



ST. THERESA
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

PARISH BULLETIN

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 14, 2025



EXPAND YOUR FAITH

"HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME" - ISAIAH 6:8 - PARISH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

God has given you unique gifts, say 'YES' to using those gifts for God's work. Please prayerfully choose one **Volunteer Opportunity** below where you can serve, shine and help our church thrive. We grow in faith, love, and mission as we all share our gifts. For more opportunities & information go to the link below:



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



- ✦ **CHRISTMAS MASSES - GREETERS** - Come share our St Theresa warm welcome with visitors during the holidays. Welcome desk ministers are needed for December and all Christmas Masses!
- ✦ **FUNERAL MINISTRY** - Like to cook (or pick stuff up at H-E-B)? Helping Hands Funeral Ministry volunteers provide light meals for grieving families following a funeral Mass. Want to join the team? Our group would love new members. Contact Nita Charrin: nitacharrin@gmail.com.
- ✦ **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (HSYM) Feed our Teens** - provide lunch for our teens as they meet right after Mass on Sundays. Every meal is a gift that reminds our youth they're cared for and welcomed.

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

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or feeling called to learn more about the faith? Our next Catholicism 101 course begins Monday, January 12th, and all adults are welcome—those preparing for Confirmation as well as parishioners seeking deeper formation. Each week, we'll explore essential topics such as how to read the Bible, what it means to live a life of holiness, how to pray like the saints, and what the Church teaches about justification and the path to Heaven. If this speaks to you, we'd love to welcome you.

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

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/>

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



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.

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, DEC 13

5:00 PM – Toni Conroy †, Barton-Durbin Family

SUNDAY, DEC 14

7:30 AM – Kathy Poehl

9:00 AM – Michelle Murphy, Sammy Sparrow †

11:00 AM – Parishioners of STCC

MONDAY, DEC 15

11:30 AM- Colette Conlan

TUESDAY, DEC 16

11:30 – No Mass

WEDNESDAY, DEC 17

11:30 AM – Jennifer Poehl

THURSDAY, DEC 18

11:30 AM – Jack Charrin †, Lety Urrutia De Fuentes †

FRIDAY, DEC 19

11:30 AM – Martha Holub †, Deacon Tony Pynes

DAILY MASS | MONDAY - FRIDAY 11:30 AM

SUNDAY, DEC 14

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN'(LWWC) | 9:00 AM

CATECHESIS CLASSES | 10:25 AM - 11:30 AM

HSYM | NOON | ELMER

TUESDAY, DEC 16 - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

11:30 COMMUNION SERVICE (NO MASS)

CONNECTIONS | 6:45 PM | FC

WEDNESDAY, DEC 17

CATALYST | 6 AM | FC

BRIDGE GAMES | 12:15 PM | FC

THURSDAY, DEC 18

BIBLE STUDY | 9:15 AM | ELMER RM 202 (LAST CLASS FOR 2025)

SENIORS | MAHJONG | 12:15 PM | FC

SENIORS | BUNCO | 1:00 PM | FC

FRIDAY, DEC 19

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 DEC 14 **DECEMBER 13 - 14, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT** - This Sunday the readings tell us where to look for the Lord's coming: when the blind see and the lame walk; and when the dead are raised to life and the poor have good news preached to them. In our day the Lord's presence is seen when walls of oppression fall, when enemies seek avenues of fellowship and trust, when the poor and homeless find care and the forgotten are included. The Kingdom is among us, are we acting as Kingdom people?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - NUT SALES - Support our Knights and purchase those delicious nuts for Christmas! Stop by our table before and after all Masses Dec. 13 & 14. Or pre-order online and make sure you get what you need. Supplies are limited! <https://kc-9796-nuts.square.site/>

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

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!



TUES DEC 16 **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

11:30 COMMUNION SERVICE (NO MASS)

CONNECTIONS Women's Ministry - Christmas Potluck | 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM | FC - Food, fun, and prizes. Please bring a dish to share.



WED DEC 17 **CATALYST | 6 AM | FC | TABLE TIME** - Each week at Catalyst, men of all ages come together to grow in faith and brotherhood. Breakfast tacos and coffee served at all meetings!



FRI DEC 19 **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



SUNDAY DECEMBER 21st - CHURCH DECORATING PARTY | 5 PM - 8 PM - Help us prepare our church for Christmas Masses! We need many volunteers to hang lights, ornaments, garlands, and to place poinsettias. Feel free to stop by anytime.

HELP US BRING OUR SOUND SYSTEM INTO THE 21ST CENTURY!

Do you have trouble hearing the Word at Mass? Parishioners of all ages have commented they have trouble hearing at St. Theresa. We're completely rebuilding our sound system so everyone can hear clearly at every Mass and event. Please help us improve sound in the Sanctuary and other campus areas through our Sound System Fundraiser.

Give online at: www.st-theresa.org/give



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL - 2026-2027 APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN! APPLY TODAY AT ST-THERESA.ORG/SCHOOL

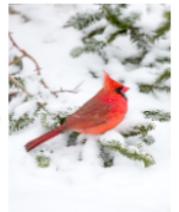
We invite you to live the "Little Way" at St. Theresa Catholic School. Serving 3 year olds to 8th grade. National Blue Ribbon School scoring in the top 15% of nationwide assessments. BOOK A TOUR TODAY: Contact Susie Thompson, Admissions Director at sthompson@sttheresa.org .

BEAUTY BEYOND LOSS | HALF-DAY RETREAT, SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH | 8:30 AM - NOON

ST. THERESA FAMILY CENTER, 4311 SMALL DR., AUSTIN

Have you experienced loss? Perhaps a loved one died, maybe it was divorce, job loss, even retirement or health problems and limitations can feel like a profound loss. Women and men of the parish and beyond are invited to a half-day retreat sponsored by Women's Connections and given by author and international retreat leader, Paula D'Arcy. The retreat is free but please RSVP here:

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



WOMEN'S "BE" RETREAT | FEBRUARY 6 & 7 | ST. THERESA - Don't miss this chance to grow in faith and friendship at St. Theresa. Discover Being, Belonging, and Becoming. The Be Retreat will begin the evening of Feb. 6th and conclude the evening of Feb. 7th (no overnight stay). Join us in this life-changing experience. Use this link or QR Code to register: <https://st-theresa.org/be> or QR code



WELCOME TO ST. THERESA



st.theresa.org/advent



Save the Date

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

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

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, we have two outreach opportunities:

- 1) Adopt a family through the Angel Trees - **ALL 32 FAMILIES ADOPTED! THANK YOU!**
- 2) Donate \$20 HEB and Wal-Mart gift cards for St. Vincent de Paul. Drop off at parish office before December 20th.

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



SAINT THERESA SCHOOL ANNUAL GALA 2026 - Early Bird Tickets On Sale - stcs.hellofund.io
Early Bird Pricing ends December 19th | Tickets for Gala 2026 are disappearing faster than cassette tapes—get yours before they're gone! Don't wait to join the fun, dress up in your best 80s prom attire, and enjoy a totally rad night.



THE SAINTS & SCHOLARS | Celebrating Catholic Schools Dinner & Awards Ceremony - January 17, 7 PM | Hyatt Regency Austin - Honoring the unsung heroes of our schools - Congratulations to our own Debbie Spurlin. Proceeds from this event support tuition assistance. For more information: <https://csdatx.org/2026gala>

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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!

BUILDING CHRIST'S KINGDOM TOGETHER

Your Offertory

December 1 - 7: \$104,202
December MTD: \$104,202
December Budgeted Offertory: \$352,232

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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THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP! 2026 OFFERTORY COMMITMENT

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. **2026 Offertory Commitment Cards** are available in the Narthex, and online giving is always available at st-theresa.org/stewardship.

We give together, we grow together!