

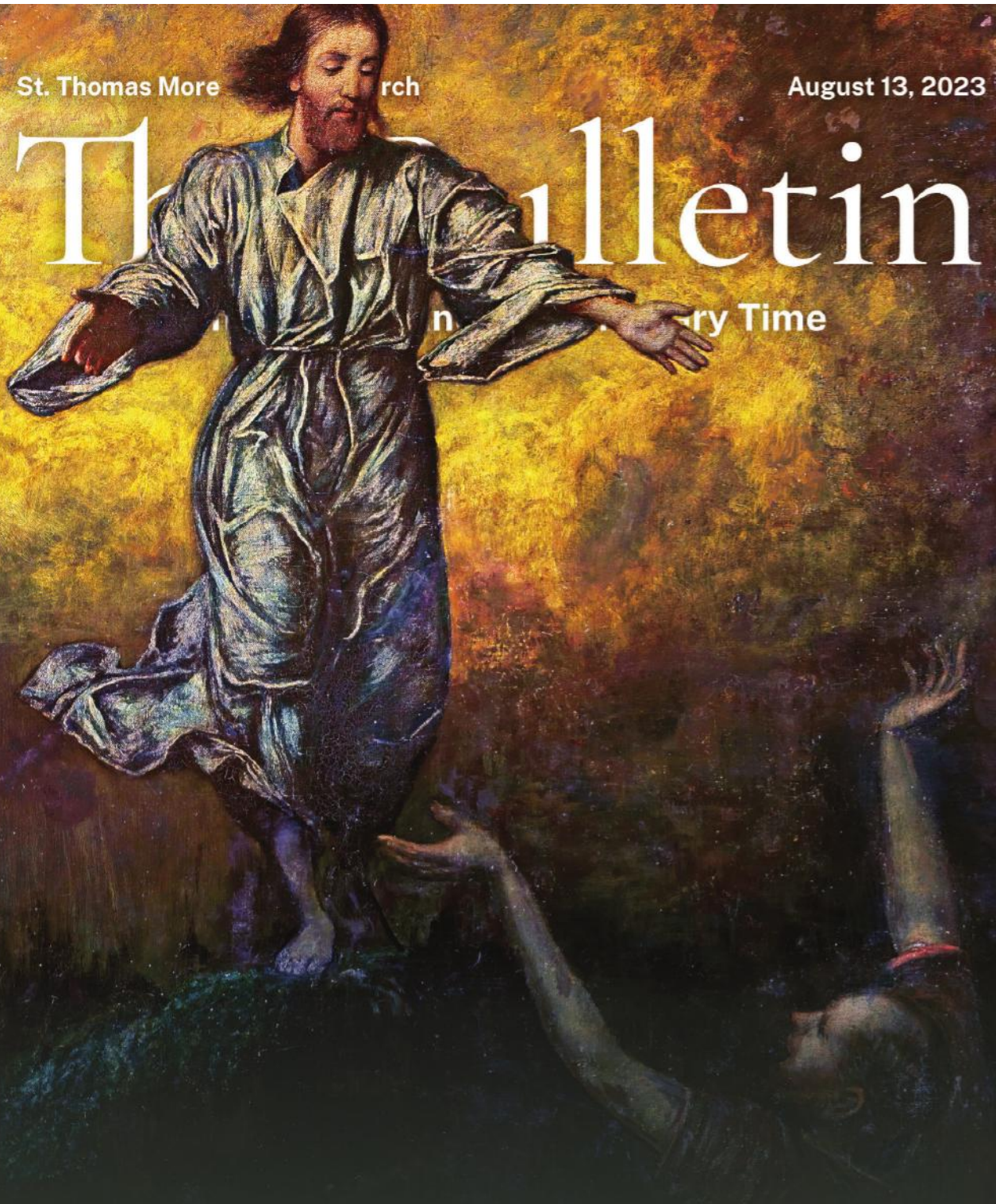
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Bulletin Deadlines

Submissions for the August 27th edition are due **by 11:59 p.m. on August 17th**. Submissions for the September 3rd edition are due **by 11:59 p.m. on August 24th**. 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

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(512) 258-1161, Opt. 1



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MONDAY-FRIDAY

9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

To sign up, please visit

stm.weadorehim.com.

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PARISH LIFE

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, 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 DeSanto

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: † Michael Passi

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

Monday, August 14th

Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

Dt 10:12-22 | Ps 147 | Mt 17:22-27

8:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: Magamzi Malunga & Orly Elizondo

Tuesday, August 15th

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab | Ps 45 | 1 Cor 15:20-27 | Lk 1:39-56

6:30 - 7:30 a.m. **Men's Scripture Share** (Life House)

8:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Jilda Ramirez Mora

9 - 10 a.m. **Library Open**

7 p.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: St. Thomas More Parishioners

7 - 8:30 p.m. **Rosary Prayer Group** (Parish Activity Center (PAC): St. Thomas More Room)

Wednesday, August 16th

Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary

Dt 34:1-12 | Ps 66 | Mt 18:15-20

8:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: Elva Pevalva

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th (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 - 9:30 p.m. **Men's Club** (Parish Activity Center (PAC))

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. **Alcoholics Anonymous** (Parish Activity Center (PAC): St. Thomas More Room)

Thursday, August 17th

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 | Ps 114 | Mt 18:21-19:1

8:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Mary Joseph

Friday, August 18th

Jos 24:1-13 | Ps 136 | Mt 19:3-12

8:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Judy McMinn

9 - 10 a.m. **Library Open**

Saturday, August 19th

Is 56:1, 6-7 | Ps 67 | Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 |

Mt 15:21-28

3 - 4:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation** (Church: Confessional & Holy Family Room)

5 p.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Dale Anderson

Sunday, August 20th

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7 | Ps 67 | Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 |

Mt 15:21-28

7:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Donna Duncan

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: 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: † Victor Linan

5 p.m. **Mass** (Church)
Intention: † Joseph M. Collieran

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

August 5th & 6th Collection:
\$48,529



Amount Needed Weekly:
\$50,000

BELOW Weekly Budget:
\$1,471

Monthly

Collected Month to Date:
\$48,529



Amount Needed Month to Date:
\$50,000

BELOW Monthly Budget Pace:
\$1,471

Did you know?

In the last fiscal year (ending in June 2023), your contributions helped fund nearly \$200,000 in capital improvements. Those partially include preschool playground upgrades, flooring and bathroom improvements in the Faith Formation building, security system improvements and Stations of the Cross cleaning. Thanks for investing in our parish!

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.

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.



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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.



AUG
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after the 7:30 and 9 a.m. Masses

Pancake Breakfast

Parish Activity Center (PAC)

On behalf of the parish, the Knights of Columbus will prepare a pancake breakfast for you! Come join your fellow parishioners and celebrate with pancakes and sausage. No fee is required, however, donations will be accepted.



OCT
9

11:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Mobile Loaves & Fishes Golf Tournament

The Golf Club at Star Ranch, Hutto

Gather your foursome! The cost is \$150 per player or \$600 for a foursome. There are sponsorship opportunities available. Visit stmnights.org/golf/order for more details and to register.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday, August 15th, the Church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary as a holy day of obligation. Our Mass schedule for this solemnity will be:

⊕ 8:30 a.m.

⊕ 7 p.m.

We look forward to celebrating this great feast with you at the holy sacrifice of the Mass!

SEP

28

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

The Gift of the Holy Eucharist

Religious Education Building: Brennan Auditorium

As part of the U.S. Bishop's Eucharistic Revival, Cedarbrake is offering a day retreat where Fr. Harry Dean will share insights on the Eucharist from a few saints, and Brian Egan will share Scripture passages about Our Lord who is truly present in the Eucharist. The retreat includes Mass and lunch. The cost is \$45. Please register through Cedarbrake at austindiocese.org/cedarbrake or call (254) 780-2436.

Prayer Requests

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

Let the Children Come

By Lisa Jose

Throughout the Bible, Abraham is called God's friend. He shared a unique relationship with God. But what made Abraham so special? The answer is found in the book of Genesis (18:19): God trusted Abraham to command his children to keep the way of the Lord. We see the results of Abraham's parenting in Isaac's life. He lives in prosperity and in the presence of the Lord.

In the book of Judges, it says there was a whole generation of Israelites who did not know their God or the mighty things He had done on their behalf. No one in the community took the time or thought it important to instruct the youth in the ways of the Lord. Needless to say, this generation fell into sin and captivity.

Jesus invites the children to come to Him but it is we parents, grandparents and caregivers who are responsible for how our children respond to Jesus' invitation.

In 1 Peter 2:9, we are called a royal priesthood and as kings, we have a duty to represent God and his ways to our children; as priests, we have an obligation to present our children to God in prayer.

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

“If our young people are the future of the Church, and they are, then the spiritual progress that they make is a special grace and a source of hope.”

-FR. MICHAEL VAN SLOUN-

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

A Stewardship Moment

Today's Gospel reveals what miraculous things can happen when one embraces a single-minded faith in Jesus Christ. Peter gets out of a wind-tossed boat when the Lord calls him. His faith is tested by his obedience to Jesus who is calling him out onto the water. In the midst of the waves and the wind, Peter gets out of the boat and walks toward Jesus. Good stewards heed Christ's call to them. Sometimes that call directs them to take on seemingly impossible challenges. **This week, reflect on how the Lord could be calling you out of the safety of your own "boat" to take on the impossible.**

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

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

From the Catechism this Week

"The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason, the family home is rightly called 'the domestic church,' a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity."

- CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1666 -

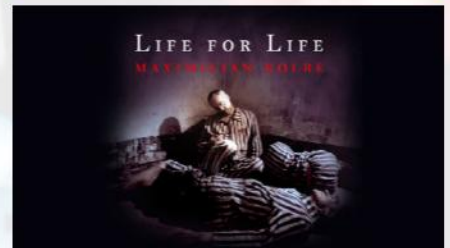
If you have ever wanted to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life, *The Catechism in a Year* podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz is for you! Start listening anytime and walk it with your parish community in monthly gatherings.

Next Gathering: September 14th
9:30 - 11 a.m. or 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Life House

We'll explore life in Christ including our calling and dignity (beatitudes, freedom, human acts and passions, moral conscience, virtues and sin) and community (society and participation in social life).

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

THIS WEEK ON FORMED



Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe

After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape—one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.

Go to stma.cc/F230813a.



A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: Assumption

What do you know about the Assumption? Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the theology behind this dogma of the Faith.

Go to stma.cc/F230813b.



St. Maximilian Kolbe | Lukas Storyteller

Inspired by the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Lukas helps his friends understand they should always be grateful for what they have.

Go to stma.cc/F230813c.

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.

FAITH FORMATION

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!



Introducing This Year's Theme

Since we're in the midst of a national Eucharistic revival, we feel our theme, Believe, will help us deepen our understanding of, appreciation for, and devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Here's some insight into the logo:

- ✦ Inside the "B" you'll notice a host representing the Body of Christ we are privileged to receive at Mass.
- ✦ Also inside the "B" are three drops. These drops can be interpreted as the Blood of Christ we receive at Mass or the blood referenced in the Book of Revelation (7:14). They could also be interpreted as the water of our Baptism — the start of our journey of belief.
- ✦ Speaking of the journey of belief, the yellow shape underneath the word is a path representing that journey.



Grow in Your Faith While Teaching

Elementary Faith Formation is looking for teachers. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents or grandparents to spend time with their loved ones! You can teach and grow in your own faith while watching your child build a friendship with Jesus.

We provide training, a partner, materials, support and guidance. Please discern if God is calling you to help our elementary-aged children. Please contact Casey McMillan, Elementary Faith Formation coordinator at cmcmillan@stmaustin.org or (512) 258-1944 x221 if you are interested and/or have any questions.

SOCIAL OUTREACH & PASTORAL CARE

Catholic Social Teaching

When Peter gets out of the fishing boat to meet Jesus, he is certainly leaving his comfort zone! Being a disciple calls us to places that will stretch us. Don't be afraid to leave your comfort zone by joining a jail or prison ministry team; writing or talking with a legislator; studying Catholic teachings that make you uncomfortable; allowing a poor person to befriend you; becoming a foster family. Jesus sends us to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth; sometimes that might not even mean leaving our town or city. **How is Jesus calling you to leave your comfort zone?**

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.

The Green Spot

Cooler cooking is smart in the summer. Avoid cooking meals that require the use of your oven when it's summer; don't have your A/C and oven compete. Do you have an outside grill or appliances like a crock-pot, pressure cooker, range top, etc.? These appliances may be able to do your cooking with less energy and less heat thereby saving energy.





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 through Sunday, September 3rd. Barrels will be outside the church doors for the next four weeks to collect the following:

- ⊕ Microwaveable mac and 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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



The Refugee Resettlement Services program at Catholic Charities is dedicated to helping refugees adjust to their new life here in Central Texas. Services through this program include employment assistance, educational system navigation, cash assistance programs, assistance in accessing public benefits and refugee health insurance. To learn more, including how to access these services, call (512) 651-6125 or visit ccctx.org/refugee-resettlement-services.

annunciationaustin.org or scan the QR code with your phone's camera. Please contact the director of education, Jackie Horton, at director@annunciationaustin.org or (512) 591-8101 if you have any questions or to apply.



Livestreamed Daily Mass

Daily Mass is livestreamed from the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception (the chapel at the Diocese of Austin's Pastoral Center) at noon on weekdays. Join the livestream at austindiocese.org/watch.

**AUG
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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.

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 12th-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

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



**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.

**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 for more information and to register. Should you have questions, please call (512) 949-2464 or email dccs-activities@austindiocese.org.

**SEP
8**through September 10th

Marriage Encounter Experience

Wingate Hotel, Round Rock

Attention married couples: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience is a weekend opportunity to focus on your marriage, improve your communication, deepen your intimacy and spend quality time together, free of distractions. Every marriage deserves such tender, loving care—in a private setting where you share only with each other. Come and experience the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony in a whole new way! Sign up today to attend the upcoming WWME Experience. Early registration is highly

recommended. For more dates, information and to apply go to austinme.org or email wwmeaustin@gmail.com or call (512) 677-WWME (9963).

**SEP
8**through September 10th

Silent Retreat

Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center, Temple

This silent retreat, inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, will be hosted by the Miles Christi religious order. It's a retreat dedicated to helping the lay faithful grow holiness. To register and for more information, visit mileschristi.org/spiritual-exercises or call (858) 768-0872.

**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 or call (254) 780-2436.

**SEP
20**

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

ACP Quarterly Luncheon

Hyatt Regency, Austin

The Assembly of Catholic Professionals (ACP) provides a unique formation opportunity for Catholic lay professionals to grow in faith. ACP serves as a Catholic community forum for developing one's faith and working toward a common cause. The next speaker will be George Weigel, a distinguished senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center. He is a Catholic theologian and one of America's leading public intellectuals. Learn more at austindiocese.org/acp.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

GREECE

INCLUDING A 3 DAY AEGEAN CRUISE

11 Days October 15-25, 2023





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 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.

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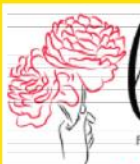
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