



PARISH SUPPORT

MASS DEDICATIONS

OCT. 31
5:00pm..... For All the Saints in Heaven

NOV. 1
8:30am..... For All the Saints in Heaven
10:00am..... For All the Saints in Heaven
10:30am..... For All the Saints in Heaven
5:00pm..... For All the Saints in Heaven

NOV. 2
8:30am..... For All the Faithfully Departed

NOV. 3
8:30am..... In Memory of Marge Lutz

NOV. 4
5:30pm..... In Memory of Silvestre Gamez

NOV. 5
8:30am..... In Memory of Chuck La Pinta
9:30am..... For Chip & Marge Fink

NOV. 6
8:30am..... In Memory of Owen Odorn

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 25, 2015:\$40,517
Fiscal YTD Offertory:\$608,373

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

Catholic Services Appeal - Nov. 7 & 8

The annual diocesan Catholic Services Appeal will be conducted next weekend. Each year, our bishop asks every one of us to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries. By sharing the gifts God has granted us, we can work together to care for the Church. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue Christ's work of spirituality, charity and education.

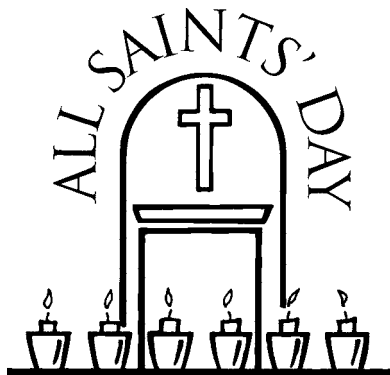
Buy SEED Program Gift Cards and Help Emmaus

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: \$9,478

2014-15 FYTD SEED Gift Card Program: \$31,481

WEEKLY REFLECTION



November 1, 2015 - The Feast of All Saints

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

"Poor in spirit" is confusing for many of us. It simply means to place your trust in God, putting His will first and being strong in faith. As we celebrate the lives of the saints on All Saints Day, remember, we, too are called to be saints. Dialing down our own pride and ego and turning up the humility will help us on our path to sainthood.

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 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, November 1 - All Saints Day

11:30 AM Fall Fest '15 Great Hall & Parking Lot
Church

1:45 PM Liturgical Minister Training-Spanish

MONDAY, November 2 - All Souls' Day

9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM Ladies of Charity General Meeting Multi B & C
9:30 AM Epic: A Journey through Church History Q of A Chapel
9:30 AM Emmaus Moms Sacred Dwelling Rm 205
10:00 AM Bright Horizons Great Hall
11:00 AM Spiritual Book Club PLC Lounge
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Pastoral B1
3:00 PM Preparacion de Temas Pastoral B1,B3,B4
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 Preparacion de Temas Rm 205
7:00 PM Baptism Preparation-English Multi B & C
7:00 PM Baptism Preparation-Spanish Rm 206
7:00 PM OLG Dance Troupe Church

TUESDAY, November 3 - St. Martin de Porres

9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
9:30 AM Al-Anon 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
7:00 PM Men's CRHP-Spanish Pastoral B1
7:00 PM A Spiritual Walk at Emmaus Pastoral A1/Library
7:00 PM JustFaith Multi B
7:30 PM Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting Café
7:30 PM Legion of Mary Rm 206

WEDNESDAY, November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo

9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
10:00 AM Transforming Loss Lounge
5:30 PM Church Wide Wednesday Church/Great Hall
7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous Pastoral B1
7:00 PM ESL Classes Rms 201-206
7:00 PM 33 Days to Morning Glory Multi B

THURSDAY, November 5

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 Rm 205
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Pastoral B1
2:00 PM Sing Along Rehearsal Multi A & Youth Space
5:15 PM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
7:00 PM RCIA Multi B & C
7:30 PM Spanish Prayer Group Youth Space

FRIDAY, November 6

5:45 AM Men of Emmaus Great Hall
9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Pastoral B1
7:00 PM Divine Mercy Devotion Youth Space

SATURDAY, November 7 - Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Jazzercise Café & Youth Space
9:00 AM Gabriel Project Multi B & C
10:00 AM Reconciliation Service-Elementary Faith Formation Church
10:30 AM Healing Journey of Grief Café & Lounge

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



In celebration of the Feast of All Souls (Nov. 2), as we remember those who have gone before us, an **ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE** will once again be placed in the PLC upstairs foyer. You may bring a photo of your departed loved one and place it on the altar between Nov. 1 and Nov. 27. Please pick up your photos by Nov. 27.

Thank you to all who made special contributions for **ALL SOULS' DAY** in memory of their loved ones who are deceased. Their names have been placed on the altar as a remembrance. We hold them and all

who have gone before us in our prayers.

Following the 8:30 AM All Souls' Day mass on Monday, **Nov. 2, Fr. Samuel will bless our MEMORIAL GARDEN COLUMBARIUM.** All are welcome to join us for this special blessing.

The Emmaus Moms group will be hosting its first spirituality series, **SACRED DWELLING** using the book, *Sacred Dwelling: An Everyday Family Spirituality* by Wendy Wright. The book will be a springboard for our sharing, conversations, prayer and support of one another. Join us for great conversations about finding the holy in wonderful and sometimes chaotic and messy family life. The series will meet six Monday mornings, 9:30-11 AM, beginning **Nov. 2.** Childcare may be available with 72 hours advance reservation. You must call the parish office before each scheduled meeting to reserve childcare. **[RSVP/REGISTER through Emmaus Moms on The City.]**

ChurchWideWednesday
Faith - Food - Fellowship with your Emmaus Parish Family

CHURCH WIDE WEDNESDAY returns! Our **Nov. 4** event will be a celebration of the wide diversity of cultures in the Catholic Church. The word catholic means "universal," and our liturgies are celebrated around the world in every land and country. Here at Emmaus we have parishioners from 43 different countries as well as many first and second generation families from other cultures. We would like to celebrate that diversity during this special Church Wide Wednesday. Join with us for a liturgy at 5:30 in the Church, and then move to the Great Hall for a potluck supper, activities, and fun. Bring your favorite potluck dish for 8 representing your family's culture, grab your friends and family members, and let's SHARE in faith, food, and fellowship. We'll pray together, learn together, eat together, and laugh together! Please note that Faith Formation classes DO NOT meet on these first Wednesdays. Rather, we hope families and single adults will join in the festivities!

Parents of elementary-age students are invited to join in a **CLUB 10:14 PLANNING MEETING** on Sunday, **Nov. 8,** 3:30 PM in PLC Room Multi B. We want YOUR input and ideas for events for CLUB 10:14 to host. Please join us to learn more! RSVP to Jen Askew, jenaskew1@gmail.com. **[Join CLUB 10:14 on The City.]**

Losing someone you love is excruciating for it leaves heartache. The truth is you come face-to-face with your powerlessness. So instead of just encountering the difficulties and contradictions, bend them with gentleness and embrace the love which leaves a lasting, treasure-filled memory. You are not alone. Join us for **THE HEALING JOURNEY OF GRIEF**, Saturday, **Nov. 7,** 10:30 AM-2:30 PM in the Emmaus PLC. Please call the parish office to register. The Parish Nursing Ministry reminds you to visit with them next week in the narthex after masses for information on filling out your **FILE OF LIFE**, a personal medical home file that enables EMS to instantly obtain critical information so that prompt and appropriate healthcare may be initiated.

Whether you're new to Emmaus or you have been here a while, normally attend at Emmaus or at Queen of Angels Chapel, we invite you to formally register in the parish at our next **WELCOME & REGISTRATION EVENT** on Sunday, **Nov. 8** in the PLC Great Hall at 9:45 AM. Welcome & Registration Events last less than an hour. We'll have an activity table for the children, refreshments will be served, and childcare will be available for young children in our nursery. We will not be adding any newcomers to our official parish rolls until the next event but, at any time, you are welcome to participate in parish activities. We look forward to meeting you!

All youth of the parish in grades 3-12 who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to participate in the life of our parish as an altar server. This is a special privilege and a wonderful way to respond to God's call for service to one another. The primary role of the altar server is to assist the priest or deacon in the celebration of the liturgy and the Eucharist during Mass. **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING** will take place at Emmaus in the church on Sunday, **Nov. 15,** 2:30-4 PM, and on Tuesday, **Nov. 17,** 5-6:30 PM. Choose the session that works best for your schedule. **[Join Altar Servers on The City]**

On Sunday, **Nov. 15,** CLUB 10:14 will host a **PACKING PARTY FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD.** We will be packing shoe boxes for this program of the Samaritans Purse organization. Please bring several of the following items to fill a shoebox: children's socks, flip flops, matchbox cars, Barbie-like dolls, decks of cards, boxes of markers, boxes of crayons, small drawing pads of paper, small games without batteries, solar powered calculators, stickers. Elementary students and parents are encouraged to join us 3:30-5 PM in the Great Hall. RSVP to Jen Askew, jenaskew1@gmail.com, or on the event on The City. **[Join CLUB 10:14 on The City.]**

Our **PARISH GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY** for 2016 will soon be going to the printer. If you have recently moved and not updated your information, please visit the website at emmausparish.org/change-of-information or call the parish office. If you do NOT want your name and phone number included in the parish directory, please notify the parish office by **Nov. 15.** Thank you!

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.



FAITH FORMATION

Just a reminder ... There are **NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** this Sunday, **Nov. 1** and Wednesday, **Nov. 4**. Instead, we hope families will join us for Fall Fest and Church Wide Wednesday!

Emmaus will offer **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC)** preparation beginning **Nov. 8** in both English and Spanish. RCIC is intended for: children not baptized as infants who have attained the use of reason and are of catechetical age; children over the age of seven (7) who have not been baptized; children over the age of ten (10) who have not received First Communion (to include children from Protestant backgrounds who wish to become Catholic). For details, please contact Sr. Mary Lou Barba at the parish office. **[Join Elementary Faith Formation on The City.]**

SURRENDER, a middle school retreat, is coming **Nov. 14-15**. Our Journey students will travel to Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet for a wonderful weekend of fun, adventure, prayer, reflection, inspiration, and community! **[Join Journey on The City for registration details.]**

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, Dec. 12. Three separate series will be offered; choose the one that best fits your schedule: Wednesday evenings beginning **Nov. 4** (English); Monday evenings beginning **Nov. 9** (Spanish); or Tuesday mornings beginning **Nov. 10** (English). **[RSVP/REGISTER through Adult Faith Formation on The City.]**

SOCIAL OUTREACH

An informal **GABRIEL PROJECT MEETING** will take place Saturday, **Nov. 7**, 9-11 AM in PLC Multi B & C. This is an opportunity to learn about the Gabriel Project, volunteer, become an angel, and give your ideas on how to reach the women in a crises pregnancy in our community. Come and help us spread the news. **[Join Gabriel Project on The City.]**

BAPTISMS

WELCOMING OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Evelyn Grace Schreier, Emily Izaguirre Rodriguez



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.

1 de noviembre 2015 - 30o - Día de todos los santos

"Dichosos los pobres en espíritu, porque el reino de los cielos les pertenece."
(Mateo 5:3)

La expresión "pobre en espíritu" nos confunde. Simplemente significa confiar en Dios, poniendo Su voluntad primero y siendo fuerte en nuestra fe. Mientras celebramos la vida de los santos en el Día de todos los santos, recordemos que nosotros también somos llamados a ser santos. Dejar de lado nuestro orgullo y ego y ser más humildes nos ayuda en nuestro camino a la santidad.

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.

FOCUS ON MINISTRY

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives. He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations-and teaching young people how to discern God's call-is a serious duty but also a joyful one. Today begins **NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK**. During this week, please pray about how God is calling you to live your vocation more deeply. Encourage the young people in your life-children, grandchildren, students, and friends-to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

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.

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

ACROSS THE DIOCESE

UPCOMING RETREATS AT CEDARBRAKE - For more information or to register for any of these events, contact Cedarbrake at (254) 780-2436 or cedarbrake@austindiocese.org.

- **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.

- **Dec. 4-6: SILENT ADVENT RETREAT**. Take time away from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season to prepare for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The retreat begins Friday evening and concludes with Mass on Sunday. Spiritual direction is available. Cost is \$165 (private room).

- **MEN'S DISCERNMENT DINNERS** are for single Catholic men (high school-adult) with an openness to discerning a priestly vocation. The evenings include dinner and evening prayer with discussions about the priesthood, seminary and discernment. Dinners are on separate Wednesdays, 7-8:30 PM. The high-school men's group meets on first Wednesdays of the month in the Religious Education Building of St. William Parish in Round Rock. The group for men 18 and older meets on second Wednesdays of the month at the St. Charles Borromeo House of Discernment, 905B Duncan Ln. in Austin. For more information, visit austinvocations.com.

- Attention Young Adults! The next gathering of **THEOLOGY ON TAP** will be **Nov. 5** at Santa Rita Cantina (5900 W. Slaughter Ln., Austin, 78749) where Father Ryan Higdon, associate pastor at St. Mary's Catholic Center in College Station, will present on relativism and truth. The evening begins at 6 PM with music, and the presentation begins at 7 PM. All are welcome!

- St. John Neumann Parish in Austin will host a **VETERAN'S DAY MASS** and reception **Nov. 11** at 7 PM to honor veterans, active military personnel, and their families. Military personnel are encouraged to dress in their uniforms. All military personnel are encouraged to attend this Mass and reception in their honor. To be part of the honor guard of veterans, e-mail Paul Juárez at pjuarez@sjnaustin.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Vazquez Family, Dominga Gauna, 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, Beth Bertin, Leigh Assini, Eduardo Mercado, Bowen & Barrett Bayless, John Kistner, Patrick Family, Martin Kennedy, Martha Scallon

ACROSS THE DIOCESE

- Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** weekend **Nov. 13-15** at Cedarbrake Catholic Retreat Center in Belton. For more information, visit austinme.org or contact Steve & Linda Jaramillo at (512) 667-9963 or wwmeaustin@gmail.com.

- The visit of Pope Francis to the U.S. and his participation at the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia provided much excitement for U.S. Catholics. The diocesan office of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Family Life is pleased to sponsor our own local version of the **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES** on **Nov. 14**, 8 AM-1 PM at Santa Cruz Parish in Buda. This Day of Reflection will feature a keynote address by Schoenstatt Father Jesús Ferras, presentations by individuals from the Diocese of Austin who attended the World Meeting of Families, live music, a family Mass, activities for children, publisher and vendor booths, and lunch. Presentations will be offered in English and in Spanish. Details and registration information are available at austindiocese.org/offices-ministries/offices/evangelization-and-catechesis/mary-mother-teacher-and-evangelizer-retreat or call (512) 949-2492.

- **COUPLES TIME OUT** will be held Saturday, **Nov. 14**, 9:30-11:30 AM at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt in Austin. Married couples are invited to this time of reflection and prayer led by one of the Schoenstatt priests. Babysitting is provided. Contact David and Pita Sanchez for more information and babysitting at davepita@gmail.com or (512) 330-0602.

- The **UNITY ROSARY** brings people from around the diocese to celebrate our cultural diversity through Mary and the Rosary. This effort is in response to the Diocese of Austin new Pastoral Plan and the desire to honor and celebrate our faith and our cultural diverse communities. Join us on Tuesday, **Nov. 17**, 7 PM at Holy Vietnamese Parish in Austin. A reception will follow the service. Please feel free to join us and bring a dessert to share from a country of your choice. All are welcome! If you speak a language other than English and would like to participate, please contact the Office of Hispanic Ministry at (512) 949-2426.

- You are invited to attend **MARY'S ENCOUNTER**, a quarterly women's morning of reflection at the Marian Shrine of Our Lady of Schoenstatt. Upcoming dates: **Nov. 21**, Feb. 6, May 21. The program takes place 9:30-11:30 AM followed by mass. RSVP to info@schoenstatt.us or call (512) 330-0602.

- 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/.