in our local community.

WAYS TO JOIN

Online at www.austindiocese.org/womens-giving-circle
(click Join Now button)

Mail check to: **Diocese of Austin-Women's Giving Circle**
6225 E Highway 290, Austin, TX 78723-1025

For more information contact

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



In Loving Memory



THE BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIAS IN OUR SANCTUARY HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTED AS MEMORIALS TO LOVED ONES BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. PLEASE REMEMBER THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Alt
Mr. & Mrs. Domingo Arenas
Ann Marie Armstrong
Dianne Wahl Armstrong
Hector Arteaga
Mauricio Arteaga
Bruce Bacía Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Balconi
James Balconi-Lamica
Jaime Bass
Marty Bass
Tom Bass
Anna Mae Batch
Jack Batch
Peggy E. Batch
Thomas E. Batch
Linda Rankin Beasley
Diane Bily
Esther Blevins
Larry Bookout
Mr. & Mrs. William Bosshart
Maria Elia Botello
Departed Bouda Family
Dale & Marlene Bowan
Genoveva Brito
Lorraine Busekrus
Thomas Buxton
Estelle Byrd & Maurice Mathis
Campanile Families
Francis & Frances Campanile
Maria del Socorro Cano
Edward Cantu
Vicente Cantu
Connie Cantu Arocho
Theresa Cantu-Harkless
Tommie Cardenas
Emil & Gloria Cardiel
Anthony Casarez
Mr. & Mrs. Julius Casarez
Olivia & Efram Casarez
Yolanda Casarez
Emilia Castillo
Roberto & Cristina Castillo
Mr. & Mrs. George Charvat
Mr. & Mrs. Dan Christenson
Morris Clint
Omar Codina
Cognetto Families
John Cohan
Lucas Colmenero
Andres Cortez
David Cortez
Jack Crowther
Mary G. Crowther
The Cruz Family
Juan & Carmen Cruz
Michael Curran
Mr. & Mrs. William Dales
Brian Daniel
Jan Davis
Leonard B. Davis, Sr.
Gloria & Hilario De La Pena
Edward John Debish
Departed Disher Family
Joshua Draper
Gloria Eleanor
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Ennis
Irene Escobedo
Ernest L. Espinosa
Joseph Martin Evoy
Muriel A. Fitzgerald
Patricia Finn
Mr. & Mrs. James Flores

Ricardo Flores
Larry Foltz
Terry Foltz
William R. Foreman
Frank & Betty Fox
Estelle Fransway
Janice & William Frisbe
Albert Galvan
Alonzo (Tito) Galvan
Alonzo & Guadalupe Galvan
Tules Gamboa
Antonio & Victoria Garcia
Armando Garcia
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Christmas 2025



Pictures from the Parish

A glimpse into activities at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church.

PRIME TIMERS RETURN TO SIENA FESTIVE FESTA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10
12:30 P.M. IN SIENA HALL.



Photos courtesy of Juanita Josel



Our Lady of
Guadalupe Mass

December 13

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Christmas Carols and Cookies

Friday, December 12



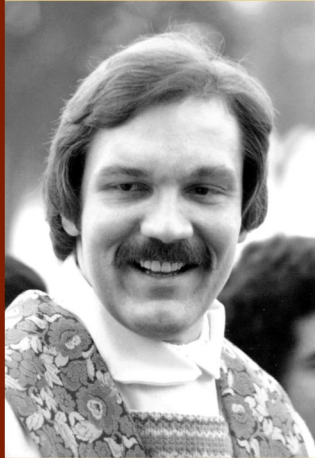


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WITH JOYFUL HEARTS & GRATITUDE TO GOD,
WE WILL CELEBRATE A HOLY MASS OF THANKSGIVING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

5:00 P.M.

RECEPTION AND DINNER TO FOLLOW
PARISH CENTER, JOHNSON HALL

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH
4800 CONVICT HILL ROAD
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PLEASE RSVP ON THE PARISH WEBSITE
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Please RSVP by Monday, January 12, by [CLICKING HERE](#).

From the Pastor's Office

The Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany is not a word we use very often. In the world of Church, we only speak of Epiphany on this feast day. "Rise in splendor, Jerusalem. Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you." Using biblical language, we have been the people who lived in darkness. When you live in darkness, you can't see anything. You walk down the road and you don't know which way to go. That is darkness. Using more biblical language, Jesus the Messiah has come into our world. He is likened to the sun rising on a new day. There is no more darkness. When I walk down the road, I don't need to be afraid anymore because I can see where I am going. That is the ultimate message of

Christmas. Christ has come. He comes as light into the world to illuminate us all. In the world of language, we speak of a person getting an epiphany. Now I get it. At last, I understand. The world is full of mystery and now enlightenment has come into the world. This will help me to make sense of it all. Principally, on the feast of Epiphany, we tell the story of the Wise Men from the East in their quest to see the baby Jesus. Poetically, the Wise Men represent us, gentile humanity. The coming of the Christ child did not come just for the Jews, called the Chosen people. Jesus came for us all. Herod lingers on the edge of the birth of Jesus story. Like all small, minded dictators Herod lives by anxiety. He worried that the baby King will take his throne away from him. Herod speaks his lie to the Wise Men.

"When you have found him, let me know so that I can go and pay homage to Him."



Truth is Herod would make sure to kill this child so that he could secure his throne. With everything that comes, with goodness and kindness, with illumination that shines light on our darkness, there are always enemy forces on the sidelines who wish to kill and destroy. That which we call our treasure, we must guard it with our lives.

With love,
Fr. Pat



*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

~ Isaiah 60:1

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 3

5:00 pm Claire † and Normand † Berube

Sunday, January 4

7:30 am People of the Parish

9:30 am Fr. Pat Coakley (SI)

11:30 am Omar Codina †

1:15 pm Joaquin Tobias Camarillo †

5:00 pm Priest Intention

Monday, January 5

12:00 pm Manuel Palomo †

Tuesday, January 6

12:00 pm Brittany Smith (SI)

7:00 pm Francisco Rivera †

Wednesday, January 7

12:00 pm Rick Wempe †

Thursday, January 8

12:00 pm Nancy Timko †

Friday, January 9

12:00 pm Rosemary Fudeman †

† = Deceased

SI = Special Intention

Sanctuary Lamp & Adoration Candles

Week of January 4

- **Adoration Chapel** - donated by Amy Stringfellow in loving memory of Chuck and Joanie Miller





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

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

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