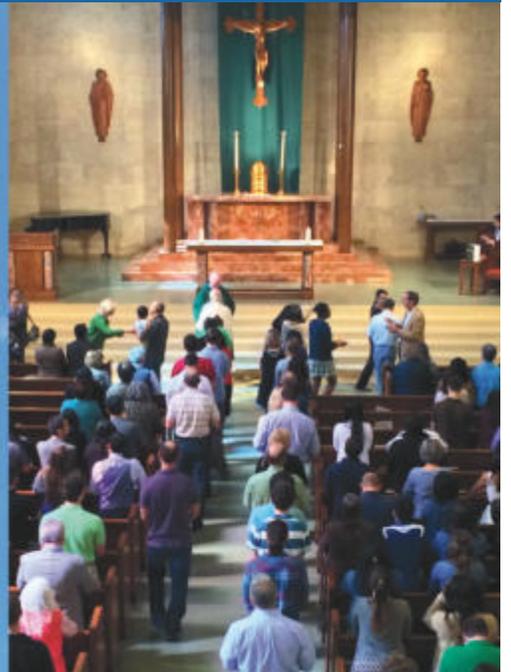




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MASS SCHEDULE

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.

**EXCEPT FOR SATURDAY 5:00 P.M. & SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.,
ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED.**

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 – More People & Masks!

We welcome the return of worshipers into the church. Our seating is at about 75% of our pre-pandemic capacity. When attending Mass, please continue to wear a mask for the safety of those not yet vaccinated, especially the children. Masks must be worn by all over 2 years of age. Doors open 20 minutes before Mass.

About Reception of the Eucharist - We only offer Communion in the form of bread, placed in your hand. Please ~

- Wear your mask over your nose and mouth.
- Cup your hands to give a wide space to receive the host.
- Step 6' to the side of the minister and move your mask to consume the host.
- Replace your mask, fully covering your nose and mouth.

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in the church on Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. (no appointment needed). Masks must be worn at all times and social distancing will be observed. We welcome requests for appointments for other days or times, please visit StAustin.org/Reconciliation.

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 nearby Horseshoe Bay.

FROM FATHER CHUCK



Happy Independence Day! I hope and pray that you and your family have a safe and relaxing celebration of the Fourth of July. There is cause to celebrate.

The Declaration of Independence is – along with the Constitution – one of the founding documents of our nation. It is always worth a read on Independence Day. The Declaration

boldly declares: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men (*in the sense of all people*) are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

These truths are self-evident, that is, they provide their own proof. They are, as it were, first principles, not needing to be justified by other principles. It is a bold assertion, bold back in 1776, and still bold today. All people are created equal!

Unfortunately, some people around the world do not believe this. They believe that they are more special, more important, better and of more worth than others because of their lineage, or their race, or their nation, or their wealth, even because of their religion.

Such a belief is antithetical to the founding principles of our nation. As we observe and celebrate this holiday, it is of much greater importance than BBQs and parties, parades and fireworks. It is a time to recommit ourselves to the work of making concrete and real the principles on which our nation was founded. For if we as a nation are not committed to these ideals, then we really have no good reason to be.

On this Fourth of July weekend let us renew our efforts to truly be one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all. That is a big order, but our history has shown us that we are up to the challenge. Happy Independence Day!

Fr. Chuck

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

As we prepare for our offices to move to 500 W. MLK, *watch the bulletin and eNews for updates*. We'll keep the phones staffed and lines open but our parish offices will be closed the week of July 26th. We'll reopen for business in our new Ministry Center on August 2. In mid-August, the Paulists will move from the rectory. At the end of that month, we'll celebrate and bid a fond farewell to some buildings we've known for generations.

Through all those changes and those that will follow, our Church building will remain our quiet center. As it has for decades, it will continue to center our community for these years of our migration and for many years to come. As we experience our pilgrimage of development and growth, we have the blessing of that steady center.

**The BIG Move It Sale
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July 24, 2021!**

WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Your Smile Makes a Welcome Difference

Can you help us welcome our guests at Mass? Your gift of hospitality will be contact-free and would mean so much to our visitors. **NOW** is the time to get your EIM training (or make sure you are current) taken care of as it is a requirement to serve at Mass. EIM compliance is also the only requirement to serving as a greeter. There's more on that in this edition.

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year has opened for all grades from Pre-K3 through high school. Because of the limited meeting spaces on campus during the development project, we have a variety of home-based and pod-based options, with multiple lectionary-based curricula for your family to choose from. We will be with you every step of the way to support you in this endeavor!

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

RCIA

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, or in receiving the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation as an adult, please email RVaughn@StAustin.org.

ETHICS & INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY

EIM COMPLIANCE (during pandemic)

EIM Policies require all clergy, religious, seminarians, employees and adult volunteers serving in a ministry requiring EIM compliance to submit an EIM Application for Ministry (one-time only) and attend an EIM Workshop at least once every three years.

Online EIM training is available at the [EIM Page](#) for persons needing to update/renew their EIM compliance; the training page includes instructions on how to login to your existing EIM account to find information you will need in order to receive credit for completing the training.

New employees and new volunteers currently active in ministry must submit the EIM Application at www.eappsdb.com/austin (as a First Time Applicant) and attend an in-person EIM Workshop (as of Jan. 1 new applicants may not use the online EIM training for their initial EIM compliance requirement). EIM Workshops resumed in August for new applicants (or no prior EIM Workshop attendance) and are typically for members of the host parish/school community only at this time; contact your parish/school EIM site administrator for workshop status at your location. For information, call (512) 949-2447.

REPORT ABUSE

Report abuse of a minor, elderly adult or an adult with a disability to local law enforcement or to the Texas Abuse Hotline at www.txabusehotline.org or (800) 252-5400 and to the diocese at www.austindiocese.org/report-abuse or (512) 949-2447. Bishop Joe S. Vásquez is committed to providing compassionate care to persons who have experienced abuse, particularly if committed by clergy or a church representative. Contact the diocesan Coordinator of Victim Assistance & Pastoral Support at (512) 949-2400.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

A Bounty of JUST News from Our Outreach, SVdP & Gabriel Project

Visit our website's JUSTNews page to meet our new Outreach Assistant, Kristina, who will be with us through summer's end. There's another introduction from our St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) to a neighbor in need affected by COVID. Your gifts to the monthly PIN (Persons in Need) collection allowed us to help her and many others. Your generosity is also a boon to the mothers helped by our Gabriel Project. In this week's JUSTNews we're invited to look at photos as they recommit themselves to their service as Gabriel Angels. Find all the news at StAustin.org/Just-News.

ADVENTURES IN THE ARCHIVES

The Doors of St. Austin's

Well, imagine for a moment that you walked down the Drag on your way to Mass, and when you came to St. Austin's, you found swinging glass doors that opened when you stepped on an electronic mat, doors like H-E-B's or the ice cream parlor, the copy shop, or the bookstore.

That wouldn't work at all. The doors to St. Austin's are the way they are – enormous, heavy, made of wood and metal – because they have to fulfill three functions. They serve to create a strong sense of threshold by demanding that you open them with purpose, with an act of will, and some muscle besides. The holy water fonts beside the doors extend this sense of threshold; they recall our baptism.

Secondly, the doors serve to hide and protect what goes on inside the sanctuary. The interior of the church can be called the "nave" of the church, derived from "navis," Latin for ship. And because our church does look like a big ship, it reminds me of Noah's ark.

Thirdly, the doors remind us of sacrifice, that profane space was sacrificed to make a sacred space, and that natural materials were chosen for this space which will unite earth and heaven.

A reflective gaze at the church doors brings to mind the doors of the tabernacle, and how we have to wait until the right time for those doors to open. With our human will, we can enter the church to be with God; but He finally approaches us, not through our doing, but through His own gracious coming, through the door that He opens.

By Susan Kerr in St. Austin's "The Spirit," June 1988

ST. AUSTIN'S REMEMBERS

As we plan the Commemoration Ceremony to bid farewell to the buildings that served us for decades, we hope to share cherished memories from your days either at St. Austin School or Church. One of our parishioners, Nancy Jones, remembers being in the sixth grade at St. Austin's school. "That year the class was in Paulist Hall (not enough classrooms in the *old* St. Austin School building). After lunch each day, Sister Eugene taught us to dance - to waltz, tango and square dance. What a sight she was, in that long habit, skipping around the room as she demonstrated the steps! We loved her so much! She was the best teacher I ever had and I still can do those dances!" Your memories are so important to us! We'd love to hear from you by **JULY 15**. Please email to Stewardship@staustin.org. Thank you!

COMMUNITY LIFE

How Many Prayer Blankets?

We've shared *what* happens when we send out our prayer blankets. This week, we answer the question, just *how* much comfort and joy we share. Our records reflect that from last July to this June, we've shared 228 blankets! And the ministry created an exquisite quilt as well. Each prayer blanket is a symbol of our *synodality* with people in need of healing and support. Keep them in your prayers. If you're interested in either sending or receiving a prayer blanket or helping, please contact Nancy Hrin at tnejs@aol.com or 512-837-3658.

Knightly News

The Council installed new officers on Thursday, June 17, for Fraternal Year 2021-22. Our District Deputy, District Warden and Chaplain Fr. Bruce Nieli, CSP officiated. Knights and families celebrated afterwards with a BBQ dinner. View photos of the event at our [webpage](#).



SHARE YOUR OPINION WITH US

Pope Francis constantly calls the Church to practice *synodality*, which means "walking together." With a quick survey, emailed earlier this week, we want to get a sense of our parish family so that we can "walk together," guided by the Holy Spirit, to determine the next steps regarding our pandemic protocols. We hope to find a way forward, based on your input, that will include the comfort of as many people as possible. We recognize that every parishioner in our diverse St. Austin's family has experienced the pandemic in different ways. Our family households are of all ages and each must weigh the risks and benefits of relaxing pandemic-related protocols. We've held the survey open to hear from you. Find the Survey on our website at StAustin.org.

GIVE

Last Sunday in his Second Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul appealed to that community for generosity. He articulates a compelling argument for the gracious act of giving, pointing out that Christ, though rich, for our sake became poor. His appeal ends with this citation, "Whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less." We give thanks for your many gracious acts of generosity and the time and talent you share by giving.



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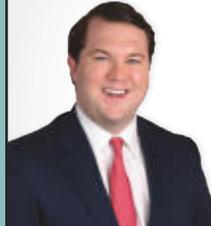
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