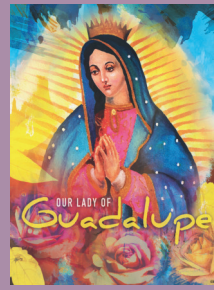


DECEMBER 2025  
**ST. ANN'S**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
605 38<sup>th</sup> St. Canyon, TX 79015



Parish Office

**Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday

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

Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Phone: (806) 655-3302

Parish Email:

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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*A VOICE OF ONE CRYING OUT IN THE DESERT:*

*"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD,*

*MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS.*

*EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED*

*AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW."*

—LUKE 3:4-5

### Clergy

**Pastor:** Fr. Scott L. Raef

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Brian Lewis

Dave Rausch

Gabriel Rivas

Joe Roder

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**Chair:** Brittany Roberts

**Co-Chair:** Barbara Kline

Jeffrey Albers, Randy Hochstein,

Tori Klose, David Rohrbach, Jaret

Schulte, Matthew Urbanosky

**Finance Council:**

David Baumann, Roger Cross, Jeff

Haggard, Annie Miller, Geoff

Phemister, Nicole Houle

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

Alex Wied

**Knights of Columbus (St. Ann's  
Council #7840)**

**Grand Knight:**

Rudy Fuentes, Jr.

## This Week at St. Ann's December 8 - 14

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

### Monday, December 8 Parish Office Closed

### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION/CELEBRATION

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For +Priscilla Ruiz by Ray & Christina Ruiz)

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

### Tuesday, December 9 NO DAILY MASS

1:00 p.m. St. Martha's Circle Meeting

6:30 p.m. CHILDREN'S Choir Practice

7:00 p.m. *Where is That in the Bible?* w/ Dcn. Joe

### Wednesday, December 10 NO DAILY MASS

10:00 a.m. Senior Bible Study w/ Criss Murdoch

11:00-2:00 p.m. Senior Enrichment Program

6:30 p.m. SAY (7-12 grade)

### Thursday, December 11 NO DAILY MASS

1:00 p.m. Senior Ladies Small Group

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Friday, December 12 NO DAILY MASS

### Saturday, December 13

### Christian Mothers Prayer following all Masses this weekend

6:30 a.m. Men's ACTS Prayer Group

8:00 a.m. Exodus Men's Group

8:30 a.m. St. Monica's Circle Meeting

9:00 a.m. Parish Clean-Up Day

2:00 p.m. First Reconciliation

3:00 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For +Ken Giromini by Ramona Giromini)

### Sunday, December 14

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For +Karolyn Foss by Bryan Crabtree)

10:15 a.m. Faith Formation

11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Presider: Fr. Jim Schmitmeyer)  
(For The People of God)

### Looking Ahead

December 16 Quilting Ministry  
Endow  
Children's Choir Practice  
The Market Board Meeting

December 20/21 Baptism Registration Meeting

## Around the Parish.....



### Where's Raef?

In this time of Advent waiting, you may find yourself waiting for the priest and wondering where I am. Thanks to the generosity of some St. Ann's parishioners, I'm taking my annual trek with a few family members to the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. You can bet that I won't get near the broncs and bulls as I find I have much more in common with the rodeo clowns.

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### Gone to Retreat

The priests of the diocese were surprised when our annual priests retreat, usually scheduled for the first week of November, was moved this year to the third week of December. Because of this change, please note that each of the daily Masses for December 16-19 will be celebrated at 8 a.m. instead of at the regular times. Please pardon the inconvenience.

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### Processing Meetings

Last week was a week of many meetings. Here are some highlights:

- Finance Council (November 18):

The building project debt was reviewed and stands at approximately \$1.75 million. People continue to generously contribute to the paydown of the debt and to paying additional payments beyond pledges that have already been paid. Both old mold from the old kitchen area and new mold in the Parish Office area will be remediated beginning in December, with St. Ann's responsible for 1/3 of the cost – approximately \$8500. A quonset hut cleanout and sale of stored items is slated for January. Hail damage from summer storms is being addressed. The rectory has a new roof. Replacement of the roof on the new building will be replaced by Wylie Hicks' insurers. The parish would like to purchase new chairs for the Parish Hall but is waiting to find a good deal.

- Parish Pastoral Council (November 20):

Discussion centered on the need to make St. Ann's a "vocations parish" through prayer, awareness, promotion, and other activities. Results of the six-year term evaluation for Fr. Scott were reviewed (see insert). The pace of the parish and its activities was briefly addressed as well as the upcoming ordination of Kevin Rickwartz, the departure of Deacon Joe and Karen Roder, as well as Advent and Christmas liturgies and events.

*Fr. Scott*

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE NOVEMBER 22-23, 2025

Cash/Checks: \$11,972.70

Online: \$5,517.29

Total: \$17,489.99

Funeral Meals: \$3,797.97

Thank you for giving back to God!

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE NOVEMBER 29-30, 2025

Cash/Checks: \$5,933.35

Online: \$6,840.58

Total: \$12,773.93

Caritas: \$2,114.75

Thank you for giving back to God!

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary*

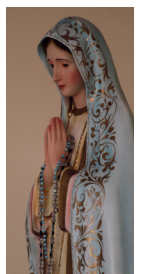
Holy Day of Obligation/ Celebration

Monday, December 8, 2025

Holy Eucharist

12:15 p.m.

6:30 p.m. (Nursery available)

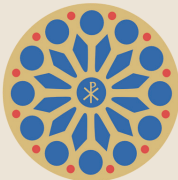
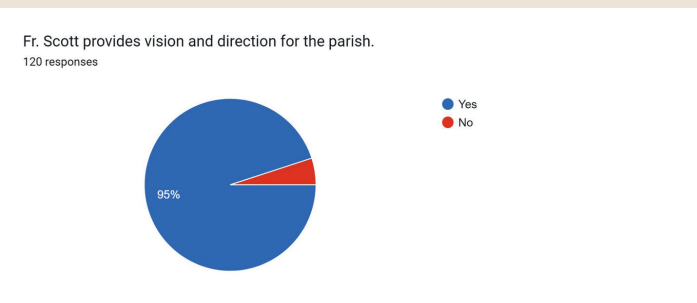
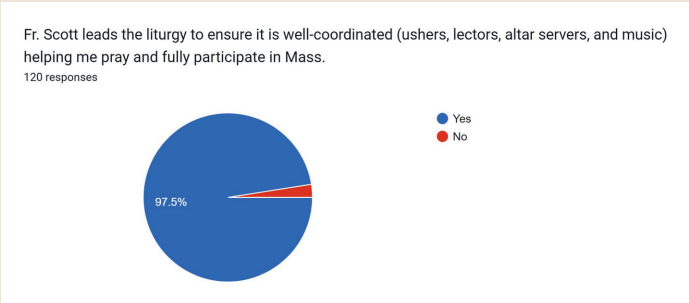
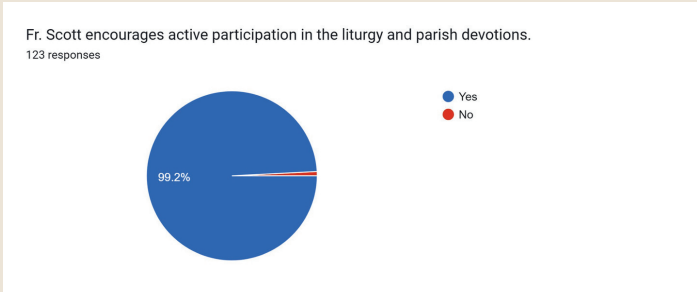
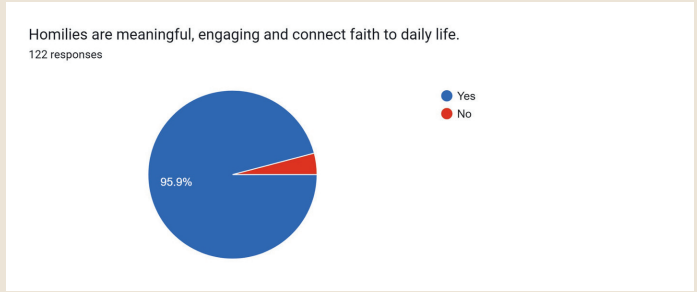
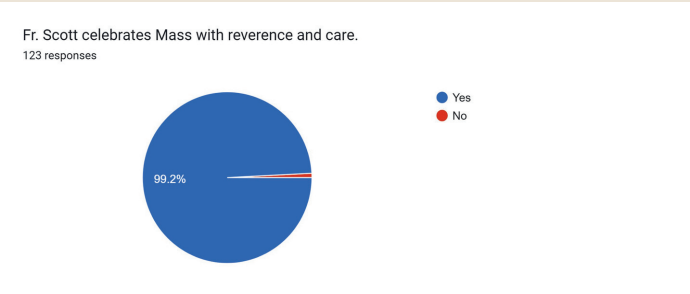
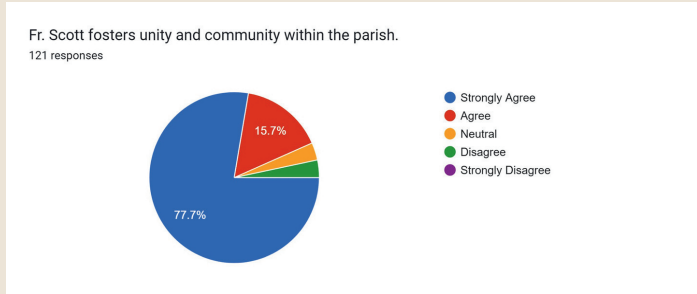
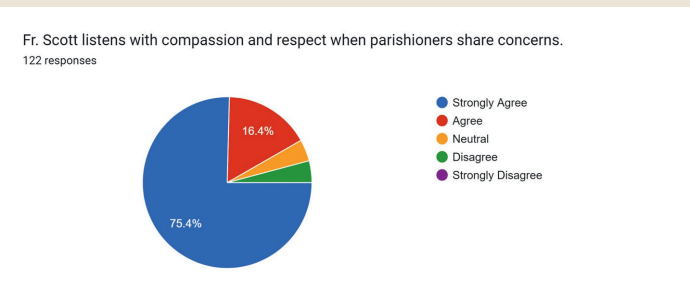
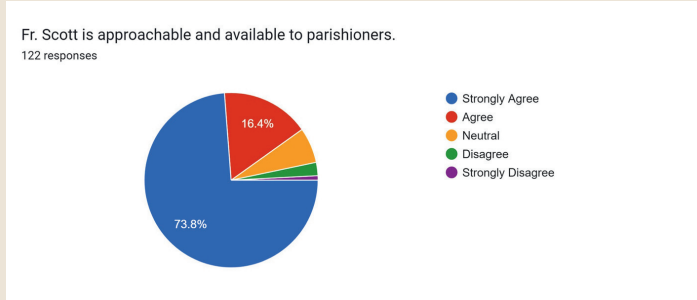


Fr. Scott is offering extended Confession times during the Advent season.

Saturday, December 6, 13 & 20

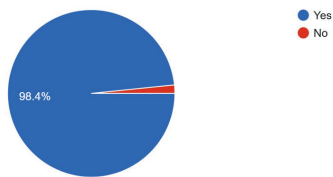
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

In September, St. Ann’s conducted a comprehensive Pastoral Leadership Evaluation to gather thoughtful feedback for Fr. Scott as he continues to shepherd our parish family on our parish’s spiritual life, community engagement, and overall pastoral direction. This evaluation provided parishioners an opportunity to reflect on the strengths of our parish under current leadership, share hopes for the future, and offer open-ended insights to help guide our continued growth in faith and mission. The following summary highlights the key themes and perspectives shared by our community.



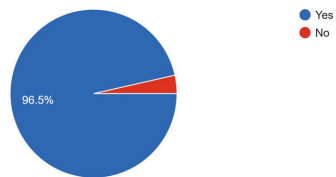
Fr. Scott encourages stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

123 responses



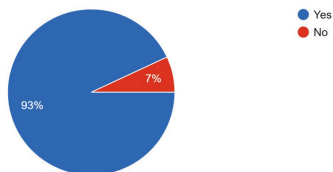
Fr. Scott empowers staff and volunteers in their ministries.

114 responses



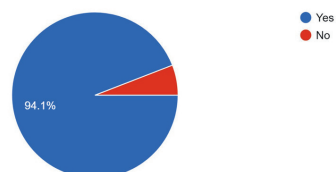
Fr. Scott responds well to challenges and makes decisions with wisdom.

115 responses



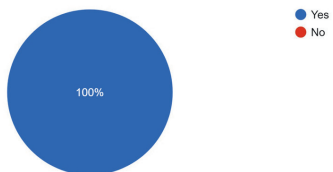
Fr. Scott communicates effectively about parish goals, needs and events.

119 responses



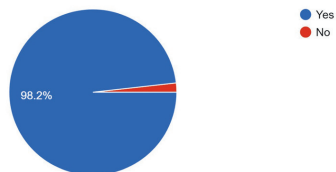
Fr. Scott is present and supportive at parish and community events.

116 responses



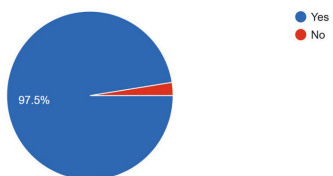
Fr. Scott ministers well to the sick, grieving, and those in need.

112 responses



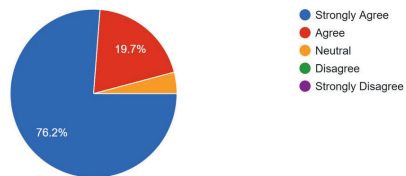
Fr. Scott shows care for people of all ages and walks of life.

119 responses



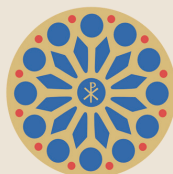
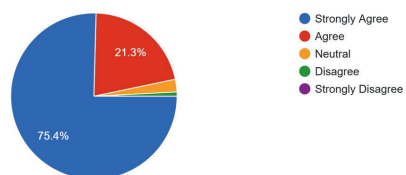
Fr. Scott models prayerfulness, holiness, and commitment to the Sacraments.

122 responses



Fr. Scott provides clear and faithful teaching of the Catholic faith.

122 responses







December 4, 2025

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The members of St. Ann's Knights of Columbus want to extend a gracious thank-you to everyone who gave so generously to Father Scott's retirement annuity in the past. Once again, we appeal to all fellow parishioners to consider contributing to Father Scott's annuity. As our parish priest, he is the one who leads us in Mass and administers the sacraments. Your support is appreciated and a clear sign of solidarity with our parish priest. Knights of Columbus investments have been steadily gaining in value. You can be confident that every dollar invested will gain interest and be there for Father's withdrawal. Thank you in advance for your generosity. May God bless you abundantly for your thoughtful gift.

The Knights of Columbus are a tax exempt organization under the subordinates of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus located at One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06507. The Knights of Columbus organization is included under section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Employer Identification Number is 06-0416470. This letter is your receipt.

Mail your contribution to:  
Knights of Columbus Council 7840  
605 38th St  
Canyon, TX 79015

Sincerely,  
Rudy Fuentes, Jr.  
Grand Knight

## *Christmas Flowers donated by...*

Brenda Barrett  
The Bettencourt Family  
Lyndon & Tracy Brazile  
Jeff & Judith Burton  
Amelia Carlton  
Carl & Jane Coffelt  
Tom & Brenda Conrad  
Mike & Carol Coulter  
Nathan & Sarah Dawes  
Debbie Ducheneaux  
Ken & Anita Fischbacher  
Marny Flood  
Robert & Kathy Gilmore  
Jerry & Debbie Godfrey  
Barbetta Hesse  
Randy & Marita Hochstein  
Tony & Camille Kennedy  
Paul & Judy Kester  
Dcn. Beck & Mary Knox  
The Kohler Family  
Toby & Diana Lambeth

The Lipinski Family  
Cruz & Veronica Luna  
James & Lindsey McDivitt  
The McKnight Family  
Terry & Rhonda Melugin  
Shawn & Patty Mooney  
Joe & Peggy Morris  
Criss & Cindy Murdoch  
Cesilia Pedroza  
Kevin & Kathy Raef  
Galan & Mary Reinart  
Nick & Tina Renteria  
Arnold & Khristina Reyna  
Dcn. Gabe & Pauline Rivas  
The Rohrbach Family  
Apolinar & Janet Sanchez, Jr.  
Jaret & Cassie Schulte  
Carole Tuma  
Curtis & Maureen Watkins  
Regina Weeg

and those donations who wished to remain anonymous

## *Christmas Flowers in memory of loved ones donated by...*

Mike Callahan  
Fidelis & Darlene Fetsch  
Ramona Giromini  
Jordan & Angela Gladman  
Adam & Jackie Halsted  
Mary Hiner  
Michael & Katie Kleinhenz  
Zelda Martinez  
JJ & Marla Paetzold  
Helen Ruffini  
Santos & Theresa Segura  
Joleen Walsh  
Fred Wieck



**Faith Formation**  
Sundays, 10:15am - 11:15am



**Reminder: First Reconciliation is this Saturday, Dec. 6, & Dec. 13 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**We will not have classes on December 21 or December 28 due to Christmas break.**

**Attendance Reminder:** Thank you for your commitment to Faith Formation! Please remember to communicate any absences to both the catechist and the DRE. A minimum of 75% attendance is required for all classes at St. Ann's. Regular attendance is especially important in sacramental preparation years and is a requirement of the Diocese of Amarillo.

**Wednesday Night Youth**  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



**SAY Christmas Schedule:**

**Wednesday, December 10– Regular**

**Wednesday, December 17– Christmas Fun Night, more info to follow**

**Wednesday, December 24 & 31– No SAY due to Christmas Break**



**Landings**  
**Catholics Come Home!**

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church, know that we have missed you! One way to explore returning to active participation is through the LANDINGS program here with our church community. LANDINGS is an eight-week program that offers "a safe place to land," a place for listening and for being heard, a place for asking questions and for reconnecting with the faith as an adult. We begin our next session at St. Ann's in January. If you are interested in joining the program or serving on team, please contact Kendra Backus at 806-206-0868.



Scan to Pledge



Newest Update  
Slightly Short  
on Pledges!

Quota: \$109,588.00  
Amount Pledged: \$107,496.48  
Amount Paid: \$77,568.80  
Thank you for your pledge.

**Angel Tree Gifts Due**

Thank you to all who adopted Angels this year. Just a reminder to please return your wrapped gifts to the Narthex by December 13/14 so they can be delivered to families on December 18. Please make sure you include the number off of the tag you received.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping bring Christmas joy to our community's children!

**Baptism Registration Meeting**

After each Mass: December 20-21

Those seeking Baptism for their child or who have been asked to be a Godparent at our parish or another should attend this quick, informational meeting! It is required by the church and only takes a few minutes.



We welcome our new brother & Sister in faith:

**Jayden Jaeshawn Thornton**

Son of Jaylin Thornton & Marion Gutierrez

and

**Victoria Susel Cuellar**

Daughter of Juan Cuellar & Cynthia Campos

*May they grow in wisdom and grace!*



**Craig Wickham,**

who was recently received into full  
communion with the Catholic Church.

Your parish family joyfully welcomes you!



***Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration***

In preparation for her feast day, December 12, all are invited to attend the Diocesan Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

**2:00 p.m. Procession with Matachines**

**4:00 p.m. Mass with Bishop Zurek**

**St. Mary's Cathedral**

**Parish Clean-Up Day**

As we prepare our hearts and our parish for the celebration of Christmas, we invite everyone to join us for a parish clean-up day! Your helping hands will make a big difference as we brighten and beautify our church and grounds for the season.

All ages are welcome, and any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated. Supplies will be provided. Thank you for helping us make our parish shine for Christmas!

**Saturday, December 13, 9:00 a.m.**



***Let's Trim the New Tree!!***

With our new space comes the need for a new tree!

This year, when we "hang the greens," we will be adding a Christmas tree to our new Narthex near the Holy Family Room. We invite each family of St. Ann's to bring one ornament that represents your family to hang on the new tree.

When choosing your ornament, please keep the following in mind:

- Nothing too fragile or sentimental (for example, not Great Aunt Betty's "First Christmas" ornament)
- Nothing too large, as many ornaments will be added
- Please write your family's name and the year somewhere on the ornament

We hope these ornaments will become treasured decorations for years to come!

Please place your ornament in one of the baskets in the Narthex before the last Sunday of Advent, December 21.

# December Schedule

Wednesdays  
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



## Senior Enrichment Center: Activities & Meals

WEDNESDAY  
December 10

11:00 - 11:45 am  
Moving w/ Marla

11:45 - 12:30 pm  
Lunch  
Chicken Pot Pie  
Salad, Crackers  
Mixed Fruit  
Greek Yogurt

12:30 - 2:00 pm  
Bag Baseball

WEDNESDAY  
December 17

11:00 - 11:45 am  
Moving w/ Marla

11:45 - 12:30 pm  
Lunch  
Turkey  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broccoli & Carrots w/  
Cheese  
Roll  
Cranberry  
Salad/Greek yogurt

12:30 - 2:00 pm  
Musical Gifts

WEDNESDAY  
December 24



**Closed for Christmas**

**Wishing you a very blessed Christmas and joyous New Year!**

**~Marla & the SEC Crew**

WEDNESDAY  
December 31



**Closed for New Year's**

**See you back on January 7, 2026!**

Want it  
in the  
Bulletin?

To submit content for the bulletin at St. Ann's, email the information to [bulletin@stannsofcanyon.org](mailto:bulletin@stannsofcanyon.org) at least two weeks before the event. Deadline is Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.

"Lord, look with mercy upon those who are sick. May your healing power rest upon them and bring comfort and restoration. We trust in Your love and healing."

**In Special Need of Prayer:** Martha Ames, Don Dolle, Charlie Dorsey, Anita Gray, Larry Hartman, Fred Lane, Pamela Lynn, Ester Martinez, Larry & Mona Reyes, Joni Rogers, Delilah Schoenenberger, Helen Schwertner, Jack Sorenson, Monica Weathersbee, Cathy Wieck, Mary Wilhelm, Stacy Wilhelm.



**Prayer Requests**

\*\*Please call the Parish Office to have someone's name added to our prayer list. The person's name will then appear on the list for two months.



**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 the 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, 806-655-3302.

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

## SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES

### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents seeking Baptism for their child(ren) {under 7} need to start with the following steps:

- Take and read one of the Baptism @ St. Ann's handouts located in the church Narthex and the Parish Office, or printable from our website: [stannsofcanyon.org](http://stannsofcanyon.org). Then, to register for Baptism, parent(s) should attend a **Baptism Registration Meeting**, held after each Mass on the third weekend of the month. This session will provide you with everything else you will need to know.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Celebrated with students in the 8th grade (or older) every year during the Easter season. Students must have regularly attended Wednesday evening or Sunday morning Faith Formation classes in 7th and 8th 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, 3:00 - 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.