



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



October 4, 2026

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10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, Oct 5 10:00 a.m.

†Diana Rios

Tuesday, Oct 6 6 p.m.

No Mass

Wednesday, Oct 7 8:00 a.m.

No Mass

Thursday, Oct 8 8:00 a.m. 6 p.m.

No Mass

No Mass

Friday, Oct 9 12:15 p.m.

No Mass

Saturday, Oct 10 5 p.m.

†Diana Rios

†Encarnacion Banda

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

Shawn & Shannon O'Brien For the People

†Shawn T. O'Brien II

†Sherry A. Colley

**No daily Masses for the week of October 6-9.
Father John will be out on a priest
convocation.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Oct 5

Gal 1:6-12/ Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Oct 6

Gal 1:13-24/ Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Oct 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

Gal 2:1-2,7-14/ Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Oct 8

Gal 3:1-5/ Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Oct 9

Gal 3:7-14/ Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Oct 10

Gal 3:22-29/ Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Oct 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14



MARIAN CENACLE

Come pray the Rosary with friends on **THURSDAY MORNINGS**. Experience the power of the Rosary. Following next we pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy for our personal intentions. We begin in the Chapel at 9am. Come experience the joy and power of group prayer. We'll be waiting for you every Thursday at 9am. Peace be with you!

**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.**

September 2026

Monthly need: \$ 21,122.00

To Date: September \$ 13,146.95

Profit/ Loss: \$ -7,975.05

Last Sunday Collection:

Sunday Collection: 9/26-9/27 \$ 2,906.05

Online Giving: 9/21-9/25 \$ 198.35

Total: \$ 3,104.40

"All must give as they are able, according to the
blessings given to them by the Lord your God."
- Deuteronomy 16:17

Giving is easy and secure...

- ✓ stjosephrockdale.org
- ✓ Text saintjoseph to 73256

(Catholic Spirit, Cathedraticum, Priest Pension
& Health Insurance, Property Insurance,
Ministry Platform, Workmen's Compensation)

October's Special Collections

Oct 3-4 Sisters of Mary Morningstar

Oct 10-11 Red Bag

Oct 17-18 World Mission Sunday

Oct 24-25 Catholic Services Appeal

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcement

All submissions for bulletin and pulpit
announcement should be in electronic format
and emailed to:

(this week only) dre@stjosephrockdale.org

Todos los envios para boletines y anuncios
desde el pulpito deben realizarse en formato
electronico y enviarse por correo electronico a:
(solo por esta semana) dre@stjosephrockdale.org

**DEADLINE for October 10/11 bulletin and
pulpit announcements is Oct 6**

**FECHA LIMITE para el boletin y anuncios
del pulpito 11 de Octubre es el 6 de
Octubre**



Let Us Pray / Oremos

Deacon Gus & Norma Coelho
 Nick Guzman
 Tom Hormuth
 Robert & Susie Urban
 Charlie & Pat Watson
 Amalia Hernandez
 Mark Alvarez
 Virginia Hernandez
 Rachel Darby
 Donna Kerlin
 David Boudreaux
 Leslie Joyce Garcia
 Jennifer Tilkens
 Valentina Rodarte
 Francisca Longoria
 Frank Modaffari

Karen Eckert
 Cruz Martinez
 James Gorney
 Manuel Garcia
 Teresa Key
 Leo Dubey
 Mary Zapata
 Wendy Fournet
 Vernon Crowder
 Dolores Turner
 Larry Kerlin
 Georgie Kerlin
 Sofia Sanchez
 Barb Gosner
 Janie Zapata

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
 Cristo Hernandez- Military
 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

Asencion Prado



The Sanctuary Light in the church is burning in Memory of

Theresa Alvarez

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.

Baptism Class

**Next Baptism Class will be held on
 Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 10 a.m. at
 the RE Building.**

**Must be pre-registered to attend. Please
 contact the parish office to register.**

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION



You are invited on
Friday, November 6, 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

DATE	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS
Sat. Oct 3- 5 pm	Jasmin Nieto	Omar Chavez	Carlos Garza, Jasmin Nieto, Margaret Coker	Carlos Garza Chad Ehler
Sun., Oct 4- 9 am	Pete Zenner	Mario Santellano Luke Olivares Mateo Olivares	Craig Snow, Gloria Pedroza, Shannon O'Brien	Kenney Svrcek Jason Ehler
11:30 am	Claudia Valadez	Camila Cardona Elizabeth Longoria	Erika Rivera, Alejandra Rivera, Julia Cardona	Macario Flores Jose Nieto
Sat. Oct 10- 5 pm	Margaret Coker	Marcos Santellano Mario Santellano	Nancy Phillips, Maria Dubey, Wesley Janak	Wesley Janak Macario Flores
Sun. Oct 11- 9 am	Shannon O'Brien	Omar Chavez Luke Olivares Mateo Olivares	Marcos Santellano, Shannon O'Brien, Pat Barcak	Jeff & Kelley Zapata
11:30 am	Lupe Tristan	Camila Cardona Elizabeth Longoria	Maria Velazquez Maria Tristan Sylvia Ramos	Felipe Pacheco Jesus Ponce



Blessing of the animals

SUNDAY, OCT. 4- FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI/ FIESTA DE SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS

Join us at 1:30 pm with your pet in the yard between the Dominican House (formally known as the Cooke House) and RE Building for a pet blessing!

¡Unete a nosotros a la 1:30 pm con tu mascota en el patio de la Casa Dominicana (conocida anteriormente como La Cooke House) y el edificio de RE para una bendicion de mascotas!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Early Life

Francis was the son of Pietro Bernardone, a wealthy cloth merchant, and his wife Pica. His father renamed him Francesco ("the Frenchman") after a trip to France. He enjoyed a privileged youth, was charming, and led a carefree, sometimes indulgent lifestyle, associating with troubadours and enjoying French culture. At around 20, he fought in a skirmish against Perugia, was captured, and spent a year in prison. His illness during captivity marked a turning point, leading him to seek God.

Conversion and Spiritual Journey

After his release, Francis dedicated himself to prayer and preaching. He renounced wealth, adopted a **Franciscan habit**, and lived a life of poverty, humility, and service. He is known for his **Song of St. Francis**, a poetic prayer praising God's creation. His compassion extended to all creatures, and he is often depicted with birds, animals, and the stigmata (wounds on his body said to be from Christ's crucifixion).



Part One of Conference

Conference on Sacrifice and Prayer.

**My daughter, I want to instruct you on how you are to rescue souls through sacrifice and prayer. You will save more souls through prayer and suffering than will a missionary through his teachings and sermons alone. I want to see you as a sacrifice of living love, which only then carries weight before Me
(Diary, 1767).**

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your teaching on sacrifice and prayer. By my prayer and suffering with love, may I help save souls. Make me a spiritual missionary of Your mercy.

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.



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.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner

Oct. 3-4 -- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings today challenge us to ask important questions about ourselves: What kind of tenants are we? Do we claim the vineyard of our lives for our own and turn God out or do we recognize that everything we have comes as gifts from God and is to be given back in praise? As we reflect on the gift of life and dignity given to each of us, how are we called to show greater respect for life: for the unborn; those on death row; the immigrants coming to our country with or without legal permission; enemies who kill others without regard? Where do we need to grow in love for the life and dignity of others?

Octubre 3-4 -- 27mo. Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Las lecturas de hoy nos retan a hacer preguntas importantes sobre nosotros mismos: ¿Qué clases de inquilinos somos? ¿Reclamamos el viñedo para nosotros y sacamos a Dios o reconocemos que todo lo que tenemos y somos viene como don de Dios y deberá ser devuelto en alabanza? Mientras reflexionamos sobre el don de la vida y la dignidad dada a cada uno de nosotros, ¿Cómo estamos llamados a mostrar mayor respeto por la vida: por los no-natos; por aquellos esperando la pena de muerte; por los inmigrantes viniendo a nuestro país con o sin permiso legal; por los enemigos que matan a otros sin miramientos? ¿En qué áreas necesitamos crecer en el amor por la vida y por la dignidad de los otros?

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 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. We attend Mass at 8:00 am with Rosary following in the Chapel. The Cenacle continues from 9:00-10:30 am in the RE Building. Open to all men and women of the parish.

Daughters of Mary/ Hijas de Maria

Contact the Parish Office @ 512-446-2049

Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month (Sept.- May) @ RE Building from 10:30-12:00 noon. 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.

Music/ Choir Ministry

Eugene Holub at music@stjosephrockdale.org

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 Currey 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 be 16 years old and 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 and mid-year assistance. We welcome not only adults, but teens to serve as additional aides. (DRE Office Hours: Sun., 10:15-11:20 am, Tues., 10am-3pm, Wed., 10am-8pm)

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.

Pastoral Council Chairman

Felipe Pacheco 512-269-2502

Finance Council Chairperson

Margaret Coker 512-970-8177



Baby Banks for Respect Life Month/Bancos de bebés para el mes de respeto a la vida

¡Don't forget to pick up your Baby Bank after Mass today. Remember those families that need help during or after an unplanned pregnancy. Your donation will help pro-life efforts in our parish and throughout the diocese. Walking with Moms in Need initiative, the Gabriel Project, Project Rachel, Sidewalk Ministry, Pro-Life Help Line, and more will receive funds from this campaign. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 512-446-2049. Baby Banks are located on table in Narthex.

¡No olviden recoger sus Alcanfías del Bebé después de la Misa hoy. Hoy que recordamos a la Sagrada familia, les pedimos recuerden a aquellas familias que necesitan ayuda durante o después de un embarazo no planeado. Su donación ayudará a los esfuerzos provida de la parroquia y a lo largo de la diócesis. La iniciativa Camina con Madres necesitadas, el Proyecto Gabriel, Proyecto Raquel, el Ministerio de Banqueta, y la Línea de Ayuda Pro-Vida recibirán fondos de esta campaña. También pueden donar en línea yendo a nuestro sitio web. Para más información o para ser un voluntario, por favor contacte a la oficina parroquial al 512-446-2049.

Special Collection: Oct. 3-4

Sisters of Mary Morningstar

This second collection will help the sister's building project to finish building their chapel and their guest house as well as their workshop. Your generosity will help achieve their goal.



**2026-2027
CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

The community of believers
was of one heart and mind...
— Acts 4:32



Special thanks to Father Francisco Rodriguez III, the staff and parishioners of St. William Parish in Round Rock.

ONE HEART. ONE MIND. ONE MISSION.

The 2026-2027 Catholic Services Appeal is a shared mission of our diocesan family, sustained by the prayers, sacrifices, and generosity of many. Across 25 counties and 21,066 square miles, each gift helps form future priests and deacons, care for retired clergy, Catholic education, service to families in need, worship, pastoral accompaniment, and direct support for parishes and schools.


756,000
CATHOLICS


25
COUNTIES


21,066
SQUARE MILES


129
PARISHES, MISSIONS
& CAMPUS MINISTRY CENTERS

When Catholics give as one, the Church
can respond to needs across our diocese in
ways no single parish can alone.

1 DIOCESE

\$7.4 MILLION
CSA GOAL

WHERE YOUR GIFT BECOMES ONE MISSION



CLERGY FORMATION & SUPPORT
46% | \$3,408,000
FORMING SERVANTS

Seminarists are accompanied a homelike, joyful and supportive ministry, and senior clergy are available with dignity and pastoral care as they prepare for their final service.



LIFE, CHARITY & JUSTICE
19% | \$1,424,000
EXTENDING CHRIST'S MERCY

Families in need receive food, housing support, financial aid, legal advocacy, human dignity, and a path toward stability.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION
14% | \$1,076,000
TEACHING THE FAITH

From religious education to Catholic schools, the EDC helps families, teachers, and parish catechists pass on the faith with wisdom, clarity, and conviction.



SPIRITUALITY & WORSHIP
8% | \$574,000
DEEPENING PRAYER

Retreats, liturgical formation, and music ministry help bring people closer to God, and to each other.



PASTORAL MINISTRIES
6% | \$433,000
ACCOMPANYING THE FAITHFUL

Through pastoral care, youth, young adults, campus ministry, bereavement, and other ministries, we bring the love of Christ to all who seek it.



PARISH & SCHOOL SUPPORT
5% | \$395,000
BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS

Grants support needed capital projects and middle-income parishes and schools in local communities, ensuring our future. The impact of the CSA is visible in meaningful ways through improved parish facilities, strengthened schools, and communities better equipped to accompany the People of God.

GOOD SHEPHERD SOCIETY

Members take a leadership role in advancing the mission of the diocese and receive special benefits at the various levels.

Circle of Peace \$500-\$999 • Circle of Unity \$1,000-\$1,499 • Circle of Friends \$1,500-\$2,499 • Circle of Charity \$2,500-\$4,999 • Circle of Hope \$5,000-\$7,499 • Circle of Mission \$7,500-\$9,999 • Circle of Faith \$10,000-\$24,999 • Circle of Joy \$25,000-\$49,999 • Circle of Love \$50,000+

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Send your generous gift to:
Diocese of Austin
Stewardship & Development
6225 E. Highway 290
Austin, TX 78723-1025

CONTACT US at (512) 949-2442 or
donorservices@austindiocese.org

ONLINE
Visit our secure online giving site
at www.austindiocese.org/give

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focus on the QR code,
and tap to open.



DONATE VIA
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AT YOUR PARISH
Place your envelope in the collection
on Oct. 24-25

Please make checks payable to Diocese of Austin.

**SAVE THE
DATE**

NOV. 1, 2026



FREE!

The Word Among Us, daily readings and meditations for October are available at the back of the church and chapel. Please take one!

Copies of Treasures of the Diocese of Austin, and Momentos Sagrados, by Matthew Kelly are available for **FREE**, on the table next to the cofessional.



GRATIS!!

La Palabra Entre Nosotros, lecturas y meditacion diarias por el mes de octubre estan disponibles a la entrada del a iglesia y en a la capilla. Porfavor tome uno!

Copias de los Tesoros de la Diocesis de Austin y libros de Momentos Sagrados, por el autor Matthew Kelly estan disponibles **GRATIS** en la mesa al lado del confesionario.

St. Joseph Ladies Society

October Altar Duty: Gloria Pedroza, Mariana Santellano, Maria Santellano

October Hostess Duty: Gloria, Mariana and Maria



We will be praying a public rosary on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026, at 5:00PM in front of the Dominican House prior to mass. All are invited to come pray the rosary.

Rezaremos un rosario público el Martes 13 de octubre de 2026 a las 5:00 p.m. frente a la Casa Dominicana antes de la misa. Todos están invitados a venir a rezar el rosario.



ALL SOULS INTENTIONS/ INTENCIONES PARA EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Intentions will be said at both masses on November 2nd. Donations will go to the Social Ministries. No limit on names.

Las intenciones se nombraran en las dos misas el dia de los Muertos. Las donaciones se iran a los servicios sociales de la parroquia. No hay limite de intenciones.

All Souls Day Envelopes

All Soul's Day Remembrance envelopes are available on the table at entrance of church for your use. Envelopes may be placed in donation box in church or brought to parish office. If you use donation envelopes please use that one for your personal use.

Sobres para el Conmemorial — Dia de Todos los Difuntos

Los Sobres de Conmemorial—Dia de todos los Difuntos están disponibles en la mesa a la entrada de la iglesia. Puede colocar su sobre en la caja de ofrenda en la iglesia o traerlo a la oficina de la parroquia. Si usa sobres de donación, utilícelos para su uso personal.

All Souls Day/Pictures

On November 2nd, we will be celebrating All Soul's Day to remember all deceased loved ones. This year, we will be placing all the Remembrance Envelopes we receive with intentions on the altar in remembrance of our deceased loved ones. They will remained there until November 23, 2025. The names offered will be prayed for throughout the month of November. You may also bring a framed picture of your deceased loved ones to place on a table near the altar by Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025. Please be sure to put your name and phone number on the back of frame.

Día de Todas las Almas /Fotos

El 2 de noviembre, celebraremos el Dia de Todos los Fieles Difuntos para recordar a todos los seres queridos fallecidos. Este año, colocaremos todos los Sobres de Recuerdo que recibimos con intenciones en la mesa cerca al altar en memoria de nuestros seres queridos fallecidos hasta el 23 de noviembre. Los nombres ofrecidos serán orados durante todo el mes de noviembre. También puede traer un foto en cuadro de sus seres queridos difuntos para ponerlos en una mesa cerca al altar antes del 26 de octubre. Asegúrese de poner su nombre y número de teléfono en la parte posterior del cuadro.



AMERICA 250

SAINTS AND THOSE ON THE PATH FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA *SANTOS Y PERSONAS EN CAMINO A LA SANTIDAD DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMÉRICA*



CANONIZATION PROCESS

Step 1: Servant of God

Step 3: Blessed (beatification)

Step 2: Venerable

Step 4: Saint (canonization)

October Saint of the Month- Saint Mother Theodore Guerin

Saint Mother Theodore Guerin (1798-1856) was a French missionary sister who established the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in Indiana. Even though she faced many hardships and poor health, she founded schools, orphanages, and charitable institutions that strengthened Catholic life throughout the Midwest United States.

Her philosophy in working with poor and needy children was to “love the children first, and then teach them.” When in France after entering religious life, she was a strong teacher and won over very hard-to-teach children. In 1839, a request came from Indiana for a group of sisters to come and teach the pioneer children in the United States. While she thought her health was too poor to make the journey, a superior sister thought that only Theodore would be capable of leading such a mission in America.

After a 3 month journey from France to Indiana, they found no home or school there. Just 8 months after arriving, they opened their first academy. The academy continues today as Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. Her final resting place is at the Shrine of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. She is considered the patron of Indiana.

Famous Quote: “You know...that the good God always makes use of nothing, in order to accomplish something.”

Santo del mes de Octubre- Santa Madre Theodore Guerin

Santa Madre Theodore Guerin (1798-1856) fue una hermana misionera francesa que estableció las Hermanas de la Providencia de Saint Mary-of-the-Woods en Indiana. Aunque enfrentó muchas dificultades y una salud precaria, fundó escuelas, orfanatos e instituciones benéficas que fortalecieron la vida católica en todo el Medio Oeste de los Estados Unidos.

Su filosofía al trabajar con niños pobres y necesitados era “amar primero a los niños y luego enseñarles.” Cuando estuvo en Francia después de ingresar a la vida religiosa, fue una maestra destacada y se ganó a niños a los que era muy difícil enseñar. En 1839, llegó una solicitud desde Indiana para que un grupo de hermanas fuera a enseñar a los niños pioneros en los Estados Unidos. Aunque pensaba que su salud era demasiado delicada para hacer el viaje, una hermana superiora consideró que solo Theodore sería capaz de dirigir una misión así en América.

Después de un viaje de 3 meses desde Francia hasta Indiana, no encontraron allí ni hogar ni escuela. Apenas 8 meses después de llegar, abrieron su primera academia. La academia continúa hoy como Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College. Su lugar de descanso final se encuentra en el Santuario de Santa Madre Theodore Guerin en Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. Es considerada la patrona de Indiana.

Cita famosa: “Sabes...que el buen Dios siempre se sirve de la nada, para lograr algo.”

FAITH FORMATION / FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

ADULTS/ ADULTOS



Adult Formation: Lifetime of Learning Sessions 2026-2027

Join us this season for a **BIBLE STUDY** through Ascension Press.... **GENESIS: CREATION TO COVENANT.** There are 7 remaining sessions on the dates below, all from 5:00-6:30 pm in the RE Building. While it is best to attend all of the sessions, if you miss one, that does NOT prevent you from participation. \$0 Cost. Just bring your Bible.

Reading reflection help for next session available on table at back of church or on table "Adult Formation" tray in RE Building.



Prep reading for each date listed below:

Sun., Oct. 4 (Ch. 1-2)

Sun., Oct. 18 (Ch. 3-5)

Sun., Nov. 8 (Ch. 6-11)

Sun., Jan. 17 (Ch. 12-23)

Sun., Jan. 31 (Ch. 24-31)

Sun., April 4 (Ch. 32-41)

Sun., April 18 (Ch. 42-50)

We will also have a different Lenten Series which will meet on 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, and 3/21.



Did you know you can have free access to two of the AMAZING series with Fr. Mike Schmitz?

Both "Bible in a Year" and "Catechism in a Year" have all episodes posted on Youtube.com . They are audio episodes, and you can listen as you drive or as you work around your home. No need to start on Jan. 1. **START NOW!!!!**



FAITH FORMATION / FORMACIÓN EN LA FE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR YOUTH / EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA PARA JÓVENES

DRE Office Hours: Sun., 10:15-11:20 am, Tues., 10am-3pm, Wed., 10am-8pm

NEEDED!!!

We are in need of an Assistant for Religious Education on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 pm. If you are interested, text or call Ms. Kristina at 512-422-3189.

OCTOBER 2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

SUN., OCT. 4- YOUTH MASS AT 9AM- 9TH/ PRE- CONFIRMATION LEADING
- LIVING ROSARY FOR SUN. CLASSES
- 1:30 PM- PET BLESSING
- 2:00 PM- L.I.F.T. YOUTH GROUP

WED., OCT. 7- LIVING ROSARY FOR WED. CLASSES

SUN., OCT. 11- FOR CONFIRMATION CLASS, RITE OF ENROLLMENT AT THE MASS ONE NORMALLY ATTENDS ON SUNDAY
- 3-6 PM CONFIRMATION SESSION #2
DUE- SPONSOR FORMS AND PARENT CONSENT FORM

WED., OCT. 14- **NO CLASS**

SUN., OCT. 18- 2:00 PM- L.I.F.T. YOUTH GROUP
CHRISTMAS APPLICATIONS GO OUT

WED., OCT. 21- CHRISTMAS APPLICATIONS GO OUT

SUN., OCT. 25- FOR 2ND GRADE CLASS, RITE OF ENROLLMENT AT THE MASS ONE NORMALLY ATTENDS ON SUNDAY
- 2-4 PM- FIRST CONFESSION FOR SACRAMENTAL PREP CLASS (TENTATIVE DATE)

WED., OCT. 28- 6TH GRADE RECONCILIATION DURING RE CLASS TIME

Attendance at

RE Class Matters!

Class Attendance Rates for
9/23 (Wed. classes only) & 9/27

1st- 80%
2nd- 92%
3rd- **100% (CONGRATULATIONS!)**
4th- 80%
5th- 89%
6th- 72%
7th- **100% (CONGRATULATIONS!)**
8th- 75%
9th/ Pre-Confirmation- 84%
FC-I- 86%
FC-II- 66%
Sacramental Prep- **100% (CONGRATULATIONS!)**

*3rd, 7th, &
Sac Prep
classes
get a prize*

*Don't forget to call or text 512-422-3189 when
your child will be out. Let's prioritize GOD and get
to RE Class. Truly what is more important?*

SUNDAY, OCT. 4- FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI/
FIESTA DE SAN FRANCISCO DE ASÍS

JOIN US AT 1:30 PM WITH YOUR PET IN THE YARD BETWEEN
THE COOKE HOUSE AND RE BUILDING FOR A PET BLESSING!

¡ÚNETE A NOSOTROS A LA 1:30 PM CON TU MASCOTA
EN EL PATIO ENTRE LA CASA COOKE Y EL EDIFICIO RE
PARA UNA BENDICIÓN DE MASCOTAS!

Confirmation

Rite of Enrollment and Session #2 this
coming Sunday, October 11!

Confirmación

Rito de Inscripción y Sesión n.º 2: ¡
este próximo domingo, 11 de octubre!

SERVICE POINTS To-Date

Average Per Student in Class

1st- 1.40
2nd- 0.00 (sheets missing/ add later)
3rd- 0.00 (sheets missing/ add later)
4th- 2.60
5th- 2.56

*(Wednesday class numbers will
appear next week as they had not had
class at time of bulletin publishing. We
did not do service points last week due
to the Opening Mass.)*

YOUTH MINISTRY / MINISTERIO JUVENIL

**JOIN US THIS
SUN., OCT. 4
FOR OUR NEXT
GATHERING!**



**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., Oct. 4 at 2pm

Sun., Oct. 18 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that participation in L.I.F.T. Youth Group activities can count as **SERVICE POINTS** for your Religious Education Class and even towards **Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation Service Project Hours**? Did you know we will sign off on school service requirements as well if you participate in L.I.F.T.? Why not come and have fun and take care of Service Hours at the same time?

¿LO SABÍAS?

¿Sabías que participar en las actividades del Grupo Juvenil L.I.F.T. puede contar como **PUNTOS DE SERVICIO** para tu Clase de Educación Religiosa e incluso para las Horas del Proyecto de Servicio de Pre-Confirmación y Confirmación? ¿Sabías que también firmaremos los requisitos de servicio escolar si participas en L.I.F.T.? ¿Por qué no vienes, te diviertes y completas tus Horas de Servicio al mismo tiempo?