

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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## Bulletin Deadlines

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## To Reach a Priest in an Emergency

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## Adoration Schedule

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

To sign up, please visit  
[stm.weadorehim.com](http://stm.weadorehim.com).

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**MONDAY**

Closed (Memorial Day)

**TUESDAY-FRIDAY**

9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 5 p.m.



## PARISH LIFE

## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 | Ps 104 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 |

Jn 20:19-23

7:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: St. Thomas More Parishioners

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

**Coffee & Donuts** (Family Center)

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

**Library Open**

9 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Pat &amp; Frank Mancuso

10:15 a.m. - noon

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**  
(Life House)

10:45 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)Intention: † Robert E. Wood & † Joseph M. Colleran  
Childcare available

5 p.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Jilda Ramirez &amp; † Sucre Moreno

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 | Ps 87 | Jn 19:25-34

8:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Moises Robinson

Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

Sir 35:1-12 | Ps 50 | Mk 10:28-31

6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

**Men's Scripture Share** (Life House)

8:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Phil Greb

7 - 8:30 p.m.

**Rosary Prayer Group** (Parish Activity Center:  
St. Thomas More Room)Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 | Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 |

Lk 1:39-56

8:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Gloria Eyler

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 - 8:30 p.m.

**Reach More Group** (Life House)WEDNESDAY, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> (CONT'D)

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** (Parish Activity Center:  
St. Thomas More Room)Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr

Sir 42:15-25 | Ps 33 | Mt 10:46-52

8:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Damon Zehani

6:30 - 8 p.m.

**Middle School Terrific Thursday** (Religious  
Education Building: 207) -see page 7

6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

**Ethics & Integrity in Ministry Workshop**  
(Brennan Auditorium) -see page 4Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Sir 44:1, 9-13 | Ps 149 | Mk 11:11-26

8:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: Mary Anne Smedley

9 - 9:30 a.m.

**Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation**  
(Confessional)

9 - 10 a.m.

**Healing Prayer Service** (Church) -see page 4

9 - 10 a.m.

**Library Open**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 | Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 |

2 Cor 13:11-13 | Jn 3:16-18

3 - 4:30 p.m.

**Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation**  
(Confessional)

5 p.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Pat &amp; Murray Maynard

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 | Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 |

2 Cor 13:11-13 | Jn 3:16-18

7:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Soledad Seanez &amp; † Leonardo Galvan

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

**Gift Shop Open**

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

**Library Open**

9 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: St. Thomas More Parishioners

10:15 a.m. - noon

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**  
(Life House)

10:45 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Daniel Lupo

Childcare available

5 p.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: Elwood Gregory &amp; † Shannon Raridon

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](https://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](mailto:asanchez@stmaustin.org). Milestones can include the birth of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, etc., baptisms, sacramental marriages, wedding anniversaries (in increments of ten or twenty-five years) and graduations.



◀ Alex, son of Jeremy and Alyssa Brown, graduated from Cedar Park High School on May 26<sup>th</sup>. He's a lifelong parishioner who spent many years playing the tuba with our choir. He will be attending Rice University in Houston this fall to continue studies in tuba performance.

## A Message from Bishop Vásquez

May 20, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

As chief shepherd of the Diocese of Austin, celebrating a priestly ordination is one of the most joyous occasions of the year for me. Ordinarily, we would celebrate a priestly ordination in the month of June; however, this year, for the first time in nearly twenty years, we will not.

This sad news reminds me of the time when Jesus is moved with pity "[a]t the sight of the crowds ... because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus then commands his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest," (Matthew 9:36-38).

Following Christ's command to his disciples, we will turn to the "master of the harvest" by having a diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. It is most appropriate that we gather on the eve of the Feast of Corpus Christi because, without the priest, there is no Eucharist. I ask you to join me on this day at 10 a.m. at St. Louis Catholic Church in Austin. We will begin with a spiritual conference given by a priest, followed by a Eucharistic holy hour to pray for more priestly vocations.

After the holy hour, a reception will follow honoring the priests who serve us. You can find more information about this event at [austinvocations.com](http://austinvocations.com). I hope to see you there.

May God, by his grace and generosity, answer our prayers for more priests to serve the People of God in the Diocese of Austin.

Sincerely In Christ,

— Most Rev. Joe S. Vásquez  
Bishop of Austin

Learn more about this event on page 9.

## Office Closure

The parish offices will be closed Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Memorial Day. The Mass and adoration schedule will be unaffected by this closure. Our offices will reopen on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.



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6:30 p.m.

## Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Workshop

Religious Education Building, Brennan Auditorium

This workshop is intended for those who are new to the Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) process and is approximately three hours in duration. You must have an EIM account (to get started, complete and submit the EIM application at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org)) and pre-register to attend this workshop. Contact Debra Lohrstorfer, EIM site administrator, for assistance if needed: (512) 258-1161 x214 or [debra@stmaustin.org](mailto:debra@stmaustin.org). Plan to arrive promptly as late arrivals will not be admitted and do not bring children to the workshop.

## WORSHIP & PRAYER

JUN  
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following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

## Healing Prayer

Church

Trained ministers will be available for ten-minute confidential prayer sessions to help you receive Jesus' healing from life's wounds and burdens. Sign-ups for longer sessions will also be available. Christ will be powerfully present in the exposed Blessed Sacrament and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation offered during this time. Come be healed in the name of Jesus Christ.

JUN  
7

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

## Holy Hour for Vocations

Church

At 5:30 p.m., we will chant Evening Prayer. At the end of Evening Prayer, we will recite the vocations prayer. Then we will have 30 minutes of silent adoration followed by Benediction.

## A Message from Bishop Vásquez

Brothers and Sisters,

Let us reflect on the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and the fear of God. These gifts are infused into every person at Baptism and sealed in us at the Sacrament of Confirmation, marking the real presence of God in us. We are blessed by their witness to the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to this local church — the Mystical Body of Christ in Central Texas.

As we enter the second year of the National Eucharistic Revival, I invite you to hear the stories from our brothers and sisters who WITNESS to our Lord's transformative presence in their lives through the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. May God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you as you carry forth the mission of Christ.

— Most Rev. Joe S. Vásquez, Bishop of Austin

## 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, through the grace of the Holy Spirit be pleased to reconcile me with your Father; cleanse me in your Blood from every fault and make me fully alive to the praise of your glory.

## Prayer Requests

Kellie Bergman

Barbara Boland

John Brun

Ed Burke

Graciela Diaz

Frank DiLorenzo

Katie DiLorenzo

Dodie Domanski

Al Esparza

Jo Falkenstein

Ray & Grace Fisher

Ame Frezza

Judi Gilliam

Trace Gilliam

Dylan Johnson

Beth Jones

Frank Kelly

David Kresta

Mary Kubala

Linda Lange

Charles McCourt

Jason Mikolajek

Fr. Michael O'Connor

Barbara Ohradzansky

Trent Overall

JJ Pacelli

Marc Piffaut

Sr. Carolyn Pelzel

Dennis Robinson

Consuelo Rodriguez Brown

Dorothy Thompson

Andy Turner

Clifford Uher

Bernadette Vogel

Jennifer Wiegand

Kerry Wolf

Christopher Younger

Luke Zouzalik

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

## Little Liturgy Lessons

LEAVE-TAKING BY REV. DAVID TRAHAN



You can watch and share the video version of this reflection at [bit.ly/LLLLtB](https://bit.ly/LLLLtB) or by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera.

I say "leave-taking" rather than "exiting" or just "leaving" because at the end of the Mass, we do not just wander away on our own, left as we were when we entered. The traditional formula, "Ita, missa est," currently translated as "Go forth, the Mass is ended," is not literally that in English. More literally, it says, "Go, she is sent!"

It is a command, not a suggestion or a simple "goodbye." We are ordered out, commanded to leave. She, the Church, is not just left to wander off on her own, but is commissioned as Christ commissioned the disciples at His Ascension, to go forth and reveal the Gospel. We leave the Mass not just because the time is complete, but because we have been given the Gift of the Lord and we must now take that Gift out into the world.

Each of the other three options for the dismissal at the end of the Mass, "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord," "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life," or simply "Go in peace" are each commands. We have been given the Gospel, literally nourished by the Word — entrusted with that great gift, we are expected to yield results with it. We have been given Peace Himself as our food to transform us into that same peace He shares. Thus none of these are simple well-wishing farewells but instructions on what to do next.

We do not cease to be Christians once we leave the doors of the parish church and we must take the fruits of what the Lord has shared with us.

**Do I leave the Mass commissioned and invigorated to live out my Christian dignity in a greater way? Do I see the Lord as left behind in the church, or as One Who accompanies me as I go forth?**

## Called to be a Parent

By Lynn Grace Wong

Yes, I guess you could say I was called to be a mom even before I was born. Though, at first, I thought God had other plans for me. I was engaged but didn't foresee a child in my future. So, my betrothed was very much surprised when he found out that we were going to have a baby boy. I, on the other hand, was simply in awe that God was asking me to be a mom. When I gave birth, it wasn't the most ideal of circumstances. I gave birth away from family. But it didn't matter to me, for a myriad of angels sang when my son was born. I couldn't for a moment take my eyes off my little one. The joy I felt then, I still feel every time I look at him.

It's true what they say: that parenthood is a calling—a vocation. There is no way I could survive the everyday challenges of being a mom if it weren't for the grace that God gives to every vocation. Once, I had the misfortune of losing my son in a crowd. And, to think, we were among relatives. I can't begin to tell you how fervent a parent's prayer can be for a lost child. My heart overflowed when we finally found him. I've realized that parenthood is like that—joy and sorrow, co-existing. I saw and heard my son being admired one minute, then ridiculed the next.

Whenever someone praised him, I would smile and think to myself, "If only you knew!" And when he was mocked and crucified ... I wanted to cradle him in my arms like I did many times before.

My son has always had a generous heart. He gave all he could give to this world. He even gave me. "Behold, your Mother!" (Jn 19:27)

### Some thoughts for prayer and reflection ...

**As May ends, a month typically dedicated to our Lady, are there Marian devotions you can teach/do with your little ones to celebrate Mary? How about praying the rosary with your family?**

**Have you considered that being a parent is a true vocation? Do you ask for the help of your child's guardian angel? Do you entrust your children to our Lady? Do you pray to God for each of your children, asking him to help you see the best way you can help each one grow in holiness?**

Lynn has been a parishioner of St. Thomas More for 14 years and counting. As a mom of five, she is extra grateful for the phenomenal STM Preschool. She is also a member of the Catholic Writers Guild and gives virtue classes to an Austin leadership club for girls. Connect with Lynn at [lynngacewong.wordpress.com](http://lynngacewong.wordpress.com).

## FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

### Stewardship of Treasure Report

#### Weekly

May 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Collection:  
\$48,575



Amount Needed Weekly:  
\$50,000

**BELOW** Weekly Budget:  
\$1,425

#### Monthly

Collected Month to Date:  
\$153,616



Amount Needed Month to Date:  
\$150,000

**ABOVE** Monthly Budget Pace:  
\$3,616

#### Did you know?

Electronic giving is so convenient it can be easy to set it and forget it. However, it's best practice review your electronic giving annually to ensure it matches your tithing priorities. Electronic giving has been flat since mid-2020. Contact Danielle White at [dwhite@stmaustin.org](mailto:dwhite@stmaustin.org) if you need assistance. Thank you!

**Thank you for your continued support and generosity!**

If you would like to help us share the Good News with our community, visit [stmaustin.org/give](http://stmaustin.org/give) to make a secure and convenient gift online.

### Mission Cooperative Appeal

At all Masses on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, John and Kathy Tucker will be making the annual mission cooperative appeal. John and Kathy are the founders of New Hope for Cambodian Children. They are providing care to orphans and abandoned children living with HIV/AIDS in Cambodia. A second collection will be taken to support their work. Please be generous.



*"God has always  
loved the little  
ones."*

- ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA -



## A Stewardship Moment

**T**his weekend we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit among the believers of the early Church. St. Paul reminds us of the special power the Holy Spirit has bestowed upon us and how that power gives us the potential to live extraordinary lives of faith. **Good stewards recognize this power and use their gifts, through God's channel of grace, to transform their lives and the lives of others, and thus hasten God's Kingdom.** Good stewards know it is through the Holy Spirit that they can proclaim: "Jesus is Lord." **Do you believe that Jesus is our Lord? If so, how do you show it?**

This reflection is courtesy of the International Catholic Stewardship Council. Learn more about stewardship and the council at [catholicstewardship.com](http://catholicstewardship.com).

## #iGiveCatholic Projects Update

Please accept our apologies for no visible action on our Stations of the Cross and font restoration projects. These are still active projects and work has been occurring behind the scenes. Here is the latest:

### Stations of the Cross

A down payment has been issued to the metal fabricator who will construct new marquees for each station. Additionally, missing metal crosses are being fabricated. Plans are being finalized to bid on tree replacement to take place this fall as the ice storm losses took away much of the isolation from FM 620.

### Font Restoration

The baptismal font contractors have been identified. This summer, the work will replace the dilapidated supporting steel structure, tub and masonry.

**We are thankful for the donors who have helped fund these projects.**

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### From the Catechism this Week

*"The mission of the Holy Spirit in the liturgy of the Church is to prepare the assembly to encounter Christ; to recall and manifest Christ to the faith of the assembly; to make the saving work of Christ present and active by his transforming power; and to make the gift of communion bear fruit in the Church"*

- CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1112 -

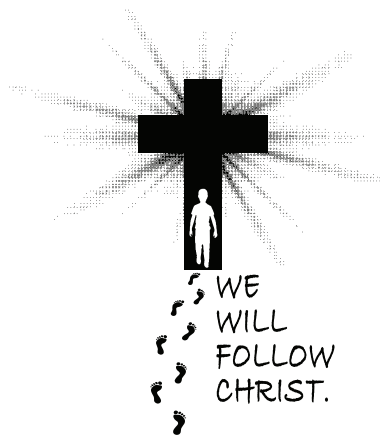
If you have ever wanted to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life, *The Catechism in a Year* podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz is for you! Start listening anytime and walk it with your parish community in monthly gatherings.

**Next Gathering:** June 8<sup>th</sup> / 9:30 - 11 a.m. or 7 - 8:30 p.m. / Life House

We'll explore the liturgy, forgiveness of sins, resurrection of the body, Heaven, Hell, Purgatory and the last judgment.

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

## FAITH FORMATION



**JUN 1**

6:30-8 p.m.

### Terrific Thursday

Religious Education Building, Room 207

Join us for games, service projects and friends! Contact Andrea Cochran, Middle School Coordinator, at (512) 258-1944 x228 or [andrea@stmaustin.org](mailto:andrea@stmaustin.org) for more information.

**JUN 26**

through June 30<sup>th</sup>

### Vacation Bible School

Children four years old through incoming seventh graders are welcome! The incoming sixth and seventh grader experience will be a combination of service and education. Incoming eighth graders can serve as volunteers. All who are interested, register at: [stmaustin.org/vbs](http://stmaustin.org/vbs).



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9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

## Schlitterbahn Trip

New Braunfels

The cost is \$60 which includes transportation by bus, admission, snacks and water at our meeting place. Permission forms and payment need to be completed by Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. This is an early deadline, but new rules at the park require us to purchase tickets in advance. Friends are welcome to join us! Learn more at [stmaustin.org/msff](http://stmaustin.org/msff). Contact Andrea Cochran, Middle School Coordinator, at (512) 258-1944 x228 or [andrea@stmaustin.org](mailto:andrea@stmaustin.org) for more information.

## SOCIAL OUTREACH &amp; PASTORAL CARE

## Catholic Social Teaching

With this great celebration of Pentecost, we conclude our 50 days of Easter jubilee. Now, filled with the Spirit, we must live and proclaim what we have celebrated. We are called to witness to the power of Christ to transform hearts and minds and our whole world. The presence of the Holy Spirit is manifested when there is unity, reconciliation, zeal and peace. In the Gospel on Sunday, Jesus tells the disciples they are sent now as he was sent. It is our mission now. The Spirit has been given — let's act!

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](http://austindiocese.org).

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10:30 a.m. - noon

## Cancer Support Group

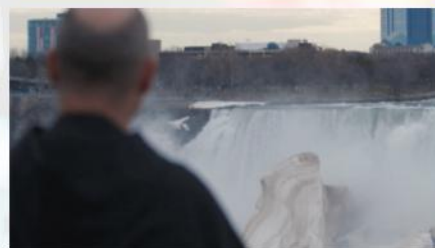
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Battling cancer is hard. "Sharing the battle is half the battle." Come join other parishioners on the second Tuesday of each month. Our study guide, *Fighting Cancer with the Help of Our Catholic Faith*, is a powerful resource. For more information,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



## The Green Spot

This Memorial Day, plant or donate a tree in honor of a loved one who died while serving our country. Instead of releasing mylar or latex balloons, both harmful to the environment, consider blowing bubbles or releasing flower petals in a stream. Leave natural, not artificial, flowers at a grave. Instead of placing multiple little flags on the lawn, draw flags with chalk on the sidewalk or driveway. Learn more in paragraph 203 of *Laudato Si'*.

THIS WEEK ON  
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## God's Love Poured Out | Episode 1

During the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we remember a fundamental pillar of our Faith: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). In this episode of *The Wild Goose*, join Fr. Dave Pivonka as he illuminates God's eternal pouring out of Love. Go to [stma.cc/F230528a](http://stma.cc/F230528a).



## The Journey: Trinity, Faith &amp; the God Who Is Love

God created us out of love, died for us out of love, and invites us on a journey of faith in which we live in his love. In this study, we'll look at the God who is Love and how that love shows itself in the Trinity. Go to [stma.cc/F230528b](http://stma.cc/F230528b).



## Joyful Mysteries

As we celebrate the Visitation this week, we invite you to pray the Joyful Mysteries alongside this spoken Rosary set to music. Go to [stma.cc/F230528c](http://stma.cc/F230528c).

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## 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 5<sup>th</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup> (off July 3<sup>rd</sup> for holiday)**

**9:30 – 11 a.m.**

**Mercy of God Prayer Center, Main Room**

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

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Have you felt a calling to volunteer in your community? Catholic Charities of Central Texas (CCCTX) offers many opportunities for volunteerism and service, including restocking and organizing the donation center, translating documents, providing administrative support, supporting disaster response operations, and many more. To learn more about volunteering with CCCTX, including current opportunities, visit [ccctx.org/volunteer](https://ccctx.org/volunteer).

## Holy Hour for Vocations

**June 10<sup>th</sup> | 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**St. Louis King of France Parish, Austin**

For the first time in 20 years, the Diocese of Austin will not celebrate a priestly ordination. To raise awareness of the need for vocations and to gather our prayers into one, Bishop Vásquez will host a diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations on the day the diocese would ordinarily celebrate a priestly ordination. This event will be in English and Spanish, and it will be interpreted for the deaf and hearing impaired. Come to the event, spread the word and personally invite other parishioners, so everyone can pray for vocations with one voice.

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## The Universal Call to Holiness

*Microsoft Teams*

Are you baptized? Then this webinar is for you! This webinar will unpack what the call to holiness is about and how that impacts the lives of those involved in liturgical ministry in the Church. More information, including how to join the webinar, can be found at [austindiocese.org/formation-webinars](https://austindiocese.org/formation-webinars). If you have any questions or concerns please contact Becca Spellacy at [rebecca-spellacy@austindiocese.org](mailto:rebecca-spellacy@austindiocese.org).

▲ Hosted by the diocesan Office of Worship, *Astonishment at the Encounter: Liturgical Formation Webinars* are for those who are involved in liturgical ministry or are just looking to be formed more in the liturgical life of the Church.

**JUN  
3**

*8 a.m. to noon*

## Marian Mornings

*St. Elizabeth Parish, Pflugerville*

On the first Saturday of each month, Fr. Kevin Rai will lead

**JUN  
8**

*7:30 p.m.*

## Eliminate Debt, Build Savings and Change the World Through Generosity

*St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Austin*

Most of us were never taught how to handle our money, let alone in a Catholic way. This upcoming event with WalletWin founders will help you discover how the wisdom of the Church, when applied to your finances, results in less stress, fewer money fights and a better bottom line. It'll be fun, informative, and you'll leave happy you came. The event is free, but please register at [walletwin.com/austin](https://walletwin.com/austin).

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16through June 18<sup>th</sup>

## Women's Retreat

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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 or \$240 for a shared room. For more information or to register visit [austindiocese.org/cedarbrake](http://austindiocese.org/cedarbrake) or call (254) 780-2436.

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18through June 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Bluebonnet Catholic Girls Camp: Sacred Beauty

Eagle's Wings Retreat Center, Burnet

Different religious order sisters will be present every day to share their love for Christ, their knowledge of the faith, and their energy and joy in life. The cost for campers 8 to 13 years old is \$415. The cost for junior counselors ages 14 to 17 years old is \$295. Adult counselors 18+ may offer a free will donation. Contact Denise Oborny at [motherofreligious@gmail.com](mailto:motherofreligious@gmail.com) for more information. Register at [stmartindp.org/bbgc](http://stmartindp.org/bbgc) by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## Writing Your Spiritual Journey

Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center, Temple

This one-day retreat will provide strategies and tools to help you chronicle the ways God has worked in your life. Nathaniel Lee Hansen, former University of Mary Hardin-Baylor professor and current writer and spiritual director, will lead this retreat. The cost is \$45, lunch included. For more information or to register visit [austindiocese.org/cedarbrake](http://austindiocese.org/cedarbrake) or call (254) 780-2436.

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## 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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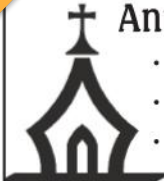
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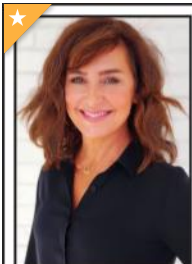
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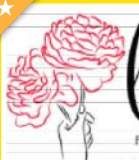
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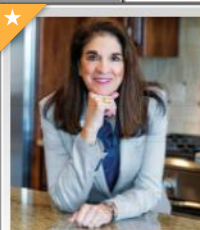
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