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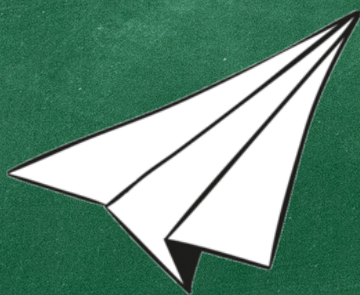
# THE BELL TOWER

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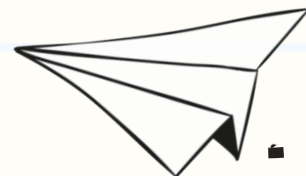


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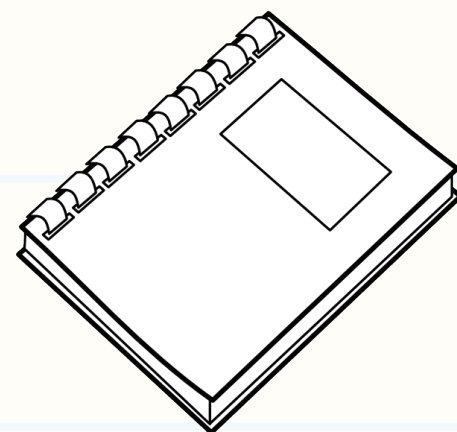
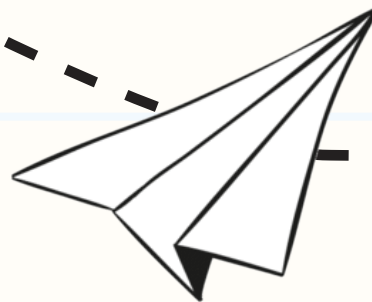
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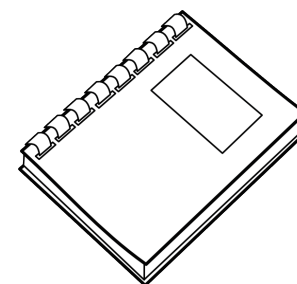
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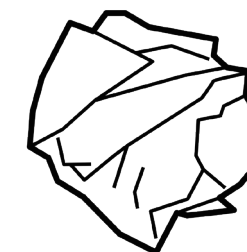
In this Back to School Edition, of The Bell Tower, you will read about what's new at the school, upcoming events, and what the theme for the 2019-2020 school year is. Also, make sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming Karnival Krazy and other fun fall holiday events, more information will follow in future bulletins.

The Necessity of Retreat is an article from our Pastor, Fr. Tony Neusch and reminds us that it's okay to take time for yourself.

Aracely Correa gives us a rundown of what happened at Totus Tuus a Thank you to everyone for praying for the Totus Tuus Team, the volunteers, the youth that attended, and for the success of another year!

If you're looking for Adult Faith Formation opportunities we have a few study groups starting this month! It's a great way to learn more about our faith and a time of fellowship. If you are unable to make any of the study groups another way of growing deeper in your faith is joining FORMED.org. It's free to join and has movies, audiobooks, documentaries, podcast, and so much more!

We all hope you enjoy this Back to School Edition of The Bell Tower and keep a lookout for our Christmas Editon coming early December.







## 3 ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL NEWS!

Ana Copeland, Principal.

Many great things continue at St. Anthony Catholic School, in its 102 year. The school is undergoing the annual summer scrub. The classrooms are being set up by the teachers. Faculty/Staff In-Service begins Monday, August 5 and the first day of school is on Monday, August 12.

Our theme for 2019-2020 is "Walk in Faith so that you may grow in the knowledge that comes from God". We are excited to welcome two new teachers to our Faculty, Paula Simpson (6th) and Amy Yosten (5th). Fifth and Sixth grade students are team taught based on teacher specialties. Mrs. Yosten will teach English Language

Arts (5th & 6th) and 5th grade Social Studies, and Ms. Simpson will be teaching Math, Science, and Religion (5th & 6th) and 6th grade Social Studies. Mrs. Yosten has 12 years' experience in Herford ISD and is a member of our Parish. Ms. Simpson has 28 years' experience in Catholic education and is a member of St. Hyacinth's Parish in Amarillo.

On September 13, the Amarillo Diocese All School's Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Zurek at St. Mary's Cathedral. After Mass the children will be served a lunch and allowed to mingle with their cohorts from the other schools.

Last year was our first year with the web-based school management system, FACTS SIS. A comprehensive school management system, everything from attendance, lunch count, grades, health records, transcripts, and parent conferences are organized and backed up on a remote secure server. Faculty, staff, and parents have access to their child's information online and using Android and iOS apps on their mobile devices. The faculty, staff, and parents are pleased with the ease of access to necessary information and the decreased amount of paperwork and streamlining for records and general school management.

Another great upgrade for the parish and school is the installation of central heat and air conditioning for the gymnasium. The system was installed by Deaf Smith Comfort Air and funded by St. Anthony Parish, SACS Parent Teacher Organization, and generous donors. The new system will allow more flexibility and increase the diversity of the events held in the gym. A great thing for both the parish and the school!

We will for the 3rd year take part in the Window on a Wider World Program. WOWW works with arts, science, and cultural non-profit organizations and educational institutions to promote excellence in interdisciplinary arts, science and cultural programs. Its primary goal is to integrate arts, science and cultural programming into the core curriculum of Math, Science, Language Arts and Social Studies. This allows teachers to use this programming to teach the state standards: Texas Essential Knowledge & Skills (TEKS). SACS is the very first private school to be invited to participate in

the WOWW programs. Our students have benefited from over 35 enrichment activities/events adding to the whole child education St. Anthony School has provided for over a century. Some of the programs include field trips to Amarillo Botanical

Grandparents Week is a favorite back to school tradition for the students and staff. Grandparents may join their grandchildren for lunch during the week of September 8. Please call the office at least a day in advance to make sure we have prepared enough food.

One of our favorite traditions is the Annual Thanksgiving Meal. Mrs. Garcia and Mrs. Chavez along with their volunteer parents will prepare a feast for students, faculty/staff, and guests on November 21, 2019.

Closing out the Fall semester is the annual Advent program on December 19, at 6:30pm in the school gym. "The Colors of Christmas" is directed by Mrs. Shaw and decorated by Mrs. McNutt.

We are looking forward to a great year at St. Anthony Catholic School. Thank you for your continued support.







# 5 The Necessity of Retreat.

Fr. Tony Neusch, Pastor.

In military life as in the spiritual life to retreat is to withdraw. It means to pull away, to disengage, to regroup, to recognize that victory is not for today but possibly tomorrow so I must leave the battlefield if I have any hope of survival. Often the military officer that sounds the retreat is considered a coward, afraid, and overwhelmingly mortal. His or her planning wasn't sufficient, the warriors at their command were not brave, or even worse we sent them to defend or to die not to retreat. The meat of the matter is that whether sometimes, oftentimes discretion is the better part of valor. Though no one I know prefers to lose, it is sometimes in the loss, the withdrawal, in the retreat that valuable lessons are learned, new skills acquired, and a fresh strength is recovered.

I have a feeling that the majority of those reading these words have at one time or another felt overwhelmed. Maybe you do today. I would bet that those reading these

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love.*

words have felt as though their life of prayer is not as deep or connected as it has been. There may even be those who feel as though they don't know how to pray, or that Jesus is far from their daily living and aren't quite sure what happens next. If any of these fit you today, then you are a prime candidate for a retreat.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus is constantly going off into the desert to pray. Several times He invites the twelve chosen apostles to come away to a lonely place with Him. He teaches them that the work of the preaching of Good News requires a regular retreat from the demands, interactions, and accompaniment of those who do not yet know Him. As for Jesus Christ and the Apostles, so too for us, we need these regular moments of retreat, of withdrawal to the lonely place to sit in God's presence and rest in the Father's love.

We are very fortunate in the Diocese of Amarillo to have a well-staffed, well kept, and local retreat center as fine as the Bishop de Falco Retreat Center. We also have at our disposal smaller centers for days of reflection at Praytown with the Disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, Sancta Maria Convent with the Panhandle Franciscans, a multitude of Christian retreat centers and campgrounds for larger groups, and places as near as the old convent at Holy Family in Nazareth. We have a very active ACTS community, yearly Contemplative Prayer retreats, and seasonal evenings and days of reflection. The people of God in Amarillo have access to trained spiritual directors.

Most parishes in the Diocese offer at least a yearly preached mission of some kind. Our Sacramental preparation programs require retreats for those preparing for reception of Sacraments. The opportunities are many, the styles as varied as possible, and all offered with ready availability.

Members of the Clergy and religious communities of men and women are required to make a 5-8 day canonical retreat every year. Those tasked with the responsibility of prayer for, the instruction of, and the care of souls are told to leave that very important work to reconnect yearly with our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for the strengthening and refreshment of their souls in order to care for those souls in their charge. Please take some time to check out the offerings of our Retreat Center. Or perhaps schedule a day or two of reflection with the Disciples in Prayertown or the Franciscans in Panhandle. Watch the parish bulletin for different retreat opportunities as we are made aware of them. Make dedicated space in your life for quiet and communion with Jesus Christ, who desires to show his deep and abiding love for you.



A photo sent from Fr. Tony while on his retreat.



# 7 St. Anthony's Totus Tuus Summer Catechetical Church Mission

Regina Phillips, Laci Backus, Kevin Metzler and Jose Villeda 2019 Totus Tuus Team came to our parish to serve 86 children grades 1st -12th. Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning "Totally Yours," was the motto of Blessed John Paul II. Taken from St. Louis de Montfort's "True Devotion to Mary" phrase, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary. This true spirit of service and prayer was present in the halls of our school and church in this week long mission. Special thanks to the people in our parish to make this possible by prayer and service. TT Team host families- Larry and Elaine McNutt and Daniel and Krynson Jesko. Supper provided for TT Team-Sergio & Aracely Correa, Daniel and Krynson Jesko, Larry and Elaine McNutt, Connie and Frits Backus, Heath and Stephanie Kindrick, Marcos and Margarita Villeda. Special thanks



to Janet Tamez, Stephanie Kindrick, Emely Marnell, Melissa Fetsch and Sergio Correa for volunteering their time and talents in the kitchen, cafeteria, church set up, registrations, etc. etc. Junior High and High School students for helping during the day program. Jasmin Enriquez for taking beautiful pictures and posting them in social media. Father Nestor Lara and St. Anthony's School principal Ana Copeland. This was the fourth year for St. Anthony's Church to bring Totus Tuus, the purpose of this week long mission is to promote our catholic faith, for our youth to have a better relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer and worship and to promote holy vocations.

Aracely Correa, DRE  
Director of Religious Education  
St. Anthony's Catholic Church







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## Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Janie Banner, Adult Faith Formation Coordinator.

Women of the parish met weekly throughout June and July to view a video series entitled "Mary, Queen of Heaven", using a workbook to pray, read of historical apparitions (Lourdes in France, Our Lady of Guadalupe appearance in Mexico and others) discussing questions relevant to living the Catholic faith and love of Mary, Mother of The Church. Thanks to Elaine McNutt, Robin Gonzales and Mary Ann Ramirez for putting the study together (and Monica Valdez for being a sub Techie!) Learning and relearning was an adventure for a dozen women, revisiting stories of Mary's intervention in church persecution, the part the rosary, medals and miracles played in strengthening the faith of the poor and rich alike; also healings and canonization of saints, the virginity of Mary, the 'brotherhood' of Jesus, Immaculate Conception, ecstasy, grace, The Theotokos, original sin, Assumption of Mary etc. Perhaps a second showing, if enough interest is expressed, can take place this Fall. Call the office with request for such to be set up. In the holy Name of Jesus and Mary, Janie 364-6150

### Adult Study of the Sacraments Continues in August

"Doors To The Sacred" is an early Friday morning study from 7-8 in the Antonian Room. We took a vacation break in July but will resume August 16. This is a study of the history and development of The Seven Sacraments of The Catholic Church. Show up and we will share our books with you for reading, discussion and brief prayer for The Church, God's People. It is informal, an adventure in understanding where these holy Encounters with God originated and how some aspects of each (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of The Sick, Marriage, and Ordination) have undergone scrutiny in philosophical and theological terms for a deeper awareness by the laity in understanding & appreciation. The Mass, or Liturgy, is a major part of who we are as Catholic Christians; that too is subject matter in our learning. Questions? Call Janie 364-6150.

### Men's LECTIONARY Study Available for all Men of The Parish

TUESDAY mornings, men gather over coffee in the Antonian Room from 7-8 (before children arrive for their school day) and use Missalettes to read the upcoming Readings for weekend Liturgies and a handout "Exploring The Sunday Readings" by Alice Camille, theologian, author, scripture scholar. Each of the three Readings has a column for reflection with questions for discussion or a suggested action. Example: Imagine your life like a spiritual Monopoly board. What properties would you need to acquire to 'win'? or What brings you to the sensation of awe and wonder and a recognition of Divine Presence? (no wrong answers, Guys! Informal, friendly, fun faith!) Questions? Call Ernest Flood @289-5381 or Roger Albracht @364-2242.

### Women's LECTIONARY Study

WEDNESDAY mornings, women gather over coffee in the Antonian Room from 9:30-11. We begin with intercessory prayer, use a Missalette to read the Readings for weekend Liturgies and the handout "Exploring The Sunday Readings". This group has been meeting for almost 50 years; Members who have passed are remembered in prayer as are all current and prospective members. Won't you come join in? Discussion is informal, faith is shared, we laugh and we cry if we need or want to, we celebrate life and encourage one another. We are married, single, widowed. We are old and young(er). All ages are welcome. We have fun! Short books we add to the usual course are \$10 or \$15 and we read one chapter or two each week as well. The one we will use this Fall is "Patience And Humility - A Handbook For Christians" by Rev. William Ullathorne. Questions? Call Janie @ 364-6150 or 364-7626.

### Advent Mission in December & Other Daily Resources

STAY TUNED, watch bulletin, for our next Guest Mission Speaker to visit our parish in December. Continue to make available to yourselves for Spiritual growth and happiness - FORMED.org (enter your name, your email and this parish code à RHT37V) = easy process to sign up offered FREE to parishioners; paid for by St. Anthony Parish).

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## 10 September Activities for Catholic Families



- ☐ 1. **Labor Day is the first Monday in September.** Take time to write a note or give a small gift to someone who works hard for your community (or for your family).
- ☐ 2. **Learn about Saint Teresa of Calcutta.** Saints can seem like people from long ago to children. Talk to them about Saint Teresa of Calcutta (including when she lived and died), her work, and her writings as a way to show children that even modern day people can be saints. Her feast day is September 5<sup>th</sup>. Here are printables you can use: <http://www.reallifeathome.com/saint-teresa-of-calcutta-printables/>
- ☐ 3. **Grandparents Day is the first Sunday after Labor Day.** Help your children do something special for their grandparents or plan to spend the day with them, if possible.
- ☐ 4. **Decorate wooden or paper letters spelling out MARY.** Be as colorful and creative as you want to celebrate the Most Holy Name of Mary (September 12<sup>th</sup>).
- ☐ 5. **Find your favorite cross craft** to create on September 14<sup>th</sup> for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
- ☐ 6. **September 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the beginning of Autumn!** Try one of these fall crafts to celebrate: <http://thechaosandtheclutter.com/archives/easy-fall-crafts>
- ☐ 7. **Donate to the less fortunate.** Look around your room, house, or pantry for items or food to donate in honor of the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul on September 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ☐ 8. **Be a peacemaker.** Do something nice for someone that you sometimes argue with in honor of the feast day of St. Wenceslaus, which is on September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ☐ 9. **Learn a prayer or short phrase** (such as Ora Pro Nobis, which means "pray for us") **in Latin.** Saint Jerome translated the Bible from Hebrew to Latin, and his feast day is September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- ☐ 10. **Make bread.** Jesus is the Bread of Life. Pick out your favorite bread recipe and have your children help you make it.

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Let's go Saints!



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Homework due tomorrow.