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The Trinity, Hendrick van Balen I, c. 1620

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Adoration Schedule

MONDAY-FRIDAY
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Saint Thomas More
Catholic Church

PARISH LIFE

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 7th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 | Ps 33 | 1 Pt 2:4-9 | Jn 14:1-12

- 7:30 a.m.** **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Michael Messmer
- 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** **Coffee & Donuts** (Family Center)
- 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** **Gift Shop Open** -see page 5
- 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** **Library Open**
Mass (Church)
Intention: † Yvonne Reynolds
- 10:15 a.m. - noon** **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** (Life House)
- 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.** **Adult Study: Wild Goose** (Religious Education Building: 213)
- 10:45 a.m.** **Mass** (Church)
Intention: St. Thomas More Parishioners
Childcare Available
- 5 p.m.** **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Edward Cullen & † Andie Sanchez

Monday, May 8th

Acts 14:5-18 | Ps 115 | Jn 14:21-26

- 8:30 a.m.** **Mass** (Church)
Intention: Zach & Maggie Zehani
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** **Grief Support Ministry** (Life House)
- 7 - 9 p.m.** **Prayer & Life Workshop** (Religious Education Building: 210)

Tuesday, May 9th

Acts 14:19-28 | Ps 145 | Jn 14:27-31a

- 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.** **Men's Scripture Share** (Life House)
- 8:30 a.m.** **Mass** (Church)
Intention: Daniel Ochoa & † Gonsalves & Rodriguez Families
- 10:30 a.m. - noon** **Cancer Support Group** (Life House: Back Room)
- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** **Young at Heart** (Religious Education Building: Brennan Auditorium)
- 6:30 - 8 p.m.** **Pastoral Advisory Council** (Pastoral Offices Building: St. Joseph Conference Room)
- 7 - 8:30 p.m.** **Rosary Prayer Group** (Parish Activity Center: St. Thomas More Room)
- 7 - 9 p.m.** **Life Teen Bible Study** (Life House: Back Room)

Wednesday, May 10th

Feast of St. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church, & St. Damien of Molokai, Priest

Acts 15:1-6 | Ps 122 | Jn 15:1-8

- 8:30 a.m.** **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Andres Alcantar, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH (CONT'D)

- 9 - 9:30 a.m.** **Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation** (Confessional)
- 6 - 7 p.m.** **Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation** (Confessional)
- 6:30 - 8 p.m.** **Middle School Bible Study** (Religious Education Building: 105)
- 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.** **Alcoholics Anonymous** (Parish Activity Center: St. Thomas More Room)

Thursday, May 11th

Acts 15:7-21 | Ps 96 | Jn 15:9-11

- 8:30 a.m.** **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Manuel F. Ventura
- 9:30 - 11 a.m.** **Adult Study: Catechism in a Year** (Life House)
- 7 - 8:30 p.m.** **Adult Study: Catechism in a Year** (Life House)

Friday, May 12th

Feast of Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs, & St. Pancras, Martyr

Acts 15:22-31 | Ps 57 | Jn 15:12-17

- 8:30 a.m.** **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Philip Moad
- 9 - 10 a.m.** **Library Open**
- 9:30 a.m. - noon** **Called to be Mom** (Religious Education Building: Brennan Auditorium)
- 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.** **Catholic Single Parents** (Family Center)

Saturday, May 13th

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | Ps 66 | 1Pt 3:15-18 | Jn 14:15-21

- 3 - 4:30 p.m.** **Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation** (Confessional)
- 5 p.m.** **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Gladys Kouba & † Carlene Behrens

Sunday, May 14th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 | Ps 66 | 1Pt 3:15-18 | Jn 14:15-21

- 7:30 a.m.** **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Jilda Ramirez Mora
- 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** **Coffee & Donuts** (Family Center)
- 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** **Gift Shop Open** -see page 5
- 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** **Library Open**
Mass (Church)
Intention: † Julia Cartolano
- 10:15 a.m. - noon** **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** (Life House)
- 10:45 a.m.** **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Robert Wood & † Jeronimo Belarmino Gonsalves
- 5 p.m.** **Mass** (Church)
Intention: St. Thomas More Parishioners

Due to the bulletin production schedule, this *Week at a Glance* does not reflect changes made to the church calendar within the last five days. Visit reservations.stmaustin.org to see the most up-to-date calendar.

If you would like Masses said in memory of loved ones or for the intentions of an individual or family, please contact the Parish Office at (512) 258-1161. Each family can request up to four Masses per year.

Family Celebrations

If you would like to include your family milestones in future editions of *The Bulletin* so your parish community can celebrate with you, please email asanchez@stmaustin.org. Milestones can include the birth of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, etc., baptisms, sacramental marriages, wedding anniversaries (in increments of ten years) and graduations.

*“Cheerfulness strengthens the heart
and makes us persevere in a good life;
wherefore the servant of God
ought always to be in good spirits.”*

- ST. PHILIP NERI -

Thank you!

Your generous response during the recent Uplift our Priests campaign made a loving impact on Frs. Keith, Callan and David. The many gifts, cards and handwritten notes of encouragement you donated tremendously uplifted their spirits and showed them how much they are loved, respected and appreciated. Please remember to always keep them and our parish community in your prayers. Thank you!

**MAY
9**

11 a.m.

Young at Heart Lunch

Brennan Auditorium

Let's get together for the next Young at Heart (YAH) lunch meeting. We will be entertained by the Hawaiian Kona Isle Group, the longest-established Polynesian dance group in the Central Texas area. Bring your favorite Hawaiian dish and wear your Hawaiian dress/shirt.

▲ New to YAH? Contact Dawn at (512) 258-1944 x235 or dawn@stmaustin.org for more information. Join us!

**MAY
12**

9:30 a.m. - noon

Called To Be Mom

Religious Education Building, Brennan Auditorium

We are hosting a women's and kids' clothing swap and shop event where you have the opportunity to swap and consign your items while earning credit to shop Noonday Collection! Noonday, a local women's fashion company that empowers artisans around the globe, is coming to speak to us about its mission and partnership with ThredUp. Inspired by



THE Gift Shop

SUNDAYS
8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Check out our newly arrived items including votive devotional candles. We are offering 25 to 50 percent off select items throughout the shop. New discounts weekly!

The Gift Shop will be closed Sunday, May 28th.

We are looking to add two new team members who are able to volunteer one Sunday a month. We have flexible scheduling based on your availability. We hope you can join us.

If you would like to join our ministry, please call or text Marlene Miller, Gift Shop manager, at (316) 304-5431 for more information.

our recent focus on *Laudato Si'*, we will gather to reduce contributions to landfills through the mission of ThredUp and update our wardrobes responsibly while mingling with local moms. Please bring 4-20 pieces you no longer need. Reserve four items to be considered for consignment if you'd like to receive shopping credits with Noonday. Clothing that is not swapped or consigned will be donated or recycled through ThredUp's program. Childcare is provided. Please email ctbm@stmaustin.org for a list of accepted items and more information. RSVP for moms and kids at stmaustin.org/ctbm.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

Prayer Requests

Kellie Bergman	Ray & Grace Fisher	Charles McCourt	Dorothy Thompson
Barbara Boland	Ame Frezza	Jason Mikolajek	Andy Turner
John Brun	Judi Gilliam	Fr. Michael O'Connor	Clifford Uher
Ed Burke	Trace Gilliam	Barbara Ohradzansky	Bernadette Vogel
Graciela Diaz	Dylan Johnson	Trent Overall	Jennifer Wiegand
Frank DiLorenzo	Beth Jones	JJ Pacelli	Kerry Wolf
Katie DiLorenzo	Frank Kelly	Sr. Carolyn Pelzel	Christopher Younger
Dodie Domanski	David Kresta	William Ricks	Luke Zouzalik
Al Esparza	Mary Kubala	Dennis Robinson	
Jo Falkenstein	Linda Lange	Consuelo Rodriguez Brown	

Please also pray for the well-being of our fellow parishioners and nursing home residents.

Little Liturgy Lessons

SILENCE BY REV. DAVID TRAHAN



You can watch and share the video version of this reflection at stma.cc/LLLSB or by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera.

Silence must be understood, particularly in a liturgical and spiritual sense as not simply a “lack of noise.” Silence itself has to be an act precisely in order for it to be either liturgical or spiritual.

Thus silence needs to be understood both inwardly and outwardly.

Outwardly, silence provides a reflective space to accept noise. If all the hubbub and murmuring before a concert never stopped, then there would be no space for the music to occupy. That silence that comes as the lights dim also brings with it a kind of pregnant expectation, a sort of “leaning in” towards the music we know is coming. That reflective, expectant space makes a concert a

concert rather than background noise out shopping. The silence forces all else out of the way so that we can be wholly directed toward the music — this same thing is true spiritually or liturgically. If we do not allow for that space of expectation, then we do not allow our hearts to be ready to receive what is offered.

That outward receptiveness has an interior element as well. To go back to the concert, if the concert hall is silent but our mind is distracted by all kinds of other things, then no matter the noise or lack in the hall itself, we are unable to receive it and can sit through a whole opera and not remember a thing that happened. Our inner life must also learn to do silence so that same eager expectation, and ‘leaning in’ can be present within as well so that we can receive the Word.

So do I practice silence? Do I set aside times that are quiet, both inwardly and outwardly, and learn the art of being receptive?

*“Few of us really believe that prayer is the best possible thing we could do with our time.
If we actually did believe that, we would hardly struggle over whether to pray—
we'd struggle to stop praying!”*

-BRANDON VOGT-

Spiritual and Religious

By Tommy Schultz

The question is often asked why you need religion at all. Can't you just be a spiritual person and go directly to God? Especially in the wake of scandal, doesn't it seem like all human institutions have failed in one way or another to transmit the Gospel to all people at all times?

Years ago a very popular YouTube video showed a man speaking poetry claiming that he loved Jesus but hated religion. This seems to be a modern response to the horrible tragedies that have happened in religious institutions over the course of history, and these tragedies should not ever go unnoticed or the victims of these tragedies be forgotten.

Though it may be coming from a genuine place of concern for people to say they don't need religion, it is clear from the very beginning that Jesus founded a religion, a visible Church. He knew better than anyone that people could come directly to him, but he didn't set it up that way. In today's First Reading we hear a beautiful story of the early Church organizing and ordaining more priests in order to serve the growing needs of the flock. Right from the very beginning in Acts 6 we see the need for a visible Church that can bring the visible Christ to visible people with tangible needs.

Of course we can always go directly to God, but as human beings we often get in our own way. I know many Protestant friends who ask God directly for forgiveness and then have to struggle through mental games wondering if they truly are sorry and repentant. One of the benefits to a visible Church and visible sacraments is that we don't need to guess. Even Catholics can go directly to God and make a perfect act of contrition, but we are required by Canon Law to confess our sins to a priest, not because the Church wants to assure that we feel embarrassed about our sins, but so that we can have the assurance of forgiveness.

Though the Church is not perfect because it is full of very sinful people, myself included, being spiritual and not religious constantly leaves us wondering or worried about where we stand before God. With the Sacraments we need not worry, we have the assurance of Christ.

So take hope during this Easter season that God has set up a Church, that it is a visible body with authority, and that by living in this Church, we can be assured that God is working for our salvation, despite the things we do or the lies we believe. Why not have the best of both worlds? Let's make it a point this Easter season to be spiritual and also religious, clinging to the hope that Jesus brings through his death and resurrection.

Prayer of the Penitent

Toward the end of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (commonly known as confession) we pray the Prayer of the Penitent also known as the Act of Contrition. Did you know there are different options for this prayer? Over the next few weeks, we'll feature the different options so you can find one that helps you better understand and receive the forgiveness that reconciles your relationship with God.

O God, most merciful Father, like the Prodigal Son, I turn to you and say: I have sinned against you; I am no longer worthy to be called your child. O Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, like the thief to whom you opened the gates of Paradise, I beg you: Lord, remember me in your Kingdom. O Holy Spirit, fount of love, with trust I call upon you: Purify me; make me walk as a child of the light.

MAY
16

7 p.m.
Rosary
Grotto

May is the month to honor Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Join us in praying the rosary! Contact Judy Crowley at (512) 844-6183 for more information.

75th Anniversary Prayer

With May being the Month of Mary, we celebrate our mother under her title, the Immaculate Conception, and patroness of the Diocese of Austin. With that, the 75th anniversary focus for the month of May is the anniversary prayer written by Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, Bishop of Austin:

Almighty and ever living God, as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Austin, we give thanks for your generous providence that has sustained this local church.

Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, continue to inspire us to live out our baptismal call to holiness and charity for one another in our cities, towns, and rural communities.

Inspire our state and local governments to see the world through the lens of the Gospel. Cultivate a deep desire for wisdom and holiness in our Catholic schools and university centers. Give courage and generosity to our Catholic hospitals, Catholic Charities, and all ministries that serve those in need among us.

Bless our priests, deacons, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful that, as the Mystical Body of Christ, we may always be one in you.

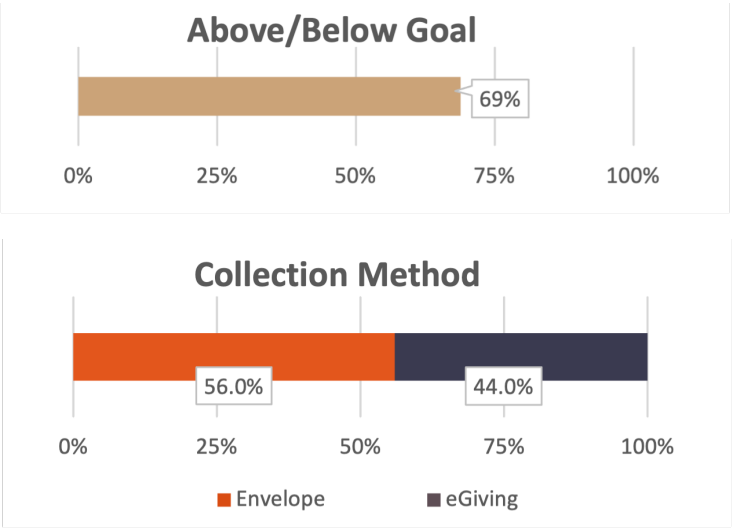
We ask the intercession of Mary, under her title of the Immaculate Conception, to keep us faithful to you and the mission you have bestowed upon the Diocese of Austin. Amen.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Contributions

Week Ending	April 30 th	
Envelope:	\$	26,035.47
eGiving Online:	\$	17,515.26
Weekly Total:	\$	43,550.73
Weekly Goal:	\$	48,200.00
Above/(Below) Weekly Goal:	\$	(15,025.17)

Seminarians: \$9,726.92
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Month to Date: \$11,672.91



A Stewardship Moment

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see how the first community of Christians gathered together to discern and resolve how to care for each others' needs. As good stewards of the sisters and brothers who gathered around the Eucharistic table, the community of faith selected those among them who were to ensure no one was neglected. **How do you resolve to serve the needs of your parish family? How do you ensure those who might**

be perceived to be the least of our brothers and sisters are not left alone and neglected?

This reflection is courtesy of the International Catholic Stewardship Council. Learn more about stewardship and the council at catholicstewardship.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

From the Catechism this Week

“Lay people share in Christ’s priesthood: ever more united with him, they exhibit the grace of Baptism and Confirmation in all dimensions of their personal, family, social, and ecclesial lives, and so fulfill the call to holiness addressed to all the baptized.”

-CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 941-

If you have ever wanted to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life, *The Catechism in a Year* podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz is for you! Start listening anytime and walk it with your parish community in monthly gatherings.

Next Gathering: May 11th / 9:30-11 a.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. / Life House

We’ll explore the Church, Mary and the saints.

▲ Learn more and sign up at stmaustin.org/ciy or contact Dawn at dawn@stmaustin.org or (512) 258-1944 x235.



Are you searching for:

- ⊕ A deeper relationship with God?
- ⊕ A greater awareness of how God is at work in your life?
- ⊕ A sense of belonging in a faith community?
- ⊕ A deeper look into what Catholics believe and how we live our faith?

To explore your questions and receive an introduction to the Catholic faith, check out the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)! For more information, please contact Dawn at (512) 258-1944 x235.

FAITH FORMATION



Thank You for a Great Year

We have had a wonderful year Following Christ with your children. Faith Formation registration for 2023-2024 will start in August.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

**Spiritual Motherhood | The Augustine Institute Show**

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Sr. Maris Stella for a conversation on the vocation of every woman, that of motherhood. Although all women will not be called to be physical mothers, every woman is called to be a spiritual mother.

Go to stma.cc/F230507a.

**The 13th Day**

Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, *The 13th Day* dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady.

Go to stma.cc/F230507b.

REAL WOMANHOOD
LISA COTTER**Real Womanhood by Lisa Cotter**

Join Lisa Cotter in her talk *Real Womanhood*, as she draws on modern-day saints, St. John Paul II to define what it means to be an authentic woman.

Go to stma.cc/40UirIW.

New to FORMED? Visit formed.org/signup and search for *St. Thomas More Austin*. Fill in your information and you can access great Catholic content for all ages.



Stellar VBS

Vacation Bible School (VBS) registration is now open! Stellar VBS will be June 26th through 30th, 9 a.m. to noon, and is open for children four years old through incoming seventh graders. We need lots of volunteers! More information and registration can be found at stmaustin.org/vbs.

SOCIAL OUTREACH & PASTORAL CARE

Grief and Loss Support Group

If you or someone you know is struggling with the loss of a loved one, please prayerfully consider attending (inviting them to attend) our Grief and Loss Support Group. This is a Catholic, eight-week guided and collaborative support group. Our goal is to find God the Divine Healer in our suffering and together seek His healing. **This group is only for members that have lost a loved one. If you are struggling with a divorce or other life event, please consider our Stephen Ministry.**

Mondays, June 5th - July 31st (off July 3rd for holiday)

9:30 – 11 a.m.

Mercy of God Prayer Center, Main Room

Please register to attend at stmaustin.org/grief-loss or contact Jennifer Bibbo at (512) 258-1161 x256 or jbibbo@stmaustin.org. Questions regarding the ministry can be directed to Donna Carl at donnacrl@yahoo.com.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Quarterly Review

Below is a breakdown of the contributions the Society of St. Vincent de Paul has received from our parish community for the first quarter of 2023. If you would like to learn more about the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry at St. Thomas More or get involved please reach out to Eva Scott at presidentsvdpstm@gmail.com or visit stmaustin.org/svdp.



	January	February	March	Year-To-Date
Visits Made	56	60	52	168
Number of People Helped	117	136	110	363
Money Spent	\$23,204.41	\$20,423.46	\$17,994.02	\$61,621.89
Rent/Housing (Largest Expense)	\$13,679.00	\$14,685.00	\$14,111.00	\$42,475.00
Black Bag Collection	\$ 15,563.32	\$ 12,475.43	\$ 10,890.36	\$ 38,929.11
Volunteer Hours	71.25	79.25	93	243.5
Mileage	217	236	526	979

In need of healing prayer?

Mercy of God Prayer Center
Theresa Stephens
(512) 814-6470

Struggling with bills?

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
STM Offices
(512) 258-1161

Want to talk about a difficult time?

Stephen Ministry
Eileen (512) 507-9563

Need help with meals?

Good Samaritan
Meal Ministry
(480) 788-6325

The Green Spot

Birds are migrating north, through Texas, right now. Keep your outside lights off at night and close your blinds/curtains at night. Many birds fly between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. and become disoriented from human light. Keep your cat(s) inside as they are still the number one killer of small birds.

**MAY
9**

10:30 a.m. - noon

Cancer Support Group

Life House

Battling cancer is hard. **"Sharing the battle is half the battle."** Come join other parishioners on the second Tuesday of each month. Our study guide, ***Fighting Cancer With The Help Of Our Catholic Faith***, is a powerful resource. For more information, contact karenmoore8@gmail.com.

Catholic Social Teaching

This Sunday we hear of the first deacons who were tasked with a ministry of service. Today, with the restoration of the permanent diaconate, we have examples of men in our midst who connect the ministry of Word and Sacrament to the ministry of service. Deacons are in our midst to call all the baptized to our common vocation to ensure the common good is recognized and accepted.

This reflection is courtesy of the Diocese of Austin. You can find more inspiring content and learn about the work of the diocese at austindiocese.org.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



The Disaster Response program at Catholic Charities of Central Texas works to respond quickly to natural disasters and ensures central Texans are supported across the entire 25-county region. Types of assistance may include emergency financial aid, material assistance and case management. To learn more, including opportunities to volunteer during times of need, visit ccctx.org/disaster-response.

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**MAY
9**

7 to 8 p.m.

Vigil for Life

St. Patrick Parish, Hutto

Hosted by the Respect Life Ministry at St. Patrick Parish in Hutto, this vigil will honor all life that has been lost to abortion, miscarriage, stillbirth or any other childhood loss. All are invited and encouraged to bring others to this non-denominational candlelight prayer service.

**MAY
12**

6 p.m.

Christ Child Society Evening for the Ladies

St. William Parish, Round Rock, Evangelization Center

This 11th annual evening will open with social time and appetizers, followed by a delicious dinner, desserts and entertainment. Dress attire is roaring 20's. The Christ Child Society, a non-profit organization, has a respect for life and the desire to help children. For more information about tickets, please contact Meg Beasley at (512) 810-8248 or epl.ccstx@gmail.com.

▲ The Christ Child Society of Texas, Capital Area Chapter, has provided over 10,000 diaper bags (layettes) for newborns in need through various agencies. The Christ Child Society offers different programs to support children in need throughout the Texas, Capital area. These programs include the Diaper Bag (Layette) Program filled with newborn items, Bereavement Gowns and handmade ornaments, Hygiene for Teenage Homeless Project, caps and mittens, and more.

**MAY
20**

4v4 Soccer Tournament

St. Louis Catholic School, Austin

This event raises money for the St. Louis Catholic School athletic program. Players pre-k to older adults are welcome to enter a team. The entry fee for an entire team of four to six players is \$99 and includes tournament t-shirts for each player and a guaranteed minimum of three games. Food (breakfast and lunch) and drinks will be available for purchase. Winning teams within their brackets will earn medals. Full details can be found at slcsaustin.org/4v4-soccer-tournament or email slcs4v4@gmail.com.

**MAY
20**

The Call

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Cedar Park

Men between the ages of 14 and 49 are invited to join Fr. Greg Gerhart, the Vocations Director for the diocese, before and after the transitional diaconate ordination. Come and learn about the priesthood by reflecting on the promises a priest first makes as a deacon. Participants will enjoy breakfast, lunch, get a saved spot at the ordination Mass, and hear from our seminarians. This event is free. More information available at bit.ly/AVtc23b.

**JUN
2**

through June 7th

Summer Silent Retreat

Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center, Temple

Spend two to five nights in quiet prayer with others desiring to draw closer to Jesus. Mass, talks, centering prayer, devotions, confession and Eucharistic Adoration will be part of the retreat led by Fr. Harry Dean and Brian Egan. An opportunity to visit with a spiritual director will be offered. The cost varies depending on the number of nights. For more information or to register, visit austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or call (254) 780-2436.

**JUN
16**

through June 18th

Women's Retreat

**IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER,
YOU MUST GET OUT OF THE BOAT!**

Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center, Temple

The Lord continually calls us to step out in faith and to trust him. There is something within us that tells us there is more to life than sitting in the boat. This retreat will explore the fears that keep us from stepping out and the areas of our lives that represent safety and security apart from God himself. Beverly Collin, Spiritual Director, and former Assistant Director at Cedarbrake, will facilitate this retreat for women. The costs are \$280 for a private room and \$240 for a shared room. For more information or to register visit austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or call (254) 780-2436.

Ethics & Integrity in Ministry (EIM)

Keeping current with EIM training is required for all who serve in ministry at STM.

What is Ethics & Integrity in Ministry (EIM)? EIM is a diocesan training and screening process focused on helping our community prevent and respond to abuse. It includes required workshops and background checks for all who work or volunteer in ministry as well as policies for reporting abuse.

Why is EIM required for all who serve in ministry at St. Thomas More? We have a shared commitment to ensuring our parish is a safe place for everyone, especially children and vulnerable adults. The more people who are aware of abuse warning signs, the more effective we can be in keeping our communities safe (parish, neighborhood, family, schools). With this in mind, our parish community is committed to following the Diocese of Austin's Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) policies.

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