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For the safety of our youngest parishioners, please accompany your children at all times while on campus, including trips to the restroom during mass and to and from the nursery, faith formation classes and other parish events.

The Master said "all who take the sword shall perish by the sword" (Mt 26:52). It is the policy of St. Austin Catholic Parish, therefore, to not allow open carry of weapons of any kind on parish or school grounds, with the exception of those carried by on-duty law enforcement officers. Thank you for your understanding.



Bishop Vásquez' Prayer Intention

For the Church, that as disciples we will strive to deepen our relationship with Jesus and work toward inviting others to know the Lord through acts of service and love.

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PLEASE PRAY

For the deceased...

Stephanie Walsh

For those in need of healing...

Danielle Sunde, James McClellan, Fr. Steven A. Bell, Janice Rios, Dolores Salcher, Henry J. Alvarez, Theresa Spalding-Hoffman, Barbara Smith, Beatrice Arrindell, Nancy Jones, Kathy Owen, Richard Milos, Elaine Stevens, Phil Pickerill, Eric Allmon, Lauren Lehtonen, Fernanda Keeler, Hattie Lovaasen, Patricia Carillo, Joyce Duffy, Rebecca Macy, Colleen Gray, Patti Hoffman, Eleanor Milos, Andy Aguirre, Fr. Bob Michele, and all those on our prayer blanket list



For those serving in the military and in relief and peace-making activities...

James Cimino, David J. Rodriguez, Nicholas Krepp, Zachary Bybee, Steven Metz, Walter R. Yosin III, Philip Huber, Javier Segovia, Chad Zinnecker, Michael K. Burgess

If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayers, please contact the parish office. Names are kept on our list for approx. 4 weeks unless otherwise requested. If you have updates on the health of those who need healing or on the activities of those employed by military and relief and peacemaking agencies, please send that info to bulletin@staustin.org so we can keep our lists up to date. Thank you!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for August

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

FR. CHUCK'S COLUMN



By the time you read this, the demolition of the former McDonald's restaurant to the south of our St. Austin Catholic School will probably have begun. With the able leadership of the Chair of the St. Austin School Advisory Board, Mr. Ted Smith, and with the support of the Chancellor of the Diocese of Austin, Deacon Ron Walker, and the assistance of The Drenner Group

law firm, we successfully concluded our negotiations with White Lodging, the developer of the old McDonald's site. It will become a large Marriott Hotel.

Our settlement with them included a six-figure sum for a licensing agreement with them, basically giving permission to remove a tree that is half on our property and half on theirs, and permission for a retention system for a below-grade wall for their garage that will have rods extending below our property. They are building a 250 car garage three and a half stories below ground.

And we are in receipt of these funds!

There is an additional six-figure amount placed in escrow to be used to compensate us for costs we may occur (such as need for additional cleaning) due to their construction.

While it was not what we originally requested, it is a fair settlement. It is the opinion of the School Advisory Board, and mine, that when it is all said and done, the Marriott Hotel will be a positive addition to our neighborhood. It is getting there that is the grief.

Meanwhile, the renovation of our church and rectory continues. The stone is almost complete on the church, and work has shifted to the front of the rectory. The other three sides of the church/rectory have been cleaned (don't they look great!), patched, and then sealed. They are basically complete.

Work continues in the front half of the first floor of the rectory, where the nursery is located. The rest of the space there has been opened up to provide another meeting space for our active ministries.

You may notice that the sides of our towers are white and blue. This is NOT their final form. Metal panels are going in there. However, we had our panels manufactured with another, larger, order in order to save money. But then that order got delayed. Our panels have now arrived and are in storage. Because of the delay, we moved the scaffolding (which is expensive to rent) on to the rectory to work there. Once the scaffolding is out of the way, we will be able to bring in a boom truck (not a truck with a loud boom box, but a truck with a long arm or "boom") and install the panels that way. So just be patient, and we will see the metal panels in autumn. I think they will make a striking difference in the exterior appearance of the church.

And as stone comes off the rectory, there should be some more for parishioners to take. Watch the base of the pecan tree next to the gym.

Hope you will join us at the Holiday Fair next weekend!

God bless!

Fr. Chuck

GAP

Ongoing GAP Bible studies and discussions!

GAP – graduates and professionals in their 20s and 30s from St. Austin and the UCC – meets on Sundays at 7:15 p.m. in Paulist Hall. Most weeks, we'll have a lively discussion on a topic, plus a study of a Scripture passage from the following Sunday Mass. Please join us whenever you're available, and come early for dinner after the 5:30 p.m. Mass!

Aug. 20: Dogma, Doctrine, and Infallibility; Matthew 16:13-20

Aug. 27: The Meaning of Suffering?; Matthew 16:21-27

Sept. 3: No meeting due to Labor Day weekend

RICH THOUGHTS

Did you know that all of Fr. Rich's homilies are available online in both text and audio format? Check it out at <http://www.paulist.org/the-conversation/type/rich-thoughts/>.

Parking Rate Increase

In an effort to bring our rates in line with other parking facilities in the area, we are increasing the rate for public parking to **\$3 an hour**, with a maximum of \$18 per day, **effective Sept. 1**. Also, **parking tokens** will increase to **\$3 each**, so that one token still pays for one hour.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sharon Jones at sjones@staustin.org.

THIS WEEK

To see our upcoming events, please visit our website at www.staustin.org and click on the link in the upper right hand corner that says **Calendar**.

Visit www.staustin.org/bulletin to read our bulletin online. Mass Intentions and some additional items are available online only.

Our New Guide Book & Directory Is Here!

Look in your mailbox for our new Guide Book & Directory for fall 2017. It should be arriving soon! Please familiarize yourself with the ministries located in the front half of the book. You will also have a chance to meet our ministry leaders personally at the Parish Ministry Fair after all masses on Aug. 19-20. This is in anticipation of our annual parish registration and ministry sign up on the weekend of Aug. 26-27.

You may also download a copy of the ministry section only (not the parishioner directory) on our website. It is the first option listed under Ministries.

The advertisers helped provide this service at no cost to our parish. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise. If you are interested in advertising next year, contact AmandaVogt@GuideBookPublishing.com for more info.

STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

Offertory Collection Aug. 12-13, 2017

Total Received	\$25,595.89
Cash & Checks	\$23,289.51
Direct Debit & Credit Cards	\$2,306.38

Annual Offertory Pledges May 1, 2017-April 30, 2018

As of Mon., Aug. 14, 2017

Total Pledged	\$1,322,389.00
Total Received	\$1,113,397.60
Number of Families Pledging	511
Total Gifts Without Pledges	\$244,078.90
Number of Families Giving	371

Faithful to Our Mission Capital Campaign

As of Mon., Aug. 14, 2017

Total Pledges & Gifts	\$4,784,640.62
Total Received	\$4,015,549.48
Number of Families Participating	640



THANK YOU

Save Our Give By Text Number In Your Contacts Today!

To set up a text giving account, text the amount of your donation (using a dollar sign in front) and the proper fund code to **512-710-0972**. You will receive a link to register your personal information and credit card information the very first time you use this platform, and then your donation will be confirmed with a thank you text. Subsequent donations will be charged to the credit card on file. If you have any questions about using this feature, please email Jennifer Anderson at janderson@staustin.org.

Sample donation text:

“\$30 OFF” to donate \$30 to our weekly **Offertory** collection.
(Do not include quotation marks.)

“\$20 PIN” to donate \$20 to our **Persons in Need** collection.

“\$25 CC” to donate \$25 to our **Capital Campaign**.

ST. AUSTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Now Accepting Applications

Classes for ages 3 through 8th Grade

To schedule a tour of our school or to inquire for more information please contact Kelley Berlin in our Admissions office at admissions@staustinschool.org or 512-220-73650.



St. Austin Catholic School Centennial Celebration Kick Off!

Sat., Aug. 26

Mass at 5 p.m.

followed by Spaghetti Dinner in the Gym

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Tickets for the dinner are \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

To buy tickets or make a donation, please visit

<https://squareup.com/store/st-austin-catholic-school-100>

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you or someone you know -

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic
- Was baptized in another Christian denomination but is interested in becoming Catholic
- Is a baptized Catholic, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about the beauty and richness of the Catholic faith. Sessions begin by focusing on the tenets of Christianity, then on the teachings and experience of Church in order to prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to come with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact Marylynn Wesson at mwesson@staustin.org.

There is a separate program for children/youth. For information, please contact Tricia Salcher at psalcher@staustin.org

Is Jesus calling you to be a companion for a RCIA journeyer?

You need not be an ‘expert’ on Catholic theology - just a faith filled parishioner willing to share your Catholic life with someone who has answered God’s call to join our community. If you are a fully initiated Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed, validly and actively participating in the Eucharist) who is at least 18 years of age, please contact Marylynn Wesson, mwesson@staustin.org to find out how to be a Sponsor for someone who needs YOU in their life as they journey through the RCIA process.

“The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few.”

COMMUNITY LIFE

Contemporary Christian Morality Real Questions, Candid Responses

**A Book Discussion of Hot Moral Topics
with Fr. Dick Sparks, C.S.P., Ph.D.,
Author & Discussion Leader**

**Thursdays, Sept. 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 12, 19, 26
12-1 p.m. in Paulist Hall or
7-8 p.m. in Our Lady of Guadalupe Room**

Six-Part Series

1. Moral Decision-making
2. Healthcare (medical) Ethics
3. Sexual Morality
4. Politics & Economic Life
5. Peacemaking, Death Penalty & Violence
6. Forgiveness, Fidelity & Faith

Please read Part 1 (questions 1-20) prior to the first meeting on Sept. 14. A limited number of used copies of the book will be available for purchase at the front desk for \$10 (half price of new).

Our bulletin advertisers are the best!

Our bulletin ads defray the expense of printing to our parish. It is a great way to support our parish and advertise your business. If you have thought about putting an ad in the bulletin or know someone that owns a business who might be interested, please contact Thomas Miner at 512-452-3413.

Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism

The Knights of Columbus at St. Austin will show the film "Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism" on **Thurs., Aug. 24 in Hecker Hall at 7 p.m.** Light refreshments will be available. Hecker Hall will be open at 6:30 p.m. The film is about 1 hour and 45 minutes in length and there is no charge. Arrangements are not yet complete but there is some effort in the works to have a question and answer session after the film.

Please join the Knights for viewing an unending effort of Pope John Paul II and his determination to help the oppressed and promote religious freedom in Poland and other Eastern European countries.

Please RSVP at www.staustin.org/knights. Hope to see you there!

Sunday Nursery Update

The Sunday Nursery is closed for the remodel of the first floor of the rectory, part of our renovation project funded by the *Faithful to Our Mission Capital Campaign*. We have received approval from the city to open the nursery again when the interior work is completed, as this area will be safe from the exterior work and the new bathroom construction that will continue throughout the following several months. We will reopen the nursery as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience as you "pardon our dust."

ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY

EIM Workshops

Hosted by St. Austin Catholic School

Sat., Aug. 19, 10 a.m.-noon in Hecker Hall

Tues., Aug. 22, 7-9 p.m. in Hecker Hall

Please **login to your EIM account to pre-register** (use the Alternate Login option if needed). If you have not completed the EIM application, visit the EIM page at www.austindiocese.org > Ethics and Integrity in Ministry > EIM Application to do so. For assistance with the application or with pre-registration for the workshop, please contact Elizabeth Rogers at erogers@staustinschool.org or call 512-477-3751.

**Please arrive promptly as late arrivals will not be permitted
entrance.**

Please DO NOT bring children to an EIM workshop.

If you are a victim of sexual abuse and have concerns regarding your attendance at a workshop, please contact Emily Hurlimann at 512-949-2447 to discuss an alternative workshop arrangement.

PAULIST FATHERS

Profile of Paolo L. Puccini, C.S.P.



Paolo L. Puccini, C.S.P. is doing his Pastoral Year in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is a native of Houston, and prior to joining the Paulists he was a mechanical engineer traveling internationally for three years.

Paolo was impacted by the ministry of the Paulist Fathers as an undergraduate student at The University of Texas at Austin. He believes personal encounters with priests and the ministry are the best to help those discerning the priesthood.

Attending a Come-and-See weekend in his senior year of college and then again years later, after having worked as an engineer, helped to broaden his understanding of the Paulist mission and ministries. In the midst of discernment, Paolo realized how many wonderful friends and mentors were in his life to help him discover how he could serve God. As a result, he wants to do the same for others when he becomes a priest.

Please continue to pray for Paolo L. Puccini, C.S.P. and all our Paulist Seminarians.

Blessed Oscar Romero 1917 – 1980

Blessed Archbishop Oscar Romero was gunned down while celebrating the Eucharist in the small chapel of the Divine Providence Hospital in San Salvador on March 24, 1980. He is remembered as a shepherd who knew his sheep, especially the most abandoned and forgotten. He is celebrated as a martyr for the cause of the poor and oppressed. Romero is remembered as a preacher of the Word of God as he dedicated a large part of his ministry to the ministry of the Word.

He said “The Word of God has to be a word which springs forth from the eternal, ancient Word of God, but which touches today’s wound, today’s injustices, today’s victims, and this is what causes problems...” (Dec. 12, 1977). His theme a few weeks later reinforced that preaching is something that awakens, that enlightens, as when a light turned on awakens and annoys a sleeper, and that is the preaching of Christ. It must meet conflict, spoil what is miscalled prestige, disturb. It can’t get along with the powers of darkness and sin.

On January 27, 1980 he said “Christ is the homily that keeps explaining to us that God is love...” Romero had named the grace of preaching as belonging, by right of baptism, to the people of God themselves. He was preparing his flock to continue the ministry of prophecy in the event of his death. One month after the government bombed the Archbishop’s radio station (in which he preached his weekly homily to the people) he was murdered. The bombing had strengthened the voice of the Church and the people he cared for so Romero needed to be killed. The day before he was murdered, he spoke in the Sunday homily directly to the Army and National Guard that they were killing their own people, their brothers and sisters, and let them know that they are not obligated to obey an order to kill innocent people (March 23, 1980).

Quotes from Blessed Oscar Romero:

“I will not tire of declaring that if we really want an effective end to violence we must remove the violence that lies at the root of all violence: structural violence, social injustice, exclusion of citizens from the management of the country, repression. All this is what constitutes the primal cause, from which the rest flows naturally.” (September 23, 1979).

“Those who surrender to the service of the poor through love of Christ will live like the grains of wheat that dies.

It only apparently dies. If it were not to die, it would remain a solitary grain. The harvest comes because of the grain that dies. We know that every effort to improve society, above all when society is so full of injustice and sin, is an effort that God blesses; that God wants; that God demands of us.”

Source: Education for Justice

Items Needed for Thursday Outreach

Thursday Outreach is in need of items for hygiene kits that we give out each Thursday to our homeless brothers and sisters as well as those who are returning to society from the criminal justice system.



We are in desperate need of new or gently used backpacks, new children’s coloring books, men’s deodorant, razors and new socks for men. Please bring your donations to the church office during the week or after Mass on Sundays. Your contribution to this cause is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Pat Macy; pmacy@staustin.org

Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul Needs Your Help!

We are a small group of parishioners dedicated to helping central Austin people in need. In our fiscal 2016 we made 408 home visits and assisted 581 brothers and sisters in need with rent, utilities, and food. Our parish Christmas basket project provided gifts and food to 196 households (490 people). If you are interested in giving time to this crucial Catholic mission, call Mike at 923-3538 or email us at st.austinssvdp@gmail.com.

Travel with Fr. Ed Nowak, CSP.

Join us on our trip to Ireland and Scotland with Fr. Ed Nowak, CSP, Associate Director of Paulist campus ministry at Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

Where: Galway, Our Lady of Knock, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Dublin, Edinburgh Castle, St. Andrews Cathedral.

Trip Dates: **June 1-13, 2018.**

Cost: \$4,600.00 airfare and all-included.

To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370.

You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.

Texas Catholic Pro-Life Spiritual Bouquet

St. Austin Catholic Parish and the parish Gabriel Project ministry dedicated a spiritual bouquet of Monthly Masses for Life to Bishop Joe Vásquez at the Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day Mass on January 28, 2017. Every month, an 8 a.m. Mass will be offered for the intention of “greater respect for all human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.” The next Mass for Life is **Tues., Sept. 12.**

Please join us at Mass to pray for life. Prayer is of utmost importance in all we do on behalf of every aspect of life. Thank you and God bless!

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” - Matthew 18:20

WORSHIP AND SACRED MUSIC

There is need for ushers and greeters, altar servers (Grade 4 and up. Grade three servers will have a formation/training session in January 2018), readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. If you would like to participate "more fully" in the liturgy and help out at mass, consider becoming involved.



Our diocese and parish requires everyone who is involved in any liturgical ministry to complete the full process of EIM (Ethics in Ministry.) Parents of altar servers must also complete this requirement. This includes an application and attending a workshop. The complete requirements along with the online application and workshop dates in our area are listed on the Diocesan web site, www.austindiocese.org.

Once this is completed you will need to e-mail Dr. John J. Hoffman at jhoffman@staustin.org. He will contact you via e-mail and set up a time to meet with you for some training and formation. After this is completed you will be entered into the liturgical minister schedule.

Our greatest need right now is for many more ushers and greeters. We have so many visitors at the 5 p.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. masses and are underserved by this ministry. We also need more altar servers. At many of our masses we have no altar servers or only one. Please pray for more folks to come forward to help out.

St. Austin Choir and Ensembles

The Parish Choir and Ensembles begin rehearsals in late August. To find out more information about them, contact Dr. John J. Hoffman at jhoffman@staustin.org. Rehearsals for the 11:30 a.m. Parish Choir are normally held on Wednesdays from 7 – 9 p.m. every week. The 8:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Ensembles rehearse on every other Thursdays from 7 – 9 p.m.



BEYOND OUR PARISH

Diocesan Womens' Conference

The diocesan Women's Conference will be held **Sept. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Santa Cruz Parish** in Buda. This year's theme is "Healing the Body of Christ." Speakers include Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity Sister Miriam James Heidland and Kathleen Beckman. The cost is \$40 per person in advance. To register, visit www.austindiocese.org/womens-conference.

DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

Registration for Faith Formation, First Communion and Confirmation 2017-2018

Sun., Aug. 27 at 10 a.m.

Family Orientation and meet the Catechist, we encourage all families to attend. The Orientation will be in the church after the 8:45 Mass. Confirmation Information Session for Parents and Confirmandi will be after the orientation in Paulist Hall.



Parents whose children will be in First Communion class, please sign up for the parent class "Building a Firm Foundation".

Faith Formation classes will resume **Sun., Sept. 10**. Classes run from **10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**

We encourage parents to sign up to volunteer during the registration process. Go to the church website for more information: <http://staustin.org/education>. If you have questions, please contact Tricia Salcher at psalcher@staustin.org. If you have any questions about the parent class, please contact Marylynn Wesson at mwesson@staustin.org

Adult Faith Formation Catechists Needed

Our children's faith formation isn't the only program that would benefit from those interested in passing on and sharing our rich and wonderful faith. If you feel called to share your time and talents with adults and are available to do so on Sunday mornings or Sunday nights, please contact Marylynn Wesson at mwesson@staustin.org to discover the rewarding opportunities that await you!

Adult Confirmation

Are you a baptized Catholic who has received First Holy Communion but was never Confirmed? We invite you to consider learning more about Confirmation! For information contact Marylynn Wesson at mwesson@staustin.org

Gospel Meditation

Who is a Christian? Who belongs in the Church and who does not? God reveals that all are called and with faith in God all are welcomed. Jesus also teaches us about faith. He does not grant the woman's initial requests. Her response shows her persistent faith. God desires all people to have great faith and relationship with Him. How persistent are we in strengthening our relationship with God?



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