

JANUARY 2026  
**ST. ANN'S**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
605 38TH ST. CANYON, TX 79015



Parish Office

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Monday-Thursday

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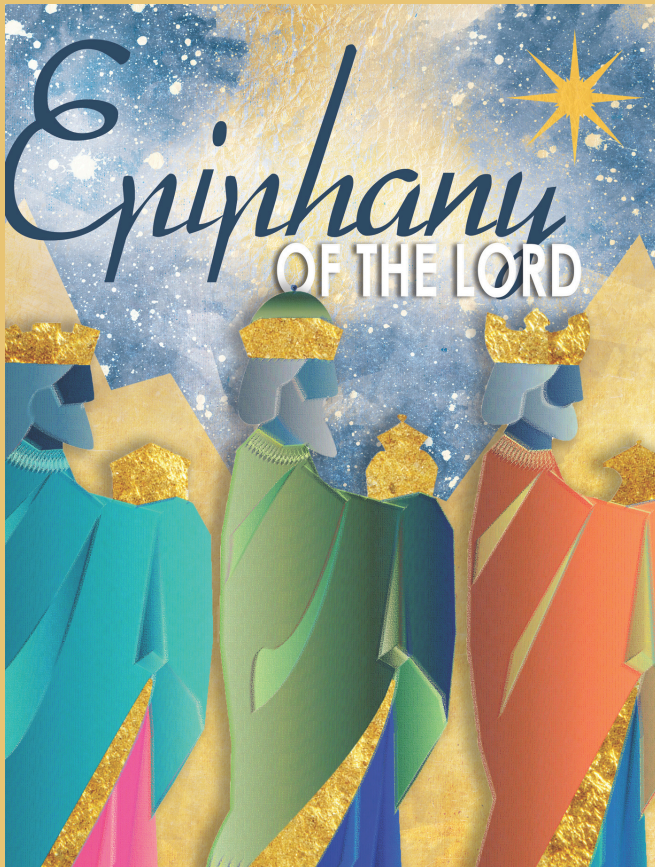
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St. Ann's Parish Family is a dynamic Catholic community in Canyon, Texas that serves God and neighbor by knowing and sharing our gifts through Christ-centered liturgy, faith formation, spirituality, and intentional togetherness in the sacramental life.



*"Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."*  
*-Mt 2:2*

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Alex Wied

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Council #7840)**

**Grand Knight:**

Rudy Fuentes, Jr.

## This Week at St. Ann's January 5 - 11

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

### Monday, January 5

### Tuesday, January 6

9:00 a.m. Quilting Ministry  
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For +Bill & Marian Kreppes by The Kolath Family)

### Wednesday, January 7

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For +Richard Wilhelm by Vernon Wilhelm)  
8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
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, January 8

1:00 p.m. Senior Ladies Small Group  
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For +Bill & Dollie Bell by Manuel & Debbie Vega)

### Friday, January 9

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For Fr. Scott Raef by Mike & Carol Coulter)

### Saturday, January 10 Liturgical Ministry Meeting after all Masses Christian Mothers Prayer following all Masses

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  
3:30 p.m. Confessions  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For +Pablo Gutierrez by The DeLeon Family)

### Sunday, January 11

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For Sarah Coulter by Mike & Carol Coulter)  
10:15 a.m. Faith Formation  
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For The People of God)

#### Looking Ahead

January 12 Circle of the Holy Spirit Meeting  
KofC Officer Meeting  
January 13 St. Martha's Circle Meeting  
Endow  
January 15 Spiritual Book Club Discussion

## Stewardship of Treasure

**December 20-21, 2025**

Cash/Checks: \$13,084.94

Online: \$8,947.29

Total: \$22,032.23

Retirement Fund for the Religious: \$5,397.97

Christmas: \$11,984.50

**December 27-28, 2025**

Cash/Checks: \$9,860.86

Online: \$4,896.29

Total: \$14,757.15

Caritas: \$2,662.00

Thank you for your faithful tithing- your generosity  
sustains our parish's mission.

Dear Parish Family,

I am deeply grateful for the many Christmas cards, gifts, notes, and kind words you so generously shared.

Your thoughtfulness and prayers were a true blessing to me and a beautiful sign of the love that fills our parish. Thank you for your generosity, your encouragement, and—most of all—for the gift of your faith and friendship. Please know that you and your intentions are remembered with gratitude in my prayers.

With heartfelt thanks and Christmas blessings,

*Fr. Scott*

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Good News! We have been working on filling our vacant Youth Ministry positions for almost six months and begin the new year with some new staff members. Please see the following biographies about our new youth staff. Welcome Madeleine & Ruben!

### **Madeleine Hill, Youth & Young Adults Coordinator**



"Hi everyone! My name is Madeleine Hill, and I'm so grateful for the opportunity to serve this parish community!

I'm a native Texan from Fort Worth and have been blessed to serve the Church as a youth minister for almost four years. I first served as a NET Missionary and most recently as the Coordinator of Middle School Ministry at a parish in Colleyville, TX.

I deeply believe that encounters with Christ are at the heart of conversion and that discipleship is the path to everyday holiness. My greatest hope is to walk with the youth of this parish as they grow in faith and relationship with our Lord.

A few fun facts about me: I love playing guitar, spending time in nature, and sharing in the joy of community. My favorite saint is St. Thérèse of Lisieux and if you spend any time with me, you'll quickly learn I have a soft spot for all things green!

I can't wait to get to know you all. Please know that I'm already praying for St. Ann's and for our youth and young adult ministries. See you soon!

Thank you again for this job. It's more of a blessing than you know!

In Christ,

Madeleine Hill

### **Ruben Denson, Youth Minister**



Hello! Hello everyone! My name is Ruben Denson and it's a joy to serve Christ in this wonderfully hospitable St. Ann's Catholic community.

I'm a Southern California native recently graduated from WT with a passion for catechesis and campus ministry.

I am familiar with some parishioners already since I attend Holy Mass at St. Ann's and joined our amazing team of youth group volunteers this Fall. Following the example set before us by great saints of the Church, I hope to help our youth obtain the virtues of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and develop a loving relationship with Our Blessed Mother. It is by entering into this relationship with Our Lord that our desire for fellowship grows.

Living out the Catholic faith not only completes us, it unites us! There's nothing more meaningful or fulfilling than building a strong relationship with Christ and, through a love for Him, lasting friendships.

I kindly ask that you pray for our youth and the spiritual wellbeing of our entire parish community, and I personally welcome all your prayers. With your help, I hope to be an instrument of Christ's peace on our team of staff, especially that directly serves our young people.

Thank you for warmly welcoming me to the great state of Texas and the St. Ann's community!

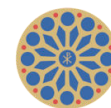
In Christ,

Ruben Denson

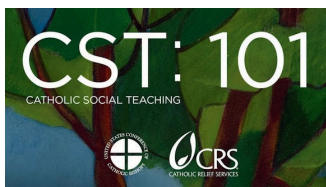




# Adult Faith Formation



## Catholic Social Teaching: 101



This series brings the themes of Catholic social teaching to life and inspires us to put our faith into action.

Dcn. Dave Rausch will facilitate this class.

\*Watch for sign-up info\*

## Fr. Scott's Spiritual Book Club

Fr. Scott chooses different books periodically to be read at your convenience. Then at a later date, he will hold a discussion meeting. **Current book discussion will be on January 15 at 7:00 p.m.**



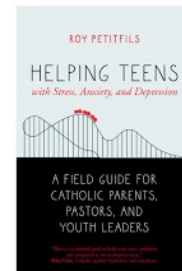
## Endow Women's Study Group New Semester Begins January 13, 2026



The title "Doctor of the Church" is a rare and prestigious honor, celebrating intellectual brilliance and profound spiritual depth. This semester, our women's group will explore the meaning of this revered title as we dive into the life of St. Hildegard of Bingen.

Our group meets every other Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall beginning January 13, 2026. For more information, please contact Sarah, 970-630-4237 or Sally, 480-298-1133

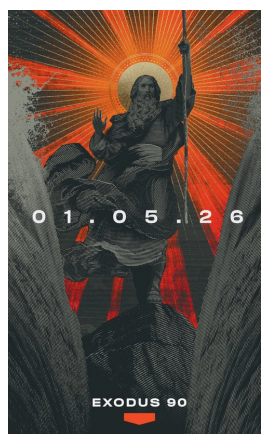
## Helping Teens with Stress, Anxiety, and Depression



In *Helping Teens with Stress, Anxiety, and Depression*, Roy Petitfils—a Catholic author, speaker, and psychotherapist—offers his personal experience, advice, and faith to give parents, pastors, and youth leaders the knowledge, courage, and tools they need to step in, make a difference, and be the presence of Christ for teens in crisis. Chad & Terri Huseman will facilitate the book study where you will learn:

- the major causes of stress and anxiety in teens today
- differentiating healthy stress from toxic stress
- simple steps to identify, assess and whether to step in
- The art of listening

\*Watch for sign-up info\*



## EXODUS 90- MEN'S GROUP

It is normal for men to be distracted, addicted, and enslaved by so many things today. What is uncommon in our time is men who are free.

A free man is not a perfect man but one who remembers who he is: a son of God whom God has called forth for love. And he knows how much more he can become by the power of grace unfolding in his life over time. The freedom of the uncommon man, the Exodus man, is not for its own sake. Like Jesus on the Cross, the free man takes up his life and then lays it down for others.

What is returned to him is a life of meaning, integration, and eternal satisfaction.

**Exodus90 starts January 5, 2026. Join us Saturday mornings at 8:00 in the Parish Hall to get started, or call Ryan Huseman at 806-340-9605.**

## Pastor's Class: Devotions, Sacramentals & Pious Practices



From brown, black, and blue scapulars to consecration to the Sacred Heart, from St. Christopher auto medals to rosary beads, from the Black Madonna to Our Lady of Lubbock, we'll address the array of devotional options (and non-options!) available to us in our Catholic faith. Come and learn at these classes with Fr. Scott, held every last Sunday of the month unless otherwise announced! Perhaps a helpful pious practice will become a part of your spirituality. Sign up for this class is not necessary.

"The formation of priests, laypeople, and consecrated men and women ... is not 'limited to specialized knowledge' but involves 'a continuous journey of conversion.'" Pope Leo XIV



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## Dan. Joe & Karen Roder's Good-Bye Gathering

**Saturday, January 24, 2026**

**Following the 5:00 p.m. Mass**

*\*\*Dinner will be served.  
Watch the bulletin for more information\*\**

*"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.'  
-Matthew 25:21*

## St. Ann's Parish Pre-Lenten Mission



**January 26 - 28, 2026**

We are very excited to welcome Catholic Author/Speaker Robert Fedducia to St. Ann's for our Pre-Lenten Mission this year!

A little about him:

Robert is a Catholic author, speaker, and evangelist known for his engaging, relatable approach to sharing the Catholic faith. He has taught theology to Deacon candidates in dioceses around the country. He has spoken at Life Teen's Catholic Youth Ministry Convention on several occasions and has served on the planning committees for the National Catholic Youth Conference and for the US Bishops' World Youth Day efforts.

Robert's writing and speaking blend solid theology with personal testimony, encouraging Catholics to live their faith with confidence and joy.

Robert is married to his wife Kathleen and they have 4 children.

We look forward to seeing you there and to giving Robert a warm Texas Panhandle welcome to our parish! Watch the bulletin for more specific details.



## Epiphany House Blessing

Gathering by the front door of your home, appoint one person to lead the prayers of blessing.

**Leader:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** Bless, this home, O Lord God Almighty, that in here may be health, purity, hospitality. And may this blessing remain upon this home, upon all who dwell here, and who pass through this door, through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

The initials of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, Balthasar) and the year (2026) are inscribed above the door as below with the blessed chalk. (These also stand for "Christus mansionem benedicat" which means "Christ bless this house.")

**20 + C + M + B + 26**

"On entering the house, The Magi saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knealt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." -Matthew 2, 9-11

## Joseph's Project

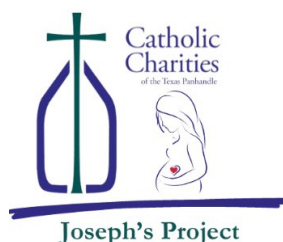
**January 10-11 or January 17-18**

Items will be collected on the tables in the Narthex.

**Needed Items (All items must be "New")**



Baby wipes  
Baby shampoo  
Baby bath tub  
Baby bottles (small)  
Pacifier  
Sippy cups  
Bottle washer brush  
Diaper rash cream  
Breast pumps  
Diapers  
Strollers  
Car seats



Amazon Wishlist QR Code:







# NEW SCULPTURE: *Welcoming Christ*

St. Ann's is excited to announce the placement of our new statue. This statue, named *Welcoming Christ*, is located near the bell tower on a plaza of bricks purchased by parishioners. The statue was made by Wiktor Szostalo, a Polish-American sculptor known for his stainless steel liturgical art. A former leader in Poland's Solidarity movement, he came to the U.S. as a political refugee in 1983 and settled in St. Louis. His work appears in churches and public spaces across the U.S. and abroad, including the Angel of Harmony at the St. Louis Cathedral. Below, you will find Wiktor's description of the statue.



We need your help! Buy a brick for yourself, your family, or in memory or honor of someone.

8in x 8in

\$1,000

6 lines of writing

4in x 8in

\$500

3 lines of writing

"The most important image of Christ is of course one of His crucifixion. But I believe one just as important is the image of Welcoming Christ who, through his 12 apostles and St. Paul, invited the whole world to join in. Not through conquest, but through his love. Thus the open, welcoming arms and a gentle smile. In the Old Testament it was "an eye for an eye." But Christ's message has been love and forgiveness, and even, turning the other cheek (which still many have a problem with): "I don't want to kill you, I am actually ready to die for you!" To express that, I use materials that couldn't be more dissimilar, symbolizing both the eternal soul and our very transitory and fragile body: stainless steel and glass. The very contemporary process in which I blend, melt, and weld together the "body and soul"- steel and reinforced glass--symbolizes our faith in which Christ's love permeates our imperfect daily existence, making it not only bearable, but exciting. Yes, we are all invited and welcome, and actually all loved." - Sculptor Wiktor Szostalo

**Email:**



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Each line is limited to 18 characters.  
Spaces, periods, hyphens, apostrophes  
count as characters.  
Lines will be center aligned.



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



**Happy New Year and welcome back!** We hope your Christmas season was filled with peace, joy, and meaningful moments. We are excited to welcome your children back to Faith Formation and to continue walking alongside your family in this journey of faith. Thank you for your ongoing support—we look forward to a wonderful year together in 2026!

**THERE ARE CLASSES ON January 4, 2026.**

**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.

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



**Please join us in welcoming our new Youth Leaders, Madeleine Hill & Ruben Denson on Wednesday, January 14. Their short bios can be found on the first page of this bulletin.**  
**This Wednesday is also Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: a sacred time of prayer and reflection.**



**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.

**Antiphon Explanation/Reminder**

At the start of a new year, let's remember and recommit to continue our parish reputation for active participation in our parish liturgies. Of course this includes robust singing of hymns, responses...and the called-for antiphons that we've implemented at St. Ann's Masses. Please read the explanation of the Mass antiphons below by St. Ann's Music Director Dr. Elizabeth McKee that was originally printed on February 25, 2024.

Some texts of the Mass stay the same each week. These texts are called the "Ordinary of the Mass." The Glory to God, Holy, Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen, and Lamb of God are the Ordinary texts that we sing each weekend. There are many different musical arrangements of these texts. The texts of the Mass that change each week are called the "Proper of the Mass." The readings and some of the presider's prayers are "proper" to the Mass at which they are recited. Each Sunday throughout the year, we sing a Responsorial Psalm and Gospel Acclamation verse that are provided by the Church for that particular Sunday. The Church also provides Scripture passages called "proper antiphons" for the Gathering, Preparation, and Communion for each Mass. (There is no proper antiphon for the Sending Forth, as it is technically after Mass ends, though singing a hymn as the priest processes out is common.) These sacred texts have been part of the Mass since the earliest centuries and are meant to be sung. Immediately after Vatican II, none of the antiphons with their chants that the Church provides had English versions, so vernacular hymns were used in their place. Currently, there are an abundance of English versions of the proper antiphons. There are many arrangements that are short, making it possible to sing both the proper antiphons and the hymns we are used to.

**Blessings & Congratulations**

to our newly married

**Caleigh Wood & Dalton Britt**

December 28, 2025

Bound by love, blessed by God.



*Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7**  
**8:30 AM - 8:00 PM**

**Fr. Scott's Spiritual Book Club Discussion**

**January 15, 2026**

**7:00 p.m.**

Fr. Scott will be discussing his latest Spiritual Book Club choice, *The Imitation of Christ*.

**Liturgical Minister Meeting**

If you serve as an Usher, a Lector, or a Minister of Holy Communion, Fr. Scott would like you to attend a short, "Check-In/Update" meeting. The meetings will be offered after all Masses the weekends of:

**January 10/11**

**January 17/18**

Thank you for continuing to serve at St. Ann's!

**Thank You, St. Ann's**

Once again, St. Ann's is leading the way when it comes to feeding the hungry and providing for our Seniors. Due to your generosity, The Market surpassed its \$90,000 goal to raise \$135,000 in The Panhandle Gives. The Senior Enrichment Center far surpassed its \$7,500 goal to raise over \$20,000.



THE MARKET ON  
TIERRA BLANCA

Thank you, God bless you,  
and Happy New Year!



**Happy Birthday**  
**Don. Brian Lewis**  
**January 4**

Thank you for your faithful service and witness to our parish family.  
May God continue to bless you.

# January Schedule

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



## Senior Enrichment Center: Activities & Meals

WEDNESDAY  
January 7

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

11:45 - 12:30 PM  
Lunch  
Roast Beef Vegetable  
Soup  
Cornbread  
Apricots

12:30 - 2:00 PM  
Bingo

WEDNESDAY  
January 14

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

11:45 - 12:30 PM  
Lunch  
Smoked Lemon  
Chicken  
Roasted Potatoes  
Pea Salad  
Mandarin Oranges

12:30 - 2:00 PM  
Bag Baseball

WEDNESDAY  
January 21

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

11:45 - 12:30 PM  
Lunch  
Pork Loin  
Roasted Sweet  
Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Yogurt  
Mixed Fruit

12:30 - 2:00 PM  
Team Relays

WEDNESDAY  
January 28

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

11:45 - 12:30 PM  
Lunch  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Corn Bread  
Peaches  
Cottage Cheese

12:30 - 2:00 PM  
Bingo

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."



### Prayer Requests

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

\*\*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.

## SPRING DISCERNMENT GROUP

*Eat, talk, and grow in holiness  
with other men in the Diocese  
for free!*

JAN 18  
FEB 8  
MAR 1  
APR 19  
MAY 3

SUN  
5 PM



6th grade and up

@ The Bishop DeFalco  
Retreat Center

## 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, 3:30 - 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.