

THE ROCK Weekly

This Sunday at St. Richard's

December 14, 2025

8:00 am Holy Communion, Rite I, Nave

9:15 am Christian Formation, all ages

10:30 am Holy Communion, Rite II, Nave (also livestreamed on YouTube)

5:00 pm A Musical Feast Concert Series, Nave

Stewardship 2026

Jubilee & Revival



2026 is not just a new chapter; it's a **Jubilee Year** for us. In the spirit of Jubilee, we believe God is calling us to a moment of spiritual and communal **revival**. We ask you to prayerfully consider your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, and how you might use them to serve. Your dedication to our outreach programs, your

skills in our administrative ministries, or your presence in worship and fellowship all play a crucial part in our shared mission. By actively participating, you help our community thrive, allowing us to bring God's love to those in need. It's not too late to turn a pledge card in! Returning a pledge card helps us plan our budget for the coming year.

Sundays at St. Richard's



Deacon's Bible Study

9:15 in Parish Hall with Rev. Jerry

Join us as we continue our exploration of the Bible each week.

Exploring Scripture Class Sundays

9:15 in Parish Hall with Karen Burnup

Join adults of all ages as we gather to hear, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the great big overarching story of the Bible delivered weekly through our lectionary-based study.



Adult Education

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Saturdays at 9am in Ridley Room

For more information, contact Curt Young, 1948.young.1@gmail.com

Daughters of the King

December 14th in Parish Hall Meeting Room after 10:30 service

For more information, contact Helen Paulsen, paulsenh779@gmail.com

Women's Group and Bible Studies

Mondays at 7pm on Zoom and Wednesdays at 10 am in Parish Hall

For more information, contact Alice McDow 512-689-8547

or alice.mcdow@gmail.com

Pageant Preparation

The annual Christmas Pageant will be a focal point of the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service, and we are **signing up actors now!** (Costumes provided, easy lines, no memorization needed!) Young musicians also invited to participate in the prelude. Please contact Sara Burden-McClure at sara@saintrichards.org.

A Musical Feast Concert Series

The Austin Brassworks

Sunday, Dec. 14, 5 PM

Don your goofiest Christmas sweater, grab a few friends, and get your Christmas season off to a merry start!

Our favorite brass quintet offers traditional carols and holiday selections ranging from the sublime to the

ridiculous – plus some singalong fun! As always, free, with donations for the quintet gratefully accepted at the door (\$10 suggested).



Music Ministry



There's still time to join us in preparing music for

Advent and Christmas! We practice on Wednesday evenings – **BELL CHOIR at 6:00 pm** in the **music room** and **CHOIR at 7:30 pm** in the **Nave**. Add to the

beauty of our services, build your own musical skills in God's service, and delve into the relationship of our music and sacred texts. For more info, contact Sara Burden-McClure at sara@saintrichards.org! **Our annual Service of Lessons & Carols** is at **10:30 a.m. in the Nave** on **Sunday, Dec. 21**.

Children's Formation



St. Richard's Kids is in session!

Support your children in building their relationship with God; what a blessing it is to see this love of God unfold in your child.

Beginning Level for age 3 ½ - 1st grade meets on Sunday mornings **10:15 - 11:05** and return to parents in the church during announcements.

Upper Level for Grades 2-5 meets on Sunday mornings **9:15 - 10:15**.

Feel free to contact me with any questions!

Diane DuTeil, 512-791-3017, dianeduteil77@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

Youth Group meets for Sunday school at 9:15am and for fellowship, dinner, and games from 5:00 – 7:00pm Visit our website at saintrichards.org/youth-ministry/ or text us at 512-812-7442 to learn more and stay on top of our calendar!

DEC 14: Sunday School & Christmas Party 4:30PM

DEC 21 & 28: No Youth Group or Sunday School

JAN 4: Sunday School & Hockey Game in Cedar Park 4:30PM

JAN 11: Sunday School and Youth Group

Men's Fellowship

On **Thursday, December 18**, join together with men, both members and guests, for a relaxed evening at Pinhouse, Round Rock on Dec. 18 at 6:00PM <https://pinhouse.com/round-rock> *First-timers receive a free app or beverage!

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The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew at St. Richard's Episcopal Church is part of an international ministry of men within the Anglican Communion who are committed to the spread of Christ's Kingdom among men and boys through the disciplines of *Prayer, Study, and Service*. We meet 9-10 a.m. each Saturday morning in the Ridley Room.

Parish Life

The Parish Life Ministry is more than a kitchen team; it plans events to unite members and welcome newcomers or serve the community. If you enjoy cooking or want to learn, join us—we cook, learn, and have fun together. Meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall/Kitchen to plan ways to enliven St. Richard's.

St. Richard's Episcopal School

2025-26 school year for ages 2 to kindergarten enrolling now!

Enrollment is open for the new school year, and all classes still have room. We're also recruiting new board members! For more information, check out our website at www.strichardspreschool.org. You can also contact our preschool office at preschool@saintrichards.org or (512) 248-1789.

Outreach Opportunities

Christmas Gift Collection

Make a difference in the lives of families in need this Winter. We have identified families from Robertson Elementary (our nearest elementary) and WilCo Juvenile Services and will be collecting items until December 14th. Email Spencer at sstocker@saintrichards.org if you want to participate.

Community of Care

Community of Care's mission is to minister to those that are unable to leave their homes. To add a loved one to their visitation list, please contact Aline Murphy (alimurphy@suddenlink.net) or Rev. Jerry Lyle (jllyle25468@gmail.com).

Volunteer Opportunities at Round Rock Area Serving Center



Everyone is welcome to join this volunteer effort—just arrive at 9:30 am in the Serving Center lobby. Volunteers should park next door in the Head Start lot, not at the Serving Center or Nursing Facility. For questions, contact Thurma Hilton (thurma.hilton1@gmail.com)

2026 dates coming soon!

RRASC Food Donation Bins

The RRASC Food Shelf needs pantry staples, canned items, and baby supplies. You can leave donations in the entryway collection bin—no need to drive elsewhere. For questions, email Thurma Hilton (thurma.hilton1@gmail.com).

Upcoming Office Closures

December 26th – Jan 2nd

January 19th

Prayer Shawl Group

The next Prayer Shawl group meeting is **December 18th** from 1:00 – 2:30pm at the home of Bea DeMarquis. Any knitters or crocheters interested in joining can contact Bea (beatricedemarquis@yahoo.com) for more information

Quilts of Valor

The Quilts of Valor Ministry seeks US Armed Forces veterans to honor with quilts at no cost. To nominate, submit their name, address, branch, rank, service dates, phone, and email via QOVF.org. **We must speak directly with the nominee; quilts cannot be given as a surprise.**

Join us to make quilts on the first Monday of each month from 9:30–3:30 in the classroom off the parish hall or schedule an appointment for the third Monday. Bring your sewing supplies and basic quilting knowledge; fabric, batting, and backing are provided. We welcome donations of new red, white, blue, or flag-print cotton fabric (no glitter/gold stars), as well as cash or checks.

For more information on nominating or donating, please contact Roberta Hastings at hastingsroberta@aol.com

The Charlie Center of NW Austin

In our Jubilee & Revival stewardship message we asked you to prayerfully give to our outreach programs so that we can bring God's love to those in need. We are so happy to announce a new partnership with the Charlie Center of NW Austin in support of their "Warmth for All" program to bring comfort and dignity to the homeless community! Share some of that St. Richard's warmth and kindness to those who need it most!

Please bring in new or gently used and clean items to help our brothers and sisters this upcoming cold weather season!

Please keep these parishioners, family members and friends in your prayers:

Curtis Young, Alice Jones, Kent Brenneman, Eva Chambles, Henry Burden, Andy Meyer, Marjorie Meyer, Sue Likon, Nichalus Mourer, Hans Mueller, Kate Beebe, Bob & Christina Griffin, Joyce Quitter, Gibby Dean, Mary Powell, Roger Hayes, Robert Hoehn, Dolores Thurman, the Safarik family, Rue & Jim Harrington, Scott Windham, Devin Windham, Douglas Aleong, Greg Thurman, Kyle Lollar, Marilyn Chapman, Chad Proctor, Jerry Lyle, Pat Lyle, Shalie Spencer, Amy Burt, baby Sutton and those impacted by conflict around the world.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays: Sandy Martin, Sara Gutierrez, Richard Genece, Emma Carlson, Bob Moody, Neysa Dobyns, Jo Anna McGinnis, Cameron Gaul, Andy Zielnicki, Julie Polansky, Meg Vancil, Harold Feeney, Austin Mills, Cameron Treece, Jay Winborn, Claire Habetz, Alyssa Norton, Riley Polasek, Geoff Astill, Noah McDonough, Barbara Whited

Please contact the church office if you or a loved one needs to be added to or removed from our prayer list. You may email Jen Winborn or fill out an online prayer request through our website. **Please note that we may remove names from the prayer list after 4 weeks, unless otherwise notified*

For more information about our classes, ministries, and upcoming events, please visit www.saintrichards.org.