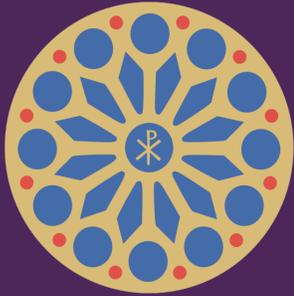


December 2022



# ST. ANN'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

605 38TH STREET • P. O. BOX 59 • CANYON, TX 79015

## PARISH OFFICE

**Office Hours**  
**Monday-Friday:**  
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
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**Parish Website:**  
www.stannsofcanyon.org

*St. Ann's Parish Family is a dynamic Catholic community in Canyon, Texas that serves God and neighbor by knowing and sharing our gifts through Christ-centered liturgy, faith formation, spirituality, and intentional togetherness in the sacramental life.*



### CLERGY

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Mark Reinart (Co-Chair)  
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Christine Hall, Randy Hochstein,  
Jennifer Leheska, Patricia Martinez,  
Agnes Posadas

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Jeff Haggard, Geoff Phemister,  
Kathy Porter

**Ladies of St. Ann's President:**  
Becky Canon

**Knights of Columbus Grand vKnight  
(St. Ann's Council #7840):**  
Paul Miguel, Sr.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. ANN'S DECEMBER 5 - 11

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

### Monday, December 5

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

### Tuesday, December 6

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Ladies Quilting Ministry  
Holy Eucharist  
(For †Maxine Harkenrider)

6:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Choir Practice  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Service Project  
7:00 p.m. Landings

### Wednesday, December 7

8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For †Kirsten Dale Simons)

6:30 p.m. Youth Night

### Thursday, December 8

#### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM**

#### **Parish Office Closed**

12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For †Eric Stocker)

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For the People of God)

### Friday, December 9

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For †Tillie Klein)

### Saturday, December 10

9:00 a.m. St. Monica's Circle Meeting  
2:00 p.m. First Reconciliation - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Confession  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For †Sr. Pauline Borman)

### Sunday, December 11

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For †Pearl Dee Waldean Helmer)  
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation  
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For the People of God)

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 12	Circle of the Holy Spirit Meeting
December 13	St. Martha's Circle Meeting
December 13	Children's Choir Practice
December 13	Landings
December 13	Sort Angel Tree Gifts
December 14	Youth Night
December 14	RCIA
December 15	Mom's Group
December 15	Angel Tree Distribution
December 15	Spiritual Book Club Discussion
December 15	Adult Choir Practice
December 18	No Faith Formation
December 20	Quilting Ministry
December 20	Children's Choir Practice
December 20	Landings
December 21	Youth Night
December 22	Mom's Group
December 22	Adult Choir Practice
December 23-26	Parish Office Closed
December 24	Christmas Eve-5:00p.m. & 8:00p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day-10:00 a.m.
December 27	Ladies' Board Meeting
December 29	Mom's Group
Dec. 30-Jan. 2	Parish Office Closed

#### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE: Nov. 27-28:**

Cash/Checks: \$8,598.95  
Online: \$6,047.50  
Weekly Total: \$14,646.45  
Funeral Meals: \$1,542.05

Thank you for your generosity!

## Pastor's CORNER

A vaunted U.S. secular newspaper recently published an "Opinion" piece on the anniversary of Vatican Council II by one of its regular Catholic contributors. Wondering why too many Catholics skip Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, Ross Douhat laments that *a key obstacle to getting modern Catholics to actually practice their inherited Catholicism isn't whether they disagree with church teachings or feel adequately welcomed (as much as those issues matter). It's that the church is in competition with a million other urgent-seeming things...because of the demands of youth sports, the felt need for more relaxed family time or the competing pulls of work and entertainment than because of any theological or moral issue.* I read this article shortly after I scratched my head about the paltry Mass attendance at St. Ann's on the Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, one of those Holy Days of Obligation. I talked to our parish Pastoral Council about my concerns. We theorized that some people were perhaps sick on that day or attended Mass at another time at another parish. But we concluded that the greatest problem was the one pointed out above in *The New York Times*: too many Catholics making other priorities ahead of their faith. We have another opportunity/obligation coming up on Thursday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. I invite everyone to remember that our faith is not supposed to give way to the culture but rather inform and challenge the culture that expects us to make everything more important than our faith. While discerning whether we need to offer more Masses at guessed-at more convenient times on Holy Days, one Council member remarked that any time we picked would be inconvenient for someone. In fact, faith *is* inconvenient - increasingly so when church is pushed down our priority lists by sports games, board meetings, clubs and hobbies, and the airing of the premieres of our favorite shows. Throughout Advent, our Mass prayers ask God to teach to judge wisely the things of earth and hold fast to things of heaven. Indeed!

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The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, is every December 12. We invite those who would like to bring flowers (roses are her flowers!) to next weekend's Masses. Our church image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be placed in a more prominent spot in the liturgical space for special reverence and it will be especially beautiful if you bring a flower or two to place before it. Let's pray that her call for the respect of every person, especially the poorest and most forgotten, will be heard and heeded.

*Fr. Scott*



### **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

DECEMBER 8

MASSES AT 12:10 P.M. & 6:30 P.M.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT OUR PARISH

### DECEMBER 7, 2022 IN THE CHURCH

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:30 a.m.  
Confessions 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Benediction at 8 p.m.  
*Sign-up sheets are located on the glass table in the narthex.*



# CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANN'S

## Christmas Eve (Friday, December 24)

5:00 p.m. Family Eucharist with Children's Homily  
Children's Choir  
Carols Begin at 4:30 p.m.  
(will be streamed and available for playback on our website)

8:00 p.m. Solemn Eucharist  
Adult Choir  
Carols Begin at 7:30 p.m.

## Christmas Day (Saturday, December 25)

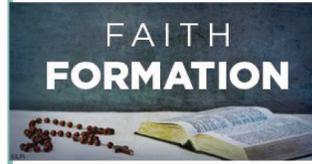
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Adult Choir  
Carols Begin at 9:45 a.m.

## Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31 - 5:00 p.m.  
January 1 - 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.



The last opportunity for First Reconciliation for students preparing to receive First Communion is next Saturday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m. If you have not yet signed up your student, please contact Adrian Johnson as soon as possible at 655-3302 or [ajohnson@stannsofcanyon.org](mailto:ajohnson@stannsofcanyon.org).



The last Faith Formation class for children, teens, and adults for this semester is Sunday, December 11th. We will have a long 3 week Christmas break this year so enjoy the rest of Advent by preparing for the coming of our blessed Savior with your families! Have a hope-filled Advent!

### Make Up Safe Environment Training

We had our initial Safe Environment Training for children on October 23, 2022. Per diocesan policy, all students in our Faith Formation program must receive this training so if your child missed the initial training, please bring them to class next Sunday, December 11th. Students will go to their normal classes, then be dismissed by their catechists to go to one of three sections in the parish hall to receive the training. Thank you for helping us keep yours and all children safe!

### Hallow

St. Ann's has partnered with Hallow this Advent to provide every parishioner FREE access to all of Hallow's prayer content. Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes over 3,000 audio-guided sessions designed to help you grow closer to God. You can download the app for FREE from this landing page: [Hallow.com/holydaypackage](http://Hallow.com/holydaypackage).



Make sure to stop at the Advent Table in the church narthex after Mass to pick up materials for you and your family for the Advent season.

# Christmas Choirs

## ST. ANN'S CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CHRISTMAS CHOIRS



Our Children's Christmas Mass this year will be at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 24. We invite all youth from the parish to join their voices for this celebration! There will be several opportunities for practice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Cindy Good at [cgood@stannsofcanyon.org](mailto:cgood@stannsofcanyon.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Saint Ann's Youth will be celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this Wednesday, December 7, by having a "White-Out" party. We invite all our students to come dressed in white in honor of this Marian Feast Day.

## Spiritual Book Club Discussion Postponed

Our Spiritual Book Club discussion originally scheduled for Thursday, December 1, has been rescheduled for Thursday, December 15, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. It's not too late to get a spiritual book and read it with us!



Make sure to stop at the Advent Table in the church narthex after Mass to pick up materials for you and your family for the Advent season.

# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

HIGHLIGHTING THE BEAUTIFUL MINISTRIES AND PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH!

### St. Therese Circle:

We are young and newly married women serving our parish in organizing the Angel Tree Project at Christmas.

For more information contact Jacquelyn Leak at 806-336-5509



Knights of Columbus  
St. Ann's Council #7840  
Canyon, Texas

If you know of someone in need, please let our council know. If you are interested in helping serve the St. Ann's, Amarillo Diocese, Canyon, and Amarillo communities consider joining us. Email [kfoc7840@stannsofcanyon.org](mailto:kfoc7840@stannsofcanyon.org) and a brother knight will be in contact with you.

Scan the QR Code to join online and enter Council #7840



# YOUR YEAR-END GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Both the season of Advent and the approach of the end of the year invite us to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed on us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for our blessings by gifting to St. Ann's Parish. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings, and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. A gift can also help support St. Ann's Parish not only in the near future but for years to come. Please call us at the parish office if we can help answer questions about giving. May God bless you for your continued generosity!

# New Goal: \$5 Million

Total Pledged: \$3,736,433.76

Pledged Households: 309 (up from 306 from last week)

Building Fund Balance: \$2,280,421.09

**TOTAL NEEDED TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION:**

**50% = \$2,500,000**

## TO PLEDGE OR PAY ON A PLEDGE:

MAIL: 605 38<sup>TH</sup> ST. P.O. BOX 59 CANYON, TX  
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# Hallow

Coming to St. Ann's for Advent: This #1 Catholic app worldwide that includes over 3,000 audio-guided sessions designed to help you grow closer to God. Hallow Plus includes prayers in Spanish, prayers for kids and families, resources to help you learn about the faith, and more.

To access on all devices, follow:

1. <https://formed.org>
2. Click on sign up
3. Select "Sign up as a parishioner"
4. Type in "St. Ann's Catholic Church"
5. Select "605 38th Street Texas"

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## Hospital Information

We pray for the health of all parishioners at this time. If you do find yourself or a family member in the hospital, please let them know that you are Catholic and from St. Ann's Parish when you register. Also, please try to notify our parish office. This will allow us to know that we have a member hospitalized.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis:

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

### In Special Need of Prayer:

Thomas and Barbara Austin, Misty Blevins, Donna Dimel, Britt & Agnes Fisk, Cindy Good, Rosa Hernandez, Jesse Jones, Robert Krause, Gaynell Monroe, Fr. Francisco Perez, Guy Raef, Larry & Mona Reyes, Georgann Rickwartz, Sheri Rios, Bob Roland, Ruth Simms, Gary Vogel, and Mary Wilhelm.

*\*Please call the parish office to add someone to our prayer list. The person's name will then appear on our prayer list.*

## MEMORIAL TO THE UNBORN



If you would like to have your child remembered at our Memorial to the Unborn, please contact the parish office so that we can add their names to the display case on the southwest corner of the church building. We recognize, of course, that the loss of an unborn child is private and want to avoid any pressure to participate. Pray about the possibility and continue to be saved by God's parental grace.



## HOMEBOUND Ministry

When Jesus cared for the sick and dying, the Lord extended God's mercy and love. The Lord continues his ministry through the universal Church. As a community of faithful, we want to ensure that the sick and shut-ins of our parish can receive Holy Communion. If you need assistance in this capacity or know someone who does, please contact the parish office at 655-3302.

## 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, 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 complete pre-marital and Natural Family Planning classes. After they have fulfilled these requirements, a follow-up meeting with the parish liturgy coordinators is scheduled to finalize plans for the wedding.

### Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays from 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Offered the first weekend of the month after all Masses. Please contact the parish office if you or a loved one 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.