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ST. THERESA  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

# PARISH BULLETIN

27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 5, 2025

# EXPAND YOUR FAITH

## A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DANIEL E. GARCIA

"... by virtue of our baptism, we who have been anointed and are called to be those messengers of hope, of joy, of mercy, and compassion that our world today is so much in need of. My friends, our world today is hungry for the word of God, for the bread of life, for the cup of salvation. But it is also hungry for justice and mercy."

-Bishop Daniel Garcia during his homily at the Mass of Installation on Sept. 18



## OUR CHURCH IS GROWING – WE NEED YOU!

Several adults are on the journey to become Catholic through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), and we need parishioners to walk with them in faith. If you're excited to share your faith and help others encounter Christ, join our team! Contact: [amy-allert@st-theresa.org](mailto:amy-allert@st-theresa.org) for details.



**FAMILY OF FAITH SERIES** - Please join us and experience the difference that Family of Faith can make in your family's spiritual growth. Together, we'll nurture a lifelong love for our Catholic faith, ensuring it remains a central part of your family's life for generations to come. Watch your family's faith grow stronger, deeper, and more enduring than ever before. Register here: <https://st-theresa.org/children-youth-registration>

**PARENTS ROSARY - PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN** - Explore Join us daily at 7:55 AM or after dropping off your children at school, find us in the Chapel or Family Center if the Church is occupied.

## HOSPITALITY MINISTERS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OCTOBER

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)

## 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** - Check out the 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, Oct 4

5:00 PM – Lita Wood, William Huthnance †

#### Sunday, Oct 5

7:30 AM – Hermina Demeter †

9:00 AM – Elizabeth Martinets †, Kathryn Ribe †

11:00 AM – Parishioners of STCC

#### Monday, Oct 6

11:30 AM – John Mercado, Jr. †, John Baker †

#### Tuesday, Oct 7

11:30 AM – Francis Ruddy †, Theresa McLain †

#### Wednesday, Oct 8

11:30 AM – Pat Streetman, David Twigg †

#### Thursday, Oct 9

11:30 AM – Barbara Dewhurst †, Anna Grace Ramos

#### Friday, Oct 10

11:30 AM – Barbara Petrosino †, Gustavo Arcila †

### DAILY MASS 11:30 AM MONDAY - FRIDAY

#### SUNDAY, OCT 5

PARISH PICNIC | NOON - 2:00 PM

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN (LWWC) | 9AM MASS

#### MONDAY, OCT 6

CATHOLICISM 101 | 7PM | ELMER 202

#### TUESDAY, OCT 7

CONNECTIONS | 6:45 PM | FAMILY CENTER

#### WEDNESDAY, OCT 8

CATALYST | 6:00 AM | FAMILY CENTER

BRIDGE GAMES | 12:30 | FAMILY CENTER

BIBLE STUDY | 7 PM | ELMER 116

#### THURSDAY, OCT 9

COFFEE & CHRIST WOMEN'S STUDY | 7:45 AM | ELMER RM 202

BIBLE STUDY | 9:30 AM | ELMER RM 202

OCIA | 7 PM | ELMER RM 202

#### FRIDAY, OCT 10

EARLY BIRD TACO MINISTRY | 5:45 - 7:15 AM | FAMILY CENTER

ADORATION NOON - 1:00

**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

**OCTOBER 5 | 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | LUKE 17:5-10**

Today's Gospel opens with the disciples requesting that Jesus increase their faith. For Jesus, faith is a gift that leads to service and that service is always in support of life! This Sunday we all pray for the flame of faith and zeal that will give us the courage to stand with and all whose lives are threatened by violence: the unborn; the death row prisoner; civilians caught in wars and conflict. Does our faith help us to see every life as precious in the eyes of God? In what areas should we ask God to increase our faith?

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Oct 5

**PARISH PICNIC TODAY NOON - 2:00**



***Come join us today for food, games, and free fun for all in honor of the feast day of our Patroness, St. Therese of Lisieux.***

**NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES TODAY - COME TO THE PICNIC INSTEAD!**

All classes will resume next week Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - for a living rosary in the gym.

**NO HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (HYSM) TODAY - COME TO THE PICNIC INSTEAD!**

the normal Sunday event will resume next week Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

**MON FATHER LARRY'S FALL SERIES - FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH | THE PAPACY | 7 PM | FC**

Oct 6 Join us as Father Larry leads us through a fascinating series titled The Papacy. 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. 5 week series Mondays Sept 22 - Oct 20.



**TUES CONNECTIONS | 6:45 – 8:30 PM | FC | St. Augustine of Hippo – a teacher for the present age**

OCT 7 Discover the great relevance St. Augustine has in our lives today as we learn about humility, right ordered love, Catholic dual citizenship, relationship with God and more.

**WED CATALYST | 6 AM | FC | With Fr. Barry - How to prepare for Mass, Liturgy of the Word**

Oct 8 Each week at Catalyst, men of all ages come together to grow in faith and brotherhood. Breakfast tacos and coffee served at all meetings!

**THUR COFFEE AND CHRIST WOMENS STUDY | 7:45 AM - 8:45 AM | ELMER RM 202**

Oct 9 Discover the inspiring story of millennial Saint Carlo Acutis and join a fun "technology challenge." Two meetings, meaningful conversation, and new connections—don't miss it! We'll learn more about new millennial saint St. Carlo Acutis and take on a fun "technology challenge" in a special 2-part series led by parishioner Olivia Connett. Want to join us? Reach out to [hello@st-theresa.org](mailto:hello@st-theresa.org).

**FRI EARLY BIRD TACO MINISTRY | 5:45 AM - 7:15 AM | Family Center**

Oct 10 Since the 1990s, the Early Bird Breakfast Taco Ministry furnishes about 200 tacos every Friday morning to folks at two homeless shelters in Austin. Three different groups of volunteers make this happen. Come join us! Contact: [Tacos@st-theresa.org](mailto:Tacos@st-theresa.org)

**RESPECT LIFE MONTH | BABY ITEM DRIVE - WEEKENDS OF 10/18 & 25**

In honor of October being Respect Life Month, please help support the 8 babies being born soon at Annunciation Maternity Home! Please bring to the boxes in the Narthex:

- Diapers - size N, 1, 3, 5, 6, 7
- Baby wash, shampoo & lotion
- Aquaphor, Desitin and other diaper creams
- Baby wipes of all sizes



Annunciation Maternity Home, Inc.

# WELCOME TO ST. THERESA

## OCTOBER SERVE DAY AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 | 9:30-11:30 AM

Join Team St. Theresa at Catholic Charities to help with various tasks on the campus, benefiting those served by Catholic Charities of Central Texas. This could include:

- Sorting and wrapping diapers
- Landscaping
- Managing supplies

\*Please note that this service opportunity is for children ages 8 and up. All minors must have a parent present throughout the service event.\* Sign up at: [www.st-theresa.org/serve](http://www.st-theresa.org/serve)



## 55+ BANQUET | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 | NOON - 2PM

Each year, we have a bbq luncheon celebrating our 55+ Ministry members. Many hands are needed to set-up, serve and clean up during the banquet! Teens welcome! Volunteer at [st-theresa.org/serve](http://st-theresa.org/serve)

## NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> - ALL SOULS DAY AT ST. THERESA | VESPERS | SANCTUARY | 6PM

Join us for a special Commemorative Service of Solemn Vespers as we remember loved ones awaiting the resurrection of the dead. The Easter Candles from years past will be lit as the names of the deceased from the parish this past year are read, accompanied by the tolling of the bell. You are invited to bring photos of loved ones to place among the candles. The choirs of St. Theresa will sing Solemn Vespers for the Deceased with music from the requiems of Brahms and Fauré. To have additional names included, please submit them online at [st-theresa.org/vespers2025](http://st-theresa.org/vespers2025).



## NOVEMBER SERVE DAY AT MLF COMMUNITY FIRST VILLAGE | SATURDAY, NOV. 8 | 9-NOON

Group Serve days at MLF Community First Villiage may include working in the gardens, dry landscaping yards for micro-homes, laying pathways, tending chicken coops, or other beautification projects.

\*All minors must have a parent present throughout the service event.\* Sign up here:

<https://st-theresa.org/serve>



**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)



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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!

## GROWING FOR CHRIST!

### Your Offertory

September 22-28: \$38,141  
September MTD: \$157,134  
September Budgeted Offertory: \$202,156

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**



**GIVE**



**JOIN**



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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).