

## **SJA 2021 SOUTHERN MN BORDER TRIP:**

### **STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN TWIN CITIES AND GREATER MINNESOTA IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES**

This Fall the **SJA Welcome The Stranger Ministry** is organizing a "border trip" to Worthington/Austin. This trip is an extension of our last Fall's virtual series of conversations with these two communities. The goal of the 2020 series was to build solidarity between Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota immigrant communities. Our hope was to inspire participants to a deeper understanding and acceptance of our immigrant brothers and sisters and to become more actively engaged in support of immigrants everywhere. Our 2021 goal is to continue and strengthen those connections.

WHO: 12 (?) SJA parishioners committed to full "border trip" experience  
WHAT: Orientation, 3 day weekend in Worthington & Austin, post-trip presentation  
WHEN: Friday-Monday, November 12-15  
WHERE: Worthington and Austin

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

**Worthington** - Visit Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic, Meet Fr. Jim Callahan, Attend Spanish Mass at St. Mary's, hear immigrant stories; tour a meat packing plant; eat at ethnic restaurants.

**Austin** - Hosted by former mayor, Bonnie Reitz; visit Welcome Center; Visit William Taufic photo exhibit and hear immigrant stories; (photographer of "Our Austin, Our America" photography [exhibit](#); Visit Woodland Kindergarten Center; visit ethnic businesses and restaurants; hopefully ILCM and Maylary Apolo.

And more . . .

HOW TO REGISTER: Registration will be online and will begin September 19 and end September 26. Link to be provided to WTS members and in parish bulletin and website. A \$50.00 deposit is required (will be used toward donations). Capacity limited.

#### COST ESTIMATES:

Lodging: \$165 (assumes \$110/night for each room for each night and assuming double occupancy)  
Gas: \$15 (assumes 500 miles, \$3/gal, 25 MPG, 4 occupants per vehicle)  
Meals: \$150 (3 lunches, 3 dinners, breakfast included in hotel)  
Deposit: \$50  
**Total: \$380.00 (approximate)**