



## MASS DEDICATIONS

### APR. 2

5:00pm..... In memory of Fr. Everett Trebtocke

### APR. 3

8:30am.....In memory of Jeffery Sempler

10:00am..... For Emmaus Catholic Parish

10:30am.....In memory of Joe Jacobi

12:15pm..... In memory of Olivio Sosa

5:00pm.....In memory of Martin Kennedy

### APR. 4

8:30am..... In memory of Ken Corrigan

### APR. 5

8:30am.....In memory of Frank Robin

### APR. 6

5:30pm.....In memory of Linda Silinski

### APR. 7

8:30am.....In memory of Martin Kennedy

9:30am.....In memory of Patricia Dunn

### APR. 8

8:30am..... In memory of Charles Layton

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

March 20, 2016 ..... \$53,835  
 March 27, 2016 (Easter) ..... \$59,320  
 Fiscal YTD Offertory: ..... \$1,598,212

PLC Loan Balance:..... \$1,265,699  
 Church Loan Balance:..... \$4,092,504

## 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

## Special Collection: April 2 & 3

As the Diocese of Austin rapidly continues to grow, we must ensure that we have an ample number of priests to celebrate the sacraments, preach God's word and guide us on our journey with Christ. Thus, to ensure our priests are well-prepared, a man in formation pursues an education in philosophy, theology and pastoral care. Seminarian education and formation in the Diocese of Austin can take up to nine years. We believe that financial impediments should never prevent men from responding to God's call to the priesthood. Most financial support for priests and seminarians is made available from the Catholic Services Appeal and a Seminarian Endowment in the Catholic Foundation, but the needs are far greater than our annual appeal can support. This special collection provides additional support for this very important effort. Please be generous in your support of this most worthy cause.

## 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: \$24,487  
 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.

## 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.



## WEEKLY REFLECTION

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April 3, 2016

Divine Mercy Sunday /  
 Second Sunday of Easter

*"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"*

John 20:21

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share His peace and Good News, so too He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. We should look for opportunities to share His peace with our brothers and sisters, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, you will receive the peace of Christ.

# 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, April 3 Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 AM Knights of Columbus Country Breakfast  
3:00 PM MFC Preparacion de Temas  
6:00 PM Confirmation Workshop

Great Hall  
Rms 205-206  
Great Hall

## MONDAY, April 4 Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 AM Jazzercise Early Session  
9:00 AM Jazzercise  
9:30 AM Epic: A Journey through Church History  
10:00 AM Bright Horizons  
11:00 AM Spiritual Book Club  
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous  
5:15 PM Jazzercise  
6:30 PM Boy Scouts  
7:00 PM Baptism Class-English  
7:00 PM Baptism Class-Spanish  
7:00 PM Danza Practice  
7:00 PM The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Study  
7:30 PM CRHP Men's Team-English

Café & Youth Space  
Café & Youth Space  
Q of A Chapel  
Great Hall  
PLC Lounge  
Pastoral B1  
Café & Youth Space  
Great Hall  
Multi B & C  
Rm 206  
Parking Lots  
Rm 203  
Pastoral A1/Library

## TUESDAY, April 5 St. Vincent Ferrer

8:15 AM Jazzercise Strength Training  
9:00 AM Jazzercise  
9:30 AM Revelation  
10:30 AM Play to Learn  
12:00 PM Al-Anon  
5:15 PM Jazzercise  
6:00 PM Great Christian Texts Discussion  
6:30 PM JustFaith  
7:00 PM A Spiritual Walk at Emmaus  
7:00 PM CRHP Women's Team #28  
7:00 PM Discipulos-Crecimiento Uno  
7:30 PM Legion of Mary  
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting

Café & Youth Space  
Café & Youth Space  
Multi B & C  
Rm 106  
Pastoral B1,B3,B4  
Café & Youth Space  
Rm 205  
Multi B  
Pastoral A1/Library  
Pastoral B1  
Great Hall  
Rm 206  
Café

## WEDNESDAY, April 6

8:00 AM Jazzercise Early Session  
9:00 AM Jazzercise  
9:00 AM Light Weigh  
10:30 AM Pathway to Peace  
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous  
7:00 PM ESL Classes

Café & Youth Space  
Café & Youth Space  
Rm 206  
Café & Lounge  
Pastoral B1  
Rms 201-206

## THURSDAY, April 7 St. John Baptist de la Salle

8:00 AM Men's Scripture Study  
8:15 AM Jazzercise Strength Training  
9:00 AM Jazzercise  
10:00 AM Game Day  
10:15 AM Overeaters Anonymous  
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous  
5:15 PM Jazzercise  
6:30 PM EIM Basic Workshop-English  
7:00 PM RCIA  
7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group  
7:30 PM EIM Refresher Workshop-English

Q of A Chapel  
Café & Youth Space  
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Rm 205  
Pastoral B1  
Café & Youth Space  
Pastoral B1  
Multi B & C  
Youth Space  
Great Hall

## FRIDAY, April 8

5:45 AM Men of Emmaus  
7:00 AM Jazzercise for Men  
9:00 AM Jazzercise  
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous  
6:00 PM Journey into Marriage  
6:30 PM Family Bingo Night  
7:00 PM CRHP Men's Agape

Great Hall  
Café & Youth Space  
Café & Youth Space  
Pastoral B1  
Multi B & C  
Great Hall  
Church

## SATURDAY, April 9

8:30 AM Jazzercise  
10:00 AM Journey into Marriage  
12:00 PM Austin Bridge  
5:00 PM MFC Mesa Directiva

Café & Youth Space  
Multi B & C  
Café & Youth Space  
Multi B

## 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.

**THE ADORATION CHAPEL** is open 24 hours a day. To sign up for available hours, visit [emmausparish.org/adoration](http://emmausparish.org/adoration).

**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

## PARISH NEWS

Our annual gala, **MAGIC 'TIL MIDNIGHT**, is just weeks away! If you plan on purchasing a table or tickets (and we certainly hope you do!), we would appreciate your doing so this week (if possible) so that we can plan food, beverages, and décor. Visit [biddingforgood.com/emmausgala](http://biddingforgood.com/emmausgala) for details or call the parish office. We hope you'll join in this wonderful evening of fabulous fellowship and fun that benefits Emmaus and Queen of Angels Chapel.

Join us seven Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11 AM, beginning **Apr. 5** for **REVELATION: THE KINGDOM YET TO COME**. This intriguing study from Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith shows how the kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven. Here you will discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean. You will see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." It is a revelation of God as our Divine Bridegroom and the Church as His spotless Bride, forever united in a heavenly, holy, and mystical marriage that we enter into every time we celebrate the Mass. To register, **RSVP on The City** or call Jose Juan Valdez, (512) 261-8500 x 301.

Are you experiencing fears or anxieties of the "tomorrows" of your life? Do you feel so alone that you don't know which way to turn? If you've lost a loved one, **PATHWAY TO PEACE FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS**, a monthly series, offers support, practical tools, and a time of spiritual reflection to help make the journey less painful. The group will meet the first Wednesday of each month beginning **Apr. 6**, 10:30 AM-1 PM in the PLC Lounge. To register, **RSVP on The City**.

**EIM WORKSHOPS** in English are scheduled at Emmaus on Thursday, **Apr. 7**. A Basic Workshop will take place 6:30-9:30 PM, and a Refresher Workshop 7:30-8:30 PM. Please visit [emmausparish.org/eim](http://emmausparish.org/eim) for details and to register. Childcare will be available to those who call the parish office at least 72 hours in advance.

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, **Apr. 8**, in the Great Hall for bingo, food, fun, and prizes. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Need to reconnect with yourself and God? Want to meet Catholics like yourself? Searching for your spirituality? Men of the parish are invited to participate in a **CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH** weekend of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and fun, **Apr. 9-10**. Let the Spirit move you! Register online at [emmausparish.org/crhp](http://emmausparish.org/crhp). **Join CRHP on The City**

Jesus chose the desert as a place to pray in solitude. He fought temptation, the temptations of the devil himself. He taught us how to be victorious over temptation. We must desire victory over it. Call upon the Lord to help you fight temptation, any temptation, every temptation. Often we crowd out the opportunity to be victorious for Christ. We allow our schedules – our time – our lives to come before the voice of Christ which says, "Come to Me." When we permit this, temptation wins. Think about it! Try to pray as St. Augustine prayed, "God, give me the grace to triumph over my enemy, temptation." Desire victory. Go for it! To reserve your hour for **ADORATION**, call Harry Kilman, (512) 261-8500 x 406.



## Emmaus Catholic Parish PASTORAL COUNCIL

Are you interested in serving on the **PASTORAL COUNCIL**? Pastoral Council membership qualifications include:

- registered Catholic member of the parish
- commitment to attend meetings regularly, propose agenda items, actively participate in meetings, and volunteer for special activities
- familiarity with parish programs; understanding interrelationships of parish programs
- commitment to participate in training and development programs
- interaction with the Finance Council to help ensure financial resources are available to support council objectives
- commitment to consensus-seeking approach
- commitment to represent the whole community, expressing collective wisdom, perpetually eliciting the needs and concerns of the parish, acting as a channel of communication and motivation in developing and unifying the parish as a Catholic community, and acting as an advocate of staff and councils
- commitment to spiritual growth

Responsibilities include:

- attending council meetings
- serving on subcommittees when needed
- periodically hosting Sunday coffee & donuts in order to meet parishioners and to allow parishioners to know them
- regular attendance at Social Saturdays, K of C breakfasts and other parish events which include but are not limited to Fall Fest, Gala, Golf Tournament, Lenten suppers, retreats, and special receptions when asked by the pastor
- wearing name tag or badge whenever on campus for an event or liturgy to be identifiable by fellow parishioners
- attending Welcome & Registration events whenever possible as either a table host or to mingle among the tables meeting newcomers
- serving as greeters at weekend Masses
- hosting ministry fairs to help ministries gain new participants
- keeping contact with ministry chairs in order to facilitate communication between the pastor and each ministry; each member will be assigned a group of ministries with which to maintain periodic contact
- being good examples through their own commitment to stewardship of time, talent, and treasure in the parish
- periodically attending each of the Masses offered on weekends at Emmaus and Queen of Angels Chapel
- participating in a yearly orientation/renewal event for new and ongoing PC members
- requires a 3 year commitment

Applications are now being accepted from members of the parish to fill three open positions. Voting at Emmaus and Queen of Angels Chapel will take place the weekend of Apr. 30 & May 1. If you or someone you know is interested, please visit [emmausparish.org/councilelections](http://emmausparish.org/councilelections) for more information and to access the application. The deadline to submit applications is Apr. 16. Thank you for your prayerful consideration!

## SOCIAL OUTREACH

The **SOS GUARDIAN ANGEL EDUCATION FUND** will be hosting a mission trip to Guatemala July 14-22. Would you like to experience the daily life and struggles of the indigenous Mayan people and learn from them the blessings of a simpler life? Then come join us for a mission trip that will change your life! The deadline to register is **Apr. 15**. For details, contact Tony Rodriguez, (832) 515-3737, tonyrod2015@gmail.com.

## FAITH FORMATION

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION** for the 2016-2017 Faith Formation year will be available **Apr. 17-30**. A discounted tuition rate of \$50 per child will be available during the Early Bird timeframe. For details, visit [emmausparish.org/faith-formation-registration](http://emmausparish.org/faith-formation-registration). Registration forms will be available beginning Apr. 17.

## BAPTISMS

WELCOMING OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED  
Willa Grace Matthyssen

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Diana Villalba, Isabelle Vance, Gloria Garcia, Migdalia Armenteros, Marcie Kennedy, Joe Moya, To Family, John Madden, Shelly Garcia Bull, Correa-Maya Family, Martha Olvera, Michael Barker, Dina Guzman, Becky O'Neil, Joan Wicker, Pamela Lee, Gloria Castaño, Cat Flood, Kendal Fowler, Marge Haggard, Brenda Whipps, Alan Babin, Sr. Mary Lou BarbA

## ACROSS THE DIOCESE

- Join thousands of faithful in our diocese to collectively make or renew our **TOTAL CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY** at a special Holy Mass on the Annunciation of the Lord. Rosary and Mass will be offered on Monday, **Apr. 4**, at various churches across the diocese. Visit [TexasToJesusThroughMary.org/mass.html](http://TexasToJesusThroughMary.org/mass.html) for the list of Mass times and locations.

## 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.*

**3 de abril de 2016**

### Domingo de la Misericordia Divina - 2o Domingo de Pascua

*“Jesús les dijo otra vez: “La paz con vosotros. Como el Padre me envió, también yo os envío.” Juan 20:21*

La paz - el primer regalo del Señor resucitado. Así como Jesús envió a los apóstoles al mundo a compartir su Paz y Buenas Noticias, así también, Él nos envía a nosotros. Como discípulos de Jesús, hemos sido llamados a ser agradecidos y generosos. Debemos buscar oportunidades para compartir Su paz con nuestros hermanos y hermanas no solamente en los límites de nuestra parroquia, sino también fuera de ellos. Al dar, recibiremos la paz de Cristo.

### 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 CHAPEL** esta disponible a la 24 horas. Para anotarse para las horas disponibles visite [emmausparish.org/adoration](http://emmausparish.org/adoration).

**OFICINA PARROQUIAL:** (512) 261-8500; Lunes-Viernes, 9 AM-4 PM; Domingo, 8 AM a 12 del mediodía  
**GUARDERÍA (CUIDADO DE NIÑOS):** La Guardería está disponible en Emaús para las Misas de Domingo 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM y 24:15. La guardería puede estar disponible para otros eventos particulares si esta anunciado, y un número mínimo de niños están registrados. Para estos tipos de eventos particulares, usted debe solicitar específicamente el cuidado de su niño(s) llamando a la oficina de la parroquia al menos 72 horas de anticipación.

**FECHA TOPE PARA BOLETÍN:** viernes, a las 12 del mediodía, escriba a [communications@emmausparish.org](mailto:communications@emmausparish.org).

**ANUNCIOS:** jueves, 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 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](http://emmausparish.org). En la parte inferior de cada página hay un enlace para ver la página en español.**

## ACROSS THE DIOCESE

• Eagle's Wings Retreat Center will host a day of reflection entitled **REST IN GOD'S PRESENCE** on **Apr. 5**, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM. Everyone is invited to set aside their personal burdens and participate in this day of Scripture, song, stories, and quiet reflection. The cost is \$35, which includes a light breakfast and lunch. Participants must pre-register at ewrc.org.

• All women, ages 18-45, are invited to encounter the beauty of a vocation and the possibility of this call in their own lives at the **HEART OF MARY RETREAT, Apr. 8-10** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. The retreat will be led by the Consecrated Sisters of the Apostles of the Interior Life (AVI). There will be talks and time for prayer as well as "one-on-one" conversations with the sisters while experiencing community life with other young women discerning the will of God. For more information, contact the Vocation Office at (512) 949-2430. The cost is \$35. Register online by Mar. 31 at austinvocations.com.

• Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery and Prayer Gardens in Georgetown will host its annual **FIELD OF FLOWERS DAY** on **Apr. 10**, 1-4 PM. Everyone is invited to walk through the wildflowers, explore the nature trails and enjoy the artwork throughout the grounds. A professional photographer will be taking complimentary photos. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, visit olotr.com.

• The 67th annual **AUSTIN DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (DCCW) CONVENTION** will be held **Apr. 11-12** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Austin. Catholic women from across the diocese are invited to come together for fellowship, keynote speakers and service. For more information, visit AustinDiocesanCouncilofCatholicWomen.org.

• **ENCOUNTER** is an all-day on campus event hosted by the University Catholic Center on **Apr. 12** to bring the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to the UT Austin campus, inviting the local community to see the beauty of the Church and what she has to offer. We will be involving all of the organizations from the UCC starting at 10 AM and talks will be interspersed throughout the day. Confession will be available all day and we will end the day with praise and worship at 6 PM, Mass at 7 PM, and Eucharistic adoration 8-8:30 PM, processing back to the UCC afterwards. For further details, or to support the event, visit utcatholic.org/encounter.

• Join us for an unforgettable event in which the mission of Catholic Charities of Central Texas will be shared by those whose lives it has touched! You'll enjoy a complimentary lunch as you see that it only takes ONE to restore hope in Central Texas. The tenth annual **CREATING HOPE LUNCHEON** will be held **Apr. 14**, 12-1 PM, and is free to attend. Reserve your seat today! To register, contact Kristen Erdem at (512) 651-6132 or kristen-erdem@ccctx.org or visit ccctx.org.

• Come join us for our next **COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION** to discuss the continued shootings of blacks by law enforcement and the actions we can take to undo racism. Thursday, **Apr. 14**, 6-9 PM at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 5455 Bee Cave Rd, Austin, TX 78746, in the St. Timothy Room.

• St. Thomas More Catholic Church Adult Faith Formation invites you to a special evening of prayer, **THE STATIONS OF LIGHT**, a journey with Christ and His followers from His resurrection to Pentecost, on Thursday, **Apr. 14**, 7:15-9 PM at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. Please join us for this unique Easter event.

• **ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** will hold a Parent Information Session on **Apr. 15**, 8:30-10 AM. Did you know that Savio offers bus transportation from locations in south, central, and north Austin? Please reserve your session spot by visiting saviochs.org or contacting Holly Bologna, (512) 388-8846 x 5504.

• Married couples, what better gift to give your spouse than the gift of your uninterrupted time? Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND, Apr. 15-17** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. For more information, visit austinme.org or contact Steve and Linda Jaramillo at (512) 667-9963, wwmeaustin@gmail.com.

• Are you and your spouse struggling with communication? Are things just not what they used to be in your marriage? **RETROUVAILLE** is a program for couples undergoing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or how to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **Apr. 15-17**, call 1-800-470-2230 or visit helpourmarriage.com.

• St. Louis King of France Parish in Austin will host a talk and exhibition on the **SHROUD OF TURN** on **Apr. 21** at 7 PM and again on **Apr. 22** at 7 PM. Admission is free. A life-size replica of the Shroud of Turin will be on display. International expert Russ Breault will give the fast-moving talk and big-screen presentation using more than 200 images covering all aspects of shroud research.

• A retreat entitled **ENCOUNTERING CHRIST** will be held **Apr. 22-24** at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton. Franciscan Father Albert Hasse will lead participants in encountering Jesus and the transformation that occurs when we allow ourselves to conform to His will. The cost is \$210 for a single room, \$170 for a shared room and \$95 for commuters. For more information or to register, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

• **A WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER**, "You are Worthy of God's Goodness," will be presented by Christian motivation speaker Jan Bethancourt on Saturday, **Apr. 23**, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM at St. John Vianney in Round Rock. The presentation is hosted by Austin area Theresians. For additional information, email Janice LeMond at jnlemond49@att.net.

• A special **PRAYER SERVICE FOR COUPLES** struggling with infertility and/or miscarriage will be celebrated by Bishop Joe Vásquez on **Apr. 26**, 6 PM at St. John Neumann Parish in Austin. A reception will be held immediately following the service. Contact SarahsHope@RabboniInstitute.org or call (512) 736-7334 for more information and to register to attend.

• Are you looking for a family-fun, neon glow good time? On **May 7**, the fourth annual **SAINTS & SINNERS AFTER DARK 5K** kicks off at sunset. St Patrick Catholic Church and charity partner BCRC (Breast Cancer Resource Center) will be hosting this spectacular event for families and friends all ages, sizes, and "wattages." Get your neon on! Register before Apr. 1 for big discount. More details: saintsandsinners5k.com or call (512) 593-2523.

• You are invited to attend **MARY'S ENCOUNTER**, a quarterly women's morning of reflection at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt, on **May 21**. The program takes place 9:30-11:30 AM followed by Mass. RSVP to info@schoenstatt.us or call (512) 330-0602.

• The Alexander House will present **MADE FOR EACH OTHER**, a marriage conference, on Saturday, **June 11**, 9 AM-5 PM at the AISD Performing Arts Center. Guest speakers include: Teresa Tomeo, Curtis Martin, Matt Birk, Fr. Clay Hunt. For more information and to register, visit tahamarriageconference.org or call Mary Ramon, (210) 872-1900.