



ST. THERESA
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

PARISH BULLETIN

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 11, 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 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.
- ♥ **MOYC** - Do you have little ones? Seeking a co-lead for our Mothers of Young Children group to plan playdates and events for MOYC. Want to help? Reach out to Alice alicebolander@gmail.com
- ♥ **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** - Set-up, 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.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our Christmas worship at St. Theresa so meaningful and beautiful. We are especially grateful to Fr. Larry, Fr. Barry, and our Deacons for leading us in prayer and worship. Heartfelt thanks to all who served in the liturgy, decorated, greeted, organized, set up, sang, and welcomed our visitors—and to those who quietly and humbly work behind the scenes. Your generosity of time and talent truly brought the joy of Christmas to life.



PLEASE WELCOME Gian Gamboa to St. Theresa as Director of Ongoing Formation & Discipleship! Gian is stepping in immediately to help lead our High School Youth Ministry (HSYM). Come meet him at the first youth group of the semester this Sunday at NOON! Gian brings over 10 years of youth ministry experience, has served as a missionary with The Culture Project, and has worked with organizations including Life Teen, FOCUS, NFCYM, and EWTN. He is currently completing his Master's in Theology and Sacred Scripture and is passionate about helping young people encounter Jesus. Gian lives in Hutto with his wife and three kids—and is a self-proclaimed #1 Taco Bell fan.



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, JAN 10

5:00 PM – Mary Brown

SUNDAY, JAN 11

7:30 AM – Regina Gschwind †

9:00 AM – Luke Bradburn †

11:00 AM – Parishioners of STCC

MONDAY, JAN 12

11:30 AM – Albert D. Roberts, Jr.

TUESDAY, JAN 13

11:30 – Albert D. Roberts, III

WEDNESDAY, JAN 14

11:30 AM – Deacon Doots Dufour †

THURSDAY, JAN 15

11:30 AM – COMMUNION SERVICE

FRIDAY, JAN 16

11:30 AM – Joe Trochta †, Joelle Maryn

DAILY MASS - Mon - Fri 11:30 AM

Sunday, Jan 11

Liturgy of the Word with Children'(LWWC) | 9:00 AM

Catechesis | 10:25 AM | Elmer

HSYM | Noon | Elmer

Monday, Jan 12

Catholicism 101 | 7 PM | Elmer Rm 202

Tuesday, Jan 13

Connections | 6:45 PM | FC

Wednesday, Jan 14

55+ Seniors Games | Bridge | 12:30 PM | FC

Thursday, Jan 15

11:30 Communion Service

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

Bible Study | 9:15 AM | Elmer Rm 202

55+ Seniors Games | Mahjong | 12:15 PM | 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 **FAMILY MINISTRY WITH KRISTIN ARNOLD** | 10:25 - 11:00 AM | FC - 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 (nee Armstrong), a contributor to Living Faith, Oprah Magazine and national publications. She will present "New Year, New Rhythm: Letting Go and Leaning In." No RSVP required. Free childcare is available. All are welcome. Just show up!

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!



MON **CATHOLICISM 101 | BEGINNING MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH | 7 PM | ELMER RM 202**

Jan 12 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@sttheresa.org.

TUE **CONNECTIONS | 6:45 - 8:30 PM | FAMILY CENTER** - Pornography, Part 1 - Fr. Jonathan Meyer on what we need to know about this increasingly common sin.

WED **CATALYST | 6:00 AM | FC | KNOWING JESUS PERSONALLY | WITH BISHOP BARRON** - Each week at Catalyst, men of all ages come together to grow in faith and brotherhood. Breakfast tacos and coffee served at all meetings!

THU **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.

BIBLE STUDY | 9:15 AM | ELMER RM 202 - Continuing with *The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*

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.



NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS JANUARY 21 | REVELATIONS: KINGDOM YET TO COME. | 7:00 PM | ELMER RM 205

In this 11 week study discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." Explore the Church's teaching on the second coming of Christ and the Last Judgment. Understand how God, the Divine Bridegroom, and the Church, his spotless bride, enter into a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage every time we celebrate Mass. Cost is \$30. Register with claire-mccarthy@st-theresa.org.

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!

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.



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 by January 23 with your name, anniversary year, email, and mailing address. Congratulations!



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



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 throughout our Sound System Fundraiser. Give online at: www.st-theresa.org/give

CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES AT ST. THERESA Sunday, January 25 at 3 PM, with acclaimed classical guitarist Darin Layne. A gifted guitarist and composer, Darin is known for his exceptional artistry in performance, composition, recording, and production. A top-call session guitarist in Austin, he has performed jazz, country, Latin, rock, classical, and Brazilian choro music on stages around the world. Join us for an afternoon of beautiful music in the serene setting of our church sanctuary.



CONVERGING ROADS - WHERE HEALTH CARE ETHICS AND MEDICINE CONVERGE

St John Neumann Church | Feb. 28 | 9:45 AM - 6:15 PM - Converging Roads is a regional conference series offering continuing education for health care professionals that equips them to practice the highest ethical and medical standards of their profession. To Register : <https://forlifeandfamily.org/events/cr26-atx/>

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. Contact Susie Thompson, Admissions Director at sthompson@st-theresa.org

ST. THERESA SCHOOL ANNUAL GALA FEBRUARY 21, 2026 - Tickets On Sale - 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.

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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 29 - January 4:	\$78,411
December MTD:	\$383,372
December Budgeted Offertory:	\$352,232
January MTD:	\$43,420
January Budgeted Offertory:	\$206,857

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. We give together, we grow together!