



PARISH SUPPORT

MASS DEDICATIONS

- OCT. 17**
5:00pmIn memory of Mary Jane Ciesla
- OCT. 18**
8:30am For Dominga Gauna
10:00am In memory of Marge Lutz
10:30am For Emmaus Catholic Parish
12:15pm In memory of Juana Sanchez
5:00pm In memory of Crisanto, Raymunda,
& Vevencio Casintahan
- OCT. 19**
8:30am In memory of Lauro Briones, Sr.
- OCT. 20**
8:30amFor the safety of all children
- OCT. 21**
5:30amIn memory of Juana Sanchez
- OCT. 22**
8:30amIn memory of Marge Lutz
9:30am For the Moreno Family
- OCT. 23**
8:30am In memory of Tib Scallon
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 11, 2015..... \$ 38,960
Fiscal YTD Offertory \$534,571

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

Special Collection for World Mission Sunday

This weekend, Oct. 17 & 18, a second collection will be taken up for World Mission Sunday. For details, visit onefamilyinmission.org.

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: \$8,642
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.

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 18, 2015

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and grace? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share." This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.

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 18 - Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00 PM Preparacion de Temas Rms 205-206

MONDAY, October 19 - St. John de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues & companions

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
 7:00 PM OLG Dance Troupe Multi B & C

TUESDAY, October 20 -St. Paul of the Cross

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 Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother Multi B & C
 9:30 AM Emmaus Moms Playdate Nursery
 10:00 AM Brown Hearing Center Multi B & C
 5:15 PM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
 7:00 PM Men's CRHP-Spanish Pastoral B1
 7:00 PM JustFaith Multi B
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Cafe
 7:30 PM Legion of Mary Rm 206

WEDNESDAY, October 21

9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
 10:00 AM Transforming Loss PLC Lounge
 5:30 PM Finance Council Pastoral A1/Library
 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Pastoral B1
 7:00 PM ESL Classes Rms 201-206

THURSDAY, October 22 - St. John Paul II, Pope

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
 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 23 - St. John of Capistrano

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

SATURDAY, October 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret

9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
 9:00 AM Catholic Charities Immigration Consultation Sessions Great Hall
 12:00 PM Austin Bridge Café & Youth Space
 6:00 PM Social Saturday Narthex

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

FAITH FORMATION

Our final **FIRST RECONCILIATION WORKSHOP** is scheduled for Sunday, **Oct. 25**, 1-3 PM. At least one parent of children scheduled to make their First Reconciliation/Eucharist this year must attend one of these 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.]**

Save the date! The **JOURNEY RETREAT** is coming **Nov. 14-15**. **[Join Journey on The City for updates.]**

In our hectic day and time, Blessed John Paul II and Blessed Mother Teresa knew that the quickest way to be transformed into a saint is through a relationship with Our Blessed Mother, Mary. Mary leads us to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Join us for **33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY**, a five-week series culminating in consecration and celebration on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12. Three separate series will be offered; choose the one that best fits your schedule: Wednesday evenings beginning November 4 (English); Monday evenings beginning November 9 (Spanish); or Tuesday mornings beginning November 10 (English). **[For more information and to RSVP/register, join Adult Faith Formation on The City and RSVP for the course of your choice.]**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Vazquez Family, Susan Shoemake, Dominga Gauna, Ruth & Roy Tegeeder, Jan Riordan, 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, Jessica Clark, Larry Hays, Kelly Cobb, RoAnn Sitka, Linda Silinski

SOCIAL OUTREACH

Emmaus Catholic Parish is hosting a **FREE LEGAL CLINIC** for persons who may be seeking legal assistance. We are partnering with Volunteer Legal Services of Austin to bring professional advice to low income individuals. The clinic will take place on Tuesday, **Oct. 27**, beginning with sign in at 6 PM. For more information, contact Sr. Elizabeth at the parish office.

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.

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.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Contact: Chip Fink, (512) 698-6614

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic lay organization which leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are in need or suffering. Through a network of volunteers, the organization assists individuals and families with basic unmet needs including, but not limited to, rent, utilities, food, clothing, and transportation. In addition, the Society offers assistance with disaster relief and embraces other special works such as the Home Repair Program, the Thrift Store, and the Vehicle Donation Program. Society meetings are held at Queen of Angels Chapel.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

4th Quarter Report 7/1/15-9/30/15

Emmaus Catholic Parish/Queen of Angels Chapel Conference

DONATIONS RECEIVED:	
Emmaus Catholic Parish	6,000
Ladies of Charity	4,500
Co-Pay Receivable	200
Special Intention Gift	150
TOTAL RECEIVED:	\$10,850
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Conference Expenses	114
Help to the Needy:	
Electric	1,670
Food	800
Medical Assistance	500
Rent/Mortgage	6,109
Vehicle Assistance	720
Other Utilities	600
Total Help to the Needy:	10,399
Co-Pay Payable	200
Disaster Contribution	1000
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$11,713
IN-KIND DONATIONS:	
Pantry Food	205
Toiletry Kit for the Homeless	145
TOTAL IN-KIND DONATIONS:	\$350
Individuals Assisted	119
Telephone Referral Assistance	25
Other Agency Referrals	16
Spiritual Assistance	16

Members traveled 1,307 miles and donated over 49 hours to assist the needy. Thank you all for your support. We couldn't do it without YOU!

PARISH NEWS

BLESSINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS

on **Oct. 19** to Fr. Samuel in celebration of the 24th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood!

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.]**

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 - whether a spouse, child, relative, or friend - join us for **TRANSFORMING LOSS**, a series offering support, practical tools, and a time of spiritual reflection to help make the journey less painful. The program runs the first and third Wednesdays, 10 AM-12 PM, with the next meeting on **Oct. 21**. To register, call the parish office, (512) 261-8500.

SOCIAL SATURDAY returns next Saturday, **Oct. 24!** Gather in the narthex with your fellow parishioners following 5 PM Mass. Relax and enjoy some casual time with friends, old and new! Join us for a glass of wine, a beer and snacks. This popular event happens about once a month. Please join us...all are welcome!

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 Respect Life on The City.]**



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.

Last year's parish survey results told us that you wanted to have more opportunities to participate in the faith life of your kids. Here's a fun way to do that! Sign up with your children to volunteer at a game booth on **Nov. 1** at **FALL FEST '15**. You'll spend some quality time together while setting a wonderful example of service. Claim your spot today. For details, visit emmausparish.org/fallfest.

Make plans now to join us for our second annual **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL** on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, **Nov. 26**. This event brings together the people of our community to sit and share a meal. There is no cost to attend. Everyone can come, and anyone can volunteer. Traditional Thanksgiving fare will be prepared by Emmaus' Ministers of Meat. The meal will be made available in the Great Hall, but is also available for pick-up and, in homebound cases, delivery. Visit emmausparish.org/thanksgiving for details, to sign up to help, and to attend the dinner.

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.

18 de octubre 2015

29o - domingo de tiempo ordinario

"Porque ni aun el Hijo del hombre vino para que le sirvan, sino para servir y para dar su vida en rescate por muchos." (Marcos 10:45)

Si pudiera ver su vida reflejada en el espejo, ¿reflejaría el amor y gracia de Dios? Si usted tiene dificultad con esto, intente cambiar su actitud de "quiero más" a "gracias Señor por todo lo que me has dado, tengo lo suficiente para compartir." Este cambio de perspectiva le traerá dicha por medio del servicio a los demás.

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 EUCARISTÍA para una hospitalaria o para personas que se encuentran confinadas en su casa, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial. Le pedimos que espere 48 horas para que se hagan los arreglos.

NOTICIAS DE ÚLTIMA HORA EN ESPAÑOL DE EMAÚS ¿Sabía usted que puede ver la página web de Emaús en español? Visite emmausparish.org. En la parte inferior de cada página hay un enlace para ver la página en español.

ACROSS THE DIOCESE

• 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 > 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

• The Greater Austin Chapter of the Knights of Columbus has an excellent opportunity to raise a lot of funds for the Office of Pro-Life of the Diocese of Austin. We will again be staffing some of the concession stands for the **FORMULA ONE RACE, Oct. 23-25** at Circuit of the Americas. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and do not need to be a Knight. There is no entry charge and parking, breakfast and lunch will be provided. Contact Jim Unruh, (512) 924-2602, Junruh1949@att.net. Please let us know which of the 3 days you can work. If you can work all three, that would be great!

• The Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Austin is hosting a **LIFE IN THE SPIRIT CONFERENCE** on Saturday, **Oct. 24**, 8:30 AM-5 PM followed with a mass at 5:30 PM. Come and discover the power of the Holy Spirit promised to us by Our Father in Heaven. It is a life changing event that will draw you into a deeper personal relationship with Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Father God has amazing things for His children so that we can be His witnesses, heal the sick and comfort the afflicted while living together in peace and love. You are a new creation in Christ Jesus! Contact Christina Turullois, (512) 563-7851, or visit ccaustin.org.

• A free educational seminar series at Lakeway Regional Medical Center will present **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS: What Every Women Needs to Know about Breast Cancer Prevention and Early Detection** on Tuesday, **Oct. 27**, 6-8 PM in lower level 1 lobby. RSVP to rsvp@lakewayregional.com or call (512) 571-5000 for more information.

• 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 for the district/school of your choice. For more information, call (512) 331-2230.

• 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/.

BAPTISMS

WELCOMING OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED
Joshua Benitez Gorostieta, Aria Isabella Hall



ACROSS THE DIOCESE

• 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 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.

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.

• **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.