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Leading Off

Pampa—The annual Jamaica to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Church takes place today (Sunday) from 11:00am to 9:00pm on the parish grounds at 810 West 23rd Ave.

Those attending the Jamaica are asked to bring chairs.

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*.

Also on tap is 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 being sold 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.

Booker—The annual Fiesta Night to benefit St. Peter's Church is set for Sunday, Aug. 31 from 4:00pm to midnight on Main Street.

The evening will feature a variety of Mexican food, snow cones, a bounce house and other activities for all ages. There will be live music from *Rocinante* and *Innovacion*. *Ballet Folklorico de Magdalena Flores* is also scheduled to perform.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit St. Peter's Church. Find out more about Fiesta Night by calling the parish office at Immaculate Conception Church in Perryton at 806-435-3802.

28th Annual Respect Life Banquet Sunday, Sept. 21

Amarillo—Friday, Sept. 12 is the final day to RSVP for the 28th annual Respect Life Banquet, set for Sunday, Sept. 21 in the Heritage Room of the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 South Buchanan.

Dr. John Bruchalski, a former 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 4:00pm, with dinner served at 5:30. Tickets are \$75 per person, \$135 per couple or \$750 for



Dr. John Bruchalski

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. Please RSVP to amarillodiocese. org/respect-life-banquet-1.

Dr. Bruchalski is a former abortionist who now has a medical practice, Tepeyac OB/GYN, which operates as the largest fully prolife 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. Those planning to attend are also asked to bring baby items, which will be donated to *Joseph's Project: A Pregnancy Resouce Center*, a program of Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle. For more information, to make a reservation or to donate items for the Silent and Live Auctions, please contact Mendoza at 806-414-1059.

Pope To Youth: Don't Settle For Less; God Is Waiting To Transform Your Life

Rome (CNS)—The fullness of life depends on how much one joyfully welcomes and shares in life while also living with a constant yearning for those things that only come from God, Pope Leo XIV told young people.

"Aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. You will then see the light of the Gospel growing every day, in you and around you," he said in his homily during Mass concluding the Jubilee of Youth Aug. 3.

The outdoor Mass, held in Rome's Tor Vergata neighborhood on the outskirts of the city, marked the culmination of a week-long series of events for the Jubilee of Youth.

More than one million people were estimated to be gathered across the 130 acres that had been prepared for the morning Mass, the prayer vigil the evening before and for the hundreds of thousands of people sleeping overnight.

After touching down by helicopter less than 12 hours after

leaving the evening vigil, the pope rode in the popemobile throughout the open areas—dotted with tents and tarps, and filled with young people, cheering, waving their nation's flag and sometimes launching at him shirts and gifts.

"Good morning!" he said in six languages from the massive stage set up for the Mass.

"I hope you all rested a little bit," he said in English. "We will shortly begin the greatest celebration that Christ left us: His very presence in the Eucharist."

He said he hoped the concluding Mass would be "a truly memorable occasion for each and every one of us" because "when together, as Christ's church, we follow, we walk together, we live with Jesus Christ."

In his homily during the Mass, the pope again highlighted the importance of the Eucharist, as "the Sacrament of the Lord's total gift of himself to us."

It is Christ, the Risen One, he said, "who transforms our lives and

enlightens our affections, desires and thoughts."

"We are not made for a life where everything is taken for granted and static, but for an existence that is constantly renewed through the gift of self in love," he said.

Much like a field of flowers, where each small, delicate stem may dry out, become bent and crushed, he said, each flower is "immediately replaced by others that sprout up after them, generously nourished and fertilized by the first ones as they decay on the ground. This is how the field survives: through constant regeneration."

"This is why we continually aspire to something 'more' that no created reality can give us; we feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy," he said. "Knowing this, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations!"

Pope Leo urged the young people to listen to that yearning and "turn this thirst into a step stool,

like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God," who has been "waiting for us, knocking gently on the window of our soul."

"It is truly beautiful, especially at a young age, to open wide your hearts, to allow Him to enter and to set out on this adventure with him towards eternity," he said.

Speaking briefly in English, the pope said, "There is a burning question in our hearts, a need for truth that we cannot ignore, which leads us to ask ourselves: what is true happiness? What is the true meaning of life? What can free us from being trapped in meaninglessness, boredom and mediocrity?"

"Buying, hoarding and consuming are not enough," he said. The fullness of existence "has to do with what we joyfully welcome and share."

"We need to lift our eyes, to look upwards, to the 'things that are above,' to realize that every-

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Pope: Prepare Space In Your Hearts For God's Love To Grow



Pope Leo XIV receives a mini figurine of himself from a child as he rides in the popemobile around St. Peter's Square at the Vatican before his weekly general audience Aug. 6. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

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Vatican City (CNS)—While not neglect "the Lord's invitation school or work, Catholics should

enjoying a summer break from to prepare our hearts by actively participating in the Eucharistic sacrifice and by doing generous acts of charity," Pope Leo XIV said.

Speaking in English at his weekly general audience Aug. 6, the pope summarized his main talk, which focused on how Christ prepared to sacrifice Himself out of love for humanity and how Christians, in response, must prepare space in their hearts and lives for Him.

The Gospel accounts of Jesus and his disciples preparing for Passover and the Last Supperand for Jesus' passion and death, he said, "shows us that love is not the result of chance, but of a conscious choice."

Jesus, the pope said, "does not face His passion out of fatalism, but out of fidelity to a path freely and carefully accepted and followed."

Believers should be comforted by "knowing that the gift of His life stems from conscious intention, not a sudden impulse," Pope Leo told thousands of people gathered for the audience in St. Peter's Square.

As Passover and His death draw near, Jesus "has already thought of everything, arranged everything, decided everything," the pope said. "However, He asks His friends to do their part. This teaches us something essential for our spiritual life: grace does not eliminate our freedom but rather awakens it. God's gift does not eliminate our responsibility but makes it fruitful."

Catholics today also are called to prepare themselves to receive Christ's sacrifice, he said, and not iust at Mass.

"The Eucharist is not celebrated only at the altar, but also in daily life, where it is possible to experience everything as an offering and giving of thanks," Pope Leo said.

Often that preparation is not about doing more, he said, but rather about creating space by "removing what encumbers us, reducing

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

unrealistic expectations." "Every gesture of willingness, every gratuitous act, every forgiveness given in advance, every effort

patiently accepted, is a way to prepare a place where God can dwell," Pope Leo said.

our demands and ceasing to hold

"May the Lord grant us to be humble preparers of His presence," the pope prayed. "And, in this daily readiness, may that serene trust also grow in us, allowing us to face everything with a free heart. Because where love has been prepared, life can truly flourish."

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thing in the world has meaning only insofar as it serves to unite us to God and to our brothers and sisters in charity, helping us to grow in 'compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience,' forgiveness and peace, all in imitation of Christ," he said.

Evoking St. John Paul II's words during the XV World Youth Day prayer vigil held in the same spot 25 years ago, Pope Leo reminded the young people that "Jesus is our hope."

"Let us remain united to Him,

let us remain in His friendship, always, cultivating it through prayer, adoration, Eucharistic communion, frequent confession and generous charity, following the examples of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis, who will soon be declared saints," he said.

Wishing everyone "a good trip home," he encouraged the young people to "continue to walk joyfully in the footsteps of the Savior, and spread your enthusiasm and the witness of your Faith to everyone you meet!"

Men's Cursillo

Amarillo—A Men's Cursillo is set for Thursday, Sept. 4 through Sunday, Sept. 7 at the Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate Convent at 4301 NE 18th St.

Cost of the Cursillo, which will

be conducted entirely in Spanish, is \$150 per person.

Please contact your parish Ultreya representative for additional information or to sign up for the Cursillo.

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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:

- 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)





Bishop's Schedule

MONDAY, SEPT. 1

Labor Day. Diocesan Pastoral Center is closed.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

4:00pm, Respect Life Banquet, Amarillo Civic Center

2025-26 WTC Publication Schedule Revised

Amarillo—The fiscal year 2025-26 publication calendar for *The West Texas Catholic* has been revised, according to editor-inchief Chris Albracht.

The West Texas Catholic is now a monthly newspaper, with issues the third Sunday of each month. The publication schedule is subject to change as necessary, according to Albracht.

There will be 12 issues of the *WTC* during the fiscal year, which ends Tuesday, June 30, 2026.

The deadline for advertisements, photos and story suggestions is 10 days prior to each issue date. Deadlines are subject to change at the discretion of the editor.

Issue dates and deadlines for fiscal year 2025-26 are:

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

Correspondence and photos should be sent via email to westtexascatholic@gmail.com. The mailing address for *The West Texas Catholic* is P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, 79117-5644. The fax number is 806-383-8452.

Please pray for much needed rain!

The Diocesan Pastoral Center

at 4512 NE 24th will be closed Monday, Sept. 1 for Labor Day. The Pastoral Center will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 9:00am. Bishop Patrick J. Zurek and the Pastoral Center staff wish everyone a safe and restful Labor Day weekend.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus:
Thank you so much for remembering me with a personal note or letter of gratitude in commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. I especially am grateful for your Prayers, which have sustained and strengthened my priestly service to you, not only here in the Diocese of Amarillo, but also in the Dioceses of San Antonio and Austin.

I also thank you for your continued friendship, and, of course, for your kind monetary gift, also.

I was actually able to be in Rome for this special anniversary. I joined other Bishops from every part of the world to celebrate what Pope Leo XIV called the Jubilee of Bishops, along with the Jubilee of Priests, Deacons and Religious Women. I also had the privilege of meeting and speaking with Pope Leo. And of course, there was the opportunity not only to speak with the Pope, but to have my own 'Kodak Moment!' with the Pope.

Thank you for making this encounter possible for me! God bless each of you and your families.

Gratefully yours, Bishop Patrick J. Zurek



DIOCESAN CALENDAR

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 Sunday, Nov. 2.

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 July 20 issue of *The West Texas Catholic* are in **BOLD**. This calendar can also be found on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org.

August

- 17—Jamaica, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Pampa
- 19—Contemplative Power Hour, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)
- 22—The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 23—Summer Festival 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)

- 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.
- 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)
- 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)
- 13—Kermes, to benefit Immaculate Conception Church, Leatherman Park, Perryton (806-435-3802)

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.

- 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)
- 20—Youth Retreat Training, Conference Center, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Amarillo (806-383-2243, ext. 118)
- 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—Contemplative Power Hour, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)
 - 27—Feast of St. Vincent de Paul 28—Priesthood Sunday
- 28—Youth Mini-Rally for the North Deanery, Pastoral Center, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Dumas (806-383-2243, ext. 118)
- 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)

DEADLINES

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

- 1-31—Respect Life Month (806-414-1059)
- 3-4—Deacon Formation Class, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-2243, ext. 117)
 - 4—Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
- 4—Fall Carnival to benefit St. Mary's Cathedral School, grounds of St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo (806-376-9112)
- 4—Natural Family Planning, Ovulation Method Course, in Spanish, Marian Room, Bishop Zurek Hall, Blessed Sacrament Church, Amarillo (806-220-7179)
- 4—Gala to benefit St. Anthony's School, St. Anthony's School Gym, Hereford (806-364-1952)
 - 5—Deacon Sunday
- 5—A Celebration of St. Faustina, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Amarillo (806-358-2461)
- 5—Jamaica to benefit San Juan Diego Church, City Park, Quitaque (806-823-2548)
- 7—Contemplative Power Hour, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)
- 10-12—Deacons and Wives Retreat, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-2243, ext. 117)
 - 11—Feast of St. John XXIII
- 11—School Festival, grounds of St. Joseph's Church and St. Joseph's School, Amarillo (806-359-1604)
- 13—Columbus Day. Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo are closed.
- 14—Contemplative Power Hour, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)
- 15—Feast of St. Teresa of Jesus 17-18—Annual Fall Convention, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW), St. Mary's Ca-
- thedral, Amarillo (806-679-9144) 17—Worship Prayer Movie Night, St. Francis House of Prayer, Panhandle (806-537-3182)
 - 18—Feast of St. Luke
- 18—Youth Mini-Rally for the East Deanery, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Groom (806-383-2243, ext. 118)

- 18—Second annual Fairways of Hope Golf Scramble to benefit Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle, Ross Rogers Golf Complex, Amarillo (806-376-4571)
- 18—Youth Dinner to benefit Sacred Heart Church, Canadian Elementary School (806-323-6608)
- 19—Annual Chicken Dinner, Parish Hall, St. Martin de Porres Church, Amarillo (806-376-8771)
- 19—Mexican Pile-On Dinner to benefit Sacred Heart Church, Canadian Elementary School (806-323-6608)
- 19—44th Annual Oktoberfest and Auction to benefit St. Anthony of Padua School, Rita Blanca Coliseum, Dalhart (806-244-4811)
- 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)
- 23—Third Annual Holy Cross Catholic Academy Golf Tournament, Tascosa Old Course, Tascosa Country Club, Amarillo (806-674-3861)
- 24-26—Awakening Retreat #30 for Catholic college students, Catholic Student Center at West Texas A&M University, Canyon (806-655-4345)
- 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)

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS/LOCAL

Holy Cross Catholic Academy Golf Tournament



Amarillo-Holy Cross Catholic Academy is in need of golfers for its third annual Golf Tournament Thursday, Oct. 23 on the Tascosa Old Course of Tascosa Country Club at 4502 Fairway Drive.

Cost of the tournament is \$375 per golfer, or \$1,500 per team. Registration is at 10:00am on Oct. 23. with tee off at noon. Proceeds from this year's tournament will benefit the athletic program at Holy Cross Catholic Academy and the Cancer Survivorship Center, powered by 24 Hours in the Canyon.

During the tournament, two par-three holes will be designated as a hole-in-one hole. On one hole, a lucky golfer could win \$10,000

and on the other hole-in-one hole, a lucky golfer could win a car. Awards will also be given for the longest putt, closest to the pin, straightest drive, men's longest drive in the fairway, women's longest drive in the fairway and there will also be a hole-in-one putt shootout.

Members of the first place team will win \$150 gift cards. Second place team members will win \$100 gift cards and third place team members will claim \$75 gift cards.

"As we did last year, before the start of the tournament, each player gets to putt for \$1,000 from 50-plus feet," said Floyd Lane, tournament organizer. "Last year we had three individuals make the 50-plus feet putt for \$1,000 each."

Following the conclusion of play on Oct. 23, there will be a Social and Italian Dinner at Tascosa Country Club, which will include an awards presentation.

Corporate sponsors for the tournament and those wishing to play are encouraged to register now by calling or texting Floyd Lane at 806-674-3861.

Volunteers Sought For Tulia Kolbe Retreat

Amarillo—Team formation meetings are underway for the final Kolbe Prison Retreat of the year, according to Deacon Darryl Dixon, a member of the diocesan Prison Ministry team.

The retreat is scheduled Thursday, Sept. 18 through Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Mechler Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Tulia.

Team formation meetings for this retreat take place Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30, in the parlor at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4100 South Coulter.

Deacon Dixon is requesting the support of 30 men from the Knights of Columbus, the ACTS Community and the Cursillo Movement to make the retreat at the Mechler Unit possible.

"We are asking for volunteers for these retreats and any assistance to this ministry will be greatly appreciated," he said.

The Kolbe Retreats are named after St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Patron Saint of Prisoners, according to Deacon Dixon. St. Maximilian was a Polish Conventual Franciscan Friar who was sent to Auschwitz during World War II in 1941. When Nazi guards selected ten people to be put into an underground bunker to be starved to death in punishment for a prisoner escaping in July 1941, Father Kolbe volunteered to die in place of one of the men selected. Franciszek Gajowniczek. Father Kolbe died Aug. 14, 1941 after a lethal injection of carbolic acid. He was canonized as a Saint by Pope (now Saint) John Paul II on Oct. 10,

For more details or to volunteer to be a team member on a Kolbe Retreat, please call Deacon Dixon at 806-290-8842. The Kolbe Prison Ministry is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations are charitable donations for tax purposes. Donations can be mailed to Kolbe Prison Ministries, P.O. Box 4125, Amarillo, 79116.

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Stratford Jamaica

Stratford—The annual Jamaica to benefit St. Joseph's Church is set for Saturday, Aug. 23 from 11:00am to 9:00pm at City Park on North 7th Street.

The day will feature a variety of food and beverage booths and games for all ages. There will also be a volleyball tournament, loteria and bingo. Other activities include live music from numerous bands and from a mobile DJ.

There will also be a raffle. First prize is \$2,000 cash, second prize is \$1,000 cash and third and fourth place prizes are \$500 cash. Tickets for the drawing are \$10.00 each and winners need not be present to

Find out more about the Jamaica by calling the parish office at St. Joseph's Church, 806-310-0438.

Kermes To Benefit Perryton Parish

Perryton - Immaculate Conception Church will host a Kermes Saturday, Sept. 13 from 11:00am to 10:00pm at Leatherman Park, 398 South Jefferson.

The day will include a variety of food, including tacos de carnitas, arepas, spiral potatoes, enchiladas, pambazos, gorditas, flautas, desserts and funnel cakes.

There will be plenty of activities for everyone, including a mechanical bull, and for the younger set there will be a small train and bounce houses. There will also be live music.

Learn more about the Kermes to benefit Immaculate Conception Church by calling the parish at 806-435-3802.

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Deacons Birthdays

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

> Deacon Michael Anzaldua Aug. 5 **Deacon Bryan Adams** Aug. 6 **Deacon John Peters** Aug. 16 **Deacon Bill Dorsey** Aug. 30

44th Annual Oktoberfest In Dalhart

Dalhart—The 44th annual Oktoberfest to benefit St. Anthony of Padua School will take place Sunday, Oct. 19 from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Rita Blanca Coliseum, 1219 West FM 281.

As in year's past, this year's dinner will be dine-in and drivethrough, according to St. Anthony of Padua principal Shay Batenhorst. Tickets for the meal are \$15.00 and can be purchased in advance from any St. Anthony of Padua School student or at the school office. The Oktoberfest meal includes authentic German sausage, homemade sauerkraut, potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert. German Sausage and sauerkraut will also be sold in bulk.

Oktoberfest was first celebrated at St. Anthony of Padua School in 1982. In 2009, the St. Anthony Home and School Association added a new element to Oktoberfesta live and silent auction. Among the items that have been auctioned in the past include farm and ranch supplies, trips, dinners, meat, jewelry, home décor and gift certificates. The auctions have helped pay for curriculum, technology, a gym floor in the Parish Life center, playground equipment and turf for the school playground.

This year, the silent auction will take place on the day of the meal and will end at 2:00pm. The live auction will begin at 2:00.

There will also be a drawing in conjunction with Oktoberfest. Tickets for the drawing are \$1.00 each and will be sold at the event and can be purchased from any St. Anthony of Padua student in ad-

For additional information about Oktoberfest, please call St. Anthony of Padua School at 806-244-4811.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS/LOCAL

Meet A Catholic School Teacher

Name: Mike Mobley

School: Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Amarillo

Subjects/Grades You Are Teaching: Choir and Orchestra

Degree Obtained: Bachelors in Music Education, West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M University), Canyon; Masters in Music in Choral Conducting, West Texas State University; Mid Management Certification, West Texas A&M University



Spouse's Name: Ameka Mobley

Children: Kyra Mobley and Kolton Mobley

You are teaching at a Catholic School for the first time in your career. Why now? "The opportunity presented itself. I have known Craig Logan for many years. I appreciate dedicated students, and the

learning environment of a private, Catholic School fosters willing participants."

As you begin your time at a Catholic School, why do you think Catholic Schools are important? "Every child deserves an opportunity to learn. The Catholic School setting provides a nuturing and guided instruction in subject matter and life approach."

What is your philosophy when it comes to the classroom? "I believe students learn and perform at their best when they are having fun. I also believe that students need structure and high expectations. If you expect them to succeed, they will succeed."

Hobbies: "Construction and repair, RV Camping, RV Refurbishing, riding my motorcyle and rooting for the Dallas Cowboys."

Favorite Television Show: Survivor

Favorite Books: "I don't do a lot of reading, but when I do, I usually pick up the Bible."

If you had chosen another career path, what would it have been? "I would have been in architecture or engineering."

If you were Superintendent for a day, what would you do? "I would bring in past students that have been successful after leaving Holy Cross Catholic Academy. I would set up a day for these ex-students to speak with current students in small groups to serve as an example and to give advice about their future plans."

Annual Spearman Jamaica

Spearman—The annual Jamaica to benefit Sacred Heart of Jesus Church takes place Sunday, Sept. 21 on Main Street.

A number of vendors will be selling a variety of food and beverages. There will also be live music from Los Hijos de Lino, Los Sabos Norteño and La Nueva Innovacion. Also playing music will be DJ Pelon.

There will also be a 3 v 3 Jamaica Basketball Tournament taking place at Spearman Junior High School, 315 West Fifth Ave. The tournament is open to all adults

and those 14 years of age and older. There is a \$20.00 registration fee per player. Deadline to register a team is Sunday, Sept. 14. To register a team or for additional information, please call 806-886-8714 or text 806-330-2446.

There will also be a raffle, with the top prize \$1,500 cash. Second prize is \$500 cash and third prize is a \$250 gas card. Tickets for the drawing are \$5.00 each.

Learn more about the Jamaica by calling the parish office at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church at 806-659-2166.

Catholic Schools: An Investment in Country and Church

19th Annual Catholic Schools Charitable Raffles Underway

San Antonio (CLI)—The 19th annual Catholic Life Insurance Catholic Schools Charitable Raffles is underway throughout the state of Texas.

Fifty-eight Catholic Schools from nine dioceses in Texas are participating in the sweepstakes, including three Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo:

• 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, with the drawing taking place in February. Ticket sales at the other two schools will begin later this fall.

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

Tickets for the sweepstakes are \$5.00 each. The Grand Prize in the sweepstakes 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 in the February drawing.

"As a Faith-based organization, we are committed to supporting Catholic education and helping schools flourish," said Catholic Life Insurance President/CEO Christopher M. Belz. "It's an honor to invest in the future of our children and our Faith."

San Antonio-based Catholic Life Insurance provides all the prizes, marketing materials 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 additional information or to purchase a ticket, please call Holy Cross Catholic Academy at 806-355-9637.

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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 games are at the Holy Cross Catholic Academy Event Center at 4102 South Bonham.

All home football games are at Glenwood Park, 2700 South Roberts.

Volleyball:

Tuesday, Aug. 19, vs. Shamrock. Middle School match at 5:00pm, followed by the Varsity match.

Thursday, Aug. 21, at Accelerate. Middle School match at 5:00pm, followed by the Varsity match.

Saturday, Aug. 23, Varsity at Perryton JV Tournament.

Tuesday, Aug. 27, Middle School match vs. Vega at 5:00pm, followed by the Varsity vs. Fort Elliott and the Varsity vs. Vega.

Thursday, Aug. 28 and Saturday, Aug. 30, Varsity at Tulia JV Tournament.

Thursday, Aug. 28, vs. Amarillo Collegiate Academy. Middle School match at 6:15pm.

Tuesday, Sept. 2, at Miami. Middle School Match at 5:00pm, followed by the Varsity match.

Thursday, Sept. 4, at Kelton. Middle School Match at 5:00pm, followed by the Varsity match.

Tuesday, Sept. 9, at San Jacinto Christian. Middle School match at 5:00pm, followed by the Varsity match.

Friday, Sept. 12, at Christ the King. Middle School match at 5:00pm, followed by the Varsity match.

Tuesday, Sept. 16, Middle School vs. Dalhart Christian at

5:00pm, followed by the Varsity vs. Ascension Academy.

Thursday, Sept. 18, at St. Andrew's. Middle School match at 5:00pm.

Thursday, Sept. 18, at Southcrest. Varsity match at 5:00pm.

Football:

Thursday, Aug. 28, Middle School vs. Kingdom Prep. Kickoff is at 5:00pm.

Friday, Aug. 29, Varsity at Lazbuddie. Kickoff at 5:00pm.

Thursday, Sept. 4, Middle School vs. St. Andrew's. Kickoff is at 5:00pm.

Friday, Sept. 5, Varsity at Boys Ranch. Kickoff is at 7:00pm.

Friday, Sept. 12, vs Lefors. Middle School game at 5:00pm, followed by the Varsity game.

Thursday, Sept. 18, vs. PCA. Middle School game at 5:00pm, followed by the Varsity game.

Cross Country:

Thursday, Aug. 21, West Texas A&M University Twilight Meet for JV teams, WT track behind Jarrett Hall.

Saturday, Aug. 23, Eagle Six-Mile Relay in Canyon.

Saturday, Aug. 30, Jeep Webb Classic 5K, in Borger.

Saturday, Sept. 6, Hereford Invitational.

Saturday, Sept. 13, Dalhart Invitational.

Saturday, Sept. 20, Stratford Invitational.

Golf:

Wednesday, Sept. 3, Varsity girls at Hereford Invitational, John Pittman Golf Course.

Thursday, Sept. 4, Varsity boys at Hereford Invitational, John Pittman Golf Course.

Saturday, Sept. 13, Varsity boys at AISD Open Triangular, Comanche Trails Golf Course.

The Market On Tierra Blanca

Canyon—Volunteers continued to be needed to assist at *The Market on Tierra Blanca*, a ministry of St. Helen's Outreach at St. Ann's Church.

The Market on Tierra Blanca, the only full-service food pantry in Randall County, is open Tuesdays from 3:00pm to 7:00pm and Friday mornings from 9:00 to noon, on the east side of St. Ann's Church.

Since opening on Jan. 9, 2024,

The Market on Tierra Blanca has served approximately 4,500 unduplicated households representing almost 10,000 household members.

For additional information about St. Helen's Outreach or to volunteer to help in *The Market on Tierra Blanca*, please contact Glenn Backus at 806-655-3302 or via email, sthelens@stannsofcanyon.org.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS/LOCAL

Annual St. Mary's Fall Carnival

Second prize is a \$3,000 VISA Gift

Card and third prize is a \$1,000

VISA Gift Card. Thirty-seven ad-

ditional VISA Gift Cards between

\$75 and \$400 will also be awarded.

In the event that all 4,000 tickets

are not sold, prizes will be based on

the percentage of tickets sold. The

raffle could also take place earlier

if all 4,000 tickets are sold before

purchased from any St. Mary's

Cathedral School family or at the

school at 1200 South Washington

At this time, sponsors are being

• Platinum Sponsors are \$2,000

• Gold Sponsors are \$1,000 each;

• Silver Sponsors are \$500 each;

• Bronze Sponsors are \$350 each;

• Game Sponsors are \$150 each.

For more details about the

annual St. Mary's Cathedral School

Carnival, visit stmarysamarillo.

org, or call the school office at 806-

during regular business hours.

sought for the carnival:

each;

and,

376-9112.

Tickets for the drawing can be

Oct. 4, according to Beedy.

Amarillo—The tradition continues

It's the theme of the annual Fall Carnival to benefit St. Mary's Cathedral School, set for Saturday, Oct. 4 on the Cathedral and School grounds at 1200 South Washington.

The carnival will run from 11:00am to 4:00pm and admission is free, according to carnival chairperson Kyla Beedy.

Preceding the carnival kickoff will be a 5K and Fun Run, starting at 9:00am. Entry fee is \$25 per person.

The day will feature a number of activities, including:

- Carnival games;
- A Free Throw Contest;
- Cake Walk and Toy Walk;
- Bounce Houses;
- Bingo;
- Silent Auction; and,
- An abundance of food from the Mexican Café and Sweet Shoppe.

Tickets will be on sale for all carnival games.

Tickets are now available for a raffle taking place during the carnival. Tickets are \$25 each. First prize is a \$20,000 VISA Gift Card.

Save The Date

Panhandle—The 2025 Harvest of Blessings Gala to benefit the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light, is scheduled Friday, Nov. 21 at Chateau Event Center, 22001 South Eastern in Canyon, near the front gate of Palo Duro Canyon State Park.

Additional information on the 16th annual event will be featured in the September and October issues of *The West Texas Catholic*; on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org; and, on the

westtexascatholic.org website.

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.

Borger Summer Festival

Borger—The annual Summer Festival to benefit St. John the Evangelist Church is set for Saturday, Aug. 23 from 10:00am to 8:00pm at Huber Park, on South Main.

Activities begin 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, as well as 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 will also be on sale during the festival.

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

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

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



Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, left, accepts the offertory gifts from St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Amarillo parishioners Julie Pierce, far right, and Chris Knight July 23 during a Mass celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo. Additional photos from the Anniversary Mass can be found on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org, under the Photo Albums header. (WTC Photo)



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.



Join us for an wonderful evening of fellowship and fun in our beautiful courtyard. Chef Jason Haschke is preparing a delicious meal.



BDRC Courtyard 6:00pm-9:30pm

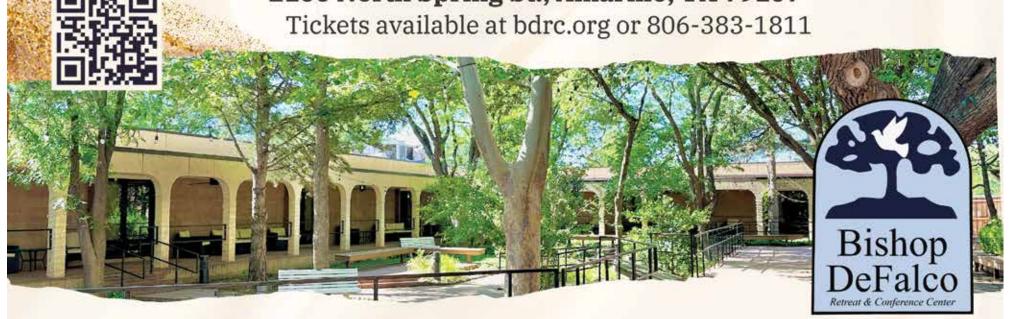


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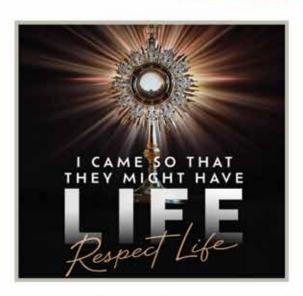
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now has a medical practice, Tepeyac OB/GYN, which operates as the largest fully pro-life OB/GYN in the nation, with five providers and a midwife. Tepeyac is a nonprofit, caring for women of all races, creeds, and economic statuses, whether or not they can pay. He is the author of Two Patients: My Conversion from Abortion to Life-Affirming Medicine and speaks around the country dedicating his time and energy to fostering a renewal in medicine and educating the next generation of pro-life medical providers.



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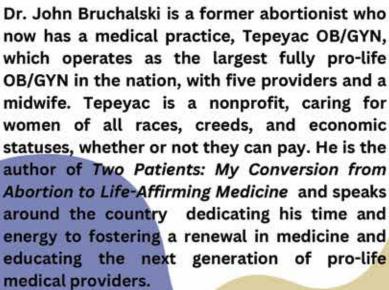


6:30

4:00pm Social Hour **Prime Rib Dinner Keynote Speaker**



Silent Auction Live Auction









Jamaica en Pampa

Pampa—La jamaica anual a beneficio de la Iglesia San Vicente de Paúl es este domingo de 11:00am a 9:00pm en el patio de la iglesia, Avenida 23 #810 Oeste.

Traigan sus propias sillas.

Disfruten variedad de comida mexicana, fruta, aguas frescas y actividades para toda la familia. Diviértanse con la música del Dueto Cortez, Rocinante, Lann Harlan, Obra Norteña, Los Compas y LOS BUS-K2.

Participen en la Cabalgata que empezará en el Rancho Mi Casita

y llegará hasta la Iglesia de San Vicente de Paúl. El costo de la cabalgata es \$50 por persona.

Compren sus boletos para la gran rifa con 11 premios: el premio mayor es un reloj Apple Watch Series 2. Otros premios incluyen una estatua de la Sagrada Familia y una Biblia, un asador Blackstone de 22 pulgadas, Apple Airpods, una hielera Yeti Rolling Cooler, una cafetera Princess y un Stock Pot y Nintendo Switch. El boleto de la rifa cuesta \$10.00 y no se requiere estar presente para ganar.

Jamaica Anual en Kress

Kress—Invitamos a todos a la Jamaica anual a beneficio de la Iglesia de San Pablo Apóstol el sábado, 23 de agosto del mediodía hasta las 8:00pm en el patio de la iglesia, calle Dudley 610 Sur.

En su extensa variedad de puestos de comida y bebidas podrán disfrutar aguas frescas, vasos de maíz, hot dogs mexicanos, hamburguesas, tripas, carnitas, vasos de fruta, pasteles de embudo, raspas, chalupas, tacos callejeros, dulces y bebidas.

Habrá juegos para todos: brincabrinca, paseos en tren, pintura de caras, lotería/bingo y actividades como la caminata de pasteles,

Kress—Invitamos a todos a torneo de tiro de bolsas de maíz Jamaica anual a beneficio de la (*cornhole*), subasta en silencio y lesia de San Pablo Apóstol el una rifa de 50/50.

Varios DJs locales proveerán música durante todo el día.

La parroquia tendrá otra rifa con variedad de premios: Primero, Playstation 5; Segundo, Tarjeta con valor de \$500; Tercero, Televisor de 55 pulgadas; Cuarto, Hielera de 45 cuartos de galón (42.5 litros) marca Yeti; Quinto, Tarjeta con valor de \$250. El boleto de la rifa cuesta \$10.00 y no es requisito estar presente para ganar.

Para información de la jamaica llame a la Iglesia del Espíritu Santo en Tulia, 806-994-3511.

Cursillo Para Hombres

Amarillo—El próximo Cursillo Varonil tendrá lugar del jueves 4 al domingo 7 de septiembre en el Convento Franciscano de María Inmaculada, ubicado en la calle 18 Noreste #4301.

El Cursillo será totalmente en español y cuesta \$150 por persona.

Para registrarse o pedir más información, hagan el favor de contactar al representante de Ultreya de sus parroquias.

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.

Agosto:

• Por la convivencia común: Oremos para que las sociedades en que la convivencia parece más difícil no sucumban a la tentación del enfrentamiento por motivos étnicos, políticos, religiosos o ideológicos.

Último Llamado Para Decirnos de su Jubileo de Oro

Amarillo—Atención parejas que cumplen 50 años de casados:

El West Texas Catholic desea felicitarlos en sus Bodas de Oro. El 11 de septiembre es la fecha final para darnos la información y su foto para poder publicarlas en honor a sus 50 años de matrimonio.

En la edición con fecha del domingo, 21 de septiembre de este año, el West Texas Catholic hará honor a las parejas que se casaron entre el 1 de julio y el 30 de septiembre de 1975. Pedimos a las parejas que deseen participar, que nos envíen una foto reciente o la foto de su boda, sus nombres y la fecha y lugar de su casamiento. No cobramos por este servicio. Por favor no envíen fotos tomadas con teléfono celular.

Pueden enviar fotos por email a westtexascatholic@gmail.com o por correo postal a P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, 79117-5644. Si envían fotos por correo, por favor incluyan un sobre con su dirección y estampillas para poder regresarles sus fotos después de publicarlas. También hagan el favor de escribir su nombre, dirección, teléfono y buzón de email en una nota postit y péguenla al reverso de su foto.

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 53° aniversario de la trágica decisión Roe v Wade de la Suprema Corte

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.)



Festival de Verano en Borger

Borger-El Festival Anual de Verano a beneficio de la Iglesia de San Juan Evangelista será el sábado, 23 de agosto de 10:00am a 8:00pm en Huber Park, ubicado en la calle Main al Sur.

Las actividades empiezan a las 10:00 con torneo de volibol, el costo es \$10.00 por jugador. Habrá juegos y actividades para todas las edades además de variedad de puestos de comida y bebidas.

Habrá además una rifa con ocho oportunidades de ganar ¼ de res. El boleto de la rifa cuesta \$20.00 y ya están en venta durante horas de oficina en la Iglesia de San Juan Evangelista, calle Saint John's Road #201. También venderán los boletos durante el festival.

Para más información sobre el Festival de Verano favor de llamar a la Iglesia de San Juan Evangelista, 806-274-7064.

Jamaica en Stratford

Stratford-La Jamaica anual a beneficio de la Iglesia San José tendrá lugar el sábado, 23 de agosto de 11:00am a 9:00pm en City Park por la calle 7 al Norte.

Para su deleite, habrá variedad de comidas, puesto de bebidas y juegos para toda la familia. Habrá torneo de volibol, lotería y bingo. Disfruten la música en vivo de

varias bandas y conjuntos además de la música de DJ Móvil.

Habrá rifa con boletos de \$10.00 y premios en efectivo: Primero \$2,000; Segundo, \$1,000; Tercero y Cuarto \$500. No es requisito estar presente para ganar.

Para más detalles de la jamaica llamen a la oficina parroquial de San José, 806-310-0438.

Torneo de Golf en Hereford el 20 de Septiembre

Hereford-Los Caballeros de Colón del Consejo #8938 de la Iglesia San José tendrán su Torneo Anual de Golf el sábado, 20 de septiembre a las 8:00am en el campo de golf John Pittman, calle Main 400 Sur.

Jugarán estilo scramble de dos jugadores, informa Edward Fuentes, Gran Caballero. Cuesta \$100 por jugador o \$200 por equipo de dos jugadores e incluye comida para llevar al dar vuelta en el campo.

Designarán hoyos para el tiro más largo, para el más cercano al banderín y en otro hoyo los

Ministerio a las Prisiones

Amarillo—El ministerio a las prisiones en la Diócesis de Amarillo pide ayuda a diáconos y voluntarios laicos para esta Obra

bolsas de regalos para jugadores. Para pedir detalles o para

jugadores podrán dar un skirt shot.

Tendrán premios de entrada y

registrar equipos, llamen a Fuentes, 806-340-8657, a Rey Sánchez, 806-584-4189 o (en inglés) al pro shop del campo John Pittman, 806-363-7139. Podrán jugar los primeros 40 equipos que paguen su cuota. Escriban sus cheques a nombre de Knights of Columbus Council #8938 y envíenlos a 703 N. Lee, Hereford, 79045. Aceptan patrocinios de \$150 por cada hoyo.

Corporal de Misericordia.

Si le interesa ayudar, por favor llame al Diácono Blaine Westlake, 806-383-2243, ext. 117.

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 719 South Austin Amarillo, TX 79106

> Tel: 806-671-4830 FAX: 806-373-4662 Email: skdelgado@aol.com

Nuevas Fechas de Publicación del WTC en el año 2025-2026

Amarillo-Han cambiado las fechas de publicación del West Texas Catholic para el año 2025-2026, informa Chris Albracht, editor titular. El periódico se publicará el tercer domingo de cada mes.

Si es necesario, las fechas de publicación se podrán ajustar, informa Albracht. Se publicarán 12 ediciones del WTC durante el año fiscal que terminará el martes, 30 de junio de 2026.

Las fechas finales para someter anuncios, fotografías y sugerencias para artículos serán diez días antes de cada fecha de publicación. Las fechas se pueden cambiar a discreción del editor.

Estas son las fechas de edición y fechas finales para 2025-2026:

Fecha de	Fecha
Publicación	Final
Sep. 21	Sep. 11
Oct. 19	Oct. 9
Nov. 16	Nov. 6
Dic. 21	Dic. 11
Enero 18	Enero 8
Febrero 15	Febrero 5
Marzo 15	Marzo 5
Abril 19	Abril 9
Mayo 17	Mayo 7
Junio 21	Junio 10

Por favor envíen así fotografías y correspondencia: por email, a westtexascatholic@gmail.com; por correo postal, a The West Texas Catholic, P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo TX 79117-5644; por fax, envíen al número 806-383-8452.

Cursos de Planificación **Familiar Natural**

Amarillo - Habrá una sesión en inglés del Método Marquette para la Planificación Familiar Natural (NFP) el sábado, 6 de septiembre a la 1:00pm en el Centro Pastoral Diocesano, Avenida 24 NE 4512 en Amarillo.

Para registrarse o para pedir detalles, pueden llamar a la Doctora Faye Usala, 806-683-5561, o pueden enviar correo electrónico a fayeobrienusala@gmail.com.

El curso en español del Método de Ovulación de la Planificación Familiar Natural será el sábado, 4 de octubre a las 10:00am en el Salón Mariano de la Iglesia Blessed Sacrament, calle Bolton 2500 Sur. Para más detalles del curso en español llamen a Lilly o Nicholas Robles, 806-220-7179, o envíen email a lilis.70@hotmail.com.

Banquete por el Respeto a la Vida

Amarillo-La Oficina de Vida Familiar de la Diócesis de Amarillo. ofrece el 28° Banquete Anual por el Respeto a la Vida el domingo, 21 de septiembre en el Salón Heritage del Centro Cívico de Amarillo, calle Buchanan 401 Sur.

El Dr. John Bruchalski dará el discurso principal. Él fue un abortista, pero ahora su servicio médico de OB/GYN (Obstetricia y Ginecología) es el servicio 100% pro-vida más grande del país.

Habrá hora social a las 4:00pm y cena a las 5:30. El boleto cuesta \$75 por persona, \$135 por pareja, o pueden patrocinar mesa para ocho personas por \$750 para disfrutar prime rib del Big Texan Steak Ranch, informa Anna Mendoza, asistente de la Oficina Diocesana de Vida Familiar. Aceptarán reservaciones hasta el viernes, 12 de septiembre a las 5:00pm. Visite amarillodiocese.org/respect-lifebanquet-1 para responder.

Para indagar más información, hacer reservaciones, o para donar artículos para las subastas, favor de llamar a Mendoza, 806-414-1059.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo Jesús: Muchas gracias por recordarme con una nota personal o con una carta de gratitud al conmemorar el Quincuagésimo Aniversario de mi Ordenación al Sacerdocio de Jesucristo. Estoy especialmente agradecido por sus Oraciones que han sostenido y fortificado mi servicio sacerdotal a ustedes, no solamente aquí en la Diócesis de Amarillo, sino también en las Diócesis de San Antonio y de Austin.

También agradezco su amistad continua, y por supuesto también, sus regalos monetarios.

Tuve la bendición de estar en Roma para este aniversario especial. Me uní a otros Obispos de todas partes del mundo para celebrar lo que el Papa León XIV llamó el Jubileo de Obispos además del Jubileo de Sacerdotes, Diáconos y Mujeres Religiosas. También tuve el privilegio de conocer y hablar con el Papa León. Y por supuesto, tuve la oportunidad no sólo de hablar con el Papa, sino tener también mi propio "¡Momento Kodak!" con el Papa.

¡Gracias por hacerme posible este encuentro! Que Dios bendiga a cada uno de ustedes y a sus familias.

Sinceramente suvo, Obispo Patrick J. Zurek





Bianca Newton de la Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción en Perryton, prepara masa para las arepas el 3 de agosto durante la jamaica anual a beneficio de la Iglesia Blessed Sacrament en Amarillo. (Foto del *WTC*)

Cierre de Oficinas

El Centro Pastoral Diocesano estará cerrado el lunes, 1 de septiembre, *Día del Trabajo* y abrirá de nuevo el martes, 2 de septiembre a las 9:00am.



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 Jeannie Friddell (806) 679-9144

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.

ESTE DOMINGO,17 de AGOSTO

Pampa—Jamaica de la Iglesia de San Vicente de Paúl

SÁBADO, 23 de AGOSTO

Borger—Jamaica a beneficio de la Iglesia Saint John the Evangelist en Huber Park

Kress—Jamaica a beneficio de la Iglesia de San Pablo Apóstol

Stratford—Jamaica a beneficio de la Iglesia San José en City Park *DOMINGO*, *24 de AGOSTO*

Dumas—Festival a beneficio de la Iglesia de San Pedro y San Pablo en el Parque McDade

DOMINGO, 31 de AGOSTO

Booker—Noche de Fiesta de la Iglesia San Pedro en la Calle Main

Nazareth—Picnic del Día del Trabajo a beneficio de la Iglesia Holy Family en el Community Hall

Turkey—Jamaica a beneficio de la Iglesia Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton en City Park

VIERNES, 12 de SEPTIEMBRE

Amarillo—Evento **TREAT** de Recaudación en el Centro de Retiros Obispo DeFalco

DOMINGO, 21 de SEPTIEMBRE

Spearman—Jamaica en la calle Main a beneficio de la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús

SÁBADO, 4 de OCTUBRE

Amarillo—Carnaval de Otoño en el patio de la Catedral y Escuela de Saint Mary

Hereford—Gala a beneficio de la Escuela Saint Anthony en el Gimnasio de la Escuela

DOMINGO, 5 de OCTUBRE

Quitaque—Jamaica de la Iglesia San Juan Diego, City Park SÁBADO, 11 de OCTUBRE

Amarillo—Carnaval de Otoño en el patio de la Iglesia y Escuela Saint Joseph

SÁBADO, 18 de OCTUBRE

Canadian — Comida de la Juventud a beneficio de la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón en la escuela Canadian Elementary

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

el día 31 de mayo de 2025

Reporte de la Bolsa de Seminario Diócesis de Amarillo

Contribuciones hasta el 30 de julio de 2025

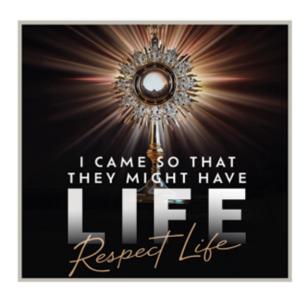
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8°6 Banquete ANUAL DEL RESPETO A LA VIDA

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El Dr. John Bruchalski es un ex-abortista que ahora tiene una clínica médica. Tepeyac OB/GYN, que funciona como la 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.



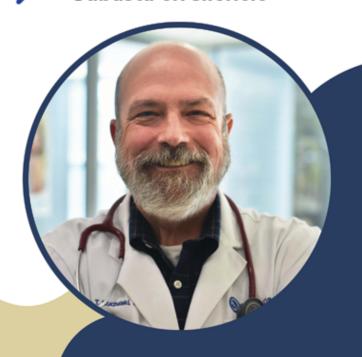
DOMINGO, SEPTIEMBRE 21



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



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Irma Walker, left, accepts the first prize check of \$3,000 on behalf of RaeLa Ornelas from judge Dr. Claudia Stuart July 24 for her painting during *A Night at the Museum* in the Diocesan Museum and Archives at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Amarillo. (WTC Photo)

Volunteers Needed For InterFaith Hunger Project

Amarillo—Catholic Charities sack groceries 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 to their vehicl also needed to Find out more Charities of the 806-376-4571.

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.

Please pray for much needed rain!

Pope Leo Urges Youth To Find Hope, Friendship In Christ

Rome (CNS)—Addressing an estimated one million young people, Pope Leo XIV urged them to forge genuine relationships rooted in Christ rather than ephemeral online connections that can reduce individuals to a commodity.

"When a tool controls someone, that person becomes a tool: a commodity on the market and, in turn, a piece of merchandise," the pope said during the evening prayer vigil for the Jubilee of Youth Aug. 2. "Only genuine relationships and stable connections can build good lives."

The pope arrived by helicopter at the Tor Vergata field, roughly eight miles southeast of Rome's city center, and was greeted with cheers from young people waving flags. Many of the youth were going to camp out overnight, sleeping in tents and sleeping bags on the dusty field, much like the World Youth Day celebration 25 years ago in the same location.

Countless young people kicked up the dust from the field as they ran alongside the popemobile to catch a glimpse of the pontiff. Pope Leo smiled and waved at the youth, occasionally catching objects and plush toys that were hurled his way.

Exiting the popernobile, he was handed the large Jubilee year cross, which he carried to the main altar,

accompanied by dozens of young people.

After beginning the vigil with prayers, the pope engaged in a dialogue with several young people who asked him three questions.

Dulce Maria, a 23-year-old woman from Mexico, spoke of the excitement of online friendships but also of the loneliness that comes from connections that are "not true and lasting relationships, but rather fleeting and often illusory."

"How can we find true friendship and genuine love that will lead us to true hope? How can Faith help us build our future?" she asked.

Pope Leo acknowledged the potential of the internet and social media as "an extraordinary opportunity for dialogue," but warned that these tools "are misleading when they are controlled by commercialism and interests that fragment our relationships."

Drawing from his Augustinian spirituality, Pope Leo urged young people to emulate St. Augustine, who had a "restless youth, but he did not settle for less."

"How did he find true friendship and a love capable of giving hope? By finding the one who was already looking for him, Jesus Christ," the pope said. "How did he build his future? By following the one who had always been his friend."

Gaia, a 19-year-old woman from Italy, asked how young people can find the courage to make choices amid uncertainty.

"To choose is a fundamental human act," the pope responded. "When we make a choice, in the strict sense, we decide who we want to become."

He encouraged young people to remember they were chosen by God, and that "the courage to choose comes from love, which God shows us in Christ."

Lastly, 20-year-old Will, a young pilgrim from the United States, asked the pope how to "truly encounter the Risen Lord in our lives and be sure of His presence even in the midst of trials and uncertainties."

Recalling Pope Francis' papal bull for the Holy Year 2025, *Spes non confundit* (*Hope Does Not Disappoint*), Pope Leo said that "hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come," and that one's understanding of good "reflects how our conscience has been shaped by the people in our lives."

He urged them to foster their conscience by listening to Jesus' word and to "reflect on your way of living, and seek justice in order to build a more humane world."



Deacon Mauricio Valadez



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14th Annual Dalhart Brawt Trot

Dalhart—The Youth Group at St. Anthony of Padua Church will host the 14th annual Brawt Trot 5K and One Mile Fun Run Saturday, Oct. 18, beginning at 9:00am in the south parking lot of People's Church at 1929 Apache Drive.

Early registration is open until Wednesday, Oct. 1 at \$25 per person, or two for \$40, which guarantees particiants a t-shirt. After Oct. 1, registration is \$30 per person, or two for \$50. Participants can register online at stanthony-dalhart.org; by picking up a registration form in the parish office at St. Anthony of Padua Church,1306 Oak Ave.; or, through the Brawt Trot Event Page on Facebook.

Trophies will be awarded to the top male and female winners in the 5K. Medals will be awarded to the first and second place finishers in each age category. All first-place winners will also receive a pair of sausage-themed socks. Age cate-

gories include under 13, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and over.

Sponsors are also being sought for this year's event. Sponsorship levels are available for \$100, \$250, \$500 and less than \$500. Sponsorship checks can be mailed to:

St. Anthony of Padua Church P.O. Box 1029 Dalhart, TX 79022

Please stub checks *Brawt Trot*. Sponsors of \$100 or more will receive one free registration.

Funds raised from Brawt Trot will assist St. Anthony of Padua youth in attending events such as youth conferences, camps, retreats, mission trips and to deepen and grow their Faith. These activities allow the youth to fellowship with their peers, serve those around them and be a visible sign of their Faith.

For more information, please call St. Anthony of Padua Youth Director Jared Alamo at 806-244-4128.

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

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;

Fsy 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.



Five of the nine Del Real sisters pooled their resources together to operate a coffee booth Aug. 3 during the annual Jamaica at Blessed Sacrament Church, Amarillo. Left to right, are Adela Del Real, Rebeca Del Real, Teresa Del Real, Galinda Del Real and Lupe Del Real. (WTC Photo)

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- · Faith Formation support for our parishes with the new changes in the conversion of RCIA to OCIA and the administration of the sacraments.
- 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.
- Catholic support in our hospitals to serve those who are ill as well as their families.
- Supporting family enrichment through marriage encounters and family program.
- Supporting our college students on campus through our Catholic Student Center

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CONVOCAMOS A TODOS LOS CATÓLICOS EN NUESTRA DIÓCESIS A UNIRSE EN TORNO A ESTOS ESFUERZOS:

- El apoyo a nuestros seminaristas en su formación y educación.
- El apoyo a nuestros sacerdotes en su instrucción continua y el avance de sus estudios.
- El apoyo a las Comunicaciones Católicas.
- El apoyo a la capacitación e instrucción de nuestros candidatos al diaconado para ayudar a nuestros sacerdotes en nuestras parroquias.
- El apoyo a la Formación en la Fe en nuestras parroquias con los nuevos cambios en la conversión del RICA a la OICA y la administración de los sacramentos.
- Los programas juveniles que dan vigor a esta generación en su fe católica, incluso el discernimiento de vocaciones entre la juventud.
- El apoyo al esfuerzo Diocesano en los sistemas correccionales para que los hombres vuelvan a la fe y para presentar la Fe Católica a quienes no tienen ninguna fe.
- 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.

POR FAVOR DEN AMOROSAMENTE PARA AYUDAR A SU PARROQUIA, A SUS SACERDOTES FUTUROS Y A QUIENES DISCIERNEN SU VOCACIÓN A LA VIDA RELIGIOSA. **GRACIAS!**





