

# 17<sup>TH</sup>

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Multiplication of the Loaves

*"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish;  
but what good are these for so many?"*

John 6:9



July 29th, 2018

**St. Thomas More Catholic Church**

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**STM Welcomes New Staff Member**

Denise Tristan Abele has been appointed to a new position at STM, Director of Marriage & Family Life. Working closely with the priests, deacon, and staff, Denise will be coordinating programs and ministries designed to promote an authentic Catholic vision of marriage, human sexuality, and family life throughout our parish community. This encompasses marriage preparation programs, Theology of the Body, Natural Family Planning, marriage enrichment, and all parenting ministries. Denise is an experienced Marriage Educator who has served in Marriage & Family Ministry for over a decade. She has served throughout the Diocese of Austin as a Director and Advocate at several parishes, is a certified Theology of the Body instructor and NFP Promoter, and teaches marriage preparation programs and relationship skills. She married her husband, Brian at STM in 2002, and together they have 7 beautiful children. She is a member of the parish and is excited to give back to the parish she calls home. You may contact Denise at the main office, or email [dabele@stmaustin.org](mailto:dabele@stmaustin.org) for all Marriage & Family Life inquiries.



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

June 22, 2018 - June 22, 2019

## Live Auction

**September 28, 2018**

### **STM Live Auction & Dinner Event**

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

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Donations Coordinator: Mary Mallinger at [marymallinger@gmail.com](mailto:marymallinger@gmail.com)

### Library Resources about

### St. Thomas More and his time!

#### This weeks featured content:

- *The King's Good Servant But God's First: The Life and Writings of Saint Thomas More* by James Monti 922 MOR
- *Thomas More; A Portrait of Courage* by Gerard Wegemer 922 THO MOR
- *St. Thomas More; Model for Modern Catholics* by John Fink 922 THO MOR
- *St. Thomas More; Faithful Statesman* by EWTN 8 Disc Set DVD ST THO
- *Saints vs. Scoundrels; Henry VIII vs. Thomas More* by EWTN 1 disc DVD SAI
- *A Man for All Seasons* winner of 6 Academy Awards including Best Picture 1966 DVD MAN





**SPIRITUAL LIFE****Mass Intentions & Readings****Monday, July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church****Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35**

8:30am      †Philip Greb      †Harry O'Connor

**Tuesday, July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest****Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79; Mt 13:36-43**

8:30am      †Len B. Hanna Hartarig

**Wednesday, August 1 -****St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church****Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59; Mt 13:44-46**

8:30am      The intentions of Glen &amp; Bettilynn Rust

†Peter Gonsalves

6:30pm      †Gary Cole      †Jean Alberici Cardella

**Thursday, August 2 -****St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest****Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146; Mt 13:47-53**

8:30am      †Edward Burke, Jr.      †Phillip Green

**Friday, August 3 -****Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69; Mt 13:54-58**

8:30am      †Dominic Vu      †Jeronimo Gonsalves

**Saturday, August 4 - St. John Vianney, Priest****Ex 16:2-15; Ps 78; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35**

5:00pm      †William C. Zatopek      †Michael Spain

**Sunday, August 5 -****Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time****Ex 16:2-15; Ps 78; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35**

7:30am      †Daniel Walthers      †Joyce Lee Reyock

9:00am      The intentions of Kenneth Ming

The intentions of Valentina Saracino

10:45am      †Virginia Pangilinan      †Andrew Roles

12:30pm      †Mike &amp; Louise Horvath

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  
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 Gail Duffin  
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 Bob Steichen  
 Dcn. Tom Johnson  
 Jim Colfer  
 Marcia Weiss  
 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 22nd

**Basket Offertory Collection:**

**\$27,165.67**

**eSteward Collection:**

**\$23,519.33**

**Total Collected this Week:**

**\$50,685.00**

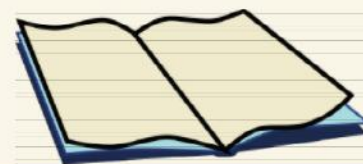
## YOUTH STEWARDSHIP

Money Collected:

**July 22nd: \$332.50**

### 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.



### July 28th & 29th

#### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes is a familiar one, and has many lessons, not least of which is how our willingness to share who we are and what we have - exercising good stewardship - releases God's power and bountifulness on the world and its people. Do we realize that there is enough for all if we are willing to share? Are we aware that God is at work when we share our time, our money and our other resources in his name?

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

1 PETER 4:10



It's easy to sign up for our  
eSteward  
"Online Giving" program.

Visit online at: [www.stmaustin.org](http://www.stmaustin.org),  
through myParish App,  
or by scanning the QR Code



### 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,



## Religious Education

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



**Tuesday, July 31st, 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.

**Thursday, August 2nd, 2:00pm - 4:00pm, Rm 206, Terrific Thursday**

Games, Service Projects, and Friends! Snacks will be provided.



Just  
5  
Days  
2018!



**We are going to a new Life Teen summer camp! August 6th – 11th in 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/>

**Steubenville  
2018!!**



## SOCIAL OUTREACH

### Catholic Social Teachings Corner July 28th & 29th



**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This Sunday we hear the great

story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This story was so important that every Gospel tells it and both Matthew and Mark tell two multiplication stories. Clearly Jesus wants us to learn something! One important lesson is that God provides what we need, not necessarily what we want, but what we need. Another is that Scripture scholars suggest that the multiplication happened because people who were hoarding food began to share what they had when they saw that Jesus was breaking and sharing the little he had been given by a child. The miracle of God's action was in changing hearts not just stretching limited resources. What generosity might God be asking of us?



### 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.**





### Volunteer Couples Needed

The Marriage & Family Life Office is excited to bring *Together in God's Love* marriage preparation program to St. Thomas More, beginning in October!

Volunteer married couples are needed to form a team of facilitators. Parish retreats will be held 3-4 times a year for engaged couples. Volunteers will be rotated for each retreat. Topics included in the retreat are: Faith, Communication, Sexuality, and Stewardship. A facilitator training will be held in September for any couples who are interested in serving on the team. Please prayerfully discern if God may be calling you, or someone you know, to share your witness and marriage with our engaged couples. For more information, please contact Denise Abele, [dabele@stmaustin.org](mailto:dabele@stmaustin.org).

## 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.**



### 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  
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### 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

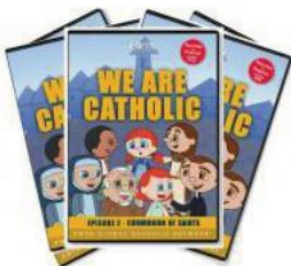
Please submit articles for the August 12th bulletin by Thursday, August 2nd, 12:00pm to [llange@stmaustin.org](mailto:llange@stmaustin.org)



## ST. THOMAS MORE NEWS

**New videos for Children!**

The Library and Religious Education office are excited to announce the addition of **two new DVD series** for children produced by EWTN now available for checkout in the library. Come explore the new videos for those hot August days! **We Are**



**Catholic:** The Pope, Communion of Saints, Baptism, Redemptive Suffering, Confession, Sacramentals, Scripture and Tradition, Salvation by Means of Faith, Our Lady, Purgatory. **My Time With Jesus:** The Priesthood, Lent, Giving Thanks, Guardian Angels, Blessed Virgin Mary, Christmas, Easter, Purgatory, Confirmation, Annunciation, Holy Mass, and Baptism.

# SHOW and TELL



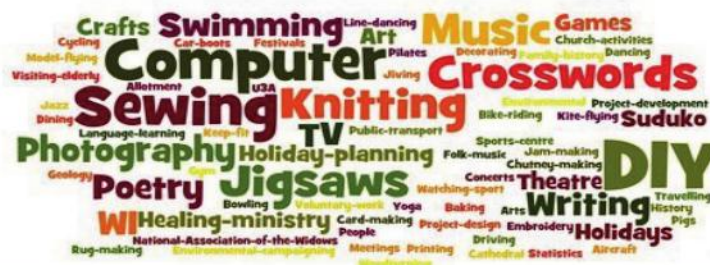
*Young at Heart*

**Tuesday, August 14th, 2018**

**Brennan Auditorium at 11:00am**

Bring your hobby, an interest, collection, or memorabilia and the August Young at Heart Potluck will be a “whiz bang” affair!

Bring a food item to share for our famous buffet.



## 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).

This weekend at all the Masses they 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 25th, 3pm – Parent/Teacher screening.**

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

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



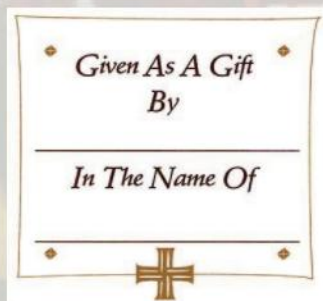
**ST. THOMAS MORE NEWS**

## 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!

**STAY CONNECTED**

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?"**



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## Prayer for Summer

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*

## HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

<u>Sunday, July 29th</u>	Start	Location
Coffee & Donuts Fellowship		Family Center
RCIA	10:00a	Life House
Baptisms	2:00p	Church
<u>Monday, July 30th</u>		
Morning Mass Group	9:30a	Bride's Room
Al Anon	12:00p	STM Room
Big Book Study (AA)	7:00p	Chelsea House
<u>Tuesday, July 31st</u>		
Men's Scripture Share	6:30a	STM Room
Morning Mass Group	9:00a	Bride's Room
Rosary Prayer Group	7:00p	STM Room
<u>Wednesday, August 1st</u>		
Morning Mass Group	9:00a	Bride's Room
Respite Group	9:30a	PAC
<u>Thursday, August 2nd</u>		
Morning Mass Group	9:00a	Bride's Room
Sarah's Hope & Abraham's Promise	7:00p	Brennan Aud.
Job Seekers	7:00p	Rm 105
Contemplative Prayer	7:00p	Library
<u>Friday, August 3rd</u>		
Morning Mass Group	9:00a	Bride's Room
<u>Saturday, August 4th</u>		

## How Can STM Help?

### 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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Life Teen	Logan Mayes	logan@stmaustin.org
Confirmation	Jill Goeters	jill1@stmaustin.org
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