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Leading Off

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00am on Sunday, Nov. 2. Please set your clocks back one hour before going to bed the evening before. Daylight Saving Time resumes on Sunday, March 8.

Amarillo/Canadian/Dalhart—

Three fundraisers are scheduled today (Sunday) throughout the Diocese of Amarillo.

In **Amarillo**, St. Martin de Porres Church will host its annual Chicken Dinner today from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the parish hall, at the corner of NW 16th and Adams.

Adult meal tickets are \$15.00 each and \$5.00 each for children 12 and under. The dinner is dine-in or carryout.

During the dinner, there will be a raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Prizes include a CB Charbroil Grill 2Go Gas Grill and a 24" boys/girls mongoose scepter mountain bike.

In **Canadian**, parishioners at Sacred Heart Church are participating in the annual Canadian Fall Foliage Festival with two meals today at Canadian Elementary School, 500 Dogwood.

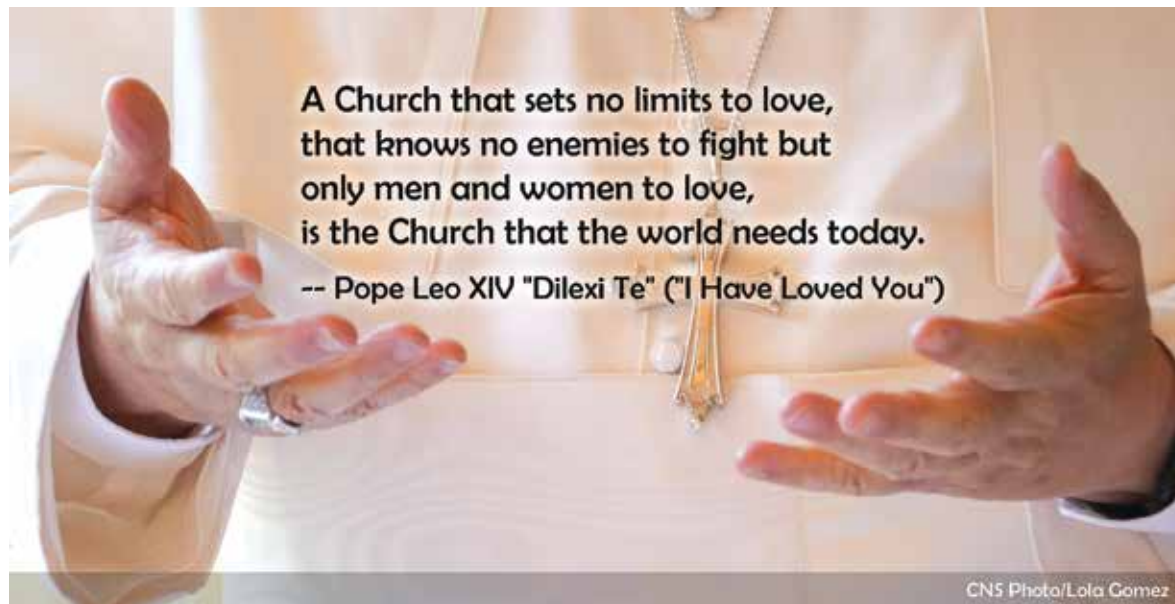
Breakfast Burritos will be sold, beginning at 6:30am. The annual Mexican Pile-On Dinner will be served at 11:00am.

In **Dalhart**, St. Anthony of Padua School will offer its 44th annual Oktoberfest, beginning at 11:00am at Rita Blanca Coliseum, 1219 West FM 281.

The dinner is dine-in and drive-through. Tickets for the dinner are \$15.00 per person.

A Silent Auction begins at 11:00, followed by a Live Auction at 2:00pm. There will also be a drawing, with tickets \$1.00 each.

Pope: Love For The Poor Hallmark Of Faith



Pope Will Declare St. John Henry Newman Doctor Of The Church Nov. 1

Vatican City (CNS)—Pope Leo XIV announced he will proclaim St. John Henry Newman a doctor of the Church Saturday, Nov. 1 during the Jubilee of the World of Education.

Speaking after Mass Sept. 28 for the Jubilee of Catechists, the pope said St. Newman “contributed decisively to the renewal of theology and to the understanding of the development of Christian doctrine.”

The Dicastery for the Causes of Saints had announced July 31 that Pope Leo “confirmed the affirmative opinion” of the cardinals and bishops who are members of the dicastery “regarding the title of Doctor of the Universal Church which will soon be conferred on Saint John Henry Newman, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Founder of the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in England.”

St. Newman was born in London Feb. 21, 1801, was ordained an Anglican priest, became Catho-

lic in 1845, was made a cardinal in 1879 by Pope Leo XIII and died in Edgbaston, near Birmingham, England, in 1890.

Even before St. Newman was canonized by Pope Francis Oct. 13, 2019, there were calls for him to be named one of the three dozen doctors of the Church—men and women saints, from both the Christian East and West, who are honored for particularly important contributions to theology and spirituality.

The 37 saints currently recognized as doctors of the Church include early Church fathers such as Sts. Jerome, John Chrysostom and Augustine, and theologians such as Sts. Thomas Aquinas, Bonaventure and John of the Cross, but also St. Therese of Lisieux, who was honored by St. John Paul II in 1997, despite her lack of scholarly achievement.

The Dicastery for the Causes of Saints said 20 bishops’ conferences had petitioned for St. Newman to be

declared a doctor of the Church, including the bishops of England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, the United States, Canada and Australia.

“His thought has had a significant impact on 20th-century theology, especially on the Second Vatican Council,” the dicastery said. “Several popes, from Leo XIII to Francis, have drawn from his authoritative teaching in their pontifical magisterium.”

Pope Francis authorized the dicastery to begin the process for the declaration in May 2024 and that September, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith said that “there were no doubts about the excellence and the quality of the saint’s writings, expressing a completely positive judgment on his ‘*eminens doctrina*’ (eminent teaching).”

Consultants to the dicastery unanimously supported the petition, the dicastery said, as did the cardinals and bishops who are members of the dicastery.

Vatican City (CNS)—Many Christians “need to go back and re-read the Gospel” because they have forgotten that Faith and love for the poor go hand in hand, Pope Leo XIV said in his first major papal document.

“Love for the poor—whatever the form their poverty may take—is the evangelical hallmark of a Church Faithful to the heart of God,” the pope wrote in “*Dilexi Te*” (“*I Have Loved You*”), an apostolic exhortation “to all Christians on love for the poor.”

Pope Leo signed the document Oct. 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and the Vatican released the text Oct. 9.

The document was begun by Pope Francis, Pope Leo said, but he added to it and wanted to issue it near the beginning of his papacy “since I share the desire of my beloved predecessor that all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ’s love and His summons to care for the poor.”

The connection is not new or modern and was not a Pope Francis invention, he said. In fact, throughout the Hebrew Scriptures “God’s love is vividly demonstrated by His protection of the weak and the poor, to the extent that He can be said to have a particular fondness for them.”

“I am convinced that the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society,” Pope Leo wrote, “if we can only set ourselves free of our self-centeredness and open our ears to their cry.”

As he has done from the beginning of his papacy in May, the pope decried the increasing gap between

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the world's wealthiest and poorest citizens and noted how women often are "doubly poor," struggling to feed their children and doing so with few rights or possibilities.

Pope Leo also affirmed Church teaching since at least the 1960s that there are "structures of sin" that keep the poor in poverty and lead those who have sufficient resources to ignore the poor or think they are better than them.

When the Church speaks of God's preferential option for the poor, he said, it does not exclude or discriminate against others, something "which would be impossible for God."

But the phrase is "meant to emphasize God's actions, which are moved by compassion toward the poverty and weakness of all humanity," he wrote.

"Wanting to inaugurate a kingdom of justice, fraternity and solidarity," Pope Leo said, "God has a special place in His heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and He asks us, His Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favor of the weakest."

That choice, he said, must include pastoral and spiritual care as well as education, health care, jobs training and charity—all of which the Church has provided for centuries.

The document includes a separate section on migrants with the pope writing, "The Church has always recognized in migrants a living presence of the Lord who, on the day of judgment, will say to those on His right: 'I was a stranger, and you welcomed me.'"

The quotation is from the Gospel of *Matthew 25:35*, which is part

of the "Judgment of the Nations" in which Jesus clearly states that His followers will be judged on how they care for the poor, the sick, the imprisoned and the foreigner.

"The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking" in search of a better, safer life for themselves and their families, Pope Leo wrote.

"Where the world sees threats, She (the Church) sees children; where walls are built, She builds bridges," he continued. "She knows that her proclamation of the Gospel is credible only when it is translated into gestures of closeness and welcome."

The Church knows, he said, "that in every rejected migrant, it is Christ Himself who knocks at the door of the community."

In his exhortation, Pope Leo went through biblical references to the obligation to love and care for

the poor and cited saints and religious orders throughout history that have dedicated themselves to living with the poor and assisting them.

A section of the document focuses on the "Fathers of the Church," the early theologians, who, he said, "recognized in the poor a privileged way to reach God, a special way to meet Him. Charity shown to those in need was not only seen as a moral virtue, but a concrete expression of Faith in the Incarnate Word," Jesus.

Of course, for Pope Leo, an Augustinian, St. Augustine of Hippo was included in the document. The saint, "The Doctor of Grace, saw caring for the poor as concrete proof of the sincerity of Faith," the pope wrote. For Augustine, "anyone who says they love God and has no compassion for the needy is lying."

And while the pope wrote that "the most important way to help the disadvantaged is to assist them

in finding a good job," he insisted that when that is not possible, giving alms to a person asking for money is still a compassionate thing to do.

"It is always better at least to do something rather than nothing," Pope Leo wrote.

Still, the pope said, Christians cannot stand idly by while the global economic system penalizes the poor and makes some people exceedingly wealthy. "We must continue, then, to denounce the 'dictatorship of an economy that kills,'" he said, quoting a phrase Pope Francis used.

"Either we regain our moral and spiritual dignity, or we fall into a cesspool," he wrote.

"A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love," Pope Leo said, "is the Church that the world needs today."

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St. Francis of Assisi Church Fall Fun Raiser!

Saturday, Nov. 8

Dinner: 6:00pm to 8:00pm Dance: 8:00pm to midnight

St. Francis Parish Hall
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Leland Gabel at 806-231-0066 or Jim Younger at 806-236-0572

Letter To The Editor

(Views expressed are those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect those of The West Texas Catholic)

Support For Festival Appreciated

To the Editor:

The Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate are eternally grateful for the support given to us in our first Franciscan Festival. It was a great success thanks to the gracious generosity of the people of our diocese who attended our Festival.

There were so many stores and businesses who contributed to this event. But we are **SO VERY** grateful

for your assistance and generosity.

Truly the people of the City of Amarillo, and the entire Diocese of Amarillo are the Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World!!! We will be praying for your intentions every time we pray for our benefactors.

*Sister Valentine Curry, FMI
St. Francis Convent
Amarillo*

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Save Saturday, Aug. 22 on your calendars. The Diocese of Amarillo will celebrate its Centennial with a Mass of Thanksgiving that morning at 10:00 at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1200 South Washington. Look for additional information very soon in all available diocesan media and parish bulletins.



Bishop's Schedule

TUESDAY, OCT. 21
6:30pm, Red Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo

SATURDAY, NOV. 1
10:30am, Mass, celebrating the 70th anniversary of St. Laurence Church, Amarillo

CORRECTION

In the Sept. 21 issue of *The West Texas Catholic*, the incorrect price was listed in the advertisement for the St. Francis Fall FunRaiser, set for Saturday, Nov. 8. The correct price is listed in the advertisement on page 2. *The West Texas Catholic* apologizes for the error.

CONDITIONS TO RECEIVE PLENARY INDULGENCE DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

His Holiness Pope Francis, has granted during the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, a plenary indulgence to all the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin, who are moved by a spirit of charity and who, during the Holy Year observe the following general requirements:

1. Purified through the Sacrament of Penance,
2. Receive Holy Communion,
3. Pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff

The plenary indulgence, for the remission and forgiveness of all their sins, can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory in the following ways:

- I. A Pilgrimage to any sacred Jubilee site and devoutly participating in Holy Mass. Bishop Patrick Zurek has named our local pilgrimage site **our Diocesan Cathedral (Blessed Sacrament Chapel)**.
- II. Pious visits to sacred places individually or in a group (Rome, Holy Land), for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic Adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God.
- III. Works of mercy and penance if, with a devout spirit, they participate in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place, according to the mind of the Holy Father.

During this Jubilee year one plenary indulgence can be obtained per day. A second indulgence can be obtained on the same day only to be applied to the souls in Purgatory, if the faithful receive Holy Communion a second time (if present to a full Mass) that day exercising charity to the deceased.

Jubilee Plenary Indulgence can also be obtained through initiatives that put into practice, in a concrete and generous way, the spirit of penance which is, in a sense, the soul of the Jubilee through:

- a. Abstinence on Fridays from futile distractions like social media, movies, tv, or the use of phone.
- b. Abstinence from superfluous consumption (no shopping)
- c. By donating a proportionate sum of money to the poor; or by supporting works of a religious or social nature, especially in support of the defense and protection of life in all its phases, or by supporting the quality of life of abandoned children, young people in difficulty, the needy or lonely elderly people, or migrants from various countries.
- d. By dedicating a reasonable portion of one's free time to voluntary activities that are of service to the community or to other similar forms of personal commitment.

(Extracted/paraphrased from the Decree on the Granting of Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 called by His Holiness Pope Francis, May 13, 2024)



ANNUAL CALENDAR PROJECT



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Thursday, Oct. 23 - Sunday, Oct. 26, 9:00am-9:00pm - 5818 South Western, Amarillo

Amarillo—The Office of Communications for the Diocese of Amarillo has released the latest update to the fiscal year 2025-26 diocesan calendar, listing events in the diocese taking place between today (Sunday) through Wednesday, Dec. 24.

The calendar was compiled from listings primarily provided by diocesan organizations, parishes and schools. **Events listed here are subject to change without notice.**

Additional dates for updated versions of this calendar can be sent via email to westtexascatholic@gmail.com.

Items added since the Calendar Update in the Sept. 21 issue of *The West Texas Catholic* are in **BOLD**. This calendar can also be found on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org.

October

19-31—Safe Environment Month throughout the diocese. All minors attending Parish Programs must receive *Circle of Grace*® classroom training. (806-383-2243, ext. 117)

19-31—Respect Life Month (806-414-1059)

19—Annual Chicken Dinner, Parish Hall, St. Martin de Porres Church, Amarillo

19—Breakfast Burritos and Mexican Pile-On Dinner to benefit Sacred Heart Church, Canadian Elementary School

19—44th Annual Oktoberfest and Auction to benefit St. Anthony of Padua School, Rita Blanca Coliseum, Dalhart

21—Contemplative Power Hour, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)

22—Feast of St. John Paul II

23-26—Calendar Project, Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, Columbus Home Association, Amarillo (806-679-7855)

23-26—Women's ACTS Retreat, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-344-4842)

24-26—*Awakening Retreat #30* for Catholic college students, Catholic Student Center at West Texas A&M University, Canyon (806-655-4345)

25—Mini Bilingual Spiritual Growth Conference, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Amarillo (806-220-5661/806-2026-5291)

25—Marriage Retreat, Pastoral Education Center (PEC), St. Vincent de Paul Church, Pampa (806-664-1979)

25—Know, Love, Serve Thematic Retreat, Immaculate Conception Church, Perryton (806-383-2243, ext. 118)

26—Enchilada Dinner, Parish Hall, St. Mary's Church, Clarendon (806-874-3910)

28—Annual Enrollment Report for Parish Faith Formation Programs is due to the diocesan Faith Formation Office (806-383-2243, ext. 113)

28—Contemplative Power Hour, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)

November

1-2—Engaged Encounter Weekend, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-414-1059)

1—All Saints Day

1—22nd Fallback Festival, Parish Hall, St. Ann's Church, Canyon (806-655-3302)

2-8—National Vocation Awareness Week (806-355-5621)

2—All Souls Day

2—Daylight Saving Time ends.

Standard Time resumes at 2:00am. Please set clocks back an hour.

2—Christmas in November, Parish Hall, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Amarillo (806-584-3947)

2—Thanksgiving Dinner, St. Ann's Church, Bovina (806-251-1511)

2—21st Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, Dimmitt (806-647-4219/806-240-4594)

2—19th Annual German Sausage Dinner, Immaculate Conception Church, Vega (806-344-5971)

4—Election Day

4—Contemplative Power Hour, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)

5-9—Canonical Retreat for the Diaconate Class of 2025, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-2243, ext. 118)

8-9—Thanksgiving Dinner, Parish Hall, St. Laurence Church, Amarillo (806-383-2261)

8—Natural Family Planning, Marquette Method Course, Conference Center, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Amarillo (806-683-5561)

8—Annual 5K Freedom Run, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #4621, Thompson Park, Amarillo (806-683-3272)

8—16th Fall Fun Raiser, Parish Hall, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Amarillo (806-231-0066)

8—Fiesta Night Mexicana, Bishop Zurek Hall, Blessed Sacrament Church, Amarillo (806-374-1132)

9—The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

9—36th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Pastoral Center, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Dumas (806-935-5002)

9—74th Annual German Sausage Festival, Parish Hall, St. Mary's Church, Umbarger (806-499-3531/806-499-3446)

9—Turkey Dinner, Parish Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, Perryton (806-435-3802)

11—Veteran's Day

11—Contemplative Power Hour, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)

13—Feast of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

14—Monte Carlo Night to benefit Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle, Arts in the Sunset, Amarillo (806-376-4571)

14—Enchilada Dinner, Pastoral Education Center (PEC), St. Vincent de Paul Church, Pampa (806-665-8933)

14—*Worship Prayer Movie Night*, St. Francis House of Prayer, Panhandle (806-537-3182)

15—2025-2026 Initial Parish/Catholic Schools Safe Environment Reports Due (806-383-2243, ext. 117)

18—Contemplative Power Hour, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)

20-22—National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis (806-383-2243, ext. 118)

21—The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

21—16th Harvest of Blessings Gala, to benefit the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light, Chateau Event and Wedding Venue, east of Canyon (806-537-3182)

23—Christ the King Sunday

25—Contemplative Power Hour, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)

26—Diocesan Pastoral Center closes at noon for Thanksgiving

27—Thanksgiving Day

28—Diocesan Pastoral Center and the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center closed for Thanksgiving

30—First Sunday of Advent

December

2—Contemplative Power Hour, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)

3—Day of Reconciliation, St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo (806-376-7204)

5—Painted Sanctuary: Italian POW's and the Umbarger Community, Parish Hall, St. Mary's Church, Umbarger (806-499-3531)

6—Behind the Murals: Art Making in POW Camp, Grounds of, St. Mary's Church, Umbarger (806-499-3531)

6—Christmas Craft Show, Pastoral Center, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Dumas (806-935-5002 or via email, theswartz24@gmail.com)

6—Children's Business Fair, St. Anthony's School, Hereford (806-364-1952)

7—28th Diocesan Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo (806-376-7204)

7-8—Advent Mission, St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo (806-376-7204)

8—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Holy Day of Obligation. Diocesan Pastoral Center closed.**

9—Contemplative Power Hour, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)

10—Feast of Our Lady of Loreto

11—Deadline to submit information for the Golden Tributes section in the Dec. 21 issue of *The West Texas Catholic* (806-414-1075)

12—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

12—Christmas Luncheon, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)

13—Advent Women's Prayer Brunch, sponsored by Amarillo Rejoicers, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)

16—Contemplative Power Hour, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)

19—Final Day of Classes, 2025 Fall Semester, Catholic Schools, Diocese of Amarillo

19—*Worship Prayer Movie Night*, St. Francis House of Prayer, Panhandle (806-537-3182)

24—Christmas Eve

Golden Jubilees Sought

If you were joined together in marriage between October 1, 1975 and December 31, 1975, *The West Texas Catholic* would like to honor you. Please send us a current photo or your wedding photo, your names, the date and location of your wedding and we will honor you in our 50th Anniversary Golden Tributes page in the Sunday, Dec. 21 issue of *The West Texas Catholic*, free of charge. *Please, no cellphone camera photos.* Send photos via email to westtexascatholic@gmail.com or via regular mail to: P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, 79107. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with any mailed photos and we will return them after the issue date. Please put your name, address, phone number and email address on a post-it note on the back of your photo. The deadline to submit photos and information is Thursday, Dec. 11.

The Diocesan Calendar

Please check the diocesan calendar at:
amarillodiocese.org/calendar
to avoid scheduling conflicts.

To have your event placed on the Diocesan Calendar, please email pertinent information to westtexascatholic@gmail.com

DEADLINES

Issue Date	Deadline
Nov. 23	Nov. 13
Dec. 21	Dec. 11
Jan. 18	Jan. 8
Feb. 15	Feb. 5
March 15	March 5
April 19	April 9
May 17	May 7
The deadline for photos, story ideas and advertisements is noon on deadline day.	

Celebrating 65 Years As A Parish



The building formerly known as St. William's Church, Tulia, now used by parishioners at Church of the Holy Spirit as St. William's Hall.



Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, center, blesses the new St. Carlo Acutis Prayer Garden at Church of the Holy Spirit, Tulia, Sept. 14. Pictured to the left is Deacon Jackie Gunnels and to the right is Father Hector J. Madrigal, pastor at Church of the Holy Spirit.

Tulia—Parishioners at Church of the Holy Spirit celebrated the 65th anniversary of the establishment of the parish with a Mass, celebrated by Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, the blessing of the St. Carlo Acutis Prayer Garden and a lunch inside St. William's Hall.

According to diocesan records, in the territory between Amarillo and Plainview, Catholic life was slow to develop in the early days of the Diocese of Amarillo.

Take for example, the city of Tulia.

The Frank Madura family is considered by many to be the first permanent Catholic family in Tulia. They didn't move to Tulia until 1941.



The cornerstone of Church of the Holy Spirit, Tulia, which was dedicated by then-Bishop Lawrence M. DeFalco on June 6, 1976.

Catholics gathered for Mass at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Verhey, located outside the Tulia city limits. Among the priests who presided at Mass in those early days was Monsignor Bart O'Brien.

Prior to 1951, Catholics in Tulia attended Mass in Nazareth or Happy. At the time, Tulia was attached to Happy's Holy Name of Jesus Church as a mission. It didn't take long for the mission to outstrip the mother parish in both size and in population.

Requests for construction of a Catholic Church in Tulia had come not only from Catholics, but also non-Catholics, who contributed generously to the building fund. Property on which the church was built

Priests Birthdays

Priests of the Diocese of Amarillo noting birthdays in the month of October include:

- Father José Gómez Oct. 7
- Father César A. Gómez Oct. 9
- Father Gabriel E. Garcia Oct. 10
- Father Phil Lindley Oct. 20
- Father Victor Hugo Andrade Oct. 30



An interior view of St. William's Church, Tulia, as seen inside St. William's Hall, formerly known as St. William's Activity Center, on Sept. 14, 2025.



Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, right, visits with Evelyn Rossi Sept. 14 during the 65th anniversary celebration of Church of the Holy Spirit, Tulia. Mrs. Rossi, who is one of the original members of St. William's Church when it became a parish on Sept. 10, 1960, will note her 95th birthday in November.

was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kleman. Other adjoining property also owned by the Klemans' was purchased for expansion.

The first Catholic Church building in Tulia was erected in 1951 and dedicated to St. William, the patron saint of Archbishop William O'Brien, head of the Catholic Church Extension Society, who helped fund construction of the church with a \$5,000 grant. The parish was built mostly through the donated labor of parishioners, supervised by Monsignor Gregory A. Boeckman, who was pastor at Hap-

py's Holy Name of Jesus Church.

On Sept. 10, 1960, St. William's Church was erected as a parish. Monsignor Joseph James was appointed the first pastor.

In 1972, Father David Greka noticed the condition of the first church building and opted to reform the parish' Building Committee. The committee and parishioners set out to build a new church building, a dream that became a reality on June 6, 1976, when the new Church of the Holy Spirit was dedicated by Bishop Lawrence M. DeFalco.

All photos WTC.

Additional photos from this Mass can be found on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org, under the Photo Albums header.

Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV 2025

Please join the millions worldwide who pray each day for the monthly prayer intentions of Pope Leo XIV. Since 1844 the members of the Apostleship of Prayer have offered themselves to God for the salvation of souls, the Church, the intentions of all Apostles of Prayer and the intentions of the Pope. The Holy Father gives us two prayer intentions each month—one, a general intention and the other an intention for world missions.

October:

• **For collaboration between different religious traditions.** Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

Meet A Catholic School Teacher

Name: Natalie Aguirre
School: St. Mary’s Cathedral School, Amarillo
Grades You Are Teaching: Kindergarten
Degree Obtained: Bachelors of General Studies, West Texas A&M University

Why do you teach at a Catholic School, compared to a Public School? “I previously worked for the public library system as a children’s librarian where I had the opportunity to both welcome St. Mary’s students for field trips and visit St. Mary’s for storytimes. It was through my experiences with many different schools in the city that I saw the difference between the Catholic School model and the public school model. I was fortunate enough to personally witness St. Mary’s ability to create disciples with intention and I knew I wanted to be a part of that mission.”

Why are Catholic Schools important? “I see the impact of the Catholic Faith everyday in the halls of St. Mary’s. The students are gracious, kind and humble. I know that the strong foundation being provided to students by their family and reinforced at school will stay with them throughout their lives and last generations.”

What is your philosophy when it comes to the classroom? “All are welcome. We are blessed to have such a diverse range of students. I honor that by making it my priority to create a safe and welcoming environment for all. Through this I hope to instill in my students a lifelong love for learning and impart a lasting reverence for discipleship.”

Hobbies: “I love baking, reading and painting. I’ve become the official birthday cake baker in my family, regularly putting my library card to good use and spending more time and money than I would like to admit at craft stores.”

Favorite Television Show: “I love *Gilmore Girls*. I know—everyone loves *Gilmore Girls* but I LOVE it. I have memories of watching it with my older sister as new episodes aired on TV and I like that with every season of life you find yourself relating to different characters.”

Favorite Books: “This is an impossible question! As a child I could tell you that I loved Junie B. Jones, *A Series of Unfortunate Events* and *Lord of the Rings*. As an adult I can tell you that I love the authors R.F. Kuang, Han Kang, Haruki Murakami, Ottesa Moshfegh, Claire Keegan and Sally Rooney.”

If you had chosen another career path, what would it have been? “I would have been a children’s librarian—been there, done that. I loved every minute of my previous career and I love every minute in my current position. I am incredibly blessed to be able to say that.”

If you were Superintendent for a day, what would you do? “I don’t know how logical this is but I would host an Olympic-style field day for all the schools in the diocese to come together and have fun. Principal (Kim) Lackey (of St. Mary’s Cathedral School) can light the torch.”

Amarillo—The eighth annual Monte Carlo Gala to benefit Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle takes place Friday, Nov. 14 at Arts in the Sunset, 3701 Plains Blvd. The evening begins at 6:00 with cocktail hour, with dinner served at 7:00. Individual tickets are \$125 each, with tickets for couples at \$250. A table for eight can be purchased for \$1,000. Guests are encouraged to dress in their best 1920’s attire. Specialty cocktails will be served and the *Amarillo Jazz Society Big Band* will provide music. There will also be casino games, provided by the St. Thomas the Apostle Church Men’s Club. There will be a raffle, with numerous prizes being given away. All proceeds will fund the various community-focused programs offered by Catholic Charities. Sponsorships are available for the evening at various tiers. For more details or to sponsor the event, please contact Yara Haddad at 806-376-4571 or contact her via email, yhaddad@cctxp.org.

Eighth Annual Monte Carlo Gala

Holy Cross Catholic Academy BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2025-2026									
DAY	DATE	SITE	OPPONENT	MSG	MSB	JVB	VG	VB	
Wed.	Oct. 22, 2025		1st Day Practice Allowed by TAPPS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mon.	Nov. 10, 2025	@	Dalhart Christian (The ROC - 1202 E 16th St.)	5:00 P	6:00 P				
Tue.	Nov. 11, 2025	@	Plainview Classical Academy			7:00 P	6:00 P		
Thu.	Nov. 13, 2025	@	San Jacinto	6:00 P	7:00 P				
Fri.	Nov. 14, 2025	@	Claude				6:00 P	7:30 P	
Sat.	Nov. 15, 2025	@	Channing	12p/2p	11a/1p				
Sat.	Nov. 15, 2025	@	Accelerate			12:00 P	11:00 A		
Mon.	Nov. 17, 2025	@	White Deer	5:00 P	6:00 P				
Tue.	Nov. 18, 2025	Home	Boys Ranch / Perryton				5:00 P	6:30 P	
Thu.	Nov. 20, 2025	Home	St. Andrew's	5:00 P	6:00 P				
Thu-Sat	Nov. 20-22, 2025	@	Claude North Plains Tournament				TBA		
Fri.	Nov. 21, 2025	@	Texline			5:00 P		6:30 P	
Mon.	Dec. 01, 2025	Home	Plainview Classical Academy	5:00 P	6:00 P				
Tue.	Dec. 02, 2025	@	Boys Ranch			5:00 P	6:00 P	7:30 P	
Thu.	Dec. 04, 2025	@	Amarillo Collegiate Academy	5:00 P	6:00 P				
Thu-Sat	Dec. 04-06, 2025	@	Childress JV Tournament				TBA		
Thu-Sat	Dec. 04-06, 2025	@	Gene Messer Tournament (Lubbock Frenship)					TBA	
Mon.	Dec. 08, 2025	@	Accelerate	5:00 P	6:00 P				
Tue.	Dec. 09, 2025	@	Wheeler			4:00 P		5:00 P	
Thu.	Dec. 11, 2025	@	Plainview Classical Academy	5:00 P	6:00 P				
Thu-Sat	Dec. 11-13, 2025	@	West Texas High Tournament				TBA	TBA	
Sat.	Dec. 13, 2025	@	White Deer Tournament	TBA	TBA				
Mon.	Dec. 15, 2025	Home	San Jacinto	5:00 P	6:00 P				
Tue.	Dec. 16, 2025	@	All Saints				* 4:00 P	* 5:30 P	
Thu.	Dec. 18, 2025	@	Ascension					6:00 P	
Fri.	Dec. 19, 2025	@	Tulia (vs. JVG, JVB, VB)			3:30 P	* 2:30 P	* 5:00 P	
Mon-Wed	Dec. 29-31, 2025	@	Hobbs Classic					TBA	
Fri.	Jan. 02, 2026	Home	Midland Holy Cross				* 12:00 P	* 1:30 P	
Tue.	Jan. 06, 2026	Home	San Jacinto			5:00 P	* 6:00 P	* 7:30 P	
Thu.	Jan. 08, 2026	@	CTK Diocesan HS			5:00 P	* 6:00 P	* 7:30 P	
Sat.	Jan. 10, 2026	@	Kingdom Prep			11:00 A	* 12:00 P	* 1:30 P	
Mon.	Jan. 12, 2026	Home	Accelerate	5:00 P	6:00 P				
Tue.	Jan. 13, 2026	Home	All Saints				* 5:00 P	* 6:30 P	
Thu.	Jan. 08, 2026	@	St. Andrew's	5:00 P	6:00 P				
Thu.	Jan. 15, 2026	Home	WTCAA North Regionals (Rnd. 1 - vs. St. Andrew's)	5:00 P	6:00 P				
Fri.	Jan. 16, 2026	@	Southcrest				5:00 P	* Open	* 6:00 P
Sat.	Jan. 17, 2026	@	WTCAA North Regionals (Rnd. 5 - @ Ascension)	11:00 A	12:00 P				
Tue.	Jan. 20, 2026	Home	Ascension / San Jacinto JV			5:00 P	Open	* 6:00 P	
Thu.	Jan. 22, 2026	@	WTCAA North Regionals (Rnd. 2 - Bye)	Bye	Bye				
Fri.	Jan. 23, 2026	Home	Kingdom Prep			5:00 P	* 6:00 P	* 7:30 P	
Sat.	Jan. 24, 2026	@	WTCAA North Regionals (Rnd. 3 - @ San Jacinto)	11:00 A	12:00 P				
Mon.	Jan. 26, 2026	Home	WTCAA North Regionals (Rnd. 4 - vs. Accelerate)	5:00 P	6:00 P				
Tue.	Jan. 27, 2026	@	San Jacinto			5:00 P	* 6:00 P	* 7:30 P	
Sat.	Jan. 31, 2026	@	Midland Holy Cross				* 12:00 P	* 1:30 P	
Sat.	Jan. 31, 2026	@	WTCAA Finals (St. Andrew's)	TBD	TBD				
Tue.	Feb. 03, 2026	Home	CTK Diocesan HS (Senior Night 7:25pm)			5:00 P	* 6:00 P	* 7:30 P	
Fri.	Feb. 06, 2026	Home	Southcrest			5:00 P	* Open	* 6:00 P	
Sat.	Feb. 07, 2026	@	Panhandle JV Tournament				TBD		
Wed.	Feb. 11, 2026		TAPPS District Certification						
Sat.	Feb. 14, 2026		Bi-District Playoff (at Top Seed)				TBD	TBD	
Tue.	Feb. 17, 2026		Area Playoff (at Top Seed)				TBD	TBD	
Sat.	Feb. 21, 2026		Regional Playoff (at Neutral Site)				TBD	TBD	
Wed-Thu	Feb. 25-26, 2026		State Championship				TBD	TBD	
* Denotes District Games									
Revisions from Original Schedule									
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“No one is exempted from striving to ensure respect for the dignity of every person, especially the most frail and vulnerable, from the unborn to the elderly, from the sick to the unemployed, citizens and immigrants alike.”

—Pope Leo XIV



Kristen Mirelez, then a seventh grade student at Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Amarillo, was one of many students who participated in Remembrance Day activities Nov. 11, 2024 at the school. This year's Remembrance Day Program is set for Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 10:45am in the Holy Cross Catholic Activity Event Center at 4102 South Bonham. (WTC file photo)

Remembrance Day Program At Holy Cross Catholic Academy Tuesday, Nov. 11

Amarillo—The annual Remembrance Day Program at Holy Cross Catholic Academy takes place Tuesday, Nov. 11, beginning at 10:45am in the HCCA Event Center at 4102 South Bonham, according to HCCA faculty member Donna Kerr.

“Our Middle School drama students will lead this year’s program, to honor past and present military personnel,” she said. “We invite the Holy Cross community to send us the names of their military family members and friends. We will honor them by reading their names, branch, rank and dates of service, and by showing any available photos that are provided.”

Kerr added that the school is honored to recognize all veterans, regardless of whether they are Catholic or attended any Catholic educational institutions.

“The HCCA National Honor Society also wishes to add a Military Honor Wall to the school to honor all military personnel who attended St. George’s, Price Col-

lege Memorial High School, St. Mary’s Catholic High School, Alamo Catholic High School or Holy Cross Catholic Academy,” she said. “This includes individuals who served during World War II, the Cold War, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Afghanistan, Operation Iraqi Freedom and all United Nations and Allied encounters, as well as those who served during peacetime to defend and protect the citizens of the United States.

“This invitation also includes those who serve in the National Guard. If you know of any members of the military who attended our Catholic high schools, please inform the school, even if you only know their names. We will search our records to find additional information.”

Learn more about the Remembrance Day program by contacting Kerr at Holy Cross Catholic Academy, 806-355-9637; via email, dkerr@holycrossama.org; or, via text, 806-335-0122.

“The challenge facing you, dear friends, is to increase people’s awareness of the importance of religious freedom for society; to defend that freedom against those who would take religion out of the public domain and establish secularism as America’s official Faith.”

—St. John Paul II
Baltimore, Oct. 8, 1995

19th Annual Catholic Schools Charitable Raffles

San Antonio (CLI)—Three Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo are participating in the 19th annual Catholic Life Insurance Catholic Schools Charitable Raffles.

Those schools in the Diocese of Amarillo are:

- Holy Cross Catholic Academy and Saint Joseph’s School, both in Amarillo; and,
- St. Anthony’s School, Hereford.

Holy Cross students are selling tickets at this time for the raffles. Ticket sales at the other two schools will begin this month.

Catholic Life officials say since 2007, the Charitable Raffles have helped Catholic Schools raise nearly \$16 million, with 100% of the proceeds going directly to the schools.

Tickets for the Charitable Raffles are \$5.00 each. The Grand Prize is a \$20,000 Prepaid VISA Card. Each participating school is also guaranteed to have a winner of a \$1,000 Pre-Paid VISA Credit Card. It is possible to win both the \$1,000 VISA Card and the Grand Prize. The drawing will take place in February.

San Antonio-based Catholic Life Insurance provides all the prizes, marketing material and printing. Proceeds raised by the participating schools can be used in the manner they choose. Examples include the purchase of computer equipment, textbooks, necessary school repairs and tuition assistance.

For more details or to purchase a ticket for the Catholic Life Insurance Catholic Schools Charitable Raffles, please call Holy Cross Catholic Academy at 806-355-9637; Saint Joseph’s School at 806-359-1604; or St. Anthony’s School at 806-364-1952.

Deacons Birthdays

Deacons in the Diocese of Amarillo celebrating birthdays in November include:

- Deacon Raymond Artho**
Nov. 7
- Deacon Jose Correa**
Nov. 10
- Deacon Felix Tudon**
Nov. 20
- Deacon Gerald Marnell**
Nov. 28

Holy Cross Athletic Schedule

Editor’s Note: This is the schedule of athletic events at Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Amarillo, as provided by the school. Dates, times and locations are scheduled to change without notice. The latest information can be found online at holycrossama.org. All home volleyball and basketball games are at the Holy Cross Catholic Academy Event Center at 4102 South Bonham.

Volleyball:

Monday, Oct. 20, Second Round of WTCOA North Regionals for Middle School.

Thursday, Oct. 23, at All Saints. Varsity Match at 5:00pm.

Thursday, Oct. 23, Third Round of WTCOA North Regionals for Middle School.

Saturday, Oct. 25, at Midland Holy Cross. Varsity match at 11:00am.

Saturday, Oct. 25, Finals of WTCOA North Regionals for Middle School.

Basketball:

Wednesday, Oct. 22, First day of Practice for high school teams.

Monday, Nov. 10, at Dalhart Christian (games at the ROC, 1202 E.16th). Middle School Lady Mustangs game at 5:00pm, followed by the Middle School Mustangs game.

Tuesday, Nov. 11, at Plainview Classical Academy. Lady Mustangs varsity game at 6:00pm, followed by the Junior Varsity Mustangs game.

Thursday, Nov. 13, at San Jacinto Christian Academy. Middle School Lady Mustangs game at 6:00pm, followed by the Junior Varsity Mustangs game.

Perryton—The Diocesan Youth Office is offering a *Know, Love, Serve* Thematic Retreat Saturday, Oct. 25, beginning at 9:30am in the parish hall at Immaculate Conception Church, 1000 SW 15th Ave.

The retreat, which is for students in grades seven through twelve, is being offered to all youth throughout the Diocese of Amarillo, according to Diocesan Youth Director Oscar Guzman. Cost of the retreat is \$45 per person.

Learn more about the retreat by contacting Guzman at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 806-383-2243, ext. 118, or via email, oguzman@dioama.org. Additional details can also be found at amarillodiocese.org/know-love-serve-retreat.

The *Know, Love, Serve* Thematic Retreat is presented by Covenant Teen and supported by the United Catholic Appeal.

The third annual Holy Cross Catholic Academy Golf Tournament, set for Thursday, Oct. 23, has been cancelled. Updates and a new date will be announced in the near future.



Judy Nava, front, and Monica Peña, back, slice up tomatoes for gorditas Oct. 4 to be served in the Mexican Café during the annual St. Mary's Cathedral School, Amarillo, Fall Carnival. The carnival was the first of four scheduled fundraisers for Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo taking place in the month of October. (WTC Photo)

Honoring Your Grief Series

Amarillo—St. Mary's Cathedral will offer a four-week *Honoring Your Grief* series on Tuesday evenings, beginning Oct. 28 through Nov. 18 from 6:00 to 7:30.

The course, which is open to anyone who has experienced a

death prior to this past August, will be offered in Classroom #3. Facilitators for the course are Davlyn Duesterhaus and Angela Keller.

For further information and to register, please contact Angela Keller at 830-998-4076.

Canyon Fallback Festival

Canyon—Tickets are still available for the 22nd Fallback Festival to benefit St. Ann's Church Saturday, Nov. 1 from 6:30pm to 11:30pm in the parish hall at 605 38th St.

The theme of this year's festival is *Day of the Dead*.

Tickets are a \$150 donation per couple, which includes a steak dinner for two with all the trimmings, dancing to live music from *Next of Kin*, live and silent auctions, a Donation Bar and a chance to win various prizes in a reverse raffle.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the parish office during regular business hours at 806-655-3302; Bryan Crabtree at 806-236-1673; or, Cruz and Theresa Hernandez at 806-433-3367.

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Catholic School Enrollment Numbers

Amarillo—Total enrollment at all five Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo is 510, up four students from the 2024-2025 school year, according to diocesan Superintendent of Schools Christine Wanjura.

The enrollment numbers were as of Sept. 15, the date attendance numbers in Texas Catholic Schools are turned into the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops, added Wanjura. Diocesan Catholic Schools are located in Amarillo, Dalhart and Hereford.

Reporting the largest enrollment was St. Mary's Cathedral School, Amarillo, with 155 students, up three from a year ago. Of the 155, 41 are enrolled in Montessori.

Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Amarillo, reported an enrollment of 111 students. Sixty of those students were enrolled in sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

St. Joseph's School, Amarillo, reported an enrollment of 83 students, up from 66 a year ago. Of those 83, there are 23 enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten.

St. Anthony of Padua School, Dalhart, reported an enrollment of 82 students, up three from last year.

Seventeen of those students were enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten.

St. Anthony's School, Hereford, reported an enrollment of 79 students. Twelve of those students were enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten.

"High enrollment numbers in Montessori and Pre-K classes are good for the future of Catholic Schools in the diocese because they will feed enrollment in elementary schools in the next few years," said Wanjura. "Enrollment growth also speaks clearly of the priority for young families to educate their children in a safe, Faith-filled environment."

A breakdown of students per class shows:

- Montessori/Pre-Kindergarten: 93
- Kindergarten: 57
- First Grade: 62
- Second Grade: 63
- Third Grade: 45
- Fourth Grade: 32
- Fifth Grade: 43
- Sixth Grade: 20
- Seventh Grade: 17
- Eighth Grade: 27
- Freshmen: 12
- Sophomores: 12
- Juniors: 12
- Seniors: 15

St. Mary's Church in Clarendon
The parish hall is at 815 South Montgomery
Sunday, Oct. 26 — 11:30am to 1:00pm

ENCHILADA DINNER

ENCHILADA MEAL
Adult plates are \$15.00 each
Children ages six to twelve are served for \$7.00 each.
The meal is all-you-can-eat and is either dine-in or carryout.

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\$4.00 - individual enchiladas (three)
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Discover Catholic Schools

Amarillo—All five Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo will be offering the public to see what Catholic Schools can offer to their children during Discover Catholic Schools, the week of Sunday, Nov. 9 through Friday, Nov. 14.

“Over the years, our Catholic schools have played a significant part in the mission of the Catholic Church,” said Christine Wanjura, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Amarillo. “They are a proven instrument for passing on the Faith. Historically the Church has turned to Catholic Schools to help carry out Her teaching mission.

“Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo serve a diverse population of students from all economic backgrounds and give them a strong academic and Faith foundation. They are recognized as centers of learning that foster personal development and growth, enriched with a sense of self-fulfillment and worth and guided by basic and essential moral values. Our students are the future of our Church.

“Catholic Schools are integral to the mission of the Church in

that they provide students with an encounter with Christ. We invite you—parents, students, volunteers and benefactors to join this mission. For parents, choosing a Catholic School in the Diocese of Amarillo means never having to choose between your children’s academic enrichment and their moral and spiritual development.”

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo are:

- Holy Cross Catholic Academy, 4110 South Bonham, Amarillo, 806-355-9637, holycrossama.org. The principal is Craig Logan.

- Saint Joseph’s School, 4118 South Bonham, Amarillo, 806-359-1604, stjosephamarillo.com. Angi Seidenberger is principal.

- St. Mary’s Cathedral School, 1200 South Washington, Amarillo, 806-376-9112, stmarysamarillo.org. The principal is Kim Lackey.

- St. Anthony of Padua School, 410 East 13th, Dalhart, 806-244-4811, stanthonydalhart.com. The principal is Shay Batenhorst; and,

- St. Anthony’s School, Hereford, 120 West Park Ave., 806-364-1952, herefordstanthonys.com. Linda Gonzalez is principal.

Hereford School To Host Dec. 6 Business Fair

Hereford—St. Anthony’s School will host its third annual Deaf Smith County Children’s Business Fair Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9:00am to Noon in the school gym at 120 West Park Ave.

The fair is open to children between the ages of six and fourteen who live in or attend school in Deaf Smith County, according to Elaine McNutt, marketing director at St. Anthony’s School.

Cash prizes will be awarded for:

- Most Original Business Idea;
- Highest Business Potential; and,
- Best Presentation.

Applications must be submitted online and will be carefully reviewed to avoid duplication of ideas, according to McNutt, who said once an application is accepted, the booth fee is \$10.00, which includes an eight-foot table and two chairs.

“Want to start one in your area? Come check ours out and learn how to apply,” said McNutt.

For more details and to view the Business Fair Basic Rules and Guidelines, please go online to childrensbusinessfair.org/hereford-tx.



Buddy Burton, the father of Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Amarillo, cheerleader Lily Burton, scoops up bacon from the grill Sept. 14 during a Pancakes and Pom Poms Breakfast. Proceeds from the breakfast benefited the cheerleaders at Holy Cross. (WTC Photo)

Christmas In November

Amarillo—The Corte Guadalupe Society at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will offer *Christmas in November* Sunday, Nov. 2 in the Parish Family Center at 1210 SE 11th St. Mexican food, baked goods, arts and crafts and religious

items will be on sale, beginning at 9:00am. The Guadalupeans will also serve a menudo and gordita plate. The parish gift shop will be open during the fundraiser. Learn more by calling Gloria Betancourt at 806-584-3947.

SUNDAY, NOV. 9

German Sausage and Sauerkraut for Sale

74th ANNUAL GERMAN SAUSAGE DINNER

St. Mary’s Parish Hall

22830 Pondaseta Road, Umbarger

11:00am to 3:00pm

The public will also have the opportunity to purchase two-pound bags of uncooked sausage and a tub of sauerkraut. A two lb. package of sausage is \$15.00 each and a tub of sauerkraut is \$8.00 each.

There will also be a country store and tickets will be sold for a drawing, at a dollar each.

Please see our website, stmarysumbarger.com for updates and additional information

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Six stained glass windows for St. Michael's Chapel at Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Amarillo, were installed in early-September. The six windows depict St. Michael the Archangel and the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the windows on the left; the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and Jesus the Good Shepherd, above; and, the Annunciation and the Nativity, bottom left. The windows were created by Stained Glass, Inc., and were the senior gift from the Holy Cross Catholic Academy of 2025. (WTC Photo)

Diocesan Celebration Of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Amarillo—The public is invited to take part in the 28th diocesan celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, set for Sunday, Dec. 7 at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1200 South Washington.

At presstime, further details regarding the celebration had yet to be finalized.

Look for additional information in the Sunday, Nov. 23 issue of *The West Texas Catholic*; on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org; on westtexascatholic.org; on the diocesan Facebook page; parish bulletins; Flocknote; and, on diocesan Catholic Radio.

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Sheri Friemel, a small-town Texas Panhandle native and mother of three, owns a Bachelor's of Science in Education from West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M University) along with certifications in ministry, healing and equine assisted learning. She serves as Program Manager for the Amarillo Area LOSS Team and as an Equine Assisted Learning Coach at Dove Creek Equine Rescue. Specializing in grief, leadership and crisis response, Sheri is honored to walk alongside others as they heal and discover a more purposeful journey.

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Sheri Friemel

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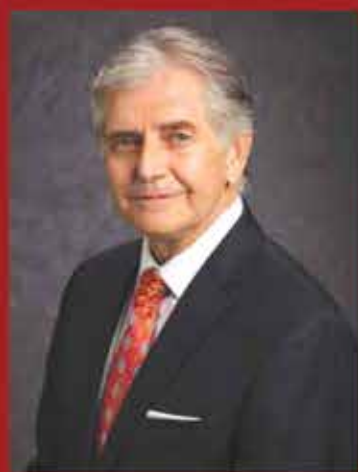
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CONDICIONES PARA RECIBIR LA INDULGENCIA PLENARIA DURANTE EL JUBILEO DEL AÑO 2025

Su Santidad el Papa Francisco concedió durante el Jubileo Ordinario del año 2025 una indulgencia plenaria a todos los fieles que sientan verdadero arrepentimiento, y excluyan todo afecto al pecado y movidos por espíritu de caridad y que durante el curso del Año Santo observen los siguientes requisitos generales:

1. Que recurran al Sacramento de la Penitencia,
2. Y reciban la Sagrada Comunión,
3. Y oren por las intenciones del Sumo Pontífice.

La indulgencia plenaria por la remisión y perdón de todos los pecados se puede aplicar en sufragio por las Almas del Purgatorio de las siguientes maneras:

- I. Una peregrinación hacia cualquier lugar sagrado jubilar y participando devotamente en la Santa Misa. El Obispo Patrick J. Zurek ha nombrado **la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento en St. Mary's Cathedral como el sitio diocesano de peregrinación.**
- II. Visitando piadosamente los lugares sagrados individualmente o en grupo (Roma, Tierra Santa) y que hagan Adoración al Santísimo y mediten por un tiempo razonable, y que concluyan con el rezo del Padre Nuestro, la Profesión de Fe, y oraciones o jaculatorias a la santísima Virgen María, Madre de Dios.
- III. Haciendo obras de misericordia y de penitencia y con espíritu devoto participar en Misiones Populares, o en Ejercicios Espirituales u otros encuentros de formación sobre los textos del Concilio Vaticano II y del Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica que tengan lugar en una iglesia u otro lugar adecuado, según la intención del Santo Padre.

Durante este año Jubilar se puede conseguir una indulgencia plenaria al día. Los fieles podrán conseguir otra indulgencia plenaria al día aplicable solo a los difuntos, si reciben la Sagrada Comunión por segunda vez ese día (si están presentes en la Misa completa) realizando un acto de caridad en favor de los difuntos.

La Indulgencia plenaria jubilar podrá ser conseguida también mediante iniciativas que ayuden de modo concreto y generoso al espíritu penitencial que es el alma del Jubileo, a través de:

- a. Abstinencia los viernes de distracciones banales como redes sociales (celular / computadora), películas, ver televisión o pasar tiempo hablando en el teléfono.
- b. Abstinencia de consumo superfluo (es decir, comprar solo lo necesario).
- c. Ayudando económicamente a los pobres; o ayudando al sostenimiento de obras de carácter religioso o social, especialmente en favor de la defensa, protección y calidad de la vida desde la concepción hasta la muerte, o ayudando a los huérfanos, a la juventud en dificultad, y a los ancianos necesitados o que estén solos, incluyendo a los migrantes.
- d. Dedicando parte de nuestro tiempo libre a actividades de voluntariado, que sean de interés para la comunidad u otras formas similares de compromiso personal.

(Extraído/parafraseado del Decreto Sobre la Concesión de la Indulgencia Durante el Jubileo Ordinario del Año 2025 convocado por Su Santidad el Papa Francisco, mayo 13 de 2024.)



Calendario de Jamaicas

Iglesias, Escuelas y Entidades Católicas pueden enviar email a westtexascatholic@gmail.com para anunciar aquí sin costo sus eventos. Si no se indica otro sitio, los eventos serán en su plantel.

DOMINGO, 19 de OCTUBRE

Amarillo—Comida de Pollo en el Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia San Martín de Porres

Canadian—Comida Mexicana *Pile-On* a beneficio de la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón en la escuela Canadian Elementary

Dalhart—Evento *Oktoberfest* a beneficio de la escuela Saint Anthony of Padua en el Coliseo Rita Blanca

DOMINGO, 26 de OCTUBRE

Clarendon—Enchiladas en el Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia Saint Mary **SÁBADO, 1 de NOVIEMBRE**

Canyon—Festival de Otoño, Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia Saint Ann **DOMINGO, 2 de NOVIEMBRE**

Amarillo—Evento Navidad en Noviembre en el Centro Familiar Parroquial de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Bovina—Comida de Acción de Gracias de la Iglesia Saint Ann

Dimmitt—Comida de Acción de Gracias, Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia Inmaculada Concepción

Vega—Salchicha Alemana en el Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción **SÁBADO y DOMINGO, NOVIEMBRE, 8 y 9**

Amarillo—Comida de Acción de Gracias, Iglesia San Lorenzo **SÁBADO, 8 de NOVIEMBRE**

Amarillo—Noche de Fiesta Mexicana, Salón Obispo Zurek, Iglesia Blessed Sacrament

Amarillo—Diversión de Otoño en el Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia Saint Francis of Assisi

DOMINGO, 9 de NOVIEMBRE

Dumas—Comida de Acción de Gracias en el Centro Pastoral de la Iglesia de San Pedro y San Pablo

Umbarger—Festival de Salchicha Alemana de la Iglesia Saint Mary

VIERNES, 14 de NOVIEMBRE

Pampa—Comida de Enchiladas en el Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia de San Vicente de Paúl

VIERNES, 21 de NOVIEMBRE

Canyon—Gala Cosecha de Bendiciones a beneficio de las Hermanas Franciscanas de Cristo la Luz en el centro Chateau Event and Wedding Venue

Fechas Para Curso de La Vida Moral

Amarillo—En las próximas semanas se ofrecerán seis cursos sobre *La Vida Moral*, informa Sor María Elena Ferrer, Hermana Educadora de Nuestra Señora (SSND), coordinadora diocesana de Formación en la Fe.

La Vida Moral es parte de una serie de cursos en el Curso Básico de Formación en la Fe.

Las seis sesiones de *La Vida Moral* se ofrecerán de las 9:00am hasta el mediodía en estas fechas y lugares:

• **Sábado, 25 de octubre** para el Decanato Norte en la Iglesia de San Pedro y San Pablo, calle Maddox 915 Sur en Dumas. Fátima Zanetti, directora de Educación Religiosa de la Iglesia San Jacinto en Amarillo ofrecerá el curso en español y la Hermana María Elena Ferrer en inglés;

• **Sábado, 8 de noviembre** para el Decanato Este en la Iglesia de San Vicente de Paúl, Avenida 23 Oeste #810 en Pampa. Fátima Zanetti impartirá el curso en español y la Hermana María Elena

Ferrer en inglés; y el,

• **Sábado, 15 de noviembre** para el Decanato Central en el Centro Pastoral Diocesano, Avenida 24 NE #4512 en Amarillo. La Hna. María Elena Ferrer facilitará el curso en español y la Hermana Franciscana de María Inmaculada Valentine Curry en inglés;

“No se cobra por este curso”, dijo la Hna. María Elena. “Todo catequista de la Diócesis de Amarillo debiera asistir a uno de estos cursos. Pedimos que los participantes traigan su Biblia, cuaderno y pluma y escojan la fecha más conveniente. Espero que todo catequista aproveche esta oportunidad de Formación en la Fe. Se certificará su asistencia.

Para más información, hagan el favor de contactar en sus parroquias al Director Parroquial de Educación Religiosa o pueden llamar al Centro Pastoral Diocesano, 806-383-2243, ext. 113 para hablar con la Hermana María Elena Ferrer.

Noche de Fiesta Mexicana

Amarillo—La Iglesia Blessed Sacrament tendrá una Noche de Fiesta Mexicana de recaudación de fondos para la parroquia el sábado, 8 de noviembre de 6:30pm a 1:00am en el Salón Obispo Zurek, calle Bolton 2500 Sur.

Se sugiere \$35 por el boleto de entrada de cada persona para disfrutar tacos, postre, botanas y

bebidas. Diviértanse también con la música de *DJ Chaparro* y el *Show de Karen y Javier*.

Habrá premio de entrada y varias rifas.

Para más detalles de la Noche de Fiesta Mexicana, favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial de la Iglesia Blessed Sacrament durante horas hábiles, 806-374-1132.

Roguemos por lluvia favorable y provechosa.

Intenciones del Papa León XIV para 2025

Por favor únanse a millones de personas del mundo entero que cada día rezan por las intenciones mensuales del Papa. Desde 1884 los miembros del Apostolado de Oración se han ofrecido a Dios por la salvación de almas, la Iglesia, las intenciones de todos los Apóstoles de Oración y las intenciones del Papa. El Santo Padre nos da dos intenciones cada mes—una es intención general y la otra es por las intenciones mundiales.

Octubre:

• **Por la colaboración entre las distintas tradiciones religiosas:** Oremos para que creyentes de distintas tradiciones religiosas trabajemos juntos para defender y promover la paz, la justicia y la fraternidad humana.

Retiro Matrimonial en Pampa

Pampa—Se invita a todas las parejas católicas de la Diócesis de Amarillo, y en especial a las parejas residentes del Decanato Este, a participar en un Retiro Matrimonial el sábado, 25 de octubre de 1:00pm a 8:30pm en el Centro de Educación Pastoral (CEP), Avenida 23 Oeste #810.

El Grupo Matrimonio, Vida y Familia de la Iglesia de San Vicente de Paúl ofrece el retiro en español y en inglés a todas las parejas casadas por la Iglesia Católica.

Comida de Acción de Gracias de la Iglesia San Lorenzo

Amarillo—La cuarta Comida Anual de Acción de Gracias de la Iglesia San Lorenzo será el sábado 8 y domingo 9 de noviembre en el salón parroquial, calle Spring 2300 Norte.

Cada platillo cuesta \$17.00.

Servirán de 5:00pm a 8:00pm el sábado 8; de 9:00am a 3:00pm el domingo 9. Disfruten pavo o jamón, relleno y complementos tradicionales, bebida y pastel de calabaza o de nuez.

“Aunque nos enfocamos en las parejas del Decanato Este, el retiro admite a todas las parejas en la Diócesis de Amarillo”, dijo Amy Foster, integrante del Grupo Matrimonio, Vida y Familia. “Por favor acompañenos a conocer la bendición de nuestra vocación al matrimonio”.

No habrá cuidado de niños. Aceptaremos su amable donativo por el costo del retiro. Para más información o inscripción, favor de llamar a Foster, 806-664-1979.

Además de la Comida habrá un sorteo con boletos de \$5.00. El premio mayor es \$1,000 en efectivo; el segundo es un Canasto de Acción de Gracias y el tercero es una sartén marca Princess House.

La ganancia de la comida se aplicará al pago del costo de los proyectos de remodelación de la parroquia. Para más detalles sobre la comida, favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial, 806-383-2261.

Acción de Gracias en Dumas

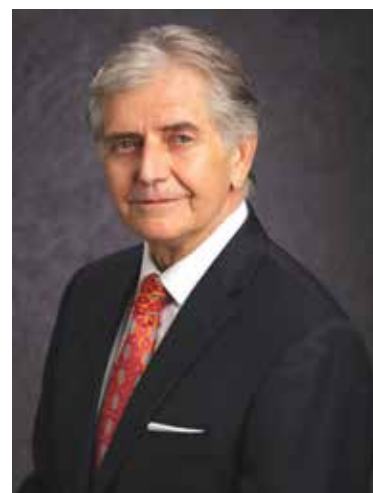
Dumas—La Iglesia San Pedro y San Pablo tendrá su 36ª Comida Anual de Acción de Gracias el domingo, 9 de noviembre de 11:00am a 2:00pm en el Centro Pastoral de San Pedro y San Pablo, calle Maddox 915 Sur.

El boleto en preventa cuesta \$13.00; a la entrada costará \$15.00. Disfrute pavo, relleno, puré de papas, gravy, salsa de arándano, ejotes, bollo, postre y bebida. Coma en el salón o pida para llevar. Habrá entrega limitada a domicilio. Para comer allí, pasen por la puerta este; para llevar, le entregarán a su auto por la puerta del oeste.

La tienda típica venderá artesanías caseras. Habrá subasta en silencio y premios de entrada.

Puede comprar boletos para la comida de la oficina parroquial, 806-935-5002, durante horas hábiles, o de cualquier parroquiano de San Pedro y San Pablo. Quienes deseen entrega a domicilio, favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial. Para más información sobre la comida, favor de llamar a Kelly Melies, 806-421-8981.

Misa Roja Anual el 21 de Octubre en la Catedral de Santa María



Carlos Cárdenas

Amarillo—El Obispo Patrick J. Zurek; oficiará y dará la homilía en la 14ª Misa Roja el martes, 21 de octubre a las 6:30pm en la Catedral de Santa María, calle Washington 1200 Sur.

Después de la Misa, Carlos Cárdenas de El Paso, dará el discurso principal.

Habrá recepción con bocadillos y bebidas en el Salón de Recepciones Monseñor Smyer. Jueces, abogados, oficiales públicos, maestros de la ley y la comunidad, están invitados a la Misa y recepción.

Desde que obtuvo su licencia como abogado en Texas el 26 de mayo de 1980, Carlos Cárdenas se ha enfocado en representar a clientes en litigios de daño personal, laboral y comercial y en audiencias de casos objetados ante la Oficina Estatal de Audiencias Administrativas en Austin. Obtuvo licenciatura de la Universidad de Georgetown en 1977 y Doctorado en Derecho de la facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de Texas en 1980. El Señor Cárdenas está autorizado para ejercer ante los Tribunales de Distrito de los Estados Unidos del Distrito Oeste, el Tribunal de Apelaciones de Distrito de los Estados Unidos del Quinto Circuito y ante la Suprema Corte de los Estados Unidos.

El Señor Cárdenas tiene un gran escalafón en organizaciones profesionales: sirvió en la Junta Directiva del Colegio de Abogados de El Paso de 2002 a 2011 y fue su presidente de 2009 a 2010;

presidente de Consejo de la Sección de Litigios del Colegio de Abogados de Texas; presidente de la Directiva de Fundación del Colegio Estatal de Abogados de Texas en 2024-2025; miembro de la Junta Estadounidense de Abogados Litigantes (ABOTA) y fue presidente de la Sección de El Paso en 2014; la Suprema Corte Estatal de Texas lo designó como Acceso a la Comisión de Justicia de 2011 a 2017 y Maestro en George A. McAlmon American Inns of Court desde 2015. El Sr. Cárdenas fungió en la Directiva del Colegio de Abogados del Estado de Texas de 2020 a 2023. Sus colegas lo clasificaron “AV Preeminente” por Martindale-Hubbell y desde 2014 ha sido aclamado como Súper Abogado de Texas.

La Misa Roja original se celebró en París en 1245 en Sainte Chapelle, pero la tradición anual de la Misa Roja empezó en Inglaterra en 1310, informa Audie Sciumbato, abogado de Hereford y jefe del Comité de la Misa Roja en el Área de Amarillo.

“La Misa Roja anual se celebraba en Westminster Abbey e inauguraba oficialmente el año judicial”, añadió. “Recibió ese nombre porque los celebrantes se vestían de rojo y los Señores Jueces Superiores usaban togas de color escarlata brillante.

“La primera Misa Roja se celebró en los Estados Unidos en 1928 y ahora se observa en muchas ciudades del país; promueve la unión entre judiciales y la profesión jurídica y se celebra en honor al Espíritu Santo como fuente de sabiduría, comprensión, consejo y fortaleza”, informa Sciumbato.

La Misa Roja es para personas interesadas en la justicia, sean o no profesionales de derecho. Procuren vestir togas judiciales o traje de negocio con acentos rojos. Personal judicial que desee participar en la procesión de apertura debe estar presente a las 6:20pm.

Para más información acerca de la Misa Roja, favor de contactar a Audie Sciumbato, 806-364-2626.

Atención:

El Obispo Patrick J. Zurek ha dispuesto que

el sábado, 24 de enero de 2026

no haya actividades diocesanas o parroquiales en la Diócesis de Amarillo antes de la 1:00pm

para que todos los católicos de la diócesis tengan la oportunidad de participar en la

Misa por el Respeto a la Vida

para conmemorar el 53º aniversario de la trágica decisión Roe v Wade de la Suprema Corte



Consejo Diocesano de Mujeres Católicas

El Consejo Diocesano de Mujeres Católicas (DCCW,) actúa a través de sus miembros para apoyar, empoderar y educar a todas las mujeres católicas en la espiritualidad, el liderazgo y el servicio. Los programas del DCCW responden, con los valores del Evangelio, a las necesidades de la Iglesia y de la sociedad en el mundo actual.

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Para obtener más información, comuníquese con:

Emily Sánchez
(806) 676-0251

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(806) 679-9144

El Tiempo Daylight Saving termina el Domingo, 2 de Noviembre a las 2:00am; retrasen sus relojes una hora. El cambio de Tiempo volverá el Domingo, 8 de Marzo.

Enchiladas En Clarendon

Clarendon—La Iglesia de Saint Mary tendrá Comida de Enchiladas el domingo, 26 de octubre de 11:30am a 1:00pm en el salón Parroquial, calle Montgomery 815 Sur.

Adultos \$15.00; niños de seis a doce años, \$7.00 y niños de cinco años y menores comerán gratis, informa Jacob Fangman, portavoz. Podrán comer cuanto gusten en el salón, o podrán ordenar para llevar.

La parroquia también venderá enchiladas congeladas para llevar: platillo de tres enchiladas, \$4.00 o paquete familiar, \$15.00. Venderán tamales de puerco, puerco picante o puerco con espinaca por \$15.00 la docena.

Para indagar detalles de la comida, puede llamar a la oficina parroquial, 806-874-3910.

Encuentro de Prometidos

Amarillo—A las parejas que planean casarse en los próximos tres a seis meses en la Diócesis de Amarillo, los invitamos al cuarto y último Encuentro de Prometidos (*Engaged Encounter*) del año 2025. Éste será el sábado 1 y domingo 2 de noviembre en el Centro de Retiros Obispo DeFalco, calle Spring 2100 Norte. Para obtener detalles o inscripción en *Engaged Encounter*, favor de llamar a Ana Mendoza al Centro Pastoral Diocesano, 806-410-1059.

Festival de Otoño en Canyon

Canyon—*Día de los Muertos* es el tema del 22° Festival de Otoño *Fallback* a beneficio de la Iglesia de Saint Ann que será el sábado, 1 de noviembre de 6:30pm a 11:30pm en el Salón Parroquial, calle 38 #605.

Con su donativo de \$150 por pareja, podrán disfrutar cena de bistec con todos los complementos, baile con la música de *Next of Kin*, subastas en vivo y en silencio, Bar por Donativo y la oportunidad de ganar varios premios en un sorteo en reversa.

Para obtener detalles o boletos, favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial durante horas hábiles, 806-655-3302; a Bryan Crabtree al 806-236-1673; o a Cruz y Theresa Hernández al 806-433-3367.

Navidad en Noviembre

Amarillo—Las damas de la Corte Guadalupana de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe ofrecerán el evento Navidad en Noviembre el domingo, 2 de noviembre en el Salón Parroquial, calle 11 Sureste 1210.

Venderán comida mexicana, artesanías y objetos religiosos de 9:00am en adelante. También venderán platillos de menudo y gordita. La Tienda de Regalos estará abierta durante el evento.

Para más detalles, llamen a Gloria Betancourt, 806-584-3947.

Pavo en Bovina

Bovina—La Comida Anual de Pavo será el domingo, 2 de noviembre de 11:30am a 2:00pm en el salón parroquial, calle Third #401.

Servirán Pavo y relleno con papas en crema y gravy, ejotes, pan casero, salsa de arándano, plato de condimento y postre. Aceptarán sus donativos de \$15.00 por adulto y \$6.00 por niños menores de seis años. Habrá platillos para llevar por el mismo precio.

Para información adicional, favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial, 806-251-1511.

Acción de Gracias en Dimmitt

Dimmitt—Las Damas de la Inmaculada Concepción servirán su 21ª Comida Anual de Acción de Gracias el domingo, 2 de noviembre de 11:00am a 1:30pm en el salón parroquial, calle Halsell 1001 Oeste. Sugieren un donativo de \$15.00 por platillo. Disfruten pavo y relleno con ejotes, salsa de arándano, bollo, postre y té. Para más información, favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial, 806-647-4219; o a Guila Barrios, 806-240-4594.

Divertida Recaudación de Otoño, Noviembre 8

Amarillo—La Iglesia de Saint Francis of Assisi tendrá su 16ª Divertida Recaudación de Otoño el sábado 8 de noviembre de 6:00pm hasta la medianoche en el salón parroquial, una milla al este de la planta Tyson por la carretera 60.

El boleto cuesta \$125 por pareja y se venderán solamente 300 boletos. Disfruten cena de bistec que servirán hasta las 8:00pm, bebidas y baile con la música de *Chad Miller and the Good Fortunes*. También habrá subasta en silencio.

En un sorteo en reversa se otorgarán Tarjetas VISA: el Premio Mayor vale \$4,000 y el Segundo vale \$1,000. Habrá tableros de Calcuta. Los organizadores informan que no se admitirán menores de 21 años. Aceptarán pago con las principales tarjetas de crédito.

Para obtener más información o boletos, o para donar artículos para la Subasta en Silencio, hagan el favor de contactar a Joe García, 806-678-0151.

Enchiladas en Pampa

Pampa—La Iglesia de San Vicente de Paúl servirá Comida de Enchiladas el Viernes, 14 de noviembre de 11:00am a 2:00pm en el Centro de Educación Pastoral (CEP), calle 23 Oeste #810.

Adultos \$15.00, niños \$10.00. El plato de enchiladas para adulto trae cuatro enchiladas de res y complementos de frijoles, salsa, ensalada y aderezo. El plato para los niños trae dos enchiladas y los complementos.

También venderán charolas de 12 enchiladas por \$30; o \$36 con los complementos.

Para más detalles sobre la comida llamen a la oficina parroquial de San Vicente de Paúl, 806-665-8933, durante horas regulares de oficina.

Noche de Culto Oración y Cine

Panhandle—Invitamos a adolescentes y adultos jóvenes católicos y no-católicos por igual, a la siguiente Noche de Culto, Oración y Cine que las Hermanas Franciscanas de Cristo la Luz ofrecerán el viernes, 15 de diciembre en la casa de oración St. Francis House of Prayer, calle John Paul Circle 125. La noche empieza a las 6:00 con Hora Santa, música, alabanza, oración y adoración del Santísimo Sacramento. Después sirven una comida sencilla mientras exhiben una película escogida por ser relativa a la Fe y el mundo moderno, dice Sor Mary Michael Huseman. Las actividades terminan a las 9:30. Para más detalles llamen al Convento de Sancta Maria, 806-537-3182.

Retiro Juvenil de ACTS

Amarillo—El Retiro Juvenil de ACTS (Adoración, Comunidad, Teología y Servicio) será del jueves, 1 al domingo, 4 de enero en el Centro de Retiros Obispo DeFalco, calle Spring 2100 Norte. Formularios de inscripción se pueden obtener en las oficinas de sus parroquias o en el sitio web de ACTS, actsamarillo.org. Para indagar más acerca de ACTS en la Diócesis de Amarillo, llame a Jimmy Hund, 806-344-4842.

Se Necesitan Ministros de Comunión

Amarillo—Necesitamos voluntarios para llevar la comunión al Hospital BSA. Este compromiso no requiere mucho tiempo y ofrece

entrenamiento, dijo Elma Fletcher.

Interesados, favor de llamar a Elma Fletcher, 806-206-4496; o email a elma_fletcher@yahoo.com.

Proyecto Joseph: Centro de Recursos en el Embarazo

Amarillo—La agencia Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle ofrece un programa diseñado para ayudar a las madres encintas y familias que tienen niños de tres años y menores o tienen custodia legal de ellos. El Proyecto Joseph es un Recurso Para el Embarazo y se enfoca en madres encintas y en familias nuevas. Para más detalles sobre el Proyecto Joseph o para hacer donativos de dinero u objetos como pañales, toallas de aseo desechables, leche de fórmula (sin abrir) o ropa, favor de llamar a Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle, 806-376-4571.

Estudio Bíblico de la Comunidad Católica

Amarillo—El Estudio Bíblico de la Comunidad Católica que empezó en septiembre de 1990 se reúne ahora los miércoles por la mañana de 9:45 a 10:45 en la Iglesia Saint Hyacinth, calle West Hills Trail 4500.

Igual que antes, las reuniones semanales se enfocan en las reflexiones bíblicas de la publicación *At Home with the Word* para ver de antemano las Escrituras del domingo siguiente.

Se invita a quien quiera asistir en cualquier miércoles. Para más información, favor de llamar a Teresa Hunt, 806-676-9445.

Intenciones del Papa León XIV para 2025

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Noviembre:

- **Por la prevención del suicidio:** Oremos para que las personas que están combatiendo con pensamientos suicidas encuentren en su comunidad el apoyo, el cuidado y el amor que necesitan y se abran a la belleza de la vida.

La Oficina de la Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas en la Diócesis de Amarillo

Para expresar sospechas, indagar, o reportar abuso sexual respecto a Personal de la Iglesia, inclusive el Clero, Religiosos(as), Empleados y Voluntarios de cualquier Institución Católica, diríjanse a:

Sharyn Delgado

Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas
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Father César A. Gómez, right, renews his vow of obedience to Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, left, Sept. 13 during a *Mass of Order of Installation of a New Pastor* at Blessed Sacrament Church, Amarillo. Pictured in the center is Deacon Baltazar Montoya and to his left, partially obscured, is Deacon Mark Seidlitz. Additional photos from this Installation Mass can be found on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org, under the Photo Albums header. (WTC Photo)

Pray The Rosary...daily!



Prayer for Priestly Vocations in the Diocese of Amarillo

Oh Jesus, eternal Shepherd
of souls!

Deign to look with eyes of
mercy on this portion of
your beloved flock.

Lord, we need a greater
number of priests.
Multiply vocations and
sanctify our priests
more and more.

We ask this through the
intercession of the
Immaculate Virgin
Mary of Guadalupe,
your sweet and holy
Mother.

Oh Jesus, give us priests,
according to your Heart!
Amen.



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6:30pm, Mass

7:00pm, Free Home-cooked Meal

Nightly Prayer at 10:00

Clarendon Enchilada Dinner

Clarendon—An Enchilada Dinner to benefit the building fund at St. Mary's Church is set for Sunday, Oct. 26 from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the parish hall at 815 South Montgomery.

Adult plates are \$15.00 each, children ages six to twelve are served for \$7.00 each and children under five eat free, according to parish spokesperson Jacob Fangman. The meal is all-you-can-eat and will be dine-in and carryout.

The parish will also sell enchiladas from the freezer, with a plate of three enchiladas for \$4.00 or a family pan of enchiladas for \$15.00. A dozen pork, hot pork or spinach pork tamales will also be on sale for \$15.00.

For additional details about the dinner, please call the parish office at 806-874-3910.

**Please pray for
much needed rain!**

19th Annual Vega German Sausage Dinner

Vega—Immaculate Conception Church invites everyone to join them for its 19th annual German Sausage Dinner Sunday, Nov. 2 from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the parish hall, behind the church at the intersection of I-40 and Highway 385.

Once again this year, the dinner will feature homemade sauerkraut from St. Mary's Church, Umbarger and a Country Store with baked goods and crafts. Cost of the dinner is by donation.

There will also be a raffle, with four prizes. Tickets for the drawing are \$20 each, or six for \$100. Tickets can be purchased from any

Immaculate Conception parishioner. First prize is \$1,000 toward the gun of your choice. Second prize is a custom belt and buckle from Rafter R Leather and Payne Buts and Spurs. Third prize is an Air Impact Wrench and Socket set and fourth prize is a 730 Collectable Tractor with Grain Drill. The winning tickets will be drawn during the dinner and winners need not be present.

All funds raised from the dinner will benefit the parish hall building fund. For additional information about the dinner or the raffle, please contact Paige Robin at 806-346-6645 or Grace Brorman at 806-683-3627.

St. Laurence Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Amarillo—The fourth annual Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Laurence Church is set for the weekend of Saturday, Nov. 8 and Sunday, Nov. 9 in the parish hall at 2300 North Spring.

All plates are \$17.00 each.

Serving times are 5:00pm to 8:00pm on Nov. 8 and 9:00am to 3:00pm on Nov. 9. The meal will feature turkey or ham, with stuffing, all the traditional sides, a beverage and pumpkin or pecan pie.

In conjunction with the Thanksgiving Dinner, the parish is also conducting a drawing, with tickets \$5.00 each. First prize is \$1,000 cash, second prize is a Thanksgiving Basket and third prize is a Princess House Skillet.

Proceeds from the dinner will go toward paying off the costs of remodeling projects at the parish. For more details about the dinner, please call the parish office at 806-383-2261.

Wanted: Volunteers For Mailing Project

Amarillo—The Sisters of Prayer Town are looking for volunteers to help process the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ Mailing Project, scheduled Thursday, Oct. 23 through Sunday, Oct. 26.

As in prior years, the project will take place at the Columbus Home Association, formerly known as Knights of Columbus Council #4621 headquarters at 5818 South Western, according to Sister Juana Teresa Chung, DLJC.

"We invite anyone who lives in Amarillo or the surrounding area who can give of some of their time

to help us," said Sister Juana Teresa. "We have something for everyone to do, such as sorting, stapling and stuffing envelopes. Any and all volunteers will be appreciated."

The project hours are 9:00am to 9:00pm all four days, with a light lunch, dinner and snacks provided. There will be prayer breaks at noon for the Angelus and at 3:00 for the Divine Mercy Chaplet. There will also be a gift table, with religious items for the taking.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Sister Juana Teresa Chung at 806-679-7855.

Pilgrimage Of Hope Locations

Amarillo—Have you visited the four additional Pilgrimage of Hope locations for the 2025 Jubilee Year?

They are:

- St. Laurence Church, 2300 North Spring, Amarillo, representing the Central Deanery;
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 411 Ware Ave., Groom, representing the East Deanery;

- Church of the Holy Spirit, 511 South Austin, Tulia, representing the South Deanery; and,

- Sts. Peter and Paul Church, 915 Maddox, Dumas, representing the North Deanery.

These four parishes are in addition to the Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1200 South Washington, Amarillo.

Knights Of Columbus 5K Freedom Run/Walk

Amarillo—Runners, walkers and sponsors are still needed for the 14th annual Knights of Columbus 5K Freedom Run/Walk, set for Saturday, Nov. 8 at 10:00am at Thompson Park, Pavilion 17, northwest of Wonderland Park.

Those interested in sponsoring this event, which honors our military veterans, are asked to call Tony Villanueva at 806-674-8081; Stan Haley at 806-674-0602; or, Tim Gallegos at 806-683-3272. Email inquiries can be sent to kofc4621@gmail.com.

Early registration for the event continues through Friday, Nov. 7, according to event spokesperson Tim Gallegos. Registration is \$30 per person before 6:00pm on Nov. 7, \$35 per person on race day. Late registration on race day will be available from 9:00am to 9:30am. All mailed fees must be received by Thursday, Nov. 6. Entry forms

“The poor cannot be neglected if we are to remain within the great current of the Church’s life that has its source in the Gospel and bears fruit in every time and place.”

—Pope Leo XIV
Dilexi Te

Bovina Turkey Dinner

Bovina—St. Ann’s Church will serve its annual Turkey Dinner Sunday, Nov. 2 from 11:30am to 2:00pm in the parish hall at 401 3rd Street.

Turkey and dressing with creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, homemade bread, cranberry sauce, relish plate and dessert will be served to adults for a \$15.00 donation and for a \$6.00 donation to children under six. Take out plates will be available at no additional charge.

Learn more by calling the parish office at 806-251-1511.

Perryton Turkey Dinner

Perryton—Immaculate Conception Church will host its annual Turkey Dinner Sunday, Nov. 9 from 11:00am to 3:00pm in the parish hall at the corner of 15th Ave. and Jefferson St.

The menu will feature turkey and dressing with all the sides.

Learn more about the dinner by calling the parish office at Immaculate Conception Church during regular business hours at 806-435-3802.



David Kinney, a parent of two students at Saint Joseph’s School, Amarillo, prepares caramel for Apple Nachos Oct. 11 during the annual Fall Carnival at the school. (WTC Photo)

Pope: Consecrated Men, Women Point The Path To Peace

Vatican City (CNS)—Consecrated men and women can wake up the world, being small beacons of light pointing the way to God’s plan of peace and salvation for humanity, Pope Leo XIV said.

“Today, the Church asks you to be special witnesses,” who walk in communion with the whole family of God, he said, “sharing within it the joy of your vocation and also, where necessary, overcoming divisions, forgiving injustices suffered, asking forgiveness for being closed up in ‘self-referentiality.’”



Angels we have heard on high



A WOMEN’S GATHERING

Christmas Luncheon



FRIDAY, DEC. 12

When:	10:30am-1:00pm
Where:	2100 N. Spring St., Amarillo, TX 79107
What:	Program, silent auction, bake sale, luncheon
Tickets:	\$40 online at bdrcc.org/luncheon , send a check or call 806-383-1811



Jesus Soto of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Amarillo, prepares onions for Tacos de Asada Oct. 5 during the inaugural Franciscan Festival and Prayer for Peace at St. Francis Convent, Amarillo. (WTC Photo)

“Works of mercy are recommended as a sign of the authenticity of worship, which, while giving praise to God, has the task of opening us to the transformation that the Spirit can bring about in us, so that we may all become an image of Christ and His mercy towards the weakest.”

**—Pope Leo XIV
Dilexi Te**

Pope Thanks Knights For Generosity, Respecting Life, Charity

Vatican City (CNS)—Two of the most important tenets of the Catholic Faith are the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and the pope as the successor of Peter, who unites and guides the Church, Pope Leo XIV said.

The pope’s remarks came during an audience at the Vatican Oct. 6 with members of the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus, who were in Rome as part of a pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year.

The pope thanked the Knights for seeking to “bring the compassion and love of the Lord into your local communities, including through your efforts to uphold the sanctity of human life in all of its stages, to assist victims of war and natural disasters and also to support priestly vocations.”

“For these concrete actions, as well as for your daily prayers and sacrifices for the good of all God’s people, I express sincerely my warm appreciation,” he said.

The meeting also came about a year after the U.S.-based Knights helped fund the complete restoration of the 17th-century bronze canopy standing over the main altar of St. Peter’s Basilica as well as the restoration of the basilica’s Altar of the Chair.



The immense 10-story canopy, known as a baldachin, was designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini. It was covered in scaffolding from February to October in 2024 as restorers repaired and preserved the structure, whose last professional restoration was in 1758, more than 260 years ago.

The Knights also funded work done on the sculpture above the basilica’s Altar of the Chair, which is the location of the Chair of St. Peter—traditionally believed to have belonged to St. Peter, the first pope.

Pope Leo expressed his “profound gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for your generosity in making these projects possible. They are a visible sign of your continued devotion to the Vicar of Christ.”

Tens of millions of Faithful have travelled to Rome during the Holy Year “to visit the tombs of the

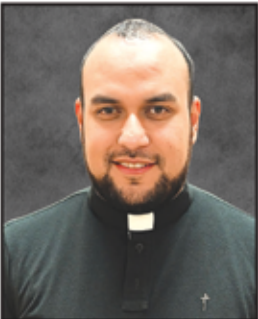
apostles, walk through the Holy Doors, to be strengthened in their Faith,” the pope said.

Visitors to the basilica would also see Bernini’s baldachin, “which now shines forth in all of its original beauty,” and, in the apse of the basilica, “Bernini’s beautiful bronze monument protecting the Cathedra (Chair) of St. Peter, which was renewed at the same time,” he said.

“These masterpieces help all who look upon them to contemplate two of the principal tenets of our Faith: the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and the pope as the successor of Peter who unites and guides the Church,” Pope Leo said.

“Throughout its history, the order has supported the charitable work of the Roman Pontiff in a variety of ways, including through the Vicarius Christi Fund, which allows him to express solidarity with the poor and most vulnerable throughout the world,” said the pope.

He wished everyone “a fruitful pilgrimage” and prayed that their time in Rome would “nourish your Faith, will confirm you in hope and deepen your love for the Church” so that they may be “strengthened to continue the worthy mission begun by your noble founder,” Blessed Michael McGivney.



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Sacred Heart Devotional Prayer Group

Amarillo—The Sacred Heart Devotional Prayer Group at St. Mary’s Cathedral invites everyone to join their group.

Father Avitus K. Siriwa, parochial vicar, is directing the group and serving as spiritual director.

“We would like to welcome all, from parishes around the area to join us in our dedication to Jesus’s Sacred Heart the First Friday of each month,” said Tara and Dustin Meyer, who are assisting Father Siriwa with the group. “Prayers are after the 7:00am Mass every First Friday of the month at St. Mary’s Cathedral. The prayer group conducts quarterly meetings and consecrates new members to the devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus every year.

“Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque between 1673 and 1675.

“I think He intends to try you like gold in the crucible, so as to number you amongst His most Faithful servants. Therefore you must lovingly embrace all occasions of suffering, considering them as precious tokens of His love. To suffer in silence and without complaint is what He asks of you.”

—St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Among the words spoken to her, she heard Jesus make 12 promises to those who would respond to the pleading of His heart and make an effort to return His love.

“St. Margaret Mary once said, ‘I do not know of any other exercise in the spiritual life that is more calculated to raise a soul in a short amount of time to the height of perfection and to make it taste the true sweetness to be found in the service of Jesus Christ.’”

Learn more about the 12 promises made through the Sacred Heart devotion online at welcomehisheart.com/12-promises. For more details about the Sacred Heart Devotional Prayer Group, please contact Tara and Dustin Meyer at taranmeyer@yahoo.com or Father Siriwa at siriwaavitus@gmail.com.

Singers Needed

Amarillo—Singers of all backgrounds from all parishes in the Diocese of Amarillo are invited to help lead the assembly in song at four diocesan celebrations at St. Mary’s Cathedral in the next several months, according to Dr. Greg Onofrio, Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

This includes:

- The annual Red Mass on Tuesday, Oct. 21;
- The Ordination Mass for eight new Permanent Deacons on Saturday, Dec. 6;
- Rite of Election on Sunday, Feb. 22; and,
- The annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 31.

To learn more about participation in the diocesan choir, please contact Dr. Onofrio at 806-376-7204, ext. 3003.

Pray The Rosary... daily as a family!!

Tickets On Sale For Youth Fundraiser

Amarillo—A \$10.00 investment could pay off in two tickets to a Dallas Cowboys football game in December.

Plus, you’d be supporting diocesan youth.

Tickets are still being sold for a raffle to benefit the 2026 Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) and the World Youth Day 2027 delegation representing the Diocese of Amarillo.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and the drawing will take place at 6:00pm on Wednesday, Dec. 10, according to Diocesan Youth Director Oscar Guzman.

First prize in the drawing are four tickets to the Los Angeles Chargers/Dallas Cowboys game Sunday, Dec. 21 at AT&T Stadium in Arlington. Second prize is an Apple iPad Air and third prize is a 55” television. Fourth prize is an Apple Smart Watch, fifth prize is a One Cup Keurig Coffee Maker and sixth prize is an Echo Dot.

Tickets for the drawing can be purchased online at covenantteen.com/annual-affle by using a credit card or Venmo. Tickets can also be purchased in the Diocesan Youth Office at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 4512 NE 24th Ave. during regular business hours.

“Those that are interested in attending World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul and would like to begin raising funds for the pilgrimage are asked to contact the Diocesan Youth Office,” said Guzman. “You do need to pre-register for World Youth Day at amarillodiocese.org/registration-process. For those graduating in 2027, this would be a great senior trip. We encourage you to pre-register now and start fundraising. You can get more details at amarillodiocese.org/wyd-fundraiser.”

For additional information about the drawing or to purchase tickets, please contact Guzman at 806-383-2243, ext. 118.

A Prayer For Religious Liberty

*Almighty God, Father of all nations,
for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus
(Gal 5:1).*

*We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty,
the foundation of human rights, justice, and the
common good.*

*Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote
our liberties;*

*By your grace may we have the courage to defend
them, for ourselves and for all those who live in
this blessed land.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Mary
Immaculate, our patroness and in the name of
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live
and reign, One God forever and ever.*

Amen.

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