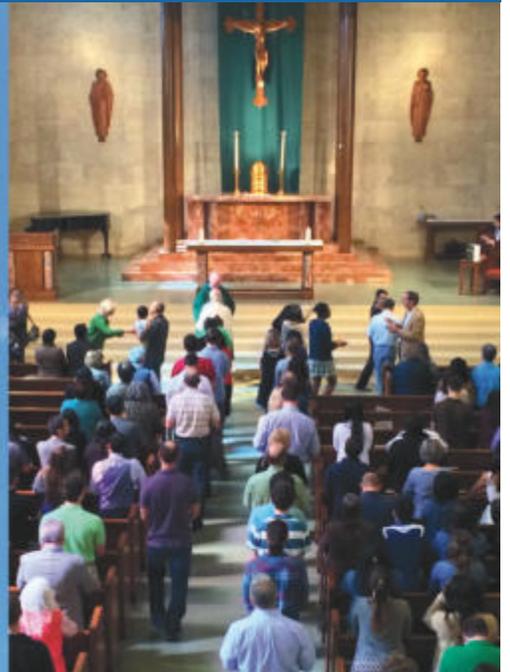




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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

**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. 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



As you are well aware (I hope), we as a parish have embarked on a great adventure to greatly upgrade our physical facilities for our school, our gym, our church offices, our ministry space, and our rectory. We are replacing everything except the church.

The engine for this is a long-term (99-year) ground lease with a developer, Greystar, who will construct a 30-story building on our property west of the alley. We will have a new 5-story building for our school, our ministry spaces and our parish offices to the east of the alley. The new gym and rectory will be a condo arrangement in the developer's building of student housing.

We have now moved out of the old school, the church offices and the rectory. However, as I write this, we do NOT have a signed agreement with the developer. Since all the parish property is owned by the Diocese of Austin, only Bishop Joe Vásquez can sign the development agreement. The lawyers are working hard to have this all ready for his signature on September 1, or thereabouts. It may even have occurred by the time you read this. Needless to say, it is a little nerve-wracking, since we have moved out of our old facilities, but do not yet have a firm development agreement.

This weekend, on Saturday we say a fond farewell to the buildings that have served us for many generations. Many memories have soaked into those walls. This coming Monday, August 30, we will permit the dis-assembly of our courtyard, allowing parishioners to take bricks that have significance for them, and some of the plants in the courtyard.

We fully anticipate that as of Wednesday, September 1, we will no longer have access to the school, blacktop, gym, Newman Hall, Hecker Hall, the Holy Family Room, the rectory or the courtyard, and that it will be converted into a construction site. Since there is much work to be done with re-routing utility lines (that is what the construction on 21<sup>st</sup> Street at the corner of Guadalupe Street is already about) and soil testing, and other prep, actual demolition will not occur till after Thanksgiving.

For a taste of what we have planned as new structures, please join us on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 1:00 p.m. in the church, as we host one of the lead architects on this project who will give us a virtual "fly through" of the campus and the new buildings.

Please keep our project and Parish/School Staff in your prayers during this exciting (and crazy) time. I especially recommend to you our Prayer for our Pilgrimage.

God bless!

## THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who took time out of their busy late summer weekend to be with us at our Celebration of Gratitude & Farewell. The generations of families who've worshiped, learned, and served with us here have made and continue to make St. Austin a place of welcome where God's Word - His Love - comes to life here and now!

## 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).

## ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY

### Your First Step to Volunteering

Please take advantage of this opportunity to get your EIM training online (or make sure you are current). We are very grateful for your gifts of time and talent. Your service enriches our parish community and multiplies the good works we're able to accomplish.

### 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.

## FROM THE DIOCESE ON EIM

### An Invitation

Please read the bulletin insert from the Diocese of Austin inviting us to participate in an EIM Survey. The survey closes Sept. 10. Please act promptly in response to this appeal for your opinion. You might have received it by email earlier this week.

## CHARITY & JUSTICE

### Our Reputation for Generosity Precedes Us!

Last week we received an appeal for help from a neighbor in need facing, what to her, were impossible medical bills. Recently from eastern Europe, this young woman had heard of our willingness to help neighbors in need. Read more in [JUSTNews](#).

### Become a Gabriel Project Angel Next Training: Saturday, September 11, 2021 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. via Zoom

No one within parish boundaries should ever feel helpless and alone. The Gabriel Project parish-based ministry consists of trained Gabriel Project Angels from parish communities to support pregnant mothers and young families. Gabriel Angels and Michael Angels are the hands and feet of the ministry. They walk with the family through pregnancies and beyond, providing them with ongoing personal care and nurture the choice of life through prayer, friendship, material support, and encouragement.

The St. Austin Gabriel Project needs English and Spanish speaking Angels to serve more than 40 families!

To ensure training materials are received prior to the training, **please RSVP by 9/3. Contact Karen Candelas** at 512-651-6176 or [karen-candelas@ccctx.org](mailto:karen-candelas@ccctx.org)



**September 22—October 31**  
Join our Angels in support of this event of action and prayer. Learn more at the Gabriel Project page on our website.

## ADVENTURES IN THE ARCHIVES

In the late summer of 1974 a young woman's life ended tragically. Susan Lucas, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at St. Austin School, died in a drowning accident off the coast of Colombia.

Here is how her colleague, Carol Hovland, remembered Susan.

"I knew I would have a good year when I met Susan. She was brimming with life and enthusiasm. She cared about ideas and people. She liked to discuss everything – poetry, learning to read, farming, movies, canning and magic.

She always had new ideas. 'Let's set up a store in the classroom to learn math. Let's call ourselves the super class. Let's talk about violence and why it exists.'

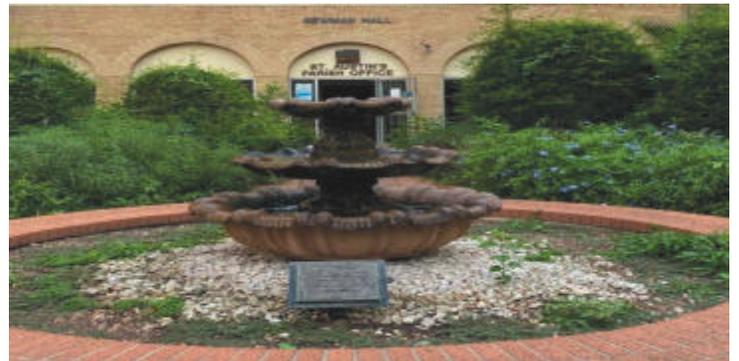
Susan designed the award given to each child at the end of the year. She organized a talent show for Father Edward Pietrucha, CSP, [then pastor] on the last day of school.

She got an architecture class at The University of Texas to improve the design of the St. Austin's playground as a class project. She initiated plans for a resource center and with her co-teacher, Barbara Pike Pratz, painted and papered the stage to make it a happy place where children would want to come for help in learning."

A plaque with Susan's name was attached to the entrance of the playground where it stood for many years as a testament to a dedicated and loving teacher.

*(Originally published in the "Texas Catholic Herald," October 4, 1974.)*

## COMMUNITY LIFE



### Clearing the Courtyard

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-bring all you'll need like tools for prying your bricks free, pots & gardening tools to remove plants, water, sunscreen, bug spray, etc.

### Thoughts On Prayer Blankets (PBs) & Creation

Wednesday, September 1, is celebrated by the Christian family as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It begins the Season of Creation, which ends on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on October 4. Our PBs weave bonds and build relationships like those within all of Creation. Consider the words of Pope Francis in *Laudato Si*, "**Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth...**" Do you want to send or receive a prayer blanket? Would you like to help? Please contact Nancy Hrin at [tnejs@aol.com](mailto:tnejs@aol.com) or 512-837-3658.

### Knightly News

Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> is often associated with bad luck but it was our good fortune on that day to provide the wonderful teachers and staff of St. Austin Catholic School with our annual SACS Appreciation Lunch at the San José campus. With an abundance of gourmet sandwiches, drinks, and other goodies set out by the Knights, the teachers and staff were able to take a break from preparations for the start of the new school year. See [Knightly News](#) for a photo.

## GIVE

*Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights...*

These words from the Book of James are fitting on this weekend of celebration of what our parish was, is, and will be. In our time and place, your good giving allows us to reach out, within our community and beyond to share God's Word through worship and education and His Love in service to others through our Social Justice programs. Thank you for the contributions that allow us to reflect the light of the Father's Love.

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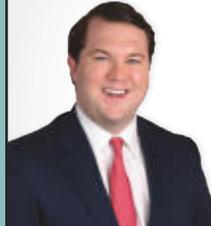
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