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ST. THERESA  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

# PARISH BULLETIN

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

# EXPAND YOUR FAITH

## FAITH FORMATION CATECHESIS - FOR PRE K - 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE - REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR 2025-26

Need to register late? We can register families here until October 1st:

<https://st-theresa.org/children-youth-registration>

## HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Please see this link below and visit the church website for details in preparation for this beautiful Sacrament. <https://st-theresa.org/high-school-confirmation>



## OUR CATHOLIC CHURCH IS GROWING! WE NEED YOUR HELP TO WALK WITH OUR NEW BROTHERS & SISTERS!

We currently have several men and women discovering the joy of becoming Catholic through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). We need the help of our parishioners who are ready to share their faith and encourage others along the way. If you're excited about helping others encounter Christ, we'd love for you to join the team! For details contact [amy-allert@sttheresa.org](mailto:amy-allert@sttheresa.org)



## HOSPITALITY MINISTERS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - EXPRESSING THE LOVE OF CHRIST TO ALL WHO ENTER

We are looking for hospitality ministers at both the welcome table and to assist in ushering at Masses. Would you like to welcome people to St. Theresa with a joyful heart? Reach out to Mary Beth at [hello@st-theresa.org](mailto:hello@st-theresa.org)

## ADORATION - COME RENEW YOUR MIND, BODY AND SPIRIT IN THE PRESENCE OF OUR LORD

Fridays after the 11:30 Mass (NOON - 1:00)

Adoration allows you to deepen your relationship with Christ in the Eucharist. Come spend this time in the quiet of the Sanctuary finding peace and a renewed heart with Christ.



## IS GOD CALLING YOU? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you curious to learn more about the Catholic teachings and traditions? Do you need to receive the Sacrament(s) of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation? If yes to any of these, we are eager to meet you! Visit [st-theresa.org/become-catholic](http://st-theresa.org/become-catholic) for more information or contact Amy Allert at [amy-allert@st-theresa.org](mailto:amy-allert@st-theresa.org)



◆ **WORD ON FIRE** - provides free daily Scripture readings, inspirational videos, and Bishop Barron's weekly homily. The website is a wonderful resource to help you grow in your Catholic faith. [www.wordonfire.org](http://www.wordonfire.org)

◆ **FORMED** - helps you to dive into the treasures of the Church, from daily reflections to small group studies, all designed to nourish your faith journey. [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) St Theresa has a free online subscription.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, Sept 6

5:00 PM – Vega Family, Dee Dufour †

#### Sunday, Sept 7

7:30 AM – Theresa McLain †, James Butaud †

9:00 AM – Dr. Rocio Munoz-Roquerro, Patrick Inniss †

11:00 AM – Parishioners of STCC

#### Monday, Sept 8

11:30 AM – Sloan Conroy, David McDonough

#### Tuesday, Sept 9

11:30 AM – Toni Conroy †, Benjamin Conroy, Jr. †

#### Wednesday, Sept 10

11:30 AM – Jorge Rodriguez Family, Sloan Conroy

#### Thursday, Sept 11

11:30 AM – Matti Schaelicke, Gary Love †

#### Friday, Sept 12

11:30 AM – Erin Crowley †, Scotty Guererro †

### SUNDAY, SEPT 7

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN (LWWC) | 9AM MASS  
FAITH FORMATION CATECHESIS KICK-OFF | 10:25 | GYM  
HSYM | NOON | ELMER RM 202

### MONDAY, SEPT 8

DAILY MASS 11:30 AM  
CATHOLICISM 101 | 7PM | ELMER 202

### TUESDAY, SEPT 9

DAILY MASS 11:30 AM  
CONNECTIONS | 6:45 PM | FAMILY CENTER

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT 10

DAILY MASS 11:30 AM  
BIBLE STUDY | 7 PM | ELMER 116  
CATALYST | 6:00 AM | FAMILY CENTER

### THURSDAY, SEPT 11

DAILY MASS 11:30 AM  
COFFEE & CHRIST WOMEN'S STUDY | 7:45 AM | ELMER  
BIBLE STUDY | 9:15 AM | ELMER RM 202  
OCIA | 7 PM | ELMER GR

### FRIDAY, SEPT 12

DAILY MASS 11:30 AM

**MASS INTENTIONS - HONOR A LOVED ONE** To schedule a Mass intention please visit the parish office during business hours or call 512-451-5121. The suggested donation per Mass intention is \$5.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - A wonderful way to remember a loved one who is celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or who has passed. Contact the parish office for information.

# JOIN US AND GET INVOLVED

SEPTEMBER 6 - 7 | 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | LUKE 14:25-33

How much are you willing to give up to be a follower of Jesus? In the Gospel, Jesus asks us to let go of everything important and dear to us: family, friends, possessions, position and even our very selves. Have we calculated the cost of discipleship? Philemon in the second reading had to give up social status in order to receive his runaway slave as a brother as Paul asked. Do we accept as brothers and sisters those whom society rejects because of Christ? How do we live that out?

**SUN** **SUNDAY CATECHESIS | KICK-OFF TODAY | 10:25 AM | GYM**  
Sept 7 Family orientation and meet and greet your children's catechist in preparation for regular sessions that begin next week Sept. 14.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN (LWWC)** resumes during the 9 AM Mass.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (HSYM) KICK-OFF! | NOON - 2PM | ELMER RM 202**

Hey high schoolers! Come hang out at our Youth Ministry Kickoff with an epic Italian-themed party. We're celebrating the canonization of two young Italian saints—Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassatti—with lasagna lunch, a Carlo Acutis movie, games, and all the movie snacks you can handle. Bring your friends—it's going to be a blast. [st-theresa.org/youth](http://st-theresa.org/youth) **Bring a friend!**

We are growing our Youth Ministry Team! Do you have 2 hours a few times a month to spend with super cool, fun, inspiring teens? Contact Amy Allert [amy-allert@st-theresa.org](mailto:amy-allert@st-theresa.org) to find out more.

**JOINT CANONIZATION TODAY OF BLESSEDS ACUTIS AND FRASSATI - FOR ALL DETAILS SEE:**

[www.usccb.org/news/2025/pope-sets-sept-7-joint-canonization-blesseds-acutis-and-frassati](http://www.usccb.org/news/2025/pope-sets-sept-7-joint-canonization-blesseds-acutis-and-frassati)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY - INFORMATION SESSION | 10:15 AM | FC**

Are you looking for a ministry where you can: • Grow in holiness • Build friendships • Serve those in need right here in Northwest Austin? If you feel called to join the ministry, or you'd like to learn more about St. Theresa St. Vincent de Paul, please come to this information session.



**CROSSROADS YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY | BRUNCH 12:15 PM - 2:00 PM**

Waterloo Ice House 2222 & 360. Join us for brunch after 11:00 Mass. Meet at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. For more information, check out our GroupMe.

**CROSSROADS**  
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

**MON** **CATHOLICISM 101 | 7 PM | ELMER 202**

Sept 8 Join us for Catholicism 101, an overview of the Catholic teachings and traditions.

**TUES** **NEW SEASON STARTS! CONNECTIONS | 6:45 PM | FAMILY CENTER (FC)**

Sept 9 We'll enjoy some getting-to-know-each-other activities, introductions, and the unveiling of the fall schedule! Bring someone new with you.



**WED** **NEW SEASON STARTS! CATALYST | 6:00 AM | FAMILY CENTER (FC)**

Sept 10 What draws men of all ages to Catalyst, the largest men's group in the Diocese? Come find out! Join us for the first meeting of the fall—no sign-up needed. Just show up, bring a friend, and help us hit our goal of 100 men at the kickoff!



**THUR** **ADULT BIBLE STUDY - UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE | 9:30 - 11AM | ELMER RM 202**

Sept 11 1st session of a 10 week series, read more about each study here [st-theresa.org/bible-study](http://st-theresa.org/bible-study) and register with [claire-mccarthy@st-theresa.org](mailto:claire-mccarthy@st-theresa.org)

**CATALYST MEN'S MEETUP | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM | LOCATION: 5280 BURGER**

Come join the men of Catalyst for a social that will kickstart our year. Stop by for a drink or stay for a while. All are welcome! Contact [Catalyst@st-theresa.org](mailto:Catalyst@st-theresa.org) with any questions.

**ST. THERESA NIGHT AT THE MOVIES | FRIDAY, SEPT. 26 | 6:00 PM | REGAL GATEWAY**

Join your St. Theresa friends for an exclusive pre-screening of the movie "Soul on Fire" starring William H. Macy and John Corbett about the inspirational life of our parishioner Amy Geraci's brother, John O'Leary. All are welcome for this family-friendly showing! Tickets are limited, so you must pre-order through the parish website. [www.st-theresa.org/events/movie](http://www.st-theresa.org/events/movie)



**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS - SPREADING GOD'S LOVE TOGETHER!**

Let's all help out with a joyful heart! We would love volunteer helpers at our fall events: sign up [st-theresa.org/serve](http://st-theresa.org/serve)

- Welcome Desk Volunteers - Sat & Sun before/after Masses
- Parish Picnic booth volunteers Oct. 5
- Workday at Catholic Charities Oct. 11
- Senior Banquet Oct. 25
- Workday at MLF Community First Village Nov. 8



# WELCOME TO ST. THERESA

## FATHER LARRY'S FALL SERIES - THE PAPACY | STARTS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 7 PM | FC

There's a renewed interest in the papacy. With the passing of Pope Francis, the first South American pontiff, and the election of Pope Leo, the first North American to occupy the Chair of Peter, many are eager to learn more about the history and development of this influential institution. Join us Monday evenings September 22 through October 20 at 7:00 PM in the Family Center as Fr. Larry leads us through a fascinating series titled "The Papacy."



**NEW PODCAST WITH FR. BARRY & J.D. - THE GRAMMAR OF FAITH** - Explore the profound impact of language on our perception, relationships, and understanding of the world. <https://st-theresa.org/podcast>

## SEPTEMBER 16, TUESDAY | 55+ LUNCH & LEARN | 12:15 PM | FAMILY CENTER

Stay after Mass and bring your lunch for a Lunch and Learn as Deacon Keith Carter shares his journey to the diaconate, what it takes to become a deacon, and how this vocation enriches parish life. Bring your lunch, your curiosity, and your questions for the Q&A.



## EXPECTING A BABY? BUNDLE OF BLESSINGS MINISTRY

The St. Theresa Bundle of Blessings ministry stops by the homes of families who have welcomed a new child, bringing food, support, and a small gift. Add your due date to our calendar and our community will pray for you! [www.st-theresa.org/baby](http://www.st-theresa.org/baby)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who supported our recent Pancake Breakfast—it was a wonderful success and greatly appreciated by Father Larry, and the St. Theresa staff. We are excited to welcome new members Bob Pfaffenberger and Kurt Ladensack to our Council. This month we donated \$500 to CYO Central Texas to support Catholic youth through sports and virtue formation, and we awarded \$4,000 in scholarships to our dedicated altar servers pursuing higher education. If you're looking to grow in faith and take action with purpose, we invite you to join us. Contact Mike McGiffin | [mmcgiffin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mmcgiffin@sbcglobal.net) | 512-924-7410

## OUR PARISH FEAST DAY! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 | NOON – 2 PM

Join us as we celebrate the feast day of our Patroness and the 100th anniversary of St. Thérèse of Lisieux's canonization! Enjoy a free, family-friendly event with a potluck lunch, inflatables, and games for all ages. Volunteer to help our parish celebrate at [st-theresa.org/serve](http://st-theresa.org/serve)



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4311 SMALL DRIVE, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78731

**OFFICE: (512)451-5121 | M - F 9:00AM - 5:00PM**  
**ST-THERESA.ORG**

**Fr. Larry Covington - Pastor**  
**Fr. Barry Cuba - Parochial Vicar**  
**Deacon Tony Pynes**  
**Deacon Keith Carter**  
**Deacon Peter Barger**

We are a vibrant and welcoming Catholic community in Northwest Austin. Following the example of our patroness, St. Theresa is grounded in scripture, growing in the Spirit, and reaching out in love. We are making disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ and, together in ministry for Him, advancing the Kingdom of God.

All are welcome here!

### Offertory Giving

GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

August 25 - 31: \$56,487  
August MTD: \$200,964  
August Budgeted Offertory: \$186,535

TEXT STCC  
to 84576  
email/text  
updates

**Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM**

**Sunday Mass 7:30 AM 9:00 AM\* 11:00 AM**

\*Livestream on YouTube

**Daily Mass - 11:30 AM (M - F)**

**Reconciliation - Saturday, 4:00 PM or by appt.**

**Adoration - Fridays, Noon - 1:00 PM**



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## ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We invite you to live the "Little Way" at St. Theresa Catholic School. Serving 3 years old to 8th grade. National Blue Ribbon School scoring in the top 15% of nationwide assessments. BOOK A TOUR TODAY: [Sttheresa.org/school](http://Sttheresa.org/school) or contact Susie Thompson, Admissions Director at [sthompson@sttheresa.org](mailto:sthompson@sttheresa.org)