



# ST. AUSTIN CATHOLIC PARISH

*Served by the Paulist Fathers*

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## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Austin Catholic Parish, guided and served by the Paulist Fathers, is a dynamic, urban, Roman Catholic faith community of the Diocese of Austin.

Empowered by the Word of God, formed and nourished by the Eucharist and made bold by the Holy Spirit, we strive, through prayer, education and service to others, to manifest God's transforming love in the world and to deepen our relationship with God, one another and the universal Church.

Inspired by our patrons, St. Paul the Apostle and St. Augustine of Canterbury, we dedicate ourselves to Jesus Christ, and to His continuing mission to sanctify, teach, heal, reconcile and serve.

## THE PAULIST FATHERS

The Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle was founded in 1858 as the first community of priests established in North America. They came to Austin in 1908 to establish St. Austin Catholic Parish, named to honor St. Augustine of Canterbury.

In addition to staffing St. Austin, the Paulists direct the University Catholic Center (UCC), located at 2010 University Ave., and St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Horseshoe Bay, TX.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5 p.m.  
Sunday 7:30, 8:45 and 11:30 a.m.; 5:30 p.m.

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday–Thursday 8 a.m.  
Friday 8 a.m. or 8:15 a.m. with St. Austin School

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.–7:30 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.  
Sunday 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

## SACRAMENTS

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. or by appointment

### MATRIMONY

Couples should submit their request at least six months in advance of their desired wedding date. Information packets are available in the office or online at [www.staustin.org/wedding](http://www.staustin.org/wedding).

### BAPTISM

Parents must participate in a preparation class before baptism. Visit [www.staustin.org/baptism](http://www.staustin.org/baptism) for more information.

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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.



### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

## THE UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CENTER



2010 University Ave.  
512-476-7351  
www.utcatholic.org

### Masses

Mon., Wed., Fri., 12:05 p.m.  
Tues., Thurs., 12:30 p.m.  
Sun., 9 & 11:30 a.m., 5 p.m. & 8 p.m.

### Reconciliation

Mon. and Tues., 12:35 p.m. or by appointment

### Business Hours

Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Building Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. for Masses

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## PLEASE PRAY

### For those in need of healing...

Danielle Diehm, Garry McArthur, Debra Nelson, Kevin Murray, Elaine Ward, Bobby Riess, Bobbie Guzman, Magdalene Gonzalez, David Carpenter, Becca Brennen, Michael Stevens, Joel Rivera, Diane McCullough, Patricia Carrillo, Lambert Labay, David Gerling, Julie Lyons, Anne Neubauer, John Key, Yolanda Martinez, Stephen Hatfield, Nick Hatfield, Collin Hatfield, Henry J. Alvarez, Kathy Owen, Elaine Stevens, Eric Allmon, Lauren Lehtonen, Joyce Duffy, Rebecca Macy, Andy Aguirre, Fr. Bob Michele, and all those on our prayer blanket list



### For those serving in the military and in relief and peacemaking activities...

Shane Caffery, Brandon Miles Klingemann, James Cimino, David J. Rodriguez, Nicholas Krepp, Zachary Bybee, Steven Metze, 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!*

## THIS WEEK

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

Visit [www.staustin.org/bulletin](http://www.staustin.org/bulletin) to read our bulletin online. Mass Intentions and some additional items are available online only.

## FR. SPARKY'S SPECULATIONS



"You can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar." This old chestnut of a quote seems to be a folksy way of saying the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Notice, these are not written negatively (i.e. avoid doing the bad stuff only). No, the tradition says we should be positive, thoughtful and sensitive, trying to do to and

for others what we would hope they would do to and for us. We seek to engage, not repel.

Recently I was with some friends and one of them brought up the idea that so-called "Political Correctness" is a bad thing, a ploy dreamed up by liberals or marketing people solely to make life difficult. Anti-"political correctness" folks tend to say, "If it was a good enough word back when, why edit, evolve, or change it?" My underlying concern is that language is more than head knowledge or dictionary definitions. It conveys feelings as well as thoughts. The meaning(s) of words change. Language is 'alive' because it represents the thinking and communicating of real people, evolving cultures, and the historical flow of time.

Some 50 years ago, if you said someone was "gay," you meant he or she was a "happy person," "contented," "full of vim and vigor." While in 2018 one may still use the word for that meaning, by-and-large if you say a person is "gay" today, it is a code word or a commonly accepted term for being homosexual or lesbian in one's sexual orientation.

In a similar way, once upon a time we referred to people with mental disabilities as "retarded" or "feeble-minded." Back then we may have meant no intentional harm or ill will. But such phrases, along with "idiot," "imbecile" and "crazy" are thought by most of society to be too demeaning, too negative, too judgment-laden for polite or civil discourse. I can think of similarly outdated terms for "African Americans" or "Native Americans" or for women, regardless of race or ethnic group. Terms like "Nigro," "Nigra," or the more pejorative "N word," or "Indians" (much less "Injuns") bespeak a certain attitude or degree of superiority or condescension, usually from a white, often male, those-in-power perspective.

In this era of "Me Too" and greater sensitivity toward women and their right not to be abused or demeaned, it seems that terms like "Toots," "Babe," "Gal," "skirt chasing" and so on are no longer acceptable boy-girl come-on lines. If they ever were valid or inoffensively meant, that era has passed. In one sense, if a person or group feels offended by a term, then that term has ceased its usefulness for dialogue. Arguing that it "once was" valid is not the point. We use language to communicate, not to polarize. Ideally, we use language to engage, not to distance ourselves from others.

So, if you tend to think all political correctness is 'hokey' or 'malarkey' (you can look those old terms up if you need to), perhaps you haven't walked a mile in another person's shoes. If it offends "them," then we shouldn't use it. If they were offending me, I would invite, even expect them to be more considerate. "You can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar." Jesus never said that. But it's the kind of sensitive quote he might have come up with.

*Fr. Dick Sparks, C.S.P.*

## ST. AUSTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### Centennial Grand Tour



Please support St. Austin Catholic School in our Centennial Grand Tour bike-a-thon. This year's event will be held **April 21** at the Veloway. Students in pre-kindergarten 3 through eighth grades collect pledges and donations to bike as far as they are able. Additionally, **the parish will have a second collection for Grand Tour at all**

**Masses on the weekend of April 7-8.** This year's fundraising goal is \$100,000 in celebration of the School's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Grand Tour funds allow us to enhance our educational programs and continue to ensure the socioeconomic diversity of our school community.

Please email Bedina O'Neill at [boneil@staustinschool.org](mailto:boneil@staustinschool.org), Tiffany Sims at [tsims@staustinschool.org](mailto:tsims@staustinschool.org), or call (512)477-3751 for more information on sponsorships or underwriting for this event.

### St. Austin Catholic School

We are now enrolling:

- 3-year-olds class with full-time and part-time options
- 4-year-olds class
- Kindergarten through 8th grades

Contact our admissions office to set up a private tour.  
[admissions@staustinschool.org](mailto:admissions@staustinschool.org).

For the last 100 years St. Austin has prepared our students to be Christ-centered, academically strong, moral community leaders.

## GRADUATES & PROFESSIONALS

### Join GAP for Weekly Discussions!

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

**April 8:** Doubt. Gospel reading: Luke 24:35-48.

**April 15:** Spiritual Works of Mercy. Gospel reading: John 10:11-18.

**April 22:** Women in the Church. Gospel reading: John 15:1-8.

Join us for the **7:30 pm** showing at **Regal Arbor 8 at Great Hills** on **Tues., Apr. 17!** See article under Beyond Our Parish for more info!

Learn more by joining our open Facebook group, "Graduates and Professionals of St. Austin's and the UCC."

## STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT

### Offertory Collection Mar. 24-25, 2018

*As of Mon., Apr. 2, 2018*

<b>Total Received</b> .....	<b>\$34,840.72</b>
Cash & Checks .....	\$24,272.53
Direct Debit & Credit Cards.....	\$10,568.19

### Offertory Collection Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 2018

*As of Mon., Apr. 2, 2018*

<b>Total Received</b> .....	<b>\$46,093.62</b>
Cash & Checks .....	\$37,504.74
Direct Debit & Credit Cards.....	\$8,588.83
Special Collection: Holy Land.....	\$2,610.88

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

*As of Mon., Apr. 2, 2018*

<b>Total Pledged</b> .....	<b>\$1,288,334.00</b>
Total Received .....	\$1,161,341.50
Number of Families Pledging.....	503
<b>Total Gifts without Pledges</b> .....	<b>\$227,737.04</b>
Number of Families Giving.....	345
<b>Total Loose Cash</b> .....	<b>\$91,686.69</b>

### Faithful to Our Mission Capital Campaign

*As of Mon., Apr. 2, 2018*

<b>Total Pledges &amp; Gifts</b> .....	<b>\$5,098,696.52</b>
Total Received .....	\$4,773,995.22
Number of Families Participating.....	709

THANK YOU

### Stewardship Pledge Renewal

As Catholics, give thanks for God's blessings through many different avenues. This is the practice of stewardship. All year long we make time for God in prayer and worship, and we nurture our faith and share it with others. At St. Austin, each August or September, we encourage you to share your time and talent for the common good of our community through ministries of our parish. And each spring we encourage you to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on your family's stewardship of treasure by making a commitment that fits your household budget.

If you still need a Stewardship Pledge and Contribution Form, extra forms are located in our brochure racks. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jennifer Anderson at [janderson@staustin.org](mailto:janderson@staustin.org) or Pat Lucksinger at [plucksinger@staustin.org](mailto:plucksinger@staustin.org) or ext. 322. 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](mailto: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**.

### 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. 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., May 1**.

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*

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### 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



### Catholic Social Teaching Corner

In reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear about the early Christian community which, "was of one mind and heart", they "held everything in common," and "there was no needy person among them." Does that describe our parishes or are we like the disciples hiding in fear in the upper room? Jesus speaks to us as he did to them, sending them out to bring peace, healing, justice mercy and love to a world in need of these virtues and in need of a community able to live them. What can we do to live more truly as that community of sharing and love?

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Knights of Columbus Taco Breakfast



Sun., Apr. 8 after  
the 7:30 and 8:45 a.m. Masses  
in Hecker Hall

Stop by for breakfast and support our St. Austin Knights of Columbus Council 10776 and the work they do for our parish!

### Monthly Anointing of the Sick and Prayer Blanket Blessing

Mon., April 9 at 8 a.m.



All are welcome at our monthly Masses for the sick on the second Monday of each month. If you, a friend or loved one are in need of prayer and would like a blanket to symbolize the support of a faith community with belief in the power of prayer, please contact the

parish office. Please continue to pray for all those who have received prayer blankets.

The Prayer Blanket Ministry meets at St. Austin on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month. If you are interested in helping please contact Miriam Mellon at 512-888-1092 or Nancy Hrin at 512-914-6060 or TNEJS@aol.com.

### St. Austin Knights of Columbus Open House

April 14-15  
in Hecker Hall after all Masses



Are you too busy? Our order does not have a minimum service commitment. Whatever time you give, however large or small, will multiply in abundant blessings for you and for your family.

If you are a practicing Catholic man at least 18 years old, please contact Richard Milos at 512-

731-1360 (call or text) or richardmilos@gmail.com to discuss the opportunities that away you in the St. Austin Knights of Columbus Council.

**SERVE AND BUILD  
Your Community!**

### Feast of Corpus Christi Blood Drive

Mark your calendars and celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi with us on Sun., June 3 by donating blood. Whether you are a regular donor, an occasional donor, or a first-time donor, we invite you to give blood at St. Austin on June 3!

### San Antonio St. Closure!

According to the current schedule, San Antonio St. will be closed at MLK on the weekends of April 6-9, April 13-16, and April 20-23. The closures are scheduled to begin on Friday evening and continue through the early hours of Monday morning each weekend.

Parking spaces will still be available behind the church (around the blacktop and under the gym) as usual. We do ask that, as a show of hospitality, if you have no mobility impairment, you consider leaving these space for our parishioners and guests who need closer parking. This area will only be accessible using the northbound alley immediately behind the church.

**Vehicle entrance and exit for our parking garage at 500 W. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. will be completely blocked on the San Antonio St. side during these street closures.** Access will be limited to the west side, which is the alley entrance across from the fire station. Please note that this is a southbound alley that runs from 21<sup>st</sup> St. to MLK. The parking garage entrance/exit is located at the north corner of the building, on the left, just before the traffic light at MLK. **Further details on how to access this alley and a map are available on our website at [www.staustin.org](http://www.staustin.org).**

After parking in the garage at MLK, pedestrians will still be able to exit on foot to the San Antonio St. sidewalk and walk north along San Antonio St. before crossing over to the blacktop as usual.

Construction detour signs will be in place to assist you with these routes. The parish will utilize extra signage and staffing to insure all parishioners and visitors will be able to find parking. Thank you for your patience and flexibility during this busy time! Any last-minute updates will be posted on our website and our Facebook page.

### Pray the Rosary with CRHP

The women of St. Austin Parish CRHP (Christ Renews His Parish) invite you to join us in Our Blessed Mother's Special Prayer, the Rosary. We pray the Rosary and visit with Our Lady on the **first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Mary Chapel of the Church.** Our next Rosary will be **Thurs., May 3.** While we hope you can join us, if you can't, please know that we'll hold your intentions up to Our Lady for Her intercession.

### Would You Like to Receive Communion? Communion Outreach to the Sick and Homebound

If you or someone you know is homebound due to age or chronic health issues, we'd like to be of service. Do you want to receive communion on a regular basis? We have a sizable volunteer corps of outreach communion ministers. If we can serve you, we'd be happy to arrange for home delivery of the Eucharist. If so, please contact Fr. Dick Sparks at [rspark@staustin.org](mailto:rspark@staustin.org) or ext. 319.

Also, if you or someone you know is headed to the hospital or to a nearby nursing home, please contact Fr. Dick or any of the priests on our staff. We would be happy to stop by to visit and offer confession, anointing, communion or simply a prayer for good health.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Catholic Social Thought on Gun Violence

“We must come to the firm determination that there is a fundamental problem in our society. A Culture of Life cannot tolerate, and must prevent, senseless gun violence in all its forms.”

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, President of the U.S. Bishops Conference  
Cardinal of Galveston-Houston

Twenty-four years ago, the U.S. Catholic bishops wrote “Our families are torn by violence. Our communities are destroyed by violence. Our faith is tested by violence.” Not only was violence then destroying lives, dignity and hopes, the fear of violence was “paralyzing our communities.”

The violence then described by the bishops is now compounded in our consciousness by terrorism abroad, wars in the Middle East, mass shootings in places like San Bernardino, Charleston, Sandy Hook, Orlando, and now Parkland, school shootings and shootings by police and others of Black men, women and children, shootings of police officers, and violent political discourse. The bishops are saying “It doesn’t have to be this way.”

“No nation on earth except those in the midst of war, has as much violent behavior as we do—in our homes, on our televisions, and in our streets...” At the heart of much of this violence are guns—from handguns to assault weapons. There are almost as many guns in the U.S. as there are people.

Change begins with “Thou shalt not kill.” The fifth commandment’s mandate is rooted in the essential dignity and sanctity of every human life—life that is tragically assaulted by every bullet that tears through human flesh. One practical and compelling step in reducing gun violence is gun control, as the bishops have written: “We support measures that control the sale and use of firearms and make them safer...with sensible regulations of handguns. In a recent statement, the bishops’ conference enumerated its support for “implementing reasonable regulations on firearms” such as: universal background checks for all gun purchasers; limiting civilian access to high-capacity weapons and ammunition magazines; making gun trafficking a federal crime; improving access to mental health and addiction treatment for those who may be prone to violence; and supporting reentry programs to help people avoid re-offending.

## MUSIC AND LITURGY

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

The schedules for all Liturgical Ministers are posted on the website at [www.staustin.org](http://www.staustin.org). Hover over Worship and click on Liturgical Ministries. Schedules are listed under the Documents section on the right-hand side of the page. The schedule and contact information have also been emailed out to all current Liturgical Ministers. Contact Kristen at [kdempseyasyk@staustin.org](mailto:kdempseyasyk@staustin.org) with any questions or if you did not receive the schedule via email.

The Vatican stated “As one of the world’s leading producers and exporters of conventional arms, The United States has a heightened responsibility to add support for control of conventional weapons to our existing commitment to control of weapons of mass destruction.

Gun violence is nurtured by a pervasive culture of violence. St. Pope John Paul II put it, “To choose life involves rejecting every form of violence: the violence of poverty and hunger, which afflicts so many human beings; violence of armed conflict; the violence of criminal trafficking in drugs and arms; the violence of mindless damage to the natural environment.

The U.S. Bishops have emphasized confronting domestic violence, the glamorization of violence in the media and music, abortion, and “the slow-motion violence of discrimination and poverty, hunger and hopelessness, addiction and self-destructive behavior.”

**Reflection:** Bishop Gumbleton, after the Parkland shooting, declared “these children are telling us what needs to be done and committing themselves to do it. Why aren’t we adults becoming more convinced that we have to change our lives just as Jesus says to change our lives, to follow the Gospel and live according to the way of Jesus? Violence cannot overcome violence and it won’t bring peace.

## PAULIST FATHERS

### A Word from Servant of God Isaac Hecker, Founder of the Paulist Fathers



“I feel much like giving up all my studies to contemplation. Ah what is all human learning! Ah nothing! Worse often than nothing to the soul. Thy grace oh God is all in all. We neglect thy grace for human learning.”

*Diary*, February 16, 1845

If you have asked Father Hecker to pray for you or another person who is ill, and you believe something miraculous has happened, please phone Fr. Paul Robichaud, CSP, at 202-269-2519 and tell him your story.

### The Paulist Associates Need You

The Paulist Associates are lay people drawn to the spirituality of the Paulist Fathers (reconciliation, evangelization and ecumenism). They seek to live the mission and spirit of the Paulist Fathers in their lives and vocations.

Paulist Associates explore the implications of Paulist spirituality through prayer, study, discussion, sharing and fellowship. They meet once a month on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. here at St. Austin’s in Paulist Hall, where they explore how the Paulist spirit and charism can be exercised in their own personal and professional lives. Contact Kathleen Lossau at [klossau@austin.rr.com](mailto:klossau@austin.rr.com) for more information, visit [www.paulist.org](http://www.paulist.org) and click on Who We Are, then Paulist Associates, or talk to Fr. Chuck, Fr. Rich or Fr. Dick about the organization.

## DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION

### Has Literature Lost Its Faith?



Author **Richard Cole** will discuss the importance of writing in the Catholic tradition, as well as the growing importance of Christian belief in today's fiction, memoirs and poetry. Join us for the April session of Being Faithful in Today's World, monthly discussions about adult faith, in **Paulist**

**Hall at 10 a.m. on Sun., April 15.**

### Parish Family Service Day

Save the Date! Our Parish Family Service Day will be on **Sat, April 28**. Individuals, couples, and families are welcome! Volunteer at one of four local nonprofit organizations: Foundation Communities, Mary House Catholic Worker, Micah 6 Food Pantry, or Vincentian Family Center!

Children must be at least 7 years old and accompanied by a parent or guardian. **RSVPs are required and available online at [www.staustin.org/serviceday](http://www.staustin.org/serviceday)**. Contact Kristen at [kdempseypasyk@staustin.org](mailto:kdempseypasyk@staustin.org) for more information.

### Is God Calling you?



Listen! Are you being called? In a "low whisper," God called Elijah. Your call may come as a question when registering your children for formation classes at Church: "Are you able to help?" Maybe it will come as a stirring when you read your parish bulletin - are you called to be a catechist? A catechist is someone who teaches

the essentials of Christian faith. Most often God calls gently, nudging us a bit to draw our attention. Listen! Is God calling you?

Come join us for a presentation and information session on being a catechist on **Sun., April 29 at 10 a.m. in Paulist Hall.**

## BEYOND THE PARISH

### The Dating Project

Is there a better way than swiping left or right when it comes to dating? The Dating Project movie follows five single adults, ages 18 to 40, as they navigate the landscape of social media, texting, hanging out and hooking up. A must-see movie, no matter your relationship status. Don't miss an opportunity to be part of a movement that will ignite a conversation about dating and relationships. Don't miss this one night event from Paulist Productions, Family Theater Productions and MPower Pictures, **April 17 at 7 p.m.**

If you want to find out at which theaters the film will be playing near you, visit <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/the-dating-project> and enter in your zip code into the form. There are three theatres showing this film in the Austin area.



### Important Dates to Remember in Faith Formation:

**April 22, 2018:** Confirmation at **2 p.m.**

**May 5, 2018:** First Communion at **10 a.m.**

**May 6, 2018:** Last day of class



### Information on the Sacraments for the 2018-2019 School Year

#### Requirements for First Holy Communion

If you have a child who will be in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade next year, here are the requirements for First Holy Communion

- Child must have been baptized in the Catholic Church and be in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade during the 2018-2019 school year.
- Child must have attended a Faith Formation program or Catholic school during all of 2017-2018.

#### Requirements for Confirmation

- Preparation for Confirmation at St. Austin is done in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade class
- Child must have attended a Faith Formation program or Catholic School during all of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Have attended two consecutive years of Faith Formation in a Catholic parish or school with 80% attendance. Tenth Grade counts as one of the two years.
- Be 14 to 16 and typically in 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

## ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY

### EIM Workshop at St. Austin

**Sat., May 12, at 10 a.m. –12 p.m.**

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

All clergy and paid staff, and all volunteers working with youth and vulnerable adults, at any parish or diocesan location, are required to complete a one-time Application for Ministry prior to beginning their work/service and attend an EIM workshop within 60 days of submitting the application.

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