THE ROCK Weekly

This Sunday at St. Richard's

November 8, 2026

8:00 am Holy Communion, Rite I, Nave
9:15 am Christian Formation, grades 6-12, adults
10:30 am Holy Communion, Rite II, Nave (also livestreamed on YouTube)

Giving Update

Pledged giving needs to grow about $15,600 per month (38%) over 12 months to sustain ministry. 2027 costs rise with a full year of rector compensation; the goal will be refined after the 2027 budget is approved.

Use the QR code here to give now.

For questions, contact Stephen Mueller, seniorwarden@saintrichards.org.

Rooted in Abundance

Growing a Generous Heart

Jesus tells us, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Our giving helps direct our hearts toward the people and purposes we support.

Research has found that giving to others can increase our own happiness. Christian practice invites us to discover something deeper, too: generosity can loosen our attachment to possessions, strengthen our trust in God, and deepen our care for our neighbors.

The biblical invitation to give from our firstfruits asks us to make generosity a priority in our planning. As you consider your 2027 pledge, ask: **What does my budget teach me and my family about what matters? What step toward generosity can I take this year?**

Next Sunday, November 15, is Ingathering Sunday. Bring your pledge card as we gather and bless our commitments during worship. Online pledges will be included in our thanksgiving and blessing.

Scan the QR code to explore our stewardship resources and make your pledge.

2027 Stewardship

Sundays at St. Richard's

Deacon's Bible Study

Deacon's Bible Study
9:15 in Parish Hall with Rev. Jerry Lyle

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 over-arching story of the Bible delivered weekly through our lectionary-based study.

St. Richard's Episcopal School

2026-27 school year for ages 18 mo. to Pre-K enrolling now!

Enrollment is open, and all classes have room. 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.

Music Ministry

MUSIC MINISTRY

Join us in providing music for congregational worship! We're currently preparing for a **Choral Evensong on Nov. 15**, the **Mistletoe Magic** community choir event for Drive A Senior **on Dec. 6**, **Lessons & Carols Dec. 20**, and our **Christmas Pageant on Dec. 24**. We practice on Wednesday evenings – **BELL CHOIR at 6:00 pm** in the **music room** and **CHOIR at 7:30 pm** in the **Nave**. Bonus: add to the beauty of our services and build your own musical skills in God's service! For more info, contact Sara Burden-McClure at sara@saintrichards.org!

Children's Formation

WELCOME TO ALL CHILDREN

Beginning Level *for ages 3 1/2 through 1st grade* is 10:15 -11:10 Sunday mornings. Children will join their parents in the church at the passing of the Peace.

Upper Level *for grades 2-5* is 9:15 to 10:15 Sunday mornings

Both classes are held in the Admin. Bldg.
Questions? Contact Diane DuTeil 512-791-3017 or dianeduteil77@gmail.com

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
Second Sunday in Parish Hall Meeting Room after 10:30 service
For more information, contact Helen Paulsen, paulsenh779@gmail.com

Women's Group & 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 email alice.mcdow@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

Youth Group meets at **9:15am** for Sunday school and again at **5:00pm** for fellowship and fun! *Questions? Text our Youth Line at 512.812.7442 or email our Youth Minister Spencer* sstocker@saintrichards.org or saintrichards.org/youth

Poinsettias with Purpose!

Beginning on **November 1**, our youth will be selling beautiful 6.5-inch red poinsettias to support our Mission and Outreach Activities in 2027! They will be available for *pickup on December 6* and *cost $18 each*. We are not selling wreaths this year. Thank you for your love and support!

A Musical Feast Concert Series

Blayne Stonecipher, baritone & Mateusz Perz, pianist
Sunday, November 8 at 5 PM



As we remember souls recently passed and lives well lived, this lovely program celebrates life's stages and the comfort of reconciliation with God. "**Arise: Songs of Introspection, Redemption and Whimsy**" draws from works by Bach, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Quilter, Fine and Forrest. **Free**, with **donations for the artists gratefully accepted** at the door ($10 suggested). And be sure to mark your calendar for **Dec. 13 at 5 PM**, when **Capitol City Brass Quintet** presents a fun **holiday concert and sing-along!**

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

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Parish Life

In celebration of Thanksgiving, there will be a luncheon held after the 10:30 service on November 22. We will be serving turkey and ham and ask that the congregation bring appropriate sides. To be sure we have a wide variety, we are asking that you follow these guidelines:

Last Name beginning in A-G: Please bring a ***vegetable dish*** (i.e. beans, corn, peas, squash, etc.)
Last Name beginning in H-P: Please bring a ***starch dish*** (i.e. potato dish, stuffing, sweet potatoes, etc.)
Last Name beginning in Q-Z: Please bring a ***dessert***

Please drop off your dish between 10:00 and 11:00 that morning so that we have time to properly set up.

Women's Fellowship

Join the women of St. Richards on **Tuesday, November 17, 6pm** for dinner and social fun! We will meet at the Grey Orchard restaurant. The menu is available to view online. Invite a friend to come along!

Mark your calendar for the Women's Fellowship Christmas gathering on Saturday **December 5th at 11am**. We will meet at Robin Mueller's home, 1929 Mulligan Dr, Round Rock. Bring a brunch dish to share, a nonperishable food item for the RR Serving center and ornament for a gift exchange.

Join in the fun and fellowship kicking off Advent and the Christmas holiday season! Wear your Christmas sweater and prepare for a festive time!

Men's Fellowship

The next meeting of the Men's Fellowship group will be at **6PM on Thursday, November 19th** at the Nortons'. Text "BBQ" to 512-812-7442 to RSVP or for more information.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood of St Andrew would like to invite the Men of the church to join us on the Third Saturday of each month for a continental breakfast as part of our meeting.
When: **Nov 21** and **Dec 19**
Time: 9-10 AM
WHERE: Ridley Room (Please RSVP to richardbmesser@gmail.com)

Outreach Opportunities

Round Rock Area Serving Center

Everyone is welcome to join this volunteer effort–just arrive at 9:30 am in the Serving Center lobby. The next parish-wide workday is scheduled for **December 5th**, but you don't have to wait for a workday to volunteer! For questions, contact Thurma Hilton (thurma.hilton1@gmail.com)

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, please email Thurma Hilton.

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 (jlyle25468@gmail.com).

Social Outreach & Service (SOS) Ministry

All are invited to be part of the St. Richard's Social Outreach and Service (SOS) Ministry! We strive to be a venue for conversations on social causes, a place to learn what the national Episcopal church and the Diocese of Texas are saying/doing about those social causes (and what resources they offer) and to be a vehicle for giving action to our concerns. **Our next meeting is Nov. 15th immediately after the 10:30AM service (in the Parish Hall Meeting Room).** For more information, reach out to Jeff or Nancy Krech, outreachandservice@saintrichards.org, 512-369-2562

Charlie Center Volunteers Needed! Charlie Center has a variety of services to help the homeless on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, at the Mosaic church located at 12675 Research Blvd. Austin, TX 78759.

St. Richard's is signed up to serve the meal on Thursday, November 12. We need 7 more people to volunteer to help that day, 9am-1:15pm. We will help, serve a meal, setup, cleanup, check-in, mail center, and more. Contact Diane DuTeil if you want to help-- dianeduteil77@ gmail.com or 512-791-3017.

"Do justly now; love mercy now; walk humbly now, day by day!"

Upcoming Office Closures

November 23rd – 27th
December 24th – January 3rd

Please keep these parishioners, family members and friends in your prayers: Curtis, Alice, Andy, Marjorie, Sue, Nichalus, Hans, Kate, Bob & Christina, Joyce, Gibby, Mary, Roger, Robert, James, Dolores, Mindy & family, Rue & Jim, Scott, Devin, Douglas, Greg, Kyle, Marilyn, Chad, Jerry, Pat, James & Isobel, William, Bob, Monica, Susan, Louise, Maureen and family, Barb, Kellie, Susan, the Ruska family, Justin, and those impacted by conflict around the world.

We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this month:
Euri South, James Lyle, Braden Burt, Ethan Shumate, Pat Lyle, Spencer Stocker, Amelia Rosenbaum, Elizabeth Dixon, Amy Nordhausen, Paul Percer, Stone Jones, Curt Fritsch, Ashley Ward, Steve Haney, Benjamin Delamater, Sidney Harmon, Julie Carson, Tammy Zielnicki, Edwin Brown, David Mills, Michael Hancock

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 names may be removed from the prayer list after 4 weeks, unless otherwise notified.*