



ST. THERESA  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

# PARISH BULLETIN

29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 19, 2025

FEAST OF SAINT LUKE

# EXPAND YOUR FAITH

## A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DANIEL E. GARCIA

"God calls you and me to get our hands and feet dirty. He calls us to walk with people who are hurting and find themselves in situations that are very messy and complex. He challenges you and me to seek the good in each and every person, even those who have hurt or offended us. ... We have to relearn how to have conversations where we can disagree with one another, yet still be able to sit at table and enjoy each other's presence rather than looking for what we do not like in the other."

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

## WE NEED YOUR HELP! OUR CHURCH IS GROWING !

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@sttheresa.org](mailto:amy-allert@sttheresa.org) for details.



## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATECHIST FOR THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS) PROGRAM?

This Montessori-based program nurtures the faith of children ages 3-12 through Scripture, Liturgy, and hands-on materials. Level 1 Catechist training begins November 7 at St. John Neumann Parish (Part 1 of 2, over 5 weekends through Feb. 2026). Scholarships may be available.

Contact Christine Chow at [christine-chow@st-theresa.org](mailto:christine-chow@st-theresa.org) or Debbie Crowley at [dcrowley@st-theresa.org](mailto:dcrowley@st-theresa.org)

## 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)

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

Are you curious to learn more about the Catholic teachings and traditions? Do you want to receive the Sacrament(s) of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation? If yes to any of these, we are eager to welcome 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 18

5:00 PM - Claire Machann, Grazuela Vela-Cuellar

#### SUNDAY, OCT 19

7:30 AM - Po Chung Lee, Maddie Flores

9:00 AM - Pat Streetman

11:00 AM - Parishioners of STCC

#### MONDAY, OCT 20

11:30 AM - Fr. Larry, Fr. Barry

#### TUESDAY, OCT 21

11:30 AM Esperanza Perez †, Kathie Tacquard

#### WEDNESDAY, OCT 22

11:30 AM - Tony Fitzpatrick †, Joannie Degnan Barth †

#### THURSDAY, OCT 23

11:30 AM - Dottie Tichavsky, Ray Tichavsky

#### FRIDAY, OCT 24

11:30 AM - Jason Noronha †

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

#### SUNDAY, OCT 19

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN (LWWC) | 9 AM MASS  
HSYM | NOON | ELMER 202

#### MONDAY, OCT 20

CATHOLICISM 101 | 7 PM | ELMER 202

#### TUESDAY, OCT 21

CONNECTIONS | 6:45 PM | FAMILY CENTER (FC)

#### WEDNESDAY, OCT 22

CATALYST | 6:00 AM | FC

BRIDGE GAMES | 12:30 PM | FC

FAMILY OF FAITH CATECHESIS | 4:45 PM | ELMER GREAT ROOM

BIBLE STUDY | 7 PM | ELMER 205

#### THURSDAY, OCT 23

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

BIBLE STUDY | 9:30 AM | ELMER RM 202

SENIORS 55+ | MAHJONG | 12:15 PM | FC

BUNCO | 1:00 | FC | ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN

OCIA | 7 PM | ELMER RM 202

#### FRIDAY, OCT 24

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

ADORATION | NOON - 1:00

MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN MOYC | 2:00 PM | FC

**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

**OCT. 18-19, 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | LUKE 18:1-8 | WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

In today's readings we are encouraged to persevere in prayer – not because God needs our prayer, but because we do! In prayer we recognize our dependence upon God and that God brings us into relationship with each other. Prayer draws us out of ourselves and helps us to be mindful of the needs of others. For whom do we need to pray today? Who is the brother or sister of the Lord whose needs are hidden from us? On this Mission Sunday, we can pray especially for the Church's missionary work, especially among the poor and forgotten.

**SUN HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (HSYM) | NOON - 1:30 PM | ELMER HALL**

Oct 19 All high school teens are invited to youth group every Sunday, for lunch, fellowship, faith and fun. Different topics, games and activities each week. Bring a friend!

EVERY  
Sunday

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

Oct 20

**TUES 55+ LUNCH & LEARN | BECOMING A DEACON/BEING A DEACON | 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM | FC**

Oct 21

Join Deacon Keith Carter as he shares the path to becoming a deacon? Bring a lunch and leave inspired! We'll have cookies and tea available.

**CONNECTIONS | 6:45 – 8:30 PM | FC** - Saint Carlos Acutis Part I– screening the new film "Roadmap to Reality". In a world losing itself to screens, teenage mystic Carlo Acutis saw beyond the social media-addicted society we live in and offered an answer.

**WED CATALYST | 6 AM | FC - State of the Parish by COO, Chris Treadaway.** Come together in brotherhood with other men from the parish. Breakfast tacos and coffee served at all meetings!

Oct 22

**THUR COFFEE AND CHRIST WOMEN'S STUDY | 7:45 AM - 8:45 AM | ELMER RM 202** - Join us as we begin "Sacred Chaos," a restorative 3-week retreat on finding joy in the mess of motherhood. Books are \$17. Get yours by reaching out to Mary Beth at 512-991-2662.

Oct 23

**BUNCO | 1:00 PM | FC** - All are invited to join us for bunco for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions, contact Nita: [nitacharrin@gmail.com](mailto:nitacharrin@gmail.com)

**SAT 55+ BANQUET | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 | NOON - 2 PM - It's time to RSVP!** Each year, we have a complimentary BBQ luncheon celebrating our 55+ Ministry members. It won't be the same without you! RSVP to the Evite, or if you didn't receive it, please call the office.

Oct 25

**RESPECT LIFE MONTH | BABY ITEM DRIVE - WEEKENDS OF OCT 19TH & 26TH**

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 & other diaper creams + Baby wipes all sizes



Annunciation Maternity Home, Inc.

**YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS (YCP) | NETWORKING HAPPY HOUR | OCT 22, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Lazarus Brewing Company, 1902 E 6th St** - Austin unites Catholics in their 20s and 30s to grow in faith, leadership, and community. Through events, mentorship, and spiritual formation, members learn to live out their faith in work and daily life. Visit [youngcatholicprofessionals.org](http://youngcatholicprofessionals.org) to join this community and see upcoming events.

**ALL SOULS' OFFERING - DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

Beginning at our weekend Masses for All Souls' Day on Nov 1-2 and continuing through November, we'll pray for our dearly departed at every Mass. Offering envelopes are available in the narthex and can be returned in the collection plate or the parish office. You can also do this electronically through the parish website using the QR code on the table in the narthex.



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

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.

To have additional names included, please submit them online at [st-theresa.org/vespers2025](http://st-theresa.org/vespers2025)



**OUR PARISH VOLUNTEER 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 at [st-theresa.org/serve](http://st-theresa.org/serve)

- 55+ Ministry Banquet Helpers- next Saturday!
- Service Day at MLF Community First Village Nov. 8 - see details back page



# WELCOME TO ST. THERESA

## ST. THERESA OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN WEEKEND

TOGETHER WE GIVE, TOGETHER WE GROW!

Please help support our Church! It costs \$8,000 a day to keep our campus running. You can help build the future of our Church by making your pledge to our St. Theresa Offertory Campaign today at [st-theresa.org/stewardship](http://st-theresa.org/stewardship) or by completing an offertory commitment card in the pew and dropping in the box when processing to Communion or collection plate.

**THANK YOU FOR BUILDING OUR CHURCH THROUGH HEARTS OF FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!**



### PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR PREK-8TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE | TUESDAY, NOV 4, 8:30 - 10 AM

Discover the difference that a St. Theresa School education makes. Our teachers have an average of 16 years teaching experience while our students score in the top 15% of nationwide assessments.



### SERVICE DAY AT MLF COMMUNITY FIRST VILLAGE | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 9:00 - NOON

Service days at MLF Community First Village 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>



### NOV 9 | 9:15 AM | ELMER RM 202 | NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY | PROPHETS: MESSENGERS OF GOD'S MERCY

Register with [claire-mccarthy@st-theresa.org](mailto:claire-mccarthy@st-theresa.org) | Pay here for study guide. <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZNGT>

### FAMILY MINISTRY: "HEAVENLY ORDER: DECLUTTERING 101" | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 10:25-10:55 AM

Stay during catechesis classes and discover practical and faith-filled ways to bring peace, purpose, and yes—Heavenly Order—into your home. Learn how to create spaces that reflect your values, simplify daily routines, and nurture the people who live within your walls. All are welcome as "too much stuff" is a problem for all of us!

### CALLING ALL VETERANS AND FAMILIES | TUESDAY, NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup>, 8:00 AM | SCHOOL GYM

St. Theresa Catholic School warmly invites you to our Veterans' Day Ceremony in the school gym. We are honored to recognize and thank our veterans during the ceremony, and we invite you to stay for a special reception in the Family Center immediately following the ceremony as we celebrate your service and sacrifice. We hope you can join us for this meaningful morning of gratitude and community.



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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

October 6-12: \$41,139  
October MTD: \$109,309  
October Budgeted Offertory: \$202,154

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**



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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).