



# PARISH SUPPORT

## MASS DEDICATIONS

- OCT. 10**  
5:00pm ..... For Thomas Shrader
- OCT. 11**  
8:30am ..... For Mary Patricia Ervine  
10:00am ..... For Emmaus Catholic Parish  
10:30am ..... In memory of Gregorio,  
Maria and Celsa Ceriales  
12:15pm .... In memory of Columba Lopez Davila  
5:00pm ..... In memory of Tim Fok
- OCT. 12**  
8:30am ..... In memory of Raymond Van Landuyt
- OCT. 13**  
8:30am ..... For Linette Abadie
- OCT. 14**  
5:30pm ..... For Andrew Heller
- OCT. 15**  
8:30am ..... In memory of Owen Odum  
9:30am ..... In memory of Marge Lutz
- OCT. 16**  
8:30am ..... For the Nanjera Children
- To request a special Mass intention for Emmaus Catholic Parish or Queen of Angels Chapel, contact the parish office, (512) 261-8500.

### Weekly Stewardship Report

October 4, 2015..... \$38,988  
Fiscal YTD Offertory ..... \$495,612

PLC Loan Balance: ..... \$1,290,633  
Church Loan Balance: ..... \$4,192,505

**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](http://emmausparish.org/seed).

2015-16 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$8,332  
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](http://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](http://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 REFLECTION



October 11, 2015

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)*

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries, and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

# 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, October 11 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1:00 PM	First Reconciliation Workshop (English)	Great Hall
1:15 PM	Many Faces of Mary Rosary	Church
2:00 PM	Girl Scouts	Pastoral B1

## MONDAY, October 12

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
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	The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Study	Rm 203
7:00 PM	Financial Peace University	Rm 204

## TUESDAY, October 13

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
6:00 PM	St. Vincent de Paul Society	Q of A Chapel
6:00 PM	VLS Law Clinic Training	Rm 205
7:00 PM	Men's CRHP-Spanish	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	JustFaith	Multi B
7:00 PM	Women's CRHP #27	Rm 204
7:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Rm 206

## WEDNESDAY, October 14 - St. Callistus I

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
1:00 PM	Parish Nursing Ministry	Multi B
5:10 PM	Preparacion para los Sacramentos	Multi B & C
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	ESL Classes	Rms 201-206
7:00 PM	Respect Life	Pastoral A1/Library

## THURSDAY, October 15 - St. Teresa of 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
10:15 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 16 - St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

5:45 AM	Men of Emmaus	Great Hall
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1

## SATURDAY, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:30 AM	Marian Retreat	Q of A Chapel
8:30 AM	Rosary Ministry	Multi C
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
6:00 PM	Oktoberfest	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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:communications@emmausparish.org)

**MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Thursdays, 12 noon, [communications@emmausparish.org](mailto: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.

**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

## FAITH FORMATION

**FIRST RECONCILIATION WORKSHOPS** have been scheduled for Sundays, **Oct. 11**, 1-3 PM (English); and **Oct. 25**, 1-3 PM (English). At least one parent of children scheduled to make their First Reconciliation/Eucharist this year must attend one of these three workshops along with their student. The Nursery may be available for siblings if you reserve space at least 72 hours in advance of one of these workshops, and if a minimum number of spaces are reserved. You must call the parish office to make a nursery reservation. **[Join First Reconciliation/Eucharist Parents on The City.]**

**ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** will not meet on Monday, **Oct. 12**, due to the school holiday. **[Join Elementary Faith Formation on The City.]**



## SOCIAL OUTREACH

Are you longing to reconnect with your faith and a small community? **JUSTFAITH** is a program that uses books, videos, prayer, and dialogue about some of the most difficult topics of the day, offers face-to-face encounters with the poor, and explores what the Catholic tradition says about addressing injustice in our world. We invite you to join us in this process at Emmaus beginning Tuesday, **Oct. 13**, 7 PM in PLC Multi B. For more information, please contact 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. **[Join Respect Life on The City and RSVP to sign up to request an hour or more.]**

October is Respect Life Month. Remember to donate any spare pocket change to your **BABY BANK**. Your donation will help pro-life efforts in our parish and throughout the diocese. The Gabriel Project will receive funds from this campaign. If you need more information or to volunteer, please contact Lee Malkowski, (601) 927-8818 or ljm8459@gmail.com, or Sr. Elizabeth at the parish office.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Vazquez Family, Bill Gilbert, Josie Balarbar, Susan Shoemake, Dominga Gauna, Ruth & Roy Tegeder, Jan Riordan, Rosa Maria Abreo, Brian K. Lee, Kathleen Mikula, Christine Gmeiner, Tom Linbeck, Eleanor Fink, Alicia Autrey, Addison Reagan, Pamela Lee, George Daszko, Maurice Kirkpatrick, Nijole Bartkeviciene, Zaneta Baltutyte, The Nanjera Family, Brianne Dart, Pat Pavone, Salvador Montoya, Maria Soo

## BAPTISMS

### WELCOMING OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Charles David Christensen, Remy James Prats, Brinn Avery Shore

## 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.

### HEALTHCARE VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATES CLINIC

Most of us at Emmaus have not carried the burden of knowing we cannot provide good medical and dental care for our families, but do not let that lull you into complacency, thinking there is no need in our community. If you visit the Healthcare Volunteer Associates Clinic any Wednesday evening, you will find a "packed house," but only a limited number of these patients can be seen. The patient load is determined each evening by the number of working volunteers at the clinic. The staff is composed exclusively of volunteers, including physicians, nurses, medical assistants, office staff, and interpreters. The clinic is in need of more volunteers in all areas. To volunteer or to learn more, please contact the clinic at (512) 263-0265.

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

## SOCIAL OUTREACH

One hundred fifty-three clients came to the **HELPING HAND CRISIS MINISTRY OF SPICEWOOD** during September requesting food assistance for their 384 family members. Eight of these clients were first-time visitors. Fifty-three families received financial assistance totaling \$9,341. Thirty-nine percent of the financial assistance was to help with housing costs, twenty percent for transportation and communication expenses with the remaining forty-one percent for dental and medical expenses. The cost for food and personal hygiene products totaled \$3,154. Ministry operating expenses totaled \$1,158, which included a \$445 maintenance expense at the Oak Hill RV. Expenditures totaled \$13,653 and donations totaled \$9,717.

At month's end, the Oak Hill RV and the Vista House were occupied by clients who would otherwise be homeless. May God continue to bless this ministry and all who make it possible.

## PARISH NEWS

Spend an inspiring day reflecting on how Mary can help you to share your faith with those around you. Attend **MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY**, a half-day retreat for the month of the rosary, to be held at Queen of Angels Chapel 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. **[Join Adult Faith Formation on The City to RSVP/register.]**



Put on your lederhosen and grab your beer stein. It's time for **OKTOBERFEST** at Emmaus! The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them in the Emmaus PLC Great Hall on Saturday, **Oct. 17**, 6 PM, for authentic homemade German food, live music & dancing featuring The New Texas Plainsmen, and prizes for best costume, beer stein, and more! Tickets are \$20 per person, available from any Knight.

On Sunday, **Oct. 25**, the Rosary will be offered after each mass at Emmaus in conjunction with **RESPECT LIFE** and the Month of the Rosary.



Join us for **SAY THE ROSARY, HONOR MOTHER MARY**. Mary's Touch is honoring the Blessed Mother during October, the month of the Rosary. On Friday, **Oct. 30**, all people are asked to say a Rosary at 12 noon, no matter where they are or in what time zone. At Emmaus, a special reciting of the Rosary will take place in the church at that time.

Log into the **EMMAUS MOMS** group on The City to find out about many new opportunities posted this week. We have playdates scheduled, a mom's night out on Tuesday, Oct. 20, a Sunday playgroup this weekend - and much more! Emmaus Moms is a new ministry that is open to all moms, but is geared towards moms of preschoolers. Stay tuned for more information on a 6-week spiritual reflection group called "Sacred Dwellings" beginning in November. **[Join Emmaus Moms on The City.]**

The annual **BLESSING OF THE PETS** took place on Sunday, Oct. 4 at Emmaus. Many thanks to photographer Halie Knuff for her beautiful pictures (viewable at flickr.com/photos/emmauscatholicparish/albums) and to Linda Travers, Harry Kilman, and Jen Askew for making the event happen!

★ Thank You! ★  
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## 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.

**11 de octubre 2015**

**28o - domingo de tiempo ordinario**

*"Le resulta más fácil a un camello pasar por el ojo de una aguja, que a un rico entrar en el reino de Dios." - (Marcos 10:25)*

Jesús usa un lenguaje duro que puede no gustarnos. Sin embargo, todos nosotros somos llamados a ser generosos con todos nuestros regalos. No solo aquellos que escogemos, sino que todos nuestros regalos: nuestro tiempo en oración para Dios, nuestro talento al participar en los ministerios de la parroquia y nuestros tesoros al apoyar nuestra parroquia local y otras caridades.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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 72 horas de anticipación.

**FECHA TOPE PARA BOLETÍN:** viernes, a las 12 del mediodía, escriba a [communications@emmausparish.org](mailto: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](http://emmausparish.org). En la parte inferior de cada página hay un enlace para ver la página en español.

## ACROSS THE DIOCESE

• Driver volunteers are needed for **MOBILE MEALS SOUTH LAKE TRAVIS AREA**. Several area churches are working together with the Lake Travis Lion's Club in a home meal delivery service. If you would like more information on how you could deliver meals to those in need, contact Linda Davis at (512) 799-2924.

• 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.

• The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Austin is celebrating a **HEALING MASS** starting with Praise and Worship on Friday, **Oct. 16** at 7 PM at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Austin, followed by mass with a Healing Service. Join us as the Lord opens the flood gates of Heaven; this is our charismatic heritage beloved by Pope Francis. For information, contact Christina Turullois, (512) 563-7851.



• Join other ladies of the diocese at the **AUSTIN DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S** annual live auction on Saturday, **Oct. 17** at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 9500 Neenah, Austin. ADCCW will be recognized at the 9 AM mass; the event begins with a prayer service at 9:45 AM in the parish hall and will conclude by 1 PM. A complimentary brunch will precede the drawing for raffle winners and the auction. Attendees are asked to bring one or two new or "re-giftable" items for the auction. For more information, contact president Karen Dunlap, (512) 836-0530 or kdunlap78@hotmail.com.

• 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](http://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](http://txcatholicmercyproject.org)

• By volunteering 30 minutes a week to read to a student, you can help solve school dropout rates. Research shows that children not reading at grade level by the end of third grade are four times more likely to drop out of school. Will you consider becoming a **LITERACY PARTNER OR MENTOR**? Register by early October with Hill Country Bible Church at [hcbc.com/education](http://hcbc.com/education) for the district/school of your choice. For more information, call (512) 331-2230.



• Training and Education Programs available. **CAPITAL IDEA** is a Career Expressway Partner with Austin Community College (ACC). Together we are helping hard-working, low-income adults succeed in Tech Careers. ACC provides the self-paced training and stackable credentials while Capital IDEA offers financial assistance for tuition, books and childcare. Orientation Dates: Thurs., **Oct. 29**, 6:30 PM at ACC Highland Business Center, College Destination Center, Room 103.6, 5930 Middle Fiskville Rd, Austin, TX 78752; Wed., **Nov. 4**, 6:30 PM at Lifeworks East Austin, 835 N. Pleasant Valley Rd., Room B102, Austin, TX 78702. Call (512) 457-8610 or visit [capitalidea.org](http://capitalidea.org) for details and other orientation dates.

• 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.

• Are you thriving or just surviving? Are you seeking deeper sense of purpose or a clearer understanding of God's plan for your life? Acclaimed speaker and author Matthew Kelly is bringing **LIVING EVERY DAY WITH PASSION & PURPOSE** to St. John Neumann Catholic Church on **Jan. 22**. Tickets are selling fast. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [dynamiccatholic.com/events/passion-and-purpose/](http://dynamiccatholic.com/events/passion-and-purpose/).

#### Upcoming Retreats at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton

For more information or to register for any of these events, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or [cedarbrake@austindiocese.org](mailto:cedarbrake@austindiocese.org).

• **Oct. 12: CREATED IN HIS IMAGE**, a day of reflection with Father Joseph Nisari, will be held 9 AM-2:30 PM. With psychology and Scripture, Father Nisari will address the question of "who am I" with participants. The cost is \$35, which includes lunch.

• **Oct. 23-25: CALLED, GIFTED AND SENT!**, a weekend retreat. Ursuline Sister Bridget Haase will help participants reflect on how our calling to be a child of God immerses us in the sacred of everyday life, enkindles us with the fire of love and anoints us for service to the world. Cost is \$195 for a private room, \$160 per person for a shared room and \$85 for commuters.

• **Nov. 4: HOW TO GRIEVE**, a day of reflection, will be held 9 AM-2:30 PM. Walking through grief can be the most difficult part of life's journey. Mourning can seem to intensify as the holidays approach. During this day of reflection, Judy Hoelscher, a Hospice chaplain, will explore Scripture, look at the natural journey of grief, and discover ways to face grief and seek healing. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch.

• **Nov. 6-8: MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER**, a weekend retreat. Deacons will lead this weekend which will follow the course of salvation history, from Eden to the presentation with Our Lady, St. John Paul II and St. Faustina. The cost is \$195 for a private room, \$160 per person for a shared room and \$85 for commuters.