

St. Thomas More Catholic Church

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# The Bulletin

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## Bulletin Deadlines

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## Adoration Schedule

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

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

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### Parish Office Hours

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 5 p.m.



## PARISH LIFE

## This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

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 & Apreda 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)Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

Rom 11:29-36 | Ps 69 | Lk 14:12-14

8:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: Orta Family &amp; † Guadalupe Payne

4 - 5:15 p.m.

**Elementary Faith Formation** (Religious Education Building)

4 - 5:15 p.m.

**Faith Formation Parent Church Tour** (Church)

6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

**Elementary Faith Formation** (Religious Education Building)

6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

**Faith Formation Parent Church Tour** (Church)Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

Rom 12:5-16ab | Ps 131 | Lk 14:15-24

6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

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

8:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Susan Eveler

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.

**Faith Formation Parent Church Tour** (Church)

6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

**Faith Formation Parent Church Tour** (Church)

7 - 8:30 p.m.

**Adult Study: Walking with Purpose: Opening Your Heart** (Parish Activity Center (PAC))

7 - 8:30 p.m.

**Man Up** (Life House: Main Room)

7 - 8:30 p.m.

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

7 - 9 p.m.

**Life Teen Bible Study** (Life House: Back Room)Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

Rom 13:8-10 | Ps 112 | Lk 14:25-33

8:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Sue Simpson &amp; † Eleanor Larson

9 - 9:30 a.m.

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

5:30 - 6 p.m.

6 - 7 p.m.

Confessional &amp; Holy Family Room)

**Evening Prayer** (Church)**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, November 9<sup>th</sup>

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 | Ps 46 | 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 |

Jn 2:13-22

6 - 7:30 a.m.

**Man Up** (Parish Activity Center (PAC))

8:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Ann Riccio

9:30 - 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, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Memorial of St. Leo the Great, Pope &amp; Doctor of the Church

Rom 15:14-21 | Ps 98 | Lk 16:1-8

8:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Francis J. Mijares

9 - 10 a.m.

**Library Open**

9:30 a.m. - noon

**Called to Be Mom** (Religious Education Building: Brennan Auditorium)Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Wis 6:12-16 | Ps 63 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14 |

Mt 25:1-13

3 - 4:30 p.m.

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

5 p.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: St. Thomas More Parishioners

6 - 9 p.m.

**L.O.V.E. Night** (Parish Activity Center (PAC))Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16 | Ps 63 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 1 Thes 4:13-14 |

Mt 25:1-13

7:30 a.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: Rev. Will Combs &amp; The Brothers of the Beloved Disciple

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: † Military Veterans from St. Thomas More Parish

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: † Ruben & Ismael Quidato  
Liturgy of the Word for Children available

Noon - 1:15 p.m.

**Elementary Faith Formation** (Religious Education Building)

5 p.m.

**Mass** (Church)

Intention: † Christa &amp; Julie Weger

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

October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Collection:  
\$35,394



Amount Needed Weekly:  
\$50,000

**BELOW Weekly Budget:**  
**(-\$14,606)**

Youth Stewardship:  
\$247

### Monthly

Collected Month to Date:  
\$211,113



Amount Needed Month to Date:  
\$250,000

**BELOW Monthly Budget Pace:**  
**(-\$38,887)**

Youth Stewardship Month to Date:  
\$1,331

### Thank You!

Have you seen the new benches and station markers in the outdoor Stations of the Cross? Thank you for your contributions toward these improvements. The next step will be to add trees to replace what we lost in February's freeze.

**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.



## 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](mailto:asanchez@stmaustin.org). Milestones can include the birth of children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, etc., Baptisms, sacramental marriages, wedding anniversaries (in increments of ten or twenty-five years) and graduations.



## Knights of Columbus Nut Sales

The Knights of Columbus holiday nuts sales will start after all Masses on November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and will continue for the next two weekends. Starting in November, we are accepting online orders for nut sales products at [nuts.stmknight.org](https://nuts.stmknight.org). See the website for details on picking up your online order. In December, we resume sales after Masses on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 [stmaustin.org/ctbm](http://stmaustin.org/ctbm). Childcare is available for children one year and older. Babies are welcome to join us in the auditorium. Please contact Kathyryne at [ctbm@stmaustin.org](mailto:ctbm@stmaustin.org) with any questions.



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](http://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](http://stmaustin.org/yah) by Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

▲ New to YAH? Contact Dawn at (512) 258-1944 x 235 or [dawn@stmaustin.org](mailto: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

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 Way Up is Down

By Lisa Jose

Throughout the Bible, we see God use seemingly unqualified people: Moses—a man with a stutter to stand and speak in Pharaoh’s court; David—a juvenile shepherd to fight a giant; Peter—a fisherman who wasn’t very skilled at his craft to build up the Church. Today’s Gospel is a reminder that God doesn’t see people as we see them. God looks at the heart. He desires our humility. He needs hearts that can be molded to pursue the things of God. What these simple-minded people in the Bible prove to us is that when we humble ourselves before God and trust in Him we find ourselves surrounded by supernatural favor and moving from success to success. Simply put the way up is down. Humility is key.

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

## Mark Your Calendar: Parish Advent Mission

December 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> | 7 - 8:30 p.m.  
Church

Evening #1 (12/4): I Was Raised Catholic... And I’ll Never Leave The Faith!

So many Catholics fall into the trap of knowing things about Jesus intellectually, but not knowing Him in their hearts. In this first night of the mission, speaker, singer and inspirer Paul J. Kim shares how our Catholic faith is the most profound gift we’ve been given and that we’re meant to live for more! Learn more at [stmaustin.org/mission](https://stmaustin.org/mission).



## Join our Christmas Choirs

Our Music Ministry is already preparing for Christmas, and we need help! We are really looking for brass and wind players for the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve as well as the 9 and 10:45 a.m. Christmas Masses. You can find our other needs and a rehearsal schedule at [stmaustin.org/music](https://stmaustin.org/music). Contact Ren at [ren.macnary@gmail.com](mailto:ren.macnary@gmail.com) to discuss your questions or how you can join!

## FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

### A Stewardship Moment

In today’s Gospel, Jesus lays judgment on the scribes and pharisees for the hypocritical way they lived out their faith. The criticisms he levies are all about the ways righteousness turns into self-righteousness, and how religious belief could turn into something that was more about elevating themselves than about what they could do for God or their neighbor. Good stewards know that discipleship means finding ways to serve, and searching for ways to be a servant—to live as a servant of Christ. When faith is authentically lived out in community, everyone is enriched, and God is glorified. **Reflect this week on how you live out your faith.**

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

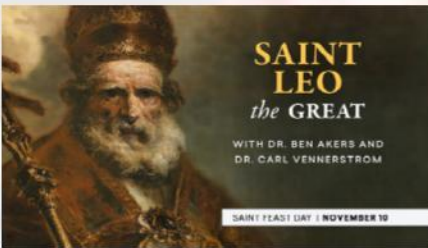
### Make a Big Impact with Your Year-End Giving

You may soon begin thinking of the charitable gifts you want to make before the end of the year. Consider these questions as you plan: What assets would you like to donate to charity? What organizations are on your charitable gift-giving list? Did you remember to include St. Thomas More Catholic Church, the Diocese Austin, a Catholic school, Catholic Charities, or the Catholic Foundation – Diocese of Austin on your list? Don’t forget to check your list twice. You can make a lasting impact on the Diocese of Austin and its ministries for generations to come and save on taxes at the same time! Contact Dan Wierzbowski at (512) 949-2496 or visit us online at [austindiocese.myplannedgift.org](https://austindiocese.myplannedgift.org) for more information.

*“I would rather die and come to Jesus Christ than be king over the entire earth.  
Him I seek who died for us; Him I love who rose again because of us.”*

- ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH -

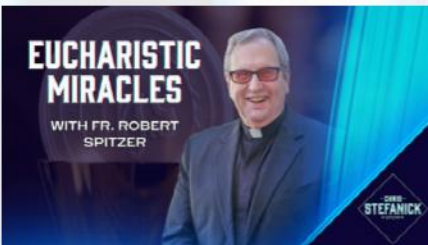
## THIS WEEK ON FORMED



### St. Leo the Great | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vannerstrom as they discuss St. Leo the Great, who served as pope during the tumultuous time of the Council of Chalcedon.

Go to [stma.cc/F231105a](https://stma.cc/F231105a).



### The INCREDIBLE Eucharistic Miracles w/Fr. Robert Spitzer | Chris Stefanick Show

Did you know there are miracles that back up the true presence of the Eucharist? It's true! Fr. Robert Spitzer shares about the incredible science behind them.

Go to [stma.cc/F231105b](https://stma.cc/F231105b).



### The Church Needs More Saints w/ Jason Evert | SEEK23

Using the example of Pope St. John Paul II, Jason Evert discusses the importance of interior life in the mission of evangelization.

Go to [stma.cc/F231105c](https://stma.cc/F231105c).

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### From the Catechism this Week

*"Love is the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being."*

- CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2392 -

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 9<sup>th</sup>

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](https://stmaustin.org/ciy) or contact Dawn at [dawn@stmaustin.org](mailto:dawn@stmaustin.org) or (512) 258-1944 x235.

## SOCIAL OUTREACH & PASTORAL CARE

### Catholic Social Teaching

In today's Psalm, we pray, "In you, Lord, I have found my peace." However, we are about to enter a very busy season. **How do you continue to find peace during this busy time of holidays and holy days?**

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).

### SVdP Thanksgiving Food Drive

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

Through November 19<sup>th</sup>

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."

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







## Drop off Your Baby Banks Today!

Thank you for being so committed to Life! Your donation will help pro-life efforts in our parish and throughout the diocese. The Walking with Moms in Need initiative, Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, Sidewalk Ministry, Pro-Life Help Line and more will receive funds from this campaign. You can also donate online at [stma.cc/give](https://stma.cc/give). If you forgot your Baby Bank, please drop it off at the parish office this coming week. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Patti Gallen at [pattigallen@gmail.com](mailto:pattigallen@gmail.com).

## Leadership Needed

The Creation Care Team (CCT) is in need of new leadership. Pope Francis called for everyone to do more immediately to protect God's creation, our common home. After two years of serving, our previous ministry leader has moved forward in helping the Laudato Si' Movement in Texas and now only has time to guide others on how to keep the CCT moving forward. Please email [creationcareteam@stmaustin.org](mailto:creationcareteam@stmaustin.org) and say "yes" to helping St. Thomas More Parish.

*"We do not want, as the newspapers say,  
a Church that will move with the world.  
We want a Church that will  
move the world."*

-G.K. CHESTERTON-



## 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 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>. 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](https://stma.cc/FPFdsnw)! There are super cute pasta shapes, great soups, gift packs, vegan options and more!

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10:30 a.m. - noon

## Cancer Support Ministry Meeting

Life House

Find comfort and fellowship as we fight cancer together. We use the guidebook, *Fighting Cancer with the Help of Your Catholic Faith* by Lorene Hanley Duquin (a cancer survivor). All parishioners, patients, caregivers, family and friends are welcome to join us on every second Tuesday of the month. For more information contact [karenmoore8@gmail.com](mailto:karenmoore8@gmail.com).

## AROUND THE DIOCESE



November is National Veteran and Military Families Month. Catholic Charities of Central Texas is honored to serve veterans, active-duty service personnel and their immediate families. Case management and more resources are available through our St. Michael's Veterans Services Program to help veteran and military families thrive. Learn more by calling (512) 651-6100 or visit [ccctx.org/st-michaels-veteran-services](https://ccctx.org/st-michaels-veteran-services).

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## Open Position at Annunciation Austin

Annunciation Austin is searching for an assistant director of education. This kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade education program is based on a Catholic, classical curriculum with classes held on the St. Thomas More campus. Please scan the QR code with your phone's camera or visit [annunciationaustin.org/assistant-director-of-education](http://annunciationaustin.org/assistant-director-of-education) for more information. to apply, contact [president@annunciationaustin.org](mailto:president@annunciationaustin.org).



## Yard Nativity Scenes

The St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Knights of Columbus are creating Advent and Christmas yard decorations. Made from durable white PVC sheets, the following items are offered:

- ⊕ Nativity Scene: \$200      ⊕ Trumpeting Angel: \$95
- ⊕ Three Wise Men: \$180      ⊕ Shepherd & Sheep: \$80

Visit [stma.cc/Ssvdpkoc](http://stma.cc/Ssvdpkoc) or scan this QR code with your phone's camera to see pictures and place an order before these items sell out. Orders will be ready for pickup at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.



## 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](http://ycpaustin.org) or [facebook.com/YCPAustin](https://facebook.com/YCPAustin).

## 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. With 20 Catholic schools in Central Texas, they are ready to welcome you and your family! Learn more at [csdatx.org/explore](http://csdatx.org/explore).

## Pilgrimage Together to the National Eucharistic Congress

What happens when two or more are gathered in the Lord's name? Amazing things ... so come join your brothers and sisters from the Diocese of Austin and across the nation for the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis from July 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. A Eucharistic procession, Mass each day, an incredible lineup of speakers, sessions and tracks for family, catechists and more. For more information about the pilgrimage, costs and details, scan the QR code with your phone's camera or visit [austindiocese.org/eucharistic-congress](http://austindiocese.org/eucharistic-congress).



## Visit a Pilgrimage Site

There's still time to visit the five parishes that have been designated by Bishop Vásquez as pilgrimage sites. The closing Mass for the 75<sup>th</sup> Year of Celebration is November 18<sup>th</sup> and that's the last day to gain a plenary indulgence! Organize your fellow parishioners, family and friends and take a road trip around the diocese. You'll find more information on pilgrimage sites and the plenary indulgence by scanning the QR code with your phone's camera or visiting [stma.cc/DOA75ps](http://stma.cc/DOA75ps).

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18

10:30 a.m.

## Closing Mass of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

St. William Parish, Round Rock

Bishop Vásquez invites you to the Closing Mass of the 75<sup>th</sup> year of our beloved diocese. He welcomes Cardinal Daniel DiNardo as the principal presider along with several bishops from across Texas and beyond. Come be part of this celebration together with our priests, seminarians, religious and the faithful to give thanks and to ask for the courage and wisdom to carry forth the mission of Christ here in Central Texas. Please arrive early to secure your place!

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18

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## Christmas In November Bazaar and Lunch

St. Mary, Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Lago Vista

Shop for original and hand-crafted gifts from over 35 arts, crafts and small business vendors. There will be a quilt raffle and hourly prize drawings. The community will be serving a homemade soup and sandwich lunch.

DEC  
6

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

## ACP Quarterly Luncheon

Hyatt Regency, Austin

The next speaker will be Laura Fanucci, an award-winning columnist for Catholic News Service and author of the nationally syndicated "Faith at Home" column. Learn more at [austindiocese.org/acp](http://austindiocese.org/acp).

## 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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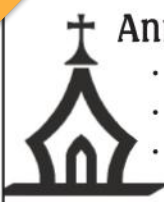
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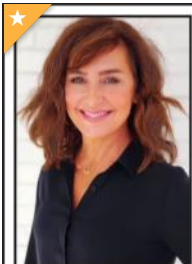


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