



ST. THERESA
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

PARISH BULLETIN

THE SOLEMNITY OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 23, 2025



EXPAND YOUR FAITH

GOD HAS GIVEN YOU UNIQUE GIFTS – CHOOSE ONE WAY TO SERVE AND HELP OUR PARISH THRIVE!

Please prayerfully choose one Volunteer Opportunity where you can shine and serve.

We grow in faith, love, and mission as we all share our gifts.

Volunteer here → <https://st-theresa.org/serve> or use QR code →



- ✦ **Help With Breakfast with St. Nick** - 4 volunteers are needed to help our youngest parishioners with crafts and Santa photos the morning of December 6th.
- ✦ **Mobile Loaves & Fishes Truck Team** - Volunteers/Driver needed December 20th & 27th.
- ✦ **Helping Our Neighbors Christmas Party** - Drivers are needed to transport formerly unhoused to the party and help with Bingo. Gift card prizes also needed. See next page.
- ✦ **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: Chase Crouse at chase-crouse@sttheresa.org for details.

NEW - CATHOLICISM 101 | BEGINNING MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH | 7 PM | ELMER RM 202

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you feel God calling you to learn more about the faith? Or are you a lifelong Catholic seeking to grow deeper in your understanding of the Church's teachings and traditions? Our next Catholicism 101 course begins Monday, January 12th. This weekly class is open to all adults — those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, as well as parishioners desiring more formation in their faith. Together, we'll explore topics such as:

- How to read the Bible
- What it means to be holy and how to live it
- How to pray like the saints
- What is justification, and how do we get to Heaven?
- Understanding the Trinity
- Why the Liturgy is central to our life as Catholics



If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above, we're eager to welcome you!

Visit st-theresa.org/become-catholic for more information, or contact Chase Crouse at chase-crouse@st-theresa.org.

NEW PODCAST - AI and the Church. Fr. Barry and J.D. talk with St. Theresa Chief Operating Officer Chris Treadaway about his recent travels to a Vatican AI Conference in Rome. Learn how the church is exploring AI developments and how St. Theresa fits into the conversation. <https://st-theresa.org/podcast>

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



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

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 St Theresa has a free online subscription.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOV 22

5:00 PM - John Paul Le, Clare AnnMarie Tran

SUNDAY, NOV 23

7:30 AM - Gordon Ronk †

9:00 AM - Sandra Conlan, Mary Koederitz †

11:00 AM - Parishioners of STCC

MONDAY, NOV 24

11:30 AM - Abel Camjo †, Laura Jaramillo †

TUESDAY, NOV 25

11:30 AM - Thomas Manley †, Sandra Conlan

WEDNESDAY, NOV 26

11:30 AM - Gordon Ronk †, Weldon Wright

THURSDAY, NOV 27

9:30 AM - Fr. Larry, Fr. Barry

FRIDAY, NOV 28

11:30 AM - Marie Poehl

DAILY MASS | MONDAY - FRIDAY 11:30 AM

SUNDAY, NOV 23

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

HSYM | AFTER 11 AM MASS | ELMER HALL

WEDNESDAY, NOV 26

CATALYST | 6 AM | FC

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON

THURSDAY, NOV 27

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS 9:30 AM (NO 11:30 AM MASS)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOV 28

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

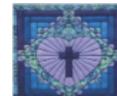
MASS INTENTIONS - To honor someone with a Mass intention please visit the parish office during business hours or call 512-451-5121. The suggested donation per Mass intention is \$5.

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

SUN Nov 23 **Nov. 22-23, FEAST OF CHRIST OUR KING** - This great feast of Christ the King allows us to remember the paradoxical nature of the reign of Christ. Ours is a king whose arms are flung wide to embrace the world in love, but those arms were nailed to a cross, a form of execution for the lowest. Christ's power to give life is manifested in the midst of powerlessness. Christ unmask the false illusions of political or economic power or social prestige and shows that his reign is to be found with the poor, the helpless and among sinners. Will we join him?

BLESSED PRAYER BLANKETS | NOVEMBER 22-23 - Hand-sewn by our Prayer Blanket Ministry and blessed, these blankets make meaningful holiday gifts. \$20 each payable by cash, check, or Venmo. Questions? Contact Marisa Krug: marisakrug0917@yahoo.com.



55+ MINISTRY - VESPERS | 6 PM - 6:30 PM | ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Theresa senior adults are invited to join the group at Vespers at St. Louis King of France Catholic Church, 7601 Burnet Rd, with a social at Bartlett's to follow. RSVP to Larry Davis at 512-343-6942 or larrysdavis@att.net

55+ MINISTRY | 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM | BEN HUR SHRINERS HALL | JAZZ CONCERT

Join your 55+ Ministry friends at the Austin Traditional Jazz Society monthly concert. We'll reserve a table to see the band, the Revelators. Tickets at the door are \$12 for individuals, and \$5 for members of the Austin Jazz Society and college students with ID.

See link for more details: <https://st-theresa.org/events/vics-hot-six-austin-traditional-jazz-society>

WED Nov 26 **CATALYST | 6 AM | FC | "THE WISDOM LITERATURE"**

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 Nov 27 **THANKSGIVING DAY THURSDAY NOV. 27TH** - Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving Day at 9:30 AM to give our staff time to celebrate with their families. Please note there is no 11:30 AM Mass on this day. We are thankful for YOU. Please bring non-perishable food items for our neighbors in need. <https://st-theresa.org/events/thanksgiving-day-mass-1>



*Happy Thanksgiving
to you and your family*

**CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM WEDNESDAY NOON - FRIDAY 5 PM.
THE NURSERY WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY, NOV. 30 FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.**

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DANIEL E. GARCIA

"My friends, it is time for you and me to change the way we treat one another, especially the least among us, those who live on the margins and peripheries of our society and those who are different from us. If our church is to be one that is to grow, we must first and foremost make people feel welcome and help people to see that they have gifts that are to be honored and treasured. Sunday after Sunday, we gather around the Eucharist, not because we are perfect, but because we are not perfect. We all seek the Lord's guidance and wisdom to become more like him. It is from this table, the Eucharist, and this table of the word that we are strengthened to be Christ from one another." -Bishop Daniel Garcia during his homily at the Mass of Installation on Sept. 18

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS MINISTRY | SAT., DEC. 6, NOON | TONY C'S ON ANDERSON

Join the Helping Our Neighbors (HON) Ministry in sharing holiday cheer with our formerly unhoused neighbors! HON's annual Christmas Pizza & Bingo Party will be on Saturday, December 6, at Tony C's.

We need volunteers to provide transportation, and we are collecting \$25 H-E-B or Walmart gift cards for each guest. Please place a labeled envelope for "HON" in the collection plate or bring it to the church office.

For details or to get involved, contact our St Theresa parishioner Johanne at johanne.ibsen@hotmail.com

NUT SALES - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Pick up those delicious nuts today after Mass in the Family Center. Choose plain or flavored pecans and cashews - only \$15 per bag. Please support our Knights and their local charities. Available Dec.13-14.



HEART OF JESUS RETREAT | CEDARBRAKE | WED, DEC 17th - FRI, DEC 19th

This retreat is designed for young men, ages 18-49, to help you discern a vocation to the priesthood. It is an opportunity to meet many priests from our Diocese, hear their discernment stories, and learn about the priesthood. We'll also celebrate Mass and spend time in prayer and adoration. The cost is \$35. Register below and pay the retreat fee online here. <https://austinvocations.com/upcoming-events/heart-of-jesus-winter/>

WELCOME TO ST. THERESA



DECEMBER AT ST. THERESA
st-theresa.org/advent

Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 24
4:00 PM (Church and Gym Overflow) & 6:30 PM

Christmas

DECEMBER 25
Midnight Mass at 12:00 AM
10:00 AM



Save the Date

11/30	Sun.		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
12/5	Fri.	7:30 AM	ADVENT BLOOD DRIVE
12/6	Sat.	9:00 AM	BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK
12/6	Sat.	6:15 PM	PARISH TREE LIGHTING CAROLS & COCOA
12/7	Sun.		SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
12/8	Mon.	11:30AM & 6PM	SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*
12/9	Tues.	7:00 PM	ADVENT PENCEANCE SERVICE
12/14	Sun.		THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
12/14	Sat./Sun.		KC NUT SALE FUNDRAISER
12/14	Sun.	12:15 PM	HS YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
12/16	Tues.		STAFF ADVENT TRIP- OFFICE CLOSED
12/16	Tues.	6:45 PM	CONNECTIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY
12/20	Sat.	10:00 AM	ADVENT ANGEL TREE DELIVERIES TO FAMILIES
12/21	Sun.		FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
12/21	Sun.	5:00-8:00 PM	CHURCH DECORATING PARTY
12/31	Wed.	5:00 PM	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD* VIGIL
1/1	Thurs.	10:00 AM	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD*

* Holy Day of Obligation

Make a Difference

This Advent, in addition to the Blood Drive we have two outreach opportunities:

- 1) Adopt a family through the Angel Trees starting on Nov 29th and 30th.
- 2) Donate \$20 HEB and Wal-Mart gift cards for St. Vincent de Paul.

For more details see : st-theresa.org/advent



ANGEL TREE

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL - 2026-2027 APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

APPLY TODAY AT ST-THERESA.ORG/SCHOOL

We invite you to live the "Little Way" at St. Theresa Catholic School. Serving 3 year olds to 8th grade. National Blue Ribbon School scoring in the top 15% of nationwide assessments. BOOK A TOUR TODAY: Contact Susie Thompson, Admissions Director at sthompson@st-theresa.org .



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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

November 10 -16: \$59,882
November MTD: \$166,920
November Budgeted Offertory: \$184,760

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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THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

If you have not yet had a chance to make your 2026 Offertory Commitment, we kindly encourage you to do so this week. Your support strengthens our ministries and helps us build a vibrant future for St. Theresa. Cards are available in the Narthex, and online giving is always available at st-theresa.org/stewardship. We give together, we grow together!