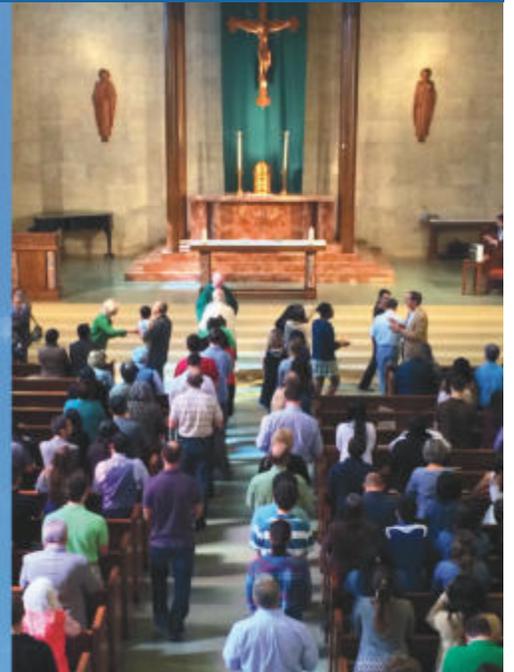




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**MASS SCHEDULE**

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

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**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 FATHER CHUCK

### Just for YOU, An Invitation & An Introduction



### Come Fly with Us! View Our New Ministry & Education Center through Eagles' Eyes ~ Sunday, September 19, 1 p.m.

Imagining what we're waiting for is often challenging. We've seen renderings of the exterior of the new buildings, but what will it be like? This virtual experience will give us an idea as we take a fly through of our new facility. It will last about an hour. While we'll livestream the presentation, I'd like to share the live experience with you. I think you'll be impressed - I was. So if you can join me, right here in our own Church, please do!

### I'm happy to introduce our new Parish Administrator, Diane Zbasnik!



Heeding the advice of the Holy Spirit, which came in the voices of several parishioners, we've created a new position. The role is not totally fleshed out yet, but Diane is an addition to the staff - she's not replacing anyone. Diane's background is well-suited to the role she will play in overseeing the day-to-day operations of our parish. Learn more about Diane on the Staff page of our website.

## 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

### About Our Mass Broadcasts

We've broadcast hundreds of Masses since March 2020, with less than a handful of transmission problems. We appreciate your patience and understanding when the rare glitch occurs, for example, as with the livestream of the 11:30 Mass on the 12th. The problem wasn't ours, and out of our control.

We are grateful for technology that's made it possible for us to worship together in community while apart - it's been one of the blessings in pandemic.

### 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

Our program for the 2021-22 school year began last weekend for all grades from Pre-K3 through high school and Confirmation. We know that families have much on their plates again this year. Our intention is to support you with flexible Gospel-based programming that meets your family's needs. It's never too late to learn about our faith! If registration for Faith Formation flew by you, please contact Rachel at [RVaughn@StAustin.org](mailto:RVaughn@StAustin.org).

### RCIA

Our classes, for those interested in becoming Catholic or in receiving the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation as adults, are just gearing up. We welcome you to join us in this journey of faith. It's not too late. Please contact Rachel at [RVaughn@StAustin.org](mailto:RVaughn@StAustin.org).

## ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY

EIM Policy requires that all persons serving young people (minors), elderly adults, or adults with disabilities, including worship services or liturgies where these audiences may be present, 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 training is available until January 2 for existing applicants.

**To help clarify** those required to maintain EIM compliance, this list describes some who are exempt:

1. Parents who solely observe programs and activities in which their children are involved, and who do not volunteer or otherwise serve in ministry for their children's programs and activities;
2. Employees and contractors of companies that provide intermittent, non-ministry services and who are supervised when on parish or school property and segregated from minors.

## CHARITY & JUSTICE

### Giving Thanks! No Surge in Evictions

Our Outreach and SVdP teams are breathing a sigh of relief that we haven't seen the surge in evictions with the end of the eviction moratorium on September 1. Thankfully, two new safeguards are now in place: (1) A requirement that landlords complete eviction prevention applications is in place, (2) The opportunity for landlords to help their tenants apply for rental assistance through the City of Austin or Texas Rent Relief. Yet, despite those measures, the need for rental assistance remains high. Both our Outreach and SVdP programs receive many requests for rent help. We appreciate the many gifts to our monthly Persons in Need collection. That giving lets us help keep vulnerable neighbors in their homes. The people we serve are very grateful!

## ADVENTURES IN THE ARCHIVES

**GAP (Graduates & Young Professionals)** is a fairly new name for the group of adults in their 20s and 30s at St. Austin Parish. The idea for a community of young adults to grow together in faith and friendship is a tried and true concept at St. Austin. Before GAP, there was the Collegiates for Christ, a group of UT students who met regularly at St. Austin for a variety of activities beginning in the 1980s. Their meetings included Bible studies, service projects, intramural sports, and many social activities. Fr. Bob Scott, CSP, was the group's chaplain during his tenure at St. Austin in the 1980s and 1990s. The Collegiates also served the parish as lectors for the liturgy, religious education teachers for young people and assisted with social service activities for the parish and community.

The GAP group meets on most Sundays for a discussion of a topic of faith. Before the pandemic, they also had a relationship with the seniors living at Heritage Park Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center. The group also has many spontaneous social activities. Their usual meeting time is Sunday after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. They are currently meeting at the park adjacent to the North Lamar location of Central Market, a beautiful alternative meeting space.

Visit the GAP Facebook group for more information or go online to [StAustin.org](http://StAustin.org) and use **Search** to find *Graduates & Young Professionals*.

## ST. AUSTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Austin Catholic School (SACS) celebrates its 104th year "Shaping the Future" of students from across Austin-metro area, neighboring cities, and indeed the world. Our parish school depends on annual fundraising campaigns to deliver the high level academics and the enrichment opportunities for which it is recognized. Centered around the Paulist mission, it provides a faith-based education which "prepares students to be Christ-centered, academically strong moral community leaders." SACS granted \$130,000 in tuition assistance to families during the difficult pandemic year. We continue to rely on your support as we navigate the many unknowns of another year of COVID-19 and our transition to a new campus. For the second year in a row, we're not certain that we'll be able to host large in-person events. Please consider making your annual gift to our school by scanning the QR code at the right or at: [app.hellofund.com/ShapingTheFuture](http://app.hellofund.com/ShapingTheFuture).



## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Knightly News

The Texas State Council of the Knights of Columbus will award several needs-based grants of \$1000 each to students in the Austin diocese. Applicant qualifications and a link to the application are at our Council webpage. The deadline for application is March 1, 2022 - but don't delay!

Join the Knights of Columbus for Free! Eligible men can join online for free entering the promotion code **MCGIVNEY2020**. Becoming a member has never been easier or faster! Contact Paul Lewis ([plewis5340@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plewis5340@sbcglobal.net)) for more information on educational grants and membership.

### Our Prayer Blankets Bring Hope

Late last week we received a note of thanks from a young man whose life was turned upside down when he contracted Lyme Disease after a weekend in rural Virginia. Lyme Disease is often very difficult to diagnose as symptoms can mirror a host of other ailments like MS, Parkinson's, rheumatoid arthritis, and fibromyalgia. It took a year of testing to hone in on a confirmed diagnosis, then more months spent in finding an effective treatment for his symptoms was a difficult journey. His chosen career path required physical strength and stamina, qualities his condition robbed him of. He's starting life anew - exploring a new career, enrolling in classes toward that goal, and rebuilding his strength. He sends his gratitude for our prayers and the blanket that represents those prayers. It gives him "so much hope and peace."



**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.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Married Couples

Think a Marriage Encounter weekend is only for troubled marriages? Nothing could be further from the truth. It is a romantic, faith-filled weekend with the purpose of enriching already good marriages. The next weekend will be held on November 5-7 at Cedarbrake Renewal Center. To apply online visit: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). The following weekend is January 7-9 at Wingate Hotel in Round Rock. See [www.austinme.org](http://www.austinme.org) for more information and to apply, email [wwmeaustin@gmail.com](mailto:wwmeaustin@gmail.com) or call 512-677-WWME (9963). Apply early to ensure a space.

## GIVE

We recently heard this promise from the Gospel of Luke (6:38) ~

*Give and gifts will be given to you;  
a good measure, packed together, shaken down,  
and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.  
For the measure with which you measure  
will in return be measured out to you.*

We're very grateful for the gifted teams of parishioners who serve our community on the Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Property Committee, Development Team, and School Advisory Board. Our mission is realized with and through the generosity of time, talent, and treasure of our community.

***Thank you for giving!***

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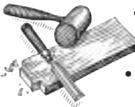


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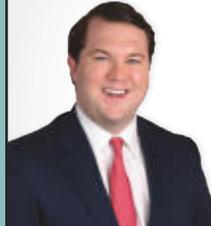
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