



ST. THERESA  
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

# PARISH BULLETIN

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
JANUARY 4, 2026

# DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

## "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. Please prayerfully choose one (or more) **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 information go to the link <https://st-theresa.org/serve> or use QR



- ♥ **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (HSYM) FEED OUR TEENS** - Starting up again Jan 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- ♥ **MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES TRUCK TEAM** - Saturday January 17 & 24 | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- ♥ **ST. THERESA FOOD SORTING** - \*NEW! Saturday, January 24 from 9 - Noon. Bring the whole family for a special St. Theresa Serve Day sorting food donations at Central Texas Food Bank.
- ♥ **55+ CHILI LUNCHEON** - Youth and adult volunteers are needed to help serve at the 55+ Annual Chili Luncheon on Saturday, Jan. 24.
- ♥ **FUNERAL MINISTRY** - Setup, serve and clean-up team members are needed for the Helping Hands Funeral Ministry, which provide meals following funeral Masses. Want to join the team? Our group would love new members. Contact Nita Charrin: [nitacharrin@gmail.com](mailto:nitacharrin@gmail.com).

## 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](https://st-theresa.org/become-catholic) for more information, or contact Chase Crouse at [chase-crouse@st-theresa.org](mailto:chase-crouse@st-theresa.org).



**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, JAN 3

5:00 PM – Cynthia Denena

#### SUNDAY, JAN 4

7:30 AM – Dee DuFour †

9:00 AM – Eamon Doherty †

11:00 AM – Parishioners of STCC

#### MONDAY, JAN 5

11:30 AM – Jeanette Breedlove †

#### TUESDAY, JAN 6

11:30 – Fr Larry Covington

#### WEDNESDAY, JAN 7

11:30 AM – Gianna Durbin, William Scott

#### THURSDAY, JAN 8

11:30 AM – Francis Ruddy

#### FRIDAY, JAN 9

11:30 AM – Fr Barry Cuba

### DAILY MASS Mon - Fri 11:30 AM

#### Tuesday, Jan 6

Connections | 6:45 PM | FC

#### Wednesday, Jan 7

Seniors - Bridge games | 12:30 PM | FC

Family of Faith | 4:45 PM | Elmer Rm 202

#### Thursday, Jan 8

Coffee & Christ | 7:45 AM | Elmer Rm 202

Bible Study | 9:15 AM | Elmer Rm 202

#### Friday, Jan 9

Early Bird Taco Ministry | 5:45 AM - 7:15 AM | FC

BINGO | 6 PM | FC

#### Saturday, Jan 10

Retreat - Beauty Beyond Loss | 8:30 AM - NOON | FC

**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 JANUARY 3 - 4, THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD** - In Christ there is no east or west, north or south. There is no distinction of Jew or Greek, slave or freedom, male or female. We are all one in the Lord. The commitment to life, charity and justice by the church is rooted in Christ who came for each of us. The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord helps us to focus on the reality that we are all called to sit around the table without regard to distinction.

**K OF C TACO BREAKFAST** - Please stop by the Family Center after 7:30 and 9:00 AM Masses to meet other parishioners and support the monthly Knights of Columbus Breakfast Taco Fundraiser. Hot breakfast to support the Knights' charity efforts? Yes, please. We will have Coffee and Donuts on these days, as well.

**TUE CONNECTIONS | 6:45 – 8:30 PM | FAMILY CENTER** - The State of the Parish Report - Come for this informative presentation on the parish finances and goals by St. Theresa COO Chris Treadaway, Q&A included!



**THU BIBLE STUDY | 9:15 AM | ELMER RM 202** - Continuing our journey with the prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy

**55+ THURSDAY GAMES | 12:15 PM | MAHJONG | FC** - Join us on Thursdays for fun and games!

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

**SAT BEAUTY BEYOND LOSS | HALF-DAY RETREAT, SAT JAN. 10 | 8:30 AM - NOON | FAMILY CENTER**  
Jan 10 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**  
Start the new year right! 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, who will present "New Year, New Rhythm: Letting Go and Leaning In." No RSVP required. All are welcome. Just show up!

**COFFEE & CHRIST | JAN. 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5 AT 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](http://st-theresa.org/news/ccstudy)

**55+ LUNCH & LEARN | TUES. JAN. 20 | 12:15 PM | FAMILY CENTER** - Join us for a Lunch & Learn with a representative from Cook-Walden, who will share information on the financial and emotional benefits of preplanning final burial or cremation arrangements. Lunch will be provided by Cook-Walden. This is not a sales presentation—just an opportunity to learn, ask questions, and enjoy a free lunch. To attend, please RSVP at the QR code.



**55+ CHILI LUNCH | SAT., JAN. 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 the following to share - dessert (last names A-G), cornbread (H-N), or chips (O-Z). See you there! No tickets necessary. Free-will offering collected.



**MINI-MINISTRY FAIR | SUN, JAN. 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! Does your group want to participate? RSVP by Jan. 9 and complete the Ministry Fair form to reserve a spot for your ministry table.



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](mailto:springsinthehillcountry@gmail.com) or visit <http://tiny.cc/springshc> to sign up.



# WELCOME TO ST. THERESA

**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](mailto:kari-cruz@st-theresa.org) by January 23 with your name, anniversary year, email, and mailing address. Congratulations!



**MEN'S "RENEW" RETREAT | SAT & SUN JAN. 10 & 11 | EAGLE'S WINGS** - Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet TX will offer 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](http://ewrc.org/renew) for more information.



**WOMEN'S "BE" RETREAT | FRI & SAT FEB. 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 Friday, Feb. 6th and conclude the evening of Saturday, 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



**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 [stthompson@st-theresa.org](mailto:stthompson@st-theresa.org).



**ST. THERESA ANNUAL GALA 2026** - Tickets On Sale - [stcs.hellofund.io](http://stcs.hellofund.io) - 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.

**SAINTS & SCHOLARS | Celebrating Catholic Schools Dinner & Awards Ceremony | Jan 17, 7 PM at the 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 22-28: \$68,655  
December MTD: \$348,451  
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**



**GIVE**



**JOIN**



**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](http://st-theresa.org/stewardship). We give together, we grow together!