

ST. ANN'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Office

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9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
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Joshua Dutchover
Youth Ministry

Cindy Good
Choir Director

Garet Rocha
Music Director

OFFICE HOURS & CONTACT INFO

While the Parish Office doors will be closed for the next several weeks, the parish staff will still be answering phone calls as well as working from home. You can contact any of the staff with these emails :

Pastor:
Fr. Scott Raef - frscott@stannsofcanyon.org

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St. Ann's Live Stream Mass Schedule

Our parish will live stream Mass each weekend at 5:00pm on Saturdays and be available immediately after to rewatch when your family chooses.

The Masses can be viewed live on our website, www.stannsofcanyon.org/live.

It can also be viewed on our YouTube Channel, <https://bit.ly/stannsYouTube>.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Many are wondering how things will look in the future once we begin to gather again. At least in the near future, once our bishop is assured by the healthcare community that it's safe and responsible and gives the go-ahead, our coming together again for Masses may very well involve the following: mandatory masks; one entrance and exit; a limited number of those allowed to gather based on a percentage of the capacity of the church building; Holy Communion on the hand only; refraining from greeting and lingering in the church in the usual ways; careful handling of the sacred vessels; necessary disinfecting after each Mass, etc. While the reopening of public Masses is a day closer in our diocese, let's all begin now to adjust our expectations that things will not be the same, at least for a while.

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Can you imagine wanting, waiting and preparing to become a Catholic for almost ten years, only to have the sacraments of initiation delayed by a pandemic? Please continue to pray for our RCIA catechumens and candidates for full communion, some of whom fit the above description. Whether they learned about the old-but-never-official idea of limbo, they must feel like they're certainly stuck in one. Along with them, let's be compassionate and prayerful for all those missing events they would've celebrated in more normal times: graduations, First Communions, baccalaureate Masses, weddings, births of new family members, trips, college signings, banquets, reunions, etc. It's o.k. and even holy to grieve what's been missed, even as we continue the hard work of putting our trust more and more in the care of our loving God.

Fr. Scott



Please prayerfully consider switching to e-giving.

While we will be unable to gather as a community for Mass, St. Ann's still needs your financial support during this time. If you have not signed up for online giving please consider doing so. Parishioners can make weekly one time

payments or automatic payments at stannsofcanyon.org/give If you would still like to give by check or cash we are asking that envelopes be dropped off in the curbside mailbox in front of the Rectory, or be sent to the parish P.O. Box. 59, Canyon, TX 79015.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE - MAY 9-10:

Envelopes/Cash: \$4,660.00
Online Giving: \$7,312.50
Weekly Total: \$11,471.50 (Weekly Goal: \$10,000)
Month of May: \$23,444.00 (Monthly Goal: \$50,000)

Thank you for your generosity!

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!



May God bless you
as you begin the next chapter
of your lives!

Class of 2020

Luis Contreras

Brooklyn Cornelsen

Mark Porter

Bret Ramirez

Connor Sperry

Jackson Sulik

RUNNING OUT OF NECESSITIES?

If you are in need of restocking on food, cleaning items, or any other assistance, you can call our parish office and we will make sure we have one parish volunteers connect with you. Please call the parish office (806-655-3302) for assistance or to volunteer.

CHAPEL VISITATION

The daily Mass chapel continues to be open at all hours. Parishioners who choose to visit the chapel are asked to use one of the anti-bacterial wipes to wipe down surfaces you've touched during your visitation time, including the door handles. Let's take care of one another during this time of crisis! Thank you.

PARISH ROSARY ON FACEBOOK LIVE



Please join us every **Tuesday at 7 p.m.**, on our parish Facebook page, www.facebook.com/stannscanyon/live, in praying the Rosary.

Because May is the month the Blessed Virgin Mary, Pope Francis has encouraged everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. We look forward to praying for you!

INTERFAITH HUNGER PROJECT OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE TEXAS PANHANDLE



We continue to offer free groceries to those who have been furloughed or laid off during the pandemic. This will be a curbside service. Please see the attached picture of what we will be giving free to those who need help during these difficult times.

WHERE: Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle, 2801 Duniven Circle, Amarillo, TX 79109 - One block west of the Home Depot on Georgia.

WHEN: Mondays 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

This service will continue during the Pandemic as long as we have food.

QUALIFICATIONS: Bring a State issued photo I.D.

Catholic Charities Food Barrel



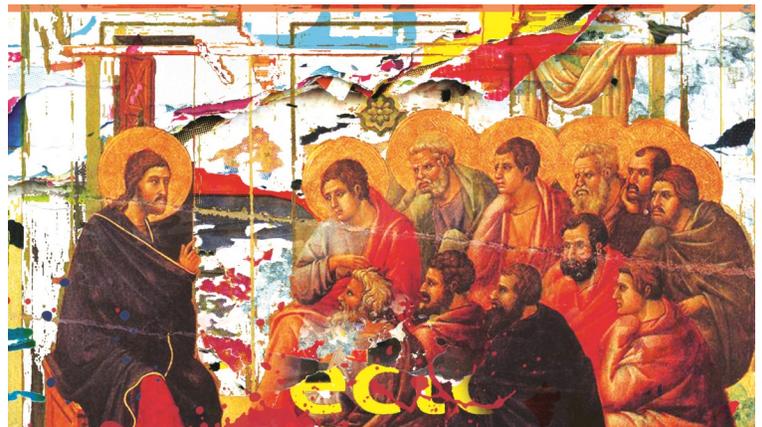
St. Ann's parishioners are asked to help Catholic Charities in placing donated cans to the food barrel located in the Chapel. Each month a different food theme will be chosen to help with the food pantry at Catholic Charities.

This Month:
Peanut Butter & Jelly



Faith Formation Textbook Pick Up

All students who were in faith formation this year (2019-20) may come and pick up their textbooks on Monday, May 26th to Friday, May 29th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at the parish hall. In order to ensure the least amount of contact, parishioners should pull up to either side of the parish hall and wait in their cars for someone to come out and get your name. The volunteer will then bring your children's textbooks out to you and you can be on your way! Contact Adrian Johnson with any questions or concerns. Thank you!



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ's promises and don't rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God's promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God's greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don't carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.