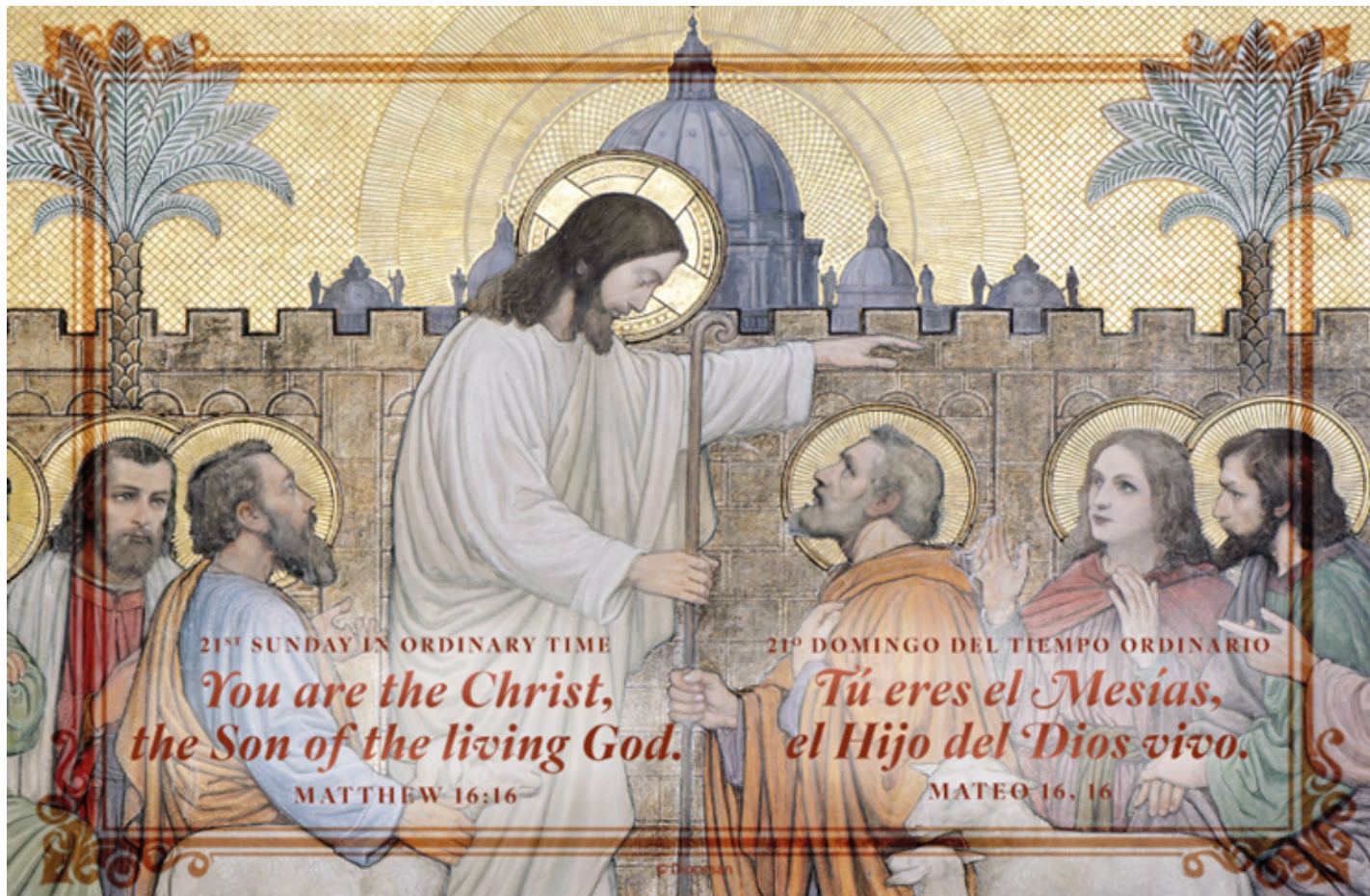




MASS TIMES / HORARIO DE MISA

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m.

(Español) 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedules - look inside for times.

RECONCILIATION/RECONCILIACIÓN

Saturday: 4 - 4:45 p.m.

By appointment also / Con cita previa
también Contact the office 512-446-2049

First Friday Mass: 12:15 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration 1-7p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-10 p.m.

Adoración Eucarística

martes y jueves de 7-10 p.m.

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes prior to all weekend Masses.

El Rosario se reza 30 minutos antes de todas las misas de fin de semana.

St. Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH
ROCKDALE, TEXAS



August 23, 2026

234 San Gabriel St.

P.O. Box 548

Rockdale, TX 76567

Phone: 512-446-2049

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www.stjosephrockdale.org

Office Hours /

Horas de Oficina

Tues. - Thurs.

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

PARISH STAFF / EQUIPO PASTORAL

Rev. John Boiko, Pastor
fatherjohn@stjosephrockdale.org
512-401-8547

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parishadmin@stjosephrockdale.org

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music@stjosephrockdale.org

Julia Cardona, Youth Minister
youthminister@stjosephrockdale.org

Mass Intentions

Monday, Aug. 24

No Mass

Tuesday, Aug. 25 6 p.m.

Jose Manuel Rivera Sp Int.

Wednesday, Aug. 26 12:15 p.m.

†Dora DeLeon

Thursday, Aug. 27 12:15 p.m. 6 p.m.

Jenny Breithaupt Sp Int.

†Bardomiano Banda

Friday, Aug. 28 12:15 p.m.

†Lupe Orozco

Saturday, Aug. 29 5 p.m.

†Lupe Orozco

†Erlinda Pedroza

Sunday, Aug. 30 9 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

†Bardomiano Banda

For the People

†Dora DeLeon

Daily Mass/ Adoration is held
in the Holy Family Chapel.

Misa de Dia / Adoracion diaria
se lleva a cabo en la Capilla de
la Sagrada Familia.

New Daily Mass Schedules Starting September 1st

Monday- No Mass

Tuesdays- 6pm

Wednesday- 8am

Thursday- 8am & 6pm Spanish

Friday- 12:15pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Aug 24 St. Bartholomew

Rv 21:9b-14/ Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: Aug 25

2Thes 2:1-3a,14-17/ Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: Aug 26

2 Thes 3:6-10,16-18/ Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: Aug 27 St. Monica

1 Cor 1:1-9/ Mt 24:42-51

Friday: Aug 28 St. Augustine

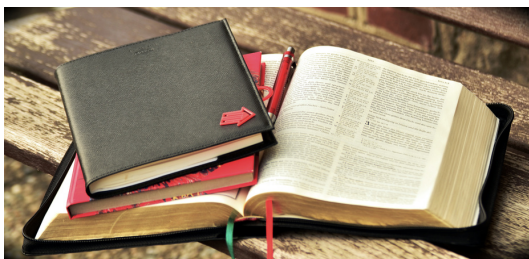
1 Cor 1:17-25/ Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: Aug 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mk 6:17-29

Sunday: Aug 30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9/ Rom 12:1-2/ Mt 16:21-27

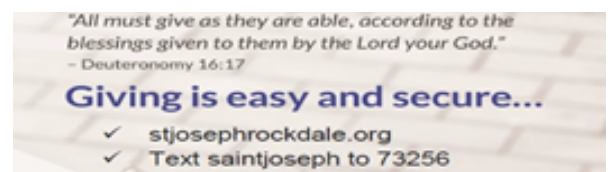


August 2026

Monthly need:	\$ 21,122.00
To Date: August	\$ 16,642.78
Profit/ Loss:	\$ -4,479.22

Last Sunday Collection:

Sunday Collection:8/15-8/16	\$ 2,718.00
Assumption	\$ 295.25
Online Giving: 8/10-8/14	\$ 454.10
Total:	\$ 3,467.35



Parish Monthly Assessment \$7,105.00
(Catholic Spirit, Cathedraticum, Priest Pension

& Health Insurance, Property Insurance, Ministry Platform, Workmen's Compensation)

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Aug. 22-23 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus entrusted the keys of the Kingdom to Peter, who represents the whole Church – all of us. What are those keys? In Matthew's Gospel they are the Beatitudes. This means that all of us and each of us are called to be poor in spirit and meek, we are to hunger and thirst for righteousness; we are to show mercy and be peacemakers, we will mourn, and we will experience persecution. We are called to love as God loves – without counting the cost and without exception. How will you witness to God's love this week? To whom are you called to show love?

Agosto 22-23 -- 21o. Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Jesús confió las llaves del Reino a Pedro, quien representa a toda la iglesia—todos nosotros ¿Qué son esas llaves? En el Evangelio de Mateo son las Bienaventuranzas. Esto significa que todos y cada uno de nosotros estamos llamados a ser pobres y mansos de espíritu; tenemos hambre y sed de justicia; debemos mostrar misericordia y crear paz; nos lamentaremos y experimentaremos persecución. Estamos llamados a amar como Dios nos ama--- sin contar lo que cueste y sin excepción ¿Cómo será usted testigo del amor de Dios esta semana? ¿Hacia quién está usted llamado a demostrar amor?

St. Joseph's Organizations / Contacts Meeting Dates / Times

Sociedad Guadalupeana

Sylvia Ramos, President **512-269-9463**

Meets the 1st Saturday of the month with Rosary and Mass at **9 a.m.** followed by Meeting in the RE Building. New members are always welcome.

Knights of Columbus

Kenny Svrcek, Grand Knight **512-921-2184**

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. @the K of C Hall. New members are always welcome.

St. Joseph's Ladies Society

Maria Santellano, President **254-760-0568**

Meets the 1st Monday of the Month in the RE Building with Rosary at 5 p.m. followed by Meeting. New members are always welcome.

The Marian Cenacle (Prayer Group)

Contact the Parish Office @ 512-446-2049

Meets each Thursday, beginning with the Cenacle (prayer) 11 a.m.- noon, @ the RE Building, followed by the Angelus, 12:15 Mass in the chapel. Bi-weekly meeting is from 10- 11 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Open to all men and women of the parish.

Daughters of Mary/ Hijas de Maria

Contact the Parish Office @ 512-446-2049

Meets the 1st Saturday of each month (Sept.- May) @ RE Building from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Open to girls who have made their First Communion and older, and their parents.

Altar Servers

Craig Snow 512-426-2300 / Faustino Gonzalez 512-760-0640

Needed for Masses on an ongoing basis. Will train while serving. Open to anyone that has made their First Communion.

Pastoral Council Chairman

Felipe Pacheco **512-269-2502**

L.I.F.T. Youth Group

Julia Cardona, Youth Minister **254-627-9162**

Meets usually on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 2 p.m. in the RE Building. All high school students in grades 9th -12th are welcome.

Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy

Debby Curry **512-775-0977**

Various groups meet weekly to study the Divine Mercy, St. Faustina's Diary, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and to pray.

Eucharistic Ministers

Kelley Zapata- Contact the Parish Office @512-446-2049

Must have received Confirmation to serve in this ministry.

Lectors

Pat Barcak - Contact the Parish Office @512-446-2049

Must have received Confirmation to serve in this ministry.

Religious Education- Catechists/Aides/ Subs

Kristina Snow, Director of RE **512-446-2049**

Our program is always needing substitute catechists. We may also need mid-year assistance. We welcome not only adults, but teens to serve as additional aides.

Viri Christi (Men's Group)

Carlos Garza **512-760-0273**

Men's group focusing on prayer, education, and spirituality. Meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the RE Building.

Music Ministry/ Choir

Eugene Holub at music@stjosephrockdale.org

Finance Council Chairperson

Margaret Coker **512-970-8177**

DATE	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS
Sat. Aug. 22- 5 pm	Marcos Santellano	Elizabeth Longoria	Carlos Garza, Margaret Coker, Jasmin Nieto	Carlos Garza Wesley Janak
Sun., Aug. 23- 9 am 11:30 am	Pat Jerman Jasmin Nieto Noemi Yanez	Mario Santellano Camila Cardona	Shannon O'Brien, Kelley Zapata, Marcos Santellano Maria Velasquez, Maria Tristan, Sylvia Ramos	Jeff & Kelley Zapata Juan Gonzalez Jesus Castillo
Sat. Aug. 29- 5 pm	Linda Masur	Craig Snow	Nancy Phillips, Maria Dubey, Wesley Janak	Macario Flores Kenney Svrcek
Sun. Aug. 30- 9 am 11:30 am	Luke Olivarez Lupe Tristan Sylvia Ramos	Marcos Santellano Omar Chavez	Faustino & Cynthia Gonzalez, Jeff Zapata Erika Rivera, Alejandra Rivera, Julia Cardona	David Ehler Jason Ehler Macario Flores Jose Nieto

Calling all young adults!

Central Texas Catholic (CTXC) is a new resource for young adults in the Diocese of Austin. Offering opportunities for community building and spiritual growth, CTXC strives to connect Catholic young adults, inviting them into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. If you are in your 20s or 30s, regional young adult CTXC representatives are ready to meet you! To learn more, visit www.centraltexascatholic.org.

Men ages 30-57: Have you considered the diaconate?

The Diaconal Ministry Office is now hosting Project Stephen sessions. This is an opportunity to walk with other men and their wives who are also discerning God's call. Over the course of seven sessions, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about who the deacon is and how he serves in word, liturgy, and charity; the history and development of the diaconate; and the four pillars of formation. In addition, one will discover how to discern well, with a focus on prayer as the way God communicates his life and makes his presence known in the soul.



Men, currently between the ages of 30 and 57, who desire to serve God and his people, are invited to discern if the diaconate may be the response to that desire by attending Project Stephen. Wives are encouraged to attend as well.

The first session, Who is the Deacon?, will be offered on the following dates from 2 to 4 p.m.:

Sept. 13 at St. Joseph Parish in Bryan

Sept. 27 at Christ the King Parish in Belton.

For more information and/or to register please visit the Project Stephen website at www.austindiocese.org/project-stephen.

Catholic Night at the Round Rock Express is back Catholic Night at the Round Rock Express is back



Join Catholics from across the Diocese of Austin on Aug. 28 at 7:05 p.m. for an evening of baseball,

fellowship, and fun at the ballpark. Bring your family, friends, parish groups, and ministries for a memorable night cheering on the Round Rock Express. Order tickets at the link below and use code "CATHOLIC" for a special discount on lawn seats and Sections 112 & 113. Visit <https://www.milb.com/round-rock/tickets/single-game-tickets> to purchase tickets.



Let Us Pray / Oremos

Deacon Gus & Norma Coelho
 Nick Guzman
 Tom Hormuth
 Robert & Susie Urban
 Charlie & Pat Watson
 Amalia Hernandez
 Mark Alvarez & Theresa Alvarez
 James Gorney
 Wendy Fournet
 David Boudreaux
 Leslie Joyce Garcia
 Vernon Crowder
 Valentina Rodarte
 Francisca Longoria
 Virginia Hernandez

Karen Eckert
 Cruz Martinez
 Helen Ellison
 Manuel Garcia
 Teresa Key
 Leo Dubey
 Mary Zapata
 Rachel Darby
 Donna Kerlin
 Larry Kerlin
 Georgie Kerlin
 Jennifer Tilkens
 Dolores Turner

PLEASE Call the office @ 512-446-2049 if you, or
 someone you know, needs to be remembered on the
 prayer list.

Let Us Pray for Military Personnel / Oremos por el Ejercito Militar



Victoria Alvarado-Phillips
 Manuel Zapata Thompson
 Lt. Tyler Goeppinger- Air Force
 Ben Blanco- Navy
 Juan Salcedo- Marines
 CSM Frank Konarik-Army (NG)

*Let us know if you want to add any loved ones
 serving in the military. / Avisanos si quieres anadir
 a algun ser querido que sirva en el ejercito militar.*



The Sanctuary Light in the church is burning in Memory of

Frank Ramirez Sr
 Frank Ramirez Jr



The Sanctuary Light in the church is burning in Memory of

Randy Pedroza

Sanctuary Candle Intentions



2026 Sanctuary Candle Intentions
 available at the chapel or at the
 church. If you would like to
 schedule an intention for a
 deceased loved one, someone's
 birthday or anniversary, etc. we do
 have dates available for
 scheduling.

Please come by the parish office if
 you would like to schedule
 sanctuary candle intentions.



FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

You are invited on
Friday, September 4, 2026,
FIRST FRIDAY of the Month:

Mass at 12:15 pm in English followed by

Eucharistic Adoration
 from 1 pm. –6 p.m.

Holy Hour

6-7pm followed by the Mass at 7 p.m. Spanish



The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills. The initiative will take place **August 18 through October 31**, which includes the month-long commemoration of Respect Life Month observed each October by the Catholic Church in the United States. "Every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to the mother," said Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, president of the USCCB, and Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities. "Now with easier access to abortion pills, the abortion rate is tragically climbing, along with increased health risks." invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life, we are encouraged to share information about the dangers of abortion pills.

**Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.**

**We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.**

**Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.**



St. Joseph, defender of life,
pray for us!

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE ON OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Join us as we rediscover the message God sent to the Church
through Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

With expert presenter, Monsignor Eduardo Chávez



Explore & Discuss

The meaning and evangelizing power
of the symbols found in San Juan
Diego's Tilma

How to apply and share God's
message through Our Lady of
Guadalupe within our communities

Three sessions to choose from:

Sept. 11 | 9 a.m. - 12: p.m.

For Priests, Deacons & Parish Staff

Sept. 11 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Open to the general public. \$10/person

Sept. 12 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. (In Spanish)

Open to the general public. \$10/person

All sessions at St. William, Round Rock

Register Now

www.austindiocese.org/hispanic-ministry



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ADULTS/ ADULTOS

This Week on
formed
Forming Catholics for *Life*.



Triumph of the Heart

Follow the remarkable true story of the priest whose selfless sacrifice in Auschwitz became a lasting testament to faith, hope, and love.



What Catholics Believe About Mary |

Immaculate Conception, Virginity & the Rosary

Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary.



CATECHIST RETREAT & WORK DAY
NEXT SAT., AUG. 29 IN RE BUILDING
FROM 9 AM- 4 PM
(LUNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED)
RSVP YES/ NO TO FLOCKNOTE OR
TO KRISTINA AT 512-422-3189.
(INCLUDES SUN. & WED. CATECHISTS & AIDES,
OCIA LEADERS, AND L.I.F.T TEAM)

Adults who need to be baptized, receive their sacraments of confession, communion, and/or confirmation, or that might want to join the Catholic Church, it is time for you to register for OCIA!

How Does Someone Get Started?

- **Complete a registration packet and return to the Church Office by the end of August.** We have copies of these packets at the back of the Church or in the Church Office.
- Once we receive your registration, we will schedule **a time for you to meet with Father John** for a conversation about your situation and interest.

When Do Sessions Start?

Sunday, Sept. 13- Join us for the **9:00 am Mass**, and then we will meet in the RE Building following Mass until **11:45 am**. We will meet at the same time each week.

¡Adultos que necesitan ser bautizados, recibir sus sacramentos de confesión, comunión y/o confirmación, o que quieran unirse a la Iglesia Católica, es hora de que se inscriban en OCIA!

¿Cómo se puede empezar?

- **Complete un paquete de inscripción y devuélvalo a la Oficina de la Iglesia antes de que termine agosto.** Tenemos copias de estos paquetes en la parte de atrás de la iglesia o en la Oficina de la Iglesia.
- Una vez que recibamos su registro, programaremos **un horario para que se reúna con el Padre John** para conversar sobre su situación y su interés.

¿Cuándo comienzan las sesiones?

Domingo, 13 de septiembre: acompañenos a la Misa de las 9:00 a. m., y luego nos reuniremos en el edificio de Educación Religiosa (RE) después de la Misa hasta las **11:45 a. m.** Nos reuniremos a la misma hora cada semana.

FAITH FORMATION / FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR YOUTH / EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA PARA JÓVENES

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / INSCRIPCIÓN PARA EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

All new and returning students need to be REGISTERED for the upcoming year of learning.

Todos los estudiantes nuevos y los que regresan necesitan ESTAR REGISTRADOS para el próximo año de clases.

For new students, we will need a copy of your child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate if the child was not baptized here at St. Joseph Rockdale.

Para los nuevos estudiantes, necesitaremos una copia del certificado de nacimiento de su hijo y del certificado de bautismo si el niño no fue bautizado aquí en St. Joseph Rockdale.

\$40 per student/ \$100 max per family

If payment is a concern, please do not let that keep you from registering.

\$40 por estudiante / \$100 máximo por familia

Si el pago es un problema, por favor no dejes que eso te impida registrarte.

Register during office hours or during the following dates and times:

Regístrate durante el horario de oficina o en las siguientes fechas y horarios:

Sun., 8-23 after Mass

Tues., 9-1 from 4-7pm

Wed., 9-2 from 4-7pm

Sat., 9-5 after Mass

Sun., 9-6 after Mass

ANNUAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT MEETING

REUNIÓN ANUAL DE PADRES DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

SUNDAY, AUG. 30
AFTER THE 9AM MASS AND
AFTER THE 11:30 MASS

DOMINGO, 30 DE AGOSTO
DESPUES DE LA MISA DE LAS 9
A.M. Y
DESPUES DE LA MISA DE LAS 11:30

IMPORTANT DATES FOR START OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR:

- WED., SEPT. 9- FIRST WEDNESDAY CLASS
6:30-7:45 PM-
FC-I, FC-II, 6TH, 7TH, 8TH, 9TH (PRE-CONF.)
- SUN., SEPT. 13- FIRST SUNDAY CLASS
10:15-11:20 AM-
1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, 5TH, SACRAMENTAL PREP
- 2:00-3:00 PM-
CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING
- 3:00-6:00 PM-
CONFIRMATION SESSION #1
- WED., SEPT. 16- OPENING MASS FOR ALL
RE STUDENTS AT 6:30 PM
- SUN., SEPT. 20- PRE-CONFIRMATION (9TH)
PARENT MEETING (1-2PM)
- SUN., SEPT. 27- FOR SACRAMENTAL PREP,
RITE OF ENROLLMENT AT
THE MASS YOU NORMALLY
ATTEND

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2026-2027 School Year

For Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:45 pm:
Office Assistant (bilingual)

Interested or have questions?
Please contact Kristina Snow at
dre@stjosephrockdale.org or at the Church
Office at 512-446-2049.

Updated 7/28/26



YOUTH MINISTRY / MINISTERIO JUVENIL



Calling all St. Joseph
high school students
grades 9-12!



Come join our all new Youth Group called
L.I.F.T. (Living in Faith Together).

We will usually meet on two Sundays per
month at 2:00 pm. Our next two
gatherings are as follows:

- Sun., Aug. 30 at 2pm

(NOTE: Sun., Sept. 6- NO SESSION
DUE TO LABOR DAY WEEKEND)

- Sun., Sept. 20 at 2pm

Come and bring a friend!!!

We will have lots of fun, explore how
we live our faith every day, discuss hot
topics that effect our lives, and grow
closer to God in the process.

Questions? Reach out to Julia Cardona via text at 254-627-9162.



**L.I.F.T. WILL LEAD THE
OPENING MASS FOR
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION ON WED.,
SEPT. 16 AT 6:30 PM.**

**At our recent L.I.F.T. gathering, we started DESIGNING our future.
Everyone had GREAT ideas!!!!**

