



**ST. THERESA**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

# PARISH BULLETIN

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
NOVEMBER 30, 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 & Santa photos the morning of December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- ✦ **MOBILE LOAVES AND FISHES TRUCK TEAM** - Volunteers/Driver needed December 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ✦ **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](mailto: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
- How to pray like the saints
- Understanding the Trinity
- What it means to be holy and how to live it
- What is justification, and how do we get to Heaven?
- 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](https://st-theresa.org/become-catholic) for more information, or contact Chase Crouse at [chase-crouse@sttheresa.org](mailto:chase-crouse@sttheresa.org).

**NUT SALES - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Support our Knights! Purchase those delicious nuts available Dec. 13-14.

**NEW PODCAST** - AI and the Church. <https://st-theresa.org/podcast>

**PARENTS ROSARY - PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR ALL OUR CHILDREN** - 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.

**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)



**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, NOV 29

5:00 PM – Maureen Carter, Gary Durbin †

#### SUNDAY, NOV 30

7:30 AM – William Demeter †

9:00 AM – Amy Allert, Suanne Rowe †

11:00 AM – Parishioners of STCC

#### MONDAY, DEC 1

11:30 AM – Cecil Johnson, Mary Christine Taliaferro †

#### TUESDAY, DEC 2

11:30 AM – Duyen Ho, Kay Kosmicki †

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC 3

11:30 AM – Ann Parr

#### THURSDAY, DEC 4

9:30 AM – Kathy Miller

#### FRIDAY, DEC 5

11:30 AM – Damian Percy †

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

#### SUNDAY, NOV 30

NURSERY IS CLOSED TODAY

NO HSYM

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY (LWWC)

#### TUESDAY, DEC 2

CONNECTIONS | 6:45 PM | FC

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC 3

CATALYST | 6 AM | FC

BRIDGE GAMES | 12:15 PM | FC

FAMILY OF FAITH | 4:45 PM | ELMER HALL

#### THURSDAY, DEC 4

BIBLE STUDY | 9:15AM | ELMER RM 202

SENIORS | MAHJONG | 12:15 PM | FC

#### FRIDAY, DEC 5

ADORATION NOON - 1:00 PM

**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. 29-30, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Nov 30 "Active waiting for the Lord means not allowing ourselves to be lulled into purely private interests in our homes and apartments, but donating our attention, time and talents. It implies sharing our strengths and accepting our weaknesses in our parishes, schools, community work, and in society at large," said Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. How can we "actively wait" for Christ this Advent?

- ✦ **THE NURSERY WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY, NOV. 30 FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BREAK.**
- ✦ **ANGEL TREES - PARISH OUTREACH | NARTHEX | NOV 29<sup>TH</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup>**

## TUES DEC 2 CONNECTIONS | 6:45 PM | FC | WOMEN OF THE WORD: HANNAH'S SONG AND MARY'S MAGNIFICAT

The song of Hannah is the model for Mary's Magnificat. While there is no guarantee of a particular result to our prayer, what IS certain, is that "in everything, God works for good with those who love Him, who are called according to his purpose." (Rom 8:28). Hannah and Mary offer excellent models of surrender and trust.

## WED DEC 3 CATALYST | 6 AM | FC | "AUTHENTIC MALE LEADERSHIP" - STEVE BOLLMAN

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



**ST. MONICA WOMEN'S GROUP | 7 PM - 8 PM | ELMER RM 201** - Are you a mom wondering where you fit now that your kids are grown or flown? Do you have loved ones who've drifted from the faith? You're not alone. Join the women of St. Monica. Bring your rosary, prayer intentions, and join us in fellowship. If you have any questions, reach out to Erika: [enorton.en@gmail.com](mailto:enorton.en@gmail.com)

## THU DEC 4 COFFEE AND CHRIST | 7:45 AM - 8:45 AM | ADVENT ROSARY - We will meet at the Marian Grotto (or Family Center if raining) for a Rosary in honor of Advent and visit with coffee afterwards. Bring a rosary!

## FRI DEC 5 EARLY BIRD TACO MINISTRY | 5:45 AM - 7:15 AM | FC - 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)

### BLOOD DRIVE FOR ADVENT | 7:30 AM-11:30 AM | CHURCH PARKING LOT

We are Blood Advent Blood Drive - Be someone's holiday hero! This Advent, your generosity can bring hope and healing to Central Texans. St. Theresa will host a blood drive for We are Blood, Friday, December 5 from 7:30 - 11:30AM in a Bloodmobile on campus. Sign up here to donate.

[st-theresa.org/serve](http://st-theresa.org/serve)

## SAT DEC 6 BREAKFAST WITH SAINT NICK | 9 AM - 11 AM | FC - You're invited to Breakfast with St. Nick, presented by the Mothers of Young Children at St. Theresa Catholic Church! Bring the family for a festive morning filled with: ✨ Photos with Santa, ✨ Mini activities for the kids, ✨ Breakfast tacos, mini muffins, and hot cocoa



**PARISH TREE LIGHTING CAROLS & COCOA | 6:15 PM | CHURCH COURTYARD**  
You're invited to stay after Mass and ruin your dinner with cookies and cocoa (generously sponsored by the women of Connections), as we light the parish Christmas trees and sing a few carols!



## HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS MINISTRY CHRISTMAS LUNCH | NOON - 2 PM | 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. To volunteer, contact our St Theresa parishioner Johanne at [johanne.ibsen@hotmail.com](mailto:johanne.ibsen@hotmail.com) or see this link for all the details: <https://st-theresa.org/events/helping-our-neighbors-christmas-luncheon>

## SUN, DEC 7 | KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS | BREAKFAST TACOS FUNDRAISER | AFTER 7:30 AM & 9 AM MASSES

Hot breakfast to support the Knights' charity efforts? Yes, please. We will have Coffee and Donuts as well. Come meet other parishioners and support our Knight's fundraiser!

**SVDP COLLECTION NEXT WEEK DEC 6-7 | STORY OF GREAT SACRIFICE** - Ben, a 76-year-old widower living alone on a limited income, requested help with his December rent from our St Vincent de Paul Ministry. After learning about families with children facing eviction, he prayed and asked that his own assistance be deferred so they could be helped first. Despite his needs, he chose to give. Read the full story at [st-theresa.org/svdp](http://st-theresa.org/svdp). Thank you for your continued generosity to helping those in need in our community!

# 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.		<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
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.		<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
12/8	Mon.	11:30AM & 6PM	SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*
12/9	Tues.	7:00 PM	ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
12/14	Sun.		<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
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.		<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
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

### NOVEMBER 29th and 30th

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

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

For more details see : [st-theresa.org/advent](http://st-theresa.org/advent)



### ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL - 2026-2027 APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN! APPLY TODAY AT [ST-THERESA.ORG/SCHOOL](http://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](mailto:sthompson@st-theresa.org) .



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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.

November 17-23: \$46,737  
November MTD: \$213,688  
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**



**JOIN**



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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 our parish. Cards are available in the Narthex, and online giving is always available at [st-theresa.org/stewardship](http://st-theresa.org/stewardship). We give together, we grow together!