



# ST. CATHERINE of SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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### Weekend Presider Schedules:

*(subject to change)*

#### Saturday, March 7:

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

#### Sunday, March 8:

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

*Welcome...*

ACT JUSTLY  
LOVE TENDERLY  
WALK HUMBLLY

## From the Pastor's Office

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

The story of the woman at the well is one of my favorite stories about Jesus. I love the pace of it. Time stands still. There is no hurry. Making a connection with this woman is all that matters. Jesus will wait hours if he has to. Meanwhile, the Apostles are here and there trying to find food. Townspeople are going about their business. At the middle of the day, at the hottest, people are taking their siestas. Gradually, the town becomes quieter and quieter. This is the time when the woman comes forth from the shadows. She doesn't want to deal with people. People are cruel. They will gladly hurt you. They will take your most vulnerable part and fire it in your face. We seem to have learned that from childhood. It is not just children. All of us, we can be very cruel. We seek out the vulnerable and the isolated and we condemn them over and over again. We love having dirt on people.

Would you blame this woman for being cautious? To make things worse, there is a Jewish man sitting by the well. Jewish society says that it is not proper for a stranger woman to speak to a stranger man. It is not proper for a Samaritan to speak to a Jew. No doubt the Samaritan woman wished that this man would just go away. She has no choice. She has to approach. She needs the water. We imagine the scene of this woman sheepishly approaching the well. The wild animal comes out of the shadows and comes close. Jesus doesn't make any sudden moves. He just sits and watches. She draws the water. This is an opportunity for Jesus to ask for some water. That makes sense. It is hot outside. He is thirsty. What could be wrong with that? The truth is that Jesus broke the ice. He makes sure that the woman knows very quickly that He is no threat to her. I guess when you spend your days living isolated from your community, it must be nice to speak with a nice person. This man

knows nothing about this woman. What harm is there in talking for a while.

Without knowing it the woman begins to say more. She ends up having a great healing conversation with Jesus. We have all enjoyed those healing conversations where everything seems to get sorted. Everything fits into place. Clarity comes. I find new energy. Jesus sitting at the well becomes the role model stance for every minister of the Church. People want to talk. Sometimes it takes a while to get going. Sometimes when they do get going they can't stop, they have so much to say. But, that's alright too. All those times I role modelled Jesus sitting by the well waiting for the man/woman to come close and trust me. Those were good times. I got more from it than them. What a lovely story.

With love,  
Fr. Pat



### A Message Regarding Lenten Masses

Lent is a 40-day, solemn Christian liturgical season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, running from Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18, 2026) to Holy Thursday (Apr. 2, 2026).

It prepares believers for Easter through repentance and reflection, commemorating Jesus' 40 days in the desert.

Traditional practices include giving up luxuries, attending services, and doing acts of charity.

To sustain the solemn Lenten theme we will have only a little bit of music at Mass. Our regular worship will be somber and quiet.



### Adoration Schedule Update

Please note that our Adoration schedule has changed for weekday mornings, and will begin at 10 a.m. The full schedule is as follows:

**Monday** - 10 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

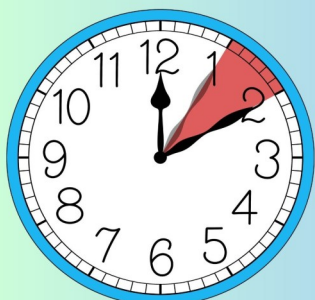
**Tuesday** - 10 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

**Wednesday** - 10 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

**Thursday** - 10 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.  
4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**Friday** - 10 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

Thank you!



A friendly reminder  
to "spring forward"  
this weekend!

Daylight Savings  
Time begins  
Sunday, March 8.

Join Us for Coffee and Donuts!

**Sunday, March 8**  
After the 9:30 a.m. and  
11:30 a.m. Masses

Parish Center | Johnson Hall

Hosted by the  
Amigos Club





## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, March 7

5:00 pm Carolyn Foppiano †

### Sunday, March 8

7:30 am Priest Intention

9:30 am Sergio Amaya †

11:30 am People of the Parish

1:15 pm Arthur Brown Jr. †

5:00 pm Liliana Molina †

### Monday, March 9

12:00 pm Deceased Kelly Family Members

### Tuesday, March 10

12:00 pm Rosita Maristany †

7:00 pm Rosalie Moreno †

### Wednesday, March 11

12:00 pm Laila Belmont (SI)

### Thursday, March 12

12:00 pm Larry Juergens †

### Friday, March 13

12:00 pm Agapito Ruedas †

7:30 pm Raymond Hernandez †

† = Deceased

SI = Special Intention

## Altar and Ambo Flowers



*Easter Lily Memorials*

Remember a loved one with an Easter Lily Memorial

Donation of \$15 per Memorial

Purchase by Monday, March 23

[Click here](#) or scan the QR code for more information:



## Sanctuary Lamp & Adoration Candles

### Week of March 8

- **Adoration Chapel** - donated by **Amy Stringfellow** in loving memory of Chuck and Joanie Miller
- **Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine** - donated by **Paula Willis** for a special intention of healing post-op for Marcia Jenkins
- **St. Joseph Shrine** - donated by **My and LuAnn Van-Dinh** for birthday blessings for Ryan Wang

**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. Suggested donation is \$10.

## Please pray for

### The Sick

Evelyn Amador

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

Nicolas J. Salas

Betty Stone

Christina M. Tovar

Kathleen Walschlager

Jack Wolford

### Our Service Members

Randall Davis

Kevin Goodlett

Michael Mazurek

Corey Leinen

Andrew Anthony

Sanchez

### The Repose of the Souls of Loved Ones

recently called home by our Savior, especially **Maria Alincastré**; and **Martin Charles Wukasz II**, husband of Beata Wukasz.

## Collection Amounts

**Sunday, March 1** ..... \$23,624\*

\* includes \$8,402 in online donations

**Children's Collection** ..... \$105

**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

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The second collection this weekend is for the [Society of St. Vincent de Paul](#). The Society of St. Vincent de Paul works tirelessly to meet the needs of a growing group and will need your continued financial support to meet this challenge.

### Learn More About San Juan Diego Catholic High School This Weekend!

Representatives from [San Juan Diego Catholic High School](#) are visiting us this weekend to invite you to an information session day they will host on March 11. San Juan Diego offers a Catholic education alongside an internship program where students receive professional training at school and gain real-world work experience doing internships with local businesses. If you are interested in learning more about enrollment for a student or in partnering with them as a hiring company, please stop by their table after Mass.



## Liturgy

### ***Stations of the Cross***

Join us on Friday nights of Lent at 7 p.m. for Stations of the Cross. Mass follows immediately after the Stations for those who wish to remain. We also have Stations of the Cross outside on the grounds for you to walk and pray in private prayer.

***Lenten Meditation Booklets*** are available in the narthex. Pick one up and use it daily to enrich your journey to Easter this year.

### ***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 - 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.

### ***Lenten Penance Services***

If you missed our parish Lenten penance service, here are other upcoming Lenten penance services in our area:

Tuesday, March 10 at 6 p.m. - Emmaus Parish, Lakeway

Wednesday, March 11 at 6 p.m. - San Francisco Javier Parish, Austin

Thursday, March 12 at 6 p.m. - St. Peter the Apostle Parish, Austin

Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. - Dolores (Our Lady of Sorrows) Parish, Austin

Thursday, March 26 at 6 p.m. - St. John Neumann Parish, Austin

### ***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.

***Liturgical Ministers!*** Do you know your EIM (Ethics and Integrity in Ministry) anniversary date? All members of liturgical ministries (including Mass Coordinators, Ushers & Hospitality, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Psalmists, Cantors, Musicians and Choir Members) over 18 years of age must remain in compliance with this Diocesan program as a required part of their service in the parish ministry. If you are new to the EIM process, please visit [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) to learn how to create an account and sign up for a workshop. If you have any questions, please reach out to the EIM Office at [eim@austindiocese.org](mailto:eim@austindiocese.org) or (512) 949-2447. You can also contact Evelyn, [evelyn.amador@stcatherine-austin.org](mailto:evelyn.amador@stcatherine-austin.org), in the parish office, if you need assistance.

## Community Ministries

### ***Coffee and Donuts***

Please join us in Johnson Hall after the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses for Coffee and Donuts. Come meet your neighbors. The Amigos Club is hosting this month.

### ***CRS Rice Bowl - Nourishing Futures in Guatemala***

In Guatemala, nutrition classes and savings programs give mothers and families better opportunities to improve their health, nutrition, and financial well-being. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-3](http://crsricebowl.org/week-3) to read how your support of CRS Rice Bowl is helping the Guatemala community thrive.

### ***Mobile Loaves & Fishes Update***

Thanks to all who have recently joined Mobile Loaves & Fishes! It's a wonderful ministry. But before you can serve, you must be EIM Certified. This involves filling out an application on the Diocesan Website, submitting to a background check, and taking a 3 hour [Ethics and Integrity in Ministry \(EIM\)](#) workshop. You never have to fill out any more paperwork. An online workshop is required every 3 years. The first workshop needs to be in person. If you have questions about the EIM process, please contact Evelyn in the main office at [Evelyn.amador@stcatherine-austin.org](mailto:Evelyn.amador@stcatherine-austin.org).

### ***Spring Fling Father-Daughter Dance***

We will have our annual Father-Daughter Dance on Saturday, April 11, 7 - 9 p.m. in Johnson Hall. There is nothing sweeter than a father's love for his daughter(s). At our Spring Fling Father-Daughter Dance, there will be music, dancing, treats, photo opportunities, and the chance to create lasting memories. Take your girls to dinner, then gather in Johnson Hall to enjoy dancing, crafts, and potluck treats/desserts. All father figures are welcome! Cost is \$35 per couple, \$10 each additional child. Registration is required as space is limited. Visit <https://www.stcatherine-austin.org/father-daughter-dance> to register. Contact Jo Ann at [joann.campbell@stcatherine-austin.org](mailto:joann.campbell@stcatherine-austin.org) or (512) 892-2433 for any questions!

### ***Donations***

Thank you all for your very generous donations! You've been so generous that we are currently unable to accept any donations except men's white tube socks (new), hotel-sized toiletries, spools of ribbon, cotton fabric, diapers, wipes, and new or gently used backpacks.

### ***For Donations of Small Furniture, Please Contact St. Louise House***

Please send pictures of possible furniture donations to [info@saintlouisehouse.org](mailto:info@saintlouisehouse.org) so they can determine whether they are likely to fit into their apartments. Contact them by this email or by phone at 512-302-0027 to schedule a drop off time. Note: They do not pick up.

### ***Free Electric Wheelchair Available***

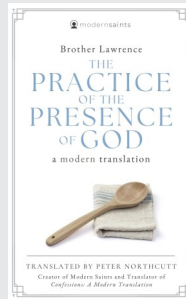
Please contact [Rhonda.smith@stcatherine-austin.org](mailto:Rhonda.smith@stcatherine-austin.org) if you are interested.

## Adult Faith Formation

**OCIA Hospitality:** The host for this week's meeting will be the Baptism Ministry. God bless you for your kindness! There will not be a meeting on March 16 due to Spring Break.

### 2026 Lenten Parish Book Study

We invite everyone to our parish book study this Lent as we read *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence. Written by an uneducated cook after many years in the kitchen, this book advises us not to change our daily duties to make them more "holy." Instead, it encourages us to experience God in the midst of our mundane days, giving simple, practical insight into the joy of holding a constant, never-ending conversation with our Maker. This book can be studied alone or with a group. Books are available for \$10 from the Adult Faith Formation Office. [Click here for more information.](#)



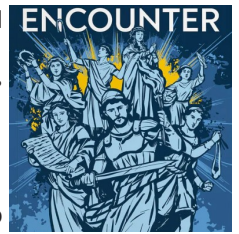
### Young Adults

Are you a young adult between the ages of 18 – 40 who is looking for friendship, faith and involvement here at St. Catherine's? Our parish Young Adult group is undergoing a revival, and all young adults are invited to join us! [Click here to contact Marti Salas](#) in the parish office to get connected to the group.

## Family Faith Formation

### Lent Bible Study for Teens March 8 and March 29

Lent is a season of reflection, growth, and hope - and we don't have to walk it alone. This Lent, our *Ascension Encounter Bible Study* for teens will follow the story of Salvation history. Through Scripture, discussion and community, teens will discover how this story still speaks into their lives today.



- Grades 7-12 are welcome
- No prior Bible knowledge needed
- Come for one week or the whole journey
- 12 – 1 p.m. on Sunday **March 8 and March 29**, meeting in Siena Hall.
- Let's walk together this Lent. [Click here to register.](#)

### Save the Dates for Catholic Soccer Camp 2026: June 8 - 12

Get ready for five days of soccer fun and faith formation this summer at St. Catherine's Catholic Soccer Camp! Registration will open in April for students entering kindergarten through 5th grade, and camp will take place June 8 - 12. The cost will be \$65 per player for the week, which includes a cinch sack, water bottle, daily snacks, and pizza and popsicles for the big game that takes place on Friday, June 12 at Slaughter Creek Park. Volunteers are also needed. [Click here](#) for more information.



**Knights of Columbus  
Council 8156 Monthly BBQ**

**Sunday,  
March 15**

**Beginning after  
7:30 a.m. Mass**

**Chicken, Pork Tenderloin,  
Ribs and Sausage**

**This Month's Beneficiary:  
St. John Paul II Life Center**

## TEFA Application Support

Need help applying for the **Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA)** program?

Join us for a TEFA Application Clinic near you!

 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
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### TEFA Applications Open Through March 17

The Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) application is now open through March 17. This program offers families a valuable opportunity to seek funding for Catholic school tuition and other approved educational expenses, helping parents choose the best academic environment for their children—one that aligns with their values and supports the faith taught at home. To support families through the application process, Catholic schools across the diocese are also hosting a series of TEFA Application Clinics. These clinics provide hands-on assistance in both English and Spanish, giving parents the confidence and guidance they need to complete the application successfully. View upcoming application clinics here: <https://csdatx.org/tefaapplication>.

ST. CATHERINE'S PRESCHOOL

# SPIRIT NIGHT

WATERLOO ICE HOUSE

MENTION ST. CATHERINE'S AND A PORTION OF YOUR PURCHASE  
WILL SUPPORT OUR PRESCHOOL COMMUNITY

9600 Escarpment Blvd.

Eat. Enjoy. Support.

**MARCH 10  
5-10 PM**



## Upcoming Parish Meetings & Events

### ***Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting - March 9***

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 next meeting will be on March 9. For more information, please e-mail Pamela White at [pamela.larawhite@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.larawhite@gmail.com).



### ***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](mailto:nancydobbs@yahoo.com).



### ***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 Indra Arulraj at (832) 875-9823, or email her at [indra.arulraj@gmail.com](mailto:indra.arulraj@gmail.com).



### ***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).



### ***Krafty Ladies Meeting - March 11 at 10 a.m.***

The Krafty Ladies will have their weekly meeting on Wednesday, March 11, at 10 a.m. in Siena Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited. [Click here for more information](#).



### ***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](mailto:m4force@aol.com) for more information.



### ***Centering Prayer Group***

The [Centering Prayer](#) 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](mailto:MarianneMetznerLPC@gmail.com) or (512) 203-5460.



### ***Prime Timers Brown Bag Lunch Meeting - AI: What Is It and How Can It Help You? - March 11***

Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) is everywhere - but what does it really mean and how can it help you in everyday life or at work? Join the [Prime Timers](#) for an engaging and easy-to-understand session, where we'll break down A.I. in plain language and explore how it's already making tasks easier, faster and smarter. Presented by Todd Middlebrook, a market-driven product professional, speaker and coach with over 25 years of marketing, sales and product management experience in the high-tech industry. The presentation begins at 12:30 p.m. in Siena Hall on Wednesday, March 11. Bring your lunch and Prime Timers will supply the beverage. Email [primetimers20@gmail.com](mailto:primetimers20@gmail.com) to register and for more information.



### ***That Man is You! - March 12, 6 a.m. in the Cenacle***

[That Man is You](#) meets again on Thursday, March 12. 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: Stations of the Cross for Seniors - March 12***

[Senior Ministry](#) will use "Praying the Stations of the Cross for Seniors" by John van Bommel at their regular meeting on Thursday, March 12, at 10 a.m. in the Cenacle room of the Parish Center. Walking with Jesus on his way to Calvary can take on special meaning as we face the pains and changes that come with age. By connecting many aspects of aging to Jesus' Passion and death, this Way of the Cross shows how close Jesus is to us on our journey. It opens our eyes to the new beginnings that this time of life can bring and assures us that Jesus will give us the strength and courage to face our challenges with faith and patience, endurance and compassion, spiritual vigor and true wisdom, cheerfulness and generosity, and optimism and abiding hope.



### ***Prayer Shawl Ministry - March 12 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](mailto:scprayershawl@stcatherine-austin.org) or (512) 497-1082 for a complimentary prayer shawl. Our next meeting is on Thursday, March 12, 1 - 2 p.m. in the Parish Center, room 231/232. Experienced crocheters and knitters are always welcome.



## ACTS News

**Registration Now Open for Men's ACTS Retreat: May 14-17**

Adoration, Community, Theology and Service (ACTS) - those are the focus of the Men's ACTS Retreat scheduled for Thursday, May 14 through Sunday, May 17 at Eagles Wings Retreat Center in Burnet, Texas. The goals of the ACTS retreat are to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ, renew ourselves spiritually, give new meaning to our prayer life and Sunday liturgy, and build lasting friendships with members of our parish. The cost is \$195 per person, which includes lodging, meals and transportation. Departure is on Thursday evening from St. Catherine's. The retreat ends on Sunday with a reception following 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Catherine's. Reconnect with your faith - [click here to register](#).



**"I am with you always,  
until the end of the world."**

Matthew 28: 20



**St. Catherine of Siena  
Men's ACTS Retreat May 14-17, 2026**

## Ladies Club Annual Lenten Sew-a-Thon

Wednesday, March 25 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Siena Hall



**Lenten Sew-a-Thon - March 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Siena Hall**

Calling all ladies of the parish who love to sew! Please come join the Ladies Club annual Lenten Sew-A-Thon to be held on Wednesday, March 25th in Siena Hall. Ladies of all skill levels are needed to help complete projects to go to three local assisted living facilities, the cancer center and a hospital neonatal unit. We will meet at 9 a.m. in Siena Hall and sew until 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided and all materials will be ready to sew, we just need you, your sewing machine or serger, notions (neutral threads, scissors, etc.) and your talent to make this a successful event! For more information, contact Mary Hummel, 832-277-5125.

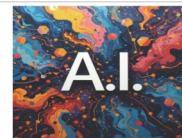
## Prime Timers EVENTS

March 2026

### A.I.: What Is It and How Can It Help You?

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Join us for an engaging and easy-to-understand session where we'll break down A.I. in plain language and explore how it's already making tasks easier faster and smarter.



**Presenter:** Todd Middlebrook



**Event:** A.I.: What Is It and How Can It Help You?



**Date:** Wednesday, March 11



**Time:** 12:30 p.m.

#### What you'll learn:

- What A.I. actually is (no tech background required)
- Real-world examples of A.I. in daily life and business
- How A.I. can help with productivity, decision-making, and creativity
- Common myths vs. facts about A.I.

Whether you're curious, cautious, or completely new to A.I., this session is designed to give you clarity and confidence.

We hope you'll join us for this informative and eye-opening discussion!

Todd Middlebrook is a market-driven product professional, speaker, and coach with over 25 years of marketing, sales, and product management experience in the high-tech industry. His career has spanned product strategy roles for enterprise technology companies, including IBM and Microsoft, as well as early-stage companies.

He spent a decade as an instructor and course developer for Pragmatic Marketing, now Pragmatic Institute, where he taught hundreds of companies and thousands of product professionals a market-driven approach to managing and marketing products.

#### Siena Hall

Bring your lunch and we'll provide the beverage.

For more information email [primetimers20@gmail.com](mailto:primetimers20@gmail.com).

LEND A HELPING ARM

# BLOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, March 14**

**9:00am - 1:00pm**

**St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church**

**Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council 8156**

**4800 Convict Hill Austin, TX 78749**

**Bloodmobile Bus in the West Parking Lot**



Scan QR code to make an appointment or go to [weareblood.org](http://weareblood.org) and use group code A100  
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EAT A FULL MEAL BEFORE  
DONATING AND PLEASE  
REMEMBER  
TO BRING YOUR PHOTO ID.



**DRAWN TOGETHER  
SINCE 1951**

## Knights of Columbus News

### **Knights of Columbus Monthly BBQ - March 15**

Next Sunday, March 15, the [Knights of Columbus Council 8156](#) will hold its monthly BBQ of chicken, pork tenderloin, ribs and sausage in support of the [St. John Paul II Life Center](#). It supports women and families with the resources to find stability and make life-affirming choices. Knights will be in the St. Catherine's courtyard beginning 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. Call 512-576-4675.

### **Knights of Columbus 6th Annual Siena Car Show**

Have a Classic Car? Like to show it off? The Knights of Columbus Council 8156 will hold its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Siena Car Show on Sunday, May 31, 2026. The family friendly event benefits the Autism Society of Texas and Knights of Columbus Local Charities. The show, at Buck's Backyard at 1750 South FM 1626 in Buda, Texas, runs from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In case of rain it will be moved to Sunday, June 7. Register for the show online at: <https://kofc8156.org/car-show>.

## Centering Prayer News

### **Contemplative Foundations 101 with Fr. Carl Arico - March 10**

Please join us on March 10 for a special evening in the with Fr. Carl Arico, longtime teacher and practitioner of Centering Prayer and friend of Fr. Thomas Keating, who will share some insights on the spiritual journey rooted in the teachings of the Christian Contemplative Tradition. This event will take place from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the CCH Sanctuary and streamed on the Watch page. It is open to all. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe Centering Prayer: Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop - March 14**

This workshop will be presented at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 1206 E 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 6 on Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. You may contact Marianne Metzner for information ([MarianneMetznerLPC@gmail.com](mailto:MarianneMetznerLPC@gmail.com)), phone 512-203-5460, or call OLG office to register at 512-478-7955. Office hours are Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday until noon.

## News Beyond Our Parish

### **The Father's Heart Retreat for Young Adults - March 18-22**

When we start asking the right questions, we start developing a discerning heart that is better able to hear the voice of God. The Father's Heart is a five-day retreat into the silence of prayer, reflection and rest for young adults. It is the perfect opportunity for you to leave behind the noise and chaos to hear the heartbeat of God. The Father is inviting you into a deeper relationship with Him. This retreat, modeled after the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, is the perfect opportunity to respond to His invitation. This retreat will include teaching on prayer and discernment of spirits, followed by three days of silence with individual spiritual direction and daily conferences.



**WHO:** Young Adults residing within the Diocese of Austin, Ages 18-35

**WHEN:** March 18-22, 2026

**WHERE:** Eagle's Wings Retreat Center, Burnet, TX

The retreat costs \$250 for professionals and \$175 for students, missionaries, and faculty/staff of Catholic parishes and schools within the Diocese. **Registration for The Father's Heart Retreat is open.** [Click here to register](#).

### **Total Consecration Rosary and Mass - March 25**

In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Please join thousands of faithful throughout our diocese to collectively make or renew our **"Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary"** at a special Holy Mass on the Annunciation of the Lord. Rosary (6:30 p.m.) and Mass (7 p.m.) will be offered on **Wednesday, March 25 at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Austin**. Please visit [www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org](http://www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org) for more information and other locations.

### **"Who is the Man of the Shroud?" - A Presentation on the Shroud of Turin at St. John Neumann Parish on March 31**

On March 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the church at St. John Neumann, Fr. Andrew Dalton, LC, will present a captivating look at the history, science, and scriptural meaning of the Holy Shroud - the most studied artifact in history. Fr. Dalton is a Theology Professor at the Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome and a board member of Othonia, the leading international organization dedicated to Shroud research and education. A renowned international speaker, he bridges scientific findings with theological insight and has been featured on major platforms, including Pints with Aquinas. All are invited to this special event! [Click here](#) for more Information, or call the parish office to register: 512.328.3220



Have you ever wondered how the Holy Spirit is calling you to serve God and others in a unique and powerful way?

Each of us has been given at least one spiritual gift - charism - that is uniquely ours, meant to empower us in supernatural ways in our mission to serve God and His Church.

Rooted in Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, this workshop will help you:

- Discover how the Lord has specifically gifted you.
- Recognize how the Holy Spirit is already working in your life.
- Discern how you are being called to be God's instrument in your life and that of your community and the Church.

#### **YOU ARE EMPOWERED • YOU ARE CALLED**

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Peter 4:10)

When: Saturday, March 28      Where: Be Still and Listen Retreat  
Time: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM      905 Norwood Rd, Dripping Springs  
Registration: \$45. (includes lunch)      Presenter: Mary Pomeroy

To Register please visit: [bestillandlistenretreat.com](http://bestillandlistenretreat.com)



- Tap on 'Reservations'.
- Fill out the 'Reservation Form'.
- Select the option 'Retreats'.
- Submit.
- Receive confirmation.





# LENT

# at St. Catherine

Please see the information below regarding Lenten events and resources at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church. You can also [click here](#) to view updated events and resources on our parish website.

## A Message from Bishop Daniel E. Garcia

Lent draws us into the desert with Christ. It's a sacred season — one that gives us the chance to slow down, reflect, and grow closer to Him. During these forty days, the Church invites us to focus on the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Through prayer, we make space for God in our daily lives. When we commit to praying each day, even in small ways, our hearts begin to open. In those quiet moments, we learn to listen more carefully and to trust that God is with us, guiding us every step of the journey.

Fasting helps us practice self-discipline and reminds us that our deepest hunger is not for food, but for God. By letting go of what we don't truly need, we create room in our hearts for generosity. It is there where almsgiving emerges, calling us to acts of kindness, compassion, and service. What we give up can become a gift for someone else, and in serving those in need, we meet Christ Himself.

Lent is a beautiful time to renew our commitment to return to prayer, to seek forgiveness, and to open ourselves once again to the transforming love of God. Brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit walk with us throughout this Lenten season. Renewed by prayer, fasting, charity, and the sacraments, may we grow closer to Christ and become peacemakers and a light to all people.

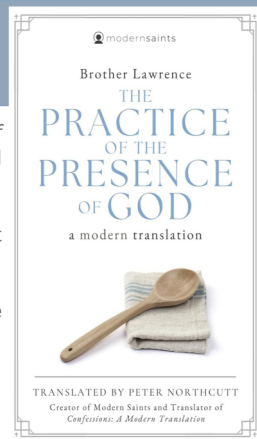
## Lent 2026 Parish Book Study

For over 300 years, Brother Lawrence's *The Practice of the Presence of God* has inspired and enlightened countless Christians around the world.

Spend some time this Lent reading and learning about how to make your daily duties more "holy."

Books cost \$10 and are available for purchase from the Adult Faith Formation Office.

[Click here](#) or scan the QR Code for more information.



## Lenten Meals 2026

Fridays during Lent in Johnson Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. and Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Meals are provided for free; donations are greatly appreciated.

Dates: Feb. 20 & 27; March 6, 13, 20 & 27

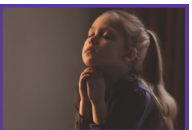
## Lenten Resources (will be updated throughout the season):



[2026 Daily Lent Calendar from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops \(USCCB\) - Click Here](#)



[CRS Rice Bowl General Information - Click Here](#)  
[CRS Rice Bowl Lenten Calendar 2026 - Click Here](#)  
[CRS Rice Bowl Recipes - Click Here](#)



[Lenten Activities for Children - Click Here](#)  
[Stations of the Cross for Children - Click Here](#)

## Lent Bible Study for Teens

### ENCOUNTER



Lent is a season of reflection, growth, and hope - and we don't have to walk it alone.

Teens, join us on Sundays:  
**February 22, March 8 & March 29**  
 12 - 1 p.m. in Siena Hall (Parish Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

- Follow the story of Salvation history with the *Ascension Encounter Bible Study for Teens*
- Through Scripture, discussion and community, teens will discover how this story still speaks into their lives today
- Grades 7-12 welcome
- No prior Bible knowledge needed
- Come for one week or the whole journey
- [Click here](#) or scan the QR Code for more information and to register



**Let's walk together this Lent.**

Lenten Reflections from Diocesan Seminarians

# Daily Bread

[Click here](#) to sign up for Daily Bread - Receive Lenten reflections from Diocese of Austin Seminarians directly in your email.



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Spring Fling

## FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

Saturday, April 11, 2026

7:00 – 9:00 pm | Johnson Hall

**\$35 PER COUPLE, \$10 EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD**  
**SPACE IS LIMITED, REGISTRATION CLOSES ON APRIL 4**  
**FORMAL OR CASUAL DRESS WELCOME!**

*All father figures are welcome*





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**Liturgy Coordinator** ..... Katheryn Daniel

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Evelyn Amador, Rossana Barrios, Erin Hummel, Monica Sanchez, Danielle Nepustil  
**Community Ministries:** ..... Rhonda Smith, Jo Ann Campbell  
**Preschool Ministries:** ..... Heather Riley  
**Religious Education (Adult):**  
 ..... 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** ..... 10:00 am – 11:50 am  
**Thursday** ..... 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

## Daily Rosary (Day Chapel)

**Monday - Friday** ..... 11:20 am – 11:45 am

## Organizations

### ACTS

Rod Whisnant, [Actscoreteam@gmail.com](mailto:Actscoreteam@gmail.com)  
**Amigos** ..... Sandra Soto 921-2740  
**Bridge Club** ..... Nancy Dobrinski 796-6688  
**K of C Auxiliary** ..... Pamela White 785-4086  
**K of C Council #8156**  
 ..... Arnold Auzenne 299-3527  
**Krafty Ladies** ..... Rachel Lopez 565-1890  
**Ladies Club** ..... Brenda Mayes 791-8405  
**Lay Missionaries of Charity**  
 ..... Indra Arulraj (832) 875-9823  
**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](mailto: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](mailto:jennifer.gamblin@stcatherine-austin.org) or (512) 892-2420.

**Bulletin:** Send email to Danielle Nepustil at [danielle.nepustil@stcatherine-austin.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.txabusehotline.org) or (800) 252-5400 and the diocese at [www.austindiocese.org/report-abuse](http://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



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