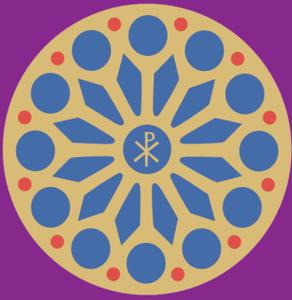


MARCH 2021



ST. ANN'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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Finance Council:

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Kathy Porter

Ladies of St. Ann's President:

Becky Canon

Knights of Columbus Grand Knight (St. Ann's Council #7840):

Joe Shehan

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S MARCH 8 - MARCH 14

(Any changes to this schedule will be announced via Flocknote)

Monday, March 8

7:00 p.m. Circle of the Holy Spirit

Tuesday, March 9

1:00 p.m. St. Martha's Circle
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For Randy Wieck)

Wednesday, March 10

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(For †Agnes Schilling)
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

Thursday, March 11

10:00 a.m. Balance Matters Class
1:00 p.m. Balance Matters Class
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For Isabel Vega)
7:00 p.m. Holy Week Liturgical
Planning Meeting

Friday, March 12

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For †Karen Berry)
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 13

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Confession
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For †Nancy Aragon)

Sunday, March 14

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(For Angie & Clyde Venhaus)
10:20 a.m. RCIA
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(For the People of God)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 15 Knights of Columbus Meeting
March 23 Ladies Board Meeting
March 24 First Reconciliation
March 26 Fish Fry
March 27 Confirmation Retreat
March 30 Chrism Mass
(St. Mary's Cathedral)



Can we ever say "thank you" enough? Erring on the side of possibly overdoing it, I hope that everyone who has helped and is helping this weekend to make our annual Czech Sausage Dinner possible accepts this "thank you" from me as well as from the entire parish family. As much as we depend on a successful fundraiser like this, the more important aspect of days like today is to draw us out of our comfort zones and isolated realms to engage in both the pleasing and challenging aspects of being part of a community. I hope you meet some new people, learn more about the people you thought you already knew, and enjoy serving God and God's people in this enterprise. The life of Jesus was marked by his enjoyment of a good meal and banquet. He should be right at home, then, among us this weekend. Welcome Him. Welcome each other.

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If you would like to learn more about and contribute to the planning of our Holy Week liturgies, join us this Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in the parish office for a liturgical planning meeting focused on Palm Sunday and the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday+Good Friday+The Easter Vigil). Your ideas might be just what we need to consider as we seek to make our liturgies beautiful, meaningful, and worthy of God. In addition to our deacons, musicians, decorators, and staff, you are most welcome to help us "put it all together" for this year's celebrations.

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Elsewhere in this bulletin, you can read our bishop's latest instructions regarding pandemic protocols in our diocese in view of our governor's recent decision to roll back some of the state mandates for countering the spread of COVID-19. Please remember, wonderful people of St. Ann's, that while social distancing at parish Masses and events can be loosened up a bit, this loosening requires even more care in wearing masks. Hopefully we have just a few short months to go when many, if not all, the pandemic strictures will be canceled. Let's help make it happen by making some caring and final sacrifices to squash the COVID nightmare for good.

++Starting next week and into the foreseeable future, we will reserve the back southwest corner of the church for our vulnerable parishioners who wish to continue to socially distance. The rest of the church will be for general seating with mask wearing. Thank you.

Fr. Scott

New Fund Balance to Report

Added to the monthly "big bulletin" will be a report of the balance of our newly established Building Fund for our in-the-planning-stages construction/renovation/addition project at St. Ann's. The beginning balance reflects a large donation of seed monies by an anonymous family in our parish as well as the kind remembrance of St. Ann's in the Estate of Delpha Gard. We hope to see this balance grow as plans take shape and we most assuredly will start a capital giving campaign in the future where every parish household will be asked to consider a multi-year capital pledge to this end. We will keep you posted and informed as matters are met.

CURRENT BUILDING FUND BALANCE: \$703,765.40

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE: FEB. 27-28

Cash/Checks: \$6,432.50
Online: \$3,336.00
Weekly Total: \$9,768.50 (Weekly Goal: (\$10,000)
Month of January: \$45,913.71 (This Month's Goal: \$50,000)

Thank you for your generosity!

Parishioners can make weekly one time payments or automatic payments at stannsorcanyon.org/give. Envelopes can be dropped off at the collections baskets at the entrance or exit in the Church, in the curbside mailbox in front of the Rectory, or be sent to the parish, P.O. Box 59, Canyon, TX 79015.

CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA UNIDA
UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL



2020-2021

Quota: \$61,130.00

Pledged: \$64,075.53

Paid: \$45,142.17 *Unchanged from last month

Thanks to all who pledged and fulfill their pledge.

*Remember that we had a late start this go-around. We'll be pledging again very soon in the spring.

FAMILY CATECHESIS CORNER



I hope and pray everyone's Lent is going well! As we journey through Lent this year, keep an eye out for flocknotes with Lenten resources and Saints resources for families. This month, we will take a closer look at the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and the Sacred Triduum. May your Lenten journey prepare you well to experience the Holy Triduum and celebrate the joy of Easter!

-Adrian Johnson

"Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, kindles the true light of chastity."

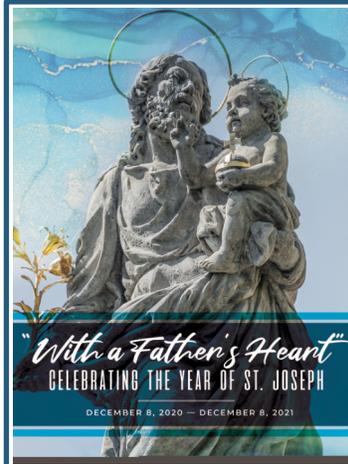
-St. Thomas Aquinas



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

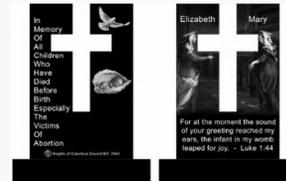
First Communion: The next First Reconciliation opportunity for students preparing to receive First Communion is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. If you have not signed up your child, please contact Adrian Johnson at 655-3302 or ajohnson@stannsofcanyon.org.

Confirmation: The Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. ending with Saturday night Mass. This retreat is mandatory for all students (8th grade and above) seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. If anyone cannot make this retreat, please contact Adrian Johnson, DRE, as soon as possible! *Lord, we ask Your blessing upon these candidates as they prepare to receive the fullness of Your Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation! Amen.*



We are looking for a donor or donors for a new St. Joseph statue to adorn our parish space. Pope Francis has dubbed this year as a Year of St. Joseph and we've realized that we don't have a stand-alone statue of this wonderful patron saint of workers, fathers, etc. Please note that a statue in the size and style of our other statues will cost between \$5000 to \$10,000. Please contact Fr. Scott by speaking to him personally, calling the parish office, or emailing him at frscott@stannsofcanyon.org

MEMORIAL TO THE UNBORN



As of Today

\$22,576.00

of the \$30,000 goal has been met.

UPDATE: Due to delays in shipping the memorial stone from overseas, we are hoping for a dedication around Mother's Day. Stay tuned.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Steubenville Mid-America (8 - 12 grades)

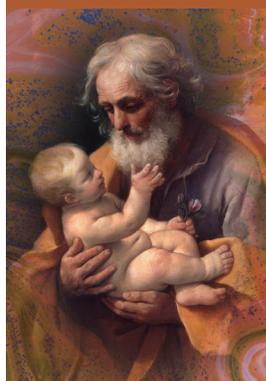
All high school youth are invited to a Steubenville Conference trip this summer! The Conference will take place July 9-11, at Missouri State

University in Springfield, MO. Cost of the conference is \$250, which includes lodging, transportation, and meals during the 3-day conference. There is a \$50 deposit and registration form due no later than March 22. Scholarships are given to youth who have been active through various activities at St. Ann's throughout the year. Forms can be found online and on the youth bulletin board. Please contact Joshua Dutchover for more information.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAY, MARCH 12
6:00 P.M.
IN THE CHURCH

**Recorded Stations can be viewed at www.stannsofcanyon.org/live or on our YouTube channel.*

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH



THE SOLEMNITY

of

ST. JOSEPH

MARCH 19

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To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.

Amen.

AROUND THE PARISH

Youth - All youth in grades 6–12 are invited to join us for a meal, as we eat and watch episode 2 of "The Chosen." Afterwards we will take some time to discuss the episode and pray together.

60+ POTLUCK & BINGO - Join us for our next Potluck Luncheon and Bingo for parishioners ages 60+ on Friday, March 19, at 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall! On the menu will be soup, bread and fruit! A great opportunity for food, fellowship, and lots of fun! No charge, call to reserve a seat! 655-3302 or 557-4755.

CRS Rice Bowls - On Palm Sunday (March 28), please remember to bring your rice bowls full of change to Mass and drop them off at large basket in the back of the narthex. Thank you for making the effort this lent to give to those you are in need.

Offering Envelopes - A reminder that If you give online, please write "online giving" on the envelope. Placing the envelopes in the basket serves as a tangible reminder of our call to give thanks to God by tithing to our faith community.

HOLY WEEK



APRIL 1ST

HOLY THURSDAY MASS - 6:30 P.M.

APRIL 2ND

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 3:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY VENERATION OF THE CROSS
& HOLY COMMUNION - 6:30 P.M.

APRIL 3RD

EASTER VIGIL MASS - 8:30 P.M.

FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK

PROTOCOLS FOR MASSES BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 13-14

At this time, you have all heard that Governor Gregg Abbot has eliminated the limitation of the number of peoples that can gather for an event and also the use of the mask beginning Wednesday, March 10, 2021. He stated that businesses could operate at 100 % occupancy.

My concern is that unless the six-foot requirement for social distancing is lessened or eliminated, the 100% occupancy is meaningless. My concern is this: *I would like to increase the number of people who could attend Mass to a much larger number than is presently possible.*

I spoke to some members of the medical community here in Amarillo. My suggestion is this: *we eliminate the six-foot social distancing requirement for those who wish to attend Mass in person.*

It was also suggested that if the pews continue to be sanitized before each Mass and that each attendee wears the face mask, the empty pew between pews can be eliminated.

The *Sing of Peace* will continue to be eliminated. *Holy Communion* will continue to be given only in the hand.

In the last few weeks, the dominance of the Coronavirus, COVID-19, has been lessened. Your cooperation with these protocols can help sustain this downward trend. We are in Lent, a season of introspection, penance, mercy, and humility seeking to be more like the Lord Jesus, "Who came not to be served, but to serve and give life for the ransom of many" (Matt. 20-28) Then Holy Week reminds us that "When Jesus is lifted up on the Cross he will draw all humanity to himself." (John 12:32) Let us try to imitate the Risen Lord in our gift of self for the good of others!

Communion Ministers to the Homebound

First Sunday of the Month

Debbie Vega, Terry & Rhonda Melugin

Second Sunday of the Month

Darlene Fetsch, LaRae Kevin Rickwartz,

Third Sunday of the Month

Irma Bazaldua, Ron and Nancy Railsback, Jean Grossman

Fourth Sunday of the Month

Robert & Kathy Gilmore, Larry Ramaekers, Bruce Clarke

SACRAMENTAL POLICIES

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents seeking baptism for their children must be registered at St. Ann's for at least three months and turn in a completed Baptism Registration Form (located in the parish office, the parish website, or narthex) to the DRE, Adrian Johnson, in the parish office. Parents and godparents (from St. Ann's) are required to attend a baptismal preparation class, currently held on the last Tuesday of all odd-numbered months. Please contact Adrian Johnson to register for the next baptismal class. Godparents from other parishes must have a letter of good standing to serve as godparents.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Celebrated with students in the 8th grade (or older) every year during the Easter season. Students must have regularly attended Sunday morning faith formation classes in 6th and 7th grades, be currently enrolled and participating in St. Ann's faith formation family catechesis, and participate in the Confirmation preparation program.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the parish office at least six months in advance for an initial meeting with the pastor. All couples are required by the Diocese of Amarillo to attend complete pre-marital and Natural Family Planning classes. After they have fulfilled these requirements, a follow-up meeting with the pastor be scheduled to finalize plans for the wedding.

Sacrament of Penance

During Lent Wednesday's from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. & Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:30 pm. or by appointment.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the parish office when you are in need of this sacrament. A priest chaplain is available at all of the hospitals in Amarillo, but Catholics and/or their families should make the request for a priest visit to the nurse or charge nurse known.