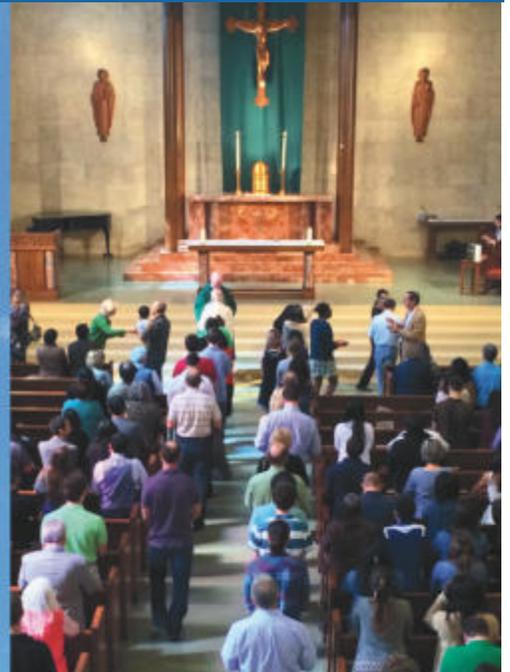




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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. in the church
Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

**ALL DAILY & SUNDAY MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED,
EXCEPT FOR 5 P.M. SATURDAY VIGIL & 7:30 A.M. SUNDAY,
VISIT STAUSTIN.ORG, YOUTUBE, OR FACEBOOK**

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (answering phones)
Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (answering phones)
Saturday & Sunday Closed

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC EXCEPT FOR DELIVERIES, PICK UPS,
OR BY APPOINTMENT**

WHAT TO EXPECT

Seating is limited to maintain 6' between households, we have about 15% of our normal capacity. We clean and sanitize after every Mass. Masks must be worn by all over 2 years of age. Doors open 20 minutes before Mass, please maintain the 6' spacing as you wait. We close our doors when Mass begins.

Please follow the instructions regarding Communion:

- Wearing your mask over your nose and mouth, approach the altar in a single file using the tape on the floor for space,
- Cup your hands to give the presider or Eucharistic minister a wide space to lay the Blessed Sacrament
- Step to the side, 6' away from the Eucharistic minister, and move your mask, to consume the host.
- Replace your mask properly covering your nose and mouth.

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Available in the church 3:30-4:30 p.m. Saturdays (no appointment needed). For a weekday appointment with Fr. Charles Kullmann or Fr. Rich Andre, send a request to appointments@staustin.org. For a weekday appointment with Fr. Paolo Puccini, send a request to ppuccini@staustin.org. **Mask-wearing and social distancing will be observed during the celebration of the sacrament.**

BECOMING CATHOLIC

For information on becoming Catholic, please contact Rachel Vaughn at rvaughn@staustin.org.

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. The Paulist Fathers also staff St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Horseshoe Bay, TX.

FR. CHUCK'S COLUMN



We have a lot coming up in the next week. Let me be among the first to wish you a very Happy Lunar New Year! Sometimes called "Chinese New Year," it's another way of looking at time from our typical Gregorian calendar. Perhaps being a particularly lucky day, Lunar New Year, **Feb. 12**, will cancel out any bad luck from last year.

Next Sunday, February 14, is the Sixth Sunday of good old ordinary time, and also St. Valentine's Day. For us here at St. Austin parish/school, it is also a special day of preparation for Lent, which commences the following **Wed., Feb. 17**.

Because of the pandemic restrictions we follow to keep us all safe, we are discouraging the in-person reception of ashes on Ash Wednesday. You can still get ashes as you do not have to be ordained to distribute ashes. Every year lay ministers help us in the distribution of ashes, and this year we are extending that invitation to all our parishioners. Next **Sun., Feb. 14**, we will have a special drive-thru on the blacktop for all parishioners and school families and friends. Come with your Mardi Gras masks over your face masks. Decorate your vehicle for Mardi Gras, and bring cleaning supplies to donate to Casa Marianella. You will receive containers of blessed ashes, with instructions for you to use in your own home and neighborhood on Ash Wednesday.

The Knights of Columbus will again serve as the vehicle parade marshals, with vehicles assembling at **2:15 p.m. in the parish garage on MLK and San Antonio Street**, with the parade up **San Antonio and through our blacktop commencing at 2:30 p.m.**

Come and celebrate St. Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, and receive your container of ashes. All this on next **Sunday, Feb. 14, beginning at 2:30 p.m.** See you there!

God bless!

Fr. Chuck



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention For February 2021

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

PAULIST FATHERS

IS GOD CALLING YOU?



Come and See

a VIRTUAL look into the life of the Paulist Fathers

**Saturday,
Feb. 20th
1-4pm EST**



For registration details, contact Paulist Fr. Dot Tran, Vocation Director
(212) 757-4260 or be@paulist.org | paulist.org | [@PaulistVocation](https://www.facebook.com/PaulistVocation)

LITURGY & MUSIC

Ordinary Time at Home

As we put away the Christmas decorations and enter Ordinary Time, things might seem just a bit drab. This isn't just a bland waiting-period for Lent. These weeks are an opportunity to focus on the public ministry of Jesus as we work on our spiritual growth. Here are some ways to build faith during the weeks between Christmas and Lent:

Use deeper-colored green items: For the fabric on your home altar or dinner table centerpiece, use a darker, richer shade of green than in summer. This evergreen color is a traditional symbol of hope.



Celebrate Mardi Gras! In the days leading up to Lent, celebrate Carnival. Play lively music, watch a parade on TV, dress in silly clothes, engage in family fun or craft activities, and eat heartily. End with a Mardi Gras prayer. These activities will make the contrast with

Ash Wednesday more apparent. We will have a special Mardi Gras + St. Valentine's Day parade on **Sun., Feb. 14**. Bring your Valentine and your most colorful mask!



Ash Wednesday

Containers of ashes will be available after all Masses on the weekend of **Feb. 13-14**. If you can't make it, call or email us with your address so we can mail ashes to you. Please reach out by the **morning of Mon., Feb. 8**. Our Masses on **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17**, will be:

- 8 a.m. school Mass, all are welcome.
- 12 p.m.
- 7 p.m.

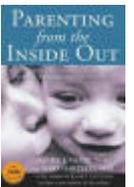
FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation

Visit our [Faith Formation webpages](#) for information on our programs for both young people and adults, including registration for catechesis.

Book Study

Join us on **Sundays from 4-5 p.m.** to discuss *Parenting from the Inside Out*. We meet every other week and our next session is **Feb. 14** to discuss Chapters 2 and 3. For the Zoom link please contact Rachel Vaughn.



RCIA

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, or finishing Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation as an adult, please email Rachel Vaughn.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

SERRV & Earn From the Bazaar

Did you purchase fair trade items through our SERRV & Earn at the Christmas Bazaar? If you did, please email Kristen Dempsey-Pasyk so SERRV can still credit a percent of your purchase to our chosen charity: Catholic Relief Services.

COMMUNITY LIFE

ST. AUSTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Eddie's E-mazing Race 2021

Each year our school community joins together for a day of faith, fellowship and fun at our annual Grand Tour fundraiser. This year we'll adopt a new format, call it Eddie's E-Mazing Race and visit many famous Austin landmarks to replace our day at the Veloway. This event helps to raise much needed funds to support the mission of our school and the ongoing needs of our students. Visit our [website](#) to sponsor!

Virtual Admissions Event

Invite family and friends to get to know our school. Two Lunch & Learn virtual events are set for **12:30 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 10 and 24**. Register through the link on our [website](#).

Adventures in the Archives

To recognize this year's Catholic Schools Week, we present some memories from the St. Austin's Class of 1999.

- Mary "My fondest memory is knowing Mr. Wiggins. Mr. Wiggins understands us, has fun with us, is a great high school preparer, and makes us laugh!"
- Anna "My fondest memory of St. Austin's is probably the 8th grade trip to Port Aransas."
- Robert "My fondest memory at St. Austin's was going on sports trips."
- Nathan "My fondest memory is winning first in football."
- Casey "My fondest memory of my years at St. Austin School was when I did my homework for the first time."
- Kaiti "My fondest memory is when Mr. Wiggins had the guys in our class give the girls corsages and chocolates for Valentine's Day."
- Christina "My fondest memories of my years at St. Austin School are our trip to San Antonio. What I've learned that will stay with me the rest of my life. I'll answer that in 30 years!"
- Luke "Something that will stay with me through life is the saying 'We learn not for school but for life.'"
- Ian "Something I learned at St. Austin's that will stay with me the rest of my life is that 'I don't know' is not an answer."
- Callie "My funniest memory of St. Austin School is leaving the fish in the toilets and sinks on April Fool's Day."
- Jason "My fondest memory is when I won the Youth Essay Contest in 7th grade because I was the only one in the school that entered."

Note: Marty Wiggins was a teacher at St. Austin School for many years.



Flowers on the altar were given
in celebration of the marriage of
Eduardo Ponce & Romina Cardillo
on Saturday, February 6.

Prayer Blanket Blessing and Anointing of the Sick Mon., Feb. 8 at 8 a.m. Mass



Please join us for the monthly Blessing of Prayer Blankets. The Prayer Blanket Ministry members continue to work from home. If you are interested in either receiving a prayer blanket or helping this ministry, please contact Nancy at 512-837-3658 or tnejs@aol.com



Knightly News

While the pandemic required us to rethink how we'd perform our mission, nevertheless, the Fr. Phil O'Hern Council contributed both time and talent to our parish community. A quick overview of the numbers shows that we performed at least 1,420 hours of service and contributed \$6,780 to several charities. We couldn't do it without your support of taco breakfasts and pecan sales. THANK YOU!

In honor of the recent Beatification of our founder Fr. McGivney, the Knights of Columbus offers FREE on-line memberships until June 30. Visit our [webpage](#) and to learn more.

Are you receiving our Weekly eNews?

Look for them on Friday nights. We send out good news each week, but though hundreds are read, many are unopened. Some folks have found our emails in their SPAM, JUNK, SOCIAL, or PROMOTIONS folders. Please look there, our address is sacp@staustin.org. Others have found that the email address we have on file for them is long out of date. Is your email address current? We can check for you! Keep up with this vibrant community - make sure you receive the weekly eNews.



ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY

Online EIM Training Explained

Beginning Jan. 1, the Online EIM Training fulfills the EIM compliance/training requirement **only** for applicants who have an existing EIM account and have previously attended an EIM Workshop.

As of Jan. 1, **new applicants, and existing applicants who have never attended an EIM Workshop**, must attend an in-person EIM Workshop to fulfill their initial EIM compliance requirement.

For more information, contact your Site Administrator
St. Austin Catholic Parish, Sharon Jones, sjones@staustin.org
St. Austin Catholic School, Elizabeth Rogers,
erogers@staustinschool.org

How to Report an Incident of Concern

The Diocese of Austin is committed to preventing harm from happening to any of our children or vulnerable adults. To report an incident of concern, go [to our website](#), or call the EIM Office at 512-949-2447.

Texas law says anyone who thinks a child, or person 65 years or older, or an adult with disabilities is being abused, neglected, or exploited must report it to the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). Abuse hotline: 1-800-252-5400.

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