

MASS DEDICATIONS



DEC. 2

5:00pm..... In memory of John Drisdale, Sr.

DEC. 3

8:30am..... In memory of Betsy Richard
 10:00am..... In memory of David Houlemard
 10:30am..... For Macaria Alarcon
 12:15pm..... For Emmaus Parish
 5:00pm..... In memory of Agustine Dominic

DEC. 4

8:30am..... In memory of Jeri Christensen

DEC. 5

8:30am..... For the Sanctity of Human Life

DEC. 6

5:30pm..... In memory of Claire McDonald

DEC. 7

8:30am..... In memory of Zenia & Charlie Kitowski
 9:30am..... For The Aguirre Family

DEC. 8

8:30am..... For The Safety of all children

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

WEEKLY REFLECTION



December 3rd, 2017 -1st Sunday of Advent

"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Stewardship Report

November 19, 2017	\$40,817
November 26, 2017	\$27,214
Fiscal YTD Offertory	\$787,522

Fiscal YTD Offertory

[July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017]\$2,081,834

2017-18 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program:\$12,741 profit

Parish Life Center Loan Balance:.....\$1,149,452

Church Loan Balance:.....\$3,870,833

Mortgage payments (principal/interest) on above loans: \$44,152.00/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, December 10, 2017

Feast of the Holy Family, December 31, 2017

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.



Scan to Give

Did you know that you can make your regular offertory donation using your smart phone? Just use any QR Code reader to scan this code and complete your donation.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Vigil Masses

Thursday, December 7

6:30 PM in English at Emmaus

8:00 PM in Spanish at Emmaus

Friday, December 8

6:30 AM in English at Emmaus

8:30 AM in English at Emmaus

10:00 AM in English at
Queen of Angels Chapel

12Noon in English at Emmaus

A Holy Day of Obligation



PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING

Janet Schlein, Foster Stringfield, Dee Dee Richards, Sylvia Bures, Mary Sunseri, Coldewey Family, Matt Versdahl, Shane Palacios, The Aguirre Castillo Family, Jose Saucedo, Rick Lopez, Maria Arguello, Karen McFatter, Carolyn & Diego Rendon, Carmelo Scuncio, Kate & Mitchell Mikula

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY, December 3 - 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM	Advent Giving Tree & Holiday Nut Sales	Narthex
8:15 AM	Nursery for Mass	Nursery
9:00 AM	Elementary Faith Formation	PLC
10:00 AM	RCIA Dismissal	Café
10:30 AM	PreK, Kinder & Elementary Faith Formation	PLC
11:30 AM	Ministry Fair, part 1	Queen of Angels Chapel
3:00 PM	Diocesan Diaconate Meeting	Pastoral B1
3:30 PM	Journey Middle School Youth Group	PLC
6:00 PM	Outcry High School Youth Group	PLC
7:00 PM	Rehearsal of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Church

MONDAY, December 4 - St. John Damascene

5:30 AM	Jazzercise Early Early Session	Café & Youth Space
8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	ECEP Classes	PLC
10:00 AM	Bright Horizons	Great Hall
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
4:00 PM	Elementary Faith Formation	PLC
5:15 PM	Jazzercise Late Session	Café & Youth Space
6:30 PM	Boy Scouts	Great Hall
7:00 PM	Baptism Preparation in English	Rm. 206
7:00 PM	Baptism Preparation in Spanish	Rm. 205
7:00 PM	CRHP Men's Group	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	Noche de Reflexion de Adviento (Padre Nieli)	Church

TUESDAY, December 5

8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	ECEP Classes	PLC
11:00 AM	Citizenship Class by LTLibrary	Rm. 206
12:00 PM	Al-Anon	Pastoral B1,B3,B4
5:15 PM	Jazzercise Late Session	Café & Youth Space
6:30 PM	Advent Mission in English (Fr. Sparks)	Church
7:30 PM	Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting	Rm. 205

WEDNESDAY, December 6 - St. Nicholas

5:30 AM	Jazzercise Early Early Session	Café & Youth Space
8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	ECEP Classes	PLC
10:00 AM	Called to be Friends	Lounge
12:00 PM	Staff Meeting	Multi B/C
4:00 PM	Elementary Faith Formation	PLC
4:45 PM	Confessions	Narthex
5:00 PM	Liturgy of the Hours	Church
5:30 PM	Daily Mass	Church
6:30 PM	Journey Middle School Youth Group	Café & Youth Space
7:00 PM	QOA Choir Rehearsal	QOA Chapel
7:00 PM	ESL Classes	Rms. 201-206
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Pastoral B1

THURSDAY, December 7 - St. Ambrose

8:00 AM	Men's Scripture Study	QOA Chapel
8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	ECEP Classes	PLC
10:00 AM	Game Day	QOA Chapel
10:15 AM	Over Eaters Anonymous	Rm. 205
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
5:15 PM	Jazzercise Late Session	Café & Youth Space
6:30 PM	Immaculate Conception Mass in English	Church
8:00 PM	Immaculate Conception Mass in Spanish	Church

FRIDAY, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of Mary

5:30 AM	Jazzercise Early Early Session	Café & Youth Space
6:00 AM	Men of Emmaus	Great Hall
6:30 AM	Immaculate Conception Mass in English	Church
8:00 AM	Jazzercise Early Session	Café & Youth Space
8:30 AM	Immaculate Conception Mass in English	Church
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM	ECEP Classes	PLC
10:00 AM	Immaculate Conception Mass in English	Queen of Angels Chapel
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
12:00 PM	Immaculate Conception Mass in English	Church
4:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal: Butcher & Foes	Queen of Angels Chapel
4:00 PM	Wedding Rehearsal: Brown & Rodriguez	Church
6:00 PM	Journey Into Marriage	Multi B/C
7:00 PM	Grupo de Alabanza Practice	Multi A

SATURDAY, December 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8:00 AM	Jazzercise Strength	Café & Youth Space
8:30 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
10:00 AM	Baptism: Lake George Pivach	Baptistery
10:00 AM	Journey into Marriage	Multi B/C
10:00 AM	Wedding Reception: Rodriguez	Great Hall
2:00 PM	Wedding: Brown & Rodriguez	Church
4:00 PM	Wedding: Butcher & Foes	Queen of Angels Chapel
4:00 PM	Confession	Church
6:00 PM	Social Saturday	Narthex
6:30 PM	AIM - Adults Independent & Motivated	Pastoral A&B

Advent Day of Reflection
Jesus Was Not an After-Thought!
Advent
 Tuesday December 5
 6:30 PM
 In the Church
 The facilitator is Fr. Richard Sparks.
 Program in English.

HAPPENINGS AT EMMAUS

Family Mass next weekend, December 10 at 10:30 AM in English and 12:15 PM in Spanish.



The Spanish Prayer Group (Grupo de Oracion) is hosting a traditional Posada, as part of the Novena prayer and celebration of the Christmas Eve preparations of the faithful. All of the Emmaus Community is invited. Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 PM in the Great Hall.

Family & Faith Event: Sunday, December 17 at 3:30 PM in the Great Hall. Journey to find lodging and let us remember our brothers and sisters on the street. We will celebrate the Posadas story while putting together a 'Necessities Sock' for the Homeless. Please contribute by donating, Trial / Travel Size Shampoo, Deodorant, Lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, tube socks (mens). Please bring items to Christmas box in Narthex or PLC Lobby by Friday, December 15.

Save the Dates!

- Knights of Columbus Bingo: Friday, January 19
- Adult Faith Formation Classes for Spring 2018 begin the week of January 28, 2018
- 2018 Gala: Saturday, April 14 in the Great Hall
- Men's Retreat: March 3 & 4, 2018
- Women's Retreat: April 28 & 29, 2018
- More information on the parish website:**
www.EmmausParish.org



Emmaus Families Love Life! Celebrate life by joining your Emmaus parish family in walking 1 mile at the 2018 Texas Rally for Life. We will meet at the corner of Congress and 18th Street at 12:30 on Saturday, January 27, 2018 and walk to the State Capitol with thousands of families. This peaceful and fun event includes children, teens, college students and everyone else from around the state. Wear your sneakers, get the baby in the stroller and join us from 12:30 until 3:00 pm. (no pets) For more information go to [Texas Rally for Life](http://TexasRallyforLife.org) or call Yvonne Howington at 512-992-9007.

Welcome to our New Parishioners:

- Jeanne Adams (Ellie)
- Linda Cannon
- Ily Cordero
- Scott & Barb Creed (Nicholas, Barton, Caroline)
- Paul & Jane Crepaldi
- Joseph Haus & Melissa Calderon-Rivas (Nia)
- Bill & Rebeca Menaghan (Miles, Evan)
- Amin & Morgan Mery (Rex, Nolan)
- Huan & Jackie Pham (Jake, Nicolas)
- Kelly & Bonnie Quick (Nicole)
- Albert & Terry Rodriguez
- Sean Thrailkill
- Christopher & Caitlin Vallee (Teagan, Dillon)
- Next Welcome & Registration event is**
Sunday, January 14 at 9:45 AM in the Great Hall.

From our Parish Nursing Ministry: HOLIDAY PREPARATIONS

Holidays are meant to be joyful, but it can also be a time of additional stress and worry. In the midst of approaching holiday demands, stress levels generally increase. With the increase pace of holiday preparations, work schedules, and the responsibilities of caring for children, aging parents, or spouses; unhealthy stress levels rise. During this potentially tender time, watch closely for signs of depression, anxiety, and stress in yourself and others. Stress is a contributing cause of many physical ailments including heart disease, GI disturbances, fatigue, insomnia, and obesity. If we recognize our holiday triggers and the effect stress has on our lives, we will be better prepared to manage it and learn to live more satisfying and healthy lives. What can we do to bring balance?

- Pray the familiar Serenity Prayer.
- Stay physically healthy by eating a balanced diet, exercise daily, and get plenty of rest.
- Stay emotionally healthy by meditating, limiting distractions, calling a friend and asking for help.
- Be flexible, realistic, and forgiving.
- Learn to say no to some of the many demands which cross your path.

Spend time with supportive and caring friends. Reach out to those who may feel lonely or isolated.

Remember: at the core of your being, you are goodness and love! Develop an attitude of gratitude.

Kindness, self-compassion, patience, and a kind heart go a long way when the holidays come around. Remain aware of what others may be experiencing, be truly present, and listen with an open heart and mind; that is the true holiday spirit in action.

Submitted by Mary Chambers, RN



Queen of Angels Ministry Fair: For our regular attendees at Queen of Angels Chapel in Spicewood, please plan on staying after Mass again on December 10 to learn about the ministries that serve at the Chapel. The focus is on all ministries beyond those that serve during the Mass. This is the time to ask questions and consider what you can do to continue our chapel tradition of a nurturing community.

Capital Campaign Update:

Total in hand: \$1,614,515 - 92% of our mid-point goal of \$1.75M, so we can hire an architect and begin the project.
Hooray and thank you!



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WELCOMING OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED



- Hudson Carl Poehlmann
- Lawrence Thomas Lloyd
- Hedda Marion Caine
- Camila Villegas Leyva

Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph of Arimathea Council #14025

Tuesday, December 5: Planning Meeting, 7:30 PM in Rm. 205

Friday, January 19: Bingo

Interested in Joining the Knights? Please contact: Richard Gambatese, 512-551-9525



SOCIAL OUTREACH

November was National Adoption Awareness Month.

In Travis County, Adoption Day was celebrated this year on November 2nd when 30 different loving families finalized the adoption of 44 children who had traveled through the foster care system with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services. Some of these children had spent years, moving from one foster home to another, before finding their forever families. We are so grateful to those courageous 30 families and to all adoptive families in the past who have exemplified the values of Christian teaching by seeing Christ in the eyes of these needy children.

As Jesus says in Matthew 25: 35-36: “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me...”.

There are currently over 4,000 children in the state of Texas who are still waiting to be adopted, and 119 of those are in Travis County. There is a great need for adoptive families in our area who are willing to open their hearts and homes to these children in such desperate need of parents to love them, accept them and protect them. Information regarding Adoption and Fostering agencies operating in the Central Texas area and to view photographs of a few of the children currently available for adoption in the Central Texas region can be viewed at <https://www.heartgallerytexas.com/>

The vision statement for the Diocese of Austin’s Respect Life Ministry is “to affirm the dignity of human life, embracing the certain reality that society must respect, defend and promote life at every moment and in every condition without regard to distinction.” **What better way to respect life than to help children in dire circumstances find their forever families.**

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, November 12, 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

NURSERY: The Nursery is available at Emmaus for the Sunday 8:30 AM, and 10:30 AM, 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.

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

ACROSS THE DIOCESE

Reflection with Fr. Elmer, December 12 “Food, Family, and Faith”: \$35/person (includes morning snacks and a light lunch). How we view food plays a vital role in our faith life. It serves as a reminder of our hunger for Christ, is central to hospitality, and expresses our joy during celebrations. Food feeds us physically and spiritually. Join Msgr. Elmer and our own Eagle Wings Retreat Center Chef as they explore how the foods we make, eat, and share transform our lives through God’s grace. Father Elmer will celebrate Mass at 9:00 a.m. and wrap up the day around 2:30 p.m. To register: <https://ewrc.org/> or 512-715-0017.

Heart of Jesus Discernment Retreat: Heart of Jesus will be held Dec.15-17 at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. This is a weekend retreat for Catholic men (ages 17-45) with an openness to a priestly vocation and at varying stages of discernment. The weekend will include talks by priests and seminarians, prayer, silence and meals. Visit www.godiscalling.me for more information about the priesthood, consecrated life and tools for prayer and discernment or contact the diocesan Vocations Office at (512) 949-2430.

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3 de diciembre de 2017 - 1er Domingo de Adviento

"Porque no saben en qué día vendrá su Señor." Mateo 24:42

Las personas que han tenido problemas de salud o experiencias cercanas a la muerte por lo general tienen un mayor aprecio por cada día, porque es un regalo de Dios. El resto de nosotros por lo general damos por sentado que vamos a estar aquí el día de mañana. Pero cuando se empieza a mirar cada día como un regalo, uno se da cuenta de todos los pequeños milagros que suceden a diario y crece en agradecimiento por todo lo que se nos ha dado.

Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María: Misa de Vigilia el jueves, 7 de diciembre a las 8:00 p.m.



NOCHE DE REFLEXIÓN DE ADVIENTO

¡Ojos Eucarísticos!

Facilitador:

Padre Bruce Neili

Lunes 4 de Diciembre

7:00 PM

En Emaús - Iglesia

Donación: Gratis!

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, martes 12 de diciembre

5 AM - Las Mañanitas - una hora de cantos en serenata

6:00 AM - Misa/Mass

7 AM - Convivio en Gran Salón / Fellowship, Great Hall (PLC)

El grupo de Oración en español presenta la tradicional posada, como parte de la novena de oración y celebración de los feligreses, en los preparativos para la Nochebuena. Toda la comunidad de Emaús está invitada, el jueves 21 de diciembre a las 7:00 p.m. en el Gran Salón.

Misa de la Familia el 10 de diciembre a las 12:15 p.m.

Actualmente hay más de 4,000 niños en el estado de Texas que siguen esperando a ser adoptados, 119 de ellos están en el Condado de Travis. Existe una gran necesidad de familias adoptivas en nuestra área, quienes estén dispuestos a abrir sus corazones y hogares a estos niños con una necesidad desesperada de encontrar unos padres que les den amor y los protejan. Usted podrá encontrar información sobre las agencias de Adopciones permanentes y temporales -*Fostering* que trabajan en el Centro de Texas, así como ver fotos de algunos de los niños que están actualmente disponibles para ser adoptados, visitando: <https://www.heartgallerytexas.com/>

¡Las familias de Emaús amamos la vida! Celebremos la vida unidos como familia parroquial de Emaús en esta caminata de 1 milla en la Marcha por la Vida Texas 2018, el sábado 27 de enero de 2018 a las 12:30 del mediodía. Nos reuniremos en la esquina de Congress y 18th Street. Caminaremos de ahí al Capitolio del Estado, acompañados por miles de familias. Este pacífico evento incluye a niños, adolescentes, estudiantes universitarios y mucha más gente de todo el estado. Ponte zapatos cómodos para caminar, lleva la carriola del bebé y acompáñanos desde las 12:30 hasta las 3:00 p.m. (favor de no llevar mascotas) Para saber más, visita Texas Rally for Life o llama a Yvonne Howington al 512-992-9007.

¡Aparten estas fechas!

Clases de Formación de Fe para adultos en primavera de 2018 comienzan la semana del 28 de enero de 2018.

Gala 2018: Sábado 14 de abril en el Gran Salón

Retiro de hombres: 3 y 4 de marzo de 2018

Retiro de mujeres: 28 y 29 de abril de 2018

Para más información, consulte la página web de la parroquia:

www.EmmausParish.org

Consagración Diocesana al Inmaculado Corazón de María: En este año del centenario de las apariciones de Fátima y el 70° aniversario de la fundación de nuestra diócesis, el Obispo José Vásquez ha decidido consagrar la iglesia local de la Diócesis de Austin al Inmaculado Corazón de María. El 10 de diciembre, todos los sacerdotes y la gente de nuestra diócesis están invitados a unirse en oración solemne de consagración a la Madre de Dios, pidiendo por su maternal ayuda y protección, confiándonos a su amoroso corazón y pidiéndole que nos acerque más a su Hijo, Jesucristo. Para recursos y mayores detalles, visite: www.austindiocese.org/ihmconsecration.

Retiro de discernimiento del Corazón de Jesús será del 15 al 17 de diciembre en el centro católico de retiros Cedarbreak en Belton. Este es un retiro de fin de semana para hombres de 17 a 45 años de edad que estén abiertos a la vocación para el sacerdocio y se encuentran en diversas etapas del discernimiento. El retiro incluye pláticas de sacerdotes y seminaristas, oración, silencio y alimentos. Visiten www.godiscalling.me para ver más información sobre el sacerdocio, la vida consagrada y las herramientas necesarias para la oración y el discernimiento, o comunicarse con la oficina de Vocaciones, al 512-949-2430.

OFICINA PARROQUIAL: (512) 261-8500; De lunes a viernes de 9:00 AM a 4:00 PM **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.

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