

Liturgy Intentions  
For The Week



Saturday, Feb 4th	5:00 p.m.	For the Parish
Sunday, Feb 5th	7:30 a.m.	Greater Respect for all human life
	9:00 a.m.	Helen Vogt †
	10:45 a.m.	Geronimo Quidato †
	12:30 p.m.	Leo Malak †
	5:00 p.m.	Ray & Rita Redmon †
Monday, Feb 6th	8:30 a.m.	Nicolas Rodriguez †
Tuesday, Feb 7th	8:30 a.m.	Seferina Figueroa †
Wednesday, Feb 8th	7:00 a.m.	Enrique & Laura Vara (S. I.)
	8:30 a.m.	Maria J. de los Santos †
	6:30 p.m.	Dennis & Linda Sandelovic †
Thursday, Feb 9th	8:30 a.m.	Mary Gallegos †
Friday, Feb 10th	8:30 a.m.	Mike Dingley †
Saturday, Feb 11th	5:00 p.m.	J. Peter & Steve Grenier †

Please note that due to unexpected circumstances where a priest is not available, a scheduled Mass may be a Communion Service instead. Mass times for other parishes (including those outside of the Austin Diocese) can be found at: [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).



Madeline Josephine Luther  
Reagan Elaine Luther  
Carly Jane MacKowski  
Alexis Lilia Sant  
Evan Robert Zelsnack

*May they live their lives in the light of Christ*

**BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN:** Our parish has a two step process designed to help parents understand the sacrament of baptism and to support them in their role of helping their child to fully live the gifts received in baptism.

\* For the **First Step** of the process, **parents must attend a Baptism Introductory Session.** For dates and to schedule your attendance at one of the sessions, please contact **Theresa Roberge** at the parish office at 258-1161 or [theresa@stmaustin.org](mailto:theresa@stmaustin.org).

\* For the **Second Step** of the process, **both parents and godparents attend a Baptism Class.** Baptism classes are normally held at STM on the first Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Parents can schedule a time to participate in the class during their meeting with a priest or deacon.

\* **Baptisms are held at 2:00 p.m. every Sunday of the month.**

***“Where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.”***

**Contributions for the week of Feb 5th: .....\$54,332.63**

**Amount needed for expenses: .....\$47,391.00**

**Holy Family Catholic School Collection: ..... \$2,249.87**



Prayer Requests

Please pray for the spiritual, mental and physical needs of our parish, especially for the following who were recently added to our bulletin prayer list:

Joanne V. Harvath,  
Paul Mitchell Jr.,  
Mary Peacock,  
Cassie Rodriguez,  
Ken Roussel,  
Leonard Schumacher.

To add a Mass Intention or someone to the Prayer List please contact the Parish Office at 258-1161. The complete bulletin prayer list is available in our expanded bulletin that is printed at the beginning of each month.

**STM Prayer Line:** There is a group of parish volunteers who take time to pray for those who are suffering from physical, mental or spiritual pain. They share a prayer list through e-mail. To add someone to the Prayer Line, please call 258-1161. If you would like to join this ministry, please contact **Heather Clark** at 343-6170.

**THE COURAGEOUS JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF** is a structured eight-week bereavement process which draws on the richness of prayer, imagery and individual reflection and healing for people who have experienced the loss of a loved one; mother, father, spouse, child or friend. Participating in this session will provide you with an opportunity to share with others in a caring and supportive environment. A new eight-week series has begun and meets on **Mondays** (through March 19th) from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the STM Library. For more information, please contact **Kathy Maurer** at 918-3197 or [kathy\\_maurer@att.net](mailto:kathy_maurer@att.net) or **Dottie Bonds** at 250-1718 or [dottiebonds7@gmail.com](mailto:dottiebonds7@gmail.com).



**WELCOME RETURNING AND INACTIVE CATHOLICS!** No matter how long you've been away, no matter what the reason, you are welcome to come home.

The LANDINGS MINISTRY would like to invite you to come and talk with others who are on their journey of Reconciliation with the Church. We have begun our next series of sessions. We meet on **Thursdays** from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the STM Library. For more information, please contact **Janet Smith** at 258-2361 or [jmsmith19@att.net](mailto:jmsmith19@att.net).

*Are you interested in finding out more about how Catholics live their faith?* Do you have questions about what Catholics believe about life, death, suffering, hope, forgiveness, love, Scripture, God? The **Rite of Christian Initiation**



of Adults (RCIA) is a process to explore these and other faith issues for those who may be considering becoming a Catholic. If you or someone you know would like more information, please contact **Debra** at the church office at 258-1161, ext. 214.



**COUPLES OF FAITH & THE STM FAITH IN FILM** invite you to view the film “*Courageous*” on **Friday, February 10th** from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Brennan Auditorium. The film will begin at 6:45 p.m. and tells the story of four men who have one calling: to serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, David Thomson, and Shane Fuller are confident and focused. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood. Please bring an appetizer, dessert, bottle of wine or other beverage to share with the group! Childcare is available free of charge (donations accepted) with RSVP by February 7th to [stmcouplesoffaith@gmail.com](mailto:stmcouplesoffaith@gmail.com). For more information, please contact **Chris Williston** at 817-994-2088.



**Communitas**

St. Thomas More  
Small Faith Communities

**RESPOND TO BLESSED JOHN PAUL II'S CALL FOR SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES!**

Blessed John Paul II wrote often about the need to strengthen the larger Church through the creation of small Church communities, especially in America. *The Communitas Ministry* responds to this call through facilitated small group sessions of scripture readings, faith sharing, fellowship and fun. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, February 16th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Life House and sign up at [www.stmaustin.org/communitas](http://www.stmaustin.org/communitas). For more informatin, please contact **Marisa Mace** at [marisa@ibm.us.com](mailto:marisa@ibm.us.com) or 512-970-7040.

**UPCOMING MASS READINGS**

**5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (February 5th):**

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

**6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (February 12th):**

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor. 10:31—11:1; Mark 1:40-45

For daily Mass Readings, please visit: [www.usccb.org/nab/](http://www.usccb.org/nab/)



**REFLECTION QUESTION FOR THE WEEK:**

*Reaching out and touching a leper, as Jesus did, would have made Jesus ritually unclean and unable to enter the temple. There was risk in Jesus touching the man to heal him. What risks are you*

*willing to take for your faith?*

**THE STM CHRISTIAN GIFT SHOP** provides an opportunity for the community to shop for Christian gifts for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, and all other occasions. The Gift Shop is open before and after all weekend Masses and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please contact **Antonette** at 250-1447 or [giftshop@stmaustin.org](mailto:giftshop@stmaustin.org).



**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION IS FEBRUARY 16TH:**

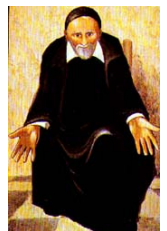
Registration for St. Thomas More Preschool’s children that are currently enrolled is **Thursday, February 16th** from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Brennan Auditorium.

- \* Doors open at 6:00 a.m. and registration begins at 8:00 a.m.
- \* There is a spot for each child currently enrolled but we CANNOT guarantee specific days, so come early.
- \* Siblings of the children currently enrolled will also be registered at this time. Their placement will depend on availability of their class level.
- \* There will NOT be young child/baby care so please make arrangements for your younger children to help registration go smoother for you.
- \* Registration & Supply fees must be paid in FULL at registration. REMINDER: all current fees and tuition MUST be paid and up to date before you are able to register your child for the 2012-2013 school year.
- \* If you have not yet put your child on our waiting list, please come by on February 15th and if there are any spaces available we will be sure to contact you AFTER registration for the children that are currently enrolled.

*We are looking forward to having your precious children!*

**YOUR SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

has been quite active the last quarter of 2011. In addition to the very successful Thanksgiving Food Drive, which thanks to you, we provided the items needed for a great dinner to many needy folks in our area, neighboring parishes and our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry. Without your generosity we would not have been very successful. We thank you and may God bless for being so generous.



St Vincent de Paul  
Patron of the Society

**Totals for October, November & December 2011**

Utilities:.....	\$13,858.36	Food: .....	\$400.00
Housing:.....	\$14,689.79	Furniture: .....	\$85.00
Special Projects: .....	\$1,697.22	Formation: .....	\$34.76
Medical: .....	\$107.04	Tuition: .....	\$71.75
Solidarity:.....	\$572.76	Transportation .....	\$400.00
Conf. Assistance: .....	\$850.00		
Total assistance provided:	<b>\$32,766.68</b>		
Total Cases:	<b>118</b>		
Total Conf. Assist:	<b>4</b>		
Total People Helped:	<b>318</b>		

**LENT 2012**

The season of Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday** on **February 22nd**. For Ash Wednesday we will have Masses with distribution of ashes at 8:30 a.m., Noon and 7:00 p.m. There will be no 7:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Masses that day. There will also be ongoing distribution of ashes during the day in the church when Mass is not being celebrated.

## \*\* WEEKLY SCHEDULE \*\*

The schedule below lists events that all parishioners are generally invited to. To reserve your parish event, contact **Debra Lohrstorfer** at 258-1161, ext. 214 or [debra@stmaustin.org](mailto:debra@stmaustin.org). For a more complete schedule, including ministry team meetings and ongoing events, please contact your ministry leader, use our online calendar at <http://reservations.stmaustin.org/> or view the outdoor bulletin boards on campus.

### **Sunday, February 5th – 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Coffee & Donuts.....	8:00 am to Noon	(Family Center)
RCIA Sessions.....	9:30 am to Noon	(Life House)
*Bible Study - <i>Isaiah</i> .....	10:30 am to Noon	(Room #215)
Baptisms.....	2:00 to 3:00 pm	(Church)
Baptism Preparation Class.....	2:00 to 4:30 pm	(Brennan Aud.)

### **Monday, February 6th**

*Bible Study - <i>Acts</i> .....	9:30 to 11:00 am	(Brennan Aud.)
*Bible Study - <i>Isaiah</i> .....	9:30 to 11:00 am	(STM Library)
Financial Peace University .....	7:00 to 9:00 pm	(Life House)
Grief Support Group.....	7:00 to 8:30 pm	(Library)

### **Tuesday, February 7th**

Men's Scripture Share.....	6:30 to 7:15 am	(STM Room)
Stretching Toward Christ Yoga..	9:15 to 10:15 am	(Upper Room)
Rosary Prayer Group.....	7:00 to 8:30 pm	(STM Room)

### **Wednesday, February 8th**

"Our Lady of Grace" Bible Study	.9:30 to 11:00 am	(Room #105)
MOYC Rosary Group .....	9:45 to 10:15 pm	(Room #102)
*Biblical Walk Thru the Mass.....	7:00 to 8:30 pm	(Room #213)
*Bible Study - <i>Isaiah</i> .....	7:00 to 8:30 pm	(STM Library)
Contemplative Prayer.....	7:00 to 9:00 pm	(Room #215)
Financial Peace University .....	7:00 to 9:00 pm	(Life House)
KC's – Business Meeting.....	7:30 to 9:30 pm	(Upper Room)

### **Thursday, February 9th**

"That Man is You" Men's Group....	6:00 to 7:30 am	(PAC)
Stretching Toward Christ Yoga..	9:15 to 10:15 am	(Upper Room)
*Bible Study - <i>Acts</i> .....	7:00 to 8:30 pm	(Brennan Aud.)
Landings Group .....	7:00 to 8:30 pm	(STM Library)
Stewardship Commission Mtg.....	7:00 to 8:30 pm	(Lrg Conf. Rm)

### **Friday, February 10th**

*"Courageous" Movie .....	6:30 to 10:00 pm	(Brennan Aud.)
Catholic Single Parents .....	7:30 to 9:00 pm	(Family Center)

\* *Special events and new series that are starting this week.*

### **VOCATION DISCERNMENT:**

\* **Project Andrew** will be held **Saturday, February 11th** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral. Catholic men between the ages of 16 and 45 interested in learning more about discernment, the priesthood & seminary life are invited to attend.

\* **Project Miriam** will be held **Saturday, February 18th** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral. Single, Catholic women between the ages of 16 and 45 are invited to attend.

\* Both sessions will have time for prayer, testimonials by priests and seminarians as well as Mass and lunch with Bishop Joe Vásquez. For more information, visit [www.austinvocations.com](http://www.austinvocations.com).

**25/35 CATHOLIC CROSSING:** Join us for a Happy Hour on **Tuesday, February 7th** at 8:00 p.m. at *McCormick and Schmick's* (in the Domain). Look for the *2335 Table Sign* when you get there. For more information, please contact **Christine** at 573-7512.

## \*\* UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*

### **THE STM CATHOLIC SINGLE PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

will be hosting its monthly meeting on **Friday, February 10th**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Family Center. All single parents are invited to attend. Child care will be available for ages 2 through 12. For more information please contact **Brian Leandra** at 627-4685 or **Jacquelyn Mika** at 589-9337.

**DIVORCE & BEYOND:** *Are you recently divorced or going through the legal process of divorce?* We are a new ministry of Catholic divorced persons. The purpose of our ministry is to support each other through the difficulties, frustrations, emotions and transition of divorce, as well as work through our individual grieving process. We will begin a 10-week series starting **February 12th** that will meet on **Sundays** from 10:30 a.m. to Noon in the Chelsea House. For more information, please contact **Michelle Browning** at (512) 350-8612 or [divorce.and.beyond@gmail.com](mailto:divorce.and.beyond@gmail.com).

**YOUNG AT HEART** is a Senior Ministry for everyone, ages 55+ who meet monthly to celebrate life w/food, fellowship and fun. Upcoming events include:

\* **Thursday, February 16th:** Our monthly Pot-Luck Lunch from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the PAC. Our guest speaker this month will be **Nancy Walker**, Vice President of *Austin Memorial & Burial Information Society (AMBIS)*. Come enjoy a lively discussion that will help you make informed end of life decisions, discuss ways to save money on funeral arrangements, pre-planning vs. pre-paying, advance directives, organ donors and more. Guests are welcome at this meeting. Please contribute to our meal by bringing a dish based on the first letter of your last name: A to G – a dessert, H to M – a main dish, and N to Z – a side. For more information, please contact **Joy Vostatek** at 266-2796 or [jvostatek@austin.rr.com](mailto:jvostatek@austin.rr.com).

\* **Sunday, February 19th:** **Sandy Norton**, will share her personal, inspirational story on being an organ transplant recipient at Congregation Beth Israel (3901 Shoal Creek Blvd) from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. All parishioners are welcomed.

**HOLISTIC TOUCH** is offered to parish members and those in need of healing prayers on the third Sunday of the month. Our next offering is **February 19th** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 101. Holistic Touch is 20 minutes of peace-filled quiet and is one way to slow down and feel the loving presence of the Lord. For additional information on Holistic Touch, contact **Tina Jude** at 255-7625 or **Barbara Brenny** at 331-9346.

### **PARISH WELCOME & REGISTRATION EVENT**

Because we want to personally welcome you to our community, you are invited to attend a Parish Welcome & Registration Event. Upcoming events will be on **March 4th** and **May 6th** at 12:30 p.m. in the PAC. We will not be adding any newcomers to our official rolls until the next event, but at ANY time you are welcome to participate in parish services and events. Please contact **Nancy** in the parish office at 258-1161 ext. 229 if you plan to attend in order that adequate materials will be available. Please plan on being at this event for one hour.

*We Look Forward to Meeting You!*

**\*\* RELIGIOUS EDUCATION \*\***

Director: Cynthia Klaer-Jordan – 258-1944 ext. 222

**\*\* ELEMENTARY SCHOOL \*\***

Coordinator: Mary Kubala – 258-1944 ext. 221

\*\* Winter Break: We will not have Elementary RE classes this week because of Winter Break. We will see you the week of February 13th.

**\*\* MIDDLE SCHOOL \*\***

Coordinator: Andrea Cochran – 258-1944 ext. 228

\*\* Ask Fr. Wade: Are you curious about Fr. Wade and where he came from? In class on **February 12th**, you will get the opportunity to get to know Fr. Wade a little better. Join us during your regular class time.

\*\* The Traveling Overnighter is finally here! Many of you have been waiting all year. Join us **Friday, February 17th** starting at 8:00 p.m. as we travel to ASA for roller skating, Gattiland for pizza and games, and then the Main Event for laser tag, bowling, glow golf and more video games. We will return to STM at 6:00 a.m. Saturday. The cost is \$50. Get your money and permission forms in to Andrea as soon as possible.

**\*\* LIFE TEEN \*\***

Coordinator: Logan Mayes – 258-1944 ext. 226

E-mail – [logan@stmaustin.org](mailto:logan@stmaustin.org)

\*\* Confirmation Classes continue this **Wednesday, February 8th** at 7:00 p.m. in Brennan Auditorium. If you have any questions, contact **Cynthia Klaer-Jordan**.

\*\* Super XLT Will Be At STM on **Sunday, February 19th** from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the PAC. Help us welcome our brothers and sisters from other parishes for a great spirit filled evening.

\*\* The Spring Retreat is **March 23rd to 25th** at Highland Lakes Retreat Center. For more details, please contact Logan.

\*\* Steubenville Mid America Conference is **July 13th to 15th** and we are in the process of taking deposits to reserve your spots. Deposits are **\$30** and we will have 35 spots available. This is a first come reservation process so please start getting your money into Logan ASAP!

**KIDS CARING & SHARING:** Last week 15 of our younger parishioners brought an envelope to mass with them. These donations, combined with the loose money donated, totaled **\$170**. Some of the wonderful offerings of time and talent included: "dance", "I made a car for the Pinewood Derby", and "did something nice for my teacher to make her happy". Quote for the week: *"To the weak, I made myself weak, to win the weak. I accommodated myself to people in all kinds of different situations, so that by all possible means I might bring some to salvation. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, that I may share its benefits with others."* - 1 Corinthians 9:22-23

**January Charity:** *Catholic Relief Services* - We have set aside this month's charity money in case an emergency/disaster arises during the year.

**February Charity:** *Brianna's Pennies of Love* is a non-profit organization that was founded by a young girl that provides arts and craft supplies and resources for children with special medical needs at Dell Children's Hospital.

**COMMUNITY AND FAMILY FOCUS WEEKEND**

Come to the Brennan Auditorium after any weekend Mass on **February 18th & 19th** for a *Ministry Fair* focused on STM's Community and Family Ministries. Check out ways to meet people and get connected in our parish community. Explore a variety of ministries to support your marriage and family. Free coffee & donuts will be served after our morning Masses and free drinks and pizza after our afternoon Masses. For more information, please contact **Dawn Rouen**.

**\*\* ADULT FAITH FORMATION \*\***

Coordinator: Dawn Rouen – 258-1944 ext. 235

E-mail – [dawn@stmaustin.org](mailto:dawn@stmaustin.org)

\*\* A Biblical Walk through the Mass: Based on the revised translation of the Mass, this 5-week series explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in Mass and explains their profound significance. Sessions are on **Wednesdays** from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 215. Study materials cost \$14 and are available at the session or in the STM Gift Shop.

\*\* Isaiah 40-55: Build a Highway for God: In this 6-week study learn from Isaiah, the greatest of prophets, as he proclaims the coming deliverance of God's people. Books are available for \$5 at the sessions or in the STM Gift Shop. There will be three times to choose from starting this week:

\* Sundays from 10:30 a.m. to Noon in Room 215.

\* Mondays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the STM Library.

\* Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the STM Library.

\*\* Acts: Spread of the Kingdom: New participants are welcome to join this series continued from the fall. This study of Acts of the Apostles by Jeff Cavins explores how the Holy Spirit enlivens the Church to continue Christ's work in the world. Books are available for **\$20** at the sessions or in the STM Gift Shop. Two sessions will be offered each week in Brennan Auditorium: Mondays from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

\*\* One Book, One Parish: A discussion of the book *"Rome Sweet Home"* by Scott Hahn is coming to our parish on **Tuesday, February 28th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Center. Books can be purchased in the STM Gift Shop or at most book stores.

**SCOUT SUNDAY:** We will celebrate Scout Sunday at the 10:45 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, February 5th**. All Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Explorers, and Venture Scouts from all local Scout organizations and all Scouters at the Troop, Pack, Service Unit, District and Council level who are members of the parish are invited to join us to celebrate Scouting, a vital Youth Ministry in the Catholic Church. Please wear your Class-A uniforms.

**HFCS GALA 2012 – A NIGHT IN NEW**

**ORLEANS:** Join Holy Family Catholic School at their annual gala on **Saturday, February 11th** starting at 6:30 p.m. at the AT&T Hotel & Conference Center. Enjoy the jazz music, dancing and southern style dinner. Tickets are \$85 per guest and may be purchased by calling 244-4861 or by visiting: [www.holyfamilycs.org](http://www.holyfamilycs.org).



## Salt & Light: US Bishops on Immigration Reform (2nd in a series)

*"Different laws, particularly enforcement-only initiatives, played out in fifty States are bound to fail, since they will not fix a broken federal immigration system. ... [T]he Utah Compact [helped] define the debate in that state. Three laws were passed, ... diffus[ing] a much harsher enforcement-only bill.*

*The compact was an effort to bring leaders from the civic, political, religious, business, legal and law enforcement community around a common set of principles, ... to guide state leaders who must grapple with the realities of a broken immigration system in our country, and who hopefully do not forget that immigration is a human, moral issue and not simply a political debate."*

The STM Social Justice Ministry is presenting a series on a USCCB campaign promoting immigration reform. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and search for the keyword **Immigration** or visit <http://usccbmedia.blogspot.com/>

## \*\* PASTORAL CARE \*\*

*For more information on the ministries below, please reach out to the contact person listed!*

\*\* **STM Job Seekers** helps provide spiritual & community support for those people looking for work or wanting to change jobs.

**Contact:** Dana Brown at 750-2221 or [dbrown74@austin.rr.com](mailto:dbrown74@austin.rr.com).

\*\* **The Good Samaritan Meal Ministry** has an amazing team of ready and willing volunteers for parishioners who are temporarily unable to cook due to surgery or illness.

**Contact:** Call 480-788-MEAL (6325) or send an e-mail to [stmcooks@gmail.com](mailto:stmcooks@gmail.com).

\*\* **The Transitions Ministry:** Our ministry pairs you with a person trained in confidential listening to help walk with you through those significant transition times in your life.

**Contact:** Eileen at 507-9563, or [TransitionsSTM@yahoo.com](mailto:TransitionsSTM@yahoo.com).

\*\* **New Adventures Respite Program:** Respite is a weekly activity for people with any form of dementia. This ministry meets **Wednesdays** starting at 10:00 a.m. in the PAC.

**Contact:** Anne Rodriguez at 918-8580.

\*\* **Addiction Help:** If you or someone you love may be at risk of addiction, please contact ADAM (Alcohol and Drug Assistance Ministry). **ALL CALLS ARE ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENTIAL.**

**Contact:** ADAM at 1-866-203-4087

\*\* **Alcoholics Anonymous:** Meetings are held **Fridays** at 7:00 p.m. in the Chelsea House at our parish. **An AA Big Book Study** is held **Mondays** at 7:00 p.m. in the Chelsea House.

\*\* **Individual and Marriage Counseling:** The *Family Counseling and Family Life Office* of the Diocese of Austin offers counseling for children, adolescents, and adults.

**Contact:** Ileana Hinojosa, Counseling Supervisor at (512) 949-2494, or [ileana-hinojosa@austindiocese.org](mailto:ileana-hinojosa@austindiocese.org).

**CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL UPDATE:** We are almost at our parish goal of having \$186K pledged to this year's C.S.A. Drive. Any pledge you can give is worthwhile to our cause. Pledges and gifts can be made online at: [www.churchdb.com/donate/ausdiodonate.asp](http://www.churchdb.com/donate/ausdiodonate.asp). Select St. Thomas More (Austin) as your home parish.

**HAVE A HEART!** The first STM Blood drive of 2012 will be **Saturday, February 18th** in the Family Center from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Due to several recent accidents and tragedies in our community, we are currently in CRITICAL need of O negative, O positive, and A positive blood types. Local patients need your life saving gift and we need to maintain a stable blood supply for our community. Take the time to sign up at the donor tables after all Masses on **February 4th & 5th** and **11th & 12th**. Only you can give the gift of life to hundreds of individuals in Central Texas. If you have questions about eligibility, call the center at 206-1108. To volunteer for this or other Blood Drives at STM, please contact **Tom Camardo** at 250-0551.



**THE TEXAS COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY** invites you to their annual Conference in San Antonio on **Saturday, February 18th** at the University of the Incarnate Word Sky Room. The conference features workshop sessions, a panel discussion on how the changing demographics in Texas will impact our efforts to abolish the death penalty, and networking opportunities with new and old friends. For more information and to register, please visit: [www.tcadp.org](http://www.tcadp.org) (look at "Upcoming Events") or contact **Rudy** at 331-4870 or 663-9699.

### **PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK & DYING WORKSHOP:**

The *Commission on Aging for the Diocese of Austin* and the *Chaplain Services Department of Seton Hospital* will present a workshop on **Saturday, February 18th** from 8:30 a.m. to Noon at Seton Medical Center (1201 W. 38th Street). The workshop will cover the Church's prayers and rituals for the sick and dying, Church teaching on end of life and other pastoral care issues. Register by contacting Yvonne at (512) 949-2486 or [Yvonne-saldana@austindiocese.org](mailto:Yvonne-saldana@austindiocese.org) no later than February 14th.

### **THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY:**

\*\* **The Gabriel Project** is a parish-based apostolate that reaches out to pregnant women in need. Through the Gabriel Project, mothers facing a crisis pregnancy can receive spiritual, material, and emotional support. For more information, please send an e-mail to [stmgabrielproject@gmail.com](mailto:stmgabrielproject@gmail.com).

\*\* **Praying Outside an Abortion Clinic:** *The Respect Life Ministry* invites you to join us the last Saturday of each month from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. for our monthly peaceful prayer appearance outside the abortion clinic nearest to STM It is *International Healthcare Solutions* at 9805 Anderson Mill Rd. The next peaceful prayer appearance will be **February 25th**.

\*\* **Project Rachel** is a compassionate and confidential ministry that helps women and men suffering emotionally and spiritually from the trauma of abortion. Weekend retreats are available throughout the year at private locations. You can confidentially register for a retreat by calling 1-877-WeCare2 (1-877-932-2732). The next retreat is **March 16th to 18th**.

\*\* **The Death Penalty:** Please pray for the victims of violent crime, their families, as well as for those being executed and their families. Pray for an end to the death penalty being used in our society. For more information, please visit the *Catholic Mobilizing Network* at: [www.catholicmobilizing.org](http://www.catholicmobilizing.org).

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