

LENT

preparing our hearts....

Prayer

Fasting

Almsgiving



ST. THERESA
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

PARISH BULLETIN

THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 22, 2026



Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Stations of the Cross | Fridays

Following the 11:30 AM Mass, with Adoration | Church
6:30 PM | Church

Soup and the Spirit | Thursdays

12:00 PM | Family Center

Penance Service | Tuesday, March 3

7:00 PM | Church

Palm Sunday | March 29

Normal Mass Schedule 7:30 AM, 9 AM & 11 AM

Holy Tuesday | Tenebrae Service | March 31

7:00 PM | Church

Holy Thursday | April 2

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday | April 3

12:00 PM Liturgy of the Word | Church
2:30 PM Outdoor Stations | 3:00 PM Indoor Stations

Holy Saturday | April 4

Great Vigil of Easter | 8:15 PM | Church

Easter | April 5

Normal Mass Schedule 7:30 AM, 9 AM & 11 AM
(additional seating in the gym 9 AM & 11 AM Masses)
Easter Egg Hunt | after 9 AM Easter Mass

HOW TO LENT is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Guided by Solenne Santiago and with the help of priests and religious, this series will challenge us as we enter the season with a purpose. Don't let Lent sneak up on you like it did last year. Instead, heed the call of St. John the Baptist by preparing for the Lord, using How to Lent to transform your spiritual life this Lenten season. St Theresa has a free online subscription <https://watch.formed.org/how-to-lent?>



PARISH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME
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- ♥ **WELCOME DESK VOLUNTEERS** - Saturday & Sunday before/after Masses
- ♥ **MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES** - Be the hands and feet of Christ by serving the unhoused in Austin. Volunteers load trucks at St. Louis Food Pantry on the 3rd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 11:30 or 12:30 PM at 2118 St Joseph Blvd, Austin, TX 78757
- ♥ **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
- ♥ **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (HSYM) FEED OUR TEENS** - 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.
- ♥ **SOUP AND THE SPIRIT** - Your help is needed. This special Lenten parish tradition feeds both body and soul -and it only happens because parishioners step forward to serve. Learn more and register to volunteer to make this a beautiful event.

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, FEBRUARY 21

5:00 PM - Bob Wilson †, Irene Grieco

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:30 AM - Erin Osterholt †

9:00 AM - Chris Hoffmann †, Larry Moore †

11:00 AM - Parishioners of STCC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

11:30 AM - Sylvia Calderon, Rosemary Nahas †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

11:30 AM - Joe Trochta †, Lindell Schaffer †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

11:30 AM - Kathy Ronk, Lindell Schaffer †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

11:30 AM - David Schaffer, Matthew Schaffer

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

11:30 AM - Elizabeth Schaffer, Cindy Schaffer †

DAILY MASS - MON - FRI 11:30 AM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9 AM | Liturgy of the Word with Children (K - 5th) during Mass

10:25 AM | Catechesis

12:00 PM | HSYM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 PM | Catholicism 101 | Elmer Rm 202

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Connections | 6:45 PM | FC

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Catalyst | 6:00 AM | FC

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

Bible Study | 7:00 PM | Elmer Rm 205 (Revelation)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

Bible Study | 9:15 AM | Elmer Rm 202 (Exodus)

Soup and the Spirit | 12:00 PM | FC

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

11:30 AM Mass | Adoration | Stations of the Cross | Church

6:30 PM | Stations of the Cross | Church

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 **THE 1st SUNDAY OF LENT --- Matthew 4:1-11** - We begin the season of Lent with Jesus going into the desert.
Feb 22 We need to follow him into the desert of fasting, prayer and self-denial in order to re-learn the covenant way of life which comes with our Baptism. Now is the time to turn from distractions. Now is the time to remember and reverence our own dignity and the life and dignity of each person as God's beloved. Now is the time to set aside anything that diverts us from our true hunger and thirst for God alone. What is the fasting God desires for us this Lent?

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!



55+ SENIORS | SUNDAY VESPERS | 6:00 PM | ST LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join the group for Vespers at St. Louis King of France Catholic Church (7601 Burnet Rd), with a social at Bartlett's to follow. RSVP to Larry Davis at 512-343-6942 or larrysdavis@att.net

MON **CATHOLICISM 101 | 7 PM | ELMER RM 202** - Are you interested in becoming Catholic or feeling called to learn more about the faith? 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. Contact Chase Crouse at chase-crouse@sttheresa.org.

TUE **CONNECTIONS | 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM | FC** - Stations of the Cross presented in a new way by Fr. Jonathan Meyer. Looking for a place to grow in faith, friendship, and purpose? Join Connections Women's Ministry a welcoming group that meets every Tuesday at 6:45 PM in the Family Center—and you're invited!

WED **CATALYST | 6:00 AM | FC** - The Final Goal with Fr. Larry Richards. 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 - WOMEN'S LENTEN STUDY - CRUX | 7:45 AM | ELMER RM 202** - Journey through Crux: Daily Lenten Meditations with Coffee and Christ this Lent! Crux is a parish-friendly Lenten guide that helps you encounter Christ through daily reflections, Scripture, and intentional prayer. You will read through the entirety of the Gospel of Mark, reflecting on your identity as God's beloved child, and you'll respond through prayer and practical action. Our group will meet for five sessions to walk through the book, share insights, and support one another in prayer.



SOUP AND THE SPIRIT | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM | FAMILY CENTER - A St. Theresa Lenten Favorite! Join us on Thursdays during Lent for a simple, meaningful lunch hour featuring homemade soup prepared by fellow parishioners and inspirational readings from Fr. Larry and Fr. Barry. It's a wonderful way to nourish both body and spirit during the Lenten season.



FRI **EARLY BIRD TACO MINISTRY | 5:45 AM - 7:15 AM | FC** - The Early Bird Breakfast Taco Ministry provides about 200 tacos every Friday morning to folks at two homeless shelters in Austin. Contact: Tacos@st-theresa.org

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Following **11:30 AM** Mass with Adoration in Church and **6:30 PM** in Church



DIAPER DRIVE PARISH LENTEN OUTREACH | FEBRUARY 28th - MARCH 8th

St. Theresa Church and School are partnering for a Diaper Drive benefiting Catholic Charities, led by our NJHS students. Please bring diapers of any size to the collection boxes in the church narthex between February 28th and March 8th. Thank you for supporting local families in need! Let's beat our 25K record from last year!

-Want to help wrap diapers at St. Theresa on Tuesday, March 10 from 1:00 - 2:00 PM? Reach out to hello@st-theresa.org.



ST. MONICA WOMEN'S GROUP | WED. MARCH 4 | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | ELMER RM 101 - St. Monica is our patron saint and we pray a special devotion and rosary for her powerful intercession for our loved ones. Please bring your rosary and your prayer intentions. If you have any questions, reach out to Erika: enorton.en@gmail.com

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS - Please spend time praying for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that more men and women will have the courage to follow a call from God to serve in the Church.

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



ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

SUMMER CAMPS AT ST. THERESA! REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

St. Theresa is getting ready for summer with camps for all interests! Join us for music, sports, and drama! Register at <https://st-theresa.org/summer-camps>



SAVE THE DATE! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) | JUNE 8-12 | 9:00 AM-12:00 PM DAILY

VBS 2026 is speeding toward us like a jungle cat! We need your help building a strong team of volunteers - especially adults - to make this a high-quality faith-filled week for the children of our parish! So, let's "swing" into action like a howler monkey to put on the best VBS ever! See a full list of volunteer needs at st-theresa.org/VBS. Participant registration will be open by the first week of March.

ST. THERESA GALA ONLINE SILENT AUCTION CLOSING FEB 22 AT 5 PM - The school's biggest fundraising event, Forever 1986 Gala, has just gone LIVE with their online silent auction. Please peruse and make a bid or two...it's fun and it all goes back to the students and teachers! It works just like eBay...sign up with your cell phone and receive notifications when you are outbid on an item! But don't wait too long to take a peek - the silent auction closes on February 22nd at 5 PM. So, grab a friend and share the link so they may join in the fun! stcsgala.hellofund.io

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

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/>

YOUNG MEN INVITED TO FISHERS OF MEN | FEB. 28 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM | ST LOUIS KING OF FRANCE CHURCH

The Austin Diocese Vocations Office is hosting the Fishers of Men session. This event is designed for young men, ages 14 - 49, to help them discern a vocation to the priesthood. It is an opportunity to meet many priests, hear their discernment stories, and learn about the priesthood. Mass will be celebrated and there will be time for prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Register at austinvocations.com.

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



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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!

Fr. Larry Covington - Pastor
Fr. Barry Cuba - Parochial Vicar
Deacon Tony Pynes
Deacon Keith Carter
Deacon Peter Barger

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

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

Your Offertory

February 9 - 15: \$35,551
February MTD: \$132,857
February Budgeted Offertory: \$173,863

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