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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.

**ALL DAILY & SUNDAY MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED,  
EXCEPT FOR 5 P.M. SATURDAY VIGIL & 7:30 A.M. SUNDAY,  
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 — MASKS STAY ON!**

Seating is limited to maintain 6' between households, we have about 15% of our normal capacity. We clean and sanitize after every Mass. Masks must be worn by all over 2 years of age. Doors open 20 minutes before Mass, please maintain the 6' spacing as you wait. We close our doors when Mass begins.

Please follow the instructions regarding Communion:

- Wearing your mask over your nose and mouth, approach the altar in a single file using the tape on the floor for space,
- Cup your hands to give the presider or Eucharistic minister a wide space to lay the Blessed Sacrament
- Step to the side, 6' away from the Eucharistic minister, and move your mask, to consume the host.
- Replace your mask properly 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](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



A long time ago, back when I was a seminarian, a wise priest told me, "Don't show me your mission statement, show me your parish financial report. That will tell me what your real goals are." And since then I have seen that that is very true.

*Here at St. Austin Parish* we are in the final stages of an outside, independent audit. As far as I know,

we are the only parish in the Diocese that pays to have an outside, independent audit. This is our second one, both conducted by Atchley & Associates LLP. Such an independent audit does not come cheap (\$11,000 for the parish and \$10,000 for the school) but it is the best and surest way to provide financial accountability to all of our parishioners and donors. And in this day and age, involved and committed parishioners both deserve, and demand, financial transparency.

We will make available the results of the audit, once it is completed, and accepted by our parish Finance Council.

Meanwhile, there has been a lot of talk on the national news about an effort to raise the Federal Minimum Wage to \$15 an hour.

Also, I see that one local business with ties to St. Austin Parish and School, P. Terry's, has decided on their own to initiate a \$15 per hour minimum wage.

*Here at St. Austin Parish* back in July of 2016, the parish Finance Council adopted a policy of a minimum wage of no less than \$14 per hour for all of our parish hourly employees. Right now, due to natural pay increases over time, we have NO employees of the parish making less than \$15 per hour. Also, St. Austin School has adopted a \$15 minimum wage for all hourly employees. Perhaps the Parish should update its pay policy, since it is now almost five years old.

Jesus in the Gospels talks more about money than He does about sex. How we get money, how we use it, how it influences our lives, are all moral issues. And that goes for the Church just as it does for each of us as individuals. *Here at St. Austin Parish* and school we try to take that seriously, and use the funds you have given us both wisely and morally.

God bless!

*Fr. Chuck*

## Storage Space Needed

As we move forward on our Property Development Journey, we've identified the need for an off-site storage solution. Do you have some space where we could place a storage container (like a big shipping container) where we could store furniture, desks, and other things that do not need climate control? If you have available space on your ranch or homestead, and could accommodate this request, please let us know with a call to the parish office or email [Development@StAustin.org](mailto:Development@StAustin.org). We'd only need to access the container a couple of times a year, if that. THANKS!

## Volunteer Receptionists Needed

We are seeking volunteers to help out part-time at the parish reception desk over the next few months. Duties include answering phones, receiving deliveries, handling incoming and outgoing mail, etc. No computer experience is required, but it would be a bonus. If interested, please contact Sharon Jones at [sjones@staustin.org](mailto:sjones@staustin.org).

## WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

### Greeters Needed for Mass!

As more people return to Mass, the need for help welcoming people and showing them to a seat is rising and we would appreciate some extra help!

**The only requirement is being EIM compliant**, otherwise this involves no contact, only a welcoming spirit to all who come to pray with us! If you can help, please arrive 15-20 minutes before the Mass you attend and one of the priests will show you the ropes! Feel free to contact Dr. Ap ([apobanz@staustin.org](mailto:apobanz@staustin.org)) if you have any questions.

### Walking the Lenten Path

As we did for Advent and Christmas, we've curated a selection of Lenten observances, activities, events, music, resources, and more for you. Please chart your journey through this season of 40 days with a visit to [Lent](#).

### 40 Days for Life Lenten Prayer Vigil

St. Austin Catholic Parish has united with hundreds of churches across Central Texas until **March 28** for a simultaneous 40-day prayer vigil. It is a campaign of prayer & fasting, education and constant peaceful prayer vigil in front of abortion facilities. Prayer volunteers pray 1 hour 1 day a week (any time Sunday thru Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

Sign up today at this [website](#) or call 512-296-2071. Partner with a friend or Gabriel Project Angel. Contact Carmen Adams at 512-417-8309 or at [adamsteam@hotmail.com](mailto:adamsteam@hotmail.com).

## FAITH FORMATION

### Faith Formation

Visit [Faith Formation](#) at [StAustin.org](http://StAustin.org) 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 finishing Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation as an adult, please email [Rachel Vaughn](#).

### Pray With Us...

...for all on our journey of faith, and especially for our confirmandi, elect, and candidates.

## ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN MINISTRY

### Online EIM Training Explained

Beginning Jan. 1, the Online EIM Training fulfills the EIM compliance/training requirement only for applicants who have an existing EIM account and have previously attended an EIM Workshop. As of Jan. 1, new applicants, and existing applicants who have never attended an EIM Workshop, must attend an in-person EIM Workshop to fulfill their initial EIM compliance requirement.

For more information, including contacts for your Site Administrator and how to report an incident of concern, visit the EIM page on our [website](#).

## CHARITY & JUSTICE

### Exciting News from Outreach Team

Kristen Dempsey Pasyk, Director of Social Justice Ministries, is expecting her second child any day now! To make sure our program continues to run smoothly while she is caring for her new baby, an Outreach leadership team of 5 volunteers will be directing Outreach. Recently Richard Gaunt was hired to serve as Administrative Assistant. We wish Kristen, Richard, and the Outreach volunteer team the best as they navigate these transitions over the next few months!

### Meet Richard Gaunt

"I started attending St. Austin's in 2019 after moving from Delaware. I immediately found a real sense of home and community here, as I went through RCIA and got involved in GAP, the young adult group. I began volunteering for Outreach in January because I felt a nudge to get more involved in faith-based social justice ministry during this time when so many people are struggling materially, emotionally, and spiritually. Outreach connects people, and even small connections can make a big difference in all of our lives. I'm excited to continue serving our guests and team as the Outreach Administrative Assistant."

### Help Fill Baskets of Easter Joy!

Cleaning out rooms in preparation for the big change to come we found 100+ baskets received just after Easter last year. In a "light bulb moment" we remembered our friends at a Housing Authority property. They've felt extremely isolated this year and many are struggling. We can use those baskets to bring them a little Easter joy. All we need is to fill them!



We're asking for donations of individually wrapped packets of Easter candy (jelly beans, small chocolate eggs, small bags of fruit chews, nuts, peanut butter or cheese crackers, cookies, etc.) We'll also need packages of Easter grass. Our goal is to fill 125 baskets.

To make collection easy, purchase the products online and have them shipped to St. Austin at 2026 Guadalupe St., Austin, TX 78705 **ATTENTION:** Easter Basket or bring them to the office by March 24th.

Questions? Contact Huddle at [hwm swim@gmail.com](mailto:hwm swim@gmail.com).

### The Path of Charity

Journey through Lent along "the path of charity towards the weaker" recommended by Pope Francis. Consider sacrificial giving to:

**CRS Rice Bowl** - Catholic Relief Services fights hunger and malnutrition around the globe.

**Ashes to Easter** - Ashes to Easter is an annual Lenten mission project that affirms and encourages local missionary groups and other mission activities of the Diocese of Austin. Last year, Ashes benefited three nonprofits: Educate Haiti Inc., Weavers of Hope, and New Hope for Cambodian Children.

Boxes to take home to gather loose change for these two collections are in the Narthex. Find more about **Almsgiving** at [Lent](#).

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Adventures in the Archives

Fr. Dave O'Brien, St. Austin pastor 1984-1990, attended the General Assembly of the Paulist Community in New Jersey in 1986. The Paulists had adopted three central goals at that Assembly and Fr. O'Brien wanted to share them with St. Austin parishioners and, so he wrote, "we hope to involve the lay people among whom we work in the goals of our community."

The three central goals adopted for the Paulist contemporary mission were: Evangelization, Reconciliation and Ecumenism. Here is how Fr. O'Brien described them.

**Evangelization**, the preaching of the Gospel to those who have not heard it, invites all people to hear the Word of God and share in our Church life together.

**Reconciliation**, the work of Christian healing and compassion, calls us to reach out to our Catholic brothers and sisters, alienated from the Church community, and calls us to respond to the wounds of society and the hunger for peace and justice.

**Ecumenism**, the search for the unity God wills for the Church, opens us to the spiritual riches and Gospel traditions of other Christian churches and urges us to work with one another for unity in life and mission.

The Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle continues to affirm these three central goals today.

### Knightly News



During Amplify Austin's one-day fundraiser last week, the Council donated \$250 to Micah 6 to help it tap into matching funds from Amplify's new Disaster Relief Fund. Micah 6 will use the funds to help our homeless and marginalized neighbors in the

West Campus area. The Council has previously assisted Micah 6 with donations of cash, time and goods to the Food Pantry and by serving hot meals at the Street Youth Drop-In Center Sunday dinner.

The Knights of Columbus continues to offer FREE on-line memberships until June 30, 2021. Much more information about the Order is available at [Knights of Columbus](#).

### Prayer Blanket Blessing and Anointing of the Sick Mon., April 5 at 8 a.m. Mass



Please join us for the monthly Blessing of Prayer Blankets. The Prayer Blanket Ministry members continue to work from home. If you are interested in either sending or receiving a prayer blanket or helping this ministry, please contact Nancy at [tnejs@aol.com](mailto:tnejs@aol.com) or 512-837-3658.

## ST. AUSTIN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### Eddie's E-mazing Race 2021

Each year our school community joins together for a day of faith, fellowship and fun at our annual Grand Tour fundraiser. On **May 1**, we'll adopt a new format, Eddie's E-Mazing Race, and visit many Austin landmarks. This event helps to raise funds to support the mission of our school and the ongoing needs of our students. Visit our [website](#) to sponsor!



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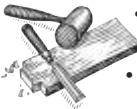
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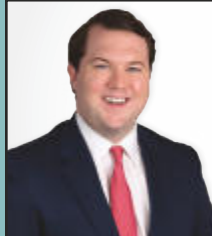
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