



PARISH SUPPORT

MASS DEDICATIONS

- SEPT. 26**
5:00pm For Emmaus Parish
- SEPT. 27**
8:30am.....In memory of Barbara Labardini
10:00amIn memory of Pat Fritche
10:30am..... For Terry Boothe
12:15pm In memory of Vicente Gomez
5:00pm For Dominga Nanjera
- SEPT. 28**
8:30am In memory of Tim Fok
- SEPT. 29**
8:30amFor Miguel Angel Flores
- SEPT. 30**
5:30pm For Thanksgiving of Life
- OCT. 1**
8:30am For Sadie Aguirre
9:30amFor The Aviles' Children
- OCT. 2**
8:30amFor Souls in Purgatory

To request a special Mass intention for Emmaus Catholic Parish or Queen of Angels Chapel, contact the parish office, (512) 261-8500.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

September 27, 2015

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Awareness Sunday

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41)

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

PRAYER REQUESTS

Mary Barnes, John Madden, Nancy Pensack, Maria Martinez, Cole Robinson, Iburg Family, John Mylander, Kenny Bradt, Joe & Ruth Jacobi, Marly Collins, Mitzi Van Landuyt, Jack Burcham, Gloria Caballero, Diehm Family, Madison Arrington, Hudson Hill, Andrade Family, Vazquez Family, Bill Gilbert, Josie Balarbar, Susan Shoemake, Dominga Nanjera, Ruth & Roy Tegeder, Jan Riordan, Rosa Maria Abreo, Brian K. Lee, Kathleen Mikula, Christine Gmeiner

Weekly Stewardship Report

September 20, 2015.....\$42,289
Fiscal YTD Offertory\$426,530

PLC Loan Balance:.....\$1,294,525
Church Loan Balance:.....\$4,209,172

Mortgage payments (principal/interest) on above loans:..... \$46,708/month



Second Collections at Emmaus

Benevolence: First Sunday of the month
Parish Life Center: Fourth Sunday of the month

Buy SEED Program Gift Cards and Help Emmaus

Support Emmaus Every Day by purchasing SEED (gift) cards from Emmaus and using them just like cash when you shop. Purchase cards for groceries, gasoline, dining, gifting. You receive the full value, and Emmaus gets an added percentage from the retailer. That amount adds up for Emmaus and helps us pay parish expenses without any extra expense on your part. Available for a long list of retailers and in various denominations, SEED cards are sold at the parish office Monday through Friday and in the Emmaus narthex before and after Masses on Saturdays and Sundays. For more information, visit emmausparish.org/seed.

2015-16 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$7,197
2014-15 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$31,481

Amazon Smile Program

Do you shop online at Amazon.com? If you'll use the link on our website, Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase to Emmaus Catholic Parish. Visit emmausparish.org/amazon-smile for details, and bookmark the link for your future purchases.

Randalls Good Neighbor Program

Randalls offers customers a way to support their favorite church, school, or other non-profit organization. Through the Good Neighbor Program, Randalls shoppers can link an organization's account number to their Remarkable card, and that organization will receive a percentage of sales made. The more people who link their card to the organization's account number, the more money the organization will raise. Emmaus Catholic Parish's account number is 9-2-8-1. Please visit your local Randalls and request that your card be linked to our number.

iDonate Noncash Giving

Your noncash items could represent thousands of dollars to our church - plus a garage you can park in, cleaned out drawers, and no more monthly storage unit fees! The iDonate online giving system allows our church to process and liquidate many kinds of quality noncash donation, including electronics, vehicles, stocks, and gift cards! Visit emmausparish.org/idonate for a list of items and further details.

Planned Giving

Discover ways to use your resources to make a lasting impression on those you love and the causes you believe in. For information about how to include Emmaus Catholic Parish in your will or estate plan, please call the parish office.

eGiving = Secure Automatic Giving

eGiving provides an opportunity to simplify your stewardship donations through secure automatic giving. Choose the amount and the frequency of your donations. You may enroll online or download a form from the parish website, or contact the parish office for assistance.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

All items on the calendar are scheduled at Emmaus Catholic Parish with the exception of those marked as Queen of Angels. PLEASE NOTE: Changes may have occurred in the schedule between print deadlines and the bulletin distribution. Please refer to the Parish Website for the most current calendar listings.

SUNDAY, September 27 - Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1:30 AM Movimiento Familiar Pastoral B1

MONDAY, September 28 - St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz & companions

9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
 9:30 AM Epic: A Journey through Church History Q of A Chapel
 10:00 AM Bright Horizons Great Hall
 11:00 AM Spiritual Book Club PLC Lounge
 12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Pastoral B1
 12:00 PM Emmaus Golf Tournament The Hills
 5:15 PM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts Great Hall
 7:00 PM Women's CRHP-Spanish Pastoral B1
 7:00 PM Financial Peace University Rm 204
 7:30 PM Men's CRHP Pastoral A1/Library

TUESDAY, September 29 - St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, archangels

9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
 9:30 AM Alanon Pastoral B1,B3,B4
 9:30 AM Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother Multi B & C
 5:15 PM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
 7:00 PM Men's CRHP-Spanish Pastoral B1
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Rm 205
 7:00 PM Immigration 101 Great Hall
 7:30 PM Legion of Mary Rm 206

WEDNESDAY, September 30 - St. Jerome

9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
 10:30 AM Called to be Friends Pastoral A1/Library
 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Pastoral B1
 7:00 PM ESL Classes Rms 201-206
 7:30 PM OLG Dance Troup Multi B & C

THURSDAY, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:00 AM Men's Scripture Study Q of A Chapel
 9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
 10:00 AM Game Day Q of A Chapel
 10:00 AM Exodus: Called to Freedom Multi B & C
 10:15 AM Overeaters Anonymous Pastoral B1
 10:30 AM Caregivers Haven Café & Youth Space
 12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Pastoral B1
 5:15 PM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
 7:00 PM RCIA Multi B & C
 7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group Youth Space

FRIDAY, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

5:45 AM Men of Emmaus Great Hall
 9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
 12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Pastoral B1
 6:30 PM Bingo Great Hall
 7:00 PM Divine Mercy Devotion Youth Space
 7:00 PM CRHP Men's Agape Church

SATURDAY, October 3 - Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? For adults interested in learning more about becoming Catholic through RCIA, visit the parish website or call the parish office.

NEW TO THE PARISH? Email newcomer@emmausparish.org or call the parish office to register to attend a Welcome & Registration Event.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - To learn more about Sacramental preparation for Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, or Marriage, visit the parish website or call the parish office.

THE ROSARY is prayed at 9:00 AM, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Emmaus, 8:30 AM on Wednesdays at Emmaus, 4:20 PM on Saturdays at Emmaus, and at 9:15 AM on Sundays at Queen of Angels.

PERPETUAL ADORATION is available 24 hours a day in the St. John of the Cross Adoration Chapel. To sign up for available hours, visit emmausparish.org/adoration, or call Michelle Ford, (512) 261-4992.

PARISH OFFICE: (512) 261-8500; Monday-Friday, 9 AM-4 PM; Sunday, 8 AM-12 noon

NURSERY: The Nursery is available at Emmaus for the Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:15 PM Masses. The nursery may be available for other designated parish events if advertised and a minimum number of children are registered. For such designated events, you must specifically request childcare by calling the parish office at least 72 hours in advance.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Fridays (10 days in advance), 12 noon, communications@emmausparish.org

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS: Thursdays, 12 noon, communications@emmausparish.org

LOST AND FOUND at Emmaus is located on the ledge at the left hand side of the narthex (near the SEED table). Any valuable items are taken to the parish office.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available for your use during Mass. Pick one up in the sacristy.

ALTAR FLOWERS/MASS DEDICATIONS: To order altar flowers or to dedicate Masses at Emmaus or Queen of Angels, please call the parish office.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES: If you know someone who is struggling and could use our support, or would like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please call the parish office. A complete listing of Social Outreach offerings is available on the website.

EMMAUS' RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY is committed to the preservation of human life and the human spirit through education on Respect Life issues and programs. As part of Respect Life, the Gabriel Project assists with Crisis Pregnancies, and Project Rachel provides hope and healing after abortion. Further information is available on the website or by contacting the parish office.

TO MEET WITH A PRIEST, to request Anointing or a visit for an ill loved one, or to arrange a blessing of a pregnancy or your home, please call the parish office.

HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATES CLINIC: (512) 263-0265

LADIES OF CHARITY: (512) 791-5750

LAKE TRAVIS CRISIS MINISTRIES: (512) 266-9810

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: (512) 576-1744

PARISH NEWS

Last call to play ball! Are you a great golfer? Or not so much? Doesn't matter! Emmaus' **5th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** this Monday, **Sept. 28** at The Hills is a 4-person scramble. Please sign up today for this very fun event that helps our parish and provides a great day for all. For details and the online registration, visit emmausparish.org/golf.

Calling all dancers to help us form an **OLG DANCE TROUPE!** Emmaus parishioners are preparing for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12. Learn about the tradition and dances of the indigenous people of Mexico that are offered in thanks and celebration to Our Mother. Dance is open to all ages, male and female, and instruction will be bilingual, English and Spanish. An orientation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **Sept. 30**, 7:30 PM in PLC Multi-BC. For more information, contact Sr. Elizabeth Guerrero at the parish office.

Bring the kids, bring the grandparents, bring your friends! Friday, **Oct. 2** is **BINGO NIGHT** at Emmaus, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Bingo, food, fun, and prizes. If you don't go, you just don't know! For more details, visit emmausparish.org/bingo.

Blessing of the Pets
Celebración y bendición de los animales

Sunday, October 4

11:30 AM @ Queen of Angels
3 PM @ the Emmaus Labyrinth



Bring your pets for a special blessing! All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier.
 ¡Traiga sus animales domésticos para una bendición especial!
 Observe por favor para la seguridad & la protección de los animales, traiga todos los animales domésticos en un correa o en un portador.

Are you experiencing fears or anxieties of the "tomorrows" of your life? Do you feel so alone that you don't know which way to turn? If you've lost a loved one - whether a spouse, child, relative, or friend - join us for **TRANSFORMING LOSS**, a series offering support, practical tools, and a time of spiritual reflection to help make the journey less painful. The program meets the first and third Wednesdays, with the next meeting on **Oct. 7**, 10 AM-12 PM in the PLC Lounge. To register, call the parish office, (512) 261-8500.

CHURCH WIDE WEDNESDAY returns **Oct. 7**. All are encouraged to take part in this monthly parish family gathering. Join with us for a liturgy at 5:30 PM in the Church, and then move to the Great Hall for a potluck supper, activities, and fun. Bring your favorite potluck dish, grab your friends and family members, and let's SHARE in faith, food, and fellowship. We'll pray together, learn together, eat together, and laugh together! Please wear your nametags!

BAPTISMS

WELCOMING OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Jace James Lauzon

Emmaus' **PARENTING SUPPORT GROUP** will hold its second meeting on Thursday, **Oct. 8**, 6:30-8 PM in the PLC Lounge. Sometimes being a non-traditional parent offers special challenges. Whether you're a single or two-parent household, co-parents sharing custody, grandparents raising a grandchild, or other non-custodial family member raising school-aged children (grades K-12), self-help family and peer support group is here to help. The group meets monthly at Emmaus and is open to anyone in the community and all religions. The parish nursery may be available for those who call the parish office at least 72 hours in advance to reserve. **[Join Parenting Support Group on The City for more information about this course.]**

You are invited to join the Legion of Mary in praying a special rosary on **Oct. 11** immediately following the 12:15 PM Mass at Emmaus celebrating the **MANY FACES OF MARY**. Bring an image of our Mother Mary that is indicative of your cultural heritage, regional devotion, or family tradition. The rosary will be recited in Spanish, however bilingual prayer aids will be available. Time for sharing devotions and stories will be provided after the rosary in the narthex.

Many thanks to all who participated in ECEP's recent **ST. JUDE TRIKE-A-THON!** During the 2014-2015 school year, over 7,000 St. Jude Trike-A-Thon events raised money for the kids of St. Jude while teaching children bike safety lessons. With your help, Emmaus ECEP raised \$8,535 and is being recognized by St. Jude as a top 100 fund raising school, ranking in nineteenth place for our fund raising efforts. Every dollar raised in our trike-a-thon event supports St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's fight against childhood cancers and other catastrophic diseases. Thank you again, Emmaus Community, for supporting our commitment to support St. Jude.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Don't forget to pick up your **BABY BANK!** Remember those families that need help during or after an unplanned pregnancy. Your donation will help pro-life efforts in our parish and throughout the diocese. The Gabriel Project will receive funds from this campaign. For more information or to volunteer please contact please contact Lee Malkowski at (601) 927-8818 or ljm8459@gmail.com, or Sr. Elizabeth Guerrero at the parish office.

Central Texas Coalition for Life's **40 CHURCHES FOR 40 DAYS** Fall Prayer Vigil is returning on Saturday, **Oct. 17**, 7 AM-4 PM. Emmaus Catholic Parish has requested to cover one day at Planned Parenthood, 201 E. Ben White Blvd., Austin. Please pray and discern to be a part of that day to honor the sanctity of life. Just one prayerful hour of your time will make a big difference. For additional information, contact Lee Malkowski, (601) 927-8818. **[Search and join Respect Life on The City and RSVP to sign up to request an hour or more.]**

A note to Emmaus from **MARY HOUSE CATHOLIC WORKER** - On behalf of our many homeless friends who take showers at Front Steps (aka ARCH), I thank you for your generous donation of towels. Our friends were overjoyed at this small convenience. Many of the recipients sent their own blessings and prayers on your behalf. Blessings and thanks, Lynn Goodman-Strauss at Mary House Catholic Worker.

FAITH FORMATION

Students wishing to be Confirmed in 2016 must be enrolled in Faith Formation (Outcry) and attend four mandatory **CONFIRMATION WORKSHOPS** with their parents. Sponsors are also encouraged to attend. The first workshop will be held Sunday, **Oct. 4**, 6:15-7:30 PM in the PLC Youth Space. **[Search and join Outcry on The City for additional dates, instructions, and updates.]**

Need to reconnect with yourself and God? Want to meet Catholics like yourself? Searching for your spirituality? You are invited to join us for a **CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH** weekend of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and fun. A Men's Retreat in English will be held **Oct. 3-4**. The weekend retreat is perfect for those looking for time to relax, pray, and rethink priorities. Let the Spirit move you! Register online at emmausparish.org/crhp.



Do you want to read the Bible, but don't know how to begin? Then **THE GREAT ADVENTURE: A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE** is for you! This 24-week study is co-authored by Catholic Bible scholar Jeff Cavins and includes Cavins' exciting talks on DVD, informal group discussion, and materials to aid in weekly preparation at home. The study will be held Mondays beginning **Oct. 5**, 7-9 PM at Emmaus. **[Search and join Adult Faith Formation on The City to RSVP/register.]**



Spend an inspiring day reflecting on how Mary can help you to share your faith with those around you. Attend our annual **MARIAN DAY OF REFLECTION**, a half-day retreat at Queen of Angels, on Saturday, **Oct. 17**, 8:30 AM-1:30 PM. Led by Catholic evangelist and missionary Elyse Cunningham, the retreat is free to attend and is open to the first 75 to register. Register by Oct. 1 to be entered into a drawing for a Mary's Touch Anniversary Basket. **[Search and join Adult Faith Formation on The City to RSVP/register.]**

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WELCOMING OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS

- Andres Aguirre and Rosio Millan (Betsabeth, Nicol and Andres Jr)
- Ben and Laurie Alexander (Joel, Jake, Tyler and Ryan)
- Audrey Brady
- Bill and Cathy Brilliant
- Kyle and Sarah Clark
- Rhet and Maria De Guzman (Rania and Richter)
- Paul and Gisela De Los Reyes (Samantha and Camila)
- Philip Dietz
- Joshua and Amanda Flores (Mia and Gavin)
- Brian and Geaneen Hamrock (Blake, Nick and Sofia)
- Bill and Camille Huang (Stephen, Kevin and Peter)
- Ernesto and Aurora Escueta
- Joe and Priscila Iannone (Marissa and Mattes)
- Mike and Lynn Krippel
- Joe and Katie Linville (Joseph)
- Jose and Ilda Martinez (Marc and Kimberly)
- Dan and Beebie McCafferty (Tarisa and Aden)
- Nicolas and Rita Montoya (Nicolas and Kori)
- Ken and Tara Nadler (Ava and Anna)
- David and Khrysta Nguyen
- Humberto Ortega and Obdulia Magdaleno (Ruby)
- Linus and Jaime Philip (Alexis and Hailey)
- Ruben and Abby Sanchez (Cruz and Mozelle)
- Harry and Liz Shaw (Harrison, Lauren and Logan)
- Sharon Taylor
- Tom and Cindy Wilson (Anna and Jack)

EN ESPAÑOL

Para noticias en español, por favor recoja un boletín de noticias disponible en los revisteros al lado de la sacristía en la iglesia.

27 de septiembre 2015

26o - domingo de tiempo ordinario

Domingo de Conciencia de Servicio

"Y cualquiera que os diere un vaso de agua en mi nombre, porque sois de Cristo, de cierto os digo que no perderá su recompensa." (Marcos 9:41)

¿Refleja tu vida la vida de Jesús? Recuerda, fuimos hechos a Su imagen. Tendemos a olvidarnos de ésto. ¿Cuando otros te ven, ven el rostro de Jesús? ¿Cuando miras a otros, ves el rostro de Jesús en ellos?

Las Preguntas Más Frecuentes

De la Parroquia de Emaús

¿INTERESADO EN SER CATÓLICO? Para los adultos interesados en aprender más acerca de convertirse Católico a través de RICA, visite el sitio web de la parroquia o llame a la oficina parroquial.

¿NUEVO A LA PARROQUIA? Escriba a newcomer@emmausparish.org o llame a la oficina parroquial para registrarse para asistir a un evento de Bienvenida y Registro.

PREPARACIÓN PARA LOS SACRAMENTOS: Para obtener más información acerca de la preparación sacramental para el Bautismo, la Reconciliación, la Eucaristía (Comunión), la Confirmación, o Matrimonio, visite el sitio web de la parroquia o llame a la oficina parroquial.

ROSARIO (en inglés) se reza a las 9 AM, de lunes a viernes en Emaús, a las 4:20 PM los sábados en Emaús, y a las 9:15 AM los domingos la capilla Reina de los Ángeles.

LA ADORACION PERPETUA esta disponible a la 24 horas en La Capilla de Adoracion. Para anotarse para las horas disponibles visite emmausparish.org/adoration, a Michelle Ford, al (512) 261-4992.

OFICINA PARROQUIAL: (512) 261-8500; Lunes-Viernes, 9 AM-4 PM; Domingo, 8 AM a 12 del mediodía

GUARDERÍA (CUIDADO DE NIÑOS): La Guardería está disponible en Emaús para las Misas de Domingo 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM y 24:15. La guardería puede estar disponible para otros eventos particulares si esta anunciado, y un número mínimo de niños están registrados. Para estos tipos de eventos particulares, usted debe solicitar específicamente el cuidado de su niño(s) llamando a la oficina de la parroquia al menos 48 horas de anticipación.

FECHA TOPE PARA BOLETÍN: viernes, a las 12 del mediodía, escriba a communications@emmausparish.org.

OBJETOS PERDIDOS (Lost & Found) en Emaús se encuentran en la cornisa en el lado izquierdo del nártex (cerca de la mesa donde se venden las tarjetas de regalos). Los objetos de valor se llevan a la oficina parroquial.

DISPOSITIVOS DE AYUDA AUDITIVA están disponibles para su uso durante la misa. Coja uno en la sacristía.

FLORES PARA EL ALTAR/DEDICACIONES EN LA MISA: Para pedir flores para el altar o para dedicar Misas en Emaús o la capilla Reina de los Ángeles, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.

OPORTUNIDADES DE AYUDA: Si conoces a alguien que está batallando y necesita nuestro apoyo, o le gustaría recibir la Santa Comunión en su casa, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial. Una lista completa de recursos sociales está disponible en el sitio web.

EL MINISTERIO RESPETO A LA VIDA de Emaús está comprometido a la preservación de la vida humana y el espíritu humano a través de la educación sobre temas y programas de Respeto a la Vida. Como parte de Respeto a la Vida, el Proyecto Gabriel asiste con embarazos en crisis, y el Proyecto Rachel ofrece esperanza y sanación después del aborto. Más información está disponible en la página web o comunicándose con la oficina de la iglesia.

PARA HABLAR CON UN SACERDOTE, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial. **NOTICIAS DE ÚLTIMA HORA EN ESPAÑOL DE EMAÚS** ¿Sabía usted que puede ver la página web de Emaús en español? Visite emmausparish.org. En la parte inferior de cada página hay un enlace para ver la página en español.

ACROSS THE DIOCESE

• Ascension Church in Bastrop is holding its first annual **RUN FOR LIFE: LOVE AND RESPECT LIFE** 1 mile/5 K on Saturday, **Oct. 3**. For details and to register, visit ascensionbastrop.com.

• The Amigas de Saint Louise House will host their third annual **SIPS & SALSA SOIRÉE** on Saturday, **Oct. 3**, 7-11 PM at Maserati of Austin, 12925 Pond Springs Rd., Austin 78729. The Soiree will celebrate the mothers and children whose lives have been transformed by Saint Louise House while raising critical funds for service support. Guests will enjoy dancing, dinner, and drinks for \$75/person. For tickets, email amigasdesaintlouisehouse@gmail.com.

• St. Theresa Catholic Church is hosting a series of **SOCIAL OUTREACH PARISH PRESENTATIONS** with speakers from a variety of local organizations. The first presentation is **Oct. 5**, 10-11:30 AM and will feature the Care Communities of Austin. Call (512) 451-7105 for details.

• Young adults are invited to join us for **THEOLOGY ON TAP**, Tuesday, **Oct. 6** at Santa Rita Cantina (5900 W. Slaughter Ln., Austin, Texas 78749) where Sherie Zebrowski will present on the relationship between the Old and the New Testament. The evening will begin at 6 PM with music by Kevin Kapchinski, and the presentation will begin at 7 PM. We hope to see you there!

• The annual diocesan **RED MASS** will be held **Oct. 8** at 6 PM at St. Mary Cathedral in downtown Austin. The guest speaker is Professor Lucia A. Silecchia of The Catholic University of America. She was one of nine Americans to participate in a Vatican conference on Climate Change and Development, organized by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. A ticketed dinner and reception will follow the Mass. To purchase tickets, visit austindiocese.org/redmass or e-mail redmass@austindiocese.org.

• Mary's Touch invites you to **TURNING POINT 2015**, an opportunity to hear from Capt. Guy Gruters who is an American hero, father, husband, POW North Vietnam, author and motivational speaker. The event is happening **Oct. 10**, 6-9:30 PM at the AT&T Conference Center in Austin. For details and to purchase tickets, email info@marystouch.org or call (512) 965-4449.

• Catholic Relief Services has partnered with Ten Thousand Villages and will be holding a **COMMUNITY EVENT** at the store on **Oct. 16**. Leti Bueno at St. Catherine of Siena, (512) 892-2420, has more information, and is able to provide education on Fair Trade to interested groups.

• If you're wondering if there's more to life than just "getting by" and are ready to focus on what really matters, then discover the extraordinary Catholic teaching known as the **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY**. The 2-session intro course will be presented **Oct. 17 & 31** at San Jose Parish in Austin. For information, call Fernanda Jaimes, (512) 949-2492.

• Prospective parents are invited to attend a parent-only Information Session at **ST. DOMINIC SAVIO**. Sessions are scheduled for **Oct. 23** (8:30-10 AM), and **Nov. 18** (6:30-8PM). During these sessions, parents will learn about our school, enjoy a student led tour of our beautiful campus and hear about our admission process. Did you know that Savio offers bus transportation at locations in south, central and north Austin? To find out more of these interesting facts join us for an information session. Reserve a spot as space is limited by visiting our website: saviochs.org > Admissions > Visit St. Dominic Savio or by contacting Holly Bologna, (512) -388-8846 ext. 5504.

• The **WALK FOR LIFE, HOPE AND MERCY** will be held Saturday, **Oct. 24**, beginning with Mass at 8 AM at St. Austin Catholic Church and followed by a march to the Capitol. Additionally, the Texas Catholic Conference invites you to **A JOURNEY TO MERCY: RETHINKING THE DEATH PENALTY IN TEXAS**, a discussion on capital punishment that will be held at the Texas Capitol Auditorium and Legislative Conference Center on Friday, **Oct. 23**. More information on both events can be found at txcatholicmercyproject.org

• Tax season is quickly approaching, and it's time for our annual **COMMUNITY TAX CENTERS KICK-OFF**. Last year, our volunteers put \$36 million back into the pockets of low-income families in our community - refunds they used to buy food, pay outstanding bills, and save for their children's future. We need you for the 2016 season! With your help, we aim to serve over 20,000 families this upcoming year. Please join us for lunch on Friday, **Oct. 30**, 12 PM at Sierra Vista Learning Center, 4320 S. Congress Ave. You'll learn about Community Tax Centers and other Foundation Communities volunteer opportunities, hear plans for this upcoming year, and connect with other volunteers and staff. RSVP by Oct. 23 by calling (512) 610-7967.

FOCUS ON MINISTRY

How do you live out your faith? Emmaus has more than 75 ministries which are reliant on our parishioners' time and talent. Engage with your parish by signing up to help, and you'll be making a meaningful impact on your fellow community members as well as yourself.

RESPECT LIFE

Emmaus' **Respect Life** ministry is committed to the preservation of human life and the human spirit through education on Respect Life issues and programs. Material and spiritual support is offered for women in pregnancy, post-abortion, or family abuse crises. Respect Life also leads community action, including legislative action that promotes respect for life. Volunteer time is flexible. **[Join Respect Life on The City]**

Under the Respect Life Ministry, the mission of the **Gabriel Project** is to plant the seed of God's love within the hearts of women who feel lost, alone and afraid - whether rich or poor, single, married, young or older. The need in an unplanned pregnancy is one of understanding and caring. We offer a resource network to support a mother's birth alternative - the gift of life - to give a hope for tomorrow. In addition to providing direction for guidance, Emmaus Catholic Parish collects and disburses diapers, clothing, and other essentials to mothers in need. Volunteers are always needed. Contact Linda Guilbert, (512) 261-3264. **[Join Gabriel Project on The City]**

Project Rachel, a compassionate and confidential ministry, extends God's unconditional love and forgiveness to women and men who experience the tragedy of abortion. By offering a safe place for those suffering to be reconciled with God and His Church, Project Rachel helps anyone who is suffering after having an abortion (or as the result of a loved one's abortion) to experience God's mercy, forgiveness, and peace.

To find more ways to help your parish, log on to **The City** and click on Growth-Service Opportunities.



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