

MASS DEDICATIONS

- DEC. 10**
5:00pm..... In Memory of A.J. Ely
- DEC. 11**
8:30am..... In Memory of Teresa Ramos
10:00am..... In Memory of Phyllis Wahlberg
10:30am..... In Memory of Jennifer Bonds
12:15pm..... For Emmaus Parish
5:00pm..... In Memory of James Dean Steger
- DEC. 12**
8:30am..... In Memory of John Drisdale Sr.
- DEC. 13**
8:30am..... For Sanctity of Human Life
- DEC. 14**
5:30pm..... In Memory of Thomas Shrader
- DEC. 15**
8:30am..... In Memory of John Vance
9:30am..... In Memory of Phyllis Wahlberg
- DEC. 16**
8:30am..... In Memory of Joanne Jarrell

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

PARISH SUPPORT

December 4, 2016.....	\$45,074
Fiscal YTD Offertory	\$849,066
Fiscal YTD Offertory [July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016].....	\$2,109,362
2016-17 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program:	\$14,487
PLC Loan Balance:.....	\$1,220,893
Church Loan Balance:.....	\$3,954,171



Mortgage payments (principal/interest) on above loans: \$46,937/month

Second Collections at Emmaus

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

Next Special Collections:

Retired Clergy and Religious on Dec. 11, 2016
Please give to those that have given a lifetime: www.retiredreligious.org/
Maternity Home for the Diocese of Austin: Jan. 1, 2017

Grounded in Faith, Growing to Serve

Capital Campaign Prayer: please say this prayer daily to benefit the future of Emmaus Catholic Parish!

# pledges: 105 (4.2% of parish)	
Pledged	\$472,586
Total in hand	\$201,840
Fund-A-Need & Matching Program:	\$350,000

WEEKLY REFLECTION



December 11, 2016 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Heavenly Father,

We gather together as family to give thanks for our many blessings, and to share our love for You and for one another.

We pray that Emmaus Catholic Parish is always a welcoming family for all who seek to know You.

As a reflection of Jesus' sacrifice, may we freely offer our gifts to build upon the faith foundation we have inherited.

May we be good stewards of all Your gifts, passing them on to future generations.

As we continue life's journey home to You, let our love and service to others most in need be a testament to our love for You.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord,
Amen



grounded in faith
GROWING TO SERVE

Padre Celestial,

Nos reunimos como familia para darte gracias por tantas bendiciones, y para compartir nuestro amor por Ti y por los demás.

Oramos para que nuestra Parroquia Católica de Emmaus sea siempre una familia acogedora para todos los que buscan conocerte.

A ejemplo del sacrificio de Jesús, queremos ofrecer libremente nuestros dones para construir sobre los cimientos de nuestra fe que hemos recibido.

Deseamos ser buenos administradores de todos tus dones, y pasarlos a las futuras generaciones.

Permite que mientras caminamos hacia ti, nuestro amor y servicio hacia los más necesitados, sea un testimonio de amor a ti.

Todo esto te lo pedimos por Jesucristo nuestro Señor,
Amen

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 occur! Please refer to the Parish Website for the most current calendar listings.

SUNDAY, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

Today	Knights of Columbus Holiday Nut Sale	Narthex
Today	Advent Giving Tree	Narthex
8:45 AM	RCIA Dismissal	Café
9:00 AM	Elementary Faith Formation	PLC
3:30 PM	Journey Middle School Youth Group	PLC
6:00 PM	Outcry High School Youth Group	PLC

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM	Women's Advent Prayer Group	Multi B/C
9:30 AM	Pastoral & Liturgical Staff Meeting	Rm 204
10:00 AM	Play to Learn	Rm 201
3:30 PM	Elementary Faith Formation	PLC
4:30 PM	LTHS Teacher Dinner	Great Hall
4:45 PM	Nativity Rehearsal for Elementary	Church
5:00 PM	Elementary Faith Formation	PLC
5:00 PM	Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer	Church
5:30 PM	Conoce tu fe	Multi B/C
6:30 PM	Journey Middle School Youth Ministry	PLC
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	English as a Second Language	Rms. 202-206
7:00 PM	RCIA English & Spanish	Narthex

MONDAY, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00 AM	Las Mananitas	Church
6:15 AM	Mass - Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Spanish	Church
7:00 AM	Pan Dulce y Chocolate for Guadalupe Celebration	Great Hall
8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
10:00 AM	Bright Horizons	Great Hall
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
4:00 PM	Elementary Faith Formation	PLC
4:00 PM	Ladies of Charity Board Meeting	Multi B/C
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
6:00 PM	Ladies of Charity General Meeting	Multi B/C
6:30 PM	Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration	Church
6:30 PM	Just Faith	Pastoral A1-Library
6:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Great Hall
7:00 PM	Focus Mission Partner Reception	Café & Youth Space

THURSDAY, December 15

8:00 AM	Men's Scripture Study	QOA Chapel
8:15 AM	Jazzercise Strength Training	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:45 AM	Bookmobile Visit	QOA Parking Lot
10:00 AM	Game Day	QOA Chapel
10:15 AM	Overeaters Anonymous	Rm 205
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
2:00 PM	Kardivas of LWES Christmas Party	Great Hall
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
7:00 PM	CRHP Women's Team 29 Meeting	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	Grupo de Oracion	Café & Youth Space

TUESDAY, December 13 - St. Lucy

8:15 AM	Jazzercise Strength Training	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM	1st Corinthians Study	Multi B/C
12:00 PM	Al-Anon	Pastoral B1,B3,B4
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
6:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	QOA Chapel
7:00 PM	Boy Scout Meeting	Rm 204
7:00 PM	Little Sunshine Preschool Event	Café & Youth Space
7:00 PM	Introduccion a la Biblia	Multi B/C

FRIDAY, December 16

5:45 AM	Men of Emmaus	Great Hall
8:00 AM	Strategic Planning Council	Rm 206
8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Friday	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1

WEDNESDAY, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
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SATURDAY, December 17

8:30 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
8:30 AM	Rosary Ministry	Multi C

HAPPENINGS AT EMMAUS



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe: Monday, Dec. 12

All are welcome!

Sunrise Serenade Las Mañanitas 5:00 AM in the Church

Led by mariachi singers, all sing to the Blessed Virgin, beginning with the song entitled Las Mañanitas which begins with these words, "Qué linda está la mañana en que vengo a saludarte... (How beautiful is this morning on which I come here to greet you...)"

Mass at 6:15 AM celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas While most of it will be in Spanish you don't have to speak Spanish to experience it.

Pan Dulce y Chocolate - Hot Chocolate & Pastries at 7:00 AM in the Great Hall

La Guadalupana Evening Celebration at 6:30 PM in the Church, includes Rosary, Serenades, Dancers, presentations and food.

HAPPENINGS AT EMMAUS

Urgent: Confirmation Deadline! Fully completed application packets are needed in the Parish Office by Thursday, Dec. 15 in order to receive confirmation in 2017. Please call the Parish Office with questions: 512-261-8500. Information is on our website: www.emmausparish.org/confirmation.

The Annual Knights of Columbus Holiday Nut Sale is happening now! Nuts are on sale in the Narthex after all Masses for the next few weeks.

2017 Calendars, sponsored by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Homes are available for pick-up in the Narthex, near the TV screens. These are available in both English and Spanish.

The Parish Respect Life Committee would like to thank you for your donations for the Baby Bank campaign that ended at the end of October. The parish raised \$2,871. Fifty percent of the funds will stay here in our parish to help support our parish Gabriel Project and 50% will help support the Beginning of Life Apostolates at the Diocesan level. For more information or to volunteer please contact Lee Malkowski at contact info: (601-927-8818 or ljm8459@gmail.com) or Sr. Elizabeth in Parish Office at 512-261-8500.



Gala in the Galaxy Decorating Team: In search of everybody and anybody with out-of-this world ideas for the décor of our 'Star Wars' theme Gala 2017. Little or big ideas welcomed. No experience needed. Décor donations most welcomed. This is a fun group to make our annual Gala come alive in space! Contact Stephanie Ozuna on *Emmaus in The City* or email to beverly.aviles@emmausparish.org.

Schedule of neighborhood Las Posadas, all are invited!

"Las Posadas" is at 7 PM every night:

- December 16 ~ 1500 Barney Dr. ~ Host: Ramirez Family
 - December 17 ~ 14604 Running Deer Trail ~ Host: Guel Family
 - December 18 ~ 14611 Branding Iron Pass ~ Host: Christian Family Movement
 - December 19 ~ 1804 Crazyhorse Pass ~ Host: Godinez Family
 - December 20 ~ 15202 Iowa St. ~ Host: Campuzano Family
 - December 21 ~ 15008 Blanchard Dr. ~ Host: Esperansa and Pineda Families
 - December 22 ~ Emmaus Catholic Parish, Great Hall ~ Host: Spanish Prayer Group
 - December 23 ~ 15108 Holly Lane ~ Host: Cobos Castillo Family
- The "Gran Posada" is on December 24 at Emmaus Catholic Parish. It begins with the Children's Play 7:45 PM, Church, followed by the Vigil Christmas Mass in Spanish at 8:00 PM. Christmas Celebration is at 9 PM Great Hall.

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. Next Welcome Event is Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017, at 9:45am in Great Hall.

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.

THE ADORATION CHAPEL is open 24 hours / 7 Days a week. You may visit at any time. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed from 5 AM to 10 PM. To sign up for available hours, visit emmausparish.org/adoration. New Adorers are most welcome.

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, except on holiday weekends. 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. To request more than one Mass Intention, please stop by the office in person.

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.

TO REQUEST EUCHARIST for the facility- or homebound, please call the parish office. We ask that you allow 48 hours for arrangements to be made.

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

PREGNANT? Need Help? Gabriel Project: 1-877-932-2732

EN ESPAÑOL



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

11 de diciembre de 2016 - 3er Domingo de Adviento

"Deben ser pacientes también. Manténganse firmes de corazón, porque se acerca la venida del Señor." Santiago 5: 8

La paciencia es otra de las cosas por la que muchos de nosotros luchamos. Queremos que las cosas vayan de acuerdo a nuestro plan y a nuestra agenda. Cualquier cambio genera ansiedad y miedo. A través de la oración diaria nos alineamos mejor con la voluntad y el plan de Dios, que es mucho mejor de lo que podemos lograr por nuestra cuenta.

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 CHAPEL esta disponible a la 24 horas. Para anotarse para las horas disponibles visite emmausparish.org/adoration.

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 72 horas de anticipación.

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

ANUNCIOS: jueves, 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.

PARA SOLICITAR LA EUCARISTÍA para una hospitalaria o para personas que se encuentran confinadas en su casa, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial. Le pedimos que espere 48 horas para que se hagan los arreglos.

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.

¿EMBARAZADA? ¿Necesitas ayuda? Proyecto Gabriel: 1-877-932-2732

PRAYER REQUESTS



Bob Clark, Bob Gurney, Megan Matthyssen, Teresa Carreon, Kathryn Boucvalt, Christopher Lynch, Kelly Hyatt, The Kuykendall Family, Lloyd Patrick Family, Anna Roberts Family, Jenny & John Capps, Mitchell Mikula, Carolina Hernandez, Selina O'Dwyer, Adriana Rodriguez, Charlotte Ariel Roberts, Bernard Ortiz, Mitchell J. Mikula, Justin Rodriguez

EMMAUS THANKS YOU!



Helping Hand of Spicewood Crisis Ministry

One hundred eighty-eight clients came to the ministry requesting food assistance for their 497 family members. Eleven of these clients were first-time visitors.

- Ninety-four families received financial assistance totaling \$13,425.
- Housing assistance totaled \$3,698, transportation and communication assistance totaled \$3,425, and dental / medical assistance totaled \$6,302.
- The cost for food and personal hygiene products was \$3,324.
- Ministry operating expenses were \$675.
- Expenditures totaled \$17,424 and donations totaled \$17,441.
- At month's end, the Vista House was occupied by a single mom with 3 kids who would otherwise be homeless.

One of our clients recently sent a thank you note that touched my heart. It captured the purpose and mission of Helping Hand and it reads as follows:

To Everyone, Ya'll are amazing people that have helped me beyond belief. With my new teeth, gas cards, and food I'm now working, staying clean and sober, going to church and becoming a responsible citizen again. Ya'll made a difference in my life. May God continue to bless this ministry and all who make it possible.

Marty Miller

BAPTISMS



WELCOMING OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Owen Erik Vicars

CHRISTMAS SEASON HOURS

Faith Formation (including ELEMENTARY, CLOW, FOCUS, OUTCRY, JOURNEY) are on Christmas Break from Dec. 15 through Jan. 7. Faith Formation classes resume on Sunday, Jan. 8.

Parish Office & Sunday Nursery closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 3, 2017. Parish Office reopens on Tuesday, Jan. 4.



KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS Schedule

St. Joseph of Arimathea Council #14025

Tuesday, Dec. 20: KofC Rosary 7:00 PM, General Meeting at 7:30 PM in Café

Tuesday, Jan. 3: Planning Meeting 7:30 PM in Café

Friday, Jan. 20: Bingo Night in Great Hall, 6:30 PM

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We thank our Bulletin Sponsor: Lakeway Eye

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512-402-9919 www.lakewayeye.com

HAPPENINGS AT EMMAUS

Christmas Singers and Instrumentalists Needed!

- You do NOT have to be a choir member to participate!
- You are free to sing ANY Mass you want, as long as you meet the age requirements.
- You are encouraged to sing more than one Mass on Christmas.

Here are the Masses and age requirements for our Christmas Eve Masses:

- 4:00 - Children's Mass in the Church: children Grades 2 - 6
 - Nativity Play is at 3:45 PM
 - Younger Children may participate in the Nativity Play at this Mass, call the parish office if interested
 - Practices this week:
 - Wed., Dec. 14, 4:30 PM in Multi A
 - Fri., Dec. 16, 4:30 PM in Multi A
- 4:15 - Traditional Mass in Great Hall: any who are grades 7 to Adult
 - 15 minutes of prelude music, 2-3 songs
 - Practice this week: Tues., Dec. 13, 7:30 PM Overflow Rehearsal in Multi A
- 6:00 - Contemporary Mass: any who are grades 7 - 12+
 - 20-30 minutes of prelude music, 4-6 songs
- 12:00 - Midnight Mass: any who are grades 7 to Adult
 - 20-30 minutes of prelude music, 4-6 songs
 - Practice this week: Wed., Dec. 14, 7:30 PM in Multi A

Please contact our Music Director, John Guarino with questions and to RSVP for a choir: music@emmausparish.org. Visit our parish website to see schedule of practice times: www.EmmausParish.org/Music.

ACROSS THE DIOCESE

The annual Heart of Jesus Men's Discernment Retreat will be held Dec. 16-18 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. This retreat is for Catholic men (ages 17 to 45) with an openness to a priestly vocation and at varying stages of discernment. The weekend will include silence, prayer, meals and talks by priests and seminarians. This is a great opportunity to spend time with other men who are seeking God's will for their lives. Men are invited to discover the key to their identity as a man and their vocation in the Heart of Jesus. For more information, visit www.austinvoations.com or contact the Vocations Office at (512) 949-2430.

St. Dominic Savio Visiting Opportunities: Parent Information Sessions: Jan. 13 (8:30-10:00 am) or Jan. 25 (6:30-8:00 pm). Now accepting online applications for school year 2017-2018. Applications may be found at www.saviochs.org/admission/howtoapply.cfm. Please join us for one of these visiting opportunities to 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, Director of Admission, at 512-388-8846 ext. 5504.