



ST. THERESA
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

PARISH BULLETIN

THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 1, 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 - Transform your spiritual life this Lenten season. Log into FORMED for a beautiful series on our Lenten journey. St Theresa has a free online subscription <https://watch.formed.org/how-to-lent?>



PARISH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME

[ST.THERESA.ORG/SERVE](https://www.sttheresa.org/serve)



- ♥ **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.
- ♥ **FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS** - We really need a few helpers to take the donated food that people bring to Mass and deliver it to the St. Louis Food Pantry. See the link for more details on how easy this is!
<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/58712576031/true#/invitation>
- ♥ **WELCOME DESK VOLUNTEERS** - Saturday & Sunday before/after Masses. Welcome people, promote upcoming events and help hand out bulletins.
- ♥ **ST. LOUIS FOOD PANTRY** - Drivers are needed to pick up corporate donations of food from various stores in our area and deliver them to the St. Louis Food Pantry. Want to help? Contact Angela at (512)423-8039
- ♥ **55+ PLANNERS** - We're seeking 55+ Ministry Event Planners to help create engaging activities and meaningful gatherings. Join our Senior Leadership Team, which meets monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month before Mass, and share your gifts to help our parish thrive! Interested? Contact larrysdavis@att.net

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 28

5:00 PM – Benjamin Conroy, Jr. †, Lindell Schaffer †

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

7:30 AM – Donna Porcelli, Vincent Porcelli

9:00 AM – Larry Moore †, Tommy Porcelli

11:00 AM – Parishioners of STCC

MONDAY, MARCH 2

11:30 AM – Colette Stemple, Martha Alicia Quintana Borrego †

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

11:30 AM – Maria Merenda †, Rosa Osorio †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

11:30 AM – Juanita Posada †, Ricardo Vargas †

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

11:30 AM – Camille Flynn †, Thomas E. Dooley †

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

11:30 AM – Cheryl Solt

DAILY MASS - MON - FRI 11:30 AM

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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

10:25 AM | Catechesis

12:00 PM | HSYM

MONDAY, MARCH 2

7:00 PM | Catholicism 101 | Elmer Rm 202

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Parish Lenten Penance Service | 7:00 PM | Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Catalyst | 6:00 AM | FC

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

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

St. Monica Prayer Group | 7 PM | Elmer Rm 101

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Coffee & Christ | 7:45 AM | Elmer Rm 205

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

Soup and the Spirit | 12:00 PM | FC

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

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
Mar 1 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | Matthew 17:1-9** - This week we move from temptation in the desert to transfiguration and glory. Early in our Lenten journey we are given a hint of the resurrection. But first we must recognize the truth of St. Paul – that all of us are called to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel. Perhaps the mountain we must climb with Christ is one of sharing our time or ourselves with others. Perhaps we are called to greater simplicity of life and generous sharing of our material possessions. Each of us is called to die to self to live for Christ. What death must we die to share in Christ's glory?

BREAKFAST TACO FUNDRAISER BY K of C | AFTER 7:30 AM & 9 AM MASSES | FC
Come 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 also have Coffee and Donuts!



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!



KIDS CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING EVENT | 2:00 - 3:30 PM | GYM

Kids, join Shepherd Them All today in the St. Theresa gym for an All Abilities event for Kinder–6th graders featuring interactive stations on Catholic Social Teaching. Catholic Social Teachings teach us to love like Jesus- putting our faith into action. Just show up for this Lenten learning opportunity! Questions? jenandpaul.kirsch@gmail.com

MON
Mar 2 **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@st-theresa.org.

TUE
Mar 3 **PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE | 7:00 PM | CHURCH**

WED
Mar 4 **CATALYST | 6:00 AM | FC** - Each week at Catalyst, men of all ages come together to grow in faith and brotherhood. Breakfast tacos and coffee served at all meetings!

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

THU
Mar 5 **COFFEE & CHRIST - WOMEN'S LENTEN STUDY - CRUX | 7:45 AM | ELMER RM 205** - 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
Mar 6 **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



FEB 28 - MAR 8 - DIAPER DRIVE LENTEN OUTREACH

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.



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 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

TEFA APPLICATIONS OPEN THROUGH MARCH 17 - The Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) offers families a valuable opportunity to seek funding for Catholic school tuition and other approved educational expenses, helping parents choose the best academic environment for their children — one that aligns with their values and supports the faith taught at home. To support families through the application process, Catholic schools across the diocese are also hosting a series of TEFA Application Clinics. These clinics provide hands-on assistance in both English and Spanish, giving parents the confidence and guidance they need to complete the application successfully. View upcoming application clinics: <https://csdatx.org/tefaapplication>.

CEDARBRAKE CATHOLIC RETREAT CENTER - LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER | THUR, MAR 5 | 9 AM - 2:30 PM - Staying Hydrated: Drink from the Living Water. The struggles that we face as Catholic men and women living our faith and growing into a relationship with Christ are enormous. We are anxious about many aspects of our lives, and at times, we can become spiritually dry. If we want to "Stay Hydrated", we must drink from the living water every day. Bill Moyer, a spiritual director, father, and parishioner at St. Jerome Parish in Waco, will lead this day retreat. For more information or to register, visit austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or call (254) 780-2436.

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

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

Your Offertory

February 16 - 22: \$79,550
February MTD: \$188,876
February Budgeted Offertory: \$173,863

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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2025 ST. THERESA CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT - St Theresa 2025 contribution statements have been emailed Jan. 28th. For anyone that did not have an email address on file, your statement has been mailed. For any questions contact Geneva in the Business Office at geneva@st-theresa.org.