



PARISH SUPPORT

MASS DEDICATIONS

- DEC. 12**
5:00pm..... In memory of Alex O'Brien
- DEC. 13**
8:30am..... For our ailing seniors of the parish
10:00am..... For Callan Sweeney
10:30am..... In memory of Joe Jacobi
12:15pm..... For Emmaus Catholic Parish
5:00pm..... In memory of Mary Hilliard
- DEC. 14**
8:30am..... In memory of Thomas Shrader
- DEC. 15**
8:30am..... In memory of Joe Jacobi
- DEC. 16**
5:30pm..... In memory of Joe Jacobi
- DEC. 17**
8:30am..... In memory of Joe Jacobi
9:30am..... For Don & Mary Lee Baker
- DEC. 18**
8:30am..... In memory of Mack Lafargue

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

BAPTISMS

WELCOMING OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

William James Shields

WEEKLY REFLECTION

December 13, 2015 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6-7)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

Weekly Stewardship Report	
December 6, 2015:.....	\$52,356
Fiscal YTD Offertory:	\$855,784
PLC Loan Balance:.....	\$1,282,520
Church Loan Balance:.....	\$4,159,171
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

Retirement Fund for Religious - Dec. 12 & 13
 The Retirement Fund for Religious provides support for thousands of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please be generous in this weekend's special collection.

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

2015-16 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$14,337
 2014-15 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$31,481

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

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

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

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

Demonstrate Your Thankfulness this Season
 Each holiday season, Emmaus anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our work now and throughout the year. If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at emmausparish.org/egiving. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization form and return it to the church office. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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, December 13

3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM	RCIA Adapted for Children-English	PLC Lounge
10:30 AM	RCIA Adapted for Children-Spanish	Rm 206
2:00 PM	Girl Scouts	Pastoral B1

MONDAY, December 14

St. John of the Cross

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
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

TUESDAY, December 15

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM	Spiritual Book Club	Q of A Chapel
9:30 AM	Al-Anon	Pastoral B1,B3,B4
9:30 AM	33 Days to Morning Glory	Multi B
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
6:00 PM	Great Christian Texts Discussion	Rm 205
6:30 PM	JustFaith	Multi B
7:00 PM	Men's CRHP-Spanish	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	Knights of Columbus	Café
7:30 PM	Legion of Mary	Rm 206

WEDNESDAY, December 16

9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
4:00 PM	Nativity Play Rehearsal-English	Church
6:00 PM	Summit Discipleship Group	Narthex
7:00 PM	Narcotics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
7:00 PM	ESL Classes	Rms 201-206

THURSDAY, December 17

8:00 AM	Men's Scripture Study	Q of A Chapel
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
10:00 AM	Game Day	Q of A Chapel
10:00 AM	Brown Hearing Center	Multi B & C
10:15 AM	Overeaters Anonymous	Rm 205
12:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Pastoral B1
5:15 PM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
7:00 PM	Spanish Prayer Group	Youth Space

FRIDAY, December 18

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

SATURDAY, December 19

8:30 AM	Rosary Ministry	Multi C
9:00 AM	Jazzercise	Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM	Austin Bridge	Café
1:00 PM	Christmas Cookie Baking	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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Mass in Church •

4:15 PM Mass in PLC

6:00 PM Mass

8:00 PM Spanish Mass •

• Mass to be preceded by
Nativity Play/Gran Posada

Christmas Day

12:00 AM Midnight Mass

9:00 AM Mass

10:00 AM Mass at Queen of Angels Chapel

CLUB 10:14 invites all parish elementary-age children and their parents to come decorate **GINGERBREAD HOUSES** on Sunday, **Dec. 20**, 1:30-3:30 PM in the Great Hall. Please bring a candy decorating item to share (M&Ms, red hots, etc.). Cookies and hot chocolate will be served. **[RSVP through CLUB 10:14 on The City]**

An **ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will not be held this year at Emmaus, but we will have extra priests on hand during our scheduled Saturday and Wednesday Reconciliation times this month. If you would like to attend a Reconciliation Service, a listing of services in the diocese is available online at austindiocese.org/article/13789/advent-penance-services.

LAS POSADAS dramatizes Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a place for the Christ Child to be born. Everyone is invited to participate in the Novena, a nine evening celebration of Las Posadas, which takes place in host homes and involves the participation of neighbors and parishioners. The celebrations begin on **Dec. 16** and end **Dec. 24** with the Gran Posada at Emmaus. For locations of the neighborhood Posadas, please contact Sr. Elizabeth at the parish office.

BULLETIN DEADLINES will be moved up during the holidays to meet our printer's schedule. Please email your items as soon as possible to communications@emmausparish.org, and we will include them in the next available issue.

MAKE SOME MAGIC WITH US! One of the ways you can be an active part of Emmaus Catholic Parish (including Queen of Angels Chapel) is by volunteering your time to help us reach out to sponsors and auction donors for our annual gala. This is the largest fundraising event of our parish, with proceeds benefiting our 75+ ministries. Please read on to discern what you can do, and be ready to experience the gift of working with fellow parishioners for a common goal!

- **Are you eager to grow and learn, but worried that you don't have experience?** No worries! We are looking for learners - not experts!
- **Is your time limited?** Of course it is! We understand that you're already giving time to your parish, school, work, life. You set your schedule and tell us how much you can do! Can you carve out an hour? Eight hours? One hundred hours? Two weeks? Four months? No gift of time is too small, but all gifts are so appreciated!
- **Are you afraid you won't know anyone?** Well here's your chance to make new friends. Or consider inviting some of your friends to volunteer with you. We can provide many opportunities to spend time with your friends while doing some very important "work" for your parish. Seriously, this could be a fun thing!
- **Please pick up the phone and ask your questions!** We really need and appreciate your help! Call Paula at the parish office, (512) 261-8500 x 204, or email events@emmausparish.org. **[Join Team Gala on The City]**



SOCIAL OUTREACH

Just a reminder that this is the final weekend to return your gifts for the **ADVENT GIVING TREE**. Please return them to the narthex, unwrapped with tag attached, by 12 noon on Sunday, **Dec. 13**. Thank you, everyone, for your generosity!

The **MOBILE LOAVES & FISHES** ministry at Emmaus is always open to new members who would like to help feed the hungry. Currently there is an opportunity for our members to help with "make ready" teams at St. John Neumann Parish in Westlake. Volunteers commit to a once per month service on the same team. They prepare the sandwiches and load the trucks with clothing, food, and toiletries. It takes an average of 1.5 hours, depending on the number of volunteers, to complete it. For details on these teams and to sign up, visit mlf.org/volunteer-with-st-john-neumann. **[Join Mobile Loaves & Fishes on The City]**

One hundred forty-three clients came to the **HELPING HAND CRISIS MINISTRY OF SPICEWOOD** during November requesting food assistance for their 383 family members. Seven of these clients were first-time visitors. Seventy-four families received financial assistance totaling \$10,182. Thirty-eight percent of the financial assistance was to help with housing costs, nineteen percent for transportation and communication expenses with the remaining forty-three percent for dental and medical expenses. The cost for food and personal hygiene products totaled \$2,923. Ministry operating expenses totaled \$559. Expenditures totaled \$14,294 and donations totaled \$9,688. At month's end, the Oak Hill RV was vacant while the Vista House was occupied by clients who would otherwise be homeless. May God continue to bless this ministry and all who make it possible.

FOCUS ON MINISTRY



Missing something? Volunteer for your church!

Decorating the Church

Contact Harry Kilman, harry.kilman@emmausparish.org, (512) 261-8500 x 406

Help Harry green the church for Christmas! We'll gather on Monday, December 21, 10 AM-2 PM. (Additional decorating will be done as needed on Tuesday.) Bring

your tools and a willingness to serve. We are seeking four team leaders to oversee the set-up of the tree, sanctuary decorating, the narthex tree, and the outdoor crèche. Thank you for your generous spirit!



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.



13 de diciembre 2015 - 3o domingo de adviento

"No se inquieten por nada; más bien, en toda ocasión, con oración y ruego, presenten sus peticiones a Dios y denle gracias." (Filipenses 4:6-7)

San Pablo nos recuerda que nuestro Dios es un Dios de abundancia, el proveedor supremo de todos nuestros regalos. El promete darnos todo lo que necesitamos. Cuando confiamos en que Dios nos cuidará, es más fácil para nosotros compartir lo que se nos ha dado.

Las Preguntas Más Frecuentes De la Parroquia de Emaús

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

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

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

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

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

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

GUARDERÍA (CUIDADO DE NIÑOS): La Guardería está disponible en Emaús para las Misas de Domingo 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM y 24:15. La guardería puede estar disponible para otros eventos particulares si esta anunciado, y un número mínimo de niños están registrados. Para estos tipos de eventos particulares, usted debe solicitar específicamente el cuidado de su niño(s) llamando a la oficina de la parroquia al menos 72 horas de anticipación.

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

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

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

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

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

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

PARA HABLAR CON UN SACERDOTE, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.

PARA SOLICITAR LA EUCHARISTÍA 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.



Have you "moved in" yet?

The City allows us to:

- interact in small groups
- learn about different ministries
- interact with ministry members
- share stories of hope and healing
- get to know our parish family members
- connect with people with similar interests
- stay up to date on events for your group/ministry/faith formation class
- build community and share faith, not just on Sundays, but anytime, anywhere

www.emmausparish.onthecity.org

FAITH FORMATION

One last reminder to our Outcry students... If you are planning to be confirmed this year, you must turn in all **CONFIRMATION PAPERWORK** by **Dec. 15**. Download the Confirmation Application from emmausparish.org/confirmation and assemble all required documents by the deadline. Only complete application packets will be accepted.

Outcry students are encouraged to plan now for the **DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (DCYC)**, **Jan. 29-31** in Waco. The theme this year is "Restless." St. Augustine of Hippo, doctor of the Church, teaches us about the power of conversion, forgiveness, and God's love. We are excited to announce that this year's theme is inspired by his quote: "for you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." We are also asking for his intercession as we plan this year's conference. St. Augustine, pray for us! Download an Outcry permission form at emmausparish.org/outcry and submit with your payment of \$150 by Jan. 10 to be included in this year's conference. **[Join Outcry on The City]**



PRAYER REQUESTS

Luisana Cayetano, Ruth Jacobi, Mary & George Ruiz, Julie Kocurek, Moreno Family, Matt Bowers, Braxton Murray, Aida Ferrera, Jenny Zuar, Larry Hays, Clark Hanley, Dominga Gauna, Hannah Rempel, Christine Brown, Telma Ferrari, Debbie Claudine, Valsa Abraham, Benito Ramos, Jr., Theresa Ramos, Margarita Diaz, Walter May, Christo Family, Cedric White, Lloyd Patrick, Patrick Family, John Totte, Maria Rivera, Mary Ann Kelly, Jim Mastrian

ACROSS THE DIOCESE

The Filipino community of the Austin Diocese invites all to the celebration of **SIMBANG GABI**, **Dec. 15-23**. This is a Christmas Novena Mass tradition in the Philippines. Masses are set for Dec. 15 at 7 PM at St. Elizabeth Parish in Pflugerville (special intention will be for married couples); Dec. 16 at 7 PM at the Seton Medical Center Williamson Chapel in Round Rock (special intention will be for the unborn); Dec. 17 at 7 PM at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin (special intention will be for single people); Dec. 18 at 7 PM at the Seton Medical Center Williamson Chapel in Round Rock (special intention will be for the sick and elderly); Dec. 19 at 7 PM at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Cedar Park (special intention will be for youth); Dec. 20 at 7 PM at St. Albert the Great Parish in Austin (special intention will be for pregnant women); Dec. 21 at 7 PM at St. Louis Parish in Austin (special intention will be for immigrants); Dec. 22 at 7 PM at St. Paul Parish in Austin (special intention will be for grandparents). Bishop Daniel Garcia will celebrate the final Mass on Dec. 23 at 7:30 PM at St. Albert the Great Parish in Austin (special intention will be for children). For more information, visit "SimbangGabiAustinTX" on Facebook.

The annual **HEART OF JESUS MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT** will be held **Dec. 18-20** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. This retreat is for Catholic men (ages 17 to 40) 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 life. Come discover the key to your identity as a man and your vocation in the Heart of Jesus. For more information, visit austinvoations.com or contact the Vocations Office at (512) 949-2430.

BLUE CHRISTMAS MASSES will be offered at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 9500 Neenah Ave in Austin, on **Dec. 24** at 9 PM and at St. Martin de Porres Parish, 26160 RR 12 in Dripping Springs, on Dec. 24 at 6:30 PM. These Masses are for those who struggling or sad during this festive time of year.