

WELCOME TO ROMP: REACHING OUT TO MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

St. Catherine of Siena



ROMP

ROMP Mission Statement

- Create an atmosphere of Catholic spiritual growth for mothers and their families,
- Affirm and nurture each other as parents,
- Provide support and encouragement in facing challenges of motherhood and family life, and
- Develop awareness of the value of motherhood while building confidence in the skills mothers bring to this calling.

Meeting Format

9:00 am	Nursery Opens
9:00-9:20am	Mingling
9:20-9:45am	Prayer, Announcements, Ice Breaker
9:45-10:45am	Program Speaker / Reflection
10:45-11:05am	Discussion
11:05-11:15am	Cleanup

If you are using the nursery, please note that it opens at 9:00am, so you can have your children settled before 9:15am. Your children's belongings need to be labeled.

Hospitality: Each Table will take a turn hosting brunch, which entails bringing breakfast food to share, setting it up, and cleaning up after the meeting. A Signup Genius invitation will be sent out from the table leader prior to the meeting.

Leadership Team for Fall 2017

ROMP Coordinator	Ashley Ragland
Discussion Leaders	
Table R	Kendall Antosh
Table O	Shannon Mazza
Table M	Sarah Rose
Table P	N/A
Care Calendar Coordinator	Paula Jo Lemonds
Children's Craft Coordinator	Rachel Vaughn
Newsletter	Lauren Gross
Nametags / Evaluations	Kendall Antosh
Membership/Treasurer	Megan Smith
St. Catherine's Liaison	Sandy Guzman
Service Project Coordinator	Stephanie Muras
Hospitality Coordinator	Kate Roberts

October 16, 2017

Topic:

Born Organized - NOT!

Presenters: Lisa Morgan &

Tricia Churchill

Tricia Churchill is a stay-at-home mom who is busy raising four kids: Eve (High School Senior), Ellie and Patrick (both High School Freshmen), and Gabrielle (5th Grader). In addition, she works part-time as a substitute teacher at St. Austin Catholic School, teaches Natural Family Planning to married and engaged couples, and operates a hydroponic lettuce farm. She and her husband, Eric, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in May. The Churchills have been parishioners at St. Catherine of Siena since they moved to Austin 12 years ago.

Lisa Morgan is the CEO of the Morgan Home. She home schools her three boys, ages 13, 11, and 9, and has been happily married to Kevin for 15 years. She spends her days trying to stay on top of things, organizing her home school co-op, coordinating VBS, and working to be a saint through it all. She has a BA in Interdisciplinary Life/Earth Science from St. Mary's University, San Antonio, and an MA in Curriculum and Instruction from Texas A&M University. One of her favorite quotes is, "Done is better than perfect!"



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ROMP Announcements

Playdates:

ROMP members are welcome to bring the kids to play on the play structure near St. Catherine’s during off Mondays when ROMP is not in session. Restroom access is available. If you would like to host, which entails showing up on a certain day, please sign up via Signup Genius.

Service Projects:

Each month, ROMP members are invited to participate in and contribute to a service project benefitting a local charity or group. This month, ROMP is supporting RCIA with yummy snacks.

In November, ROMP will support **Lovepacs**. Lovepacs serves children on the free and reduced lunch program through area public schools. A direct relationship with school counselors and administrators has been established in order to properly identify children in need. The program is currently operating in Austin, Aubrey, The Colony, Frisco, Little Elm, Plano, Lewisville, and Cy-Fair (Houston). Lovepacs provides mostly non-perishable, easy to open, and minimal cooking food items. In addition, it provides school counselors with stocked snack closets and hygiene products they may distribute to children who demonstrate a need. An email with donation details will be sent prior to the meeting, and contributions may be brought to the main ROMP meeting.

Intention Partners:

This year, intention partners have been added to help foster friendships and connections among other tables. All members are encouraged to reach out to each other and meet either for a play date, coffee or quick check-in for prayer intentions. We are all on this journey together and prayers can go a long way!

Children’s Craft:

Each month, a craft will be available at the main meeting. Members are welcome to take it home to do with their child(ren). The craft for this week is a St. Francis of Assisi mini statue and worksheet with things kids can do to help repair the Catholic Church.

Upcoming ROMP Events

Next Planning Meeting: October 30, 2017

11/6 - Pathways to A Happier Marriage

Vagdevi Meunier, a local licensed clinical psychologist and renowned international Gottman method trainer, will share research and practical skills to help build happier marriages. She is the founder of The Center for Relationships in Austin.

12/11 - Advent Reflection & Cookie Exchange

Take a minute during this busy, busy season to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, and share your favorite cookie recipe with other ROMP members!

October Blessings

BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Rose 10/27

ANNIVERSARIES

Sarah Rose 10/01

Rose Parsons 10/23

Christy Schneider 10/23

Shannon Mazza 10/25

Ashley Ragland 10/30

Notes from Today
