



ST. THERESA
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

PARISH BULLETIN

FEAST OF
THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 28, 2025

GROW IN FAITH

SUSTAINING OUR PARISH & SCHOOL

As the year comes to a close, many families take time to reflect on gratitude and stewardship. Any donation made and dated by December 31, 2025 will count toward the current tax year. Please note that changes to the federal tax code are scheduled to take effect in 2026, which may impact future charitable deductions. Your generosity directly supports the mission of St. Theresa Catholic Church & School, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support. Visit st-theresa.org and click on donate or use the QR code.



"HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME" - PARISH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

God has given you unique gifts, say 'YES' to using those gifts for God's work. We grow in faith, love, and mission as we all share our gifts. For more information, go to the link st-theresa.org/serve



- ✦ **MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES TRUCK TEAM** - JANUARY 3RD AND 4TH, SATURDAYS | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- ✦ **ST. THERESA FOOD SORTING** - *NEW! SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 from 9 AM - Noon. Bring the whole family for a special St. Theresa Serve Day sorting food donations at Central Texas Food Bank.
- ✦ **55+ CHILI** - Youth and adult volunteers are needed to help serve at the 55+ Annual Chili Luncheon on Saturday, Jan. 24.
- ✦ **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (HSYM) Feed our Teens** - Starting up again Jan 11th, provide lunch for our teens as they meet right after Mass on Sundays to grow in faith. Every meal is a gift that reminds our youth they're cared for and welcomed.

THANK YOU - We are deeply grateful to our Angel Tree sponsors this year. Through your generosity, St. Theresa "angels" provided Christmas gifts for 30 families—131 parents and children. In addition, the parish donated a record-setting 281 H-E-B and Walmart gift cards. Our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers use these cards throughout the year to help bridge the gap for families in need, allowing them to purchase essentials such as gasoline, cleaning supplies, and toiletries. Thank you for making a meaningful difference in the lives of so many. God bless you and Merry Christmas! = St. Theresa St. Vincent de Paul

EXPECTING A BABY? 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

Church office closed December 24 - January 2 (Reopen Monday January 5)

SATURDAY, DEC 27

5:00 PM – Cynthia Denena

SUNDAY, DEC 28

7:30 AM – Joseph Bancroft †, Deacon Doots DuFour †

11:00 AM – Parishioners of STCC

MONDAY, DEC 29

11:30 AM – Reuben Martin

WEDNESDAY, DEC 31

5:00 PM – Mary Frances Ramos

THURSDAY, JAN 1

10:00 AM – Esperanza Perez †

FRIDAY, JAN 2

11:30 AM – Cynthia McLaren, Patricia Miksch

Monday, Dec 29

DAILY MASS 11:30 AM

Tuesday, Dec 30

DAILY MASS 11:30 AM

Wednesday, Dec 31

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD* VIGIL | 5:00 PM

Thursday, Jan 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD* | 10:00 AM

Friday, Jan 2

DAILY MASS 11:30 AM

* Holy Day of Obligation

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 DECEMBER 27-28, FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DEC 28 Today we celebrate that God is redeeming us and the world through Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection in a real human family. God is incarnate in the midst of our chaotic world because he desires to free us from sin, fear and death. As we meditate with gratitude this great gift of love, our minds and hearts must remember our brothers and sisters whose need may overcome any sense of gratitude. This day pray for those who are alone and without the love of family around them, for families living in cars or on streets, for those who will starve this day. God is saving them, but are we being neighbor and family to them?

NEW YEAR - NEW OPPORTUNITIES!

BINGO | FRIDAY, JANUARY 2 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | FAMILY CENTER - Bringing everyone together at St. Theresa, with complimentary games, pizza and lemonade. Just show up!

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

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>

FAMILY MINISTRY WITH KRISTIN ARMSTRONG | SUNDAY, JANUARY 11th | 10:25-11:00 AM | FAMILY CENTER

Our Between the Masses Family Ministry seminars are pretty amazing — just stay for 30 minutes after Coffee & Donuts during catechesis classes and leave inspired. This session, St. Theresa is thrilled to welcome parishioner, spiritual director, and writer Kristin Arnold (nee Armstrong), who will present "New Year, New Rhythm: Letting Go and Leaning In." Kristin is a columnist for Tribeza magazine, a contributor to Living Faith, and her freelance work has appeared in Glamour, Parents, O—The Oprah Magazine, USA Today, and The Huffington Post. Come start your new year with intention! No RSVP required. All are welcome. Just show up!

MEN'S RETREAT AT EAGLE'S WINGS | JANUARY 10-11 - Renew, a retreat for men 18 and older. In the modern era, our days are filled with tasks, stresses, distractions and endless to-do lists. Men are invited to get away, to retreat from the daily grind and spend some time with the Lord. With talks by Taylor Schroll of Forte Catholic, Renew is an opportunity to slow down and spend time in prayer, the Sacraments, and fellowship with other men from across the Diocese. Visit ewrc.org/renew for more information.

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.

COFFEE & CHRIST | JAN. 15, 22, 29 and FEB. 5 | 7:45 AM | THURSDAYS, ELMER RM 202

If you or a mom you know is drowning in dishes, diapers, or carpool duty, Coffee and Christ may have the book for you. We will start the new year with a 21-Day personal retreat, *Sacred Chaos*, to kickstart our prayer lives and connect with Jesus in a new way. Want to join us? All moms or mother-figures are welcome! Childcare available. Sign up at: st-theresa.org/news/ccstudy

55+ CHILI LUNCH | SAT, JANUARY 24 | NOON | FAMILY CENTER

Each year, our 55+ Ministry hosts a casual social to bring members in from the cold and to share chili and conversation. The Knights of Columbus will donate some of their famous chili, and the church will provide sides. Attendees should bring a dessert to share (last names A-G), cornbread (H-N), or a bag of chips (O-Z). See you there! No tickets necessary. Free-will offering collected.

MINI-MINISTRY FAIR | SUN, JANUARY 25 | AFTER 9 & 11 MASSES | GYM

Looking for a way to feel more connected at St. Theresa? Our Mid-Year Mini Ministry Fair is a simple, no-pressure way to meet people, discover what's happening in parish life, and find where you belong — with free fancy coffee truck and donuts as a bonus. Visit 4 booths and you'll be entered to win prizes like reserved parking and dinner out!

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

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

Parishioners of all ages have commented that 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

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY IN 2026? - If you and your spouse are celebrating 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more years of marriage in 2026, we'd love to celebrate with you! Join us for recognition at the 5:00 PM Mass on January 31. Please RSVP to Kari Cruz at kari-cruz@st-theresa.org by January 23 with your name, anniversary year, email, and mailing address. Congratulations!

Struggling with infertility? You're not alone. The first support group is being started in Texas using the **Springs in the Desert** content. This ministry is for anyone experiencing infertility, no matter the cause or the stage of your journey. Whether you're actively trying, taking a break, or have decided you're done, you're welcome here. Fill out our sign-up form to help us determine when and how often we should meet. Come connect with others who understand, share prayers, and find support. Men, women, and couples are welcome. Email springsinthehillcountry@gmail.com or visit <http://tiny.cc/springshc> to sign up.



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.



ST. THERESA ANNUAL GALA 2026 - Tickets On Sale - stcs.hellofund.io

Tickets for February 21, 2026 Gala 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.



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!

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FURTHER THE CATHOLIC FAITH AND OUR VIBRANT ST. THERESA COMMUNITY!

Your Offertory

December 15 - 21: \$113,841
December MTD: \$279,796
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!

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!