

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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# The Bulletin

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## Bulletin Deadlines

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## To Reach a Priest in an Emergency

**DURING OFFICE HOURS:**  
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## Adoration Schedule

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

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

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### Parish Office Hours

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

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

## PARISH LIFE

## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 | Ps 119 | Rom 8:28-30 | Mt 13:44-52

or Mt 13:44-46

7:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: Nchedo Jeromes

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

**Gift Shop Open**8:30 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: † Robert O'Connell

10:15 a.m. - noon

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

10:45 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Catianna Darragh

5 p.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: Brian Leandra &amp; † Debbie Leandra

Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 | Ps 106 | Mt 13:31-35

8:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: Mary Rose Brown

Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop &  
Doctor of the Church

Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 | Ps 103 | Mt 13:36-43

6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

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

8:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: Bettilynn &amp; Glenn Rust

9 - 10 a.m.

**Library Open**

6:30 - 8 p.m.

**Middle School Service Day** (Religious Education  
Building: Room 207)

7 - 8:30 p.m.

**Rosary Prayer Group** (Parish Activity Center  
(PAC): St. Thomas More Room)

7 - 10 p.m.

**Life Teen: Bible Study & Game Night** (Life House)Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>Memorials of St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop & St. Peter  
Julian Eymard, Priest

Ex 34:29-35 | Ps 99 | Mt 13:44-46

8:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: Elva Penalva &amp; † Dorothy Wiegat

9 - 9:30 a.m.

**Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation** (Church:  
Confessional & Holy Family Room)WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> (CONT'D)

9:30 - 11 a.m.

**Adult Study: Why We Believe** (Religious  
Education Building: Rooms 211-215)

5:30 - 6 p.m.

**Evening Prayer** (Church)

6 - 7 p.m.

**Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation** (Church:  
Confessional & Holy Family Room)

7 - 8:30 p.m.

**Adult Study: Why We Believe** (Religious  
Education Building: Rooms 211-215)

7 - 8:30 p.m.

**Men's Club Bible Study** (Library)

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Alcoholics Anonymous** (Parish Activity Center  
(PAC): St. Thomas More Room)Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 | Ps 84 | Mt 13:47-53

8:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Rev. Mr. Ray Sis

Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

Memorial of St. John Vianney, Priest

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 | Ps 81 | Mt 13:54-58

8:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Bob Timmerman

9 - 9:30 a.m.

**Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation** (Church:  
Confessional & Holy Family Room)

9 - 10 a.m.

**Healing Prayer Service** (Church)

9 - 10 a.m.

**Library Open**Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 | Ps 97 | 2 Pt 1:16-19 | Mt 17:1-9

3 - 4:30 p.m.

**Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation** (Church:  
Confessional & Holy Family Room)

5 p.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Priscilla Travasso

Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 | Ps 97 | 2 Pt 1:16-19 | Mt 17:1-9

7:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: St. Thomas More Parishioners

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

**Gift Shop Open**

8:30 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: † Wanda Gottardis

10:15 a.m. - noon

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

10:45 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Phil Vondrak

5 p.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Ricardo Alberto Trevino

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](http://reservations.stmaustin.org) to see the most up-to-date calendar.

If you would like a Mass 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

► **Glenn and Bettilynn Rust** will celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 1<sup>st</sup>. They were married in 1953 at St. Mary's University Chapel in San Antonio. They have four sons, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Happy anniversary!



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.

## Stewardship of Treasure Report

### Weekly

July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Collection:  
\$40,627



Amount Needed Weekly:  
\$50,000

**BELOW Weekly Budget:**  
\$9,373

### Monthly

Collected Month to Date:  
\$186,044



Amount Needed Month to Date:  
\$200,000

**BELOW Monthly Budget Pace:**  
\$13,956

### Did you know?

Electronic giving is “worry free” giving! By setting up a giving schedule on GiveCentral, our electronic giving service, found at [stmaustin.org/give](https://stmaustin.org/give), you can ensure your contributions are received even when you are away. Additionally, you can review your annual giving for taxes and change the future amounts you donate.

**Thank you for faithfully using the gifts God has generously given you!**

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

**THE Gift Shop**

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

The Gift Shop is open!  
We look forward to seeing you!

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

**AUG 8** 11 a.m.

**Young at Heart Luncheon**

Religious Education Building: Brennan Auditorium

Let's get together for the next Young at Heart potluck. The theme is “Home Safety” by Senior Police Officer Frank Creasey, Jr.

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



## Discover the Real Presence of Jesus

The Eucharist is the Real Presence of Christ and the source and summit of our Faith. Enrich your understanding of the Eucharist through the many resources for all ages in the parish Library. View all the Eucharistic Revival resources, including the online Library catalog at [stmaustin.org/revival](https://stmaustin.org/revival).



**AUG 25** 6 - 9 p.m. and August 26<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Adventures in Marriage**

Parish Activity Center (PAC)

Adventures in Marriage (AIM) is an enrichment weekend for all married couples. AIM combines God's vision for marriage with the latest research to provide specific, practical, attainable skills to enrich your relationship. The event is a fun and engaging way for couples to discover better ways to meet one another's needs, communicate, resolve conflicts and live out the vocation of marriage. Adventures in Marriage is appropriate for couples at any age or stage. The event cost is \$100 per couple and includes food and materials. For more information, please contact Denise Abele at [dabele@stmaustin.org](mailto:dabele@stmaustin.org).



## WORSHIP &amp; PRAYER

## Prayer Requests

Kellie Bergman	Ame Frezza	Skye Lohraum	Dorothy Thompson
Barbara Boland	Judi Gilliam	Charles McCourt	Andy Turner
John Brun	Trace Gilliam	Jason Mikolajek	Stan Urban
Ed Burke	Dylan Johnson	Fr. Michael O'Connor	Bernadette Vogel
Graciela Diaz	Beth Jones	Barbara Ohradzansky	Jennifer Wiegand
Frank DiLorenzo	Ramona Kaauamo	Trent Overall	Kerry Wolf
Katie DiLorenzo	Frank Kelly	JJ Pacelli	Christopher Younger
Dodie Domanski	David Kresta	Marc Piffaut	Luke Zouzalik
Al Esparza	Mary Kubala	Sr. Carolyn Pelzel	We also pray for the well-being of our fellow parishioners who are homebound or nursing home residents.
Jo Falkenstein	Linda Lange	Dennis Robinson	
Ray & Grace Fisher	Laura Lavergne	Consuelo Rodriguez Brown	

## From Mess into a Miracle

By Lisa Jose

God works all things — all (to the exclusion of nothing) — for our good. There is no situation in our lives, in this world that cannot be transformed by the Almighty.

He will turn every mess into a miracle. Right from Genesis we see the outworking of this promise. In chapter 20, Abraham lies (a second time) to Abimelech about Sara being his sister. But when the lie is discovered, it is Abimelech who gifts Abraham sheep, oxen, servants and the best of the land. Jacob runs away from home with nothing, but he returns (see chapter 32) with an abundance of cattle and servants.

The second reading holds one of the most beautiful promises in the Bible. In the book of Acts, St. Paul leaves for Rome as a prisoner in a slave ship. In the course of his journey, he is shipwrecked, stranded on an unknown island and bitten by a viper. Now that is a mess! But when he leaves the island of Malta, he is headed to Rome aboard a ship from the fleet of Alexandria, the naval superpower of his time and with enough money (offerings from the islanders) that he was able to rent a house until his death!

So, rest in His promises today. Hand them over to Him and simply say, “Lord I am excited to see how you are going to turn this around for my good.”

He who has promised is faithful and He will do it.

Lisa believes the Bible is the best self help book and if it isn't practical then it isn't scriptural.

*“That which God commands seems difficult  
and a burden. The way is rough;  
you draw back; you have no desire  
to follow it. Yet do so and you will  
attain glory.”*

- ST. ANTHONY ZACCARIA -

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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.

## FINANCE &amp; STEWARDSHIP

## A Stewardship Moment

A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young King Solomon in today's first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God's people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong. An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion

have consequences that affect the lives of others. **During these disquieting times, are you asking God for an understanding heart? Are you exercising good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Are you sharing your compassionate heart with others?**

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

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

## From the Catechism this Week

*“Christ, high priest and unique mediator, has made of the Church ‘a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.’ The whole community of believers is, as such, priestly. The faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ’s mission as priest, prophet, and king. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the faithful are ‘consecrated to be ... a holy priesthood.’”*

- CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1546 -

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:** August 10<sup>th</sup> | 9:30 - 11 a.m. or 7 - 8:30 p.m. | Life House

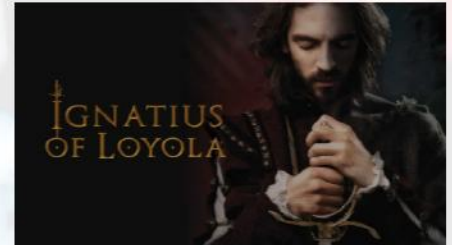
We'll explore the Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick), the Sacraments at the Service of Communion (Marriage and Holy Orders), sacramentals and funerals.

▲ 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.

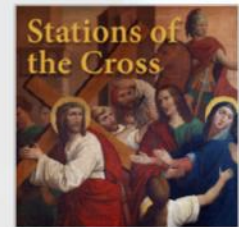
*“In the Christian life, the Holy Spirit himself accomplishes his work by mobilizing the whole being, with all its sorrows, fears and sadness.”*

- CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1769 -

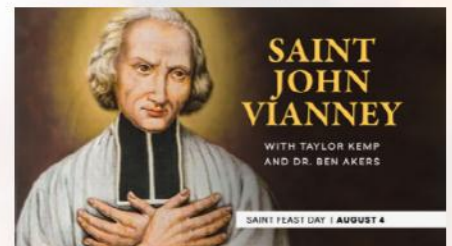
## THIS WEEK ON FORMED

**Ignatius of Loyola**

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits; often called “The Saint of Second Chances.” Go to [stma.cc/F230730a](http://stma.cc/F230730a).

**Stations of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori**

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater. Go to [stma.cc/F230730b](http://stma.cc/F230730b).

**St. John Vianney | Catholic Saints**

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss St. John Vianney, the Cure d'Ars and patron saint of parish priests. Go to [stma.cc/F230730c](http://stma.cc/F230730c).

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





## 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



*"Indeed the mystery of Christ runs the risk of being disbelieved precisely because it is so incredibly wonderful."*

-ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA-

## Registration Opening Soon

Faith Formation Registration begins Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please go to [stmaustin.org/ff-registration](http://stmaustin.org/ff-registration) to sign your children up!

Share your gifts! Did you know we have over 150 catechist spots to fill? If you feel you are being called to teach the youth of our parish, please contact the Faith Formation Staff. We need catechists at all grade levels.



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6:30 - 8 p.m.

## Wacky Wednesday

Religious Education Building,  
Room 207

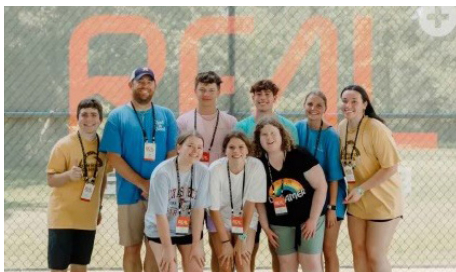
Pizza will be provided. Join us for games, a service project and friends! Contact Andrea Cochran, middle school coordinator, at (512) 258-1944 x228 or [andrea@stmaustin.org](mailto:andrea@stmaustin.org) for more information.



## Discover Who Jesus Is!

Elementary Faith Formation classes learned about Christ the King with fun lessons and crafts this past November. You can sign your child(ren) up for Faith Formation classes starting August 17<sup>th</sup>. To do so, go to [stmaustin.org/ff-registration](http://stmaustin.org/ff-registration).





## Life Teen has Been Busy this Summer!

In June, we served for a week in the Galveston area to help clean houses, trim trees and rebuild a staircase.

In early July, we traveled to Springfield, MO for the Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conference. Along with 5,000 other teens and adults, we had an amazing weekend.



### SOCIAL OUTREACH & PASTORAL CARE

## Catholic Social Teaching

God has created each of us with gifts — treasures like the pearl in today's Gospel. How are we being called to give back? We all have something to give, because God has been generous with us. Some have more time, some more talents, some have more monetary resources. **How can you share what God has given you this week? Can you be present to someone in need? Can you look at those who are begging on street corners? How can you share the treasure of yourself this week?**

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. - 12 noon

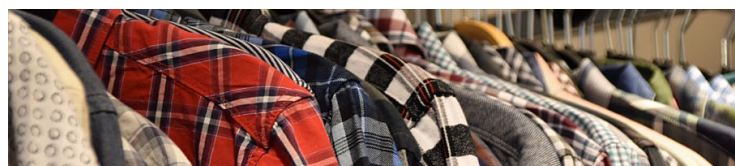
## Cancer Support Group

Life House

As we fight cancer, we discover new ways to pray. Studies show prayer calms our fears, displaces worry and reduces stress. All parishioners who are touched by cancer are welcome to join us as we discover the power of prayer together. Contact Karen at [karenmoore8@gmail.com](mailto:karenmoore8@gmail.com) for more information.

## The Green Spot

"[R]ejection of every form of self-centeredness and self-absorption, are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the natural environment. These attitudes also attune us to the moral imperative of assessing the impact of our every action and personal decision on the world around us," (Laudato Si', 208).



## MLF Clothes Closet Needs Men's clothing

If you have any of the following, please deliver them to the MLF Clothes Closet located behind Fisher House (at the back of the parish property). There are large black donation bins available in front of the house.

- ⊕ Plain white t-shirts (sizes medium through 2XL)
- ⊕ Jeans (sizes 32, 34, 36 waist)
- ⊕ Shorts (prefer athletic material)
- ⊕ Tennis shoes
- ⊕ Baseball hats
- ⊕ Backpacks
- ⊕ Cotton bandanas
- ⊕ Belts
- ⊕ Socks
- ⊕ Wet wipes

#### 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





## AROUND THE DIOCESE



The St. Gabriel's Pregnancy and Parenting Program at Catholic Charities of Central Texas offers free education, mentorship and material assistance to new or expectant mothers and fathers so they can give their children the best possible start to life. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (512) 651-6100.

## Annunciation Austin Seeking Teachers



Annunciation Austin has open teacher positions for the upcoming school year. As an apostolate of the Schoenstatt Movement, the kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>-grade education program is based on a Catholic, classical curriculum with classes held on the St. Thomas More Parish campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays with some additional teacher prep work throughout the week. For more information visit their website at [annunciationaustin.org](http://annunciationaustin.org) or scan the QR code with your phone's camera. Please contact the director of education, Jackie Horton, at [director@annunciationaustin.org](mailto:director@annunciationaustin.org) or (512) 591-8101 if you have any questions or to apply.

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5 p.m.

### Sensory Friendly Mass

St. Patrick Parish, Hutto

This sensory-friendly Mass is offered on the first Sunday of every month. There will be dimmer lights, softer music, no incense and no bells. If you or someone you know would benefit from a Mass like this, please join the St. Patrick community. All are welcome.

**AUG  
11**

and August 12<sup>th</sup>

### Mission and Message of Fatima

Santa Cruz Parish, Buda

All are invited to these two days of reflection, prayer and contemplation of not only knowing about the message of Fatima, but also how this should impact our own life and conversion to bring about the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the edification of the Kingdom of God within the Church and the world. The event includes eight conferences (talks), confession, Adoration and Mass. Fr. William Wagner, ORC and Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, ORC will present these days of reflection. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more information, contact at [susan@nevarez.net](mailto:susan@nevarez.net) or (512) 923-2232. Purchase tickets at [bit.ly/OSmmf23](http://bit.ly/OSmmf23).



**AUG  
11**

6:30 p.m.

### Houston Longhorn Mass

St. Joseph Parish, Houston

Do you know Longhorn Catholics who live in Houston? All Longhorn Catholics (current students, alumni, families and incoming students) are invited to this Mass celebrated by Fr. Jonathan Raia, chaplain of the University Catholic Center. Register for the welcome reception by August 7<sup>th</sup> by sending an email to [giving@utcatholic.org](mailto:giving@utcatholic.org) or calling (512) 222-3426.

**AUG  
26**

10 a.m. - noon

### Annual Scout Recognition Mass

St. John Vianney Parish, Round Rock

Join the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting in recognizing scouts who earned a religious emblem or award this year. Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, Trail Life USA and Troops of St. George welcome. Visit [austindiocese.org/scouting](http://austindiocese.org/scouting) for more information and to register. Should you have questions, please call (512) 949-2464 or email [dccs-activities@austindiocese.org](mailto:dccs-activities@austindiocese.org).



**SEP  
14**

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### Angels Among Us

Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center, Temple.

In our Creed we pray, "I believe ... all things visible and invisible." The Catechism teaches of "the existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings," yet do we pay attention to these beings? Spend the day learning more about the angels among us and their presence in our lives. The retreat will be led by Mary Pomeroy, spiritual director and retreat leader. The cost is \$45. For more information or to register, visit [austindiocese.org/cedarbrake](http://austindiocese.org/cedarbrake) or call (254) 780-2436.

## Ethics & Integrity in Ministry (EIM)

United with the bishop of Austin, St. Thomas More Parish is committed to preventing harm to any of God's people and supporting those who have experienced abuse.

**What is EIM?** It is the diocesan policy, training and screening process that empowers our community to prevent and respond to abuse. Compliance with EIM policies is required of all clergy, consecrated sisters and brothers, seminarians, employees and adult lay volunteers serving in ministry.

**Why is EIM required for all who serve in ministry?** 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 parish, neighborhood, families and schools safe.

**What is required to be compliant with EIM?** To be compliant, one starts by creating an account with [virtus.org](http://virtus.org) and attending an initial live training. Then, one

completes the online refresher training and consents to a background check every three years. If you are a victim of sexual abuse and have concerns regarding your attendance at a workshop, please contact the EIM director at (512) 949-2447 to discuss alternative workshop arrangements.

**How do I report a concern?** If you have information that a person in ministry in this diocese abused a minor, elderly adult or adult with a disability, report the information to your local law enforcement or the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) online at [txabusehotline.org](http://txabusehotline.org) or by calling (800) 252-5400.

After reporting to local law enforcement or DFPS, submit the form found at [bit.ly/DOAerfB](http://bit.ly/DOAerfB) using the instructions at the top of the form. If you prefer to make your report to the diocese by telephone, call (512) 949-2447.

**What resources are available for victims of abuse?** You can find a list of available care resources at [austindiocese.org/healing-abuse-prevention](http://austindiocese.org/healing-abuse-prevention).

Learn more about Ethics and Integrity in Ministry at [stmaustin.org/eim](http://stmaustin.org/eim).

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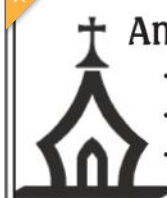
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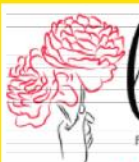
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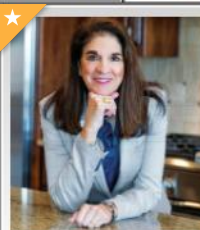
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