

**The Diocese of Austin
Catholic Committee on Scouting
gives thanks to the following:**

Most Reverend Joe Vásquez

Rev. Will Rooney, Chaplain DCCS

Rev. Patrick Ebner and the staff of St. John Vianney Parish

All the ministers of the Mass —
Concelebrants, Altar Servers, Lectors, Gift Bearers, Color
Guard, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians

All the Scouts, Leaders and their families

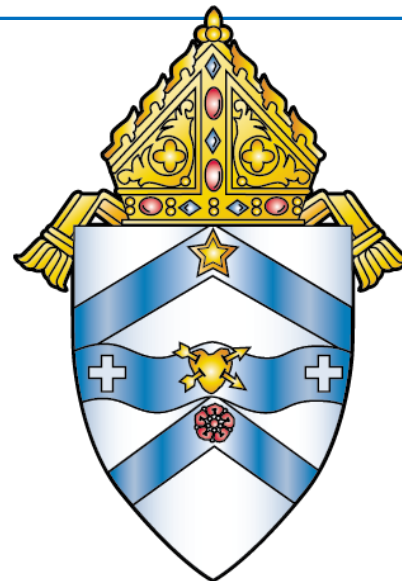
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— Diocese of Austin

**Pictures will be taken during Mass and available on the
Diocesan website for download.**

**DIOCESE OF AUSTIN
Catholic Committee on Scouting**

Diocesan Scout Mass



SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY PARISH
ROUND ROCK**

CELEBRANT

Most Reverend Joe Vásquez

Bishop of Austin

2024 St. George Trek

Every two years NCCS organizes the St. George Trek, aimed at teens discerning their vocation. Our next Trek is July 3-18, 2024. In case you're not familiar with it, the St. George Trek brings Catholic high-school-aged Scouts from around the country together for a 16-day adventure, including 11 days of backpacking in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. The Trek is led by the teens themselves and accompanied by priests, seminarians, and other Religious, giving teen participants the opportunity to experience the sacraments and the Church's life of prayer as they explore the majesty of God's creation – and their vocation. Deadline for the early registration incentive is October 31! **Learn more about the St. George Trek by visiting www.nccs-bsa.org/saint-george-trek**



DCCS Committee Meetings

The DCCS Committee meets quarterly to assess the needs of our Catholic Scouting population and to plan age-appropriate events to foster a deeper appreciation of our faith. In addition, the committee sponsors adult training for religious emblem counselor roles. If you have a topic that you think needs to be addressed or would like to attend, please contact DCCS chair, Ronda Motl. ***The next meeting is scheduled for Sat. Nov 4 at the Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center.***

Lay Apostolate Formation | Religious Emblem Training

The next training is scheduled for Sat. Nov 4 at the Diocese of Austin Pastoral Center. These courses are required of all Religious Emblem Counselors wishing to facilitate scouts grades 7 and above in any religious education emblem/award. ***Lay Apostolate Formation*** is the process by which Catholic Scouters create greater awareness of our role to "seek the kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God." We will examine scouting as a form of youth ministry and our call to leadership, holiness, conversion, and worship while reflecting with scripture. ***Religious Emblem Counselor*** (REC) training is for Catholic adults who wish to become certified as religious emblem counselors or any Catholic adult who assists in scouting. This process will prepare you to lead scouts on a faith journey in Catholic spirituality so that they can earn the Catholic religious emblems.

Upcoming Events

Walking in Faith



Sat. October 14, 2023

**Cedar Breaks Park Hiking Trailhead --
Crockett Garden Falls at Lake Georgetown**



Join Fr. Will Rooney and the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for a 5-mile hike* around Lake Georgetown.

The day will begin at 10 a.m. and include Mass on the trail. Bring your own lunch, water bottle, and glasses to view the partial eclipse** on our journey to be apostles of faith.

Jesus is my great friend and the Eucharist is my highway to Heaven

Blessed Carlos Acutis

* A two-mile route (estimated) will be facilitated for younger participants.
**Confirm your spot today and receive a free pair of eclipse viewing glasses



RELIGIOUS RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

DEUS ET FAMILIA MEA | GOD AND MY FAMILY TENDERHEART CATHOLIC FAITH AWARD

Katherine Blair	St. Thomas More Parish, Austin
Sarah Criscione	St. Mary Catholic Center, College Station
Amber Konderla	St. Joseph Parish, Bryan
Magdalene Okonski	St. Joseph Parish, Bryan

DEUS ET FAMILIA MEA | GOD AND MY FAMILY SEGMENT 2

Juliana Bartlett	St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Austin
Katelyn Bartlett	St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Austin
Katharine Blair	St. Thomas More Parish, Austin
Laura Kate Cook	St. William Catholic Parish, Round Rock
Sienna Garza	St. William Catholic Parish, Round Rock
Katherine Guzman	St. William Catholic Parish, Round Rock
Cecilia Ketchum	St. William Catholic Parish, Round Rock
Lucy Lavergne	St. William Catholic Parish, Round Rock
Phoebe Lavergne	St. William Catholic Parish, Round Rock
Elizabeth Moller	St. Albert the Great Parish, Austin
Iris Osterlund	St. William Catholic Parish, Round Rock

**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS
NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE**

**DEUS ET FAMILIA MEA | GOD AND MY FAMILY
SEGMENT 3**

Katherine Blair St. Thomas More Parish, Austin

**DEUS ET PATRIA MEA | GOD AND MY COUNTRY
EXPLORER CATHOLIC FAITH AWARD**

Hannah Blair	St. Thomas More Parish, Austin
Emma Criscione	St. Mary Catholic Center, College Station
Anna Karasek	St. Anthony Parish, Bryan
Erika Konderla	St. Joseph Parish, Bryan
Mary Faustina Okonski	St. Joseph Parish, Bryan

**DEUS ET PATRIA MEA | GOD AND MY COUNTRY
SEGMENT 2**

Jocelyn Abbattista	St. William Parish, Round Rock
Hannah Blair	St. Thomas More Parish, Austin
Caroline Hughes	St.. William Parish, Round Rock
Giuilana Gonzales	St. William Parish, Round Rock
Isabella Valdez	St. William Parish, Round Rock

**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS
NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE
PROGRAMS**

Femina Integritatis | Woman of Integrity
Patriot (9th-12th grade)

Femina Integritatis encourages Catholic Patriots to internalize and immerse themselves in what it means to be a Catholic Woman of Integrity. Prayer and discussion are essential elements of this study with opportunities for outings and engaging speakers. Through study of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Our Blessed Mother, the lives of the saints, and the sacraments, Patriots discern God's call for their lives after high school. The faith award is achieved after completing 4 segments of learning.

**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS
NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE
PROGRAMS**

Deus et Familia Mea | God and My Family

Tenderheart (1st-3rd grade)

Deus et Familia Mea guides Catholic Tenderhearts through an awareness of who they are as children of God in the family of the Catholic Church. Girls will learn about the Holy Mass, sacraments, traditions and history of the Catholic Church with fun, hands-on activities. Tenderhearts are encouraged to explore and perform works of charity for their families and neighbors. The faith award is achieved after completing 3 segments of learning.

Deus et Patria Mea | God and My Country

Explorer (4th—5th grade)

Deus et Patria Mea allows Catholic Explorers to learn about various saints representing the United States of America. Explorers enrich their faith by exploring Catholic elements that are most important to those saints, including the Eucharist, Corporal Works of Mercy, and missionary work. Deus et Patria Mea is thought-provoking, hands-on, and will foster a desire in Explorers to serve Jesus Christ through the Catholic Church. The faith award is achieved after completing 3 segments of learning.

Deus et Civita Mea | God and My Community

Pioneer (6th-8th grade)

Deus et Civitas Mea guides Catholic Pioneers to examine service in their community through Sacred Scripture and Catholic Church Tradition. Girls learn the importance of preparing to serve through prayer and learning about people who exemplified service in their lives. Pioneers put what they have learned into practice by serving others and by reflecting on the impact of their service. The faith award is achieved after completing 2 segments of learning.

**AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS
NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE**

**DEUS ET PATRIA MEA | GOD AND MY COUNTRY
SEGMENT 3**

Hannah Blair

St. Thomas More Parish, Austin

**DEUS ET CIVITAS MEA | GOD AND MY COMMUNITY
PIONEER CATHOLIC FAITH AWARD**

Sarah Masur

Sacred Heart, Rocknee

**DEUS ET CIVITAS MEA | GOD AND MY COMMUNITY
SEGMENT 1**

Abriella Gonzales

St. William Parish, Round Rock

NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

LIGHT OF CHRIST | LUZ DE CRISTO

Kolt Duffy	Holy Family Parish, Copperas Cove
Willow Gardner	Holy Family Parish, Copperas Cove
Aspen Gardner	Holy Family Parish, Copperas Cove
Thomyn Kolodzik	St. Paul Chong Hasang Parish, Harker Heights
Viktor Kolodzik	St. Paul Chong Hasang Parish, Harker Heights
Aaron Labbe	St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Austin
Logan Morales	Holy Family Parish, Copperas Cove
Cameron Portugal	Santa Cruz Parish, Buda
Olivia Shoemaker	St. Margaret Mary Parish, Cedar Park
Jonathan Thekkekara	St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Austin

PARVULI DEI

Christian Bubela	St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Austin
Colt Collins	St. Theresa Parish, Austin
Benjamin Noel	Santa Cruz Parish, Buda
Matthew Travis	St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Austin

AD ALTARE DEI

Ethan Garcia Gonzalez	St. Louis Parish, Austin
David Garcia Gonzalez	St. Louis Parish, Austin
Ezekiel Guerra	St. Patrick Parish, Hutto
August Johnson	St. Thomas More Parish, Austin
Alexander Lawson	St. William Parish, Round Rock
John Leary	St. Louis Parish, Austin
Jonah Luton	St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Austin
Liam Parker	St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Austin

NFCYM / NCCGSCF PROGRAMS

God is Love (Kinder-1st grade)

Helps students discover an appreciation that God created, cares for, and loves us all.

Family of God (2nd -3rd grade)

Helps youth discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their family and parish.

I Live My Faith (4th -5th grade)

Designed around the themes of belief, sacraments, Catholic Christian living, and prayer. Each theme provides a variety of opportunities for youth to explore areas spanning from art to technology and from research to drama. As the scouts work through the program, they will reflect on what we believe as Catholics, how we celebrate those beliefs through sacraments, and how prayer fits into our lives.

Mary, the First Disciple (6th-8th grade, High school)

The program helps them learn more about Mary, and more about themselves. Youth will meet Mary in Scripture as a young teenager, follow her journeys, and watch her grow into the woman known as the Mother of God. Through interviews, role-plays, service projects, reflection questions, and prayer the program will help scouts also learn more about themselves.

The Spirit Alive (High school)

The program assists them in discovering how the Holy Spirit moves in their lives, calling them to greater participation in the church's ministry.

Missio (High school)

The program invites young people to explore discipleship and their own religious identity. Missio was jointly created by the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States and the NFCYM.

NCCS-BSA PROGRAMS

Light of Christ (1st-2nd grade)

The purpose is to help the Cub Scout develop a personal relationship with Jesus. With the parents' active assistance and participation in this program, it is hoped that the Cub will come to see Jesus as a real person and his friend.

Parvuli Dei (Children of God) (3rd-5th grade)

The purpose of the Parvuli Dei (Children of God) emblem is to help young boys explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and parishes, and also to develop a good, positive self-image through the contributions they can make to the group or community.

Ad Altare Dei (To the Altar of God) (6th-8th grade, High school)

Designed around the themes of belief, sacraments, Catholic Christian living, and prayer. Each theme provides a variety of opportunities for youth to explore areas spanning from art to technology and from research to drama. As the scouts work through the program, they will reflect on what we believe as Catholics, how we celebrate those beliefs through sacraments, and how prayer fits into our lives. A leader's guide is included.

Pope Pius XII (High school)

This program is Catholic Scouting's church-related ministries and vocation program. It deals with different life choices (single, married, religious, ordained), occupations and ministries in the church as calls from God.

HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT IN SCOUTING

SCOUTS BSA RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Martin Becker	Emmaus Parish, Austin
Wyatt Childre	St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Austin
Connor Daly	St. Thomas More Parish, Austin
Ethan Garcia Gonzalez	St. Louis Parish, Austin
Thomas Gawlik	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Pflugerville
Everett Geiger	St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Austin
Davis Gilbert	St. Theresa Parish, Austin
Alexander Guerra	St. William Parish, Round Rock
Keaton Hampton	Emmaus Parish, Austin
Sadie Henderson	St. Catherine of Siena, Austin
Noam Hoffman	St. John Neumann Parish, Austin
Aldo Ibarra	St. Jerome, Waco
Isabella Irizarry	St. William Parish, Round Rock
Srijan Jagarlamudi	Emmaus Parish, Austin
Shawn Knappenberger	St. Luke, Temple
Addison Lai	Ascension Parish, Bastrop
Gabriel Lasseter	St. Louis Parish, Austin
Malachi Lewis	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Pflugerville
Gabriella Lobb	St. Catherine of Siena, Austin
Ian Morris	St. Thomas More Parish, Austin
Seth Munoz	St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Austin
James Muth	St. Martin de Porres Parish, Dripping Springs
Chase Mutschink	St. Thomas More Parish, Austin

HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT IN SCOUTING

SCOUTS BSA RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Brendan O'Mara	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Pflugerville
Alessandro Peck	St. Thomas More Parish, Austin
Ryan Perkins	St. Thomas More Parish, Austin
Aditya Rao	Emmaus Parish, Austin
Hector Resendiz	Sacred Heart Parish, Austin
Nicholas Royal	Emmaus Parish, Austin
Wallace Russell	St. Helen Parish, Georgetown
Valeria Sanchez	St. Catherine of Siena, Austin
Connor Schulenberg	Emmaus Parish, Austin
Jonathan Schulenberg	Emmaus Parish, Austin
Andrew Smaistrila	St. Thomas More Parish, Austin
Tomiko Thompson	St. Luke, Temple
Peter Walsh	St. John Neumann Parish, Austin
Jared White	Santa Cruz Parish, Buda
Jacob Zawaideh	St. Thomas More Parish, Austin

ADULT RECOGNITIONS

BRONZE PELICAN

Recognizes individuals in the local dioceses for their contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youths through Scouting.

ST. GEORGE

Recognizes members of the laity and clergy, Scouters and non-Scouters alike, who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youths through Scouting.

James Boyer	Sacred Heart Parish, Austin
Eric Kline	St. William Parish, Round Rock
Ronda Motl	St. Louis Parish, Austin
Lloyd Motl	St. Louis Parish, Austin
Milton David O'Quinn	Sacred Heart Parish, Austin

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Recognizes the significant contributions of persons serving the spiritual needs of Catholic members in organizations serving girls. It is intended to recognize notable contributions to this field of youth ministry.

Erin Womack	St. Joseph Parish, Bryan
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