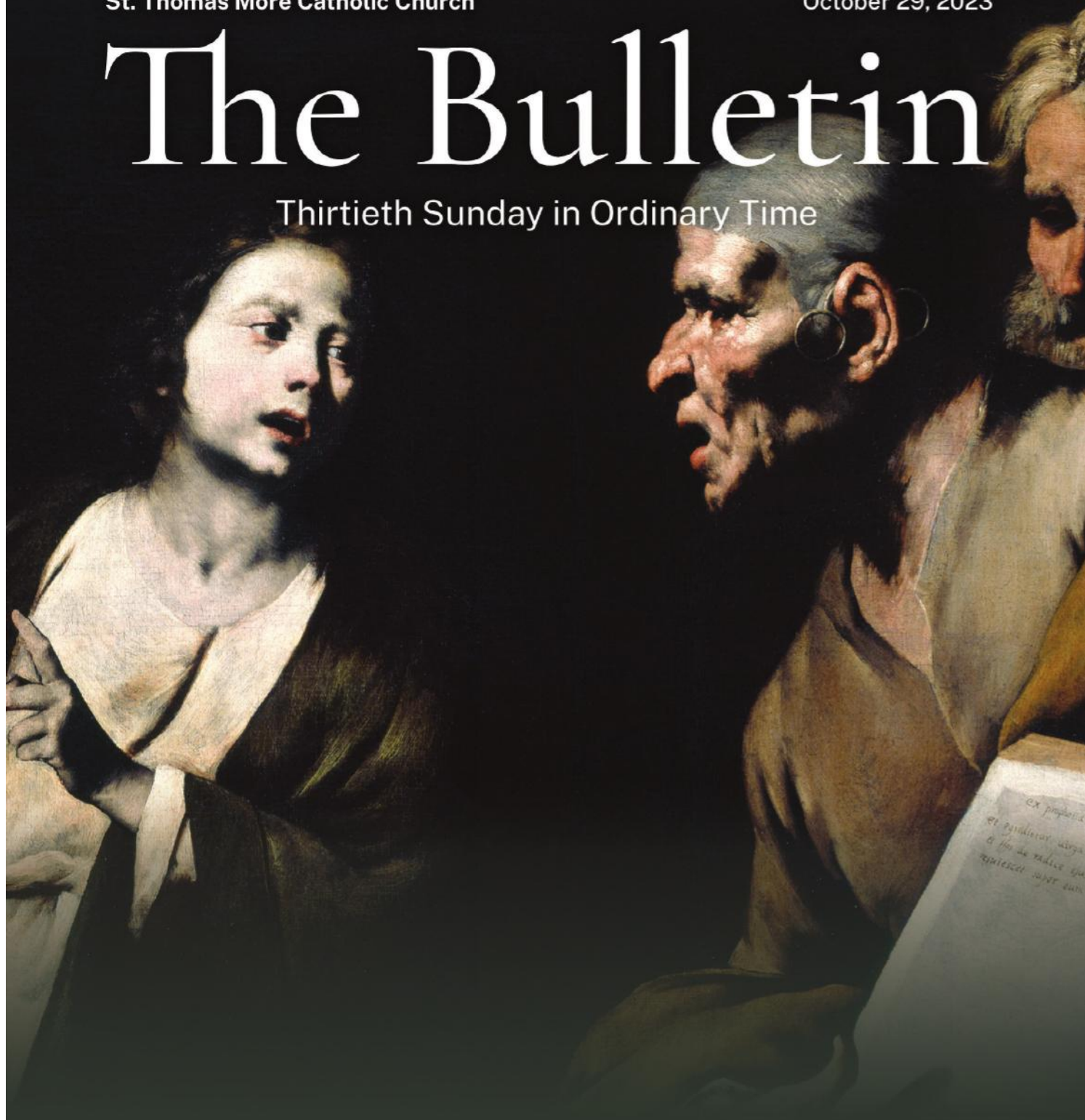


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PARISH LIFE

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 29th

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26 | Ps 18 | 1 Thes 1:5c-10 | Mt 22:34-40

7:30 a.m.	Mass (Church) Intention: † Jack D. Tiernan
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)
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	Adult Study: Lectio/Eucharist (Religious Education Building: Rooms 213-215)
10:45 a.m.	Mass (Church) Intention: St. Thomas More Parishioners Liturgy of the Word for Children available
Noon - 1:15 p.m.	Elementary Faith Formation (Religious Education Building)
5 p.m.	Mass (Church) Intention: David Dunn & Mari Payne
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, October 30th

Rom 8:12-17 | Ps 68 | Lk 13:10-17

8:30 a.m.	Mass (Church) Intention: † Rudy & Adela Novosad
4 - 5:15 p.m.	Elementary Faith Formation (Religious Education Building)
6:30 - 7:45 p.m.	Elementary Faith Formation (Religious Education Building)

Tuesday, October 31st

Rom 8:18-25 | Ps 126 | Lk 13:18-21

6:30 - 7:30 a.m.	Men's Scripture Share (Life House)
8:30 a.m.	Mass (Church) Intention: Julian Dunn & Isabel Payne
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)
7 - 8:30 p.m.	Adult Study: Walking with Purpose: Opening Your Heart (Parish Activity Center (PAC))
7 - 8:30 p.m.	Rosary Prayer Group (Parish Activity Center (PAC): St. Thomas More Room)

Wednesday, November 1stSolemnity of All Saints - **Holy Day of Obligation**

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 | Ps 24 | 1 Jn 3:1-3 | Mt 5:1-12a

8:30 a.m.	Mass (Church) Intention: St. Thomas More Parishioners
Noon	Mass (Church) Intention: St. Thomas More Parishioners
5:30 - 6 p.m.	Evening Prayer (Church)
6:30 - 8 p.m.	Middle School Bible Study (Religious Education Building: Room 105)

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

Thursday, November 2nd

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Wis 3:1-9 | Ps 23 | Rom 6:3-9 | Jn 6:37-40

6 - 7:30 a.m.	Man Up (Parish Activity Center (PAC))
8:30 a.m.	Mass (Church) Intention: St. Thomas More Parishioners
7 p.m.	Mass (Church) Intention: St. Thomas More Parishioners

Friday, November 3rd

Rom 9:1-5 | Ps 147 | Lk 14:1-6

8:30 a.m.	Mass (Church) Intention: † Mary Dunn
9 - 9:30 a.m.	Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (Church: Confessional & Holy Family Room)
9 - 10 a.m.	Healing Prayer (Church)
9 - 10 a.m.	Library Open

Saturday, November 4th

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 | Ps 131 | 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 |

Mt 23:1-12	
3 - 4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation (Church: Confessional & Holy Family Room)
5 p.m.	Mass (Church) Intention: † Camardo & Forst Family Members

Sunday, November 5th

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 | Ps 131 | 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 |

Mt 23:1-12	
7:30 a.m.	Mass (Church) Intention: † Raul Escalante
8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Gift Shop Open
8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Pancake Breakfast (Parish Activity Center (PAC))
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: † Baldemar L. Garcia
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) Intention: Fazzone & Aprea Families Liturgy of the Word for Children available
Noon - 1:15 p.m.	Elementary Faith Formation (Religious Education Building)
3 - 4 p.m.	Confirmation Orientation Make Up Session (Life House)
5 p.m.	Mass (Church) Intention: St. Thomas More Parishioners
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 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

October 21st & 22nd Collection:
\$49,671



Amount Needed Weekly:
\$50,000

BELOW Weekly Budget:
(-\$329)

Youth Stewardship:
\$273

World Mission Sunday:
\$4,465

Monthly

Collected Month to Date:
\$175,719



Amount Needed Month to Date:
\$200,000

BELOW Monthly Budget Pace:
(-\$24,281)

Youth Stewardship Month to Date:
\$1,084

Thank You!

A hearty thanks to everyone who submitted pledge cards to increase your financial giving. Every donation we receive helps us to better serve YOU. If you didn't fill out a pledge card, please prayerfully consider increasing your tithing. If you haven't been giving, it's never too late to start! Head to stma.cc/give to get started. Thank you!

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.



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.

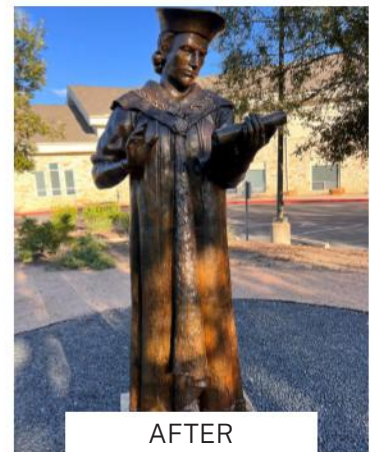
St. Thomas More Statue Restoration

Our facilities team and their partners have done an excellent job refurbishing our beloved patron's statue. The cleaning and resealing of the statue will ensure it stands for generations as a reminder of the virtue we are called to pursue, as modeled by St. Thomas More.

Thank you for supporting our parish! Your support helps us care for the physical resources that have been entrusted to us.



BEFORE



AFTER

Knights of Columbus Nut Sales

The Knights of Columbus holiday nuts sales will start after all Masses on November 11th and 12th and will continue for the next two weekends. Starting in November, we are accepting online orders for nut sales products at nuts.stmknight.org. See the website for details on picking up your online order. In December, we resume sales after Masses on the 9th, 10th, 16th and 17th. We accept cash, checks and credit cards. All proceeds from this sale benefit seminarians studying for the priesthood and other worthy charitable causes. The Knights will be selling pecans, almonds, walnuts, cashews, chocolate-covered nuts, candy-coated pretzels and other nut items. Plan now to buy for your needs for holiday cooking, snacks and fun while supplies last!

NOV
5

After all morning Masses

Pancake Breakfast

Parish Activity Center (PAC)

Scout Troop 159 invites you to enjoy a great breakfast and connect with your parish community. The cost is \$5 per person and kids three and under free. The troop has been active at STM for over 40 years and we are excited to bring back this fun tradition. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the troop, please reach out to our scoutmaster Mike Nunnery at munnery357@gmail.com.



NOV
10

9:30 a.m. - noon

Parenting with Joy

Brennan Auditorium

Join Called To Be Mom (CTBM) for this discussion! CTBM meets monthly and also offers monthly playdates and semi-monthly mother's nights out. Please RSVP at

NOV
11

6-9 p.m.

Thanksgiving, Eucharist & Marriage Dinner

Parish Activity Center (PAC)

What does the Eucharist have to do with your marriage? Join the L.O.V.E. Married Couples Ministry as Deacon Thomas Suniga shares insight on the relationship between these Sacraments of unity and charity. Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving side and/or dessert to share. Please RSVP at stma.cc/LOVE2311.

NOV
14

11 a.m.

Young at Heart Luncheon

Brennan Auditorium

Let's get together for the next Young at Heart (YAH) lunch meeting. We will celebrate Thanksgiving with a catered luncheon with turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, turkey gravy and ham, plus veggies, rolls, desserts and drinks at \$15 a plate. The theme is: "Fostering Gratitude in Your Life." Please pay at stmaustin.org/yah by Tuesday, November 7th at the latest.

▲ New to YAH? Contact Dawn at (512) 258-1944 x 235 or dawn@stmaustin.org for more information. Join us!

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
Brendan Huey
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
Sylvie Pignot
Trent Rinehart
Dennis Robinson
Consuelo Rodriguez Brown
Dorothy Thompson
Andy Turner

Stan Urban
Barbara Wiegand
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.

The School of Mary

By Lynn Grace Wong

Children learn to read on the laps of their parents, so the popular saying goes. We cherish those moments of seeing our kids wide-eyed as we read their favorite book for the nth time. As for our children, their minds and hearts seem to take everything in. How mom and dad smile and laugh as we hug and tuck them in. They repeat our 'um's, reflect the liveliness of our eyes in theirs, and mirror the way we speak, learning as much from both what we say and how we say things, taking in our mannerisms and quirks. And we hope that long after the bedtime stories fade, the sweetness of the time we spent together will linger with them and remind them that they are always loved.

As a child of Mary, we too can sit on her lap and learn from her as we lovingly say the Rosary. From the first words of the Creed, we echo Mary's trust in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Every "Hail Mary full of grace," like a rose offered to her one after the other. And the supplication, "Pray for us sinners," a humble request to our mother to please whisper good things about us to our Father God. Mary seems to remind us in the repeated "Amen" to constantly say yes to God. And with her help,

the mysteries come alive in our imagination as though we were contemplating the life of her son Jesus through her Immaculate Heart.

The world may shun or scoff at the repetition, the routine. But parents never tire of hearing their children say, "I love you."

Some thoughts for prayer and reflection...

- ✚ Do I help my children see Mary as their mother too? Maybe teach them how lines of the Hail Mary are based on Scripture. Or ask the little ones to make Mama Mary smile by being kind to others.
- ✚ As October—the month of the rosary—draws to a close, can I pray the rosary with my family to thank our Lady for all she has done for my family, my parish and my country?
- ✚ For world peace, can I offer my next Rosaries (maybe dedicate a decade) especially for this intention? Our Lady of Peace, pray for us.

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 lynngracewong.wordpress.com

Holy Days Schedule

Wednesday,
November 1st
All Saints Day

A Holy Day of Obligation

✚ 8:30 a.m.

✚ Noon

✚ 7 p.m.

Due to the Mass schedule, there will be no confessions offered this day

Thursday,
November 2nd
All Souls Day

✚ 8:30 a.m.

✚ 7 p.m.



Join our Christmas Choirs

Our Music Ministry is already preparing for Christmas, and we need help! We are really looking for singers for the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve*, Midnight, 9* and 10:45 a.m.* Christmas choirs. You can find our other needs and a rehearsal schedule at stmaustin.org/music. Contact Ren at ren.macnary@gmail.com to discuss your questions or how you can join!

*These choirs do not require rehearsals!

NOV 3 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.

October is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary

Come pray with us on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the St. Thomas More Room of the Parish Activity Center (PAC)

Liturgical Ministers' Commissioning

All our new and returning liturgical ministers will be commissioned at the Masses on October 28th and 29th. Please attend one of these Masses and be sure to sign in at the table in the back so your name can be sent to the diocese.

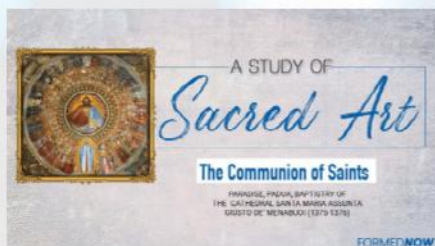
THIS WEEK ON FORMED



St. Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

St. Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose to willingly spend himself in the service of his flock.

Go to stma.cc/F231029a.



The Communion of Saints | Sacred Art

In celebration of All Saints' Day, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss Giusto de' Menabuoi's *Paradise* and how the saints give us hope by showing us that holiness is possible.

Go to stma.cc/F231029b.



Brother Francis - All Souls Day

Kids learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.

Go to stma.cc/F231029c.

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

There is one command that summarizes this weekend's Gospel: to love. For Jesus, there is no distinction between these two commands of loving God and neighbor. One naturally flows from the other. In fact, for Jesus, these commands constitute a way of life for Christian stewards; a unique approach to life and to their relationship with others. Our neighbors include everyone with whom we come into contact: family members, friends, people we don't like, strangers and particularly those most in need of our love and compassion. Love calls us to open our hearts and do more to help others grow closer to the Lord. **How might we follow Christ's love command more fervently?**

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

Catholic Services Appeal

Today, we come together as a community of faith to generously give to the Catholic Services Appeal (CSA), which supports the important mission and ministries of our diocese. This year's theme is Be a Miracle. With your gift, you will be a miracle providing the light and hope of Christ to thousands of people. The CSA allows us to care for active and retired priests, help those in need, promote a culture of life, encourage vocations, educate our youth and so much more. Our goal is 100% participation. Your gift, no matter how large or small, makes a difference in the lives of those who Christ calls us to love most. Please complete and return your pledge card or make a secure gift online at austindiocese.org/csa/give.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Save the Dates: Parish Advent Mission

Featuring renowned speaker and musician, Paul J. Kim.

- ⊕ **December 4th:** I was Raised Catholic ... And I'll Never Leave the Faith
- ⊕ **December 5th:** Renewing the Family
- ⊕ **December 6th:** Living the Eucharist

From 7 to 8:30 p.m. each night.

Learn more at stmaustin.org/mission. More details to follow!

BE A MIRACLE



"Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

—Matthew 17:20

Your Gifts at Work!

Your gift is a powerful reminder of the miracles that can happen through our united efforts. We serve the poor, hungry and homeless, form future priests to serve, educate our young, provide religious education programs, minister to the sick and elderly and much more!



51%—\$3,295,000
Clergy Formation



11%—\$694,000
Spirituality & Worship



17%—\$1,065,000
Life, Charity & Justice



7%—\$448,000
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Parish & School Grant Program



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From the Catechism this Week

*“In creating men ‘male and female,’ God gives man and woman an equal personal dignity.’ (FC 22; Cf. GS 49 # 2) ‘Man is a person, man and woman equally so, since both were created in the image and likeness of the personal God.’”
(MD 6)”*

- CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2334 -

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: November 9th
9:30-11 a.m. or 7-8:30 p.m.
Life House

We'll explore the guides for love of neighbor that we find in the Ten Commandments (family, respect for life, chastity, social teachings, living in truth, purification and poverty of the heart).

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

FAITH FORMATION

Middle School Bible Study

Join us for Wednesday Bible Study/Game Night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Religious Education Building, Room 105, where we will dive into the readings for the upcoming Sunday and end with a game.

OCT 29 6-8 p.m.
Edge Social Night
Parish Activity Center (PAC)

Music, games and candy. Pizza and concessions will be sold. All middle schoolers are welcome! For more information, contact Andrea Cochran at andrea@stmaustin.org.



SOCIAL OUTREACH & PASTORAL CARE

Catholic Social Teaching

This Sunday, we hear the equation that love of God equals love of neighbor. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote this in his encyclical *God is Love*: “Anyone who needs me and whom I can help is my neighbor. The concept of ‘neighbor’ is now universalized, yet it remains concrete. Despite being extended to all mankind, it is not reduced to a generic, abstract and undemanding expression of love, but calls for my own practical commitment here and now ... Love of God and love of neighbor have become one: in the least of the brethren we find Jesus himself, and in Jesus we find God.” (#15)
Who is the neighbor we are called to love right now?
How will we show concrete love for them?

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.

Make a Strong Finish with Your Baby Bank

Remember to donate any spare pocket change to your Baby Bank. Your donation will help mothers and families in crisis pregnancies to flourish. Join the efforts in our parish and the diocese to become islands of mercy in a sea of indifference. Walking with Moms in Need initiative, the Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, Sidewalk Ministry, Pro-Life Line and more will receive funds from this campaign. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Patti Gallen at pattigallen@gmail.com.

Join Us for Respect Life Month

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month. Learn more at respectlife.org/celebrate. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every



human life.

40 Days for Life

This is a volunteer-based prayer campaign that draws attention to the injustice of abortion. Be a part of something that is saving women and babies from the tragedy of abortion. Your presence WILL help save lives and convert hearts. If you would like to participate on another day, there are many opportunities to sign up for at centraltexascoalition.com/signup.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

radical
solidarity



Diaper Donation Drive

The Knights of Columbus are collecting the following items for the John Paul II Life Center:

- ⊕ Diapers (sizes newborn to 6)
- ⊕ Wipes
- ⊕ Baby toiletries (lotion, wash, diaper cream)
- ⊕ Adult Toiletries (body wash, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes)
- ⊕ Adult diapers

Items may be placed in the bassinet outside of the church.

Knights of Columbus Silver Rose Mass

At the 9 a.m. Mass on October 29th, share the message of our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life. Learn more at: stma.cc/KOCsr

Resources

To learn more about the 2023 USCCB Respect Life program, please visit usccb.org/prolife. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has a wealth of information and resources. Every life is cherished, chosen and sent.

▲ If you have any questions or need additional assistance please email Patti Gallen, the Respect Life Ministry Leader at STMRespectLife@stmaustin.org.

SVdP Thanksgiving Food Drive

Benefitting St. Thomas More's MLF Pantry and the Vincentian Family Center Food Pantry

October 28th through November 19th

We ask you to share your blessings with our neighbors in need this Thanksgiving by bringing nonperishable food items. Barrels will be outside the church after all Masses.

Your generosity makes a difference. The Vincentians of St. Thomas More are most grateful for our families, our community and God's blessings. Alone we can do little, together "We Do More."

- ⊕ Canned Items
- ⊕ Beans
- ⊕ Chicken/Tuna
- ⊕ Chili/Pasta/Chunky Soup
- ⊕ Peanut Butter/Jelly
- ⊕ Pasta Sauce
- ⊕ Vegetables
- ⊕ Fruit/Applesauce
- ⊕ Dry Items
- ⊕ Cereal/Oatmeal
- ⊕ Pasta/Rice
- ⊕ Mac & Cheese
- ⊕ Instant Mashed Potatoes
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Advent Giving Tree

It's almost time for our annual Advent Giving Tree. Each year, the ministry helps make the Christmas season more joyous for numerous Central Texas families. The Giving Tree provides gifts and gift cards to families and individuals — some who are STM parishioners and some who are being assisted by local nonprofits. Tags for you to select will hang from trees on two weekends: November 18th/19th and 25th/26th. Please prayerfully consider what your family can do to support the Giving Tree this year. Thank you for your generosity!

Support Drive a Senior Northwest

Get some holiday shopping done early and grab a few meals for the family while supporting Drive a Senior Northwest all at the same time! Order some FUNpasta at stma.cc/FPFdsnw! There are super cute pasta shapes, great soups, gift packs, vegan options and more!



Catholic Charities of Central Texas' Immigration Legal Services offers legal assistance to individuals and families eligible to apply for immigration benefits, including family reunification, humanitarian relief, Temporary Protected Status, Removal Defense, as well as services for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. If you or someone you know needs services, call (512) 651-6125.

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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.

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