

Spring Interfaith Council Monthly Newsletter

July 2026

SIC News

- Join us for our quarterly **planning meeting** on Monday, **July 6** at 10am at St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church in the Christus Center. This is located at 7810 Cypresswood Dr. Spring, TX 77379. A map below includes the Christus Center.
- We will be planning an International Day of Peace event, our annual Thanksgiving Service, and discussing partnerships with Faith250, Dialogue Institute North Houston, IM Houston and more! Kim Mabry from IM Houston will be joining us as well!
- A scheduled **tour of the Hindu Swaminarayan Temple & Cultural Center** will take place prior to our planning meeting (July 6) at 9am. They are located at 5850 Louetta Rd. Spring, TX 77379. RSVP to Ooma Lakshmanan at 713-703-5658
- If your faith community would like to share events, service opportunities, or other interfaith news, please email us at springinterfaithcouncil@gmail.com

Diane Hunt
SIC Chair

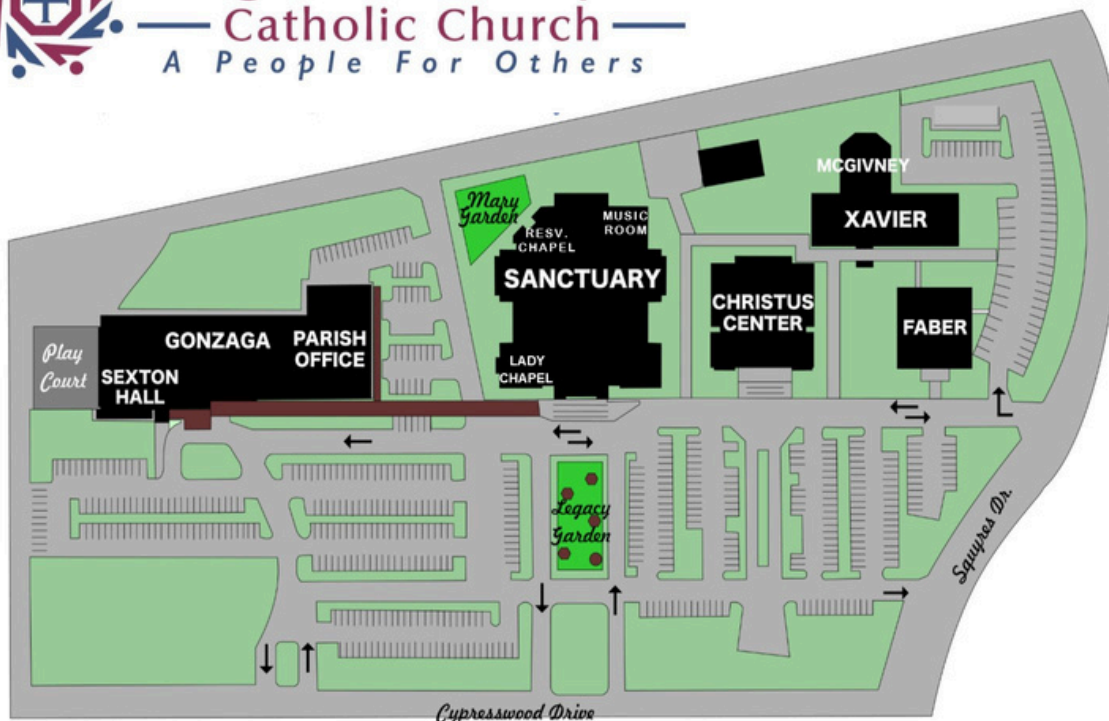
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Women's Voices

Women's Voices is an interfaith group of women that meets once a month for discussion based on a book they are reading. The next gathering is on Thursday, July 2 in the Oasis Room at the Northwoods Presbyterian Church (3320 Cypress Creek Pkwy, Houston, TX 77068). They will meet from 12:30 - 2:30pm discussing chapters 3 and 4 of the book, "Eat Your Ice Cream: Six Simple Rules for a Long and Healthy Life" by Ezekiel Emanuel. If you'd like to know more, please contact Nancy Agafitei. Her email address is: nancy.agafitei@gmail.com



Community Conversations

The Archdiocese of Galveston Houston invites you to a monthly online community conversation about race, faith, and finding our way forward in love. Each Open Wide Our Hearts meeting includes a presentation on a relevant topic. After the presentation, a small group discussion will follow. Their next Community Conversation will be July 15 at 10 am via zoom, presenter TBD. As we celebrate our country's 250th Independence Day, we will examine the bishops' document on what it means to be a faithful citizen of our country. [Click here to register](#)



Bridges

Competing in Goodness returns this October and Bridges is gathering interest from congregations who would like to participate! Through a friendly competition every year, faith centers compete against one another to collect non-perishable items for their neighbors. The event's conclusion celebrates neighborly achievement at a unifying potluck event with participating congregations. [CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

A milestone *in the making*

Celebrating

On July 4, 2026, our nation will commemorate and celebrate the **250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence**. There are many ways to participate. Visit this website to learn of ways to serve, celebrate, and learn. <https://america250.org/>

Giving

Help make 2026 a **record setting year** of volunteer service. Join people and organizations across the country in giving back — from service projects to donations — to honor America's 250th. <https://america250.org/american-gives/>

Learning

There is so much we can learn from the lessons of our past. **In Pursuit** is a new initiative to review our first 250 years and distill its most timeless lessons to inspire and inform our future. View video lessons, listen to podcasts, and more: <https://www.inpursuit.org>



Do YOU Have Bells?

The National Bell Festival will lead bell ringing tributes during the official July 4th celebration. This will include a moment of nationwide ringing, where bells from coast to coast will ring out in freedom and togetherness.

Does your cathedral, church, campus, or community have a bell?

Consider contributing to the sound at 1pm central time. For more information, click here:

<https://www.bells.org/us-semiquincentennial-bell>

Resources

Medical Care	Masjid Al Salam Mosque Northwest Assistance Ministries	ahsanhuq@sbcglobal.net 281-583-5600
Rehousing and Rental Assistance	Northwest Assistance Ministries	Online Application namonline.org/basic-needs
Food, Clothing, Showers, etc for Unhoused	Hope Center Houston	821 Peakwood Houston, TX 77090 832-965-5511 M-F 9am-3pm
Transportation, Clothing	Northwest Assistance Ministries	281-583-5600
Food pantry, Counseling, Health Services, After School Clubs, Literacy, Educational Support	Northwest Assistance Ministries Bridging for Tomorrow	281-583-5600 www.bridgingfortomorrow.org ZIP Codes: 77066 & 77086
Employment Counseling & Training	Northwest Assistance Ministries	281-583-5600
Job Training	Deseret Industries	8625 FM 1960 Houston, TX 346-214-7453
Food	Kinsmen Lutheran Church Bridging for Tomorrow Houston Food Bank	1st Saturday 8-11 AM 5359 W Richey Rd Houston, TX 77066
Meals on Wheels	Northwest Assistance Ministries	281-885-4622
Showers every Friday 10-2	Northwest Assistance Ministries	http://www.movingwaters-houston.org/showers
Food Pantry	Abundant Harvest Kitchen	24803 Oakhurst Dr Spring, TX 77386 Text: 781-474-3673 Make appointment Mondays: https://harvestkitchen.org/food-pantry/

Thank you for reading!

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