

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
S A I N T T H E R E S A P A R I S H
ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON—HOUSTON



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
705 SAINT THERESA BOULEVARD ☙ SUGAR LAND, TEXAS 77498 ☙ 281-494-1156
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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE
MISA ENTRE SEMANA

Monday—Friday
 6:45 a.m., 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday
 5:30 p.m.

Miércoles
 7:00 p.m. (español)

**Monday & Friday
 (Extraordinary Form)**
 5:30 p.m.

CONFSSION • CONFESIONES

Saturday • Sábado
 3:15 p.m.

Sunday • Domingo
 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Weekdays • Entre Semana
 Monday-Friday:
 after each Morning Mass

Tuesday & Thursday
 at 6:00 p.m.

Miércoles a las 6:00 p.m. (español)

WEEKEND MASSES
MISAS DEL FIN DE SEMANA

SATURDAY • SÁBADO

8:30 a.m.
 5:00 p.m. (anticipatory
 Sunday Mass)

SUNDAY • DOMINGO

6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. (español),
 10:00 a.m., Noon,
 2:00 p.m. (español),
 5:00 p.m. (Latin,
 Extraordinary Form–Novus Ordo)

On the cover:

Peter Paul Rubens.

Christ giving the keys of Heaven.

1612, oil on canvas.

Gemäldegalerie,
 Berlin, Germany.

BENEDICT XVI
GENERAL AUDIENCE
Wednesday, 7 December 2005

1. Psalm 138, the hymn of thanksgiving that we have just heard...opens with a personal hymn by the person praying. He lifts up his voice in the setting of the assembly in the temple or at least makes a reference to the Shrine of Zion, the chair of the Lord's presence and the place of his encounter with the people of the faithful.

Indeed, the Psalmist confesses that he will "adore before your holy temple" in Jerusalem (cf. v. 2): there he sings before God, who is in heaven with his court of angels but is also listening in the earthly space of the temple (cf. v. 1). The person praying is sure that the "name" of the Lord, that is, his personal reality, alive and active, and his virtues of faithfulness and mercy, signs of the Covenant with his people, are the support of all faithfulness and hope (cf. v. 2).

2. He then briefly turns his gaze to the past, to the day of affliction: at that time the divine voice answered the anguished cry of the believer. Indeed, it instilled courage in the distressed soul (cf. v. 3). The original Hebrew speaks literally of the Lord who "increased the strength of soul" of the righteous one who is oppressed. It is as if an impetuous wind had broken into it, sweeping away hesitations and fears, instilling in it new, vital energy, and making fortitude and faithfulness flourish....

The finale of the Psalm, then, is a last passionate profession of trust in God whose goodness is eternal: he will not "discard... the work of [his] hands", in other words, his creature (v. 8). And we too must live in this trust, in this certainty of God's goodness.

We must be sure that however burdensome and tempestuous the trials that await us may be, we will never be left on our own, we will never fall out of the Lord's hands, those hands that created us and now sustain us on our journey through life. As St Paul was to confess: "he who has begun the good work in you will carry it through to completion" (Phil 1: 6).

5. Thus, we too have prayed with a psalm of praise, thanksgiving, and trust. Let us continue to follow this thread of hymnodic praise through the witness of a Christian hymn-writer, the great Ephrem the Syrian (fourth century), the author of texts with an extraordinary poetic and spiritual fragrance.

"However great may be our wonder for you, O Lord, your glory exceeds what our tongues can express", Ephrem sang in one hymn; and in another: "Praise to you, to whom all things are easy, for you are almighty". And this is a further reason for our trust: that God has the power of mercy and uses his power for mercy. And lastly, a final quote: "Praise to you from all who understand your truth".

Donation of Altar
Arrangement
August 27, 2023



In Memory of
Betty Jo Parker

In remembrance of a loved one, a donation toward an Altar arrangement is a lovely gesture.

Please call the parish office for more details: 281-494-1156

Entrenamiento para Proclamadores de la Sagrada Escritura

Lector / Proclamadores
Martes, 5 de Septiembre
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Para ministros nuevos, por favor, haga todo lo posible para asistir.



Liturgical Training for New Lectors

Lector

Tuesday, September 5th
from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For new ministers, please make every effort to attend.

BENEDICTO XVI
AUDIENCIA GENERAL
miércoles, 7 de diciembre de 2005

1. El salmo 138, el himno de acción de gracias que acabamos de escuchar...se abre con un himno personal de la persona que ora. Alza su voz en el escenario de la asamblea en el templo o al menos hace una referencia al Santuario de Sión, cátedra de la presencia del Señor y lugar de su encuentro con el pueblo de los fieles.

En efecto, el salmista confiesa que "adorará delante de vuestro santo templo" en Jerusalén (cf. v. 2): allí canta ante Dios, que está en el cielo con su corte de ángeles pero que también escucha en el espacio terrenal del templo (cf. v. 1). El orante está seguro de que el "nombre" del Señor, es decir, su realidad personal, viva y activa, y sus virtudes de fidelidad y misericordia, signos de la Alianza con su pueblo, son el sostén de toda fidelidad y esperanza (cf. v. 2).

2. Luego dirige brevemente su mirada al pasado, al día de la aflicción: en ese momento la voz divina respondió al grito angustioso del creyente. En efecto, infundía valor al alma angustiada (cf. v. 3). El hebreo original habla literalmente del Señor que "aumentó la fuerza del alma" del justo que está oprimido. Es como si un viento impetuoso hubiera irrumpido en él, barriendo dudas y temores, infundiéndole nuevas energías vitales, y haciendo florecer la fortaleza y la fidelidad...

El final del salmo, pues, es una última profesión apasionada de confianza en Dios cuya bondad es eterna: no "desechará... la obra de [sus] manos", es decir, su criatura (v. 8). Y también nosotros debemos vivir en esta confianza, en esta certeza de la bondad de Dios.

Debemos estar seguros de que por muy pesadas y tempestuosas que sean las pruebas que nos esperan, nunca seremos dejados solos, nunca caeremos de las manos del Señor, esas manos que nos crearon y ahora nos sostienen en nuestro caminar por la vida. Como confesaría san Pablo: "El que comenzó en vosotros la buena obra, la perfeccionará" (Fil 1, 6).

5. Así, también nosotros hemos rezado con un salmo de alabanza, de acción de gracias y de confianza. Sigamos este hilo de alabanza himnódica a través del testimonio de un himnólogo cristiano, el gran Efrén el Sirio (siglo IV), autor de textos de extraordinaria fragancia poética y espiritual.

"Por grande que sea nuestra maravilla por ti, oh Señor, tu gloria excede lo que nuestras lenguas pueden expresar", cantó Efrén en un himno; y en otro: "Alabado seas tú, para quien todo es fácil, porque eres todopoderoso". Y esta es una razón más para nuestra confianza: que Dios tiene el poder de la misericordia y usa su poder para la misericordia. Y, por último, una cita final: "Alabado seas por todos los que entienden tu verdad".

MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERTORY

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 28, 2023

St. Augustine

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|-----------|---------------------|
| 6:45 a.m. | Celebrant Intention |
| 8:30 a.m. | ✗ Leonard Abramcik |
| 5:30 p.m. | Adam Kim |

Tuesday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

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| 6:45 a.m. | Rebecca Freeman |
| 8:30 a.m. | ✗ Rosa Rongullo |
| 5:30 p.m. | C.P. Kurien & N.C. Mathew |

Wednesday, August 30

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:45 a.m. | ✗ Sarah Ann Donohue |
| 8:30 a.m. | ✗ Pilar Mendoza |
| 7:00 p.m. | ✗ Rodolfo & Jose S. Sanchez |

Thursday, August 31

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:45 a.m. | Lynn M. Roberts & Nina M. Torres |
| 8:30 a.m. | ✗ Theresa Sam Nguyen |
| 5:30 p.m. | ✗ Maria I. Moreno de Mendez, Glenda & Pedro Morales |

Friday, September 1

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:45 a.m. | Celebrant Intention |
| 8:30 a.m. | Celebrant Intention |
| 5:30 p.m. | Michal E. Hester |

Saturday, September 2

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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| 8:30 a.m. | St. Theresa Catholic School Donors |
| 5:00 p.m. | ✗ Emmanuel & Teresa Cruz |

Sunday, September 3

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| 6:30 a.m. | Parish Family |
| 8:00 a.m. | ✗ Gilma Rosa Zapata Vargas |
| 10:00 a.m. | ✗ Theresa Suyun Yang |
| 12:00 p.m. | Loretta Grabowski |
| 2:00 p.m. | ✗ Jose, Gregorio & Ignacio Ruiz |
| 5:00 p.m. | ✗ Helen Marie & Clara Nowak |

One may request celebrant Mass intentions through our website ("contact us") or by visiting the parish office during regular business hours. Mass intentions are available two (2) months in advance only.

Saint Theresa Catholic Church

Offertory Comparisons

Weekly Offertory Goal \$39,379

| Week | Offertory | Online | Total |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| February 20 - February 26 | \$26,504 | \$9,652 | \$36,155 |
| February 27 - March 5 | \$28,991 | \$16,955 | \$45,946 |
| March 6 - March 12 | \$21,873 | \$8,651 | \$30,524 |
| March 13 - March 19 | \$30,475 | \$11,218 | \$41,693 |
| March 20 - March 26 | \$29,044 | \$7,913 | \$36,957 |
| March 27 - April 2 | \$36,530 | \$15,902 | \$52,432 |
| April 3 - April 9 | \$41,390 | \$15,902 | \$57,292 |
| April 10 - April 16 | \$26,324 | \$10,141 | \$36,465 |
| April 17 - April 23 | \$25,401 | \$8,031 | \$33,432 |
| April 24 - April 30 | \$23,800 | \$12,821 | \$36,621 |
| May 1 - May 7 | \$23,799 | \$15,775 | \$39,573 |
| May 8 - May 14 | \$29,405 | \$11,637 | \$41,042 |
| May 15 - May 21 | \$23,548 | \$9,889 | \$33,436 |
| May 22 - May 28 | \$25,169 | \$9,212 | \$34,381 |
| May 29 - June 4 | \$27,702 | \$17,547 | \$45,249 |
| June 5 - June 11 | \$26,894 | \$9,103 | \$35,997 |
| June 12 - June 18 | \$28,222 | \$10,386 | \$38,607 |
| June 19 - June 25 | \$24,401 | \$8,845 | \$33,245 |
| June 26 - July 2 | \$26,368 | \$16,480 | \$42,847 |
| July 3 - July 9 | \$32,066 | \$11,276 | \$43,341 |
| July 10 - July 16 | \$27,693 | \$8,714 | \$36,406 |
| July 17 - July 23 | \$22,775 | \$9,577 | \$32,351 |
| July 24 - July 30 | \$24,810 | \$13,901 | \$38,711 |
| July 31 - August 6 | \$26,779 | \$20,777 | \$47,556 |
| August 7 - August 13 | \$23,643 | \$7,886 | \$31,529 |
| August 14 - August 20 | \$22,304 | \$10,745 | \$33,049 |

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017

Totals as of August 20, 2023

Envelopes will discontinue when contributions end.

Thank you! Your participation in our Capital Campaign is greatly appreciated.

Current Parish Debt: \$1,789,907

DIOCESAN SERVICES FUND 2023

Totals as of August 20, 2023

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|----------|-----------|
| Goal | \$176,000 |
| Payments | \$143,101 |
| Balance | \$32,899 |

373 participants

MAINTENANCE FUND STATUS

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|-----------|-----------|
| 2021-2022 | \$174,654 |
| 2022-2023 | \$167,846 |

PREPARACIÓN PARA BAUTISMO INFANTIL

Les felicitamos por el nacimiento de su hijo/hija!
Por favor llamen a la oficina para inscribirse al
281-494-1156 ext. 228.

PREPARACIÓN PARA EL MATRIMONIO

Las personas que deseen contraer matrimonio aquí en la Iglesia de Santa Teresa son invitados a asistir a una entrevista de preparación matrimonial. Esto es obligatorio para comenzar el proceso de preparación. Es para las parejas que no están casadas y para las parejas que están casadas civilmente o que viven juntos. Por favor pre inscríbase llamando al **281-494-1156**. El seminario se ofrece cada otro mes, el segundo jueves a las 7:00 p.m. **El próximo seminario es el Jueves 14 de Septiembre** en el Salón FLC-A.

INSCRIPCIÓN EN LA PARROQUIA

Solicitamos amablemente que todas las familias de nuestra parroquia estén registradas antes de registrarse para CCE o clases de preparación sacramental. Los formularios de registro y cambio están disponibles en el vestíbulo de la iglesia y en la oficina parroquial. Para actualizar la información en la parroquia, llame a la oficina parroquial de 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. Lunes a Viernes.



RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (RICA)

**¿Está Dios llamándote a hacer algo más?
¡Ven y explora la Iglesia Católica!**

Si tienes 17 años de edad o más y no has sido bautizado, o has sido bautizado en otra comunidad de fe, o bautizado Católico pero que nunca has recibido la Primera Comunión, entonces RICA es para ti!

La próxima reunión de Iniciación será el **Domingo 27 de Agosto del 2023** de 10:00 am a 12:00 pm en el salón B1/7. Estos encuentros informales están estructurados para responder a tus preguntas acerca de la Iglesia católica.

Póngase en contacto con: Elsa Galindo al **281-494-1156**

Si usted, su hijo o alguien a quien usted conoce, tiene entre 7 y 16 años de edad, no haya sido bautizado o ha sido bautizado en otra comunidad de fe, tenemos el proceso de RICA propio para cada grupo de diferentes edades. Las sesiones de Iniciación son todos los miércoles a las 6:30 pm. Por favor haga una cita en la oficina al teléfono 281-494-1156 para Registrar su Familia y los Niños antes de atender la primera sesión.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR INFANTS

We congratulate you on your birth of your child! Please call the office at 281-494-1156 ext. 228 to register.

PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINAR

This pre-marriage seminar is to commence the marriage preparation for all couples who wish to be married within St. Theresa's Catholic community. It is held on the second Tuesday of every other month at 7:00 pm. It provides an opportunity for couples to learn about the Catholic Church's theology of matrimony and begin the process to properly receive this great sacrament of the Church. Couples will learn details of how to plan and prepare for their wedding day and matrimony thereafter. Please pre-register by calling **281-494-1156**. The next seminar will be **Tuesday, October 10, 2023**. For more information please contact Deacon James Anderson at 281-224-9986.



**Looking for something more in your life?
Come, explore the Catholic faith!**

Curious about the Catholic faith and the Rosary? Do we 'worship' Mary and the Pope? Attending Mass with a Catholic spouse, but are not Catholic yourself? In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults we go in depth to answer some of these questions and much more. Come and see!

If you are seventeen years of age or older and are: unbaptized, baptized in another faith community, or a baptized Catholic who was not raised in the Catholic Church, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you!

You may begin the process at any time during the year.

We are meeting virtually on Zoom. Contact Kelsey Pena at (281) 494-1156 ext. 222 or by e-mail: kelsey.pena@sugarlandcatholic.com

If you, your child or someone you know is between the ages of seven and sixteen, not baptized or baptized in another faith community, we have an RCIA process suited to your age group. Please contact Paul Stoessel at paul@sugarlandcatholic.com prior to attending your first session.

Sponsors

Sponsors share St. Theresa's life, its prayer and its apostolic work with our Catechumens and Candidates. No special knowledge is needed, just your willingness to be a friend. If interested, please email Kelsey Pena.



SAINT THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

www.stcssugarland.org

GRiffin NEWS

We are accepting New Student Applications for the 2023-2024 School Year for Pre-Kindergarten. For information or to schedule a Family tour, please contact Betty Pruski at 281-494-1157 or BPruski@StTheresaCatholicSchool.org

STCS ALUMNAE RECEIVE TOP WRITING HONORS



Earlier this month, **Catholic Literary Arts** in conjunction with the **Benedict XVI Institute for Sacred Music and Divine Worship** announced that STCS alumna, Samantha Court (Class of 2023) is the winner of the Benedict XVI Teen Writing Fellowship, and an honorable mention was awarded to STCS alumna, Maria Jesko (Class of 2022). This honor acknowledges the efforts of a promising writer and encourages that writer to continue according to the highest standards of craft while also growing into the role of an artist as defined and elaborated by *Pope Benedict XVI's Letter to Artists*.



Both Miss Court and Miss Jesko were the Archdiocesan Poet Laureates during their final year at STCS. We are very proud of our Griffins as they continue to excel as young adults!

STCSSugarLand.org

Fall Festival
Saint Theresa Catholic School
Saturday, October 7, 2023



SCAN THIS
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SPONSOR
INFORMATION

The Annual STCS Fall Festival is right around the corner!

The Saint Theresa Catholic School Fall Festival provides the entire Sugar Land community with an unforgettable day of fun with rides, games, food and drink.

Would you consider being a sponsor for the 2023 Fall Festival?

If you would like further information on the levels of sponsorship, please contact Toni Goldak, at tgoldak@sttheresacatholicschool.org or at 281-494-1157.

STCS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Saint Theresa Catholic School is seeking to hire a Development Director. The Development Director is responsible for planning and implementing all major school fundraising events and donor development.

Interested candidates should contact the STCS Business Manager, Toni Goldak at tgoldak@sttheresacatholicschool.org or at 281-494-1157 for more information.

Saint Theresa Catholic School's Mission is to furnish students with an outstanding Classical education informed by the wisdom of the Catholic intellectual and spiritual tradition.

THE
Andrew
DINNER

Tuesday, September 12, 2023
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

A dinner for High School men who want to have a conversation with Priests about the Priesthood.
St. Theresa Catholic Church 705 St. Theresa Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77498 in the Community Center
Scan the code or register at houstonvocations.com

Learn to
**PRAY LIKE
THE SAINTS**

"All of the Saints were made Saints by mental prayer. This is the key!"
- St. Alphonsus

"It is impossible for him who perseveres in mental prayer to continue in sin."
- St. Francis de Sales

"The Devil knows that he has lost the soul that perseveres in mental prayer."
- St. Teresa of Avila

"LIFE CHANGING!"

TUESDAY Sept. 19 @ 7 PM
St. Theresa Community Center

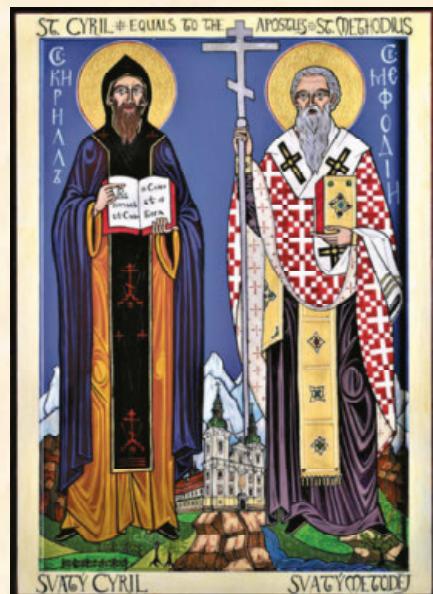
REGINA CAELI®
Classical Homeschool Hybrid™

Regina Caeli Academy Touring Event
September 7 at 1:00 pm

Regina Caeli is a private, independent, *Classical Homeschool Hybrid™* operating in the Catholic tradition. Preschool - 12th grade students attend classical academic and extracurricular classes two days a week, and homeschool the remaining days following the plans provided by RCA. To RSVP, contact eaugustine.hou@rcahybrid.org or visit our website www.rcahybrid.org for more information.

You are cordially invited to Breakfast with St. Cyril and St. Methodius

Presented by
Leslie Bohannon,
M.A.T.S.



The Greek brothers, Equal to the Apostles, who brought Christianity to the Slavs and who are the co-patrons of Europe.

**Saturday,
September 9, 2023**
10:00 am - 12:30 pm in the Family Youth Lounge

Coffee and refreshments will be served during the social time starting at 9:30 am. Please RSVP to [susiemysykes@gmail.com](mailto:susiemsykes@gmail.com) as seating is limited.

DIVE INTO THE STORY OF HOW
CHRIST ESTABLISHED HIS KINGDOM IN

Matthew

A 24-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING
JEFF CAVINS

Dates - Times - Location
Tuesday Mornings 9:30 am - 11:15 am
in Room B6

Sept 12 - Nov 28, 2023
and continuing
Jan 16 - Apr 16, 2024

Cost - Registration
Register on the Church website
sugarlandcatholic.com under the
"Faith Formation" tab.
Materials are \$37.95 + tax & shipping

For More Information
Email Carolyn Bassett at
steven.carolyn@sbcglobal.net
Order the Study Set at
AscensionPress.com



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Friday, October 20th

Serving starts at 5:30 till we sell out.

Fried fish dinner complete with
home made coleslaw, green beans,
hush puppies and french fries.
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FREE MOVIE SHOWING
7:00 PM Sunday Sept. 17th
St. Theresa Community Center
(No RSVP arrive at 6:45)

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For more information visit:
kofc.org/join

Free Online Membership
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ST. THERESA ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL MINISTRY

We have need of volunteer teachers. Teach one 3hour class weekly. You choose the day, time slot, and instructional level you want. We have a need for 7 teachers on Saturdays. Sign up after all Masses on Sunday, August 27, 2023. Teachers report for training Saturday, September 2, 2023 in the Family Life Center, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Students sign up will be on **Saturday, September 2, 2023** from **1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center. Classes begin Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Walk-ins accepted any Saturday thereafter. All students must be 18 years old or older.

La inscripción de estudiantes será el **sábado 2 de septiembre de 2023** desde las **1:00 a las 5:00 p. m.** en el Centro de Vida Familiar. Las clases comienzan el martes 5 de septiembre de 2023. Se aceptan personas sin cita previa cualquier sábado posterior. Todos los estudiantes deben tener 18 años o más.

ADULT CONFIRMATION 18+

Starting EVERY **TUESDAY** **OCT 24** **FOR 8 WEEKS**
Arrive early at 6:30 PM
THE COMMUNITY CENTER

ADULTS (18+) WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED AND MADE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE THESE COURSES AND RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

**TO REGISTER YOU MUST EMAIL
GABRIEL@SUGARLANDCATHOLIC.COM
WITH THE SUBJECT: ADULT CONFIRMATION**

YOU MUST OBTAIN A COPY OF YOUR BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IF YOU ARE MARRIED OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH THEN YOU MUST FIRST GET YOUR MARRIAGE CONVALIDATED.

CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

2023 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER



Ct St. Theresa of Lisieux #2211 will be hosting their Annual Spaghetti Dinner **Saturday, September 9, 2023 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** in the St. Theresa Community Center

Adults: \$12.00
Children under 10: \$6.00
Tickets available at the door.



Includes: Spaghetti with homemade meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert and a drink

Raffle with lots of wonderful prizes!!

***PRE-SALE TICKETS
AVAILABLE AFTER
ALL MASSES AUGUST 26-27
& SEPTEMBER 2-3**

*With any adult pre-sale ticket purchase, you will receive 1 free Raffle ticket.



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

St. Theresa's SVDP Report for

| | July 2023 | July 2022 |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Utility assistance | \$2,299.92 | \$3,584.65 |
| Housing assistance | \$7,024.01 | \$5,650.80 |
| Food Pantry* | \$6,158.90 | \$1,810.80 |
| Office Supplies | \$0.00 | \$83.89 |
| School Supplies | \$990.66 | \$919.00*** |
| SVdP Twin Payments** | \$800.00 | \$643.73 |
| Total Disbursements | \$17,273.49 | \$11,773.87 |
| Total Deposits | \$13,428.05 | \$11,136.49 |
| Client family members served | 619 | 427 |
| Bags of food distributed | 553 | 440 |
| Volunteer hours donated (est.) | 336 | 288 |

* Does not include the value of donated food and diapers etc.
 ** Twin payments to other conferences to help needy families.

***Purchased Aug 1st 2022

Society of St Vincent de Paul School Supply Drive!

If you have a child beginning the school year, you are familiar with the cost to provide all the requested school supply items to start a school year. A local FBISD second grade suggested supply list is \$97.68. This is why the SVdP annual School Supply Drive is essential for the preparedness of each child walking into his/her new classroom. So, the SVdP at St Theresa Catholic Church would like to express **special thanks to all parishioners** who donated school supplies and money for students in need. **Your generosity and kind support allowed us to serve 124 students, representing 42 families.**

We are also grateful for the student volunteers who helped in packing and distributing school supply bags. We provide a list of school supplies as checked to the lists given out by FBISD for the volunteers to put in the bags. **Catherine Stoessel** was one of five young volunteers who have been a great help sorting, packing and handing out school supplies for the last few years. Thank you guys!



Another special shout out to The Gathering Place, a St Theresa seniors group, who supported this year's students' start-up by contributing an estimated \$900 worth of school supplies.

Thank you so much for ensuring that the children of families in need start their new school year well prepared! **Many Thanks for Your Continued Support**

We gratefully thank all our loving parish members and ministries who support our SVdP ministry both spiritually and financially. Without your continued support our ministry could not restore hope to the poor and needy in our community.

We are honored and truly blessed to be allowed to serve.

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Muchas Gracias por acordarse de todas esas familias en necesidad para que los niños regresen a la escuela preparados. También, estamos muy agradecidos por todos los estudiantes que nos ayudaron con el empaque y a distribuir todos los útiles; ayudo mucho tener voluntarios que saben cuáles útiles escolares van con cual grado.

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St. Vincent de Paul office will be closed on Friday, September 1st and Monday, September 4th in observance of Labor Day.

Office will re-open on Friday, September 8, 2023.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Omnipotent and eternal God, the everlasting Salvation of those who believe, hear us on behalf of Thy sick servant, **N.**, for whom we beg the aid of Thy loving mercy, that, with his bodily health restored, he may give thanks to Thee in Thy church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

We remember with gratitude, and pray for God's mercy upon:

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