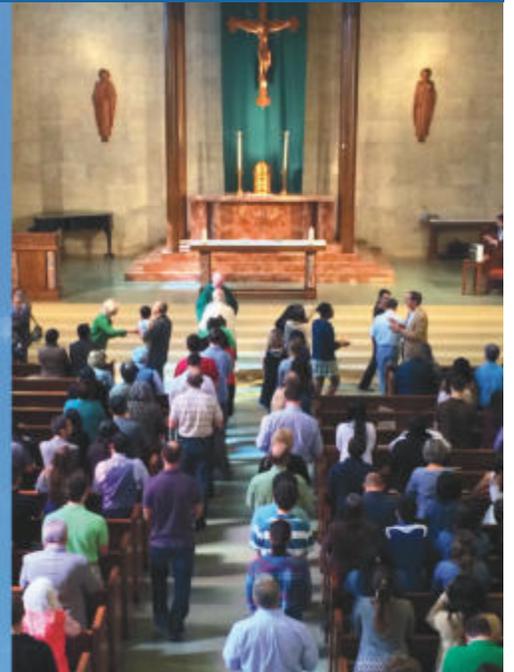




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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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.

**\*THESE MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED AT  
STAUSTIN.ORG, ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL,  
AND ON 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. 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



Happy Labor Day Weekend! May you all have a relaxing and restorative time on Labor Day.

As I write this, I am expecting that the final signatures on the large development deal for our parish and school will occur on Wednesday, September 8, in the afternoon. This will be a most significant and important day in the history of our parish and school. I hope to give you an update (on our parish website) by next weekend.

Next Saturday is our annual Parish Pastoral Council retreat. It is a time to welcome new members to the PPC, and to plan and strategize for the coming year. The new members of the PPC are: Nancy Carrales, Julie Kocurek, and John Moellenberg. Congratulations!

Rolling off the PPC with the completion of their terms are Peter Soosay, Lloyd Bircher, and Charles Vernor. We thank them most heartedly for their service to our parish community during an important formative time for our future plans.

Continuing on the PPC are Alison Macor, Fernando Rodriguez, Mary Margaret Salls, Marian Barber, Billy Atkins, Janina Flores, Josie Barrett, Ray Mechler, and Kelly Bodu Tarrant. All these people bring a diversity of experience and talent to our Parish Pastoral Council, and they all share a desire to help and to work. We will have lots for them to do in the coming year.

At the retreat the new Chair, Vice-Chair, and Recorder will be elected for the coming year. If you have concerns, ideas, issues, or compliments you wish to share with the PPC, you can email them at [PastoralCouncil@staustin.org](mailto:PastoralCouncil@staustin.org), or speak to any PPC member. Your input is always welcome. Please stay tuned to our parish website for the latest news and developments on our ongoing Parish Pilgrimage.

God bless!

## PRAYER FOR OUR PILGRIMAGE

Amazing Spirit of God, awaken us again to your enlivening presence, in parish and school – in classroom and pew. You have guided and walked with us from our beginning, with the founding generations to the present moment. Upon your urging we now are raising up a new home for the mission you entrust to us: to be a beacon of hope in the life of our world, and a touchstone of faith and mercy for generations to come. Strengthen our commitment step by step. Clarify our vision and its application so as not to falter. Keep us grounded. Keep us truthful. Bless us with the lightness of your touch in laughter and in stillness. Remind us that we build in service of your most amazing mission to be expressions of God's love in this place, for this time. As we are taught, we dare to pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## 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 [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 2021-22 school year is open for all grades from Pre-K3 through high school. Because of the limited meeting spaces on campus during the development project, we offer options for home or pod-based learning, with multiple lectionary curricula for your family's choice. We'll 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

### Time is Running Out!

**Online EIM training is only available until January 2, 2022.**

If you need to update/renew your training, now is the time. This training is only for those who have previously attended an in-person EIM workshop. Access the online training [here](#).

### EIM Compliance

EIM compliance is a must for all involved in all volunteer ministries. **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

### Your Opinion, Please

The EIM Office is conducting a survey to evaluate the naming (or "branding") of the EIM program. If you wish to participate in the survey but didn't receive the email or don't have an EIM account, please go to our parish website and click EIM to find the [Survey](#). The survey closes September 10. Please act promptly in response to this appeal for your opinion.



## CHARITY & JUSTICE

**On this PIN Sunday...** we ask your support for Persons in Need in our monthly second collection. In this story, we share the great good your giving does for those who come to us in great need.

Recently, our St. Vincent de Paul Society helped a young man who has never needed assistance before. He'd been self-employed in the video business - portraits, real estate video, photography - until Covid canceled events left and right. He decided to go back to school at Austin Community College but had lingering utility bills. **Good News!** Through our generous Plus 1 partnership with the City, we were able to take care of his Austin Energy bill, and, with our own funds, take care of his Texas Gas bill. **More Good News!** Then, he discovered that his new FAFSA application information allowed him to receive a Pell Grant. We discovered we even had enough to help pay part of his remaining fall tuition! It's a whole new start for this fellow! Thanks for your generosity and support! *Please don't stop!*

### Micah 6 Street Youth Sunday Hot Meals

Did you know that several times a year each member of a small group of St. Austin parishioners prepare a dish that together creates a hot Sunday meal? Their combined efforts offer a healthy, delicious meal for young people living on the streets who visit Micah 6's weekly drop-in center.

Here's what our parishioner volunteers have to say about this ministry:

- *I am blessed to be part of this long-standing, collaborative ministry serving street youth. The meal-preparers take such care in making the food, and the street youth receive it with deep appreciation.* - Terese Wier
- *I love helping to prepare the meals for Micah 6. Cooking for a couple hours - not even once a month - is such an easy way to help out. I hope that the young adults who join in the meal leave feeling well-fed and cared for. They're definitely appreciative! I also recommend volunteering to help serve the meals, which is a great way to meet and talk with all kinds of interesting people.* - Julie Frey

Learn more or sign up to volunteer for this ministry that truly makes a difference by emailing [kdempseyasyk@staustin.org](mailto:kdempseyasyk@staustin.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.

### Become a Gabriel Project Angel

**Next Training: Saturday, September 11, 2021  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. via Zoom**

Trained Gabriel Project Angels from parish communities walk with families 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 materials are received prior to the training, **please RSVP by Sept. 3. Contact Karen Candelas** at 512-651-6176 or [karen-candelas@ccctx.org](mailto:karen-candelas@ccctx.org)

## ADVENTURES IN THE ARCHIVES



The courtyard of St. Austin had its beginnings with a dedication in May 1987 and its ending with Clearing the Courtyard on August 30, 2021. Parishioners have enjoyed this green area between Newman Hall, Paulist Hall, and the Rectory for a great variety of occasions including First Holy Communion gatherings, wedding photos, retirement parties, Agape events, Baptism and Confirmation groups, school pictures, receptions, Sunday coffee and donuts, and meeting and greeting friends. The area included a lovely small garden, a St. Francis fountain with gently bubbling water, and bricks inscribed with family names.

The courtyard was donated in 1987 by an anonymous parishioner in memory of Marguerite Dixon, mother of Paula and Philip Dixon, then St. Austin parishioners. Philip was the St. Austin's Folk Choir leader for several years in the 1990s. During his tenure, he introduced a wide range of music for the congregation including traditional Catholic music and good modern music.

When the parish building project is completed sometime in 2023, we'll have a new urban oasis to complement the new buildings.

## COMMUNITY LIFE

It's said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Life in our community has been vibrant recently! We hope the photos of our Celebration of Fond Farewell found on our website and in this weekend's bulletin insert convey some of the joy we shared.

## GIVE

In today's Gospel, the evangelist says, ***"They were exceedingly astonished..."*** (Mark 7:37)

Those words can also be used to express our reaction to your generosity of time and talent. These weeks of our Move of a Century have witnessed an outpouring of love in action. Our community united toward a shared goal. Your contributions - to our Persons in Need appeals the first Sunday of each month, your gifts to the Seminary in Morelia, and the gifts you make to the Offertory to keep our mission in motion - make our hearts soar.

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