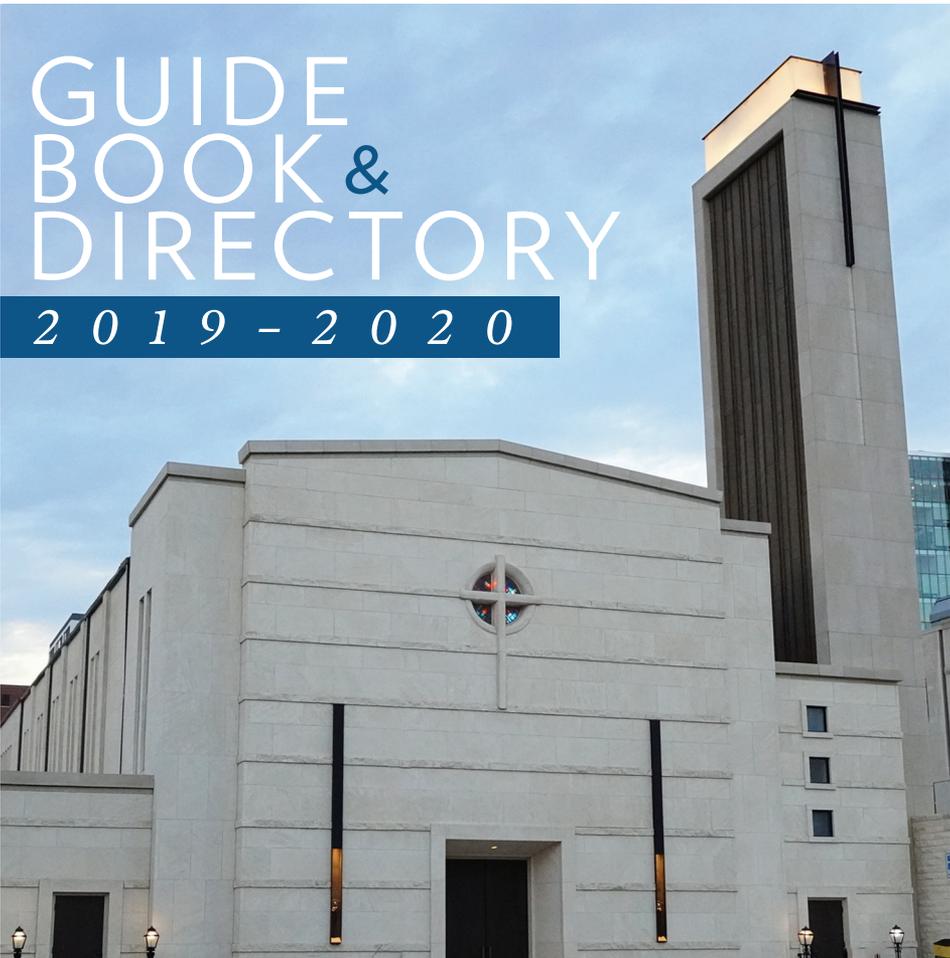


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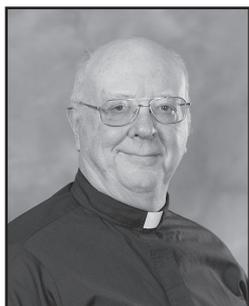
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A Message from Fr. Chuck



Dear Fellow Parishioners of St. Austin,

This is an exciting time in our parish's history. I hope that you have attended one of the very informative sessions on the probable development of our parish and school campus. This will be both an exciting and disruptive chapter in the 111-year history of our parish and school. We are seriously contemplating doing all this, with the attendant disruption and dislocation, for one primary reason: for the sake of being better able to do what our parish family is about: MINISTRY.

Your participation in the active life of our parish, whether through the music ministry, a liturgical ministry, faith formation, one of our many committees, the St. Vincent de Paul Society or Thursday Outreach, or in a myriad of other ways, is CRUCIAL.

This Guide Book is a tool to help you stay or get more involved in the life of St. Austin Catholic Parish. Your participation is vital to our parish and school community in carrying out the mission we have from Jesus to spread the Good News.

I invite you to read this directory. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern where and how you are called to be *Faithful to Our Mission*. Listen to the Holy Spirit as you explore our many wonderful ministries and activities.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Chuck Kullmann, CSP
Pastor

Parish History

Founded in 1908, St. Austin Catholic Parish was named in honor of St. Augustine of Canterbury when the Most Rev. N. A. Gallagher, bishop of Galveston, invited the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle, known as the Paulist Fathers, to establish a parish. Not only did Bishop Gallagher ask the Paulist Fathers to tend to the “spiritual needs of our growing Capital City;” he further requested them to “make their House a center of missionary activity for Catholics and non-Catholics.” The Bishop then gave them a particular mandate to “exercise a special care and supervision over the Catholic young men and women who are students at the State University.”

With the help of the Dominican Sisters of Houston, St. Austin Catholic School was founded in 1917. In 1953-1954, under the leadership of then pastor Rev. Joseph Troy, CSP, the present church, residence for the Paulist Fathers and school were built. St. Austin has grown to become a parish of over 2,000 households from over 80 zip codes. In addition, we continue to serve hundreds of university students each year.

Parish Mission Statement

St. Austin Catholic Parish, guided and served by the Paulist Fathers, is a dynamic, urban Roman Catholic faith community of the Catholic 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.

St. Augustine of Canterbury



Our parish patron saint, Augustine of Canterbury, was living a quiet life in late sixth century Rome as Prior of St. Andrew Monastery, which was established under Pope Gregory’s patrimony and was where the Pope himself had once been Prior. Gregory called upon Augustine to lead a mission to England to fulfill the Pope’s dream of bringing the Christian faith to that country. Previous missionaries sent before the Saxon conquest had been killed, had fled into hiding or had returned to Rome with stories of the cruelty and barbarity of the Saxons. Pope Gregory knew that a strong hand, like that of Augustine, would be needed

to convince the Saxons to become Christians themselves. Augustine was also given the task of bringing the wayward Christians already living in the English Islands and Ireland back to allegiance under Rome and the Pope.

In the spring of 597 the monastic band of travelers accompanying St. Augustine crossed the channel. They were told a Christian queen would welcome them, and much to their relief, they were embraced warmly by King Aethelbert and his Frankish queen, Bertha. Legend says that this first meeting took place under a great oak, a tree symbolic of hospitality in iconography. Aethelbert gave Augustine and his monks land and buildings in Canterbury to establish their mission. The king invited his people to listen to the monks, but he would not permit the monks to force conversion on anyone. Under Augustine's influence, the monks lived simply among the local people, always respecting their customs. Their lives were a witness to Christianity as they preached of God's love, cared for the poor and prayed constantly.

Impressed by Augustine's and the monks' ways, the king himself requested instruction and was baptized at Pentecost. With this foothold, Augustine was consecrated Archbishop of the English. Aethelbert continued to allow his subjects religious freedom of choice; yet because of Augustine's teachings, more than ten thousand people were baptized of their own free will that Christmas. King Aethelbert allowed his territory to be mapped out into dioceses and began to speak to the Celtic bishops on behalf of his Archbishop, Augustine, and Pope Gregory. Augustine was sent priests, liturgical books, vestments and vessels to expand his mission. Pagan temples were converted for Christian worship and pagan festivals were turned into martyrs' feast days. Finally Pope Gregory's ultimate mission to bring the British isles under the Church's influence was coming to fruition under Augustine's influence.

Augustine died in 605. In the eight years that Augustine lived among the tribes of England, his mission of conversion grew slowly, but he never wavered in his teaching of Christ's saving love.

Parish Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.

For Holy Day and Holiday schedules please contact the parish office or visit our website.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

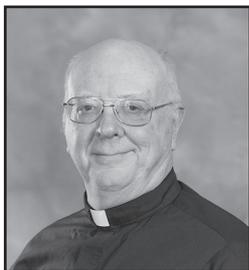
Office Hours

Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday Closed

Nursery

Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Parish Staff



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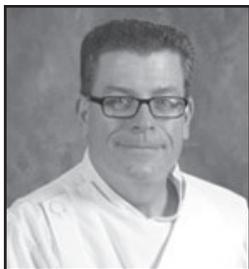


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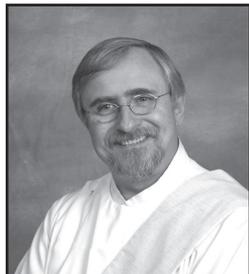


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Please note that some of our key support staff are omitted from this listing for their privacy and protection when assisting the public in our busy office in the UT West Campus neighborhood. For assistance with general questions or if you are not sure who to contact, please call the parish office and speak with one of our receptionists. Thank you!

Stewardship

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At Baptism we are called to model our lives on the life and teachings of Christ. This responsibility compels us to become disciples, which naturally leads to the practice of stewardship. As Christian stewards, we recognize that everything we have, including our talents, our abilities, our loved ones, our resources, our world, our faith, and our very lives are gifts from God. A Christian steward receives God's gifts with gratitude, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them with all in justice and love, and returns them with increase to the Lord.



If you're not sure how to share your talents and gifts at St. Austin, this book is for you! Keep reading! You can also visit www.staustin.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory to explore your Spiritual Gifts online. This helpful tool on our website will assess your gifts and suggest parish ministries that might be a good fit for you.

For more information about any of the ministries described in this directory, please contact the parish staff member or volunteer listed with that ministry or contact the parish office for more information.

To **register** at St. Austin Catholic Parish, visit www.staustin.org/registration or stop by the parish office during business hours to pick up a form. Forms are also available in the brochure racks near the church doors. To update your contact information, send an email to Pat Lucksinger at plucksinger@staustin.org.

Ways to Give

If you are ready to make a financial commitment to support the mission and ministries of St. Austin Catholic Parish, **Stewardship Pledge forms** are available in the church brochure racks, in the parish office, and online at www.staustin.org/stewardship. You can also use the **Give Online** button on our website homepage to set up electronic contributions from home.

If your family gives via stock, visit www.staustin.org/stewardship and download our DTC information under Documents or email Jennifer Anderson at janderson@staustin.org.

Have you thought about planned giving to St. Austin? Information on Planned Giving is available on the Stewardship page of our website, as well!

For questions about your pledge or contributions to St. Austin, please contact our Bookkeeper, Pat Lucksinger, at plucksinger@staustin.org.



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Ethics & Integrity in Ministry

Contact:

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Diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) compliance is required of all clergy, religious, seminarians, diocesan employees, parish and Catholic school employees, and laypersons who volunteer in ministry with minors, as well as with vulnerable adults, or in ministries, programs or organizations that serve minors or vulnerable adults.

EIM compliance consists of five components: (i) the submission of an EIM application for ministry prior to beginning any service in ministry, (ii) authorization for the diocese to run an initial background check and rerun background checks at least every three years (and more often as needed); (iii) participation in an EIM workshop within the first 60 days of ministry and at least once every three years; (iv) adherence to the Diocese of Austin Policies on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry; and (v) classification in the diocesan EIM database as authorized to engage in ministry.

Compliance with EIM policies by persons who do ministry where minors or vulnerable adults may be present provides educated eyes, ears and voices to assist our church in doing all that it can to keep the young, and the young at heart, safe from preventable harm. More information about these policies can be found on the Diocese of Austin web site at www.austindiocese.org/eim.

Liturgical Ministries

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Each week, hundreds of people come to worship at St. Austin. Many parishioners serve as ministers to help facilitate our worship during the liturgies. When the faithful of our community gather, we become a visible sign of the Body of Christ. Many people serve as liturgical ministers to help facilitate the assembly during the liturgies. Their ministry touches all who come to worship at our parish and assist the faith community in its public communal prayer. There are a variety of ministries for the laity including Ministers of Music, Hospitality, Lectors, Altar Servers, Art and Environment, and Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. All liturgical ministers must be fully compliant with the Diocese's Ethics and Integrity in Ministry program.

Hospitality Ministers

Minister of Hospitality (commonly known as Ushers & Greeters) provide a sense of hospitality and welcome to all worshippers. They welcome and providing directions to parishioners and visitors, take up and secure the offertory collection(s), respond to questions and emergencies that arise, and hand out worship aides and bulletins. Hospitality Ministers are always needed and are trained throughout the year.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers)

Eucharistic Ministers assist the presider and deacon with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. Eucharistic Ministers must be at least 16 years old, be fully initiated into the Roman Catholic Church, and complete a training that includes the theological background of this ministry as well as the practical aspects of assisting in sharing of communion. Training is offered in the fall and is announced when available.

Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist the presider at the altar and throughout the Mass. This ministry is open to boys and girls beginning in the second semester of third grade, after reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Parents of Altar Servers must be compliant with diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministry policy. Altar Servers are trained at the beginning of each semester.



Lectors

Lectors proclaim the Word of God and read the announcements and the general intercessions at Mass. These ministers must be able to speak clearly and effectively. Training is offered in the fall and is announced when available.

Parish Choir

The Parish Choir sings primarily at the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, seasonal celebrations, and Holy Days throughout the year. The Parish Choir performs sacred music from all periods of the Church's musical heritage. Membership is open to high school and adult parishioners. New members are welcome and encouraged to join throughout the year. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 6:30–8:30 p.m. and at 10:45 a.m. on Sundays in the Music Room. There is no audition.



Cantors

The cantor's function is to lead and encourage the assembly in singing. They serve as leaders of the musical prayers at funerals, weddings and other sacramental rituals. Cantors should sing regularly in one of our parish choirs/ensembles and also pass a brief audition.

Contemporary Music Ensembles

Our ensembles focus on contemporary liturgical music for singers and instrumentalists at the 8:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Sunday Masses. Rehearsals for each Mass are held one hour in advance. Membership is open to all high school through adult parishioners. There is no audition.

Instrumentalists

Woodwinds, brass, string, and percussion instrumentalists with experience performing solo or in an ensemble accompany the assembly, the choir, the ensembles, or even perform solo literature. An audition is required.

Arts and Environment

Those involved in the **Art and Environment** committee create, design and implement decor for the worship space that will enhance our worship. For the seasons of Christmas and Easter, parish families are invited to help clean and decorate the church. Help in this ministry is on an as-needed basis and communication is done through the bulletin, website, and email.

Funeral Ministry

Funeral Ministry at St. Austin Parish is an important way our community can support a family at the time of the loss of a loved one. In general, funeral Masses happen on weekday mornings, and 3 to 4 volunteers are needed for a Mass, serving on an as-needed basis. No special training is required to participate in this ministry, but it is helpful for a person to already be a liturgical minister at St. Austin. All volunteers must be EIM compliant as required by the Diocese of Austin.

Communion Outreach Ministry

Ministers involved in Communion Outreach visit and bring Communion to the hospitalized or homebound after Mass on Sunday or during the week. Ministers visit and pray with those who request communion. Communion Outreach Ministers are trained each fall. All volunteers must be EIM compliant.

Sacraments

Baptism

Parents and Godparents seeking baptism for an infant or child under the age of 8 years must attend a Baptism Preparation Class. Classes are offered approximately every other month at 2 p.m. in the Church. The completion of a baptism preparation class is mandatory to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism.





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The class provides parents and godparents with information about Baptism and offers a time of discussion and question answering. For more information and a list of class dates, visit www.staustin.org/baptism. Generally, children age eight and older who have not received the Sacrament of Baptism will need to complete our RCIA Adapted for Children/Youth program. If you are an adult seeking Baptism, please see the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults information below.

First Reconciliation & First Communion

First Reconciliation and First Communion are offered to children of the parish in the second grade who have been enrolled in Religious Education classes for at least one year. The religious education prerequisite can be in either a Catholic school setting (St. Austin or another Catholic school) or in the parish's Religious Education program. Please contact the Director of Faith Formation for more info.

Children enrolled in St. Austin Catholic School also celebrate First Reconciliation and First Communion in the second grade, in coordination with the Parish. Your child's teacher can provide more information.

Preparation for Adults is offered on a case by case basis. Please contact the Director of Faith Formation for information.

Confirmation

Confirmation is offered to high school youth provided they have had a minimum of two years of formal Catholic religious education immediately prior to celebrating Confirmation. The two-year religious education prerequisite can be in either a Catholic school setting or in the parish's Religious Education program. A separate Confirmation program for college students and other adults is available in the fall and spring. Please contact the Director of Faith Formation for more information.

Marriage

Marriage Preparation should begin at least six months prior to the desired wedding date so couples can participate in pre-marriage preparation and counseling. For more information please contact the parish office for a wedding packet or visit www.staustin.org/weddings to download a PDF copy. After completing and submitting the Wedding Request Form, our Wedding Coordinator will contact you.



Marriage Convalidation

Catholics who were married in a civil ceremony or in a religious ceremony outside the Catholic Church who wish to have their marriage celebrated in the rites of the Church should contact our Wedding Coordinator for information.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is a process of spiritual and educational formation to help you discern whether the correct spiritual path for you is to become a fully initiated member of the Roman Catholic Church. The RCIA team at St. Austin is here to help you, to encourage you, and to help you discern if this is truly right for you. The RCIA program meets on Sundays and Wednesdays, September-May. Please contact the Director of Faith Formation for information.

RCIA adapted for Children/Youth

For children age seven and older who are not yet baptized Catholic but considering joining the church, we offer a process of formation and preparation called RCIA Adapted for Children/Youth. The class meets on Sundays during our regular Faith Formation year. For more information please contact our Director of Faith Formation.

Volunteer Opportunities

Married Sponsor Couples

Sponsor Couples are needed to assist with marriage preparation. For more information, contact our wedding coordinator.

RCIA Sponsors

Parishioner involvement in the RCIA program is possible through the role of Sponsor. This companioning ministry has a 5- to 11-month time commitment, depending upon the needs of the particular initiate. The weekly commitment is on Sunday mornings, plus three Saturday retreats. This ministry requires the desire to accompany another through this rich experience, while at the same time growing in your own faith. For more information contact our Director of Faith Formation.

RCIA Team

If you feel called to assist with our RCIA program by facilitating discussions, leading reflections, or assisting with administrative duties, please contact our Director of Faith Formation. There are many facets to the RCIA process where your talents would be welcome!

Faith Formation

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Rachel Vaughn, *Director of Faith Formation*

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The goal of catechesis is to put people in touch, in communion, indeed, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ. The initial conversion is to the Lord. Catechesis seeks to solidify and mature this first adherence.

General Directory for Catechesis, 80

Formation for Children and Youth

Age-specific groups meet for Faith Formation on Sunday mornings during the school year. In today's world, all ages need a clearer understanding of the faith they profess and a working knowledge of teachings, prayers, faith stories and practices that support their faith. These class sessions are crafted to provide such knowledge, applicable to real-life situations. Classes are offered to children and youth from pre-K through high school. We also provide a class for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

St. Austin welcomes all children and families as part of our faith community, and we especially want all children and families to feel welcome in our faith formation, religious education, sacramental preparation, and youth ministry programs. Please let us know if your child has unique learning needs so that we can work together to provide the best opportunities for her or him to grow in faith. This also includes special dietary needs that impact the reception of the Eucharist at First Communion. Please tell us what adaptations your child may need and what barriers need to be removed so we will be ready for her or him. Contact our Director of Faith Formation.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered year-round on Sunday mornings during the 8:45 a.m. Mass for children who have not made their First Communion. After the Opening Prayer of Mass, children and parents are invited to go to a nearby room with volunteers who lead the Children's Liturgy of the Word. The Sunday readings are proclaimed in simple language, and the presider discusses the readings with the children using age-appropriate examples. Once a month, a deacon or priest presides at Children's Liturgy. Children return to their families in the Church following the Creed. For more information or to volunteer, please contact our Children's Liturgy of the Word coordinator, Judy Smith, at davidjudy@austin.rr.com or 512-346-5402.

Adult Formation

During the year there are various opportunities for adults to enrich and grow in their faith. Please refer to the St. Austin weekly bulletin and website for current information, dates and times for these offerings or contact the Director of Faith Formation.

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Volunteer Opportunities

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Catechists & Substitute Catechists

Catechists facilitate immediate preparation sessions for First Communion, First Penance or Confirmation and teach weekly religious education classes throughout the faith formation year (August through May). Training and resources are provided. This ministry is a great opportunity to learn more about your own faith as you share it with our children and youth. Want to teach but have a limited schedule? Substitute Catechists step in as needed but may not have to be available every week.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Team

Anyone with a love of children and God can be a part of our Children's Liturgy of the Word team! Team members serve once a month during the Sunday 8:45 a.m. Mass as a helper, song leader or presider. They receive weekly presider resources, ongoing training, and support. Team members must be at least 18 years of age and fully compliant with Diocesan Ethics and Integrity in Ministry policy. For more information please contact our Children's Liturgy of the Word coordinator, Judy Smith, at davidjudy@austin.rr.com or 512-346-5402.

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Miscellaneous

Safety monitors are needed to help direct parishioners and ensure the safety of our children on Sunday mornings. Hospitality coordinators who can set-up and tend special events and receptions throughout the year are also needed. Contact the Associate Director of Faith Formation for more info.

Spiritual Development

Small Christian Communities (SCC)

An SCC is a group of people who come together in the most basic and personal unit of the parish. The community gathers in the available homes of its members, who discuss their lives in the light of the gospel and share their Christian faith through prayer and conversation. Within such gatherings there naturally arises a connection of acceptance and support through which the members learn, in a personal manner, the meaning of being the Church. For more information on our SCC's, visit www.staustin.org/sec.



Spiritual Direction

Spiritual Direction is an opportunity to meet with a trained spiritual director on an individual basis to share and reflect on how you recognize God in day-to-day life through experiences, relationships and prayer—and to understand more deeply how God is inviting you to respond. Spiritual Directors available through the parish are:

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Michael Flahive: flahive.michael@gmail.com

Laurie Kertz: lauriekertz@gmail.com

Sarah Ramos: sramos.austin@gmail.com

For more information on Spiritual Direction, you may contact Michael Flahive as listed above, our Director of Faith Formation, or a member of our clergy.

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP)

CRHP is an ongoing renewal program designed to bring members of our parish together in Christ. This ministry has been active at St. Austin for many years. beginning in Fall 2019, CRHP is undergoing a transition to a new model of a daytime retreat for adult men and women offered during the spring.



The new St. Austin retreat model will be anchored on the Paulist Evangelization Ministries (PEM) program *The Journey/El Camino*. The new ministry name is to be determined upon publication of this Guide Book. The parish will kick off this new ministry at a special evening event with Fr. Frank DeSiano, CSP, President of PEM and Director of Formation for Paulist seminarians, on **Wednesday, December 4**. Look for bulletin, website, and email information on this new opportunity for spiritual formation at St. Austin soon! For more information, contact Josie Barrett at josieb@stedwards.edu.

Masculine Spirituality

Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m.

They didn't tell us when we were boys, but it turns out that life is no picnic. Somewhere around age 30 we men start figuring this out. This is a group that gathers to consider what it means to be a man walking in God's light. It is not an easy path, and each man's path is different. We often find that as a group we have greater wisdom than we do individually. If this sounds intriguing, come check it out. The conversation starts with some reading material and goes where it will. It always ends with prayer. For more information contact Joe Carls at jccarls7@gmail.com.

Vocations

What is a vocation?

Many people use the word vocation (from the Latin *vocare*, meaning "to call") in reference to the call to be a priest, sister, or brother. However, the Catholic understanding of vocation is much broader: every baptized person has a vocation—a call—to love and serve God. Some people live out their vocation as single or married laypeople; others take vows of consecrated life and join a secular institute or religious community (as sisters, priests, or brothers); still others seek ordination as deacons or diocesan priests.

Discernment is a *lifelong* process and a *community* process, and we at St. Austin would be glad to assist you! If you are discerning a vocation of any kind, both Fr. Rich Andre (an assistant vocation director for the Paulist Fathers) and Deacon Billy Atkins would be happy to talk with you. Contact Fr. Rich at ext. 327 or randre@staustin.org or contact Deacon Billy at batkins@staustin.org. More information is also available on our website at www.staustin.org/vocations and on the Diocese of Austin website <https://godiscalling.me>.

A Prayer for Vocations

God, the source of creation and love,
You invite each of us to serve you through the life which is your gift.
May your grace encourage men and women to heights
of holiness through service to the church
as priests, sisters, brothers, and lay ministers.
Make me an instrument to encourage others
to give of themselves and challenge me to do the same.
Amen.



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Community Life

Councils and Committees

Finance Council

Last Monday of the month, 5-6 p.m.

Parishioners on our Finance Council analyze, review and provide recommendations to the Pastor on matters related to the parish's stewardship of treasure. Experience in business banking and finance, stewardship and fundraising, and business or tax law are helpful talents for the Finance Council. If you'd like to learn more about the finance council or offer your expertise, please contact financecouncil@staustin.org.

Pastoral Council

2nd Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m.

The Pastoral Council acts in an advisory capacity to the Pastor. It is a representative body of the faithful whose focus is on the whole community. The Pastoral Council functions in a manner consistent with norms of the Diocese of Austin. Council members encourage and support the Pastor and offer the best advice possible on pastoral issues, plans, and activities; support the mission of the Paulist Fathers regarding the general policies that guide programs and services of the parish; periodically review the parish mission statement; and develop and maintain long-range plans to implement the mission and communicate such plans to the parish as appropriate. The Pastoral Council is also committed to the spiritual growth of its members and the wider parish community. Members of the Pastoral Council serve 3-year elected terms. For more information contact pastoralcouncil@staustin.org.

Property Committee

3rd Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m.

The Property Committee meets monthly to review and advise the Pastor and parish staff on management of all of our parish properties, including our retail and parking as well major projects and maintenance of our parish and school facilities. Members share their professional experience in real estate development, business best practices, physical plant management, architecture, landscaping, and contract law. For more information or to offer your talents to this ministry, email propertycommittee@staustin.org.

Ministries and Groups

Adult Volleyball

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

All parishioners 18 years or older, regardless of skill level, are welcome. No commitment is necessary—we form teams with whomever shows up and play for a few hours. For more information please contact Mark Landers at 512-472-9663 or mark@landersstudio.com.

Basketball for Men Over 30

Sundays, 5-7 p.m.

We play full-court pick-up games with anyone who shows up, and no commitment is necessary. For more information please contact Will Godwin at wgodwin@specialaudience.com or 512-441-6484 or Gavin Villareal at gavin.villareal@bakerbotts.com.

Boy Scouts

St. Austin sponsors Boy Scout Troop 34 for boys ages 11-17. For more information contact Ben Johnson at bensemail@austin.rr.com.

Graduate & Professional Ministry (GAP)

The Graduate and Professional (GAP) Ministry is a community of adults in their 20's & 30's, growing together in faith, fun, and fellowship. This is a joint ministry of St. Austin Parish and the University Catholic Center. We gather as young adults and live out our Christian call to be in relationship with God, the Church, one another, and the world. We strive to grow authentically in our understanding of our Catholic faith and Christian discipleship, strengthening and deepening our Catholic identity, and discovering new ways to share the Good News. We respect diversity and encourage a wide range of viewpoints and interests in our membership. Many of us gather at 7:15 pm on Sundays for a Bible study and/or a discussion on a topic of faith. We also schedule social and service activities on a regular basis. We heartily welcome anyone who is a graduate student or a young professional in their 20s and 30s to join us in our events and activities. For more information, email GAP@staustin.org. Also feel free to join our Facebook group, "Graduates and Professionals of St. Austin's and the UCC."

Knights of Columbus

1st Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic fraternal service organization. Membership is open to all men of the parish over the age of 18. Members put our faith into action with acts of charity, unity and fraternity to strengthen our parish, school and community, and beyond. Please visit www.kofc.org and www.staustin.org/knights to find out more. For membership information contact Paul Lewis, Grand Knight, at plewis5340@sbcglobal.net or 512-302-4722.



Paulist Associates

Monthly, 7-9 p.m.

Paulist Associates is a national organization of men and women who spiritually support the Paulist apostolic commitment to evangelization, ecumenism and reconciliation. There are local chapters of the Associates in ten Paulist foundations, including Austin. Parishioners of St. Austin and the University Catholic Center make up the membership of the local chapter, as well as members from other parishes. The members meet monthly for prayer, study and discussion of the Paulist spirituality as it applies to their personal lives. Through their involvement as Paulist Associates, they spiritually support and are spiritually supported by the Paulist community. Contact UCC parishioner Kathleen Lossau at klossau@austin.rr.com for more information.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 1:30-5 p.m.

Prayer Blanket Ministry sews lap-size prayer blankets for parishioners and those we serve who are ill or experiencing a difficult time, and recipients' names are placed on a list to be remembered in prayer. Members meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month in Our Lady of Guadalupe Room to work on Prayer Blankets or items for sale at the Annual Holiday Fair. Members iron, cut material, tie prayer blankets and other steps in the construction of a prayer blanket. Members come and go as their individual schedule allows. In addition to our Thursday work sessions, volunteers may also work at home. Instruction on blanket construction is provided. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact Nancy Hrin at 512-914-6060 or tnejs@aol.com or contact Sharon Oliver at 512-461-5990.

Volunteer Opportunities

Contact:

Jennifer A. Anderson, *Director of Administration & Stewardship*

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Unless otherwise noted

Church Office Help

This is an opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners while helping to keep the parish office running. Volunteers prepare mailings or other parish materials, file paperwork, organize storage rooms, and participate in other ways specific to their talents. Requests for assistance are sent out via email as needs arise, so the commitment of your time is flexible.

Martha Ministry (Funeral Receptions)

Martha Ministry volunteers prepare and serve a meal at the parish for family and friends of a deceased parishioner on the day of the funeral Mass. Once a funeral is scheduled through the parish office, volunteers are contacted via email to assist with meal preparation and service and reception set-up and clean-up. Volunteers donate food or their time and talent as available. On average, members of Martha Ministry serve about 8-10 times a year.

Media and Technology

Parish Technology Volunteers work with our pastoral staff on website updates, graphic design and posters, social media feeds, YouTube video creation, and other parish communications. There is also the opportunity help establish homily recording and podcasts. Volunteers with network administration experience may be called on to help with our interoffice network and computers. Experience with these media areas is required, but this is a good way to update or expand your skills while serving your parish.

Parish Archives

Volunteers meet as needed in our Archives office to file and document the parish's collection of news clippings, biographical articles, historical stories, photos and other records. Current projects include updating and cataloging the collection and informing the parish with anecdotes of interest. For information about donating parish historical documents, contact Mary Lou Gibson at marylougibson39@gmail.com.

Hospitality and Event Planning

From Blessing of the Animals and the Holiday Fair to Soup Suppers and Agape, parishioners are always needed to lend a hand planning, organizing and putting on parish events. Previous experience with events is helpful but not required. Requests are sent out via email before event planning begins. Volunteers serve as available for each event request.

Social Justice Ministries

Contact:

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Unless otherwise noted

The mission of St. Austin's Social Justice Ministry program is to help parishioners recognize and respond to their Baptismal call to discipleship. Rooted in scripture and guided by Catholic social teaching, the program seeks to educate the parish about social ministry and provide the means by which individuals and the parish community can use their gifts to serve the poor and vulnerable and to work for justice locally and throughout the world.

The root of social ministry is the call to justice and charity. The parish must proclaim the transcendent message of the gospel and help:

- bring good news to the poor in a society where millions lack the necessities of life;
- bring liberty to captives when so many are enslaved by poverty, addiction, ignorance, discrimination, violence or disabling conditions;
- bring new sight to the blind in a culture where the excessive pursuit of power, superiority or pleasure can spiritually blind us to the dignity and right of all people; and
- set the downtrodden free in communities where economic and moral forces leave people without real hope. (cf. Lk 4:18)

To find out more about the ministries listed below as well as other events, organizations and educational opportunities, please visit www.staustin.org/socialjustice.

Gabriel Project

The Gabriel Project is a volunteer ministry of the Diocese of Austin with a local facilitator at St. Austin that provides assistance to women and families in difficult or unanticipated pregnancies in a loving, unconditional, nonjudgmental manner. Volunteer advocates, called Gabriel Angels, meet regularly with the expectant mother to help her identify, plan and set goals to obtain self-sufficiency. Gabriel Angels also provide free classes on pregnancy care, infant care and parenting through an internationally acclaimed and diocesan approved *Earn While You Learn* educational program. The relationship can last through the duration of the pregnancy until the baby is two years old. Volunteers also serve the Gabriel Project in other ways, such as organizing baby supplies or helping with events. To learn more about this ministry or become a Gabriel Project Angel, contact Carmen Adams at 512-417-8309.

If you or someone you know is in need of emotional, spiritual or material support, the Gabriel Project can help. Call the Gabriel Project help line any time at 512-236-1246 or toll-free 1-877-WeCare2.

JustFAITH

JustFAITH offers 8-week justice formation courses called JustMatters that explore Catholic social teaching and the Church's tradition to care for the vulnerable through the lens of a specific different justice issue. JustMatters includes scriptural evidence and historical witness through films, books, discussions, speakers, and hands-on experiences. Classes typically meet on Monday evenings for 2-2.5 hours. See www.staustin.org/justfaith for details.

Micah 6

Micah 6 is a non-profit organization comprised of St. Austin and eleven other University area congregations that provide the volunteers and financial resources to support a twice-weekly walk-through food pantry. The pantry is located at University Presbyterian Church and serves persons in need on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. The Street Youth Drop-In Center provides respite, a meal, and friendship each Saturday and Sunday afternoons at University Baptist Church. Micah 6 also offers Home Cooked Fridays and a weekly Women's Resource Group. For more information on Micah 6 or to volunteer to assist at the food pantry or another program, visit www.micah6austin.org.

Outreach to Persons in Need (Thursday Outreach)

Held once a week on Thursday mornings, Outreach to Persons in Need offers a welcoming, listening environment to anyone in need of assistance, no matter their ethnic, religious, economic or social background. Financial assistance with rent, utilities, work boots, clothing vouchers, food handler licenses, 7-day bus passes, TX ID, birth certificates from any state, or eye exams and glasses are available through a lottery system.

Outreach guests are also referred to other community resources. Austin Public Health comes every 2-3 months to provide free immunizations to guests with no health insurance. Training is provided to volunteers, and Ethics and Integrity in Ministry compliance is required. Monthly time commitment is flexible.

If you or someone you know in the Austin area needs assistance with any of the above listed items, please visit us on Thursday mornings. Our doors open at 9 a.m. Help is provided via a lottery system. For more detailed information please contact the parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP)

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are in need and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

As a reflection of the whole family of God, Members, who are known as Vincentians, are drawn from every ethnic and cultural background, age group, and economic level. Organized locally, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ.

At St. Austin, Society members offer financial assistance during home visits. In addition, the Society is responsible for the parish-wide Christmas Basket Project, which provides food and gifts to more than 200 families in need each December. For more information on St. Austin's chapter, please contact St.AustinSVDP@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

Christmas Basket Project

This is a parish-wide event that includes buying gifts for children, elderly and families living in poverty that have been helped by our Saint Vincent de Paul Society or been vetted to receive help. We bring gifts and stocking stuffers, wrap presents, and deliver them to the families. More information is published in the bulletin beginning in November.

Event Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help with planning, organizing, promoting and producing Social Justice Ministries events. Previous experience with events is helpful but not required. Volunteers serve as available for each event request.

Hygiene Kit Assembling and In-Kind Donations

The Thursday Outreach Program is always in need of items for the hygiene kits we give to people and in need of people who are willing to assemble kits for us here at the parish. Children, families, individuals, and groups are welcome! Items for donation can be found at www.staustin.org/outreach.

Outreach Administrative Volunteers

The Thursday Outreach Program needs volunteers to help with updating and/or making copies of the resources that we give out to our Outreach guests each week. Other needs may arise, and there is some availability to work remotely. Time commitment is flexible.

Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee meets throughout the year to discuss social justice issues, collaboratively determine which social justice concerns to highlight and advocate on as a parish, and support the Director of Social Justice Ministries as needed. People interested in being considered for the Social Justice Committee should contact the Director of Social Justice Ministries.

Events

Earth Day Celebration

Join the parish in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day! There will be eco-friendly products for sale as well as activities and presentations on how to be more gentle to God's creation that we all share. All are welcome! Many volunteers are needed to plan the event and to help the day of. Contact the Director of Social Justice Ministries for details.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a service project of packing 10,000 meals for Burkina Faso, Africa through Catholic Relief Services. All parishioners are invited to be part of this fun-filled morning of feeding thousands of people. Watch the parish bulletin and emails for details.

Iftar Dinner

During the holy Muslim month of Ramadan, we gather with our Muslim neighbors from the Dialogue Institute of Austin and share a meal, conversations and learn more about each other's faith and traditions. See www.staustin.org/iftar for details.

Parish Blood Drive

Each semester we have the opportunity to give blood. What a great way to save someone's life! See www.staustin.org/blood for details.

Parish Service Day

Each spring semester we offer all parishioners ages 7 and up the opportunity to spend a Saturday morning to early afternoon partaking in a service project with local non-profits. Past service locations have included Casa Marianella, Foundation Communities, Mary House Catholic Worker, Micah 6 Pantry, and Vincentian Family Center. Team leaders are needed at each service location. Visit www.staustin.org/serviceday for ways to help and how to sign up.

St. Austin Catholic School

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St. Austin Catholic School (SACS) has been the parish school for St. Austin Catholic Church since 1917. For the last 102 years, with the guidance of our Paulist Fathers, SACS has been providing an exceptional Catholic education in the heart of downtown Austin. We prepare our students to be Christ-centered, academically strong, moral community leaders.

SACS is proud to offer students from Pre-K 3 through 8th grade a diversified education that will prepare them for the realities of life through an authentic education. Our students learn in a small environment, (student to teacher ratio 9:1) where they can receive individualized attention. Our student body is diverse in many ways:

- Over half our students are minorities
- Our students hail from 40 area zip codes
- We are able to students with various learning differences
- SACS has granted \$90,000 of financial aid to students for the 2019-2020 school year with 20% of our student population receiving aid

SACS offers classes for 3 and 4-year-olds as well as Kindergarten -8th grade. We offer a top-notch education at an extremely affordable price. SACS was the first Catholic school in Austin, TX to receive the prestigious distinction of being a nationally recognized Blue-Ribbon School. Year after year our students consistently rank in the top 25% nationally on standardized tests in both English/Language Arts and Math.

We invite you to come for a private tour so that you can come and see what makes our school so unique. To schedule a tour please contact Kelley Walsh-Berlin at admissions@staustincatholicschool.org or you can call us at 512-477-3751.

St. Austin Catholic School Alumni Association

If you are an alumni or former parent please reconnect with us by contacting Bedina O'Neill, Director of Advancement, at development@staustinschool.org or 512-220-2873.

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