

MASS DEDICATIONS

JAN. 7

5:00pm..... In memory of
Sister Mary Lou Barba, MCDP

JAN. 8

8:30am..... For Emmaus Parish
10:00am..... In memory of Herman Gonzales
10:30am..... In memory of Bill Jones
12:15pm..... In memory of Jesus
& Carolina Valencia
5:00pm..... For Meagan Matthyssen

JAN. 9

8:30am..... In memory of Herman Gonzales

JAN. 10

8:30am..... For Paloma Rodriguez

JAN. 11

5:30pm..... For Olivio Schiavolin

JAN. 12

8:30am..... In memory of Alfredo Eduardo
9:30am..... For all the Unborn

JAN. 13

8:30am..... For Jerry & Stephanie Gregoire

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

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Stewardship Report

December 25, 2016.....	\$73,303
January 1, 2017	\$32,236
Fiscal YTD Offertory	\$1,052,765
Fiscal YTD Offertory [July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016].....	\$2,109,362



2016-17 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$17,662 profit

PLC Loan Balance:.....	\$1,216,288
Church Loan Balance:.....	\$4,061,667

Mortgage payments (principal/interest) on above loans: \$44,309/month

Second Collections at Emmaus

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

Next Special Collection:

Catholic Higher Education, Feb. 12, 2017
World & Home Mission, Ash Wednesday, Mar. 1

WEEKLY REFLECTION

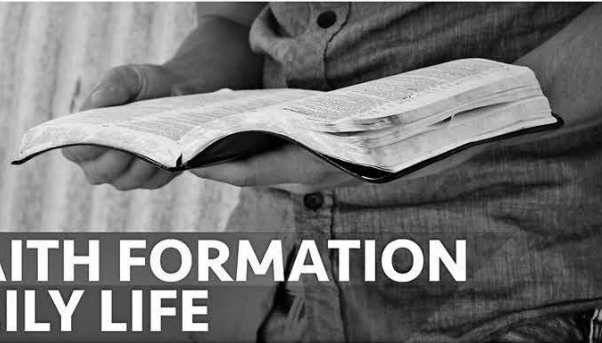


January 8, 2017

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."
Matthew 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.



SPRING 2017

ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND FAMILY LIFE

Adult Faith Formation classes for Spring 2017 have been published!

Please visit Emmaus on The City or our parish website to see all of the offerings and to get registered: www.EmmausParish.org/AdultFaith.

- Walking with Purpose: Sundays at 9:15 AM beginning Jan. 8 and also Wednesdays at 3:45 PM beginning on Jan. 11.
- Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible: Mondays at 7:00 PM beginning Jan. 23
- The Pivotal Players: Mondays at 9:30 AM beginning Jan. 23 at Queen of Angels and also Thursdays at 9:30 AM beginning Jan. 12 at Emmaus
- Ephesians: Tuesdays at 9:30 AM beginning Feb. 7
- The Bible and the Virgin Mary: Wednesdays at 9:30 AM beginning Jan. 11
- Discernment of Spirits: Thursdays at 9:30 AM beginning Mar. 2
- Consoling the Heart of Jesus: Tuesdays at 7:00 PM beginning Jan. 10
- 33 Days to Morning Glory: Tuesdays at 7:00 PM beginning Apr. 4
- EPIC: History of the Church, part II: Thursdays 7:00 PM beginning Jan. 12
- Women & Leadership: Fridays at 9:30 AM beginning Feb. 10

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, January 8 - The Epiphany of the Lord

8:45 AM	RCIA Dismissal	Café
9:00 AM	Elementary Faith Formation	PLC
9:00 AM	RCIA Adapted for Children (English)	Multi B/C
9:15 AM	Walking with Purpose	Lounge
9:45 AM	Welcome & Registration	Great Hall
10:00 AM	Sacramental Prep for Children 7+ in Spanish	Rm. 206
10:45 AM	Lake Travis Library Book Mobile	QOA
3:30 PM	Journey Middle School Faith Formation	PLC
4:00 PM	Outcry Core Team Meeting	Rm. 204
6:00 PM	Outcry High School Faith Formation	PLC

MONDAY, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
10:00 AM	Bright Horizons	PLC
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	Just Faith	Pastoral A1 - Library
6:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Great Hall & Café
6:45 PM	Boy Scouts God & Life Class	Rm. 206
7:00 PM	Play Practice	QOA

TUESDAY, January 10

8:15 AM	Jazzercise Strength Training	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM	AI-Anon	Pastoral B1,B3,B4
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
7:00 PM	Consoling the Heart of Jesus	Multi B/C
7:00 PM	Play: Amahl and The Night Visitors	QOA
7:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Rm. 206

WEDNESDAY, January 11

8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM	The Bible and the Virgin Mary	Multi B/C
12:00 PM	Staff Meeting	Café & Youth Space
3:30 PM	Elementary Faith Formation	PLC
3:45 PM	Walking with Purpose	Multi B/C
5:00 PM	Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer	Church
6:00 PM	Lake Travis Library Book Mobile	Parking Lot
6:30 PM	Journey Middle School Faith Formation	PLC
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	RCIA Class	Narthex
7:00 PM	English as a Second Language	Rm. 202-206

THURSDAY, January 12

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
9:30 AM	Pivotal Players	Multi B/C
10:00 AM	Game Day	QOA Chapel
10:15 AM	Overeaters Anonymous	Rm 205
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
7:00 PM	CRHP Women's Team 29 Meeting	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	EPIC: History of the Church II	Rm. 205
7:00 PM	Grupo De Oracion (Spanish Prayer Group)	Café & Youth Space

FRIDAY, January 13 - St. Hilary

5:45 AM	Men of Emmaus	Great Hall
8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Friday	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
5:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal: Taylor & Dyer	Church
6:00 PM	Journey into Marriage	Multi B/C
6:30 PM	Retiro Nueva Vida	Great Hall
7:00 PM	World Wide Marriage Encounter	Café & Youth Space

SATURDAY, January 14 - Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM	Retiro Nueva Vida	Great Hall
8:30 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
10:00 AM	Baptism: Benjamin John Vera	Church
10:00 AM	Journey into Marriage	Multi B/C
11:00 AM	Baptism: Luciana Robles	Church
2:00 PM	Wedding: Taylor & Dyer	Church

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHEDULE



St. Joseph of Arimathea Council #14025

Tuesday, Jan. 17: Rosary 7:00 PM,
General Meeting 7:30 PM in Rm. 203

Friday, Jan. 20: Bingo Night in Great Hall, 6:30 PM
Saturday, Jan. 28: Texas Pro-Life Rally - State Capitol

PRAYER REQUESTS



Jenny & John Capps, Mitchell J. Mikula,
Stephanie Salvo, Karen Ikonopoulou, Lloyd
Patrick Family, Hunter Moore, Zubeda Shaista,
The Bishop Jackson Family, Nastia Ostreinova

HAPPENINGS AT EMMAUS

Dave Ramsey's



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: It is coming back to Emmaus on January 19, 2017 for 9 Weeks on Thursday nights, 7:00-8:30 PM in the PLC, Rm. 204. For more information or to register go to: <https://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1032858>. Or contact Mary Voll Miller at 512-925-4698 or maryvollmiller@gmail.com. The first lesson is free on January 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM!

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH! We want to get to know you. Whether you are new to Emmaus or Queen of Angels Chapel or you have been here a while, we invite you to formally register at our next WELCOME & REGISTRATION EVENT on Sunday, January 8 at 9:45 AM in the Great Hall at Emmaus PLC. This event last less than an hour and you can meet Fr. Samuel and our staff. We will have an activity table for the children, refreshments will be served, and childcare will be available for young children in our nursery. We will not be adding any newcomers to our official parish rolls until the next event on Sunday, March 12, 2017. Please know that at any time, you are welcome to participate in parish activities. **We look forward to meeting you!**

The Briarcliff Players will be presenting the Christmas Opera, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, at the Queen of Angels Chapel on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7:00 PM. It is the story of Amahl, a crippled boy who lives with his mother in a humble home. The Magi, following the Star of Bethlehem, ask the mother if they can rest overnight in their home. She allows this and in the evening a miracle occurs. There are many members of our congregation involved in the Briarcliff Players. Robert Schneider is the director and sings King Melchior, Jim Ross sings King Kasper, and Lana Petru is a chorus member. Barbara Brouillette and Katie Schneider are co-directors. The performance is free and lasts 45 minutes.

Bring the kids, bring the grandparents, bring your friends! It's time for **FAMILY BINGO NIGHT** at Emmaus, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Join us Friday, Jan. 20, for Bingo, food, fun, and prizes. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Details on the website, emmausparish.org/bingo.

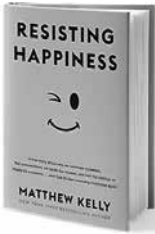
The Emmaus Prayer Blanket Ministry is up and running. If you would like to be a part of this beautiful ministry please contact the office. We have pre-assembled kits ready for you to sew a beautiful lap sized blanket for someone in need. Facilitated by: Stacey Pavone, Alica Gray and John & Kas Maerz.

EMMAUS THANKS YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Elementary Faith Formation Sock Drive. Did You Know? Socks are the most needed but least donated article of clothing for people experiencing homelessness. 244 pairs of new socks (sizes infant to adult) were collected and donated to Mobile Loaves & Fishes. A gift of clean, new socks is a gift of health for our neighbors who are homeless. Great job everyone!



A Christmas Gift for You! *Resisting Happiness*, a book from Matthew Kelly, is great reading to start the new year. **START CHOOSING HAPPINESS AGAIN!** We all know the things that will make us happy, but we do not always do them. Why? We're resistant. With his signature combination of the profound and the practical, New York Times bestselling author Matthew Kelly helps you learn why we sabotage ourselves, feel overwhelmed, set aside our dreams, and lack the courage to simply be ourselves. This books helps you learn how to start choosing happiness again. *Resisting Happiness* will inspire you to break through so you can become the best version of yourself and start living with passion and purpose. One copy per family will be available after all the Masses this weekend.



Grounded in Faith and Growing to Serve Capital Campaign

As of December 20, 2106:
154 # pledges (6.2% of the parish)
\$682,986 total pledged (18% of goal)
\$272,193 matching gifts received
\$50,000 QOA Fund-a-Need received
\$1,005,170 total funds committed
\$635,347 total funds in hand



Who benefits from this capital campaign? We have run out of space now to support our *growing adult community* and their needs for faith formation, counseling, reflection and other services. Our room scheduling is simply overbooked. We cannot readily grow our parish's spiritual, social and service offerings beyond what we have now because of space.

Memorial Mass For Sr. Mary Lou Barba, MCDP Saturday, 10:00 AM At Emmaus January 21, 2017

Followed by a reception in the Great Hall. Contributions of food for the reception are most appreciated. Please bring to the Great Hall before Mass. In lieu of flowers people can send donations to: Missionary Catechists of Divine Providence, Sister's Retirement Fund, 2318 Castroville Rd., San Antonio, TX 78237

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.

8 de enero de 2017 - Solemnidad de María, Santa Madre de Dios

“Entonces abrieron sus tesoros y le hicieron ofrendas de oro, incienso y mirra.” Mateo 2:11

La imagen de los Reyes Magos arrodillados ante el niño Jesús y abriendo sus arcones de tesoros para Él es una imagen que todos debemos tratar de seguir durante todo el año. En agradecimiento por todo lo que nos ha sido dado, estamos llamados a compartir generosamente todos nuestros dones, no sólo los que tomamos y elegimos. Dios quiere que seamos los más generosos con eso que signifique más para nosotros.

Las Preguntas Más Frecuentes De la Parroquia de Emaús

Un regalo de Navidad para Usted! Resistiendo a la felicidad, es un libro de Matthew Kelly, definitivamente una muy buena lectura para comenzar el año nuevo, COMIENCE A ESCOGER LA FELICIDAD OTRA VEZ! Todos sabemos las cosas que nos hacen felices, pero no siempre las hacemos. ¿Por qué? Nos resistimos a ello. Con una combinación entre lo profundo y lo práctico, Matthew Kelly le ayudará a aprender por qué nos auto-saboteamos, nos sentimos abrumados, dejamos a un lado nuestros sueños y no tenemos el valor para ser simplemente nosotros mismos... Y cómo empezar a elegir ser felices una vez más. Resistiéndose a la felicidad le inspirará a romper esa resistencia para que pueda convertirse en la mejor versión de usted mismo y empezar a vivir con pasión y propósito. Una copia por familia estará disponible después de la Santa Misa a la salida!

¿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.

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Prepare for Citizenship Test: Citizenship Classes, beginning January 2017. They are free! Lake Travis Community Library at 1938 Lohmans Crossing, Lakeway, TX 78734. Must call Karen Ballinger at 512.809.5800 by January 15 to reserve a spot.

¡Prepárese para su Ciudadanía! ¡Gratis! Clases de Ciudadanía, empiezan a partir de enero de 2017. En la Biblioteca Comunitaria de Lake Travis a 1938 Lohmans Crossing, Lakeway, TX 78734. Es necesario hablar a Karen Ballinger al 512.809.5800 para el 15 de enero para reservar un lugar.

Lake Travis Community Library Bookmobile schedule:

Queen of Angels Parking Lot on Sundays, Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 5 & Feb. 19 from 10:45 to 11:30 AM

Emmaus Parking Lot on Wednesdays, Jan. 11 and Feb. 8, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

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

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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.

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.

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.

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

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Texas Catholic Pro-Life Day is Jan. 28. The day will begin with a prayer vigil to end abortion at Planned Parenthood (201 E. Ben White Blvd. in Austin). Then the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed at 9:15 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin followed by Mass at 10 a.m. with Bishop Joe Vásquez. Everyone will proceed to the March for Life at 18th and N. Congress Ave., which begins at 1 p.m. then the Rally for Life starts at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Luisa De Poo at (512) 949-2487 or luisa-depoo@austindiocese.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Offer your spouse the treasures of each other by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on February 10-12, 2017. For more dates, information & to apply go to www.austinme.org/Apply or contact wwmeaustin@gmail.com or call (512) 677-WWME (9963).

St. Gabriel's Catholic School is a Pre-k through 8th grade private school located off of Barton Creek and Wimberly Lane. They have an upcoming open house on January 10th. Representatives of the school will be at Emmaus after all Masses the weekend of Jan. 7 & 8 in the Narthex, so you are invited to stop by the table to pick up materials and learn more about Catholic education from the head of school.

St. Michael's Catholic Academy invites prospective families to attend the "come and go" styled Open House on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 from 8:30-10:30 AM/ Guests will have an opportunity to learn about SMCA's award winning programs, embark on a student-led campus tour, and observe classrooms. Please RSVP at smca.com. Questions? Leah Esparza 512-328-2323, ext. 309

Celebrating Catholic Schools with His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York! All are invited to attend the dinner and awards ceremony for the Austin Diocese Catholic Schools on January 28, 2017. Proceeds from this event are returned to schools for tuition assistance. To purchase tickets or donate, please visit www.csdatx.org or call (512) 949-2439.

The Austin Diocese is now accepting applications for the Ascend class of 2017. Approximately 30 young adults will be selected to participate in a series of retreats and evening courses between February and April. The Ascend class of 2017 will be empowered to make a lasting contribution by practicing applied leadership skills so that they may exercise their faith in positions of leadership in the church as well as in their homes, communities and careers. Applications are due Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. For complete information about Ascend, including the program calendar, application and FAQs, visit www.austindiocese.org/ascend.

Activities at the Schoenstatt shrine: A Girls' Morning with Mary will be held Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt in Austin. Girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to spend time at the shrine together to grow closer to Jesus through Mary with crafts, prayer and fun. Registration is required by contacting Rachel Gardner at rgardner@schoenstatt.us. For more information visit www.schoenstatt.us.

Join fellow Catholic women at the quarterly meeting of the Austin North, Central & South Deaneries Council of Catholic Women on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Holy Cross Church, 1610 East 11th Street, Austin. Mass will be celebrated at 9 AM, followed by a business meeting with officer elections and voting on standard operating procedures, and complementary brunch. Diocesan CCW President Dianne Friend is an invited guest. The program, Women at the Well, is a series of reflective vignettes performed by the ladies of Holy Cross Church. Contact Karen Dunlap, president, at 512-836-0530 or kdunlap78@hotmail.com with questions.