

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

September 17, 2023

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## Adoration Schedule

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**

9 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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### Parish Office Hours

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**

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

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## PARISH LIFE

## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30 - 28:7 | Ps 103 | Rom 14:7-9 | Mt 18:21-35

- 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. **Breakfast Tacos** (Courtyard)
- 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)
- 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. **Adult Study: Lectio: Eucharist** (Religious Education Building: Rooms 213-215)
- 10:45 a.m. **Mass** (Church)  
Liturgy of the Word for Children available  
Intention: † Rose Hale & † Lee Wiegand
- Noon - 1:15 p.m. **Elementary Faith Formation** (Religious Education Building)
- Noon - 1:15 p.m. **Elementary Faith Formation Parent Meeting** (Religious Education Building: Brennan Auditorium)
- 5 p.m. **Mass** (Church)  
Intention: † Jose Jenny Dumancas & † Arunkumar Alexander
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Life Teen Lector Ministry Training** (Church)
- 6:30 - 8 p.m. **Life Teen** (Parish Activity Center (PAC))
- 6:30 - 8 p.m. **Middle School Faith Formation** (Religious Education Building: Brennan Auditorium)

Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

1 Tm 2:1-8 | Ps 28 | Lk 7:1-10

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)  
Intention: Libania Gonsalves & † Moises Robinson
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Grief & Loss Support Group Luncheon** (Life House)
- 4 - 5:15 p.m. **Elementary Faith Formation** (Religious Education Building)
- 4 - 5:15 p.m. **Elementary Faith Formation Parent Meeting** (Religious Education Building: Brennan Auditorium)
- 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. **Elementary Faith Formation** (Religious Education Building)
- 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. **Elementary Faith Formation Parent Meeting** (Religious Education Building: Brennan Auditorium)

Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

Memorial of St. Januarius, Bishop &amp; Martyr

1 Tm 3:1-13 | Ps 101 | Lk 7:11-17

- 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. **Men's Scripture Share** (Life House)
- 8:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)  
Intention: † Michael Wegletner
- 9:30 - 11 a.m. **Adult Study: Walking with Purpose: Opening Your Heart** (Parish Activity Center (PAC))
- 4 - 5:15 p.m. **Elementary Faith Formation** (Religious Education Building)
- 4 - 5:15 p.m. **Elementary Faith Formation Parent Meeting** (Religious Education Building: Brennan Auditorium)
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Home Study Materials Pick Up** (Religious Education Building: Brennan Auditorium)
- 6:30 - 8 p.m. **Pastoral Advisory Council** (Pastoral Offices Building: St. Joseph Conference Room)
- 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. **Man Up** (Life House)
- 7 - 8:30 p.m. **Adult Study: Walking with Purpose: Opening Your Heart** (Parish Activity Center (PAC))

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> (CONT'D)7 - 8:30 p.m. **Rosary Prayer Group** (Parish Activity Center (PAC): St. Thomas More Room)Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

Memorial of St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, &amp; St. Paul

Chŏng Ha-sang &amp; Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 3:14-16 | Ps 111 | Lk 7:31-35

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)  
Intention: † William Koehl
- 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)
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Home Study Materials Pick Up** (Religious Education Building: Brennan Auditorium)

Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle &amp; Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 | Ps 19 | Mt 9:9-13

- 6 - 7:30 a.m. **Man Up** (Parish Activity Center (PAC))
- 8:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)  
Intention: † Luis Centeno
- 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Ethics & Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Workshop** (Religious Education Building: Brennan Auditorium)
- 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. **Ethics & Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Workshop** (Religious Education Building: Brennan Auditorium)
- 7 - 8:30 p.m. **Asset Protection Workshop** (Life House)

Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

1 Tm 6:2c-12 | Ps 49 | Lk 8:1-3

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)  
Intention: † St. Thomas More Parishioners
- 9 - 10 a.m. **Library Open**

Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

Is 55:6-9 | Ps 145 | Phil 1:20c-24, 27a | Mt 20:1-16a

- 8 a.m. - noon **Blood Drive** (Life House)
- 3 - 4:30 p.m. **Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation** (Church: Confessional & Holy Family Room)
- 5 p.m. **Mass** (Church)  
Intention: † Katelyn Uhl

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9 | Ps 145 | Phil 1:20c-24, 27a | Mt 20:1-16a

- 7:30 a.m. **Mass** (Church)  
Intention: † Mary & Stephen Pastva
- 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Gift Shop Open**
- 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Coffee & Donuts** (Courtyard)
- 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Library Open**
- 9 a.m. **Mass** (Church)  
Intention: † Barbara Matikas
- 10:15 a.m. - noon **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** (Life House)
- 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. **Adult Study: Lectio/Eucharist** (Religious Education Building: Rooms 213-215)
- 10:45 a.m. **Mass** (Church)  
Liturgy of the Word for Children available  
Intention: St. Thomas More Parishioners
- Noon - 1:15 p.m. **Elementary Faith Formation** (Religious Education Building)
- 5 p.m. **Mass** (Church)  
Intention: † Ken Anderson
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Life Teen Alter Server Training** (Church)

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6:30 - 8 p.m.

Life Teen (Parish Activity Center (PAC))

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Middle School Faith Formation (Religious  
Education Building: Brennan Auditorium)

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 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.

## Stewardship of Treasure Report

### Weekly

September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Collection:  
\$47,387



Amount Needed Weekly:  
\$50,000

**BELOW Weekly Budget:**  
**(-\$2,613)**

### Monthly

Collected Month to Date:  
\$74,152



Amount Needed Month to Date:  
\$100,000

**BELOW Monthly Budget Pace:**  
**(-\$25,848)**

### Did you know?

Contributions were off pace in August. Please consider enrolling in electronic giving to set up recurring gifts so your contributions continue even when you are out of town. To do so, visit [stmaustin.org/give](https://stmaustin.org/give). Thanks for your generosity that helps us provide for our parish community.

**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.



## Ministry Fairs

This week, we focus on our Marriage and Family Life, Communications and Gift Shop ministries! Please stop by the courtyard to learn more about these ministries and get some delicious breakfast tacos from the Knights of Columbus:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ✚ Called To Be Mom (CTBM) | ✚ L.O.V.E. Ministry            |
| ✚ Catholic Single Parents | ✚ Worldwide Marriage Encounter |
| ✚ Childcare Center        | ✚ Creative Apostolate          |
| ✚ Engaged Sponsor Couples | ✚ Gift Shop                    |

Here's a preview of who will be at our future fair:

**September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Liturgy and Prayer

## THE Gift Shop

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

Check out our table at the Ministry Fair this weekend. We are looking for three volunteers to help with each of our Saturday and Sunday evening Masses from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. We are also looking for additional volunteers for Sundays from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and for individuals who could volunteer during the week.

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

*"Thanks is the highest form of thought."*

-G.K. CHESTERTON-

## Ethics & Integrity in Ministry (EIM) Workshops

- ⊕ Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 a.m.
- ⊕ Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- ⊕ Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.
- ⊕ Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- ⊕ Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

All workshops will be held in Brennan Auditorium and last approximately three hours. In order to pre-register for a workshop, start by creating an account or logging into your account at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org). Contact Debra Lohrstorfer at (512) 258-1161 x214 or [debra@stmaustin.org](mailto:debra@stmaustin.org) with any questions.

**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 [stmknights.org/golf/order](http://stmknights.org/golf/order) for more details and to register.

**OCT 23**

7 to 8:30 p.m.

## Read, Reflect, Rejoice! Book Discussion

Library

### *Riding the Dragon* by Robert J. Wicks

Worry is a spiritual treadmill that is debilitating because it glues us to the problem. Concern is a very different process and can open us to hidden possibilities. Simple concern is quite powerful because it involves us in the problems of life without allowing us to get trapped by them. Learn to discern between the two processes. Join us for a discussion of *Riding the Dragon* by Robert J. Wicks as he delivers 10 lessons for inner strength in challenging times. Let us know you are coming by registering at [stmaustin.org/book-discussions](http://stmaustin.org/book-discussions). You are welcome to join the discussion even if you have not read the book! Books are available for purchase in the Gift Shop.

*"In the end, it is not how much darkness there is in the world, your country, Church, family or even in yourself that really matters. It is how you stand in that darkness that is the real issue."*

-ROBERT J. WICKS-

▲ Dr. Wicks writes about the intersection of spirituality and psychology, and is a well-known speaker, therapist and spiritual guide who has taught at universities and professional schools of psychology, medicine, social work and theology for more than 30 years. He is a recipient of the Holy Cross Por Ecclesia et Pontifice, the highest medal that can be awarded to the laity by the papacy for distinguished service to the Catholic Church.

## WORSHIP & PRAYER

### 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

Ramona Kaauamo

Frank Kelly

David Kresta

Mary Kubala

Linda Lange

Laura Lavergne

Skye Lohraum

Charles McCourt

Jason Mikolajek

Fr. Michael O'Connor

Jim O'Donnell

Barbara Ohradzansky

Trent Overall

JJ Pacelli

Sr. Carolyn Pelzel

Sylvie Pignot

Trent Rinehart

Dennis Robinson

Consuelo Rodriguez Brown

Dorothy Thompson

Andy Turner

Stan Urban

Jennifer Wiegand

Kerry Wolf

Christopher Younger

Luke Zouzalik

We also pray for the well-being of our fellow parishioners who are homebound or nursing home residents.

*"Apart from the Cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to Heaven."*

-ST. ROSE OF LIMA-

## Be Still...

By Lynn Grace Wong

My sweet child,

Even before you took your first step, I knew the greatness that lived inside you roaring to shine. I could see the wonderful choices you would make, the intensity of mind and heart you would pour into everything you do and the joy you would bring to those you love deeply.

And though falls and faults would taunt you and rob you of your peace. I knew my love would never waver nor fade. My hand would always be there for you to take as you did in those first wobbly steps.

I have given you my very self. The world has never seen someone like you, and it never will again. You are made for eternity. So go, my child, do not bury your talents and do not leave sad like the rich young man. Set your light on a

lamp stand, put out a little more into the deep, and be not afraid.

Your Father,

God

## Some thoughts for prayer and reflection...

- ✚ What talents has God given me? Could he be calling me to share these talents with our parish through its various ministries? Am I ready to launch out into the deep and answer his call?
- ✚ Do I help each of my children grow in self-knowledge (to know their strengths and challenges) so he/she can serve God and others better?
- ✚ Do I remind my children often that they are a child of God and Heaven is their ultimate goal?

Lynn Grace Wong is a parishioner of St. Thomas More and is a member of the Catholic Writers Guild. She is also a proud mom to five. Connect with Lynn at [lynngacewong.wordpress.com](https://lynngacewong.wordpress.com)

## Ministry Training is Coming

Are you being called to use your talents through liturgy? We need hospitality ministers, lectors, altar servers, sacristans and Eucharistic ministers. Scan this QR code with your phone's camera or visit [stma.cc/lmts23b](https://stma.cc/lmts23b) to see a calendar of trainings or pick up a hard copy in the narthex.



*"One merits more by devoutly assisting at a Holy Mass than by distributing all of his goods to the poor and traveling all over the world on pilgrimage."*

-ST. BERNARD

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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](https://austindiocese.org/cedarbrake) or call (254) 780-2436.

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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 & STEWARDSHIP

## A Stewardship Moment

Today's Gospel reading continues Jesus' instructions on being good stewards of others — the direction that if we love Jesus Christ, we must forgive an individual 77 times. The reading compels us to consider one of the most difficult practices of Christian discipleship. Forgiveness is the way of Jesus, the way of the cross. Vengeance,

bitterness and hatred seem so much easier and certainly more desirable. Forgiveness is a hard road to travel, but it is the only road that leads to life in Christ. Consider this week who you need to forgive.

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



FALL 2023

# Adult Faith



Saint Thomas More  
Catholic Church

## The Catechism in a Year

2nd Thursday of the month / 9:30 - 11 a.m. or 7 - 8:30 p.m. / Life House  
Understand the essentials of the Catholic faith and why they matter in this dynamic podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz.



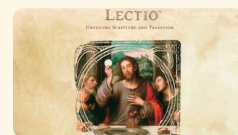
## Lectio: Eucharist

Sundays starting September 10th / 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. / Room 213  
Acclaimed teacher Dr. Brant Pitre digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist in this ten-week study.



## Opening your Heart: Walking with Purpose

Tuesdays starting September 19th / 9:30 - 11 a.m. or 7 - 8:30 p.m.  
Join women in finding answers to life's biggest questions in the riches of the Catholic faith.



## Parish Mission: Paul J. Kim

December 4th, 5th and 6th / 7 - 8:30 p.m. / Church  
Join Paul J. Kim as he helps us rediscover Catholicism, renew our families and marriages, and live the Eucharist in this Advent parish mission!



## Book Discussion: Riding the Dragon

Monday, October 23rd / 7 p.m.  
Face the "dragons" of stress, discouragement, burnout and unexpected changes that everyone struggles with in their daily lives in this book discussion.



## Cedarbreak "On the Road" Retreat

Monday, October 28th / 9 a.m. / Brennan Auditorium  
Gain insights on the Eucharist from the saints and scripture with Fr. Harry Dean and Brian Egan from Cedarbreak.



## Man Up

Thursday starting September 7th at 6 a.m. or Tuesdays starting September 12th at 7p.m. Connect with other guys and grow in faith. Come join us for Man Up!



## Young at Heart

2nd Tuesday each month / 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. / Brennan Auditorium  
Join fellow parishioners, ages 55 plus, for fellowship, food and fun each month!



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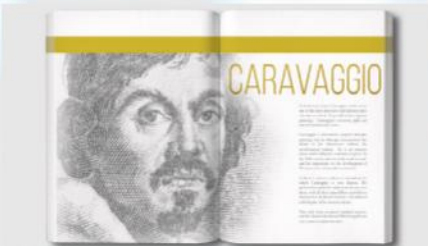
## THIS WEEK ON FORMED



### **Padre Pio: Miracle Man**

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering.

Go to [stma.cc/F230917a](http://stma.cc/F230917a).



### **The Calling of Matthew**

Dr. Tim Gray provides an extended analysis of Caravaggio's *The Calling of St. Matthew*.

Go to [stma.cc/F230917b](http://stma.cc/F230917b).



### **The Reluctant Saint: The Story of St. Joseph Cupertino**

This film portrays the life of St. Joseph of Cupertino, the humble Franciscan friar who literally rose to sainthood. With the support of the local bishop who sees in him more than others do, and by a series of miraculous events, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.

Go to [stma.cc/F230917c](http://stma.cc/F230917c).

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## Encountering Christ Campaign Update

The Encountering Christ Campaign (ECC) is a capital and endowment campaign to raise \$85,000,000 in gifts and pledges for local parish needs while strengthening ministries, Catholic education and faith formation, supporting our clergy and enhancing growth across the diocese. Our parish goal was to achieve \$3,525,000 in donations. Of every contribution made toward this campaign, 30% of your donation returns directly to our parish making it possible to make improvements and updates on an ongoing basis. **As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the contributions received back to our parish total \$385,537.12!** Thank you so much for your support of this campaign.

## Interested in Supporting Catholic Schools?

Did you know you can create or contribute to an existing endowment fund with the Catholic Foundation–Diocese of Austin to support the mission of our Catholic schools for generations? You don't even have to use assets you have today. Consider making a gift in your will to be used to fund the endowment. Contact Dan Wierzbowski at (512) 949-2496 or go to [catholicfdn.org](http://catholicfdn.org) for more information.

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7-8:30 p.m.

## Asset Protection Workshop

Life House

Explore asset protection planning and why you need it in this workshop by Rob Hugos, partner and director of advanced planning at Texas Trust Law, PLLC. The workshop covers how the process works and the preparations you can take to help protect your assets from creditors and those who prey on the finances of innocent family members. The workshop is free, but please RSVP at [bit.ly/DOAapw](http://bit.ly/DOAapw).

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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through November 12<sup>th</sup>, Sundays, 10:30-11:45 a.m.

## Lectio: Eucharist Bible Study

Religious Education Building: Room 213

Dig down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist in this ten-week study by acclaimed teacher Dr. Brant Pitre. Learn more and sign up at [stmaustin.org/adult-faith](http://stmaustin.org/adult-faith) or contact Dawn at [dawn@stmaustin.org](mailto:dawn@stmaustin.org) or (512) 258-1944 x235.

## New Women's Bible Study

Are you interested in getting together with other women to explore your faith? Would you like to see how the Scriptures apply to your everyday life? If so, we invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose (WWP) at St. Thomas More beginning Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11 a.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. Opening Your Heart, the two-semester foundational study, is designed for women new to WWP as well as those with more Bible study experience. If interested, please sign up at [stmaustin.org/wwp](http://stmaustin.org/wwp) or scan the QR code with your phone's camera. The cost is \$50 to cover the Bible study book for both semesters.



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## From the Catechism this Week

*"The first work of the grace of the Holy Spirit is conversion, effecting justification in accordance with Jesus' proclamation at the beginning of the Gospel:*

*'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*

*(Mt 4:17) Moved by grace, man turns toward God and away from sin, thus accepting forgiveness and righteousness from on high. 'Justification is not only the remission of sins, but also the sanctification and renewal of the interior man. (Council of Trent (1547): DS 1528)"*

- CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 1989 -

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:** October 12<sup>th</sup> | 9:30 - 11 a.m. or  
7 - 8:30 p.m. | Life House

We'll explore salvation (grace, justification and holiness) and the love of God.

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

## FAITH FORMATION

### Welcome Back!

Faith Formation Classes begin Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

Elementary and middle school parents: after you drop your children off in class, please join us in Brennan Auditorium on the first day of class for a parent meeting.

### High Schoolers & Core Team Members

Practice your servant leadership and deepen your relationship with Christ—come serve at the Sunday 5 p.m. Mass this year as a minister. Attend Life Teen Minister Training after the Sunday 5 p.m. Masses. Come to one or all! See you in the church Sundays, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

- ✚ September 17<sup>th</sup>: Lector Training
- ✚ September 24<sup>th</sup>: Altar Server Training
- ✚ October 1<sup>st</sup>: Hospitality Training



## SOCIAL OUTREACH & PASTORAL CARE

### Catholic Social Teaching

**T**he Scripture readings for the great feast remind us of Christ's merciful love and sacrifice for us. Jesus emptied himself for our sake and gave his life for our salvation. **How do I mirror God's love in the world? What sacrifices am I willing to make? Are they only for those near to me, my family and friends? How can I show merciful and sacrificial love for strangers or even enemies? What act of love or sacrifice can I make for the poor, a prisoner or an enemy this week in gratitude for the great love God has shown to me?**

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](https://austindiocese.org).

*"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."*

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## Baby Banks are Coming!

In October, Respect Life Month, we will host this campaign to foster greater respect for the sanctity of human life. In this post-Roe era, we as a Church need to be islands of mercy for those facing a crisis pregnancy, parenting challenges or seeking healing after abortion. Your donation will help the efforts to help walk with moms and families in need in our parish and throughout the diocese and provide formation and education in the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Patti Gallen at [pattigallen@gmail.com](mailto:pattigallen@gmail.com).

## Extreme Heat

### Season of Creation: September 1<sup>st</sup>-October 4<sup>th</sup>

2023 is set to be the hottest year on record! As the frequency of heat waves, record-setting temperatures and wild fires increase, it's vital to learn about the effects of extreme heat. If greenhouse gas emissions contributing to global warming are not addressed, temperatures will continue to rise and threaten human lives. To learn more and get involved with the season, please visit [stmaustin.org/cct](http://stmaustin.org/cct) or email [creationcareteam@stmaustin.org](mailto:creationcareteam@stmaustin.org).

## Grief and Loss Support Group

If you or someone you know is struggling with the loss of a loved one, please prayerfully consider attending (or 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 who have lost a loved one. If you are struggling with a divorce or other life event, please consider our Stephen Ministry. You can learn more at [stmaustin.org/sm](http://stmaustin.org/sm).

**When:** Mondays, October 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 27<sup>th</sup> (excluding November 20<sup>th</sup> for the Thanksgiving holiday), 9:30-11 a.m.

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

To register for the fall session, please go to [stmaustin.org/grief-loss](http://stmaustin.org/grief-loss). For more information, please reach out to Donna Carl, Grief & Loss Ministry leader, at [donnacrl@yahoo.com](mailto:donnacrl@yahoo.com).

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## Rally for the Climate Emergency

St. Mary Cathedral, Austin

Calling all Catholics! In support of restoring God's creation to have clean water and air, abundant biodiversity, rich soil quality, protecting human health from conception to natural death and bearing witness to the climate emergency we face, you are invited to the south steps of the Texas State Capitol. Come stand and raise your voice for those whose voices are not heard, suffering from environmental injustice and racism. Catholics will gather at St. Mary Cathedral for

prayer before proceeding to the capitol at 11:45 a.m. as a people of faith. Learn more at [facebook.com/laudatositexas](https://facebook.com/laudatositexas) or [instagram.com/laudatositexas](https://instagram.com/laudatositexas).

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8 a.m. - noon

## Blood Drive

Life House

We are hosting our next blood drive and it's not too early to sign up. To make an appointment visit [stma.cc/WAB230923](http://stma.cc/WAB230923) or scan the QR code with your phone's camera. For questions specific to our drive, contact Steve Isaacson at [sisaacson51@gmail.com](mailto:sisaacson51@gmail.com) or (936) 525-9503. If you have eligibility questions, call We Are Blood at (512) 206-1108.



▲ We Are Blood is a local non profit that serves Central Texas only. By donating locally we're making sure all Central Texans will continue to have access to life giving blood when they need it.

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## Senior Day Out

Anderson Mill Baptist Church, Austin

Our Drive a Senior Northwest ministry is excited to offer a wonderful service opportunity to help our senior neighbors. You can help serve lunch and/or play games with our seniors. If you'd rather, you can sign up to bring a portion of the lunch. Visit [stma.cc/SGsdol23](http://stma.cc/SGsdol23) to see all the ways you can help. Please consider how you can help our awesome senior community. Any questions, please reach out to Daniele Lea at [daniele@chezlea.com](mailto:daniele@chezlea.com).

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9 a.m.

## Friends of the Poor Walk

St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, Austin

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to join us in giving a voice to the voiceless and serving our neighbors in need. There will be breakfast, door prizes and Karen will be there to lift us up in song. Live out our Gospel calling with family and friends. Visit [fopwalk.org/team/3136](http://fopwalk.org/team/3136) or scan the QR code with your phone's camera to register or donate to any walker on team We Do More. Alone we can do little, together We Do More! Thank you for your generosity and support!



▲ Learn more about the Society at [stmaustin.org/svpd](http://stmaustin.org/svpd).

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4 - 4:30 p.m.

## Blessing of the Animals

Courtyard

In honor of St. Francis, the patron saint of ecology, come to the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Blessing of the Animals. The blessing starts promptly at 4 p.m., so arrive earlier if needed. Please have your pets restrained either in a carrier or on a 6' leash. Also, please be prepared to clean up after your pet.

## 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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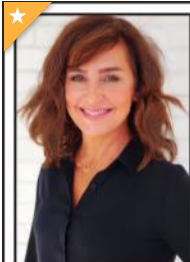


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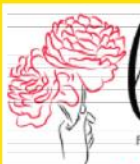
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