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Leading Off

Amarillo—Knights of Columbus Council #1450 at St. Mary's Cathedral will conduct its 32nd annual Charity Golf Classic Saturday, July 26 at Comanche Trails Tomahawk Golf Course, 4200 South Grand.

Registration begins at 7:15am, with a shotgun start at 8:30. Entry fee is \$100 per golfer if paid in advance, \$110 day of the tournament. The entry fee includes green fees, golf cart, a goody bag, entry for a door prize and a meal to be served after the tournament.

Teams will be flighted based on a nine-hole blind draw at the conclusion of play and prizes will be awarded in each of two flights, according to tournament committee chairman Theo Belizario.

"Proceeds from our tournament go to assist many worthwhile groups and charities in Amarillo, the Texas Panhandle and the state of Texas," he said. "These include Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle, the Texas Ramp Project, the Downtown Women Center, *Joseph's Project: A Pregnancy Resource Center*, diocesan Seminary, Respect Life Ministries, Catholic Schools, the Boy Scouts, Special Olympics and many more."

The tournament is open to the first 84 registered golfers. There will be prizes for the Longest Drive, Closest-to-the-Pin on a chosen hole and a \$10,000 prize for a Hole-In-One on a selected hole.

For additional details, to sign up or for sponsorship information, please contact Belizario at 832-606-3813 or via email, belit001@gmail.com. More information can also be found at stmarysamarillo.com/koc-golf. Sponsorship levels range from \$50 to \$1,000 and include tee box signage, scorecard, scoreboard ads and scoreboard banners.

Pope Sets Sunday, Sept. 7 For Joint Canonization Of Blesseds Acutis, Frassati

Vatican City (CNS)—Pope Leo XIV will canonize Blesseds Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati together on Sunday, Sept. 7, the Vatican announced.

Meeting with cardinals living in and visiting Rome for an ordinary public consistory June 13, the pope approved the new canonization date for the two young blesseds and set Sunday, Oct. 19 as the date for the canonization of seven others. He announced the dates in Latin.

The canonization of Blessed Acutis, a teenager known for his devotion to the Eucharist and creating an online exhibition of Eucharistic miracles, had originally been scheduled for April 27 during the Jubilee of Teenagers. It was postponed following the death of Pope Francis April 21.

Born in 1991 and raised in Milan, Blessed Acutis used his tech skills to evangelize and was noted for his joyful Faith and compassion for others before dying of leukemia in 2006 at age 15.

After 12 Years, Locals Welcome Pope Back To His Summer Home

Castel Gandolfo, Italy (CNS)—After more than a decade without its most famous vacationer, the quiet town of Castel Gandolfo once again counts the pope among its summer residents.

Pope Leo XIV became the 16th pope to reside in the papal summer residence when he moved there July 6, following the recitation of the Angelus in St. Peter's Square.

"This afternoon, I will travel to Castel Gandolfo, where I intend to have a short period of rest," the pope told pilgrims gathered in the square. "I hope that everyone will be able to enjoy some vacation time in order to restore both body and spirit."



Blesseds Carlo Acutis, left, and Pier Giorgio Frassati. (WTC Graphic by Roman Asbill)

Blessed Frassati, born in 1901 into a prominent family in Turin, was admired for his deep spirituality, love for the poor and enthusiasm for life. A member of the Dominican Third Order, he served the sick through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He died at age 24 af-

ter contracting polio, possibly from one of the people he assisted.

The two Italian laymen will be the first saints proclaimed by the new pope, who was elected May 8.

Although the Vatican had never officially set a date for Blessed Frassati's canonization, Pope Fran-

cis said last November that he intended to proclaim him a saint during the Jubilee of Youth Monday, July 28-Sunday, Aug. 3. The official website of Blessed Frassati's canonization cause had said the canonization would take place Sunday, Aug. 3, when the pope is scheduled to celebrate Mass with thousands of young people on the outskirts of Rome.

Wanda Gawronska, Blessed Frassati's niece and a longtime promoter of his sainthood cause, told Catholic News Service she was disappointed in the date change, noting that "thousands and thousands of people have tickets to come to Rome for the canonization in August."

During the same consistory, Pope Leo also confirmed that seven other blesseds will be canonized Oct. 19, World Mission Sunday. The group includes men and women from five countries, among them martyrs, founders of religious congregations and laypeople recognized for their heroic virtue and service.

shop along the town's main drag for more than 30 years.

"During the week there wasn't this flow of people," she told Catholic News Service July 1, since the popes only presented themselves publicly to pray the Angelus on Sundays. "Instead, by opening the palace and the pontifical villas, the type of tourism has changed," shifting from frugal pilgrims to paying visitors. As a result, "the last 12 years were good for us."

Still, she said, the return of a pope is "fantastic."

"It's an important showcase" for the town, Rossi said. "We're happy, yes."

Rossi, an artist, said she and

others had considered creating a portrait of the pope, adding, "Yes, it's an idea we've had; right now, we are doing stuff a bit different, more simple, because making a portrait is not the most 'sell-able' right away."

Assunta Ferrini, who manages Sor Capanna, a restaurant right off the square at the foot of the papal palace, said the town has not lacked tourists in the pope's absence.

At a local coffee shop, barista Stefano Carosi echoed that sentiment.

"To have the pope here among us after so long is a beautiful thing," he said. "We've waited for it for so long."

Tickets On Sale For Respect Life Banquet



Dr. John Bruchalski

abortionist who now has a medical practice, which operates as the largest fully pro-life OB/GYN in the nation, will be the keynote speaker for the banquet, which benefits the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Amarillo.

The banquet begins with social hour at 4:30pm, with dinner served at 5:30. Tickets are \$75 per person, \$135 per couple or \$750 for a sponsored table of eight, which includes a prime rib dinner catered by the Big Texan Steak Ranch, according to Anna Mendoza, diocesan Family Life Office assistant. The deadline to make reservations is Friday, Sept. 12 at 5:00pm. Please RSVP to amarillodiocese.org/respect-life-banquet-1.

Dr. John Bruchalski is a former abortionist who now has a medical practice, Tepeyac OB/GYN, which

operates as the largest fully pro-life OB/GYN in the United States, with five providers and a midwife. Tepeyac is a nonprofit, caring for women of all races, creeds and economic statuses, whether or not they can pay.

Dr. Bruchalski is the author of *Two Patients: My Conversation from Abortion to Life-Affirming Medicine*. He speaks across the country dedicating his time and energy to fostering a renewal in medicine and educating the next generation of pro-life medical providers.

The evening will also include Silent and Live Auctions. For more information, to make a reservation or to donate items for the Silent and Live Auctions, please contact Mendoza at 806-414-1059.

Pampa Jamaica

Pampa—St. Vincent de Paul Church will conduct its annual Jamaica Sunday, Aug. 17 from 11:00am to 9:00pm on the parish grounds at 810 West 23rd Ave.

The day will include an assortment of Mexican food, fruit, aguas frescas and activities for children and adults.

There will also be live music, from *Dueto Cortez*, *Rocinante*, *Lann Harlan*, *Obra Norteña*, *Los Compas* and *LOS BUS-K2*.

There will also be a Horse Ride that will originate from Mi Casita Ranch and arrive at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Cost of the horse ride is \$50 per person.

Tickets are on sale for a raffle, featuring 11 prizes. The top prize is an Apple Watch Series2. Other prizes include a Holy Family statue and Bible, a Blackstone 22" Griddle, Apple AirPods, a Yeti Rolling Cooler, a Princess Coffee Pot and Stock Pot and a Nintendo Switch. Tickets for the raffle are \$10.00 each and winners need not be present to win.

Those attending the Jamaica are asked to bring chairs. Learn more about the Jamaica by calling the parish office at St. Vincent de Paul Church during regular business hours at 806-665-8933.

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Tri-State Fair Training Day Saturday, Aug. 16

Amarillo—Those interested in evangelizing in the Catholic Booth at the annual Tri-State Fair are invited to attend a Training Day for Evangelizing at the Tri-State Fair Saturday, Aug. 16 from 9:00am to 11:30am in the Reception Room at the Monsignor Francis A. Smyer Activity Center at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1200 South Washington.

The training day is part of preparations to organize the Catholic booth at the Tri-State Fair, set for Friday, Sept. 12 through Saturday, Sept. 20, according to St. Mary's Cathedral parishioner Cindy Cox, who will coordinate the training session.

"We encourage every parish in the Diocese of Amarillo to participate and help with our booth at the Tri-State Fair in September," said Cox. "This is a great opportunity to share your Faith with those outside the Church. It would be good to have at least two persons, if possible, from every parish in our diocese to participate at the fair."

Learn more about the training day by contacting Cox at 806-672-3105 or via email, ckcox59@gmail.com. Those planning to attend will be asked to leave their name, email address and phone number to confirm attendance at the training session.

Jamaica In Kress Aug. 23

Kress—A Jamaica to benefit St. Paul the Apostle Church takes place Saturday, Aug. 23 from noon to 8:00pm on the parish grounds at 610 South Dudley Street.

The day will include a number of food booths, featuring aguas frescas, corn in a cup, Mexican hot dogs, hamburgers, tripas, carnitas, fruit cups, funnel cakes, snow cones, chalupas and street tacos. There will also be a candy booth and a beverage booth.

There will be numerous games for all ages, including a bounce house, a train ride, face painting and loteria/bingo. Other activities

include a cake walk, a cornhole tournament, a silent auction and a 50/50 drawing.

Music throughout the day will be provided by a number of local DJ's.

The parish will also conduct a drawing, with the top prize a Playstation 5. Second prize is a \$500 gift card and third prize is a 55" television. Fourth prize is a 45-quart Yeti Cooler and fifth prize is a \$250 gift card. Tickets are \$10.00 each. You need not be present to win.

For more information about the Jamaica, please call Church of the Holy Spirit in Tulia at 806-994-3511.

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The Diocese of Amarillo congratulates the Permanent Diaconate Class of 2020 on the fifth anniversary of their ordination to the diaconate on Aug. 15, 2020:

Deacon Bryan Adams
Deacon Ricky Delarosa
Deacon Darryl Dixon
Deacon Guillermo Estrada
Deacon Ronald Fetsch
Deacon Tino Frausto
Deacon Patrick Griffin
Deacon Ronald A. Herr
Deacon Francisco Ibarra
Deacon Gerald Marnell
Deacon Baltazar Montoya
Deacon Kevin Morris
Deacon John Renteria
Deacon Joseph Roder, DVM
Deacon Mark White

Thank you for your service to the Church of Amarillo.

Ellen Marie Neusch: 1954-2025



Ellen Marie Neusch

Panhandle—Ellen Marie Neusch, the mother of Father Anthony C. Neusch, rector at St. Mary's Cathedral, passed away June 15.

Mass was celebrated June 19, St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo, with Father Neusch, presiding, and priests of the Diocese of Amarillo concelebrating. Interment was in St. Francis Cemetery.

Ellen Marie Webber was born in Amarillo on March 1, 1954, the daughter of Chuck and JoNell

Webber. She married Gary Neusch on Aug. 29, 1975 at St. Francis of Assisi Church. According to her family, Mrs. Neusch enjoyed cross stitching, embroidery, sewing and making Christmas ornaments for her children and grandchildren. Her family added that she was always their number one fan who never missed an opportunity to support her children and grandchildren in their endeavors.

In addition to her son, survivors include her husband, Gary Neusch; three children, Katy Trimmer and her husband Matt of Paola, Kan., Joey Neusch and his wife Aimee of Amarillo and Laura Bridgman of Panhandle; three siblings, Kathy Pepper and her husband Roy and Patti McKnight and her husband Jeff, all of Amarillo and Kurt Webber and his wife Diane of Peoria, Ariz.; five grandchildren, Garret Trimmer, Jacey Neusch, Tatum Trimmer, Conrad Bridgman and Liam Neusch; a great-granddaughter, Sadie Trimmer; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Holy Cross Catholic Academy 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 on the Holy Cross teams can be found online at holycrossama.org. Volleyball home games are played at the HCCA Event Center at 4102 South Bonham.

Volleyball:

Monday, Aug. 4, First Day of Practice for High School.

Thursday, Aug. 7, Scrimmage with San Jacinto Christian and Accelerate. Matches at 5:00pm and 6:00pm.

Saturday, Aug. 9, at Highland Park. Scrimmage at 10:00am.

Monday, Aug. 11, Tri-Match with Friona and Fort Elliott. Matches at 10:00am and noon.

Tuesday, Aug. 12, First Day of Practice for Middle School.

Friday, Aug. 15, vs. Miami. Match at 5:00pm.

Saturday, Aug. 16, vs. Kelton. Match at 5:00pm.

New Building To Be Blessed In Panhandle

Panhandle—Bishop Patrick J. Zurek will bless a new building for the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light Saturday, Aug. 2 during a Come and Go Open House at 119 Franciscan Way.

Bishop Zurek is scheduled to bless the building at 10:30am. The Come and Go Open House will begin at 9:00am and conclude at noon.

"We have wanted a new building for years to meet the needs of our Sisters," said Franciscan Sister of Christ the Light Sister Mary Michael Huseman, who is Regional Supervisor and Vocations Director for the order. "One of our wings was built in the 1970's with poor materials and was not in good condition. We decided to tear it down and replace it with a building that meets our current and ongoing needs."

Architect for the project was Shiver Megert & Associates. The general contractor was Tri-State General Contractors and the structural engineer was Forte Structural

Engineering, all of Amarillo.

The new building is approximately 12,000 square feet and is a two-story building equipped with an elevator. Features of the new building include:

- Six new infirmary rooms for the elderly;
- Eight new regular bedrooms for the professed Sisters;
- Offices;
- A Storage Room;
- A large Recreation Room;
- A Laundry Room;
- Fire Suppression; and,
- Updates of all the utilities, including water, electricity, natural gas, fire hydrants and fiber optic ready.

"We are grateful to all who worked so hard to make this building as beautiful and efficient as possible, including our benefactors," said Sister Mary Michael.

For more information about the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light, please call Sancta Maria Convent at 806-537-3182 or go online to panhandlefranciscans.org.

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Save the Date!

Fall CARNIVAL

The tradition continues!

Saturday, Oct. 4 | 11:00am-4:00pm
1200 South Washington, Amarillo

Fun for everyone. Admission is free!

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9:00am before the carnival!
 \$25 entry fee



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 Saturday, Oct. 4.

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 June 15 issue of *The West Texas Catholic* are in **BOLD**. This calendar can also be found on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org.

July

20—43rd Las Fiestas de Amarillo, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Amarillo

20-25—*Totus Tuus*, St. Anthony's Church, Hereford (806-290-1698)

20-26—Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (806-410-3839)

21-25—**IDENTITY** Summer Camp, Ceta Canyon (806-726-7758)

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

25—Feast of St. James

26—Feast of Sts. Joaquin and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

26—Charity Golf Tournament to benefit Knights of Columbus Council #1450, Comanche Trails Golf Course, Amarillo (832-606-3813)

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

26—Mass and Blessing of new construction, St. Ann's Church, Canyon (806-655-3302)

27—*It Might Get Loud: A Back to School Praise and Worship Event*, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)

27—Jamaica, St. Ann's Church, Bovina (806-251-1511)

27—Jamaica, Our Lady of Loreto Church, Silverton (806-823-2548)

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

31—Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola

August

1-2—Deacon Formation Class, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-2243, ext. 117)

1-2—St. Vincent de Paul Church Women's Council Flea Market, Parish Hall, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Pampa (806-665-8933)

2—Blessing and Open House for new building, Sancta Maria Convent, Panhandle (806-537-3182)

2—34th annual Knights of Columbus #7840 Golf Tournament, Palo Duro Creek Golf Course, Canyon (806-678-4700)

3—Jamaica, Blessed Sacrament Church, Amarillo (806-374-1132)

3—Jamaica, St. Teresa of Jesus Church, Friona (806-250-2871)

4—Feast of St. John Vianney

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

6—The Transfiguration of the Lord

8-9—St. Vincent de Paul Church Women's Council Flea Market, Parish Hall, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Pampa (806-665-8933)

8—Fish Fry, Parish Hall, St. Mary's Church, Clarendon (806-874-3910)

9-10—Parish Festival, St. Laurence Church, Amarillo (806-383-2261)

9—Jamaica to benefit Sacred Heart Church, Jones Pavillion, Canadian (806-323-6608)

10—Jamaica to benefit Cristo Redentor, City Park, Gruver (806-659-2166)

12—First Day of Classes, 2025-26 school year for Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo

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

14—Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe

15—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Holy Day of Obligation. Diocesan Pastoral Center and Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center closed.**

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

16—Training Day Meeting for Catholic Booth at the Tri-State Fair, Reception Room, Monsignor Francis A. Smyer Activity Center, St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo (806-672-3105)

17—Jamaica, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Pampa (806-665-8933)

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

22—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

23—Jamaica to benefit St. John the Evangelist Church, Huber Park, Borger (806-274-7064)

23—Jamaica to benefit St. Joseph's Church, City Park, Stratford (806-310-0438)

23—Jamaica, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Kress (806-994-3511)

24—Parish Festival to benefit Sts. Peter and Paul Church, McDade Park, Dumas (806-935-5002)

24—First Mass of the Fall Semester, Catholic Student Center at West Texas A&M University, Canyon (806-655-4345)

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

28—Feast of St. Augustine

29—The Passion of St. John the Baptist

31—Labor Day Picnic to benefit Holy Family Church, Nazareth (806-945-2616)

31—Fiesta Night to benefit St. Peter's Church, Main Street, Booker (806-435-3802)

31—Jamaica to benefit St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, City Park, Turkey (806-823-2548)

September

1—Labor Day. **Diocesan Pastoral Center, Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo and the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center closed.**

1—Hunter's Breakfast, St. Mary's Church, Clarendon (806-874-3910)

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

4-7—Men's Cursillo, Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate Convent, Amarillo (806-323-6608)

5-6—Deacon Formation Class, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-2243, ext. 117)

5—Feast of St. Teresa of Calcutta

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

7—Grandparents Day

8—The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9—International Buy Your Priest a Beer Day (806-355-5621)

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

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

12—**TREAT** Fundraiser, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)

14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

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

20—Knights of Columbus Council #8938 Golf Tournament, John Pittman Golf Course, Hereford (806-340-1836/806-344-6432)

21—Catechetical Sunday. This year's theme is: "Always be ready to give an explanation... for a reason for your hope."/"Estén siempre listos a responder a todo el que les pida razón de su Esperanza." (*1 Peter 3:15/1 Pedro 3:15*)

21—Annual Respect Life Banquet, Heritage Room, Amarillo Civic Center (806-414-1059)

21—Jamaica to benefit Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Main Street, Spearman (806-659-2166)

23—Feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcina

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

27—Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

28—Priesthood Sunday

29—Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

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

October

1-31—Safe Environment Month throughout the diocese. All minors attending Parish Programs must receive *Circle of Grace*® classroom training. (806-383-2243, ext. 117)

1-31—Respect Life Month (806-414-1059)

2—Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels

3-4—Deacon Formation Class, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-2243, ext. 117)

4—Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

4—Natural Family Planning, Ovulation Method Course, in Spanish, Marian Room, Bishop Zurek Hall, Blessed Sacrament Church, Amarillo (806-220-7179)

Golden Jubilees Sought

If you were joined together in marriage between July 1, 1975 and September 30, 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, September 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 the back of your photo.

The deadline to submit photos and information is Thursday, September 11.

DEADLINES

Issue Date	Deadline
August 17	August 7
Sept. 21	Sept. 11
Oct. 19	Oct. 9
Nov. 16	Nov. 6
Dec. 21	Dec. 11
Jan. 18	Jan. 8
Feb. 15	Feb. 5

The deadline for photos, story ideas and advertisements is noon on deadline day.

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

Amarillo—Parishes throughout the Diocese of Amarillo have announced Mass Schedules for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Friday, Aug. 15.

Listed below are the parishes that supplied the Office of Communications with their Mass schedules.

Parishes not listed here either failed to report their schedules or are not planning celebrations. A number of parishes are celebrating the Solemnity of the Assumption on Thursday, Aug. 14.

Schedules are subject to change without notice. Please consult your parish bulletin or parish website for additional details.

AMARILLO

Blessed Sacrament: Friday, Aug. 15, Masses at 8:00am (Spanish), 6:00pm (English) and 7:00pm (Spanish)

Our Lady of Guadalupe: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 6:30pm (Bilingual)

Our Lady of Vietnam: Friday, Aug. 15, Masses at 8:30am and 7:00pm

St. Francis of Assisi: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 6:30pm

St. Hyacinth: Thursday, Aug. 14, Mass at 7:00pm (Bilingual); Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 12:15pm

St. Joseph's: Thursday, Aug. 14, Mass at 6:00pm (Bilingual); Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 11:30am

St. Laurence: Friday, Aug. 15, Masses at 5:30pm (English) and 7:00pm (Spanish)

St. Martin de Porres: Friday, Aug. 15, Masses at 12:15pm and 5:15pm
St. Thomas the Apostle: Friday, Aug. 15, Masses at 7:00am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm

BOOKER

St. Peter's: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 5:00pm (Spanish)

BORGER

St. John the Evangelist: Thursday, Aug. 14, Mass at 7:00pm (Bilingual); Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 8:00am (English)

BOVINA

St. Ann's: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 6:30pm (Bilingual)

CACTUS

Our Lady of Guadalupe: Thursday, Aug. 14, Mass at 7:00pm (Spanish)

CANADIAN

Sacred Heart: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:00pm (Bilingual)

CANYON

St. Ann's: Thursday, Aug. 14, Mass at 6:30pm; Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 12:15pm

CHILDRESS

Holy Angels: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 5:30pm (Bilingual)

CLARENDON

St. Mary's: Thursday, Aug. 14, Mass at 6:30pm

DALHART

St. Anthony of Padua: Friday, Aug. 15, Masses at 8:15am (English) and 7:00pm (Bilingual)

DIMMITT

Immaculate Conception: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:00pm (Bilingual)

DUMAS

Sts. Peter and Paul: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at Noon (Bilingual)

FRIONA

St. Teresa of Jesus: Thursday, Aug. 14, Mass at 6:30pm (Bilingual)

GROOM

Immaculate Heart of Mary: Friday, Aug. 15, Masses at 7:30am and 6:30pm

GRUVER

Cristo Redentor: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 5:00pm (Bilingual)

HAPPY

Holy Name of Jesus: Thursday, Aug. 14, Mass at 7:00pm

HART

St. John Nepomucene: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 5:30pm (Bilingual)

HEREFORD

St. Anthony's: Friday, Aug. 15, Masses at 8:15am and 7:15pm
San Jose: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:00pm (Bilingual)

KRESS

St. Paul the Apostle: Friday, Aug. 15, Masses at 7:00am and 12:15pm (English) and 6:30pm (Bilingual); at Church of the Holy Spirit, Tulia)

MEMPHIS

Sacred Heart: Thursday, Aug. 14, Mass at 5:30pm (Bilingual)

Priests Birthdays

Priests of the Diocese of Amarillo celebrating birthdays in the month of August include:
Father Jim Khoi, CMR Aug. 2
Father Ryan Winger Aug. 15
Bishop Patrick J. Zurek Aug. 17

NAZARETH

Holy Family: Thursday, Aug. 14, Mass at 6:30pm; Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:00am

PAMPA

St. Vincent de Paul: Thursday, Aug. 15, Masses at 8:30am (English) and 7:00pm (Spanish)

PANHANDLE

St. Theresa's: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:00pm

PERRYTON

Immaculate Conception: Thursday, Aug. 14, Masses at 5:00pm (English) and 7:00pm (Spanish); Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:00am (Bilingual)

QUITAQUE

San Juan Diego: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:00pm

SILVERTON

Our Lady of Loreto: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 5:30pm

SHAMROCK

St. Patrick's: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 6:00pm

SPEARMAN

Sacred Heart of Jesus: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:00pm (Bilingual)

STINNETT

St. Ann's: Thursday, Aug. 14, Mass at 7:00pm (Bilingual); Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 8:00am (English); at St. John the Evangelist Church, Borger)

STRATFORD

St. Joseph's: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 7:00pm (Bilingual)

SUNRAY

Christ the King: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 6:30pm (Bilingual)

TEXLINE

St. Mary's: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 12:10pm

TULIA

Church of the Holy Spirit: Friday, Aug. 15, Masses at 7:00am and 12:15pm (English) and 6:30pm (Bilingual)

TURKEY

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 8:15pm

UMBARGER

St. Mary's: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 6:00pm

VEGA

Immaculate Conception: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 6:00pm

WELLINGTON

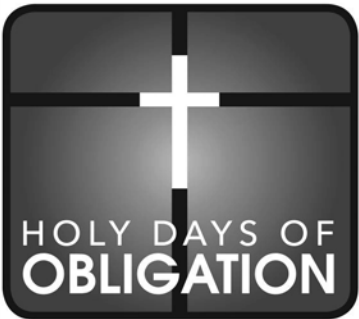
Our Mother of Mercy: Friday, Aug. 15, Mass at 4:30pm

WHEELER

St. Mary's: Thursday, Aug. 14, Mass at 7:00pm (Bilingual)


WHITE DEER

Sacred Heart: Thursday, Aug. 14, Mass at 7:00pm



Friday, Aug. 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please be sure to attend Mass.

Elviernes, 15 de agosto, la Solemnidad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María, es Día Santo de Precepto. Procuren asistir a Misa.



Retreat Center Job Opening

Housekeeping

8:30am-11:30am Mondays

This job is to assist with cleaning the retreat center after weekend events and to prepare for new groups to arrive.



Application deadline is Friday, Aug. 1

If interested, please contact Sister Elizabeth Ann at seabdrc@dioama.org or call her at 806-383-1811 for questions or for more information.

bdrc.org/jobopenings

Steward Saints

Dedication of St. Mary Major
Feast Day: August 5
Optional memorial

On Tuesday, Aug. 5, we celebrate not a Saint but the dedication of a church that was re-built after the Council of Ephesus to honor Mary, the Mother of God.

The dedication of St. Mary

Major in Rome was the culmination of a long theological debate about whether Mary was simply the mother of the man Jesus or should rightly be called the Mother of God. The Council declared that she was, indeed, “theotokos,” the Mother of God.

In a homily delivered at that

Council, St. Cyril of Alexandria said, “Mary, Mother of God, we salute you. Precious vessel, worthy of the whole world’s reverence, you are an ever-shining light, the crown of virginity, the symbol of orthodoxy and indestructible temple, the place that held Him whom no place can contain, mother and virgin.”

In their stewardship pastoral, the U.S. Bishops say of Mary, “As Mother of God, her stewardship consisted of her maternal service and devotion to Jesus, from infancy to adulthood, up to the agonizing hours of Jesus’ death.”

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray that we, too, may be good stewards

in the service of your Son.

Steward Saints, from the book Steward Saints for Every Day, written by Sharon Hueckel ©1999 the National Catholic Stewardship Council.

Ordination
Anniversaries

Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Amarillo noting their ordination anniversaries in the month of August include:

Deacon Bryan Adams

Aug. 15, 2020

Deacon Ricky Delarosa

Aug. 15, 2020

Deacon Darryl Dixon

Aug. 15, 2020

Deacon Guillermo Estrada

Aug. 15, 2020

Deacon Ronald Fetsch

Aug. 15, 2020

Deacon Tino Frausto

Aug. 15, 2020

Deacon Patrick Griffin

Aug. 15, 2020

Deacon Ronald A. Herr

Aug. 15, 2020

Deacon Francisco Ibarra

Aug. 15, 2020

Deacon Gerald Marnell

Aug. 15, 2020

Deacon Baltazar Montoya

Aug. 15, 2020

Deacon Kevin Morris

Aug. 15, 2020

Deacon John Renteria

Aug. 15, 2020

Deacon Joseph Roder, DVM

Aug. 15, 2020

Deacon Mark White

Aug. 15, 2020

Deacons Birthdays

Deacons of the Diocese of Amarillo celebrating birthdays during the month of July include:

Deacon Darryl Dixon

July 6

Deacon Richard Martinez

July 11

Ordination
Anniversary

Priests of the Diocese of Amarillo observing their ordination anniversary in the month of August include:

Father Marco Antonio

González

Aug. 26, 2006

United Catholics Appeal 2025-26

City	Parish	Quota	Pledged Amount By Parishioners	Amount Paid By Parishioners
Amarillo	St. Laurence	45,038	29,053	3,955
Amarillo	Our Lady of Vietnam	15,709	0	0
Amarillo	Blessed Sacrament	29,293	23,785	4,060
Amarillo	Our Lady of Guadalupe	34,673	23,038	5,629
Amarillo	St. Francis of Assisi	18,262	12,700	9,800
Amarillo	St. Hyacinth	38,659	38,940	21,092
Amarillo	St. Martin de Porres	15,360	1,800	0
Amarillo	St. Joseph's	53,696	54,360	11,450
Amarillo	St. Mary's Cathedral	144,926	78,880	36,803
Amarillo	St. Thomas the Apostle	192,772	212,721	85,029
Booker	St. Peter's	9,040	2,290	420
Borger	St. John the Evangelist	39,689	26,959	7,998
Bovina	St. Ann's	10,444	3,575	2,295
Cactus	Our Lady of Guadalupe	14,808	14,910	4,408
Canadian	Sacred Heart	13,012	0	0
Canyon	St. Ann's	109,588	83,653	32,035
Childress	Holy Angels	8,619	1,150	850
Clarendon	St. Mary's	2,275	2,350	1,050
Dalhart	St. Anthony of Padua	56,634	21,780	15,750
Dimmitt	Immaculate Conception	15,252	5,300	450
Dumas	Sts. Peter and Paul	59,645	31,365	6,630
Friona	St. Teresa of Jesus	12,152	4,070	50
Groom	Immaculate Heart of Mary	21,191	16,511	9,291
Gruver	Cristo Redentor	5,542	550	550
Happy	Holy Name of Jesus	1,533	1,140	50
Hart	St. John Nepomucene	7,563	3,310	890
Hereford	St. Anthony's	62,860	25,645	9,475
Hereford	San Jose	47,376	3,250	315
Kress	St. Paul the Apostle	2,466	2,175	470
Memphis	Sacred Heart	3,228	1,100	300
Nazareth	Holy Family	51,667	31,504	20,458
Pampa	St. Vincent de Paul	43,274	28,795	9,724
Panhandle	St. Theresa's	12,373	12,450	11,250
Perryton	Immaculate Conception	36,744	18,750	6,154
Quitaque	San Juan Diego	1,414	0	0
Shamrock	St. Patrick's	5,900	5,388	4,778
Silverton	Our Lady of Loreto	3,640	0	0
Spearman	Sacred Heart of Jesus	27,109	4,650	3,370
Stinnett	St. Ann's	4,395	3,170	100
Stratford	St. Joseph's	10,237	9,905	5,712
Sunray	Christ the King	3,778	4,470	1,150
Texline	St. Mary's	2,596	0	0
Tulia	Church of the Holy Spirit	15,476	14,315	5,446
Turkey	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	1,207	0	0
Umbarger	St. Mary's	15,794	8,160	4,300
Vega	Immaculate Conception	21,488	18,925	17,425
Wellington	Our Mother of Mercy	4,521	500	500
Wheeler	St. Mary's	5,736	0	0
White Deer	Sacred Heart	10,242	250	250
		1,368,896	887,592	361,712

Seminary Burse Report
Diocese of Amarillo

Contributions: thru June 25, 2025

Donations in Honor/Memory of

Catholic Life Insurance	\$	200.00
Ellen Neusch	\$	1,000.00
St. Thomas the Apostle Church - Amarillo Men's Club	\$	2,400.00
	\$	3,600.00

Open Burses

Amarillo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women No. 2	\$	2,915.33
Andrés Pulgarin	\$	100.00
Anthony and Katherine Paschel	\$	1,700.00
Arnold Husmann	\$	2,900.00
Benjamin Seago	\$	700.00
Billie Jean Matthiesen	\$	50.00
Bishop John W. Yanta	\$	2,050.00
Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen	\$	1,050.00
Bishop Patrick J. Zurek	\$	50.00
Catholic Daughters of the Americas Burse No. 2	\$	2,300.00
Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas	\$	1,724.10
Catholic Life Insurance	\$	500.00
Cecilia Neusch	\$	165.00
Charlie Hennessey	\$	110.00
Clementine Renner	\$	2,500.00
Deacon Mauricio Valadez	\$	475.00
Deacon Richard Riley	\$	225.00
Debby Pope	\$	250.00
Diocesan Committee of 2000	\$	2,558.50
Edward Venhaus	\$	50.00
Ellen Neusch	\$	1,000.00
Emily Diller/Jim and Emily Pavicek	\$	4,000.00
Eric Walterscheid	\$	1,075.00
Father Francisco Perez, JCL	\$	1,500.00
Father Gary Sides No. 2	\$	985.00
Father Grant Spinhirne	\$	1,100.00
Father J. Arnold Carlson	\$	100.00
Father Ken Keller	\$	1,200.00
Father Raphael Chen	\$	3,000.00
Father Richard Neyer	\$	3,010.00
Father Ryan Winger	\$	1,350.00
Father Scott L. Raef	\$	250.00
Father Shane Wieck	\$	1,750.00
Father Taylor Elzner	\$	480.00
Father Victor Hugo Andrade	\$	100.00
Francis and Hilda Neusch	\$	500.00
Gerald Brandt	\$	1,250.00
Gregorio Lopez	\$	900.00
Grove Family	\$	500.00
Guy D Raef	\$	700.00
Harry Garrison	\$	100.00
John Casasanta	\$	1,100.00
Johnnatan Ibarra	\$	260.00
Jose and Epifana Vega	\$	400.00
Joseph P. Sullivan	\$	5,000.00
Josephine Lange Burse No. 2	\$	233.56
Knights of Columbus	\$	5,032.00
Martha Huseman	\$	809.00
Marvin Batenhorst	\$	500.00
Michelle M. Quinto	\$	50.00
Monsignor Fred Hyland	\$	1,500.00
Monsignor Harold Waldow	\$	10.00
Monsignor Joseph Tash	\$	4,733.00
Monsignor Kevin Hand	\$	2,250.00
Monsignor Mario Stortz	\$	100.00
Monsignor Monroe J. Matthiesen	\$	300.00
Monsignor Norbert Kuehler	\$	50.00
Monsignor Pete DiBenedetto	\$	1,667.65
Monsignor Peter Morsch	\$	4,373.18
Monsignor Raymond Crosier	\$	450.00
Monsignor Richard Vaughn	\$	180.00
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Betzen	\$	1,000.00
Owen Seamans	\$	4,020.00
Richard Escalante	\$	300.00
Ruth Bednorz	\$	50.00
Sammy Gonzales Sr.	\$	1,405.00
Serra Club of Amarillo Burse No. 5	\$	3,010.00
Sidney Birkenfeld	\$	100.00
Sisters of the Sacred Heart Amarillo	\$	100.00
St. Anthony's Church - Hereford	\$	4,500.00
St. John the Evangelist - Borger	\$	3,128.70
St. Thomas the Apostle Church - Amarillo Men's Club	\$	2,229.40
Steve and Rosalie Chontos	\$	100.00
Susie Dolle	\$	425.00
Ted and Marie Keller	\$	300.00
Tony and Dorothy Brorman	\$	50.00
Tonya Taylor	\$	25.00
Undesignated and Miscellaneous	\$	3,571.94

Total Open Burses	\$	100,536.36
Closed Burses	\$	976,778.90
Total Original Burses	\$	1,077,315.26

Market Value of Investments as of May 31, 2025		
Bank of America	\$	1,039,028.68

Bishop To Bless Canyon Parish Renovations

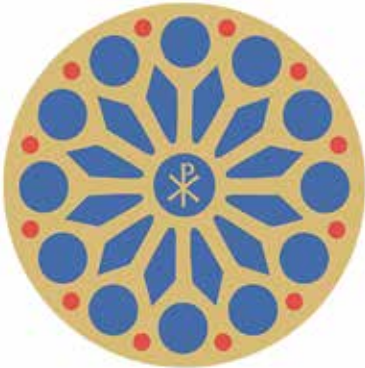
Canyon—Nearly two years after breaking ground, an expansion and renovation project at St. Ann's Church is nearing completion.

Bishop Patrick J. Zurek will bless and dedicate the completed project Saturday, July 26 during a 5:00pm Mass. The Mass will be followed by a celebration in the parish hall.

According to Mike Knox, co-chairman of the St. Ann's Building Committee, the parish renovated 3,050 square feet of existing space, while adding a total of 11,875 square feet. Together, this totals 14,925 square feet of new and renovated space.

According to Knox, highlights of the construction project include:

- The extension of the current narthex to the south, which created a direct connection of the church and the parish hall, without having to leave the building;
- A new, large gathering space



being called a "parlor";

- The addition of youth space on the southeast side of the current hall; and,
- A new "Café" space for small gatherings, and adjacent to both the new kitchen and a new indoor play space for children;
- A new kitchen.

Other features of the construction project include:

- A new covered "drop off" area serving the north entrance so people

who need time and easy access to St. Ann's Church can be dropped off with protection from the elements;

- A covered outdoor cooking area to replace an unsightly temporary covered cooking area currently used for the Czech Sausage Festival and fish fries; and,

- A new outdoor playground and volleyball area for the youth.

According to Knox, the renovation of the current space will provide:

- New bathrooms;
- A small expansion to the current daily chapel;
- A newly relocated sacristy; and,
- Additional storage space.

The architect for the project is Dekker/Perich/Sabatini of Amarillo. Wiley Hicks served as the contractor.

For more information about the expansion and renovation project, please call St. Ann's Church at 806-655-3302.

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Ellen Marie Neusch: 1954-2025



Ellen Marie Neusch

Panhandle—Ellen Marie Neusch, madre del Padre Anthony C. Neusch, rector de la Catedral de Santa María, falleció el 15 de junio a la edad de 71 años.

Se celebró Misa el 19 de junio en la Catedral de Santa María en Amarillo; ofició el Padre Neusch y concelebraron sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Amarillo. El entierro fue en el Cementerio de Saint Francis.

Ellen Marie Webber nació en Amarillo el 1 de marzo de 1954,

hija de Chuck y JoNell Webber. Se casó con Gary Neusch el 29 de agosto de 1975 en la Iglesia de Saint Francis of Assisi.

Su familia relata que a la Sra. Neusch le gustaba bordar, punto de cruz, costura y confección de adornos navideños para sus hijos y nietos. La familia relata además que ella era su fan número uno y nunca perdía la oportunidad de apoyar a sus hijos y nietos en sus actividades y propósitos.

Además del Padre Neusch, le sobreviven su esposo, Gary Neusch; tres hijos, Katy Trimmer y su esposo Matt de Paola, Kansas; Joey Neusch y su esposa Aimee de Amarillo y Laura Bridgman de Panhandle; tres hermanos, Kathy Pepper y su esposo Roy, Patti McKnight y su esposo Jeff, de Amarillo y Kurt Webber y su esposa Diane de Peoria, Arizona; cinco nietos, Garret Trimmer, Jacey Neusch, Tatum Trimmer, Conrad Bridgman y Liam Neusch; una biznieta, Sadie Trimmer; y gran cantidad de sobrinos, sobrinas, primos y amistades.

Ministerio a las Prisiones

Amarillo—El ministerio a las prisiones en nuestra Diócesis pide ayuda a los diáconos y voluntarios laicos en este ministerio especial

que es una Obra de Misericordia Corporal. Interesados, por favor llamen al Diácono Blaine Westlake, 806-383-2243, ext. 117.

Artículo Invitado: Semana de Planificación Familiar Natural

Por Adrian Johnson

Cada año el Programa de Planificación Familiar Natural de la USCCB (Conferencia del Episcopado Estadounidense) fija una semana para una campaña de educación en el Conocimiento de la Planificación Familiar Natural (PFN). Este año la semana será del domingo 20 al sábado 26 de julio con el tema *Busca el amor duradero... MATRIMONIO ¡Crea esperanza para el futuro!* Estas fechas corresponden a la fiesta de Santa Ana y San Joaquín, padres de nuestra Santísima Madre. También corresponde el viernes 25 de julio, al aniversario de la encíclica *Humana Vitae*, del Papa San Pablo VI en la que él proféticamente reafirmó la enseñanza de la Iglesia respecto a la sexualidad humana, el amor conyugal y la paternidad responsable, aún ante la adversidad de sus propios cardenales y consejeros que lo presionaban a sucumbir a las presiones mundanas y permitir el uso de anticonceptivos. Esta encíclica profética advirtió del peligro de dejar que la mentalidad anticonceptiva se hiciera la norma, pero sirvió como base a la PFN. En 1968 San Pablo VI ya veía lo que muchos no veían: la sexualidad humana está inextricablemente unida a la creencia que nuestros

cuerpos son buenos y lo que hacemos con nuestros cuerpos es importante. No somos espíritus atrapados en cuerpos hechos de materia mala, sino que somos creaturas compuestas de espíritu y materia. Esta es la naturaleza humana y es la razón por la que la Segunda Persona de la Trinidad “¡se hizo carne y [habita] entre nosotros!” ¡Vino a restaurar nuestra naturaleza humana, a sanarla y a elevarla! Ahora encontramos a Cristo mismo al ir a Misa, al recibir un Sacramento, en el prójimo y cuando el esposo y la esposa se unen en el acto conyugal. ¡Qué don tan admirable!

PFN resiste la mentalidad anticonceptiva dentro del orden natural que Dios ha establecido. El divorcio de parejas que siguen la PFN tiene un porcentaje mucho más bajo. Esto es porque PFN abre una línea de comunicación que otras parejas no usan y la mujer no sufre impacto negativo por la anticoncepción hormonal. Las parejas que practican PFN también pueden recibir mejor la influencia

del Espíritu Santo en su matrimonio y es más probable que reconozcan a Dios como creador de toda la vida. Además de ver que PFN mejora la comunicación, las parejas que la practican ven mejores aspectos de cortejo en sus vidas y encuentran otros modos de expresar su amor mutuo. El amor real desea lo mejor para la otra persona. Para que puedan disfrutar la riqueza del método, se requiere una clase de PFN a las parejas que desean casarse en la Diócesis de Amarillo.

Para más información, favor de ver en línea, nfp@usccb.org. La Oficina Diocesana de Vida Familiar facilita clases de PFN para instruir a todas las parejas de prometidos y casados en el plan divino de paternidad responsable. Animamos a quienes deseen más detalles sobre las clases de PFN en español o en inglés a ver el sitio amarillodiocese.org/nfp; o llamar a la diócesis, 806-414-1059.

Adrian Johnson fue director de la Oficina de Vida Familiar de la Diócesis de Amarillo.

Al iniciar un nuevo año escolar, oremos para que los niños crezcan en sabiduría, edad y gracia ante Dios y ante los hombres.



Diácono Mauricio Valadez



Mr. Richard Escalante



Mr. Benjamin Seago

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amarillodiocese.org/respect-life-banquet-1



El Dr. John Bruchalski es un ex-abortista que ahora tiene una clínica médica, Tepeyac OB/GYN, que funciona como la mayor ginecología y obstetricia totalmente a favor de la vida del país, con cinco proveedores y una partera. Tepeyac es una organización sin fines de lucro, que atiende a mujeres de todas las razas, credos y estados económicos, puedan o no pagar. Es autor de *Dos pacientes: Mi conversión del aborto a la medicina que afirma la vida* y habla por todo el país dedicando su tiempo y energía a fomentar una renovación en la medicina y a educar a la próxima generación de proveedores médicos a favor de la vida humana.



DOMINGO, SEPTIEMBRE 21



4:00pm Hora social
5:30 Cena de Prime Rib
6:30 Orador principal



Subasta en vivo
Subasta en silencio



Amarillo Catholic School To Participate
In Latino Enrollment Institute

Amarillo (UND)—Saint Joseph’s School was chosen to be a member of the 13th cohort of the Latino Enrollment Institute at the University of Notre Dame.

The Latino Enrollment Institute (LEI) is a year-long formation program providing Catholic schools with marketing strategies and school culture interventions to better attract and serve Latino families in their local community. The LEI was created in response to national data suggesting Latinos are both the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. Catholic Church and the most underserved by Catholic schools. The University of Notre Dame’s Catholic School Advantage program founded the Latino Enrollment Institute (LEI) in 2012.

The LEI was predicated on the idea that the principal is the single most important lever for change in a school, whether it be in establishing an environment that is culturally responsive to Latino families, implementing strategic marketing and recruitment efforts to boost Latino enrollment, or simply assembling the right team capable of carrying out these efforts. This initiative identifies and assists Catholic schools with substantial unmet capacity (open seats), favorable demographic potential—namely, a growing number of Latino families in the surrounding

area—and motivated principals by offering a framework to transform schools in order to attract and serve Latino families.

In this prestigious program, in addition to the summer program, Saint Joseph’s School is placed on a small team of six or seven other principals in a cohort model and meet monthly via Zoom over the course of the year. Principal teams, facilitated by a member of the LEI leadership team, will work through a series of modules made available online each month. These modules are an opportunity to dive deeper into many of the topics and ideas presented at the summer conference, which took place June 22-27, as well as to discuss any challenges, successes and best practices with other principals engaged in the same mission.

Saint Joseph’s School is an integral part of the 13th LEI cohort, which includes 63 schools nationwide, coming from 24 (arch) dioceses across the country. Dr. Jocelyn Smith, the coordinator of the LEI, is thrilled to be welcoming this 13th cohort of incredible school leaders. “LEI is a beautiful opportunity to embrace Latino students that enrich our Catholic schools with vibrant cultures, diverse perspectives and a shared commitment to our Catholic Faith.”

Please pray for much needed rain!

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.

August:

• **For mutual coexistence.** Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

Society

Amarillo—Katie M. Alex and Ronald James Ting were united in marriage June 14, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Father Anthony C. Neusch, rector, presiding. The bride is the daughter of Candace and Timothy Alex of Victoria. The groom is the son of Erlinda Hildalgo and Raul Ting of California.

Canyon—Mary Frances Huseman and Andrew Robert Wilhelm were united in marriage June 14, St. Ann’s Church, Father Scott L. Raef, pastor, presiding. The bride is the daughter of Kim Huseman of Amarillo and the late Ray Huseman. The groom is the son of Stacy and Damian Wilhelm of Amarillo.

Amarillo—Daniela Julisa Garcia and Derick Anthony Coelho were united in marriage June 21, St. Hyacinth Church, Father Richard Zanetti, JCL, pastor, presiding. The bride is the daughter of Nancy and Gregorio Garcia of Amarillo. The groom is the son of Sonya and Paulo Coelho of Amarillo.

Canyon—Grace Ann Knox and Nick Allen Stocker were united in marriage, June 21, St. Ann’s Church, Father Scott L. Raef, pastor, presiding. The bride is the daughter of Erica and Mike Knox of Canyon. The groom is the son of Sarah Stocker and the late Eric Stocker of Amarillo.

Pampa—Areceli Martinez and Geraldo Fernandez were united in marriage June 28, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Father Guadalupe “Lupe” Mayorga, pastor, presiding. The bride is the daughter of Margarita and Armando Martinez of Mexico. The groom is the son of Rosalva and Juan Antonio Fernandez of Mexico.

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2007—Dr. Anthony Levantino
2008—Dr. Pia de Solenni
2009—Gianna Jessen
2010—Fr. Thomas Euteneuer
2011—Karen Garnett
2012—Dr. Tom Curran
2013—Sarah Hart
2014—Dr. Phillip Mango
2015—Rebecca Dussault
2016—Chad Judice
2017—Cecilia Abbott
2018—Jennifer Carr Allmon
2019—Tim Staples
2020—Kathryn Whitaker
2021—Trent Horn
2022—Dr. Ray Guarendi
2023—Patricia Sandoval
2024—Melissa Ohden
2025—Dr. John Bruchalski

TREAT Fundraiser Friday, Sept. 12

Amarillo—The annual TREAT fundraiser to benefit the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center is set for Friday, Sept. 12 from 6:00pm to 9:30pm in the Retreat Center courtyard at 2100 North Spring.

“We invite everyone to join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship and fun in our beautiful courtyard,” said Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ Sister Elizabeth Ann Dockery, executive director at the BDRC.

“Embark with us on a culinary journey with three main dishes:

- Grilled Sirloin Medallions with a Gorgonzola bread crumb topping served with seasoned asparagus and peppery radishes and drizzled with a maple sauce.

- Sherry Chicken Cutlets: Roasted chicken in a creamy parmesan sherry sauce with mushrooms & leeks, served with roasted root vegetables.

- Filet of Salmon with a lemon beurre blanc served with crisp fresh jicama slaw.

“Also, our Chef Jason Haschke will be hosting an action station with bananas foster and cherries jubilee.”

The TREAT fundraiser serves as the major fundraiser for the retreat center. There will also be beverages, live and silent auctions, a Calcutta board and entertainment from Patrick Swindell and Esquire Jazz.

Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased on the retreat center’s website, bdr.org/treat. Sponsors are available for the fundraiser at four levels. The sponsorship levels are:

- Seraphim, at \$10,000;
- Cherubim, at \$5,000;
- Archangel, at \$2,500; and,
- Angel, at \$1,000.

“If you are among the many who support the ministry here at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, we encourage you to purchase tickets and/or consider being a sponsor for our TREAT fundraiser, said Sister Elizabeth Ann. “Lives and hearts are transformed in this sacred space so any and all support is greatly appreciated.”

For additional information about the evening, sponsorship opportunities, or to donate a item to the silent auction, please call the Retreat Center at 806-383-1811.

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.

Canyon Knights 35th Annual Golf Tournament

Canyon—The 35th annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit Knights of Columbus Council #7840 at St. Ann's Church takes place Saturday, Aug. 2 at Palo Duro Creek Golf Course.

Check-in begins at 7:30am, with a shotgun start at 8:00. Entries for the tournament will be accepted until 8:00am the day of the tournament. The tournament is limited to 120 golfers, or the first 33 teams to sign up, according to tournament organizer Larry Ramaekers.

Entry fee is \$135 per golfer,

which includes green fees, cart, a skirt shot, lunch, two drink tickets and an entry for all door prizes.

The format is a four-person scramble, with each team made up of an A, B, C and D player. There will be prizes for closest-to-the pin and longest drive. There will also be other random drawings, said Ramaekers.

For more information and entry forms, contact Ramaekers at 806-678-4700. Tee box sponsorships for the tournament are also available, beginning at \$150.

Annual Summer Festival In Borger

Borger—St. John the Evangelist Church will host its annual Summer Festival Saturday, Aug. 23 from 10:00am to 8:00pm at Huber Park, on South Main.

The day begins at 10:00 with a volleyball tournament. Cost for each player is \$10.00 per person. There will also be games and activities for all ages, plus numerous food and beverage booths.

There will also be a raffle, with

eight opportunities to win a ¼ side of beef. Tickets for the drawing are \$20.00 each and are on sale during regular business hours at St. John the Evangelist Church, 201 St. John's Road. Tickets are also being sold after all Masses leading up to the festival and during the day of the festival.

For more details about the Summer Festival, please call St. John the Evangelist Church at 806-274-7064.

Please pray for much needed rain!

A Night At The Museum

Amarillo—Bishop Patrick J. Zurek invites everyone to attend *A Night at the Museum* Thursday, July 24 from 6:00 to 8:00 at the Diocesan Museum, inside the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 4512 NE 24th Ave.

The evening will include an Art Show, with the theme *Scenes from the Bible*. Top prize is \$3,000, second place is \$1,500 and third prize is \$500. The winning painting will become the property of the Diocesan Museum and will be placed on display. Refreshments will be served.

For additional information about *A Night at the Museum* or the Diocesan Museum, please contact Susan Garner at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 806-414-1076, or via email, sgarner@dioama.org.

Prison Ministry

Amarillo—The prison ministry team in the Diocese of Amarillo is recruiting ordained deacons or lay volunteers for this special ministry. Those interested in this ministry are asked to contact Deacon Blaine Westlake at 806-383-2243, ext. 117.

Authentic Femininity Mini-Retreat Aug. 8-10

Panhandle—All young ladies in the Diocese of Amarillo between the ages of 18 and 40 are invited to attend and take part in an *Authentic Femininity Mini-Retreat*, presented by the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light Friday, Aug. 8 to Sunday, Aug. 10 in the St. Francis House of Prayer on the grounds of St. Theresa's Church at 125 John Paul Circle.

"Each mini-retreat has a different topic under the umbrella of Authentic Femininity," said Franciscan Sister of Christ the Light Sister Mary Michael Huseman. "For our next mini-retreat, we will focus on the *Ministry and Mystery of Presence*. We invite you to join other young ladies exploring the

truths of how to live as a Christian woman of God and much more."

Arrival time is 6:00pm on Aug. 8, with the retreat ending after lunch on Aug. 10.

"Besides getting to spend time with other young ladies that want to grow in their Faith and learning some beautiful tools and having some prayer experiences, the participants will be able to spend some time with the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light," said Sister Mary Michael.

Cost of the retreat is by donation. Please go online to panhandlefranciscans.org/femininity to register for the mini-retreat. For more details, please call Sancta Maria Convent at 806-537-3182, ext. 3.

Pilgrimage Of Hope Locations

Amarillo—Bishop Patrick J. Zurek has added 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 parishes are in addition to the Divine Mercy Chapel at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1200 South Washington, Amarillo.



32nd Annual Charity Golf Classic

Hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #1450 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo

Saturday, July 26

Comanche Trails Tomahawk Golf Course, 4200 South Grand Amarillo

Registration begins at 7:15am day of tournament.

Shotgun start at 8:30.

Tournament open to the first 84 registered golfers.

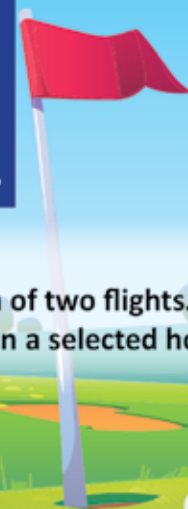
Entry fee is \$100 per golfer, if paid in advance; \$110 day of the tournament.

Entry fee includes green fees, golf cart, a goody bag and entry for a door prize.

Teams will be flighted based on a nine-hole blind draw at the conclusion of play and prizes will be awarded in each of two flights.

There will be prizes for the Longest Drive, Closest-to-the-Pin on a chosen hole and a \$10,000 prize for a Hole-In-One on a selected hole.

For more information, to sign up or for sponsorship information, please contact Theo Belizario at 832-606-3813 or via email, belit001@gmail.com.



Geraldine Catherine Gerber: 1927-2025



Geraldine Gerber

Umbarger—Geraldine Catherine Gerber, considered the oldest parishioner at St. Mary's Church, the mother of former Diocesan Pastoral Center employee Carol Sanford and the 2001 Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) Woman of the Year, passed away June 26. She was 97 years old.

Mass was celebrated June 30 St. Mary's Church, Father Alvin Tshuma, parochial administrator, presiding. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Geraldine Catherine Skarke was born on Oct. 15, 1927 in Umbarger, the daughter of Otto Charles Skarke and Marie Vorwald Skarke. She married Raymond Gerber on Aug. 6, 1946 at St. Mary's Church and the couple raised five children working a farm-style life.

According to her family, Mrs. Gerber drove trucks during harvest season, made runs to town for parts when machinery broke down, cooked meals and took them to the fields to feed the workers. She was very active in her church and the Umbarger community, teaching third and fourth grade Sunday School, while serving in the Altar Society, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) and Umbarger Senior Citizens.

Her family added that Mrs. Gerber gave many haircuts and perms to family and friends and was always willing to give a listening ear and comfort to anyone in need. Widowed at the age of 50, she went to work at Linde's Fashion in Can-

yon where she was very happy and enjoyed the many opportunities it provided. Mrs. Gerber was very involved in the restoration at St. Mary's Church and the writing of a book depicting the Italian POWs from the camp in Hereford, who painted all of the beautiful artwork in St. Mary's Church. She gave tours of the Church to busloads of people while giving them the history behind it all.

According to her family, Mrs. Gerber lived a simple life but was always busy and took great pride and care in the life that was entrusted to her.

Mrs. Gerber was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a son, Dwayne Gerber; a daughter, Marilyn Dudenhoefter; two great-grandchildren, Joshua Ryan Shanks and Jack Paul Land; two brothers, Jim Skarke and Bob Skarke; and a sister, Ann Gerber.

In addition to her daughter, survivors include two children, Gary Gerber and his wife Dian of Canyon and Vicki Villarreal and her husband Harvey of Midland; a son-in-law, Mike Dudenhoefter of Panhandle; a sister, Dorothy Helm of Roby; two sisters-in-law, Shirley Richardson of Amarillo and Carolyn Skarke of Dawn; 12 grandchildren, Michelle Sanford, Toni Shanks and her husband Greg, Danielle Line and her husband Rice and Jeff Gerber, all of Canyon, Michael Sanford and his wife Carla of Bainbridge, Ga., Trey Dudenhoefter, Josie Land and her husband Kirk and Jarrod Dodson and his wife Michaela, all of Amarillo, Braden Dudenhoefter of Panhandle, Chad Dodson of Garner, Curtis Villarreal and his wife Michelle of Eunice, NM and Joe Dan Villarreal and his wife Jennifer of Roanoke, Tex.; 11 great-grandchildren, Faith Dodson, Gracin Dodson, Braylin Dodson, Adlee Shanks, Aven Shanks, Joyce Land, Michael Dudenhoefter, Maddox Mata, Jordon Stephens, Addison Covey and Carson Sanford; and numerous nieces and nephews.

English As A Second Language

Amarillo—The English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle need volunteers.

The program needs volunteers willing to tutor students in a class

setting or individually.

For additional information about the ESL program, please contact Ashlee Pallares, program coordinator, at 806-376-4571, or via email, akieth@cctxp.org.

Jamaica Calendar

Parishes planning Jamaica celebrations, parish dinners, parish celebrations and parish fundraisers are encouraged to email information about these celebrations to westtexasatholic@gmail.com. These dates are published as a public service. Unless otherwise noted, the celebrations will take place at the parish.

TODAY (SUNDAY)

Amarillo—Las Fiestas de Amarillo, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church **SUNDAY, JULY 27**

Bovina—Jamaica, St. Ann's Church
Silverton—Jamaica, Our Lady of Loreto Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Amarillo—Jamaica, Blessed Sacrament Church

Friona—Jamaica, St. Teresa of Jesus Church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 and SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Amarillo—Parish Festival, St. Laurence Church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

Canadian—Jamaica to benefit Sacred Heart Church, Jones Pavillion, Centennial Park **SUNDAY, AUGUST 10**

Gruver—Jamaica to benefit Cristo Redentor, City Park **SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**

Pampa—Jamaica, St. Vincent de Paul Church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

Borger—Summer Festival to benefit St. John the Evangelist Church, Huber Park

Kress—Jamaica, St. Paul the Apostle Church

Stratford—Jamaica to benefit St. Joseph's Church, City Park **SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**

Dumas—Parish Festival to benefit Sts. Peter and Paul Church, McDade Park

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

Booker—Fiesta Night to benefit St. Peter's Church, Main Street

Nazareth—Labor Day Picnic to benefit Holy Family Church, Community Hall

Turkey—Jamaica to benefit St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, City Park **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

Amarillo—**TREAT** fundraiser, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

Spearman—Fiesta to benefit Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Main Street

Twenty Something By Christina Capecchi

Even Now, The Ship Will Hold

"Don't give up the ship."

Those five words were the dying command of Captain James Lawrence during the War of 1812. Mortally wounded in battle at sea, he gasped this final order to his crew as the ship slipped into enemy hands. Lawrence didn't live to see what his words would spark—but his friend, Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, did.

Perry took those words to heart. Before leading his squadron into the Battle of Lake Erie, he had a giant blue battle flag stitched with Lawrence's dying words: "Don't give up the ship." The flag flew high as Perry's fleet met the British, outnumbered and outgunned. When Perry's own ship was battered beyond hope, he didn't surrender. Instead, he climbed into a rowboat and crossed open water, cannonballs crashing around him, to board another vessel and continue the fight.

Perry's daring paid off. Against the odds, he led his fleet to victory—a turning point in the war. In his report to General William Henry Harrison, a future president, Perry wrote the now-famous line: "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

All because of five words on a flag.

"Don't give up the ship."

This ancient admonition feels relevant to Catholics today. It speaks to the storms we face in our Faith and our daily lives. Some battles are loud and public: scandals, division, debate that feel unending. Others are quiet and internal: doubt, discouragement, spiritual dryness.

The Church Herself, with 2,000 years of history, can feel like that battered ship. Rocked by waves. Pummeled by criticism. Easy to abandon. But the Church is also the original vessel—the oldest Christian Faith, Christ's ship, steered by Saints and ordinary souls trying to reach the far shore.

"Don't give up the ship" could mean: Stay in the boat. Even when the crew is imperfect. When the

storms are fierce. When the pope and the president change. Don't leap overboard. There's safety and strength here. Remember what St. Peter said when others walked away from Jesus: "Lord, to whom shall we go?"

Or maybe it means: Don't give up who you are. When Instagram tells you who to be—from your eyebrows to your toenails—it's easy to feel pulled off course. When you're pulled in every direction, bailing water like you're trying to empty the ocean with a teacup. Don't surrender your true self, the child of God you were made to be.

Maybe it also speaks to your work. Are you tempted to trade meaning for money? Purpose for popularity? Don't give up the ship. Stay with what matters most—even when it's hard or hidden or feels small. The saints did. Joseph toiled in quiet carpentry. Thérèse of Lisieux changed the world from a cloister.

I think of the tired mom who makes one more peanut butter sandwich for the toddler clinging to her leg. The 20-something who shows up to daily Mass even when his friends roll their eyes. The seminarian who prepares a homily only five people will hear. They haven't given up the ship.

Neither should we.

There's a reason Jesus chose fishermen—men of the sea—as His first followers. They knew storms. They knew patience. They knew what it meant to trust the Captain when the sky turned dark.

"Don't give up the ship" might be the rallying cry we need in 2025. When out-of-town tournaments threaten to crowd out Mass. When prayer feels dry. When madmen execute assassinations both far and near.

Hold steady. Row hard. Keep the Faith, trusting the Captain who calms the waves.

Christina Capecchi is a freelance writer from Grey Cloud Island, Minn.

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Worship Prayer Movie Night

Panhandle—Catholics and non-Catholics are invited to the next *Worship Prayer Movie Night* for teens and young adults. The evening, hosted by the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light, is scheduled Friday, Aug. 15.

The evening begins at 6:00 in the St. Francis House of Prayer at 125 John Paul Circle with a Holy Hour of Praise and Worship music, prayer and a brief time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There is also a simple meal served during a movie chosen for its relativity for Faith and the modern world, according to Sister Mary Michael Huseman.

The evening is scheduled to conclude at 9:30. For more details, please call Sancta Maria Convent at 806-537-3182.

ACTS Retreats

Amarillo—A Women’s ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology and Service) Retreat will take place Thursday, Oct. 23 through Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring. Registration forms are available at parish offices or through the ACTS

Community website, actsamarillo.org. For further information about ACTS in the Diocese of Amarillo, please contact Norma Frausto at 806-683-4623.

Save The Date!

Amarillo—The Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ Mailing Project is set for Friday, Oct. 24 through Sunday, Oct. 26 at the Columbus Home Association, aka, Knights of Columbus Council #4621 Hall at 5818 South Western. For additional information or to volunteer, please contact Sister Juana Teresa Chung at 806-679-7855.

Engaged Encounter

Amarillo—Couples in the Diocese of Amarillo planning to get married within the next three to six months are encouraged to attend the fourth and final Engaged Encounter weekend of the year Saturday, Nov. 1 and Sunday, Nov. 2 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring. For more details about the Engaged Encounter weekend or to sign up, please call the Family Life Office at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 806-414-1059.

Sponsors Sought For Freedom Run/Walk

Amarillo—Sponsors are being sought at this time for the 14th annual Knights of Columbus Freedom 5K Run/Walk, taking place Saturday, Nov. 8 at 10:00am at Thompson Park, Pavilion 17. For additional information or to sponsor this fundraiser, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #4621, please contact Tim Gallegos at 806-683-3272.

Joseph’s Project: A Pregnancy Resource Center

Amarillo—Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle offers a program designed for moms who are pregnant or families with kids who are up to three-years of age or who have legal custody of a child under the age of three.

Joseph’s Project: A Pregnancy Resource Center is tailored for expectant mothers and for those with new families. For additional details about *Joseph’s Project: A Pregnancy Resource Center* or to assist with a donation of material assistance, such as diapers, wipes, unopened formula or clothing, please contact Catholic Charities of the

Texas Panhandle at 806-376-4571.

Catholic Community Scripture Study

Amarillo—The Catholic Community Scripture Study, which began in September 1990, is now meeting Wednesday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45 at St. Hyacinth Church, 4500 West Hills Trail.

As in the past, the weekly gathering focuses on the scripture insights from *At Home with the Word* for a preview of the coming Sunday Scriptures.

Everyone is welcome on any Wednesday morning that he or she can attend. For additional information please call Teresa Hunt at 806-676-9445.

Contemplative Power Hour

Amarillo—The Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center at 2100 North Spring is offering a Contemplative Power Hour on Tuesdays, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Adoration will take place from 11:00 to 11:30, followed by the recitation of the Rosary at 11:30 and Contemplative Prayer at noon. There is no charge and those attending are encouraged to stay for the entire time or for a

portion. For more details please call the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center at 806-383-1811.

Volunteers Needed

Amarillo—Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle needs volunteers in its InterFaith Hunger Project grocery store. Volunteers are needed on Wednesdays and Thursdays to check out clients, sack groceries and deliver them to their vehicles. Volunteers are also needed to help stock shelves. Find out more by calling Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle at 806-376-4571.

Eucharistic Holy Hour

Amarillo—The public is invited to attend and take part in a Eucharistic Holy Hour from 5:00 to 6:00 on Tuesday afternoons at St. Hyacinth Church, 4500 West Hills Trail. The hour begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a homily, Silent Meditation, Common Prayer and concluding with Benediction. Holy Hour is followed by Mass at 6:00. Learn more by calling the parish office at St. Hyacinth Church, 806-358-1351.



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Silsbee—Catherine Schellon Major, 67, passed away June 1. Mass was celebrated June 11, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Groom, Father Arokiraj “Raj” Malapady, pastor, presiding. Interment was in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Groom. Survivors include her husband, Del Major; three children, Holly Morris and her husband Jarrod of Silsbee, Lacy Elliott and her husband Scott of Katy and Matthew Major and his wife Jenny of Cypress; five siblings, Sharon Britten and her husband Gary and Shelley Britten and her husband David, all of Groom, Jackie Barnett and Randi Croucher, both of Perrin and Suni Morton and her husband James of Eastland; ten grandchildren, Matsyn Morris, Haegyn Morris, Hudsyn Morris, Michael Elliott, Laiken Elliott, Waverly Elliott, Atlas Elliott, Falyann Elliott, Brody Major and Wyatt Major; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dumas—Jessica Lynn Couch-Amaya, 29, passed away June 2. Mass was celebrated June 6, St. Laurence Church, Amarillo, Father Haider Quintero, pastor, presiding. Survivors include two daughters, Ariana Amaya and Sailor Amaya; a son, Oliver Rios; her fiancé, Ricky Rios of Dumas; her former husband, Alan Amaya of Sunray; her mother, Monica Ruiz Ortega and her husband Luis of Stratford; her father, James E. Couch and his wife Julie of Amarillo; eight siblings, Blake Couch of Godley, Rabecca Couch of Burleson, Angie Couch, Erika Couch, Jencu Brush and her husband Matthew, Justus Burton and Joslyn Burton, all of Amarillo and Keifer Burton and his wife Kristin of Canyon; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Amarillo—Carol Jean Miles, 86, passed away June 3. Survivors include four children and their spouses, Robin Miles of Boulder, Dawn Rich and her husband Thomas of Lakeway, Eileen Fox and her husband Mark of Amarillo and Andrew Miles of Lubbock; three

sisters and brothers-in-law, Donna Jones and her husband Robert of Kansas City, Kan., Margaret Sue “Peggy” McCaw of Tulsa and Joelle Jones and her husband Ray of Dixon, Mo; seven grandchildren, Garrett Spradling, Jansyn Cunyus, Eric Miles, Sarah Cole, Patrick Rich, MC Miles and Melanie Rich; nine great-grandchildren, Stacie, Stephanie, Kellen, RyLee, Jackson Mason, Emilla, Lorenzo, Nigel and Adam; and numerous Godchildren, nieces and nephews.

Friona—Manuel Rodriguez, 86, passed away June 4. Mass was celebrated June 7, St. Teresa of Jesus Church, Father David Contreras, pastor, Immaculate Conception Church, Dimmitt, presiding. Burial was in Friona Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Maria de Jesus Morales; seven children, Rufino Rodriguez of Bovina, Miguel Angel Rodriguez and his spouse Olivia of Artesia, NM, Juventino Rodriguez and his spouse Trini and Juliana Alvarez and her spouse Domingo, all of Friona, Juana Gonzalez and her spouse Jose of Houston, Elisa Rodriguez of Torreon, Mexico and Jesus Rodriguez and his spouse Rosa of Chihuahua; 22 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and two great-grand-grandchildren.

Hereford—Manuela “Nellie” “Meme” Peña, 96, passed away June 5. Mass was celebrated June 10, San Jose Church, Father Grant Spinhirne, pastor, St. Anthony’s Church, presiding. Burial was in St. Anthony’s Cemetery. Survivors include three children, Albert Peña and his wife Elvira and Rose Leal and her husband Andres Jr. all of Hereford and Ricky Peña of Visalia, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Sudan—Ramona Piña Martinez, 94, passed away June 5. Mass was

celebrated June 10, St. Philip Neri Church, Pep, Father Robert Williams, presiding. Interment was in Pep Cemetery, Pep. Survivors include a son, Jaime Martinez of Sudan; three daughters, Teresita “Tere” Narramore of Sudan, Maria “Ms. Mary” Burdett and her husband Carl of Moore, Okla. and Gloria Flores and her husband Tony of Amarillo; two sisters, San Juana Luna of Cotulla and Cruz Sosa of Houston; two brothers, Felix Piña of Bedoas and Basilio Piña of Huron, SD; five grandchildren, Gabe Narramore, Miranda Thorn, Mariah Smith, Elisha Burdett and Adrian Burdett; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

Dalhart—José Manuel Dávila, 57, passed away June 8. Mass was celebrated June 12, St. Anthony of Padua Church, Father Lawrence John, JCL, pastor, presiding. Interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Graciela; four children, Victor Dávila, Junior Dávila, Maritza Dávila and Dahlia Lujan; four brothers Hugo Dávila, Pedro Dávila, Alfredo Dávila and Miguel Dávila; four sisters, Elvia Dávila, Angelina Pozos, Patty Dávila and Adrianna Dávila; and three grandchildren, Lilly Dávila, Reese Dávila and Leovan Lujan.

Amarillo—John Malcolm “Jack” Shelton III, 99, passed away June 10. A Graveside Service was conducted June 13, Llano Cemetery, Father Scott L. Raef, pastor, St. Ann’s Church, presiding. Survivors include his wife, Joan Johnson Shelton; four children, Malcolm Shelton and his wife Claudia, Jim Shelton and his wife Ginny, Elise Shelton Maynard and her husband John and Mary Ellen Shelton Puls and her husband Larry; 13 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

Dimmitt—Juan “Johnny” Pauda Martinez, 73, passed away June 12. Mass was celebrated June 20, Immaculate Conception Church, Father David Contreras, pastor, presiding, with Deacon John Niño, Mr. Martinez’s brother-in-law and Deacon Richard Martinez, assisting. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery. In addition to his brother-in-law, survivors include his wife, Maria Martinez; three children, JJ Martinez of Amarillo, Laura Monreal and her husband Rudy of Dimmitt and Delfina Sarinana and her husband Edward of Live Oak; nine siblings, Maria Vera, Feliz Niño, Rosie Flores, Luis Martinez, Max Martinez and his wife Nora and Rudy Martinez and his wife Bertha, all of Dimmitt, Lydia Ortegon and her husband Raul,

Gloria Ortegon and her husband Randy and Lisa Romero and her husband David, all of Plainview; 11 grandchildren, Ashley Sanchez, Cynthia Garcia, Desiree Sarinana, Jaime Moran, Marissa Monreal, Alyssa Monreal, Edward Sarinana, Marium Monreal, Drake Sarinana, Klaryssa Sarinana and Khloe Sarinana; three great-grandchildren, Kayden, Kamryn and Leilani Saucedo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Amarillo—Julio Ribera Guerra Jr., 74, passed away June 14. Mass was celebrated June 19, St. Laurence Church, Father Ryan Winger, parochial vicar, presiding. Survivors include his wife, Julia Guerra; four daughters, Daphne Guerra of Plainview and Elena Gonzalez and her husband Gilbert, Natalie Guerra and Deanna Garcia and her husband Steve, all of Amarillo; a son, Kevin Guerra and his wife Karime of Amarillo; seven siblings, Olivia Alvarado and her husband Juan of Gering, Neb., Joe Guerra and his wife Nellie of Yuma, Ariz., Santos Guerra and his wife Geneva of Warr Acres, Okla., Leon Guerra and his wife Rebecca of Vista, Calif., Teresa Guerra and Minerva Reynoso and her husband Richard, all of Amarillo and Rosemary McGuinness and her husband Tim of Stamford, Conn.; nine grandchildren;

Please remember in prayer the clergy of the Diocese of Amarillo who died during the month of July:

Bishop Laurence J. FitzSimon, July 2, 1958

Deacon Joe Schwertner, July 3, 2017

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Amarillo—Marilyn A. Commons, 82, passed away June 15. Mass was celebrated June 21, St. Hyacinth Church, Father Richard Zanetti, JCL, pastor, presiding. Inurnment was in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Willey, Iowa. Survivors include her husband, Ed Commons; two sisters, Carolyn L. Zortman and her husband Bill of Hartford, SD and Jean Marie Madsen and her husband Jeff of Exira, Iowa; a brother-in-law, Jim Brosowske of Plano; 16 nieces and nephews; 38 great-nieces and nephews; and eight great-great-nieces and nephews.

Amarillo—Norma “Mama” Bustoz-Mendez, 56, passed away June 16. A Memorial Service was conducted June 28, Lighthouse Funeral Home, Deacon Ronald Herr of St. Mary’s Cathedral, presiding. Survivors include her husband, Albert Mendez; three children, Megan Alexia Zuniga and her husband Toby, Paul Efrem Sandoval and his wife Jessica and Abriem Isaac Gonzales; two sisters, Irma Bustoz, and Paula Bustoz; five grandchildren, Azia Zuniga, Zade Zuniga, Ean Sando-

val, Eli Sandoval and Javian Gonzales; four nephews and nieces, Ryan, Anthony, Alexia and Rihana; a great-nephew, Xavier; and a great-niece, Iris.

Spearman—Hortencia Munoz-Seijas, 71, passed away June 18. Mass was celebrated June 20, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Father Anthony Swamy Aaklua, presiding. Interment was in Hansford Cemetery. Survivors include five children, Eugenio Muñoz and his wife Randa, Luis Muñoz and his wife Patricia, Maria Sibley and her husband Damon, Armando Muñoz Jr. and his wife Gloria and Gerardo Muñoz and his wife Lisa; five sisters, Rafaela Seijas, Concepcion Munoz, Mariana DeLaO, Luz Seijas and Rosario Munoz; two brothers, Evidencio Seijas and Pedro Seijas, 17 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and a great-great grandchild.

Amarillo—Cecilia “Jenny” Edna Virden, 85, passed away June 18. A Memorial Service was conducted June 28, LaGrone Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Home, Deacon Blaine Westlake of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, presiding. Survivors include two daughters, Audrey Davis and her husband Tony and

Terry Harris and her husband Gary; four sisters, Andrea, Gordena, Loulene and Mary; a sister-in-law, Carolyn Brown; two granddaughters, Erin McCarty and her husband Kenny and Wendy Loya and her husband Tony; four great-grandchildren, Logan Canada, Hunter McCarty, Maci McCarty and Noah Loya; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Amarillo—Barbara Ann Roder, 85, the mother of Deacon Joe Roder of St. Ann’s Church, Canyon, passed away June 19. Mass was celebrated June 26, St. Gregory the Great, Enid, Okla., Father Mark E. Mason, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Hinton, Cemetery, Hinton, Okla. In addition to her son, survivors include a daughter-in-law, Karen Roder of Canyon; two daughters, Jeanne Roder of Oklahoma City and Jacqueline Sartz of Mary Esther, Fla.; a sister, Alicia Emerson of Edmond, Okla.; a brother, Robert Ramming of Hinton; a sister-in-law, Betty Ramming of Hinton; four grandsons, Adam Roder and his wife Desiree and Alex Roder and his fiancé Janelle, all of Rochester, NY, Andrew Roder of Austin and Brian Sartz of Fairfield, Calif.; a granddaughter, Katie McWilliams and her husband Cody of Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Amarillo—Virginia Hazel “Nana” “Vichi” Martinez, 42, passed away June 19. Burial was in West Park Cemetery. Survivors include two sons, Jason Ramirez of Amarillo and Noah Martinez of Hereford; a daughter, Maria Ramirez of Amarillo; her mother, Lupe Martinez of Amarillo; a brother, Fausto Rivera of Amarillo; a sister, Vivian Bautista and her husband Jose of Amarillo; two nephews, Jordan Rivera and Jose Bautista; a niece, Anayeli Bautista; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Hart—Maria Gonzales, 86, passed away June 20. Mass was celebrated June 23, St. John Nepomucene Church, Father David Contreras, pastor, presiding. Interment was in Hart Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Rodolfo Gonzales Sr.; three sons, Rodolfo Gonzales Jr. and his wife Esther and Rene Gonzales, all of Hart and Robert Gonzales and his wife Armida of Amarillo; two daughters, Rosalinda Gonzales of Amarillo and Rosalinda Romo and her husband Javier of Chicago; three brothers, Raymond Bernal and Robert Bernal, both of Ennis and Eduardo Reyes of Marlin; three sisters, Rebecca Adams of Palmer, Rachel Bernal of Wilmer and Rita Corrales of Odessa; 12 grandchildren; 28 great-

grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Amarillo—Madison Ansley Silva, 34, passed away June 20. Mass was celebrated June 25, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Father Taylor Elzner, pastor, presiding. Interment was in Llano Cemetery. Survivors include her parents, Sammy Silva Jr. and Desiree Roberts Garrett; a brother, Stephan Gage Garrett and sister-in-law, Ashley Wood; four nieces and nephews, Abbie, Ethan, Eden and Easton; and her grandfather, Sammy Silva Sr.

Plainview—Schon Adam Price Ramirez, 22, passed away June 21. Mass was celebrated June 27, Sacred Heart Church. Survivors include his parents, Anthony and Christine Price of Amarillo; six brothers, Marcus Garza, Jacob Garza, Brayden Ramirez, Gregory Evans, Mason Evans and Keevin Evans; two sisters, A’kaysha Evans and her fiancé Ace Muniz and Tiara Spead and her husband Terry; two uncles, David Ramirez III and Joe Ramirez and his wife Silvia; his grandmother, Floria Ramirez; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Lake Mary, Fla.—Gary Lange, 75, formerly of Amarillo, passed away

June 21. Mass was celebrated July 2, Annunciation Church. Survivors include Susan Lange, Kristin Fortin, Ryker Fortin, Lisa Lange, Garrett Lange, Alan Spolnicki, Gwen Gabel, Leon Lange, Mike Lange, Joann Moore and Janell Terry.

Gruver—Steven Michael “Buster” Davis, 65, passed away July 3. A Catholic Funeral Mass was celebrated July 7, Gruver Methodist Church, Father Anthony Aakula, presiding. Survivors include his wife, Krista Davis; children, Michaela Grzelakowski and her husband Joseph of Amarillo, Blaise Davis and his wife Julia of Gruver, Luke Davis and Jobi Davis; a sister, Barbara Stavlo and her husband Paul of Gruver; two brothers, Bob Davis and his wife Cathy of Gruver and Wayne Davis and his wife Brenda of Canyon; a grandson, Robert Davis of Gruver; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Amarillo—Nubia Iveth Pulido, 44, passed away July 5. Mass was celebrated July 10, St. Laurence Church, Father Haider Quintero, pastor, presiding. Survivors include her husband Jose; two sons, Alex and Diego; her mother, Victoria; a sister, Ivonne Garcia; a brother, Victor Garcia; and numerous family and friends.

Please remember in prayer the clergy of the Diocese of Amarillo who died during the month of August:

- Bishop Robert E. Lucey, Aug. 1, 1977**
- Father Jeremiah Keough, S.A.C., Aug. 2, 1976**
- Father John J. Neff, Aug. 3, 1937**
- Deacon James Ambs, Aug. 5, 2011**
- Monsignor Cal Stalter, Aug. 6, 2018**
- Bishop John W. Yanta, Aug. 6, 2022**
- Monsignor Kevin Hand, Aug. 9, 2009**
- Father John Baptist Schaad, S.A., Aug. 12, 1987**
- Monsignor Peter Morsch, Aug. 12, 1999**
- Deacon Leo B. Ramos, Aug. 12, 2020**
- Monsignor John Steinlage, Aug. 13, 1967**
- Father Michael G. French, Aug. 14, 1956**
- Father Bernard J. Binversie, Aug. 14, 1992**
- Father Michael Walshe, S.A.C., Aug. 15, 1963**
- Father Wendelin J. Dunker, C.M., Aug. 17, 1991**
- Father Francisco Perez, JCL, Aug. 17, 2024**
- Deacon Andres Gonzalez, Aug. 17, 2024**
- Monsignor Arnold Boeding, Aug. 19, 1989**
- Father Peter B. Otto, Aug. 25, 2014**
- Monsignor F. J. Pokluda, Aug. 27, 1958**
- Father Robert A. Busch, Ph.D., Aug. 27, 2019**
- Father Lurdu Marianna Yekkerala, Aug. 27, 2019**
- Monsignor Francis “Fran” X. Bray, Aug. 29, 2014**
- Father Jose Palathara, CMI, Aug. 29, 2015**

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San Antonio—The San Antonio *Beginning Experience* team will offer an in-person weekend retreat Friday, Aug. 15 through Sunday, Aug. 17 at the Cordi-Marian Retreat Center, 11624 Culebra Rd.

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Deadline to register for the weekend is Thursday, Aug. 7. Find out more by calling 210-724-9269 or via email, sanantoniobe@yahoo.com.

You can find additional diocesan news on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org and on westtexascatholic.org. This includes informaton on the September Kolbe Prison Retreat, the Sunday, Aug. 17 Jamaica at St. Vincent de Paul Church, the Diocesan Respect Life Banquet and much more.

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- Youth programs that enliven this generation in their Catholic Faith including the discernment of vocations to our young people.
- Supporting the diocesan effort in our prison systems to bring men back to faith and to introduce the Catholic Faith to those who have no faith at all.
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- Supporting our college students on campus through our Catholic Student Center

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- El apoyo católico en los hospitales para servir a los enfermos y a sus familiares.
- El apoyo a la estabilidad y el progreso familiar con el encuentro matrimonial y el programa familiar.
- El apoyo a nuestros estudiantes de colegio en campus con el Centro Estudiantil Católico.

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