

ACTS Missions

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

All who believed were together and had all things in common: They would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need.

Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes.

They ate their meals in exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people.

And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Mission Statement

ACTS MISSIONS spreads the Gospel of Jesus Christ among Catholic communities by promoting, consulting in, facilitating and coordinating ACTS retreats.

Values

- **Honor God** in everything we do.
- Build relationship based on **trust & respect**
- With a **servant's heart**, maintain integrity & excellence in leadership programs, services and retreats.

Vision Statement

Through the ACTS retreat, ACTS Missions provides the spark that ignites Catholics, worldwide, with the true eternal flame of the Holy Spirit. As an instrument of God, ACTS is the light that will bring about the New Evangelization to the entire world by fostering love and true discipleship, leading others to a commitment and obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ by our every word, action and thought.

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Saint Elizabeth of



*Hungary Catholic
Church*

What is ACTS?

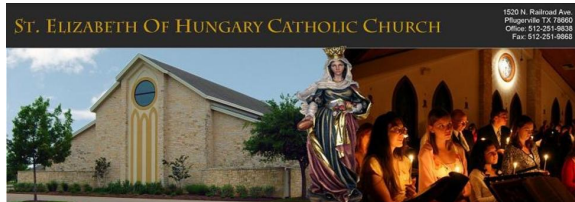
Adoration

Community

Theology

Service

A parish based retreat leading to a life of intentional discipleship...



Do you feel called to:

- *Deepen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ?*
- *Find new ways to be meaningfully engaged in parish life?*
- *Connect with others on a deeper level in prayer and support?*
- *Share with others the amazing works God has done in your life?*

If so, ACTS is for you!

ACTS is ...

- a parish-based retreat
- an opportunity to renew your spirituality, to strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life, and to build lasting friendships.

- about nurturing a community of intentional disciples.
- structured on the foundation of Adoration, Community, Theology and Service.
- an opportunity to experience how our daily lives are fundamentally impacted by the Word and Sacraments of our faith.

Who We Are:

In 1987, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Selma, Texas, a new lay evangelical movement was born called ACTS. Central to the movement is a retreat weekend based on verses 42-47 of Chapter 2 of the Acts of the Apostles. While the ACTS retreat participants are primarily Roman Catholic, retreats are open to people of all faiths.

Since its inception in 1997, ACTS Missions has helped revitalize hundreds of parishes through the ACTS retreat. Guided by a Board of dedicated volunteers and committed employees, ACTS Missions provides retreat materials, offers Workshops for Directors, parish Lay Leaders and Teen ACTS administrators, maintains a website for sharing of information, and has developed a detailed Director's Manual and other supporting materials in English and in Spanish.

Using a program of four guaranteed retreats (2 for men and 2 for women), the establishment and guidance of an ACTS Core within the parish and ongoing

education, ACTS Missions has successfully started the retreat process at most of the parishes in San Antonio, in every diocese in Texas, and nationally in 21 other states. International outreach has taken place in Canada, England, Honduras, Mexico, and South Africa!

Frequently Asked Questions....

- **How long does the retreat last?**
The retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday.
- **Where is the retreat held?**
The ACTS retreat for St. Elizabeth's will be held at Eagles Wings Retreat Center in Burnet Texas. Transportation to and from the retreat is provided.
- **Is there a cost?**
The cost of the retreat is \$160. Anyone needing financial assistance can apply for a scholarship to help cover the cost.
- **Is ACTS only for Catholics?**
Non-Catholics who are exploring the Catholic faith are welcome to make the ACTS retreat.
- **How do I register?**
You can pick up a registration form in the breezeway of the Church or go online at: <http://stelizabethpf.org/acts-retreats> to obtain a form and turn it in at the office.



"It was not you who chose me, it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit." Jn 15:16