

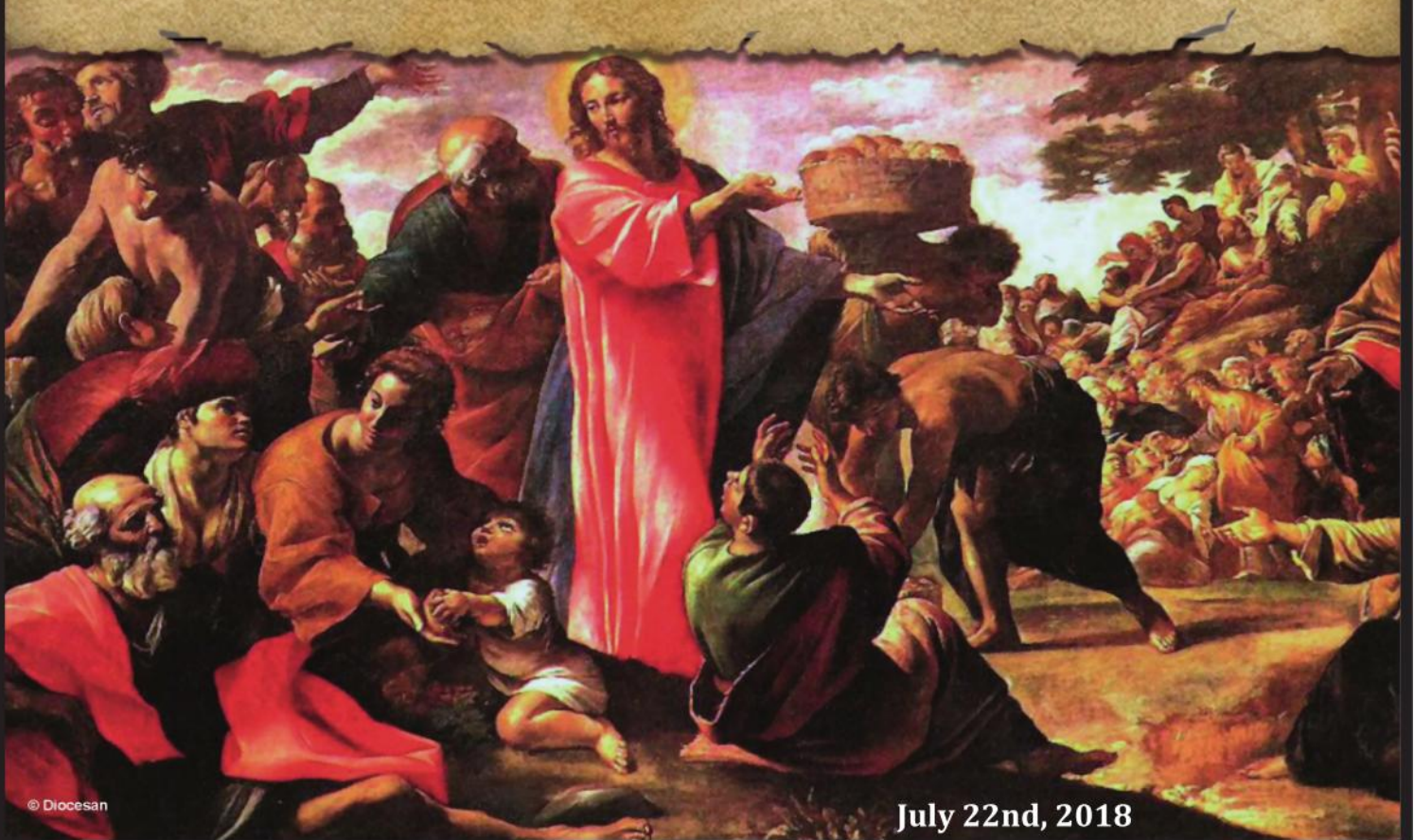
# 16<sup>TH</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### The Feeding of the Five Thousand

*They were like sheep without a shepherd.*

Mark 6:34



July 22nd, 2018

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**

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## Natural Family Planning Celebrate God's gift of married love!



### 2018 Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

Sunday July 22, 2018- Saturday July 28, 2018

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign that highlights the anniversary of the papal encyclical "Humanae Vitae," (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love and responsible parenthood. This year we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae. The dates also mark the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To learn more about NFP or to register for a course in the Diocese of Austin, contact Denise Abele, (512) 258-1161, ext 335, or email [dabele@stmaustin.org](mailto:dabele@stmaustin.org).

# Jubilee Year

June 22, 2018 - June 22, 2019

## 40<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

## Live Auction

**September 28, 2018**

### STM Live Auction & Dinner Event

You can support the upcoming  
Live Auction & Dinner Event with donations:

- Time Shares
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Donations Coordinator: Mary Mallinger at  
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## Faith & Film Presents:

Saints in Faithful Service Movie Nights

To celebrate our Jubilee 40<sup>th</sup> Year at  
Saint Thomas More Parish



1<sup>st</sup> movie night is  
**Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**  
starting promptly at 7pm  
in the Life House  
**"A Man for All Seasons"**

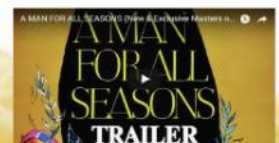
Elementary movies showing in the adjacent room of the  
Life House for the children.

Drinks & snacks will be provided.

Childcare RSVPs to Linda Lange by July 23rd at  
[llange@stmaustin.org](mailto:llange@stmaustin.org)

Watch the trailer at:

<https://www.stmaustin.org/Faith-Film>





**SPIRITUAL LIFE****Mass Intentions & Readings****Monday, July 23 - St. Bridget, Religious****Mi 6:1-88; Ps 50; Mt 12:38-42**

8:30am      †Celso Ruiseco      †Peter Slota

**Tuesday, July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhlúf, Priest****Mi 7:14-20; Ps 85; Mt 12:46-50**8:30am      The intentions of Victoria Prentice  
The intentions of Aileen Ai**Wednesday, July 25 - St. James, Apostle****2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126; Mt 20:20-28**8:30am      †Edward Gordon Koepnich      The intentions of Jared Prentice  
6:30pm      †Archie L. McCauley  
The intentions of Prayer Blanket Recipients**Thursday, July 26 - Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary****Jer 2:1-13; Ps 36; Mt 13:10-17**8:30am      The intentions of the Ratchford Family  
†Russell Lynch**Friday, July 27****Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23**

8:30am      †Larry Mitchell      †Rudy Fleischhacker

**Saturday, July 28****2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15**

5:00pm      †Ari Raymond      †Ben &amp; Alice Hammer

**Sunday, July 29****Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15**7:30am      †Andrew & Hannah Steichen  
9:00am      †Archie Lee McCauley, Jr.      The intentions of Josefina Linan  
10:45am      †Jose Pangilinan      †Edmond Mokry  
12:30pm      †Delma Gomes      †Ros Defreitas  
5:00pm      The intentions of all St. Thomas More Parishioners**Prayer Requests**Dylan Johnson  
Sandy Broderick  
Chloe Sanders  
Donald W. Miller  
John Beran  
Ann Riccio  
Jason Mikolajek  
Rosemary Strobeck  
Rocky Carr  
Jana Aranda  
Ed Wilhelm  
Tammi Halcomb  
Antonette Haecker  
Vivian Duffin  
Gail Duffin  
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Lisa Pessler  
Lee Levine  
Sebastian Freire  
Shelby Spangler  
Mollie Bustos  
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Jean Collins  
Kerry Wolf  
Daniel Wolf  
Pierre Morel  
Lisa Pessler  
Eric Brown  
Lee Collins  
Anne-Marie Blackmon  
Mary Jo Newcomb  
Mary Kubala  
Michael Kelly  
Jim Loebig  
James Roney  
Carmen Gonzalez  
Fernando Gonzalez  
Ron Muessel  
Emil Balusek  
Mike Chung  
Gloria Donivan  
Please pray for the  
well-being of our fellow  
parishioners.**Prayer Line**

We have a group of parishioners who take time to pray for the spiritual, mental and physical needs of our parish. If you would like to join these prayer warriors, please send an e-mail to [stmprayer@outlook.com](mailto:stmprayer@outlook.com) The Prayer Line Ministry is also inviting you to submit your requests via myParish App, e-mail to [stmprayer@outlook.com](mailto:stmprayer@outlook.com) or by leaving your request in the prayer box in the Chapel of the church.



## Our Treasure

Average weekly  
contributions needed to support  
parish operations: \$51,800

Please note that most of  
our eSteward collections happen  
on the 5th and 20th of the month.

### July 15th

**Basket Offertory Collection:**

**\$35,013.04**

**eSteward Collection:**

**\$6,799.75**

**Total Collected this Week:**

**\$41,812.49**

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

**\$10,943.68**

## July 21st & 22nd

### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us that Christ is creating a new world order: one that brings about relationships based on love, peace, reconciliation, hope and unity. As a Eucharistic community, we are stewards of Christ's new creation. How are we promoting peace and reconciliation in our own lives? How are we showing love for our neighbors? What are we doing to encourage unity and understanding among those with whom we gather around the Lord's Table each week?

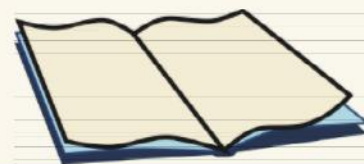
## YOUTH STEWARDSHIP

### Money Collected:

**July 15th: \$270.54**

### Offertory Gifts Sign Up Book

Presenting the gifts at Offertory is one way for families to participate in Mass. We now have a sign up book listing the Masses for the year on a table in the narthex. If this is something your family would like to do, please sign up on the day and time of your choosing.



Use your  
**GOD-GIVEN GIFTS**  
to serve others.

1 PETER 4:10

### Where can you be a steward of your time?

#### Gift Shop:

If you would like information on working in the Gift Shop on Sundays or during the week, contact Antonette Haecker at [giftshop@stmaustin.org](mailto:giftshop@stmaustin.org)

#### Nursery:

If you would like information on working in the Nursery during Sunday Masses or during different ministry events reach out to Linda Lange,



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## Religious Education

Director: Cynthia Jordan  
512-258-1944 x222  
Cynthia@stmaustin.org



### Tuesday, July 24th, 7:00pm-8:30pm, Rm 206, Bible Study/Game Night

The first half will be the bible study, Encounter, and the second half we will play games.

Join us for as many Tuesdays as you can.



### Schlitterbahn is coming July 25th!

8:00am-9:00pm and cost is \$60 which includes: transportation by bus, admission, snacks, and water at our meeting place. Permission forms and money need to be returned to St. Thomas More by Monday, July 23rd. Friends are welcome, but will also need permission forms and trip fees.



**We are going to a new Life Teen summer camp!**  
**August 6th – 11th**  
**Medina, TX**

Cost is \$600 and we are taking deposits of \$100 to hold your spot. We currently have 10 spots open, so get your money in ASAP. Check out the website for more info.

<http://lifeteen.com/camps/summer-camp/>

## SOCIAL OUTREACH

### Catholic Social Teachings Corner July 21st & 22nd



#### 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The second reading for the Liturgy this weekend speaks of Christ who is our peace. The peace to which Paul refers is that peace we now have with God through Christ since our separation from God has been healed by Christ's death and resurrection. Rooted as we now are in God's love and peace, we can be peace for others by our lives and actions. This peace is manifested most fully when we show respect to others, even our enemies. With God's grace and love, we can, through our thoughts, words and actions show only good will and respect to all thus spreading peace to our broken world. How can you be a peacemaker this week?



### Stephen Ministry

#### "When We Need God's Love Most"

When do we need God's love most? Of course we need that love every second of our lives. But at times God's love is especially precious to us, times when:

- We lose a loved one.
- Life becomes so confusing that we do not know where to turn.
- Life just becomes meaningless and depression sets in.

At times like these, it is very important to have someone who cares. Our congregation has trained lay people, Stephen Ministers, who offer a ministry of Christian caring here at St. Thomas More. For more information please call Eileen at (512) 507-9563. All calls are confidential.

### Catholic Charities Gabriel Project Life Center needs baby items

The Gabriel Project Life Center at Catholic Charities is in need of summer baby clothing sizes 6 months – 2T and diapers size 4, 5, and 6. Donations may be brought to Catholic Charities of Central Texas office locations at **1625 Rutherford Lane in Austin** or **1410 Cavitt Ave. in Bryan.**



## Immigration Crisis at the Texas Border



Catholic Charities is responding to the current immigration crisis at the Texas border. As the federal immigration detention and release practices are rapidly shifting and great public attention has been focused on the needs of families, Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley's Humanitarian Respite Center has been inundated with families to welcome, donations to process and volunteers to manage. The Humanitarian Respite Center was opened several years ago by Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley to help families who have recently been released from the detention centers get a hot shower, warm meal, clothing and necessities before continuing their journey across the US to be reunited with their children and families; however, with only a staff of 4 they are overwhelmed as an average of 250 individuals per day walk through their door seeking help.

If you are looking for ways to help, please consider purchasing material items:

Items can be found at Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley's Amazon Wish List page:

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/JIVAJFS3VIIQ/>

## Hours and Location Changes Around Campus

### Pastoral Offices

Fridays in July parish offices close at 2:00pm

### Coffee & Donuts

Sunday, July 22nd - Brennan Auditorium

### Library

Closed: July 16th-27th

### Gift Shop

Closed: July 16th-27th



## 3RD ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

### Generation to Generation

SEPTEMBER 7, 2018  
**A NIGHT WITH THE KING**  
**7:00PM - 9:00PM**

Join us for an evening of praise and worship, adoration and confession for the feminine heart.

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**Free Event**

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**Cost: \$55**

Last year's conference sold out

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[www.austindiocese.org/womens-conference](http://www.austindiocese.org/womens-conference)



## St. Thomas More Preschool News

**St. Thomas More Preschool News...Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is almost complete.** Limited spaces are available. The preschool has the following still available:

**All ages listed are by September 1**

**Baby Classes:** Monday/Wednesday  
(18 months by September 1)

**2 ½ year olds:** 2 Day Class-Tuesday/Thursday **OR**  
4 Day Class-Monday through Thursday

If you are interested or know of anyone who is interested in our AMAZING Preschool, please send them our way! Interested parents can contact Preschool Director, Cindy Acosta at

[cindy1@stmaustin.org](mailto:cindy1@stmaustin.org) or 512-258-1721.

## Bulletin Deadline

Please submit articles for the July 22th bulletin by Thursday, July 12th, 12:00pm to [llange@stmaustin.org](mailto:llange@stmaustin.org)



## ST. THOMAS MORE NEWS



## RCIA Testimonial

"I am deaf.

Yet I can hear the voice of love calling.  
there's a chair that waits,  
a friend who understands everything you are  
going through.

He can see the weight you carry,  
and the fears that hold your heart.  
But through the cross, you've been forgiven,  
you're accepted as you are.

There's nothing He ain't seen before.  
For all your trials and your worries  
and all your burdens,  
there is a Savior and He calls.

Thank you for the St. Thomas More RCIA Ministry  
for being my light of hope that's shining"  
- John Pinion, Newly Initiated Catholic

Interested in becoming Catholic and the RCIA  
journey, **please contact Dawn Rouen at**  
**(512) 258-2055 x235.**



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

### Congratulations

On behalf of the entire parish community, we would like to congratulate those who were received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church last Sunday through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

Each of them journeyed through the RCIA process and answered God's call to join us at the table of the Lord. Please pray for them and their families that they will continue to grow deeper in their faith every day. Pray also for all in RCIA as they continue their faith journey.

**Ryan Baillif**

**Kandyce Kronk**

**James McClung**

**Chad Patterson**

**Janelle Swearman**

**George Willey**

### Focus Missionary Appeal - July 28th & 29th at all Masses

#### St. Thomas More Parishioners

Matthew and Kyle Schmerber,  
Patrick Glaze, and Evan Morely all  
serve on college campuses across  
the country as missionaries with  
the Fellowship of Catholic  
University Students (FOCUS).

Next weekend at all the Masses we will take a few minutes to present the vision for their ministry, how they are reaching the world for Christ one student at a time, and how we can partner with them as they spread the Gospel to all nations, fulfilling the Great Commission (Mt 28:18-20). The college campus is the great battlefield for the minds and hearts of the next generation of Catholic leaders. Come hear their stories!

*FOCUS serves 125+ campuses worldwide*

*Over 600 missionaries on staff*

*Goal: We are looking to set up appointments with parishioners interested in learning more about our mission work and who want to partner with us.*

Mathew Schmerber - (512)799-7332

Matthew.schmerber@focus.org



### STM Religious Education and Outreach are happy to present a special screening of **SCREENAGERS.**

*Screenagers* is about the impact of the digital age on children and how to help families minimize harmful effects and find balance. After seeing the film, people tell us that they feel more confident and better equipped to establish balance around screen time.

Runtime: 68 minutes. Directed by: Delaney Ruston, M.D.

#### Viewing times:

**Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 3pm – Parent/Teacher screening.**

**Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – Student/Family screening.**

**Viewing will be held in Brennan Auditorium.**



## ST. THOMAS MORE NEWS

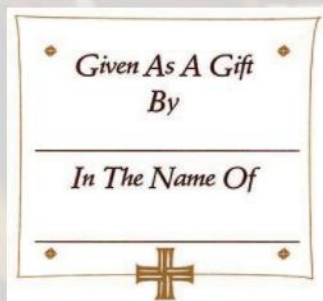


## St. Thomas More Catholic Church

### New Hymnals are coming soon!

St. Thomas More has been using Gather 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition Hymnals since 2008, after the new translation of the Roman Missal was published. While we use many of the songs and hymns from Gather, we have supplemented our musical choices with selections from another Hymnal, Spirit and Song, which has a more contemporary set of songs. This, of course, leads to our use of Worship Aids in many of our services.

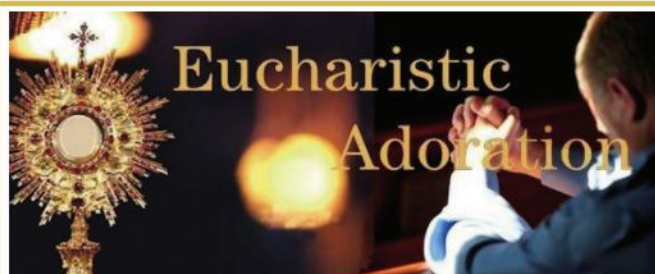
We are now going to implement the hardcover Spirit and Song Hymnal in the pews. This will NOT replace Gather, it will be an additional resource for the congregation. We hope the addition of this hymnal will help support better participation in the music of St. Thomas More! Featured in this new Hymnal is one of our familiar Mass parts, Mass of Renewal by Curtis Stephan, as well as many familiar songs.



If you desire, you can help with the cost of this project by donating one or more Hymnals in the name of a loved one. The suggested donation, to cover the cost of each hymnal, is \$15. You can see the Memorial Label that will be in each Hymnal to the left.



Look for Hymnal donation forms and envelopes in the Narthex of the Church!



## Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. All Catholics are encouraged to spend time with Christ in Adoration: to give thanks and praise, to pray for special intentions, to lay our burdens at His feet, to sit quietly and just rest in His presence.

Adoration is in the Chapel behind the main altar.

In the coming weeks we will be extending our hours of Adoration until 10:00pm Monday through Friday. Do you have a regularly scheduled hour? Are you able to find that one hour a week to spend with our Lord?

**To sign up for an hour and for further information go to:**

<http://stmaustin.org/adoreapp>

**“Could you spend just one hour with me?”**

### STAY CONNECTED



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May you walk with God  
this summer  
in whatever you do,  
wherever you go.

Walking with God means...

Walking with honesty  
and with courage,  
walking with love  
and respect  
and concern for the  
feelings of others.

May you talk to God  
this summer  
and every day and  
in every situation.

Talking with God means...

Praying words of praise  
for the beauty of creation,  
saying prayers of thanks  
for friends and good times.

Asking God's help  
in all your decisions,  
expressing sorrow  
when you have failed.

May you talk with God  
every day.

*Amen*

<u><b>Sunday, July 22nd</b></u>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Location</b>
Coffee & Donuts Fellowship		Brennan Aud.
RCIA	10:00a	Life House
Adult Study: Galatians	10:30a	Rm 213
Baptisms	2:00p	Church
<u><b>Monday, July 23rd</b></u>		
Morning Mass Group	9:30a	Bride's Room
Al Anon	12:00p	STM Room
Big Book Study (AA)	7:00p	Chelsea House
<u><b>Tuesday, July 24th</b></u>		
Men's Scripture Share	6:30a	STM Room
Morning Mass Group	9:00a	Bride's Room
Pivotal Players Bible Study	7:00p	Rm 213
Rosary Prayer Group	7:00p	STM Room
<u><b>Wednesday, July 25th</b></u>		
Morning Mass Group	9:00a	Bride's Room
Pivotal Players Bible Study	9:30a	Rm 213
Respite Group	9:30a	PAC
<u><b>Thursday, July 26th</b></u>		
Morning Mass Group	9:00a	Bride's Room
Men's BBB Rosary Group	7:00p	Rm 105
Embracing God's Plan	7:00p	Rm 213
Contemplative Prayer	7:00p	Rm 206
<u><b>Friday, July 27th</b></u>		
Morning Mass Group	9:00a	Bride's Room
Faith & Film Movie Night	7:00p	Life House
<u><b>Saturday, July 28th</b></u>		

### Struggling with bills?

St. Vincent De Paul  
STM Office  
(512)258-1161

### Out of work?

Job Seekers  
1st & 3rd Thursday  
Dana Brown  
(512)983-7878

### Want to talk about a difficult time?

Stephen Ministry  
Eileen  
(512)507-9563

### Help with meals?

Good Samaritan Meal Ministry  
(480)788-6325

### Caregiver for a person with dementia?

New Adventures Respite  
Group  
Chantelle Morris  
(512)771-1899

### Need for counsel?

Catholic Charities Counseling  
(512)651-6150

### Struggling with addiction?

Alcoholics Anonymous  
(512)444-0071

### To Reach a Priest in an Emergency:

During Office Hours:  
512-258-1161  
After Hours:  
512-258-1161 Opt. 1



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