

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

August 6, 2023

The Bulletin

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Jack's Story

PAGE 4

*National Make-A-
Will Month*

PAGE 6

Back to School Drive

PAGE 8

Table of Contents

- 2 Parish Staff & Contact Information
- 3 Parish Life
- 5 Worship & Prayer
- 6 Finance & Stewardship
- 7 Adult Faith Formation
- 7 Faith Formation
- 8 Social Outreach & Pastoral Care
- 8 Around the Diocese

Bulletin Deadlines

Submissions for the August 20th edition are due **by 11:59 p.m. on August 10th**. Submissions for the August 27th edition are due **by 11:59 p.m. on August 17th**. Email asanchez@stmaustin.org for instructions on submitting content for *The Bulletin*.

To Reach a Priest in an Emergency

DURING OFFICE HOURS:

(512) 258-1161

AFTER HOURS:

(512) 258-1161, Opt. 1



Adoration Schedule

MONDAY-FRIDAY

9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

To sign up, please visit

stm.weadorehim.com.

Parish Staff & Contact Information

Clergy



Very Rev. Keith Koehl
Pastor
frkeith@stmaustin.org



Rev. Manickam Rajamanickam
Parochial Vicar
frmanickam@stmaustin.org



Rev. David Trahan
Parochial Vicar
frdavid@stmaustin.org



Deacon Dan Lupo
deacondan@stmaustin.org



Deacon Tom Mallinger
deacontomm@stmaustin.org



Deacon Pat O'Beirne
deaconpat@stmaustin.org



Deacon Thomas Suniga
deaconthomas@stmaustin.org

Admin., Liturgical and Pastoral Staff



Danielle White
Accounting
dwhite@stmaustin.org



Lori White
Accounting
lwhite@stmaustin.org



Patricia de Paz de la Rocha
Administrative Assistant
procha@stmaustin.org



Andy DeHart
Business Administrator
andy1@stmaustin.org



Lourdes Alonso
Columbarium
lalonso@stmaustin.org



Adrian Sanchez
Communications
asanchez@stmaustin.org



J.W. Green
Facilities
jw1@stmaustin.org



Pam Otten
Liturgy
potten@stmaustin.org



Denise Abele
Marriage & Family Life
dabele@stmaustin.org



Julie Olesen
Membership
jolesen@stmaustin.org



Ren MacNary
Music
ren.macnary@gmail.com



Karen Lawson
Music
karen@stmaustin.org



Cindy Acosta
Childcare Center
cindy1@stmaustin.org



Debra Lohrstorfer
Office Administrator
debra@stmaustin.org



Liz Franklin
Reception
efranklin@stmaustin.org



Jennifer Bibbo
Social Outreach
jbibbo@stmaustin.org

Faith Formation (512) 258-1944



Jill Goeters
Director
jill1@stmaustin.org



Johanna Isburgh
Assistant Director
johanna@stmaustin.org



Casey McMillan
Elementary School Coordinator
cmcmillan@stmaustin.org



Andrea Cochran
Middle School Coordinator
andrea@stmaustin.org



Logan Mayes
Life Teen Coordinator
logan@stmaustin.org



Dawn Rouen
Adult Faith
drouen@stmaustin.org

Preschool (512) 258-1721



Cindy Acosta
Director
cindy1@stmaustin.org



Julie Olesen
Assistant Director
jolesen@stmaustin.org

Council Chairpersons

Jeremy Brown
Pastoral Council

Don Rosenberg
Finance Council

Parish Contact Information

Main Phone (512) 258-1161

Main Fax (512) 258-8812

Address 10205 N FM 620
Austin, TX 78726

Website stmaustin.org

Parish Office Hours

MONDAY-FRIDAY

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

PARISH LIFE

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, August 6th

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 Parishioners8 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 Gottardis10:15 a.m. - noon **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**
(Life House)10:45 a.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Phil Vondrak5 p.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Ricardo Alberto TrevinoMonday, August 7thMemorials of St. Sixtus, II, Pope & Martyr & Companions, &
St. Cajetan, Priest

Nm 11:4b-15 | Ps 81 | Mt 14:13-21

8:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Tom JacksonTuesday, August 8th

Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest

Nm 12:1-13 | Ps 51 | Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

6:30 - 7:30 a.m. **Men's Scripture Share** (Life House)8:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: Elva Penalva9 - 10 a.m. **Library Open**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)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 9thMemorial of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,
Virgin & Martyr

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35 | Ps 106 |

Mt 15:21-28

8:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: Marcos GonzalesWEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9th (CONT'D)9 - 9:30 a.m. **Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation** (Church:
Confessional & Holy Family Room)5:30 - 6 p.m. **Evening Prayer** (Church)6 - 7 p.m. **Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation** (Church:
Confessional & Holy Family Room)7:30 - 8:30 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** (Parish Activity Center
(PAC): St. Thomas More Room)Thursday, August 10th

Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10 | Ps 112 | Jn 12:24-26

8:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: Rev. Keith Koehl9:30 - 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, August 11th

Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin

Dt 4:32-40 | Ps 77 | Mt 16:24-28

8:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: Most Rev. Joe S. Vásquez9 - 10 a.m. **Library Open**Saturday, August 12th

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a | Ps 85 | Rom 9:1-5 | Mt 14:22-33

3 - 4:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation** (Church:
Confessional & Holy Family Room)5 p.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Sharon Flynn Brubaker &
† Kenneth KuenziSunday, August 13th

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a | Ps 85 | Rom 9:1-5 | Mt 14:22-33

7:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Florence & Nicholas DeSanto8 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: † Michael Passi

5 p.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: Knights of Columbus #9997 &
† Zachary Hardin

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 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

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 or twenty-five years) and graduations.



Help Feed our Priests!

If you are interested in providing a meal to our priests from time to time, email Debra Lohrstorfer at debra@stmaustin.org to be added to the Meal Train. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Stewardship of Treasure Report

Weekly

July 29th & 30th Collection:
\$49,176



Amount Needed Weekly:
\$50,000

BELOW Weekly Budget:
\$824

Monthly

Collected Month to Date:
\$235,220



Amount Needed Month to Date:
\$250,000

BELOW Monthly Budget Pace:
\$14,780

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 to make a secure and convenient gift online.

Did you know?

Summer traveling is a great time to relax! We certainly miss you while you are gone. Traveling can also make it difficult to financially support St. Thomas More while away. In June, collections were \$33,000 under our budgeted needs for the month. Online giving can help ensure worry-free giving while on vacation. Please click the "Online Giving" button on our website to sign up for routine giving or to adjust the amount you are tithing. Your financial support ensures we can continue to support your spiritual needs! Thank you!

THE Gift Shop

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

Mark your calendars for our highly anticipated annual Garage Sale on August 20th! Discover an incredible array of discounted hidden gems, cherished treasures and faith-filled finds priced from 25¢ to \$10.

For new items and Gift Shop hours, you can now follow us on Facebook and Instagram at stmaustin.org/gift-shop.

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

Jack's Story

Did you know we have a vibrant and active Social Justice Ministry? The volunteers in this ministry encounter "the least of these," accompany them in their need and make Christ known to them. One of their volunteers, Jack, sat down with us to share why he's involved with the ministry and how he has been changed and helped by the people he's encountered. You can read his story at stmaustin.org/jacks-story.

"...the challenge is to make Christianity real in the 21st century. What's cool is the invitation that Jesus gives us 2,000 years ago, 'to come follow me.' This is true and resonates to this very day and what better way to do it than by example?"

- JACK MURRAY -

▲ If you're interested in our Social Justice Ministry, contact Sheri Zapata at (512) 619-4017 or fearlessheri_82@yahoo.com 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 for more information. Join us!

A Message from Bishop Vásquez

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Young Catholics are both the present and the future of the Church. They are a sign that the Mystical Body of Christ is alive and will remain so for generations to come. As our children and young people prepare to return to school, may we accompany them by modeling our own relationship with Christ; by living out our baptismal call to see the world through the lens of the Gospel of Life. We must always assure them of their integral role in our Catholic family, especially this local Church.

-Bishop Joe Vásquez



AUG 25 6 - 9 p.m. and August 26th, 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.

WORSHIP & 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	

Hear Ye Him

By Lisa Jose

In the Gospel today, God our Father makes a declaration: “This is my beloved Son.” And he issues a command: “Hear ye Him.” But how do we hear Jesus? The primary way Jesus speaks to us is through the Scriptures.

For example: Timothy was the pastor of the local church in Ephesus which was a center of pagan worship before St. Paul’s fruitful ministry there. So, it was only natural the young pastor would face many hurdles in setting up the church. But St. Paul, in his letter to Timothy, tells him he already has what he needs for his ministry—the Scriptures. The older apostle encourages him not to trust in the wisdom of men but in the Word of God and use that to instruct, to disciple and to correct. Similarly, God’s

command in the Gospel reminds us that the Bible is our life user manual. Every issue, difficulty, sickness and lack has a solution and it is found in the Word of God. So, for us Christians, the Bible should be our most used, read and re-read book.

When we take the time to study the Bible, we hear Jesus talking to us. He is always speaking; we just have to tune into the right frequency.

“Draw me after you! Let us run!”

- SONG OF SONGS 1:4 -

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

Tourist or Pilgrim?

By Lynn Wong

Click! My husband and I take a selfie in front of Trevi fountain, the massive Baroque sculpture oozing bubbly water behind us as we wrestle among tourists for a prime spot. Narrow streets radiate from the plaza giving way to cozy pizzerias and mouth-watering gelatos. We weave through the little shops and sample fares, haggling for knick-knacks to bring home to the kids. We laugh, hold hands like newlyweds and take in the night air. Then we dream of tomorrow, craving for more sights and tastes and all the culture Rome has to offer.

Silence. There are no cameras allowed here. Blink and one would miss the unassuming building. We enter. A woman smiles and gestures towards the stairs—Holy Stairs, the Scala Sancta, brought to Rome by St. Helena, Emperor Constantine's mother, and revered as the 28 marble steps Jesus climbed to Pilate on the day he was sentenced to death. Our walking shoes have no use here. We get down on our knees and begin our ascent. Pain shoots up from my knee to my back. I glance and see fellow pilgrims, my husband too, deep in prayer and their faith spurs me on. I stoop to kiss the glass-covered stains of Jesus' blood. I weep.

The day ends and we make our way back to Trevi fountain. Another scoop of our favorite gelato, still as scrumptious as before, yet something

had changed. We greet images of our Lady and our Lord peppered on street corners that had escaped us before. We chat with the vendors behind the wares, taking a moment to ask about their life. We banter with the diners seated near us. One final nighttime photo. The tourists at Trevi, no longer faceless travelers bustling about, but families not too different from our own. Each person worth every drop of Christ's precious blood.

Some thoughts for prayer and reflection:

Do you take special care of those closest to you in your pilgrimage to Heaven: your spouse, your children, the persons God has put on your path? Can you or your family participate in the vibrant ministries focused on helping couples and families?

For your family's remaining summer trips, can you plan a side trip or main visit to a church or pilgrimage site? On the road, can you recite the Rosary as a family, maybe offer it up for Pope Francis or for the fruits of World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal which concludes today?

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 lynngracewong.wordpress.com.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

August is National Make-A-Will Month

This is a perfect opportunity for you to think through your estate plans and prayerfully consider how to best steward the many blessings God has entrusted to you. To help you with this process, the Diocese of Austin has partnered with FreeWill. You can use this free online estate planning tool to create your will and safeguard all that you love. Get started on your plans today at FreeWill.com/AustinDiocese.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED



Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein.

Go to stma.cc/F230806a.



Clare and Francis

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare.

Go to stma.cc/F230806b.



The Transfiguration | Sacred Art

Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down with Raffaello Sanzio's painting, *The Transfiguration*, to discuss its theological meaning and how it can speak to us today.

Go to stma.cc/F230806c.

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.

A Stewardship Moment

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and in today's Gospel reading, we hear it proclaimed that on Mount Tabor, Peter, James and John caught a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. The event took place shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah. In today's second reading from Peter, we hear his personal testimony. This comes from a man who spent more than three years with Jesus. Peter witnessed his humanity. He saw Jesus hungry, tired and finally, rejected

and crucified. But he also saw Jesus feed the 5,000, walk on water, heal the sick and raise the dead. He saw Jesus in his glory when he was transfigured. He saw Jesus risen from the dead and ascend into Heaven with the promise that he is coming again in power and glory. **How strong is the stewardship of your own faith? Do you accept Peter's apostolic witness to Jesus as Christ? Does this testimony help you acknowledge and trust Christ Jesus as your Lord and savior?**

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

“On the threshold of his public life, Jesus performs his first sign—at his mother's request—during a wedding feast. The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence.”

- CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1613 -

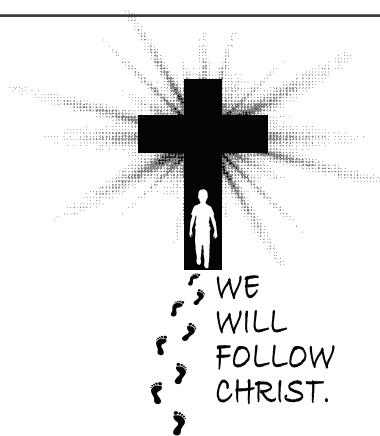
If you have ever wanted to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life, *The Catechism in a Year* podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz is for you! Start listening anytime and walk it with your parish community in monthly gatherings.

Next Gathering: August 10th
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 or contact Dawn at dawn@stmaustin.org or (512) 258-1944 x235.

FAITH FORMATION



“Often, understanding leads to faith, just as faith—once held—inevitably seeks understanding.”

- DR. MATTHEW NELSON -

Registration Opening Soon

Faith Formation Registration begins Thursday, August 17th. Please go to 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.

Faith Formation at St. Thomas More Parish

We offer faith formation opportunities for children kindergarten through 12th grade. Please accompany your child(ren) on their faith formation journey with Jesus! Children going into kindergarten and 1st grade are encouraged to begin Faith Formation classes to prepare for 2nd grade and the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Remember to sign your child(ren) up for Faith Formation classes starting August 17th!

SOCIAL OUTREACH & PASTORAL CARE

Catholic Social Teaching

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. Why did Jesus give these apostles this very brief experience of his glory? Because they would need that taste of His goodness for the road ahead. **How does Jesus continue to feed you as he walks with you on your journey of faith?**

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.

AUG
8

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 for more information.

Back to School Food Drive

The Social Justice Ministry is putting on its annual Back to School Food Drive in support of HopeAustin. The drive will run from Monday, August 7th through Sunday, September 3rd. Barrels will be outside the church doors for the next four weeks to collect the following:

⊕ Microwaveable mac & cheese cups

⊕ Squeezable apple sauce

Monetary donations can be made at hope4austin.org/donate.html. Help support children and families that suffer from food insecurity in our parish boundaries and surrounding communities. To learn more about HopeAustin, please visit hope4austin.org. To learn more about the Social Justice Ministry at STM please visit: stmaustin.org/social-justice-ministry.

The Green Spot

While fans do not cool down the air in a room, the airflow a fan creates over your skin can make you feel cooler. Keep cool by having a fan blow directly on you. When you leave the room, turn all fans off to save energy. This Green Spot was inspired by paragraph 211 of Laudato Si'.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



Did you know that 87 cents of every dollar donated to Catholic Charities of Central Texas goes directly towards helping a family in need? To learn more about the mission and work of Catholic Charities, including how you can donate and get involved, visit ccctx.org.

YCP is "Working in Witness for Christ"

Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit on a mission to challenge, train and inspire young adults working in various professions to "Work in Witness for Christ." The Austin Chapter of YCP invites all ages to get involved in the ministry:

⊕ 20s & 30s: Enjoy refreshments, find new friends and hear faith and career advice from local Catholic business leaders at various events!

⊕ 40+: Serve the young adults in your community as a mentor, board member or financial supporter of YCP.

YCP offers a variety of events to foster Catholic identity, encourage community and inspire action. To learn more and to check out some upcoming events, visit ycpaustin.org or facebook.com/YCPAustin.

"Love should, of course, be our only response to our Mother the Church."

- HENRI DE LUBAC -

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



Explore Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Austin

Catholic education offers students an opportunity to reach their full potential, not only academically, but also spiritually. Explore Catholic schools in the Diocese of Austin today. Tuition assistance and scholarship opportunities are available. All 20 Catholic schools in Central Texas are ready to welcome you and your family! Learn more at csdatx.org/explore.

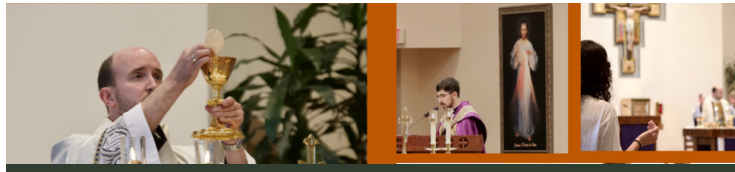
**AUG
11**

and August 12th

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 or (512) 923-2232. Purchase tickets at 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 7th by sending an email to giving@utcatholic.org or calling (512) 222-3426.

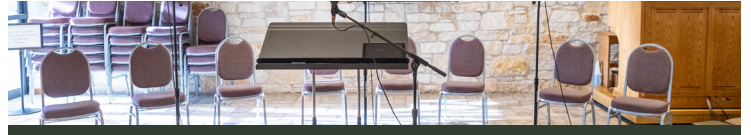
**AUG
18**

through August 20th

Retrouvaille Retreat

Wimberly, TX

The Retrouvaille program helps couples put the pieces of their marriage back together and rebuild loving relationships. It is primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. A Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. For more information and to register visit helpourmarriage.org and look for Austin Retrouvaille. You can also call Juan at (512) 550-3202.



**AUG
23**

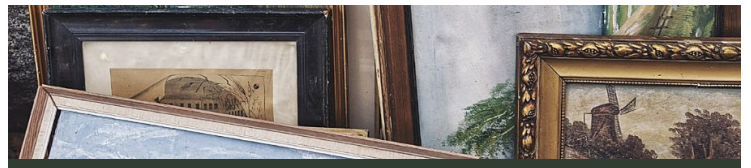
7 to 8:30 p.m.

Introduction to Music and the Liturgy

Microsoft Teams

If you are a music minister or liturgy coordinator or director looking to learn more about the role of music in the liturgy, then this webinar is for you! It will provide an overview of the universal and United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) documents on music in the liturgy and provide a theological and liturgical framework for the importance of music in the liturgy. It will also cover some basic principles for planning music in the liturgy. If you are not a music minister but are interested in music in the liturgy, you are also most welcome to join the webinar. More information, including how to join the webinar and past webinar recordings, can be found at austindiocese.org/formation-webinars.

▲ If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Becca Spellacy, director of the Office of Worship at rebecca-spellacy@austindiocese.org.



**AUG
26**

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Garage Sale

Benish Center, St. Margaret Mary Parish, Cedar Park

The Knights of Columbus are currently accepting new or gently used home decor, small appliances in working order, furniture, jewelry, clothing, books, games, toys, crafts and tools. For more information, email carlakayeast@gmail.com.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

GREECE

INCLUDING A 3 DAY AEGEAN CRUISE

11 Days October 15-25, 2023





Select International
PILGRIMAGE TOURS & CRUISES

For More Information Contact:
Select International Tours
800-842-4842 margot@select-intl.com
selectinternationaltours.com



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 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 or by calling (800) 252-5400.

After reporting to local law enforcement or DFPS, submit the form found at 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.

Learn more about Ethics and Integrity in Ministry at stmaustin.org/eim.

*Thank you to our
generous sponsors!*

Through the generous support of these sponsors, *The Bulletin* can be printed at no cost to our parish. When you need services, please consider using these sponsors and let them know you found about them through our bulletin.

 **Get this bulletin
emailed to you
every week.**

**Simply go to
www.DM.CHURCH/5040**

...or scan 

 **DISCOVERMASS**



North Austin
(737) 238-3752
South Austin
(512) 441-7444
San Marcos
(512) 214-8696

Join Our Team!
Body Tech • Detailer • Parts • Customer Service

AutocraftBodywerks.com

Family Owned
and Operated.
Parishioners at
St. Mary Cathedral.

 **NORTHWEST IMPORTS**
Foreign Car Specialists

 **www.nwimports.com**
service@nwimports.com
512.331.7372
13200 Pond Springs Suite C5
Austin, TX 78729
David Wostarek Owner

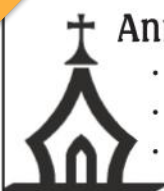
EUROPEAN	Porsche	BMW
Audi	Volvo	
Volkswagen	Mercedes-Benz	

ASIAN	Honda	Hyundai	Infiniti
	Lexus	Mazda	Nissan
	Subaru	Toyota	Acura

Kathye McGregor
Independent
Beauty
Consultant
843-327-4391
marykay.com/kmcgregor
Shop online with me 24/7

MARY KAY

Barry Warmerdam
Parishioner
NOTARY PUBLIC
(559) 908-2361
*Serving Cedar Park, Leander
& NW Austin*

 **Annunciation Austin**

- K-12 Catholic education at *St. Thomas More* with classes held Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Faith and family centered education model with school masses and spiritual formation
- An apostolate of Schoenstatt Movement of Austin

www.annunciationaustin.org



SOLEIL FLOORS

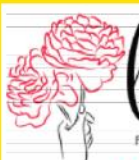
"A Name You Can Stand On"

TILE • CARPET
HARDWOOD
COUNTERTOPS
CUSTOM BLINDS

Stephanie
Hendrix
sales@SoleilFloors.com

512.218.0400

www.SoleilFloors.com



lafleur

FRESH FLOWER MARKET

Same Day Delivery
Online Ordering
In Store Pickup
Flower Market Shopping

www.lafleurflowermarket.com

10401 Anderson Mill Rd. #106 **512.377.9064**

PAUL T. MORIN, PC

ATTORNEY AT LAW, *Parishioner*
20 Minute Free Initial Consultation
pmorin@austin.rr.com
911 Ranch Rd. 620 N, Ste. 204
512-499-8200

Journeys by Jenelle

Jenelle Hatch
Luxury Travel Advisor



571.332.2171

journeysbyjenelle.com

Knights of Columbus



**St. Thomas More
Council
#9997**

STMKnights.org

★ JR 10TH GOLF TOURNAMENT

Supporting
ANNUNCIATION
MATERNITY HOME
OCT. 16, 2023
WHITE WING GOLF COURSE
SHOTGUN START @ 12 NOON

To play and/or sponsor Contact:
jmorgan@thematernityhome.org



DELUXE BARBER COLLEGE

512-719-9999
DeluxeBarberCollege.org

★ \$6 HAIRCUTS

1212
W. Parmer Ln.
Ste F, Austin



Now
Accepting
DARS
VA BENEFIT
FAFSA

Beck Funeral Home

FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED SINCE 1982

- CREMATORY
- FUNERAL SERVICES
- PREARRANGEMENTS

15709 Ranch Road 620, Austin/Round Rock
512-244-3772

1700 E. Whitestone, Cedar Park/Leander
512-259-1610

4765 Priem Lane, Pflugerville/Hutto
512-251-3500

www.beckchapels.com



512-996-9636
8300 N. FM 620

Open Tues - Sun 11a.m. to 9 p.m. for curbside and dine-in



ST. GABRIEL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Offering Pre-K 3 - 8th grade
Learn more at www.sgs-austin.org

RIVER PLACE OB GYN

Dr. John Thoppil

Parishioner
Austin Monthly Top Doctor

512.473.8300

www.riverplaceobg.com



Dr. Rachel Shepherd

6611 River Place Blvd., #202



Darren C Strozewski, P.E. Civil Engineering
Principal/Owner
Parishioner

Designing public traffic, transportation,
drainage, water & wastewater
treatment facilities for cities and counties
throughout Texas.

www.dcs-engineering.com

Austin, Texas

512.614.6171



Ranger Termite & Pest Control, Inc.

\$50 Off Complete Termite Job
**\$20 Off New Quarterly
Pest Control Service**

512-249-0326

Meche Campos Wettig

Residential Mortgage
Loan Officer
NMLS# 1584130

512-540-8553

Meche.Campos@thrivemortgage.com

ThriveMortgage.com/meche-campos

Se Habla Español

Branch NMLS# 1589210



**MY CLIENTS' INTEREST
ALWAYS COME FIRST!**

Global Real Estate Advisor Since '78
NW & Canyon Creek Resident Since '88
Parishioner

MARGARET PARMA

GLOBAL REAL ESTATE ADVISOR

c: 512.632.9519

realtor.margaretparma@gmail.com

margaretparma.kuperrealty.com/testimonials

Kuper Sotheby's
INTERNATIONAL REALTY

★ PERSONALIZED & COMFORTABLE LIFETIME DENTAL CARE



BUTTERCUP
DENTAL

STEVEN STANCEY, DDS
PARISHIONER

SCOTT SMITH, DDS
PARISHIONER

www.buttercupdental.com

901 CYPRESS CREEK RD., STE. 203, CEDAR PARK • 512-335-8121

PROUDLY SERVING CENTRAL TEXAS SINCE 1987



**Long Term Care Insurance
Medicare Supplement Insurance**

Mickey Batsell, CLU, CASL, Parishioner

Try Our Free Discount Drug Coupon!

Invite Your Friends To Try | <http://ndcpro.com/r/cmc/>

Call for a free consultation

mickeybatsell@mickeybatsell.com • 512.260.0051



River Place Vision Center

Dr. Dennis Smith, Parishioner

Routine & Medical Eye Care
Dry Eye Clinic

512.343.2020

www.RiverPlaceVision.com



Pure
REALTY

Shelly Kelly
& Associates

Real Estate
for
Real Change.

REALTOR®, CRS
Parishioner

(C) 512.567.5955

shelly@shellykelly.com

shellykelly.com

Senior Sitters

512-250-5800
seniorsittersusa.com

PARISHIONER

**HEAVENLY
CARE**

Feel the Heavenly
Difference

**Exceptional
Home Care**

512-432-5503

heavenlycaregivers.com

**Alice & Benny
Latino
Parishioners**

**CARY STREET
PARTNERS**

7000 North Mopac Expy | Suite 150 | Austin, TX 78731



Javier O. Larrea

Financial Advisor, Director
javier.larrea@carystreetpartners.com

512.275.0813

A HIGHER STANDARD



Dr. Bob
Owner/Parishioner

Excellent Care
at Affordable Prices

**BEST VET
336-WOOF**

www.bestvetaustin.com

8863 Anderson Mill Rd.
Ste. #105

**Free Exam for
New Customers
or 10% OFF
Services w/Ad**



**ANDREW
RANALLO
LICENSED MASTER
PLUMBER**

Parishioner since 1990

512.994.5670

tower@flyboyplumbing.com

flyboyplumbing.com

200 University Blvd Suite 225

#209 Round Rock, TX 78665



**OUR LADY OF THE
ROSARY CEMETERY
& PRAYER GARDENS**

Offering Spaces for
Cremation, Traditional
and Green Burials

For more information, please visit

www.olotr.com

or call 737-444-5234

Nyle
Maxwell
Family of Dealerships

St. William's Parishioner

NyleMaxwell.com



Jeep

DODGE



RAM



Austin Supercenter

512-219-3634

Taylor Original

512-218-5300



**Ame's
Cleaning**
331-9694

Ame Frezza, Parishioner

info@amescleaningaustin.com

SERVING AUSTIN'S RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL CLEANING NEEDS SINCE 1987

WE DO CARRY COVID-19 CLEANING PRODUCTS

12308 N. Hwy. 620, Austin, TX 78750

www.AmesCleaningAustin.com

