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Leading Off

Nazareth—The 84th annual Nazareth Labor Day Picnic and fundraiser to benefit Holy Family Church is set for Sunday, Aug. 31.

The day begins with Mass at 8:00am at Holy Family Church. At 9:00, the Bake Shoppe will open for business inside the Community Hall, followed by a parade at 10:00. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

After the parade, there will be a number of all-day activities for children and adults, including a raffle, bingo and cow patty bingo for adults.

A Roast Beef Lunch with all the trimmings will be served from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the Community Hall. The meal will be served to adults for \$15.00 and to children ten and younger for \$8.00.

At 12:30, children's outdoor games and other children's games will be offered until 3:30. All-day armbands can be purchased for \$10.00 for those eight and older and \$5.00 for those seven and younger.

At 1:30, there will be an auction, which will include livestock donated by local ranchers and parishioners and goods donated by area businesses. Those attending the auction are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, water, suntan lotion and bug repellent.

After the cattle auction, a Hamburger Supper will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 in the Community Hall. The meal is \$10.00 per person, which includes a burger, drink, chips and a cookie, or \$5.00 for a burger alone.

At 6:30, there will be a Cornhole Tournament. Entry fee for the tournament is \$40 for a two-person team. Teams can register until 4:30.

For more details about the annual Labor Day Weekend Picnic and Parish Fundraiser, please call the Holy Family parish office at 806-945-2616.

Tickets Available For TREAT Fundraiser



Members of Patrick Swindell and Esquire Jazz take a break between numbers Sept. 13, 2024 during the annual TREAT fundraiser for the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo. Tickets are on sale for this year's fundraiser, taking place Friday, Sept. 12, once again in the courtyard at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center. (WTC file photo)

Youth Mini-Rallies In Dumas, Groom

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

—John 8:32

Dumas/Groom—All diocesan youth in the North Deanery and East Deanery of the Diocese of Amarillo are invited to attend Youth Mini-Rallies scheduled this fall.

Sts. Peter and Paul Church at 915 South Maddox, Dumas, will host a Youth Mini-Rally for the North Deanery on Sunday, Sept. 28, beginning at 11:30am in the parish's Pastoral Center.

Cost of the Dumas mini-rally is \$10.00 per person.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 411 Ware Ave., Groom, will host a Youth Mini-Rally for the East Deanery on Saturday, Oct. 18, beginning at 1:30pm. There is no charge to attend the Groom mini-rally.

"These mini-rallies will focus on the truth about the truth," said Diocesan Youth Director Oscar Guzman. "This will include discussions on objective truth vs. subjective truth. We hope youths in the North and East Deaneries of our

diocese will join us in Dumas and Groom and be enlightened by the truth during this Jubilee Year 2025 Celebration."

Youths planning to attend must register with their parish group, according to Guzman. For additional information about these two Youth Mini-Rallies, please contact Guzman at 806-383-2243, ext. 118 or via email, oguzman@dioama.org. More information can also be found online at amarillodiocese.org/deanery-mini-retreats or by contacting your parish priest or youth leader.

Amarillo—Tickets are still available for the annual **TREAT** fundraiser to benefit the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center Friday, Sept. 12 from 6:00pm to 9:30pm in the Retreat Center courtyard at 2100 North Spring.

"We welcome 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. "You are invited to 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 and 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, bdrc.org/treat. Sponsors are available for the fundraiser at four levels. The sponsorship levels are:

- Seraphim, at \$10,000;

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The third annual *It Might Get Loud* praise and worship event for students, teachers and staff was offered July 27 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo. Providing music for the evening were, left to right, Johnna Finke and her sister Natalee Finke and their dad, Brandon Finke, all parishioners at St. Mary's Church, Umbarger. (WTC Photo)

Annual Kress Jamaica

Kress—The public is invited to the annual Jamaica to benefit St. Paul the Apostle Church on 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 raffle, 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.

Learn more about the Jamaica by calling Church of the Holy Spirit in Tulia at 806-994-3511.

Chicken Dinner At St. Martin de Porres Church

Amarillo—The Faith Community at St. Martin de Porres Church invites everyone to join them for its annual Chicken Dinner Sunday, Oct. 19 from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the parish hall, located at the corner of NW 16th and Adams.

Adult meal tickets are \$15.00 each and \$5.00 each for children 12 and under. The menu will include fried chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes,

gravy, green beans, salad, dinner roll, homemade desserts and a drink. The dinner is dine-in or carryout.

During the dinner, there will be a raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Prizes for the raffle include a barbecue grill and a television set.

For more information about the dinner, please contact Robin Woolsey at 806-672-7211, or via email, hastapalla@gmail.com.

“To live without Faith, without a heritage to defend, without battling constantly for truth, is not to live but to ‘get along’; we must never just ‘get along.’”

—Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

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- 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.

Annual Dumas Festival

Dumas—Sts. Peter and Paul Church will host its 25th Parish Festival Sunday, Aug. 24 from 11:00am to 6:00pm at McDade Park, off East 14th Street.

There is no admission fee for the festival, which will feature food and drink booths, games for all ages and entertainment for the entire family.

The parish will also conduct a raffle in conjunction with the festival, with a total of \$10,000 in prize

money to be given away. First prize is \$3,000 cash and second prize is \$2,000 cash. Third and fourth place prizes are \$1,000 cash and there will be six additional prizes of \$500 cash each.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00 and can be purchased at the Sts. Peter and Paul Pastoral Center at 915 South Maddox during regular business hours or from any Sts. Peter and Paul parishioner.

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Summer Session Of Totus Tuus Complete

Amarillo—After taking the summer of 2024 off, *Totus Tuus* returned after a one-year break in the Diocese of Amarillo with seven parishes taking part in the program this summer:

- Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Dumas;
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Spearman;
- St. Anthony of Padua Church, Dalhart;
- St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo;
- St. John the Evangelist Church, Borger;
- Holy Family Church, Nazareth; and,
- St. Anthony's Church, Hereford.

The West Texas Catholic caught up with the four missionaries on this year's *Totus Tuus* team and asked them about their experience.



Hannah Backus

Student at Benedictine College

The West Texas Catholic: What made you want to be a missionary for Totus Tuus this summer?

Hannah Backus: "My sister and brother-in-law were on the first *Totus Tuus* team about 10 years ago. I've been pretty involved in the program since it started. I would help when I was younger. I volunteered in the younger program in the morning and attended the evening program for teens. I always knew that I wanted to be a missionary. This summer *Totus Tuus* fit into my schedule. I am lucky enough to have the opportunity to serve as a missionary."

WTC: *How has this summer*

changed you and made you look differently at the Totus Tuus program?

Backus: "I have gotten to experience the program in a very personal way. It has been incredible to be on the leading side of things. To share my own testimony and my own talk with the kids. To encounter Christ with the kids has been very beautiful—to build relationships and form connections. I get to know the community, the priests we're serving in the parish, get to know the coordinators, the workers and the families. Next summer I will have graduated and I will be setting up a classroom. If I wasn't graduating, I would, hands down, do it again."



Maggie Houlihan

Student at West Texas A&M University

The West Texas Catholic: How did you get involved with Totus Tuus? Did someone invite you to get involved or did you decide this was the summer to be a part of the program?

Maggie Houlihan: I have attended *Totus Tuus* pretty much as long as it's been around. I've always wanted to be a missionary. This is the first summer I was able to. I took the chance, applied and here we are."

WTC: *What have you gotten out of being a missionary for Totus Tuus?*

Houlihan: "I have gotten to see kids just light up about their Faith, after learning about the Sacraments

and the Rosary. It's just beautiful to see all these young kids and teens get so excited about something that I am passionate about."

WTC: *Is Totus Tuus something you hope to do next summer?*

Houlihan: "If I had to decide right now, I would absolutely say yes, I would do it again. We'll see what happens this school year, but I'd gladly say yes, I'll do it again next summer."



Clarissa Lepe

Student at Midwestern State University

The West Texas Catholic: How did you find out about Totus Tuus?

Clarissa Lepe: "I have been doing *Totus Tuus* since I was in fourth grade. I always looked up to the missionaries when I would see them in Mass at Holy Angels Church in Childress. I enjoyed all the plays, all the dances, every single bit of it. Once I got into high school, both of the Merediths that I met, these young ladies were so vibrant in their Faith, filled with fire. I wanted to be just like them."

WTC: *What's the difference between being a participant and in your case, being a missionary?*

Lepe: Being a participant, you just watch from the side. You still participate in the dances and learn. But even as a missionary, I still learn something new every single day. I am the one who tries my best to pull some kids closer to their Faith, motivate and inspire them to be more vibrant as those mission-

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

aries were to me.

WTC: *If you have the opportunity to do this again next year....*

Lepe: "I so would; I so love doing this. It will depend on other commitments and hopefully if it doesn't conflict with *Totus Tuus*, I want to do this again next summer. What I say to my kids is: 'Make heaven crowded!'"



Ava Olivas

Student at West Texas A&M University

The West Texas Catholic: "How did you find out about Totus Tuus?"

Ava Olivas: "I was actually brought on the team super-last-minute. Maggie and Hannah had been interviewed and had made the team. They were still looking for two boys to be on the team with them. They couldn't find two boys. Father Shane D. Wieck decided that he wanted to work with those 'whom the Lord provided.' He wanted to ask all the other girls who had been interviewed, but they already had other summer commitments. Maggie and I are on the Student Leadership Team at the Catholic Student Center and she asked me if I would be on the *Totus Tuus* team a day before the deadline."

Deacons Birthdays

Deacons of the Diocese of Amarillo noting birthdays in the month of September include:

Deacon Jackie Gunnels
Sept. 18
Deacon Ronald A. Herr
Sept. 27
Deacon Ronald Fetsch
Sept. 28

WTC: *What have you gotten out of Totus Tuus?*

Olivas: "The biggest thing I have gotten out of it is the prayer routine. It is hard to put people on the schedule of when to pray and what to pray and how to pray. I really loved it because I need structure. Having the Liturgy of the Hours, the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy has been so good for me. It is something I will continue to do outside of *Totus Tuus*.

WTC: *Why should parents consider sending their kids to Totus Tuus in 2026?*

Olivas: "Even if the kids learn nothing new, being around the other kids and missionaries, we have so much fun, the dances, the songs and daily Mass.

The kids love to learn. We underestimate how much they do know. They are so well behaved in Mass. They understand the Mass. They are so smart. They get it."

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 Monica Sullivan at Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle at 806-376-4571.

"We cannot build a just society if we discard the weakest—whether the child in the womb or the elderly in their frailty—for they are both gifts from God."

—Pope Leo XIV

A special Thank You to the parents who support Catholic Education in the Diocese of Amarillo and a special Thank You to the men and women who teach and provide support at our Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo. Your efforts and hard work are appreciated!



Father Avitus Siriwa, parochial vicar at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo, is seen purifying the Sacred Vessels July 16 during a Mass celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at St. Mary’s Cathedral. Additional photos from the Anniversary Mass can be found on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org, under the Photo Albums header. (WTC Photo by David Wilson)

Deadlines Announced For DCCW Convention

Amarillo—The 89th annual Fall Convention of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) is scheduled Friday, Oct. 17 and Saturday, Oct. 18 at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1200 South Washington Street in Amarillo, and two major deadlines for the con-

vention have been announced. **Monday, Sept. 15** is the deadline to nominate candidates for DCCW Woman of the Year. Deanery and Parish presidents have the nomination forms, according to DCCW president Jeannie Friddell. Along with the nomination forms, a 5x7 photo of the nominee, a letter from the parish priest and a biography must be included. Nominations can be sent to: **Jeannie Friddell**
2404 Julian Blvd.
Amarillo, TX 79102 DCCW members are currently selling ads, honorariums, memorials and shout-outs for its annual Convention Program. Ad costs are: • ¼ page, \$35; • ½ page, \$75; and, • A full page, \$125. The deadline to purchase an advertisement is **Wednesday, Oct. 1**. Find out more about ads in the DCCW Convention Program by calling Susie Peña at 806-676-6064. Please address any questions or issues to Friddell at 806-679-9144. The theme of this year’s convention is *Believe in the Eucharist—Blessed, Broken and Shared*. Additional information regarding the convention will be publicized next month in *The West Texas Catholic*.

A Prayer For Religious Liberty

*Almighty God, Father of all nations,
for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus
(Gal 5:1).*
*We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty,
the foundation of human rights, justice, and the
common good.*
*Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote
our liberties;*
*By your grace may we have the courage to defend
them, for ourselves and for all those who live in
this blessed land.*
*We ask this through the intercession of Mary
Immaculate, our patroness and in the name of
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live
and reign, One God forever and ever.*
Amen.

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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
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Susie Dolle	\$ 425.00
Ted and Marie Keller	\$ 300.00
Tony and Dorothy Broman	\$ 50.00
Tonya Taylor	\$ 25.00
Undesignated and Miscellaneous	\$ 3,571.94
Total Open Burses	\$ 102,061.36
Closed Burses	\$ 976,778.90
Total Original Burses	\$ 1,078,840.26
Market Value of Investments as of May 31, 2025	
Bank of America	\$ 1,072,165.39

Bishop Zurek Blesses Canyon Building Project

Canyon—Bishop Patrick J. Zurek blessed an expansion and renovation project at St. Ann's Church after a July 26 Mass on the Memorial of Sts. Joachim and Anne.

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.

So, how did St. Ann's Church get to this point?

Father Scott L. Raef, pastor at St. Ann's Church, explained in a *Pastor's Page* column in the July 26-27 St. Ann's parish bulletin.

Advice in 2019: As he faced the toll of cancer on his body and tried to prepare this future pastor to shepherd St. Ann's, Father Robert A. Busch mentioned to me that among some of the challenges facing the future of the parish was that it was starting to outgrow facilities and the current aging facilities would need some attention.

Assessment in 2020: Even though the world was paralyzed by the COVID virus, the leadership of the parish commissioned a Building Assessment Committee to study and make recommendations about how to address our facility needs. A parish-wide survey was conducted to solicit the parishioners' opinions and ideas. A generous donation was made by a parish family toward furthering the expansion of our facilities.

Getting real in 2021: The needs and wants came into focus and a Building Committee, guided by the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils, was established to explore the possibilities and formulate a vision. An architecture firm (*Dekker*) was hired to do a preliminary proposal and the initial plans for a too-massive \$12 million expansion was pared down to a more realistic proposal.

Finding the funds in 2022: Encouraged by some initial seed monies, a Capital Campaign Committee was formed to work in conjunction with *Petrus*, an outside fundraising firm. After studying



Bishop Patrick J. Zurek blesses the new renovation and expansion project at St. Ann's Church, Canyon, following a July 26 Mass. Also pictured to the left of Bishop Zurek are altar server Trent Huddleston and Deacon Joe Roder, DVM. To the right is Father Scott L. Raef, pastor at St. Ann's. Additional photos from this celebration can be found on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org, under the Photo Albums header. (WTC Photo)

the makeup and dynamics of St. Ann's, this firm recommended a fundraising goal of \$4 million. The members of the committee agreed to personally solicit more seed monies from parishioners and then go to the general parish to participate in a three-year pledge/pay capital campaign called *Light on a Hill*. A Building Fund was approved by the Diocese of Amarillo and our various councils and committees worked together to revise a building plan, presenting to and seeking input from parishioners in the process.

Breaking Ground in 2023: In true St. Ann's fashion, St. Ann's responded with a spirit of trust in God and cooperation with one another. Monies pledged and paid moved the project to finalization of a building plan that sought to address the priorities communicated by parishioners: more classroom and meeting space; a designated space for youth ministry; a bigger kitchen; and, an indoor connection of all the parish facilities. A combination of renovating the Parish Hall and building new was decided. A general contractor was hired in *Wiley Hicks* of Amarillo, the project was approved by the Diocese of Amarillo and ground

was broken on Sept. 10, 2023.

Persevering in 2024: The initial excitement gave way to the necessary inconvenience and sacrifices faced in any building project. Our extra sandy soil made it necessary to spend a great deal of 2024 with many wondering if we were constructing a swimming pool in front instead of a new building. Cancellation or relocation of parish events was not uncommon.

Supply chain and weather delays pushed the completion of the project into 2025. Meanwhile, the parish family continued to pray, hope and support the vision coming to reality.

Culmination in 2025: Due to some of the aforementioned realities as well as uncovering otherwise unknown issues such as asbestos tile discovered under old carpet in classrooms being renovated and the uncommon blessing of regular and abundant rainfall, completion of the project was pushed further into the year. Prayers and pledges as well as the extension of already paid pledges have been sought as the reality of increased construction prices and the wisdom of do-it-now rather than redoing it later expanded our planned-for debt.

Dedication: July 26, 2025 (Memorial of Sts. Joaquim and Anne): Appropriately culminating on the Feast Day of our patron saint and aware that about 10% of the completion of the project is still before us, we gathered to give thanks to God for His Fatherly care, abiding presence of Christ with us as His Church and the Holy Spirit's dynamic power to move us through and to what we might think at times as impossible.

We recognize St. Joseph's intercession which we have sought to guide our efforts. We thank and commend every parishioner who has given from their abundance or their poverty, in prayer and in encouragement, to get us to this beautiful day!

Moving Confident into the Future: We will fill up our buildings with the prayer, study, laughter and fun that are all part of the Catholic spirit and probably soon find that there is not enough space to contain the active life of our parish community. With a reputation for paying off past debts quickly, we'll work hard together as individual households and as a parish family to retire the debt and secure the parish's financial footing for ministry.

You've done it, St. Ann's! Congratulations! This is **YOUR** parish and these are **YOUR** buildings!

—**Father Scott L. Raef**
Pastor

Many individuals generously shared their time, talents and leadership by serving on various councils and committees throughout the *Light on a Hill* project. The dedication and guidance of these individuals have been instrumental in bringing this vision to life.

Building Committee Members:

Chair: Mike Knox; **Co-Chair:** Larry Ramaekers. **Members include** Roman Asbill; Mary Bowling; Roger Cross; Debbie Godfrey; Cortni Hudspeth; Paul Miguel Sr.; Paul Miguel Jr.; Deacon Gabe Rivas; Deacon Joe Roder, DVM; and, Joe Shehan.

Campaign Committee Members:

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Steward Saints

St. Joseph Calasanz
1557-1648
Priest
Feast Day: August 25
Optional Memorial

St. Joseph Calasanz was born in Spain and studied theology and canon law, intending to pursue a career in Church administration. But the plight of poor children in

Rome caused him to devote himself to teaching instead. Unable to convince existing institutes to undertake the task of educating these young people, he recruited friends and provided a free school for needy students. In time, others joined him in this effort and a religious community, the Clerks Regular of Religious Schools or

“Piarists,” was founded. The members of the order took a fourth vow to dedicate themselves to the education of poor youth. “All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience and most of all profound humility,” he said. “They must perform their work with earnest zeal. Then, through

their humble prayer, the Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.” Being co-workers with God is both the high calling and the reward of those good stewards who, like St. Joseph Calasanz, offer their best gifts to serve the needs of others. *Steward Saints, from the book*

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West Texas A&M University
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Canyon, 79015
806-655-4345
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Father Alvin Tshuma,
Chaplain/Executive Director
Betty Aragon,
Assistant Director

Mass and Activity Schedule:
Sundays:
5:30pm, Mass
Mondays:
8:00pm-11:00pm, Adoration
Wednesdays:
4:30pm, Confession
5:30pm, Catholic U
6:30pm, Mass
7:00pm, Free Home-cooked Meal

Nightly Prayer at 10:00

Priests Birthdays

Priests of the Diocese of
Amarillo noting birthdays in the
month of September include:
Father Hector J. Madrigal
Sept. 4
Father David Contreras
Sept. 4
Father Lupe Mayorga
Sept. 13
Father Emmanuel Afunugo
Sept. 14
Father Juan Carlos Barragán
Sept. 16
Father Arokiaj “Raj” Malapady
Sept. 20

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

United Catholics Appeal 2025-26	City	Parish	Quota	Pledged Amount By Parishioners	Amount Paid By Parishioners
	Amarillo	St. Laurence	45,038	33,757	15,043
	Amarillo	Our Lady of Vietnam	15,709	0	0
	Amarillo	Blessed Sacrament	29,293	24,285	8,860
	Amarillo	Our Lady of Guadalupe	34,673	24,048	7,885
	Amarillo	St. Francis of Assisi	18,262	14,560	11,190
	Amarillo	St. Hyacinth	38,659	42,735	25,666
	Amarillo	St. Martin de Porres	15,360	1,800	150
	Amarillo	St. Joseph's	53,696	61,340	18,248
	Amarillo	St. Mary's Cathedral	144,926	108,965	47,328
	Amarillo	St. Thomas the Apostle	192,772	234,761	116,814
	Booker	St. Peter's	9,040	4,290	1,985
	Borger	St. John the Evangelist	39,689	32,979	10,331
	Bovina	St. Ann's	10,444	4,175	2,420
	Cactus	Our Lady of Guadalupe	14,808	15,430	6,883
	Canadian	Sacred Heart	13,012	0	0
	Canyon	St. Ann's	109,588	97,593	47,372
	Childress	Holy Angels	8,619	2,720	1,510
	Clarendon	St. Mary's	2,275	2,350	1,345
	Dalhart	St. Anthony of Padua	56,634	47,820	39,320
	Dimmitt	Immaculate Conception	15,252	8,757	2,542
	Dumas	Sts. Peter and Paul	59,645	32,185	12,157
	Friona	St. Teresa of Jesus	12,152	5,138	2,593
	Groom	Immaculate Heart of Mary	21,191	20,386	16,121
	Gruver	Cristo Redentor	5,542	640	640
	Happy	Holy Name of Jesus	1,533	1,540	70
	Hart	St. John Nepomucene	7,563	3,610	1,020
	Hereford	St. Anthony's	62,860	26,725	16,215
	Hereford	San Jose	47,376	11,975	3,020
	Kress	St. Paul the Apostle	2,466	2,475	568
	Memphis	Sacred Heart	3,228	1,100	300
	Nazareth	Holy Family	51,667	33,554	24,538
	Pampa	St. Vincent de Paul	43,274	33,815	13,798
	Panhandle	St. Theresa's	12,373	15,000	13,850
	Perryton	Immaculate Conception	36,744	25,540	8,718
	Quitaque	St. Juan Diego	1,414	0	0
	Shamrock	St. Patrick's	5,900	5,588	5,258
	Silverton	Our Lady of Loreto	3,640	240	20
	Spearman	Sacred Heart of Jesus	27,109	5,015	3,620
	Stinnett	St. Ann's	4,395	3,170	585
	Stratford	St. Joseph's	10,237	10,455	6,673
	Sunray	Christ the King	3,778	5,210	2,370
	Texline	St. Mary's	2,596	4,200	3,000
	Tulia	Church of the Holy Spirit	15,476	16,615	7,401
	Turkey	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	1,207	0	0
	Umbarger	St. Mary's	15,794	12,190	8,340
	Vega	Immaculate Conception	21,488	20,625	19,075
	Wellington	Our Mother of Mercy	4,521	3,970	2,035
	Wheeler	St. Mary's	5,736	0	0
	White Deer	Sacred Heart	10,242	2,350	2,350
			1,368,896	1,065,676	539,227

Youth Retreat Training Invitation

Amarillo—Monday, Sept. 15 is the deadline to register for a day of training sponsored by the Diocesan Youth Office.

The training will be offered Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the conference room at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 4512 NE 24th Ave.

“The training is open to all parishes who want to form their own retreat teams, for Covenant Teen members interested in serving on the retreat team and young adults that would like to help with retreats,” said Diocesan Youth Director Oscar Guzman. “The Diocese of Amarillo is encouraging all four deaneries to host two retreats for

its youth, or one per cluster, each school year. Each deanery is welcome to invite a retreat team group to assist with the retreat or put a group together from within their own parish. The Diocesan Youth Office continues to assist parishes that would like to host a cluster retreat with \$350 in seed money, promotion and general assistance to the host parish.”

For additional information and to register for the training, please contact Guzman at 806-383-2243, ext. 118; via text at 806-670-5278; via email, oguzman@dioama.org; or, go online at amarillodiocese.org/retreat-ministry-training-registration.

A Celebration Of St. Faustina

Amarillo—The Divine Mercy Cenacle at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4100 South Coulter, invites the public to attend a celebration of the Feast Day of St. Faustina Sunday, Oct. 5 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

“We are preparing a beautiful celebration with Deacons Darryl Dixon and Mark White leading Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a reflection on St. Faustina and the Devotion to the Divine Mercy,” said St. Thomas parishioner Eliene Justino. “Mykel Byersmith, St. Thomas director of Music Ministries, will sing and play the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*.”

In St. Faustina’s Diary, entry 1275, Jesus said to St. Faustina, ‘My Secretary, write that I am more generous toward sinners than toward the just. It was for their sake that I came down from heaven; it was for their sake that My Blood was spilled. Let them not fear to approach Me; they are most in need of My mercy.’

For more details on the celebration of the Feast Day of St. Faustina at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, please call the parish office at 806-358-2461.

Attention:

According to Bishop Patrick J. Zurek no activities

are to be scheduled on the parish or diocesan level in the Diocese of Amarillo

on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026 until after 1:00pm.

This is to accommodate the annual

Respect Life Mass

which will remember the 53rd anniversary of the Supreme Court’s Roe v Wade decision.

Youth Fundraiser Tickets Available Next Month

Amarillo—Tickets for a raffle to benefit the 2026 Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) and the World Youth Day 2027 delegation representing the Diocese of Amarillo will be on sale next month.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available on Monday, Sept. 15. The drawing will take place at 6:00pm on Wednesday, Dec. 10, according to Diocesan Youth Director Oscar Guzman.

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

Tickets for the drawing can be purchased online at covenantteen.

Buff Awakening #30 Scheduled

Canyon—Friday, Oct. 10 is the deadline to register for *Buff Awakening #30*, presented by the Catholic Student Center at West Texas A&M University and set for Friday, Oct. 24 through Sunday, Oct. 26.

Buff Awakening #30 is an annual retreat for all college-age youth to attend, according to Father Alvin Tshuma, Chaplain/Director of the WTAMU CSC.

“*Buff Awakening* is a college age retreat that has been a part of our campus ministry for 30 years,” said Father Tshuma. “The retreat hosted by college peers for their peers is

one, if not, the most memorable moment for many college students. This three-day retreat is not only life changing, but a way for college age students to embrace their Faith and be challenged to grow.

“We would like to invite all students from Amarillo College, Frank Phillips College in Borger and at Clarendon College to join us for this year’s Awakening Retreat. Any and all college students are invited to attend *Buff Awakening #30*.”

Learn more about *Buff Awakening #30* by calling the CSC at 806-655-4345.



Charlie Sanchez of St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo, prepares for his round of golf July 26 at Comanche Trails Golf Course, Amarillo, prior to the 32nd annual Charity Golf Classic, hosted by Knights of Columbus Council #1450 at St. Mary’s Cathedral. (WTC Photo)

Fairways Of Hope Golf Tournament

Amarillo—Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle is looking for golfers for its second Fairways of Hope golf tournament on Saturday, Oct. 18 on the Mustang Course at Ross Rogers Golf Course, 722 NW 24th Ave.

Entry fee is \$500 for a team of four golfers. The price includes a catered lunch for all golfers and sponsors.

Sponsorships are available for anyone wishing to sponsor this four-man scramble, with all pro-

ceeds to benefit Catholic Charities. Sponsorship levels are:

- Ace, for \$15,000;
- Albatross, for \$10,000;
- Eagle, for \$5,000;
- Birdie, for \$2,500; and,
- Par, for \$1,000.

Tee box sponsorships are \$125 each. Find out more about sponsorship opportunities or to sign up for the tournament by contacting Yara Haddad at Catholic Charities, 806-376-4571.

Last Call For Golden Jubilees

Amarillo—Attention couples who have been married for 50 years.

The West Texas Catholic would like to celebrate your Golden Jubilee.

Thursday, Sept. 11 is the deadline to submit a photo and information to honor a couple married 50 years.

The West Texas Catholic will honor those couples married between July 1, 1975 and Sept. 30, 1975 in the Sunday, Sept. 21 issue. Couples wishing to participate are asked to send a current or a wedding photo, along with their names, as well as the date and location of

their wedding. There is no charge for this service. **Please, no cell-phone camera photos.**

Photos can be sent via email to westtexascatholic@gmail.com or via regular mail to P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, 79117-5644. Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with any mailed photos and they will be returned after the issue date. Please put your name, address, phone number and email address on a post-it-note on the back of your photo.

For more details, please contact *The West Texas Catholic* at 806-410-1075.

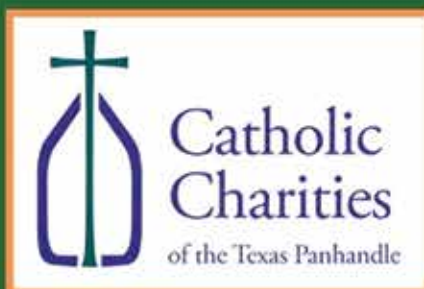
Catholic Community Scripture Study

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 in-

sights 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.



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FAIRWAYS OF HOPE 2025

GOLF SCRAMBLE FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

● ROSS ROGERS – MUSTANG COURSE

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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ALBATROSS ● ● \$10,000

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BIRDIE ● ● ● ● \$2,500

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TEE BOX SIGN \$125 EACH



TEAM \$500

Entry for one team of four golfers (4)

Catered lunch is included for all
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Catered Lunch ● Shotgun Start

For Registration, Please Contact



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MONTE CARLO 2025

FRIDAY, NOV. 14
ARTS IN THE SUNSET
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SWAY TO THE SMOOTH JAZZ, SIP A MARTINI AND
“GAMBLE” LIKE IT’S 1925 ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA BENEFIT
THE PROGRAMS OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE TEXAS
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McKenzie Bonner, left, and Kate Knox were among the participants at a Summer IDENTITY Camp July 21-25 at Ceta Canyon. Additional photos from the camp can be found on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org, under the Photo Albums header. (WTC Photo by Stefani Wilhelm)

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.

“I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love.”

—St. Teresa of Calcutta

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.

September:

- **For our relationship with all of creation.** Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

Time To Order Extension Calendars

Amarillo—The Stewardship and Development Office of the Diocese of Amarillo is encouraging all diocesan entities and Catholic businesses to purchase religious calendars from Catholic Extension for 2026. The calendars are offered in both English and Spanish.

“Did you know that the Diocese of Amarillo receives over \$100,000 a year from Catholic Extension?” said Joyce Knight, diocesan Director of Development and Stewardship. “Proceeds from your calendar purchase will fund seminarian edu-

cation and subsidize the salaries of priests, women religious and other leaders who have dedicated their lives to serving the Church. They enhance ministries that offer Faith Formation and social outreach to communities in need, prison ministries and youth Faith Formation as well as support the construction of church buildings that serve as thriving spiritual centers. In addition, financial support for many of our mission and smaller parishes comes from Catholic Extension.

“You will be supporting the over

115-year-old mission to support the Catholic Church in the United States. For decades, proceeds from the calendars have provided critically needed funding to improve the Faith lives of Catholics in almost every diocese.

“The sales of calendars help so many parishes and ministries in our diocese. We ask that you please contact Catholic Extension today at 877-855-3675 or email jdaddio@catholicextension.org to find out more about Catholic Extension calendars or to order your 2026 calendars.”

Pope Leo's First 100 Days: Leaning Into His New Role

Vatican City (CNS)—Stories about “the first 100 days” are standard fare at the beginning of a U.S. president's four-year term; the articles usually focus on how much the new president was able to accomplish and how quickly.

But a pope is elected for life and without having promised voters anything or having presented a platform.

Pope Leo XIV was elected May 8, making Aug. 16 the 100th day since he stepped out on to the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica as the new pope. He will celebrate his 70th birthday Sunday, Sept. 14.

While the first 100 days of a pontificate may hint at what is to come, the initial period of Pope Leo's ministry as the successor of Peter and bishop of Rome seemed mostly about him getting used to the role, the crowds and the protocol.

According to Canon Law, the pope “possesses supreme, full, immediate and universal ordinary power in the Church, which he is always able to exercise freely.”

In other words, he could have issued a slew of the canonical equivalent of executive orders in his first days in office. Instead, he lived up to his reputation as a person who listens before deciding—conducting a meeting with the College of Cardinals and individual meetings with the heads of Vatican offices.

Like his predecessors, Pope Leo confirmed the heads of Curia offices on a temporary basis a few days after his election. Some major nominations are expected in September or early October, starting with his own replacement as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops.

His choices for members of his team, and whether he decides to

have an international Council of Cardinals to advise him will send signals not only about what he wants to do but also how he wants to do it. (Pope Francis set up the Council of Cardinals early in his pontificate to help him with the reform of the Roman Curia and to advise him on other matters, but he did not make the council a formal body.)

September also should bring an announcement about where Pope Leo will live. Several cardinals have said that in the days before the conclave they encouraged the future pope—whoever he would be—to move back into the papal apartment in the Apostolic Palace. The move would make security easier, saving the Vatican money and allowing the Domus Sanctae Marthae, where Pope Francis chose to live, to return to full operation as a guesthouse.

In his first public address, moments after his election, the new pope said: “We want to be a synodal church, a church that moves forward, a church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering.”

Pope Leo went deeper when he spoke about the key objectives of his ministry—in a pontificate that easily could last 20 years—during

a meeting with the College of Cardinals two days after his election.

He asked the cardinals to join him in renewing a “complete commitment to the path that the Universal Church has now followed for decades in the wake of the Second Vatican Council.”

That path had six fundamental points that, Pope Leo said, “Pope Francis masterfully and concretely set it forth” in his first exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*.

The six points highlighted by Pope Leo were: “the return to the primacy of Christ in proclamation; the missionary conversion of the entire Christian community; growth in collegiality and synodality; attention to the ‘*sensus fidei*’ (the people of God's sense of the faith), especially in its most authentic and inclusive forms, such as popular piety; loving care for the least and the rejected; (and) courageous and trusting dialogue with the contemporary world in its various components and realities.”

Those realities include the widespread media attention focused on the election of the first U.S.-born pope as well as the fact that people of all stripes feel free to use social media to proclaim what Pope Leo “should” do, “must” or “must not” do.

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.

Geraldine Mason: 1937-2025

Amarillo—Geraldine Mason, the wife of Deacon Wilbur Mason, passed away Aug. 5. Mass was celebrated Aug. 12, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Father John Valdez, pastor, presiding.

Geraldine Geffken was born on Aug. 10, 1937, the daughter of Carl and Sarah Geffken. On May 13, 1972, she married the love of her life, Wilbur Mason and the two shared 53 years of marriage. According to her family, Mrs. Mason had a strong work ethic and a warm spirit. She spent a decade as the jewelry department manager for Walmart and later served as the cafeteria manager at Saint Joseph's School for seven years.

Her family added that Mrs. Mason was a talented and creative soul who had a lifelong passion for knitting and sewing. Her hands were rarely still—whether she was making blankets, sweaters, or festive Christmas decorations, or lovingly sewing clothes for her children and grandchildren. Her family said these handcrafted treasures are a lasting legacy of her care and devotion. Mrs. Mason loved preparing big family meals that brought everyone together—none more memorable than her famous Swedish meatballs, a dish that will

be fondly remembered by all who gathered at her table. An avid reader, Mrs. Mason especially enjoyed classic romance novels, often getting lost in their timeless charm. She had a gift for making others feel welcome, always offering a kind ear and a comforting presence to anyone in need. Mrs. Mason was a longtime member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church for 20 years.

Mrs. Mason was preceded in death by her parents; and two great-grandsons, Bryson Lee Waldhelm and Colton Jack Vaughn.

In addition to her husband, survivors include five children, Mark Kaiser, Scott Mason and his wife Glenda, Paul Mason and his wife Johanna, Dawn Waldhelm and Amanda Mason; two step-daughters, Wilma Louise Mason and Cheryl Denise Mason; two grandchildren, Michael Joseph Mason and Michelle Lynn White; 12 great-grandchildren, Clayton Michael Vaughn, Claire Mason, Fisher Mason, Adam Mason, Hunter Bryson White, Kaleb Charles White, Jaxon Cole White, Bailey Marie George, Conner Wayne Morris, Bailey Elizabeth Mason, Vanessa Ann Waldhelm and Zoey Maddison Mason; and a great-great-grandchild, Kaavion Joseph George.

Natural Family Planning Calendar

Amarillo—A Marquette Method session in English will be offered Saturday, Sept. 6 at 1:00pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 4512 NE 24th Ave., Amarillo. For more details or to register, please contact Dr. Faye Usala at 806-683-5561 or via email, fayeobrienusala@gmail.com.

A Natural Family Planning Ovulation Method Course in Spanish is set for Saturday, Oct. 4 at 10:00am in the Marian Room at Blessed Sacrament Church, 2500 South Bolton. Learn more about the Spanish course by contacting Lilly or Nicholas Robles at 806-220-7179 or via email, lilis.70@hotmail.com.

The complete NFP schedule for the Diocese of Amarillo is on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org/nfp.

An online, Sympto-Thermal self-paced NFP class in either English or Spanish can be accessed at ccli.org. Cost of the class is \$170, plus shipping. The class lasts approximately two months, according to Jennifer Wagner. Learn more about the course by calling Wagner at 806-433-9561.

Clarendon Enchilada Dinner

Clarendon—St. Mary's Church will host an Enchilada Dinner Sunday, Oct. 26 from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the parish hall at 815 South Montgomery.

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

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

All proceeds from the day will go toward the Building Fund for the parish. For more details about the dinner, please call the parish office at 806-874-3910.

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Jerry Rose of Abilene practices his putting Aug. 2 prior to the 35th annual Charity Golf Tournament, conducted by Knights of Columbus Council #7840 at St. Ann's Church, Canyon, at Palo Duro Creek Golf Course, Canyon. (WTC Photo)

Hereford Golf Tournament Sept. 20

Hereford—Knights of Columbus Council #8938 at San Jose Church will host its annual Golf Tournament Saturday, Sept. 20 at 8:00am at John Pittman Golf Course, 400 South Main.

The format for the tournament is a two-person scramble, according to Grand Knight Edward Fuentes. Entry fee is \$100 per person, or \$200 for a two-person team, which includes a grab-and-go meal at the turn.

There will be a longest drive hole, a closest-to-the-pin hole and

on one hole, golfers will be able to take a skirt shot. There will also be door prizes and player goody bags.

For additional information or to sign up a team, please contact Fuentes at 806-340-8657; Rey Sanchez at 806-584-4189; or, the pro shop at John Pittman Golf Course, 806-363-7139. Registration is limited to the first 40 paid teams. Checks can be made payable to Knights of Columbus Council #8938 and mailed to 703 N. Lee, Hereford, 79045. Tee box sponsorships are also available, at \$150 each.

Please Pray For Vocations To The Priesthood And Religious Life in the Diocese of Amarillo

HAVE STOCK YOU WISH TO DONATE?

You can donate stock, or other assets, and direct the proceeds to any parish, Catholic Entity in the Diocese of Amarillo or to the diocese itself, such as the United Catholics Appeal (UCA)

Learn more by calling Joyce Knight or Jim Mitchell at 806-383-2243 to obtain more information on how to donate.

DIocese of AMARILLO

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Josephine “Jody” James: 1925-2025



Josephine “Jody” James

Hereford—Josephine “Jody” James, one of the oldest parishioners at St. Anthony’s Church, passed away Aug. 3 at the age of 100.

A Memorial Service was conducted Aug. 7, Mendez and Mullins Funeral Home Chapel, Deacon Ronnie Fetsch of St. Anthony’s Church, presiding. Burial was in Friona Cemetery, Friona.

Josephine “Jody” Jesko was born on Jan. 2, 1925, the daughter of Joe and Ida Jesko. She graduated from Muleshoe High School in 1942. On Nov. 20, 1949, she was united in marriage with C.W. James in Bovina. Mrs. James kept the books for her husband’s business, James Transport, continu-

ing as his bookkeeper when they moved to Comanche, where they lived for 16 years before moving to Amarillo. She moved back to Hereford in 2014 to live with her daughter, Carolyn Hund.

According to her family, Mrs. James enjoyed baking, sewing, needlework, piecing quilts, crocheting, crafting, putting together puzzles, reading and traveling with her husband. The family added that she will be sorely missed.

Mrs. James was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Bill James; a son-in-law, Herman Hund Sr.; a grandson, H. Patrick Hund Jr.; two sisters, Betty Bagley and Margaret Hoffman; and two brothers, A.J. “Pete” Jesko and George Jesko.

In addition to her daughter, survivors include two daughters, Kathlyn Catoe and her husband Paul of Abilene and Marilyn Gaines and her husband Steve of Amarillo; a sister, Pearl Acker of Plainview; two daughters-in-law, Sandra Bradford and her husband Mike of Amarillo and Trish Turner and her husband Jackie of San Saba; 12 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; 12 great-great grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Prison Ministry

Amarillo—The prison ministry team in the Diocese of Amarillo is recruiting ordained deacons or lay volunteers for this special ministry.

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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)

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

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

Perryton—Kermes to benefit Immaculate Conception Church, Leatherman Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Amarillo—Fall Carnival, grounds of St. Mary’s Cathedral/School

Hereford—Gala to benefit St. Anthony’s School, School Gym

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Quitague—Jamaica to benefit San Juan Diego Church, City Park
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Amarillo—Fall Carnival, grounds of Saint Joseph’s School/Church
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Canadian—Youth Dinner to benefit Sacred Heart Church, Canadian Elementary School

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

Twenty Something By Christina Capecchi

Hanging Art, Adding Beauty, One Frame At A Time

When the chaos rises—the living room buzzing with four kids, piano pounding, guitar strumming, high-speed chases underway—Katie Murray’s eyes land on the *Annunciation* print framed above the couch.

It is a pivotal scene in salvation history, summed up in Mary’s upturned wrist and bowed head.

“Every time I look at it, it re-centers me,” said Murray, 39, a graphic designer who belongs to Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Kansas City, Mo. “Beauty has a way of making you pause. It lifts our hearts and minds to the eternal.”

Murray is a lifelong artist who has always worked with her hands—constructing with cardboard, building a tree house, knitting, baking. All the while, she sensed something sacred in her desire to create. “Because God is the ultimate creator, he places in us this desire to reflect His beauty by making things,” she said.

Then a two-year stint living in Europe allowed Murray to frequent museums and solidify her thinking about beautiful art: It belongs to everyone. Every home deserves the kind of art you’d see in a Paris gallery—even the young parents whose carpet has been destroyed by slime who have ruefully concluded, “We can’t have nice things.”

But Murray was surprised how hard it is to find high-quality sacred art. “I wanted to make it easier for families to surround themselves with art that reflects their Faith,” she said.

One night in bed, inspiration struck: create a print shop to make beautiful, Faith-filled images accessible to all. It felt like a sweet spot, the intersection of her passions and talents.

Soon Murray was scouring museum websites for paintings in the public domain. She downloaded them and began to restore them digitally—smoothing scratches, removing dust, correcting color, brightening dark patches, increasing the resolution. She partnered with a printer to use archival inks on museum-grade paper, producing a lush, painterly finish.

In April Murray officially launched Beata Home, a print shop offering “beautiful art curated for the Catholic home.” (Beata means “blessed” in Latin.) Murray’s new website (beatahome.com) offers some 350 prints. Many are religious images of Biblical scenes and mysteries of the rosary. The range and depth is remarkable, with eight alone titled *The Adoration of the Shepherds*, each one stirring.

Rounding out the collection is vintage art—the countryside dotted in pink flowering trees or cast in golden autumn light, baby goats frolicking with children, a mother braiding her daughter’s hair.

There is something at every price point. Customers can buy: a digital image to download for \$15; a physical print at various sizes, starting at \$25 for an 8”x10”; or a print in one of seven frames, including a large ornate frame that totals \$525.

Murray keeps adding to the website, usually in 10-print increments. Some saints and animals are currently waiting in the wings. Her wish list runs in the thousands. “There’s just so much beautiful art!” she said. “I wish I had more time.”

That yearning pulses through each of us. We work with what we have—old houses, small spaces, messy children—and we add to the beauty. We paint the walls, we hang the art, we light the candles. The entire process is an extended prayer, an exhaled “Amen.”

For Murray, a secretary desk at the foot of her bed becomes a home office. She pores over a MacBook Pro when her kids are napping or tucked in bed for the night. Sales are slowly picking up, and she’s hoping Catholics turn to Beata Home for memorable Christmas gifts.

She often cites a quote from the Catholic theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar: “Beauty claims the viewer, changes him and then sends him on a mission.”

“I want to evangelize with beauty,” she said. “The shop is my mission.”

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

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, Sept. 19.

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.

Canadian Fall Foliage Festival
Canadian—Parishioners at Sacred Heart Church will be participating in the annual Canadian Fall Foliage Festival this year with two meals at Canadian Elementary School, 500 Dogwood.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, the parish youth will sell Breakfast Burritos, beginning at 6:30am. The

youth will also offer a meal from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

On Sunday, Oct. 19, Breakfast Burritos will be sold once again, beginning at 6:30am. The annual Mexican Pile-On Dinner begins at 11:00am. Learn more by calling the parish office at 806-323-6608.

ACTS Retreats
Amarillo—A Women's ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology and Service) Retreat is scheduled 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 more information about ACTS in the Diocese of Amarillo, please contact Jimmy Hund at 806-344-4842.

Save The Date1
Amarillo—The Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ Mailing Project is set for Thursday, Oct. 23 through Sunday, Oct. 26 at the Columbus Home Association, aka, Knights of Columbus Council #4621 Hall at 5818 South Western. For additional information about the mailing project 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, which will be offered 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 register, please contact Anna Mendoza in the diocesan 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.




Marcelo Vidaña of St. Ann's Church, Bovina, prepares al pastor July 27 during the annual Jamaica at the parish. (WTC Photo)

Save The Date2
Amarillo—Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle will host its annual Monte Carlo Night fundraiser Friday, Nov. 14 in Arts in the Sunset at 3701 Plains Blvd.

Sponsors are needed for the annual fundraiser at this time, with price levels ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

For sponsorship information and other details about the annual Monte Carlo Night, which will benefit the many programs of the agency, please contact CCTXP Development Director Yara Haddad at 806-376-4571, ext. 250, or via email, yhaddad@cctxp.org.


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Spearman—Jascha Aaron Fishburn, 55, passed away July 7. Mass was celebrated July 12, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Father Anthony Swamy Aakula, presiding. Survivors include his wife, Anna Fishburn; a daughter, Sydney Fishburn; his mother, Karen Easterling; his stepfather, Albert Easterling; his stepmother, Cathy Fishburn; a sister, Carmen Elam; two brothers, PJK Elam and his wife Claudia and Rob Fishburn and his wife MaryAnn; two nephews, Tres Pacheco and Beto Pacheco; and three in-laws, Tony and Maria Pacheco and Tony Pacheco Jr.

Amarillo—Rudy “Cub” Barrera, 73, passed away July 8. Mass was celebrated July 11, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Father Avitus K. Siriwa, parochial vicar, presiding. Interment was in Llano Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Barrera; a son, Louis Guerra; four daughters, Amy Resendiz, Valerie Vallance and her husband Bryan, Rosalinda Heider and her husband Anthony and Elaine Wilson and her husband Danny; two sisters, Susie Candelaria and her husband Don and Carolyn Delos Santos and her husband Robert; two brothers, Tim Barrera and Steve

Barrera and his wife Kim; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dimmitt—Jose Velo, 71, passed away July 9. Mass was celebrated July 15, Immaculate Conception Church, Father David Contreras, pastor, presiding, with Deacon John Niño, assisting. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Ninfa Velo; two daughters, Elizabeth Martinez and her husband Enrique and Isela Velo, all of Dimmitt; a son, Julian Velo and his wife Angelina of Amarillo; a sister, Emilia Lozano Velo of Mexico; four brothers, Teodosio Velo, Cirilo Velo, Alejo Velo and Juan Velo all of Mexico; and nine grandchildren, Jorge Martinez, Barbara Velo, Liset Martinez, Elian Velo, Evanni Velo, Innocencia Velo, Izvel Velo, Ja’Vian Velo and Lucio Velo.

Amarillo—Eunice Lee Schilling, 86, passed away July 11. Mass was celebrated July 21, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Monsignor Joe Bixenman, presiding. Entombment was in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Joe Schil-

ling; a daughter, Judith Tucker and her husband Lane of Amarillo; two sons, Stephen Schilling and his wife Karen of Farwell and Jason Schilling and his wife Tami of Lubbock; a sister, Jeanette Linder of Slaton; eight grandchildren, Russell Schilling and his wife Brynna, Hunter Alford and his wife Cadie, Tyler Schilling and his wife Justana, Dylan Alford and his wife Dakota, Trevor Schilling and his wife Mary, Garrett Schilling and his wife Sydnee, Spencer Schilling and Catelyn Schilling; three great-granddaughters, Tatum Alford, Collins Alford and Haven Schilling; a great-grandson, Ledger Schilling, with two more great-grandsons on the way.

Muleshoe—Manuel S. “La Brujita” Ronquillo, 68, passed away July 11. Mass was celebrated July 16, Immaculate Conception Church. Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park. Survivors include his wife, Alicia Ronquillo; a son, Manuel Ronquillo Jr. of Muleshoe; three daughters, Lorena Davis and her husband John of Dexter, NM, Vivian Ronquillo of Muleshoe and Norma Ramirez and her husband Ray

of Snyder; three sisters, Rosa Torres and her husband Jesus Jose and Martina Fierro and her husband Alfonso, all of Muleshoe and Socorro Tovar and her husband Jesus; two brothers, Gustavo Ronquillo and his wife Eduarda of Cactus and Carlos Ronquillo and his wife Angelita of Muleshoe; and 11 grandchildren.

Friena—Genoveve “Geneva” Saiz Brailif, 90, passed away July 12. Mass was celebrated July 16, St. Teresa of Jesus Church, Father Nicholas Gerber, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Friena Cemetery. Survivors include two sons, Eddie Brailif and his wife Georgia of Marble Falls and Raul Brailif of Friena; five daughters, Gloria Reyes Gonzales and her husband Joe and Cindy Maldonado, all of Amarillo, Lupe Taylor and her husband Burl of Friena, Michelle Reyes and her husband Tony of Granite Shoals and Diana Mendoza Romo and her husband Manuel of Snyder; a sister, Ruby Holguin of Hereford; a brother, Manuel Pacheco and his wife Rosie of Houston; 17 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Kress—Ramona Morales, 91, passed away July 13. Mass was celebrated July 18, Sacred Heart Church, Plainview. Burial was in Kress Cemetery. Survivors include three sons, Rev. Pedro Morales Jr. and his wife Isabel of Waxahachie, Francisco “Profe” Morales and his wife Gloria of Plainview and Daniel Morales and his wife Diane “Donna” of Logan, NM; three daughters, Maria Trevino and her husband Luis of Fate, Estella Rodriguez and her husband Abdon of Tulia and Guadalupe “Lupe” Morales and her husband Ben of Kress; two brothers, Juan Amador and his wife Lupe of Lawton, Okla. and Trinidad Amador and his wife Esther of Yancey; a sister, Stella Deleon of Yancey; 26 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Amarillo—Jean Elizabeth Sample, 84, passed away July 13. Survivors include three children, Tony Sample, Tracey Kornemann and Craig Sample; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

May they rest in peace

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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Canadian—Jesus Rodriguez, 77, passed away July 13. Mass was celebrated July 18, Sacred Heart Church, Father Marco Antonio González, parochial administrator, presiding. Burial was in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Enedelia Rodriguez; three children, Leonor Crumley and her husband Caleb of Rockport, Jesus Rodriguez Jr. of Amarillo and Antonio Rodriguez and his wife Nicole of Pleasant Mount, Pa.; three granddaughters, Miranda Crumley, Naomi Crumley and Elora Rodriguez; a grandson, Theo Rodriguez; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Amarillo—Marcus Tye McLean, 44, passed away July 14. Mass was celebrated July 21, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Father Anthony C. Neusch, rector, presiding. Burial was in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Groom. Survivors include a son, James Britten McLean of Gruver; two daughters, Mary Anna McLean and Evelyn Faye McLean, both of Gruver; two sisters, Jamie Dark and her husband John of Cedar Park and Marie Kunkel of Dalhart; a nephew, Britten Dark of Cedar Park; an aunt, Laurie Stroope of Amarillo; his stepmother, Helen Kunkel of Austin; and the mother of his children, Holly McLean of Gruver.

Happy—Paula “Chita” Silbaz Sosa, 81, passed away July 14. Mass was celebrated July 18, Holy Name of Jesus Church, Father Alvin Tshuma, parochial administrator, presiding. Burial was in Happy Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Leonel Sosa Sr.; eight children, Mary Ann Sosa, Francis Farfan, Lionel Sosa Jr. and his wife Sheila, Betty Sosa and her husband Van, Jesse Sosa and his wife Rachelle, Susana Garza, Carlos Sosa and his wife Tanya and Paul Sosa; five siblings, Pablo Silvaz, Romana Loya, Felix Silvaz, Carlos Silvaz Jr. and Martin Montoya; 16 grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren.

Amarillo—Edith Regis Morrison, 65, passed away July 16. Mass was celebrated July 21, St. Hyacinth Church, Father Richard Zanetti, JCL, pastor, presiding. Survivors include her husband, Jim Morrison; five sisters, Edna Regis and Ellen Zulihga, both of the Philippines, Evelyn Regis and Lorna Sonvilla, both of Houston and Juliet Vista of California; a brother, Virgilio Regis of the Philippines; two stepdaughters, Misty Connelly and her husband Schonn of Bedford and Stacie Morrison of Denver; four grandchildren, Jocelynn Cochran, Kyler Lee and his wife Libbie, Shelby Morrison and August Connelly; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pampa—Jazmin Torres, 26, passed away July 17. Mass was celebrated July 21, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Father Guadalupe “Lupe” Mayorga, pastor, presiding. Survivors include her mother, Maria Romero; her father, Estevan Torres; her stepfather, Jose Villeda; three brothers, Jorge Torres, Alan Quiroz and Estevan Torres, Jr.; her grandmother, Blasa Davila; a sister-in-law, Liliana Torres; an aunt, Irene Ramirez; two uncles, Jamie Ayala and Ivan Ayala; and four cousins, Angel Ramirez, Yesenia Ramirez, Adrian Ramirez and Raul Ramirez.

Amarillo—Jose Luis Campos, 69, passed away July 17. Mass was celebrated July 23, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Father Taylor Elzner, pastor, presiding. Survivors include three brothers, Rodolfo Campos, Juan M. Campos and Francisco Javier Campos; a sister, Maria Elia Perez; four sisters-in-law, Guadalupe Campos, Adelina Campos, Carmen Alicia Campos and Socorro Campos; a brother-in-law, Ruben Perez; an aunt, Genoveva Campos; nine nieces, Billie Jean Chacon, Olga Perez, Maricela Alamo Campos, Rosana Alcantar, Jessica Campos, Yesenia Campos Wong, Yalitzka Campos Salazar, Itzamar Campos and Khiabet Campos; and 13 nephews, Hugo Campos, Hector Campos, Sergio Campos, Victor M. Alamo Campos, Leonel Alamo Campos, Jose Flavio Alamo Campos, Juan M. Alamo Campos, Ramon E. Campos, Homero Campos, Reymundo Campos, Xazoc Campos, Adrián Perez and Abel Perez.

Amarillo—Daniel Cruz DeHoyos, 51, passed away July 17. A Memorial Service was conducted July 22, Schooler Funeral Home, Father Hrudaya Raju Kondamudi, parochial administrator, St. Theresa’s Church, Panhandle, presiding. Survivors include two sisters, Rachel DeHoyos of Canyon and Tonya Detten and her husband Steve of Panhandle; a brother, Steve DeHoyos and his wife Kristin of Illinois; and five nieces and nephews, Stephen Detten and his wife Emily, Phillip Detten and his wife Vanessa, Anthony DeHoyos and his wife Mari, Kayla Hoff and Emily DeHoyos.

Amarillo—Carolyn Ann Schumacher, 67, passed away July 18. A Graveside Service was conducted Aug. 9, St. Anthony’s Cemetery, Hereford, Father Grant Spinhirne, pastor, presiding. Survivors include five siblings, Michael Schumacher and his wife Amy, Debra Schumacher and Diane Adams and her husband Charley, all of Amarillo, Robert Schumacher and his wife Gina of Colleyville and James Schumacher of Lubbock; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Perryton—Leodegario Villa Carrasco, 76, passed away July 21. Mass was celebrated July 28, Immaculate Conception Church, Father Anthony Swamy Aakula, presiding. Burial was in Ochiltree Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Juanita Villa; three daughters, Arcelia Villa and her husband Alonso Arreola, Grace Villa and her husband Pedro Trevizo and Maribel Trevizo and her husband Pascual; a son, Luis Villa and his Rosalía; seven granddaughters, Tanya Arreola, Karina Arreola, Cynthia Arreola, Myriam Trevizo, Brianna Trevizo, Kayla Villa and Sofia Villa; two grandsons, Joel Trevizo and Aaron Trevizo; and three great-grandchildren, Brynlee, Luke and Zeke.

Dumas—Maria Guadalupe Negrete Montanez, 36, passed away July 22. Mass was celebrated July 25, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Father Luis René López, pastor, presiding. Survivors include her husband, Juan Carlos Martinez; her mother, Maria of Mexico; five sisters; three brothers; and numerous other extended family members.

Amarillo—Francisco Aleman, 77, passed away July 23. Mass was celebrated July 29, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Father Taylor Elzner, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Llano Cemetery. Military rites were provided by Volleys for Veterans. Survivors include a son, Richard Guzman of Amarillo; five siblings, Estella Aleman and Joe Aleman, both of Midland, Lupina Fry of Tulsa, Mandy Oltivero of Hart and Armando Aleman and his wife Linda of Victoria; two grandchildren, Raquel Medrano and her husband Chris and Adrian Guzman, all of Lubbock; and 14 great-grandchildren, Christopher Medrano, Rickey Medrano, Noah Gonzales, Jordan Medrano, Jaxon Medrano, Neyomi Ceballos, Laudia Ceballos, Anabell Guzman, Jasmin Guzman, Jaiden Guzman, Malachi Hurtt, Lynnix Guzman, Maliyah Hurtt and Bishop Guzman.

Dalhart—Mary “Phyllis” Przilas, 82, passed away July 25. Mass was celebrated Aug. 1, St. Anthony of Padua Church, Father Lawrence John, JCL, pastor, presiding. Inurnment was in Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include four children, Colette Przilas-Stork, Sandra Wise, Douglas Przilas and David Przilas; a sister, Terese Ann Jones; a brother, Gerald Beckman; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Hereford—Melva Medrano, 46, passed away July 26. A Memorial Service was conducted Aug. 1, San Jose Church, Deacon Paul Herrera, presiding. Survivors include her husband, Luis Medrano; five children, Nayeli

Abigail Medrano, Areli Celeste Medrano and Yazmin Sarahi Medrano all of Hereford, Lailah Gabrielle Joslin of Lubbock and Marcos Izhiah Valle of Amarillo; a stepson, Luis Medrano Jr., of Fort Stockton, Calif.; four siblings, Marivel Ochoa and her husband Gustavo, Angel Valle and his wife Brinda and Antonio Valle Jr. and his wife Alicia, all of Hereford and Alejandro Valle of Amarillo; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Amarillo—Ruben James Solis, 38, passed away July 28. A Memorial Service was conducted Aug. 1, Brentwood Chapel, Schooler Funeral Home, Father Alvin Tshuma, parochial administrator, St. Mary’s Church, Umbarger, presiding. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Survivors include a daughter, Harmony Solis of Eugene, Ore.; his parents, Cynthia and Larry D. Skinner of Amarillo; three siblings, Alexis Skinner, Robert Solis and Ryan Skinner, all of Amarillo; and his grandmother, Crystal Skinner.

Hereford—Maria Garcia, 80, passed away July 28. Mass was celebrated Aug. 2, St. Anthony’s Church, Father Grant Spinhirne, pastor, presiding. Survivors include two children, Jeannette Garcia and Frank Terry Garcia, both of Hereford; four siblings, Carmen Cervantez and her husband Jesse of Hereford, Rosie Sanchez and her husband Richard of Kress, Judy Montez and her husband Joe of Raymondville and Roy Castillo and his

wife Lupe of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren, Matthew Marquez and his wife Vanessa, Andrew Marquez and his wife Brittney, Amber Marquez, Jordan Garcia and his wife Ally, Mary Jane Martinez, Nathan Garcia and his wife Angelica, Dametrie Garcia, Zaylynn Garcia, Liam Ruiz and Kyrie Garcia; 11 great-grandchildren, Aubrey Lucio, Jayce Marquez, Jayden Marquez, Adalyn Lucio, Braedyn Marquez, Austin Lucio, Ashton Marquez, Paige Marquez, Paisley Marquez, Zachary Marquez and Ellie Garcia; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Amarillo—Valerie Diane Knight, 75, passed away Aug. 2. Mass was celebrated Aug. 8, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Father John Valdez, pastor, presiding. Survivors include her husband, Michael Knight; a daughter, Jennise Knight of Rock Hill, SC; three sons, Michael Knight Jr. and his wife Jennifer of Commerce, Kevin Knight and his wife Sarah of Spring and Brian Knight and his wife Donna of Amarillo; two sisters, Nancy Matta and Elizabeth Matta, both of McKeesport, Pa.; a brother, John Matta of St. Paul; eight grandchildren, Dustin Knight, Emma Knight and Samantha Knight, all of Amarillo, Wren-Ellis Knight of New York City, Adam Knight of Midland, Michael Knight III and Abigail Knight, both of Commerce and Oliver Knight of Spring; and a great-grandson, Beau of Amarillo.

Please pray for rain!

Please remember in prayer the clergy of the Diocese of Amarillo who passed away during the month of September:

Deacon Al Maurer, Sept. 2, 2004

Deacon William Thiele, Sept. 4, 2001

Father Vincent Daugintis, Sept. 5, 1990

Father Andrew Lewis, S.A., Sept. 9, 1976

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Monsignor Monroe Matthiesen, Sept. 24, 2008

Father Boniface Riedmann, S.A., Sept. 25, 2013

Father John F. Borkowski, Sept. 26, 1947

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- 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

**PLEASE GIVE WITH LOVE TO HELP YOUR
PARISH, FUTURE PRIESTS AND THOSE
DISCERNING A CALL TO RELIGIOUS LIFE.
THANK YOU!**

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“¡RECONSTRUYE MI IGLESIA!”

CONVOCAMOS A TODOS LOS CATÓLICOS EN NUESTRA DIOCESIS 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!**

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