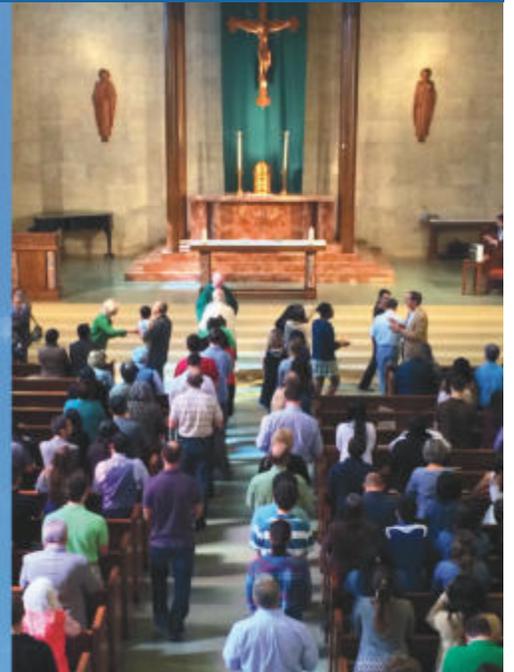




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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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. & 5:30 P.M.,  
ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED.**

**OFFICE HOURS**

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

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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. We ask that masks 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.

**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](http://StAustin.org/Reconciliation).

**BECOMING CATHOLIC**

For information on becoming Catholic, please contact Rachel Vaughn at [rvaughn@staustin.org](mailto: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 FR. CHUCK



For reflection this week, consider moving and transitions. With the Rectory move this week, there will be no column from me. You can count on a pastoral column from one of us when the dust has settled.

I do want to ask you to join us for our celebration of gratitude and farewell on Saturday, August 28. And if you generously contributed to our Courtyard effort, please come on Monday, August 30, to reclaim your bricks after the 8 a.m. Mass and until 8 p.m. Landscaping materials will be available, too.

Please pray with us for a successful end to this long series of moves. You all have done exceptional work in moving things large and small from here to there. Thank you very much!

God Bless,

## Our Celebration of Gratitude & Farewell

On Saturday, August 28, the doors of the church will open promptly at 8:30 a.m. (**Note time change.**) At 9:00, we'll gather in prayer and reflection on the beautiful memories we have of the buildings that have served us from 1918. Michael Flahive and Barbara Kennedy will share remembrances of our parish and school. We'll process to the new Ministry Center to bless and commission it into service. We'll make sure that the buildings are as cool as possible so that you can bid them a fond farewell. We invite you all to join us in taking leave of these special spaces. We'll provide cool and refreshing treats for all in attendance.

## Clearing the Courtyard

We're grateful for all the families who paved our way! Your names caught our eyes in the many goings and comings across our beautiful courtyard. From Sunday morning trips for coffee & donuts or to Agape and other receptions, your names were our highway from church to community gatherings.

The Clear the Courtyard event on Monday, August 30, after 8 a.m. Mass and until 8 p.m., is your last opportunity to take home a bit of our well-loved landscape. You're invited to clear the courtyard of *YOUR* family's inscribed bricks. Also available will be the plants and landscaping materials. Donations collected that day will be held for landscaping our new facility.

Please be prepared! Wear safe shoes and bring everything you'll need like tools for prying your bricks free, pots and gardening tools to remove plants, water, sunscreen, bug spray, etc.



September 29—November 7  
Join our Angels in support of this event of action and prayer. Learn more at the Gabriel Project page on our website.

## WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

### Music Ministry Opportunities

Rehearsals for our music ministers will begin soon and there are several opportunities to be involved - the St. Austin Parish Choir (11:30 a.m.), our 8:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Ensembles, and/or as an instrumentalist. If you are interested in being part of our music ministry feel free to visit with [Dr. Andrea Pobanz](#) in the organ loft after the 5 p.m. Vigil and/or 11:30 a.m. Mass, or with [Rudy Davenport](#) after the 8:45 a.m. and/or 5:30 p.m. Mass by the piano in the sanctuary.

## 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 the registration form 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](mailto:RVaughn@StAustin.org).

### We're a Church of 2nd Chances

This is your second chance to enjoy conversations and reflections on Dorothy Day's work, led by Pat Macy and Fr. Bruce Nieli earlier this summer. Many of you wanted to participate but could not, while others had to miss a session. You can view the recorded series of four meetings on our website at [Dorothy Day](#). We hope you'll find time to explore and enjoy these sessions.

## ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY

### Now Is The Moment!

Cantors, lectors, choir and ensembles members, Eucharistic & hospitality ministers, and all others - please take advantage of this opportunity to get your EIM training online (or make sure you are current). We are so grateful for your voices and talents, your service, and your kind smiles.

### EIM Compliance

EIM compliance is a must for all involved in all volunteer ministries. EIM Policies require all clergy, religious, seminarians, employees and adult volunteers serving in any EIM compliance-required ministry to submit an EIM Application for Ministry (one-time only) and attend an in-person EIM Workshop within 60 days, and update/renew compliance at least once every three years. **Online EIM Training is available for existing applicants who have previously attended a workshop and are due to update/renew their EIM compliance.**

Visit [Ethics & Integrity in Ministry](#) on our website to learn more, get links to register for training, or to report abuse. Find it in **GIVE**.

## CHARITY & JUSTICE



Our St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to serve neighbors, on a regular basis, with rent, utilities, bus passes, and vouchers. Our faithful call dispatchers would **love to have a few more folks** on whom to rely to care for neighbors in need.

If you have been thinking that this Fall is a good time to venture into a new ministry, we'd be happy to have you! Our conference is still meeting by Zoom these days, and our core mission of meeting neighbors in their homes has remained "on hold" throughout Covid, but we carry on with prayerful phone conversations that reach grateful folks in need. If you are interested in taking part, contact Huddie. [hwmswim@gmail.com](mailto:hwmswim@gmail.com)

### A Note From Our Neighbor!

"I just wanted to thank you again for your help with my electric bill. I am now current with the bill, but I could not have done this w/o your help. Thank you, and may you all be blessed for the worthy charitable work that you do."

Thank you Outreach team and to everyone who supports our charitable ministries through prayers and the monthly Persons in Need collection!

## ADVENTURES IN THE ARCHIVES

The parish "Together Forever" event on August 28 will give us an opportunity to bid farewell to the school and other parish buildings that have served us so well for so many years. There have been many farewells over the years. Here is one from over 30 years ago.

### *A Student's Farewell to St. Austin's School*

St. Austin's, the brick building which I have "grown up" in. St. Austin's is not only a school, but a group of people, students, and teachers alike who share the same quest: to learn, not for school, but for life.

This little building of ours has seen lots. It has watched many of the eighth graders grow up, physically and mentally. Also it has seen many of the teachers grow up—for instance, Mr. Wiggins. This man has been at this school longer than I have. I can remember (in K-1A) when he looked like Big Foot, and he had what I thought was an incredibly humongous beard.

But as I grew older, everything became very small. We used to have a little play area called the Susan B. Lucas play area. We also had a parking lot/playing field which went where the gym is now.

As I look back on it all now it all seems so distant, so incredible that our school was once so small, so helpless. I remember when I thought I'd never graduate from St. Austin's, but now I must look for higher peaks to reach for.

Now it's time to talk about my friends, my true friends from St. Austin's. All I can truly say about these people, my longtime classmates, is thank you for the great times, the memories, the fun, the tears, the friendship. Good-bye, St. Austin's—it's been a lifetime.

*Ben Cannatti  
Class of 1987*

*(Originally published in "The Spirit" June 1987)*

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Prayer Blankets

This week, we share the thanks of a UT alum who worshiped with our community in his student days. Just released from MD Anderson after 9 hours of brain surgery to remove a glioblastoma, he returned home to find a prayer blanket waiting for him. He sent a photo, proudly wrapped in his UT themed blanket, with his thanks. The surgery was the first step along his road of treatment that will include chemo and radiation. Please keep him, and all who receive our blankets, as well as those on our Prayer Intention page, in your prayers. Join us in thanking Heaven for our Prayer Blanket ministry. If you're interested in either sending or receiving a prayer blanket or helping, please contact Nancy Hrin at [tnejs@aol.com](mailto:tnejs@aol.com) or 512-837-3658.

### Knightly News

Earlier in August there were two dates significant to the history of the Knights of Columbus. Our founder, now Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney, was born on August 12, 1852 - Happy 169<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Unfortunately, his life was cut short by illness on August 14, 1890, just 8 years after founding the Order. Council members have been praying the Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney Beatification novena. On Friday the 13th, we celebrated Fr. McGivney's feast day at the morning Mass and later celebrated the teachers and staff of St. Austin Catholic School with our annual Appreciation Lunch.

Our Star is shining! Council 10776 has received the Star Council Award for our activities in 2020-2021 Fraternal Year. This award recognizes excellence in program activity, membership growth, insurance promotion, fraternal reporting, and Safe Environment compliance. We thank the Council members and the great community at St. Austin for helping us achieve this status. Here is a listing of Faith In Action and other activities resulting in the award.

**Faith Programs:** Sacramental gift to Fr. Paolo; conduct the Fr. McGivney Prayer hour.

**Family Programs:** Good Friday Family Promotion; Keep Christ In Christmas poster contest; Food For Families.

**Community Programs:** Helping Hands; Global Wheelchair Mission donation; St. Austin's Trash & Treasure project; Micah 6 Austin—meals for street youth.

**Life Programs:** Novena for Life; Gabriel Project & St. Louise House donations; Special Olympics donation.

We aren't sitting on our laurels! Just 6 weeks into the new Fraternal Year, we have helped in various capacities with the Move It Sale and hosted our Paulist priests and deacons at the annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner.

## GIVE

We are ever grateful for our community's consistent generosity to fund our mission of prayer, education, and service. In his Letter to the Romans (8:28) St. Paul observes that "In all things God works for good with those who love Him..." Your giving is hard at work doing good at St. Austin. For a look at our quarterly report for the period ending June 30, please visit our website's [Offertory Giving](#) page.

**Thank you!**

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