

ST. ANN'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

605 38TH STREET Canyon, TX 79015

Parish Office

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday-9:00 a.m. - Noon

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parish@stannsofcanyon.org

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.

This Week at St. Ann's September 29 - October 5

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

Monday, September 29

Tuesday, September 30

9:00 a.m. Quilting Ministry
5:30 p.m. No Mass- Rosary in the church
7:00 p.m. Where is That in the Bible? w/ Dcn. Joe
7:00 p.m. Reborn Baptism Class

Wednesday, October 1

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(For +Frances Miguel by The Schwietermann Family)
8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Senior Enrichment Program
6:30 p.m. SAY (7-12 grade)

Thursday, October 2

1:00 p.m. Senior Ladies Small Group
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For Thanksgiving for Rain by Vernon Wilhelm)
6:00 p.m. Holy Family Circle Meeting
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, October 3

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For +Deceased Brorman Family Members by Joe & Pam Shehan)

Saturday, October 4

6:30 a.m. Men's ACTS Prayer Group
8:00 a.m. Exodus Men's Group-St. Michael's Lent
9:30 a.m. CLOW Training
3:30 p.m. Confession
4:30 p.m. First Saturday Rosary-Chapel
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For +Salomon Valverde by Frank & Rosa Valverde)

Sunday, October 5

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(For +Joanna Normandin by St. Martha's)
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation- Adult, Youth & Children
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(For The People of God)
3:00 p.m. Alternate Altar Server Training
4:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals

Looking Ahead.....

October 9 Sacristan Training
October 11 Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass



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Our neighbors there at the church next door

Have been nothing but quite gracious and more

But our church family needs to show it cares

By using our own parking instead of theirs.

Please refrain from parking in the Church of Christ parking lot for St. Ann's Masses and other events. It's just not good Catholic courtesy.

Parishioners are more than welcome to park in the lot with the rough asphalt next to The Market, if needed. Thank you!

Fr. Scott

ST. ANN'S 22ND FALLBACK FESTIVAL

605 38th St. Canyon, TX

Day of the Dead

HONORING PAST LOVED ONES, CARRYING FORWARD THEIR LEGACY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

HAPPY ½ HOUR
6:00 - 6:30 PM

SILENT AUCTION
6:00 - 8:00 PM

DINNER & DANCE
6:30 - 11:00 PM

LIVE AUCTION
8:15 PM

COSTUMES ARE WELCOME

TICKET OPTIONS

\$75 per ½ ticket

TICKET INCLUDES:

- STEAK DINNER FOR ONE
- ½ REVERSE DRAWING TICKET

\$150 per ticket

TICKET INCLUDES:

- STEAK DINNER FOR TWO
- 1 REVERSE DRAWING TICKET

\$800 for a VIP table

TICKET INCLUDES:

- TABLE SEATS 8 PEOPLE
- STEAK DINNER FOR 8 W/ VIP SERVING LINE
- 4 REVERSE DRAWING TICKETS
- VIP GIFT
- 1 SILENT AUCTION GOLDEN TICKET

Scan here to purchase tickets:

**To purchase a VIP table
Contact Theresa Hernandez,
806-433-3367**

SPONSORSHIPS: 806-341-2204

SILENT OR LIVE AUCTION DONATIONS: 806-570-9953

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE: SEPTEMBER 20 - 21, 2025

Cash/Checks: \$11,916.01

Online: \$7,557.29

Total: \$19,473.30

Thank you for your giving back to God!

Wednesday Night Youth

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



**Adult Volunteers Needed, Especially Men,
to Expand Our Youth Ministry Team**

For more information, contact Jennifer Sperry, 806-655-3302, or
dre@stannsofcanyon.org

Faith Formation

Sundays, from 10:15am - 11:15am



Catechist Substitutes: (all grade levels)

If interested, please contact Jennifer Sperry,
(806) 655-3302 or dre@stannsofcanyon.org

**If you still need to register your child, please call the
Parish Office at 806-655-3302.
Must be a registered parishioner.**

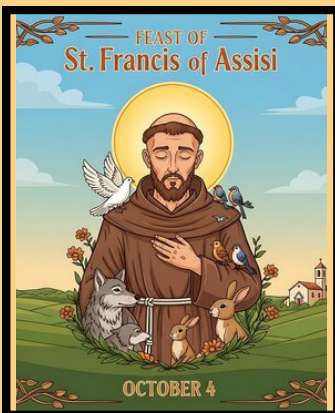
Bricks Still Available for Purchase

As the deadline to purchase (October 30, 2025) draws closer, please think and pray about buying a brick for our "Welcoming Christ" plaza planned for the front of the church (on the west side in between the bell tower and the porte cachere.) Brochures are located in all the gathering areas. If you and/or members of your family donated a brick back in 2005 when the church was dedicated, we will have the opportunity to have these restored. These restored bricks will be laid in the new plaza along with the newly made bricks. This plaza will be a visible sign of Christ's welcoming love to the neighborhood and the community as well as of our willingness to welcome those who come to St. Ann's for the first or the umpteenth time.

We Need You!

Donut delivery dates are open. Please consider
volunteering by picking up our weekly order at Got
Donuts in Canyon and delivering them to the church
by 8:45 AM.

Scan the QR code to sign up 
(Donuts have already been paid for)



Blessing of the Animals

 Sunday, October 5

 4:00 p.m.

 Front yard of the Rectory

**All are invited to bring your
pets, great and small, to
receive a special blessing**

**For the safety of all animals, please make sure
your pet is on a leash or in a crate.**



We welcome our newbrother in faith:

Leonardo Luis Arevalo

Son of Alejandro Arevalo and Marie Navarrete

May he grow in wisdom and grace!

Blessings

to our newly married

Congratulations to

Brie Mowry & Joshua Pritchett

Married September 13, 2025

Bound by love, blessed by God. Congratulations on your marriage!

Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass



Saturday, October 11, 2025

5:00 p.m.



St. Ann's Knights of Columbus Council 7840 will sponsor a special Mass in memory of all deceased council members. Current members will take part by filling the liturgical ministry roles. We invite all parishioners, family, and friends to join us in prayerful remembrance.

Nursery News



During the month of October, we will be doing a trial run of the Nursery being available on Saturdays during the 5:00 pm Mass.

The Nursery is also available:

- Sundays during the 9:00 am Mass, Faith Formation hour, and 11:30 am Mass
- Tuesdays during Adult Faith Formation class
- Special events as advertised

We Are Hiring!

We are looking for individuals who are available to help during the week. If interested, please contact Bernadette Thooft at (507) 530-8363 for more information.



*Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament*

WEDNESDAY, OCT 1
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

Celebrate Priesthood Sunday

October 4-5, 2025

19 Ways to Say "Thank You" to Your Parish Priest(s)

When asked how best to express our gratitude for their dedication, here's what a few parish priests had to say:

1. Pray for Your Priest(s)

"A rosary, a holy hour, a small offering or a daily suffering offered for the priest."

"Send cards to parish priests with assurances of prayer for their intentions."

"The offering of prayers for the priest and his ministry. (It's a great joy to know of prayers since I know that my life and ministry are only as fruitful as the people praying for me.)"

2. Cook Them a Meal, Especially on Their Busy Days

"It would be nice if someone made sure the priest(s) of the parish had a nice cooked meal on Sundays and major holidays. We often have little to no time to cook and after a long day, it would be nice to come home to something we don't have to make."

"Find out his favorite meal and make it for him."

3. Celebrate Their Special Days

"Celebrating the priest's birthday and ordination day are good thoughts, too."

"It's nice to be remembered on the day of my priestly ordination."

4. Pray More, Complain Less

"The vast majority of interactions seem to revolve around a complaint about the priest, the parish, a parishioner, the music, the temperature in the church, a burned out lightbulb, a decision, etc. and rarely about the supernatural realities."

5. Offer to Help

"Don't wait to be asked! Priests are ordained to give, and it's hard for us to ask for things."

"Volunteer your time to the parish as a sign of support and service."

"Consider increasing your tithe to support the parish and priest."

6. Go to Mass and/or Confession

"Nothing will make a priest happier."

"Pick a day, go to a Mass that he's celebrating, and get a bunch of people to sit in the front rows. When Father asks you after Mass why, tell him you were offering your participation at Mass in thanksgiving for his priesthood."

7. Write Them a Note Expressing Your Gratitude

"A note, especially to a priest with whom you've lost touch, letting him know how his priesthood impacted your life- and that you're still with the program- means a lot."

"My favorite thing to receive from people is a letter. Not a card with few words. Those are nice too, but I love receiving a letter or a card with a substantial message in it. It is very powerful to hear somebody describe exactly HOW the thing I said or did was so fruitful for them. It is a reminder that Jesus is a lot bigger than me and he can do great things with the little I have to offer."

"I really appreciate when people say to me personally or send notes of gratitude: "Thanks for your priesthood", "Thanks for being our pastor." "Thanks for answering the call." Writing to say thank you to your parish priest goes much further than you may think"

"Tell them that they have made a difference in your life."

"Write them a thank you with a tone of appreciation."

"Simple notes mean a great deal to priests these days. Things like notes of appreciation after funerals and weddings, a simple compliment after a well prepared homily."

"Being specific helps!"

8. Say Thank You to Your Parish Priest

"Thank the parish priest for every Mass. Even if you don't necessarily like the priest, as the Mass is always about the presence of Jesus."

"Even something as simple as saying to the priest after confession "Thank you for your ministry and I will pray for you" can mean a great deal."

"Make a video asking random parishioners one thing they would like to thank Fr. ____ for."

9. Give Them a Compliment

"Look for opportunities to compliment parish priests. Even ones you don't particularly like."

"I always cheer up when someone tells me after Mass, 'That was a beautiful Mass, Father.'"

10. Look Out For Their Wellbeing:

"Encourage priests to take time off."

11. Save the Drama

"Avoid and discourage gossip about priests and parishes."

"Don't gossip or criticize, instead offer to help and to build up. I wonder how many vocations were ruined when young people hear adults tear down the parish priest, usually because of some petty parish dispute."

12. Let Them Know You Have Their Back

"When you witness a situation when someone is being rude to a priest, let him know that you noticed and express compassion."

13. Establish a Friendship

"Don't tell him what you don't like if that's the first time you've bothered to talk to him."

"Say hello before telling him what's wrong."

14. Have Realistic Expectations and be Helpful

"He's probably not a plumber, so don't expect him to fix the leaky pipe. But definitely do ask him if he knows it's leaking."

"Always assume good will. Offering feedback is helpful, but criticism and complaint given without humility and sincere love is draining after a while."

15. Don't be a Priest Collector

"You don't have to have the parish priest(s) over every Sunday. Don't expect to be the priest's best friend – he is your pastor/assistant and he needs to keep things professional. Don't brag to fellow parishioners how "Close you guys are" as then that creates animosity or jealousy – and THAT stresses the priest out."

16. Be Supportive

"Whenever there is something that is stressful, such as a difficult time during the parish, I know "reinforcement" is appreciated. I haven't had much of that in my first 5 years (yet) but I recall some tremendously difficult funerals where people sent a nice note. I recall discovering a stash of notes here at St. Mary's from 23 years ago when the school closed. The newspapers and some very vocal but few people were out for the pastor, using attacks of "racist" and "uncaring." The pastor, then, saved all the dozens of notes from people offering to him their understanding at the difficult decision he made."

17. Give Them Space

"Sometimes it's good to be just left alone, too. Stay away from what is called "unkind kindness" which is assuming Father is (Lonely, depressed, stressed, anxious, etc) when sometimes he needs to just blow off some steam."

18. Invite Them Over

"It's nice when people think to invite me to family gatherings: special birthdays or anniversary celebrations, holiday dinners (even though I usually decline because I'm with my own family – it's nice to be invited)."

19. Strive for Holiness

"Ultimately, being the saint God desires them to be! There's nothing more exciting for a priest than witnessing holiness in the lives of the people to whom he ministers; not only is that an experience of grace that his labor is bearing fruit but it's also tremendously edifying in his own pursuit of holiness."

Remember, each priest has his own preferences and ways that make him feel appreciated. Some may really like being invited over for dinner, while other priests may recharge with a quiet dinner alone in the rectory. Every priest we contacted mentioned a well-thought, meaningful letter or card mentioning specific ways he helped you. Maybe that's a great place to start. No matter what you do, let's make sure we let our priests know just how much we care for them.