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Leading Off

Amarillo—The 28th annual Respect Life Banquet takes place today (Sunday) 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 4:30pm, with a prime rib dinner catered by the Big Texan Steak Ranch.

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

Dr. Bruchalski is the author of *Two Patients: My Conversion 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.

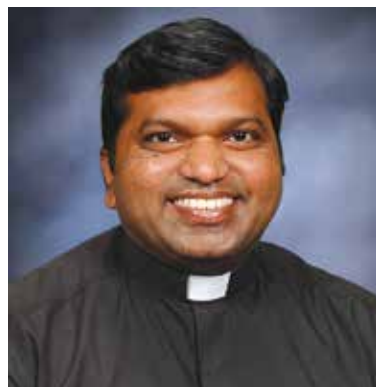
The evening will also include Silent and Live Auctions. Those planning to attend are also asked to bring baby items, which will be donated to *Joseph's Project: A Pregnancy Resource Center*, a program of Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle.

Learn more about the mission of the Family Life Office for the Diocese of Amarillo by contacting Family Life Office Assistant Ana Mendoza at 806-414-1059 or by going online to amarillodiocese.org/life.

Assignments Announced For Six Priests



Father Shane D. Wieck



Father Anthony R. Yanamala



Father Lawrence John, JCL



Father Anthony C. Neusch

Amarillo—Assignments for six priests in the Diocese of Amarillo have been announced by Bishop Patrick J. Zurek.

Effective Tuesday, Oct. 1, Father Shane D. Wieck is the new Pastor at San Jose Church, Hereford. Father Anthony Raju Yanamala is the new Parochial Administrator at St. John the Evangelist Church, Borger, and St. Ann's Church, Stinnett.

Effective Monday, Oct. 20, Father Lawrence John, JCL, is the new Rector at St. Mary's Ca-

thedral, Amarillo. Father Anthony C. "Tony" Neusch switches assignments with Father John and is appointed Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Dalhart, and St. Mary's Church, Texline.

Effective Wednesday, Oct. 23, Father Hrudaya Raju Kondamudi is the new Parochial Administrator at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Spearman, and Cristo Redentor, Gruver. Father Ryan Winger is the new Parochial Administrator at St. Theresa's Church, Panhandle, and

Sacred Heart Church, White Deer. He has also been assigned as Catholic Chaplain to the Clements Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Amarillo.

Father Wieck, 34, was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 2018 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo, by Bishop Zurek. He had been Pastor at St. John the Evangelist Church, Borger, and St. Ann's Church, Stinnett, since July 1, 2021. Father Wieck has also served at St. Lawrence Church, Amarillo, and is a

vocation promotion collaborator.

Father Yanamala, 45, had served as Parochial Administrator at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Spearman and Cristo Redentor, Gruver since Nov. 26, 2018. Prior to that, he served at St. Vincent de Paul Church and the Rufe Jordan Unit/Baten Transfer Facility of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, both in Pampa, and at churches in Canadian and Wheeler.

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October Is Safe Environment Month In The Diocese Of Amarillo

By Deacon Blaine Westlake, Safe Environment Office, Diocese of Amarillo

Bishop Patrick J. Zurek has declared October 2025 as Safe Environment Month.

The Christian Education Year of July 1, 2025—June 30, 2026, has already begun and during the month of October, all Parishes and Catholic Schools must offer Safe Environment Training to every child and youth (all minors under 18 years of age) who attend classes in Catholic Schools, Religious Education Programs and/or children and youth-oriented activities. Parents are also encouraged to attend those classes.

The *Circle of Grace*® curriculum is interactive between the catechist and students teaching children and minors how to recognize and respond to relationships that are "not right." Each program has an English and Spanish Language component. Age and grade level appropriate materials, handouts, instructions, dialogue, etc., are available to all teachers, catechists and those who train children and youth.

The past Christian Education Year of July 1, 2024—June 30, 2025, reflected that the number of children attending the 42 parish

Christian Education classes, Youth programs and Sacramental Preparation training, along with the five Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo was of the 5,122 registered; 4,923 received *Circle of Grace*® Safe Environment Training, down 110 from last year. The current year is down approximately 30% from the highest year 2018 when the total number of minors trained was 7,006, leaving us with the question: Where did the 2,083 children go?

Of the 49 diocesan parishes, sadly seven parishes reportedly

do not have Christian Formation classes for children and youth.

The same holds true for the number of parish volunteers. Parishes have struggled with having enough volunteers to teach and assist students enrolled in many classes. This year there was a total of 2,246 trained and cleared adults. These figures are still down approximately 37%, from 2018 when there were 3,553 volunteers that were cleared for ministry. The question: Where did the 907 volunteers go?

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Guest Column: The Reason For Hope

By Kerry Acker



Every third Sunday of September, parishes around the United States call forth those who have agreed to fulfill the sacred role of catechist. This weekend bears the title of *Catechetical Sunday*, and it falls this weekend. Yet what is this special celebration?

Depending on your parish, to be a catechist may mean you experienced a tug on your heart when the pastor called for more volunteers to teach the children our Catholic Faith. It may mean you are brand new to this experience or a seasoned veteran in the field of Faith Formation. But the deeper meaning of *Catechetical Sunday* can be found in the definition of the word *catechist*—a word that has Greek

origins meaning “to echo” or “to resound”—essentially indicating that a catechist echoes or resounds our Church’s beliefs to the next generation.

Parents and guardians agree to be the primary catechists of the Catholic Faith to their children and godchildren when they request baptism for their children. Parish volunteers who serve as catechists fall into the role of “support staff” and mentors for families’ children—they are not meant to be the only teachers or even the first teachers, yet they often are when parents or guardians feel inadequate in their own Faith life.

In fact, in some countries, devoted catechists risk their lives to

es and integrate them into the Catholic Faith, thereby honoring the culture from which he came while also upholding Catholic teaching.

So as we prepare to gather and bless our catechists this weekend, let us recall this sacred role for what it is, and may we not be afraid to live out this year’s theme, “Al-

ways be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope” (1 Peter 3:15). Thank your children’s catechists for their “echoing of Faith” to this generation.

Kerry Acker is Director of Religious Education and OCIA at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Amarillo.

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If you are interested in helping your parish Christian Education classes, there are many opportunities, so just ask! They will provide with you the Safe Environment Training and the materials necessary to share with children and teens about the Catholic Faith, about the Lord, about being a good Christian person.

Bishop Zurek wishes to offer a special thanks to all Pastors, Principals, Christian Formation Directors/Coordinators, Youth Directors,

Safe Environment Coordinators, Trainers, Teachers, Volunteers and Parents who worked so hard and continue to do so, year after year, now 22 years, to keep our parishes, schools and Catholic institutions a safe place for everyone, and most especially for our children.

Deacon Blaine Westlake is Director of Safe Environment for the Diocese of Amarillo. He can be reached at 806-383-2243, ext. 117, or via email, bwestlake@dioama.org.

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pass on the Faith to those under their care. One such catechist includes Blessed Peter To Rot (to-row), set to be the first canonized saint from Papua New Guinea. Blessed Peter taught the Faith in his village and held strong to the values of marriage and family life despite governmental occupation during World War II that demanded the opposite. He prayed in secret services to keep the flame of Faith alive, until he was caught and killed in prison. His commitment encouraged others to hold to their Faith despite pressure to dissolve.

In other places, catechists break down cultural differences. Take for example Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk, a Lakota medicine man and visionary who converted to Catholicism and spent many years of his life teaching his people the Catholic Faith. He even translated the Bible into the Lakota language and sang Latin hymns to his children and parishioners. Part of the gift of Nicholas’s role was his ability to take Lakota spiritual practic-

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 Arokiaraj “Raj” Malapady

Sept. 20

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Father Hrudaya R. Kondamudi

Father John, 51, is a native of K.K. Pudur, Tamilnadu, India. He was ordained to the priesthood on April 5, 2002. Father John was appointed Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Dalhart, and St. Mary's Church, Texline on Feb. 1, 2018, and earlier this year was appointed Vicar General on Feb. 17.

A native of Panhandle, Father Neusch, 49, was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Amarillo on May 29, 2004 at St. Laurence Cathedral (now St. Laurence Church), Amarillo, by then-Bishop John W. Yanta. He has served as Rector at St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo, since Sept. 21, 2020.

Formerly Parochial Administrator at St. Theresa's Church, Pan-



Father Ryan Winger

handle and Sacred Heart Church, White Deer, Father Kondamudi, 45, was ordained to the priesthood on March 26, 2008. He had served at five parishes in the Diocese of Guntur prior to his arrival in the United States. This will be his second assignment in the Diocese of Amarillo.

Father Winger, 39, is a native of Gruver. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Zurek on June 1, 2024 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo. Father Winger was previously Parochial Vicar at St. Laurence Church, Amarillo, which was his first priestly assignment. He has also been appointed to assist the Diocesan Vocation Director, Father Gabriel E. Garcia.

Honoring Your Grief Series

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

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

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

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



Bishop's Schedule

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

4:30pm, Respect Life Banquet, Heritage Room, Amarillo Civic Center

FRIDAY, OCT. 17

5:00pm, Mass, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) Fall Convention, St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo

Franciscan Festival And Prayer For Peace

Amarillo—The Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate invite the public to the first Franciscan Festival and Prayer for Peace on Sunday, Oct. 5 from noon to 8:00pm at St. Francis Convent, 4301 NE 18th Ave.

The day will include activities for the family, including games for the kids, a variety of food, cultural dances and musical groups and poetry for peace. There will also be Franciscan jewelry, a Franciscan lottery and a Franciscan auction, plus Franciscan Prayer for Peace.

For more information or to offer to assist at the festival, please call the Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate at 806-383-5769.

Priests Birthdays

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

Father José Gómez

Oct. 7

Father César A. Gómez

Oct. 9

Father Gabriel E. Garcia

Oct. 10

Father Phil Lindley

Oct. 20

Father Victor Hugo Andrade

Oct. 30

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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:

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

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

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

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

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



Volunteers Needed

Providing Communion Ministry to patients at BSA hospital

Previous experience not required

Training Provided



Frequency: Every two weeks

Please contact Elma Fletcher for inquiries

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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 Thursday, Nov. 27.

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 August 17 issue of *The West Texas Catholic* are in **BOLD**. This calendar can also be found on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org.

September

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

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

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)

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, St. Joseph's Church, Amarillo (806-220-7179)

5—Deacon Sunday

5—A Celebration of St. Faustina, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Amarillo (806-358-2461)

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 Saint 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)

17-18—Annual Fall Convention, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW), St. Mary's Cathedral, 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)

18—Viva Las Vegas Casino Night, St. Anthony's School Gym, Hereford (806-364-1952)

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)

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

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

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

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

November

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

1—All Saints Day

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

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

2—All Souls Day

2—Daylight Saving Time ends. **Standard Time resumes at 2:00am. Please set clocks back an hour.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9—The Dedication of the Lateral Basilica

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

11—Veteran's Day

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

13—Feast of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

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

14—Enchilada Dinner, Parish Hall, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Pampa (806-665-8933)

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

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

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

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

21—The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

21—World Day of Cloistered Life

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

23—Christ the King Sunday

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

26—Diocesan Pastoral Center closes at noon for Thanksgiving

27—Thanksgiving Day

Golden Jubilees Sought

If you were joined together in marriage between October 1, 1975 and December 31, 1975, *The West Texas Catholic* would like to honor you. Please send us a current photo or your wedding photo, your names, the date and location of your wedding and we will honor you in our 50th Anniversary Golden Tributes page in the Sunday, Dec. 21 issue of *The West Texas Catholic*, free of charge. **Please, no cellphone camera photos.**

Send photos via email to westtexascatholic@gmail.com or via regular mail to: P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, 79107.

Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with any mailed photos and we will return them after the issue date.

Please put your name, address, phone number and email address on a post-it note on the back of your photo.

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

DEADLINES

Issue Date	Deadline
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

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

The Diocesan Calendar

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

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

Youth Mini-Rallies Scheduled In Dumas, Groom

16th Fall FunRaiser Nov. 15

Dumas/Groom—Diocesan youth in the North Deanery and East Deanery of the Diocese of Amarillo are invited to attend Youth Mini-Rallies scheduled in the next several weeks.

Sts. Peter and Paul Church at 915 South Maddox, Dumas, will be the site of a Youth Mini-Rally for the North Deanery on **Sunday, Sept. 28**, which begins at 11:30am in the parish’s Pastoral Center. Cost of the 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 the diocese will join us in Dumas and Groom and be enlightened by the truth during this Jubilee Year 2025 Celebration.”

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

Prison Ministry

Amarillo—The prison ministry team in the Diocese of Amarillo is recruiting ordained deacons or lay volunteers for this special ministry. Prison ministry is also one of the Corporal Works of Mercy.

Those interested in this ministry are asked to contact Deacon Blaine Westlake at 806-383-2243, ext. 117.

Please pray for rain!

Amarillo—The 16th Fall FunRaiser to benefit St. Francis of Assisi Church will take place Saturday, Nov. 8 from 6:00pm to midnight at the parish hall, one mile east of Tyson on Highway 60.

Only 300 tickets are being sold for the annual event. The ticket includes a steak dinner for two, which will be served until 8:00pm, dancing to live music from *Chad Miller and the Good Fortunes* and complimentary beverages and soft drinks. There will also be a silent auction.

The evening’s top prize is a \$4,000 VISA Gift Card, which will be given away in a reverse drawing. Second prize is a \$1,000 VISA Gift Card. There will also be Calcutta boards. Event organizers say no one under the age of 21 will be admitted. Most major credit cards will be accepted for payment during the evening.

For more information, to purchase tickets, or to donate items for the Silent Auction, please contact Leland Gabel at 806-231-0066 or Jim Younger at 806-236-0572.



Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, left, listens as Father Nicholas Gerber promises to seek the support of the various councils at his parishes Aug. 16 during a *Mass of Order of Installation of a New Pastor* at St. Teresa of Jesus Church, Friona. Additional photos from this Installation Mass can be found on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org, under the Photo Albums header. (WTC Photo)

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Saturday, Oct. 18

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New School Year Begins In Diocese Of Amarillo

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo began the 2025-26 school year on Aug. 12. The West Texas Catholic visited three of the five Catholic Schools and captured these first day of school moments. All photos WTC.



Craig Logan, principal at Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Amarillo, addresses students Aug. 12 in the HCCA Event Center. Logan prays with students every school day before the first bell and shares information with them before sending students off to class.



St. Anthony's School, Hereford, fourth grade students Alice Prins, left, and Blaize Tarrango pose with a large stuffed Jesus Aug. 12. The school acquired the large stuffed Jesus during the summer break, which resides in principal Linda Gonzalez's office.



Saint Joseph's School, Amarillo, fourth grade teacher Jana Harold uses a bubble blast to welcome pre K-3 students Vivian Hawkins, bottom left, and Lysette Martinez, bottom right, Aug. 12 as they wait for the first bell to begin the school year.

19th Annual Catholic Schools Charitable Raffles

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

Three Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo are among 58 Catholic Schools from nine dioceses in Texas participating in the Charitable Raffles. Those schools in the Diocese of Amarillo are:

- Holy Cross Catholic Academy and Saint Joseph's School, both in Amarillo; and,

- St. Anthony's School, Hereford.

Holy Cross students are selling tickets at this time for the raffles. Ticket sales at the other two schools will take place later this fall.

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

Tickets for the Charitable Raffles are \$5.00 each. The Grand Prize is a \$20,000 Prepaid VISA Card. Each participating school is also guaranteed to have a winner

of a \$1,000 Pre-Paid VISA Credit Card. It is possible to win both the \$1,000 VISA Card and the Grand Prize. The drawing will take place in February.

"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 material and printing. Proceeds raised by the participating schools can be used in the manner they choose. Examples include the purchase of computer equipment, textbooks, necessary school repairs and tuition assistance.

For additional information or to purchase a ticket for the Catholic Life Insurance Catholic Schools Charitable Raffles, please call Holy Cross Catholic Academy at 806-355-9637.

Your diocesan website: amarillodiocese.org

Open 24 hours, seven days a week

Casino Night Scheduled In Hereford

Hereford—St. Anthony's School will host a Viva Las Vegas Casino Night fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 18 in the school gym at 120 West Park Avenue.

The evening's menu will feature prime rib, salad, potatoes, vegetables, dessert and water or margaritas. The Men's Group at St. Thomas the Apostle Church will operate gaming tables and there will be music provided by a mobile DJ.

A drive-through window in-between the school buildings will be open from 4:30pm to 6:00pm, with tickets \$50 per plate.

A Gold Dine-In Package is also available for the evening, with dine-in opening at 7:15. The tables are \$1,250 each, and each table

seats up to eight people. The package includes the meal, one bottle of whiskey, one bottle of wine, keg beer, access to the dessert bar, Calcutta entries and gambling funds. School officials say 20 tables are available. Please call the school to reserve a Gold Dine-In Package at 806-364-1952.

A Calcutta Auction will begin at 8:15.

The Gold Dine-In Package and tickets for the Viva Las Vegas Casino Night fundraiser can be purchased from any St. Anthony's School student or at the school office at 120 West Park Ave. during regular business hours. The deadline to purchase tickets for this fundraiser is **Friday, Sept. 27**.

Bovina Turkey Dinner Nov. 2

Bovina—The annual St. Ann's Turkey Dinner will take place Sunday, Nov. 2 from 11:30am to 2:00pm in the parish hall at 401 3rd Street.

Turkey and dressing with creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, homemade bread, cranberry

sauce, relish plate and dessert will be served to adults for a \$15.00 donation and for a \$6.00 donation to children under six. Take out plates will be available at no additional charge.

For more details, please call the parish office at 806-251-1511.

Clarendon Enchilada Dinner

Clarendon—St. Mary's Church invites everyone to 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 additional information about the dinner, please call the parish office at 806-874-3910.

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



The Alamo Catholic High School class of 1975 gathered Aug. 22-23 for a reunion. Deep in conversation are two members of the class who reside in Amarillo—Marilyn Swartz Stepp, left, and Barb Oehlert. (WTC Photo)

Come Join Us!

St. Martin de Porres Church Annual Chicken Dinner

Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad, roll, a drink and homemade desserts



Sunday, Oct. 19
11:00am to 2:00pm

Parish Hall, St. Martin de Porres Church, corner of NW 16th and North Adams, Amarillo

Adults \$15.00
Children (12 and under) \$5.00

There will be a raffle during the dinner. The prizes are a 24" boys/girls mongoose scepter mountain bike and a CB Charbroil Grill2Go Gas Grill. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

Mastercard and Visa accepted

For additional information, please contact Robin Woolsey at 806-672-7211



19th Annual

German Sausage Dinner

- Featuring homemade sauerkraut from St. Mary's Church, Umbarger
- German Sausage with all the trimmings
- Homemade desserts
- Country Store, featuring baked goods, jellies, crafts and frozen dinners
- Meal is dine-in or takeout
- Cost of the meal is by donation

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Parish Hall

Behind the church at the intersection of
I-40 and Highway 385 in Vega

Sunday, Nov. 2
11:00am to 2:00pm

For more details, please call

Paige Robin at 806-346-6645 or Grace Brorman at 806-683-3627

Meet A Catholic School Teacher

Name: Delores Murillo

School: St. Anthony's School, Hereford

Grades/Subjects You Are Teaching: "Third Grade. I teach Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade Science and Social Studies."

Degree Obtained: Bachelors in Education; Master's in Education-Instructional Technology and Design, West Texas A&M University, Canyon

Spouse's Name: Frankie Murillo



Children: Bianca Murillo, Frankie Murillo and Nevaeh Murillo

Why do you teach at a Catholic School, compared to a Public School? "I love that I am able to teach the children the Word of God at any time."

Why are Catholic Schools important? "Catholic Schools are important because children

are taught the word of God every day, Faith and His love. Children are also taught to go out in the world and be examples for their Faith."

What is your philosophy when it comes to the classroom? "Hands-on learning is the best way to learn!"

Hobbies: "When I have time, I like to work on Photoshop and clean up old pictures."

Favorite Television Shows: *The Big Bang Theory* and *The Golden Girls*

Favorite Books: *The Awe of God* by John Bevere

If you had chosen another career path, what would it have been? "I would like to be a Chef."

If you were Superintendent for a day, what would you do? "Give the teachers and staff a day at the spa!"

A Celebration Of St. Faustina

Amarillo—The public is invited to attend a Celebration of the Feast Day of St. Faustina Sunday, Oct. 5 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4100 South Coulter.

The celebration is sponsored by the Divine Mercy Cenacle at the parish.

"We are finalizing plans for 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 di-

rector 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 additional information 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.

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 ex-

pectant mothers and for those with new families. For additional details about *Joseph's Project: A Pregnancy Resource Center* or to assist with a donation of material assistance, such as diapers, wipes, unopened formula or clothing, please contact Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle at 806-376-4571.

Saint Joseph's School Fall Carnival

Amarillo—The annual Saint Joseph's School Fall Carnival, sponsored by the Parents Teachers Parishioners Association (PTPA) and brought to you by Champion Feeders, LLC, takes place Saturday, Oct. 11 from Noon to 7:00pm on the school grounds at 4118 South Bonham.

The carnival will feature a variety of food and beverages. There will be games for all ages, including a bounce house, pumpkin decorating and a costume contest. There will also be live and silent auctions.

Another tradition of the carnival is the annual Beef Raffle. Top prize in the 19th annual Beef Raffle is a whole side of beef and a deep freezer. Second prize is a Blackstone 36" Culinary Omnivore Griddle and third prize is a \$500 Amarillo National Bank (ANB) Gift Card.

Tickets for the raffle are \$25 each and can be purchased in the school office during regular business hours; from any Saint Joseph's School family; online on the school website, stjosephamarillo.com; and, on the school's Facebook page, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School. On the school's website, there is a way for people to be a sponsor online. Also, supporters or alumni can make an online donation.

Proceeds from this year's carnival will go towards new playground equipment, according to Angela Seidenberger, school principal.

Carnival organizers are also seeking assistance from businesses and supporters to sponsor this year's Beef Raffle. For more information about the annual Beef Raffle, to donate items for the silent auction, or for Beef Raffle sponsorship information, please call the school at 806-359-1604. If you wish to receive an email regarding Beef Raffle information, please send a message to office@stjosephlearning.com.

Ordination Anniversaries

Priests of the Diocese of Amarillo noting an ordination anniversary in the month of October include:

Father Phil Lindley
Oct. 20, 1983

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.*

Volleyball:

Tuesday, Sept. 23, vs. KPA. Middle School match at 5:00pm, followed by the Varsity match.

Thursday, Sept. 25, vs. Plainview Classical. Middle School match at 5:00pm, followed by the Varsity match.

Saturday, Sept. 27, vs. Midland Holy Cross. Varsity match at 11:00am.

Tuesday, Sept. 30, vs. San Jacinto Christian Academy. Middle School match at 5:00pm, followed by the Varsity match.

Thursday, Oct. 2, at Dalhart Christian. Middle School match at 5:00pm.

Friday, Oct. 3, vs. All Saints. Varsity match at 5:00pm.

Tuesday, Oct. 6, at Amarillo Collegiate Academy. Middle School match at 5:00pm, followed by the Varsity match.

Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Ascension Academy. Varsity match at 6:00pm.

Friday, Oct. 10, vs. Christ the King. Middle School match at 4:00pm, followed by the Varsity match.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, at KPA. Middle School match at 5:00pm, followed by the Varsity match.

Friday, Oct. 17, vs. Southcrest. Senior Night activities at 4:50pm, followed by the Varsity match.

Football:

Friday, Sept. 26, Middle School at Boys Ranch. Kickoff is at 5:00pm.

Thursday, Oct. 2, Middle School at Christ the King. Kickoff is at 4:00pm

Friday, Oct. 3, Varsity at Miami. Kickoff is at 7:00pm.

Thursday, Oct. 9, Middle School at San Jacinto Christian Academy. Kickoff is at 5:00pm.

Friday, Oct. 10, Varsity at Kingdom Prep. Kickoff is at 7:00pm.

Friday, Oct. 17, Varsity at Midland Holy Cross. Kickoff is at 7:30pm.

Saturday, Oct. 18, Middle School in First Round of WTCOA North Regionals at Rick Klein Sports Complex, 3901 South Grand, Amarillo. Kickoff is at 1:00pm.

Cross Country:

Friday, Sept. 26, Mae Simmons Open in Lubbock.

Saturday, Oct. 4, LCU Tune Up at Lubbock Christian.

Wednesday, Oct. 15, WTCOA District Meet at Ascension Academy. Girls event at 10:00am, followed by the boys event.

Golf:

Friday, Sept. 26, Varsity Girls at Randall Girls Tournament, Palo Duro Creek Golf Course, Canyon.

Monday, Sept. 29 and Tuesday, Sept. 30, Varsity Boys at TAPPS Match Play Event, Canyon West Golf Course, Weatherford.

Thursday, Oct. 9, Varsity teams hosting Holy Cross Tournament, Tascosa Country Club.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, Varsity Girls at Canyon JV Tournament, Palo Duro Creek Golf Club, Canyon.

Friday, Oct. 17, Varsity Boys at Canyon JV Tournament, Palo Duro Creek Golf Club, Canyon

22nd Canyon Fallback Festival

Canyon—*Day of the Dead* is the theme of the 22nd Fallback Festival to benefit St. Ann's Church, set for Saturday, Nov. 1 from 6:30pm to 11:30pm in the parish hall at 605 38th St.

Tickets are available for a \$150 donation per couple, which includes a steak dinner for two with all the trimmings, dancing to live

music from *Next of Kin*, live and silent auctions, a Donation Bar and a chance to win various prizes in a reverse raffle.

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

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All proceeds benefit St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School



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- 1st Whole Beef w/Freezer
- 2nd Blackstone 36" Culinary Omnivore Griddle
- 3rd \$500 ANB Gift Card

Saturday
Oct. 11

School Gym
4118 South Bonham, Amarillo
12:00pm-7:00pm
Live Auction 6:30pm

Purchase raffle tickets in
the school office or online.



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Se Anuncian Nombramientos para Seis Sacerdotes

Amarillo—El 5 de septiembre el Obispo Patrick J. Zurek anunció nombramientos de seis sacerdotes en la Diócesis de Amarillo.

Efectivo el martes, **1 de octubre**, el Padre Shane D. Wieck es el nuevo Pastor de la Iglesia San José en Hereford. El Padre Anthony Raju Yanamala es el nuevo Administrador Parroquial de las Iglesias San Juan Evangelista en Borger y Saint Ann en Stinett.

Efectivo el lunes, **20 de octubre** el Padre Lawrence John, JCL, es el nuevo Rector de la Catedral de Santa María en Amarillo. El Padre Anthony C. “Tony” Neusch cambia puestos con el Padre John y será Pastor de las Iglesias San Antonio de Padua en Dalhart y Santa María en Texline.

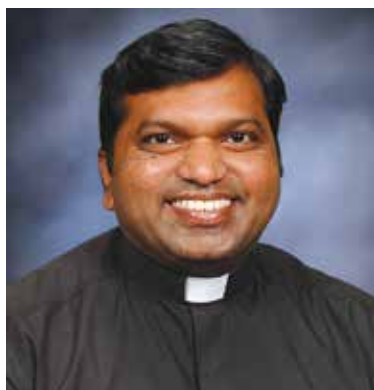
Efectivo el **miércoles, 23 de octubre**, el Padre Hrudaya Raju Kondamudi es el nuevo Administrador Parroquial de las Iglesias del Sagrado Corazón



Padre Shane D. Wieck

de Jesús en Spearman y Cristo Redentor en Gruver. El Padre Ryan Winger es el nuevo Administrador Parroquial de las Iglesias de Saint Theresa en Panhandle y Sacred Heart en White Deer. También ha sido asignado Capellán Católico de la Unidad Clements del Departamento de Justicia Criminal del Estado de Texas.

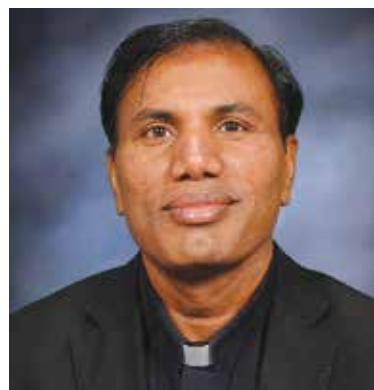
El Padre Wieck tiene 34 años y fue ordenado sacerdote el 2 de



Padre Anthony R. Yanamala

junio de 2018 en la Catedral de Santa María en Amarillo por el Obispo Zurek. Él ha sido Pastor de las Iglesias San Juan Evangelista en Borger y Saint Ann en Stinett desde el 1 de julio de 2021. El Padre Wieck ha servido también en la Iglesia San Lorenzo en Amarillo y colabora en la promoción de vocaciones.

El Padre Yanamala de 45 años, ha sido Administrador Parroquial de las Iglesias Sagrado Corazón



Padre Lawrence John, JCL

de Jesús en Spearman y Cristo Redentor en Gruver desde el 26 de noviembre de 2018, previamente sirvió en Pampa en la Iglesia de San Vicente de Paúl y la Unidad Rufe Jordan y Centro de Transferencias Baten del Departamento de Justicia Criminal del Estado de Texas; sirvió también en Canadian y Wheeler.

El Padre John tiene 51 años, nació en K.K. Pudur, Tamilnadu, India y fue ordenado sacerdote el 5



Padre Anthony C. Neusch

de abril de 2002. El Padre John fue nombrado Pastor de las Iglesias de San Antonio de Padua en Dalhart y Santa María en Texline el 1 de febrero de 2018. El 17 de febrero de este año fue nombrado Vicario General.

El Padre Neusch, de 49 años nació en Panhandle, fue ordenado sacerdote para la Diócesis de

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Octubre es el Mes de Ambientes Seguros en la Diócesis de Amarillo

Por el Diácono Blaine Westlake, Oficina de Ambientes Seguros, Diócesis de Amarillo

El Obispo Patrick J. Zurek ha declarado a Octubre de 2025 el Mes de Ambientes Seguros.

Ya empezó el Año de Educación Cristiana (doctrina) de julio 1, 2025 a junio 30, 2026 y durante el mes de octubre las parroquias y escuelas católicas deben ofrecer Capacitación en Ambientes Seguros a todos los niños y jóvenes (menores de 18 años) que asisten a clases en escuelas católicas, programas de educación religiosa y/o actividades infantiles y juveniles. Animamos a sus padres

a que también asistan a esas clases.

Círculo de Gracia © es currículo interactivo entre catequista y alumno que enseña a niños y jóvenes a reconocer y responder a las relaciones “incorrectas”. Cada programa tiene su componente en español y en inglés. Hay materiales apropiados a la edad, instructivos, diálogos, etc. disponibles a todos los maestros, catequistas y a quienes entrenan a niños y jóvenes.

Las estadísticas de Educación Cristiana del año pasado, de Julio

1 de 2024 a Junio 30 de 2025 muestran que de 5,122 estudiantes registrados en clases de doctrina de 42 parroquias, programas juveniles y cinco escuelas católicas en la Diócesis de Amarillo; 4,923 recibieron la Capacitación en Ambientes Seguros Círculo de Gracia ©, o sea 110 menos que el año anterior. El año presente cuenta con casi 30% de estudiantes menos que el año 2018 cuando hubo la mayor participación y se entrenaron 7,006 menores. Cabe entonces preguntar, ¿qué pasó con los otros 2,083 menores?

Tristemente, entre las 49 parroquias en la diócesis, hay siete parroquias que no ofrecen clases de Formación Cristiana para sus niños y jóvenes.

Las parroquias también han batallado para tener suficientes voluntarios para enseñar y ayudar a los estudiantes inscritos en muchas de las clases. Este año hubo un total de 2,246 adultos capacitados y aprobados. Este número también es un 37% menos que los voluntarios del año 2018 aprobados para el ministerio. Cabe preguntar ¿Dónde están los otros 907 voluntarios?

Si a usted le interesa ayudar a su parroquia en la educación cristiana, ¡ofrezca su ayuda! Hay múltiples oportunidades para ayudar. Le ofrecerán Capacitación en Ambientes Seguros así como los materiales necesarios para compartir con niños y jóvenes la Fe Católica, lo relativo al Señor y lo que es ser un buen cristiano.

El Obispo Zurek agradece de manera especial a todos los Párrocos, Directores Escolares, Directores y Coordinadores de Formación de Fe, Directores

Juveniles, Coordinadores de Ambientes Seguros, Maestros, Entrenadores, Voluntarios y Padres de familia que han luchado cada año—ya son 22 años—para mantener a las parroquias, escuelas e instituciones católicas como lugares seguros para todos y sobre todo para nuestros niños.

El Diácono Blaine Westlake es Director de Ambientes Seguros de la Diócesis de Amarillo. Le pueden llamar al teléfono, 806-383-2243, ext. 117; o pueden enviarle email a bwestlake@dioama.org.

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Sharyn Delgado

Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas
719 South Austin
Amarillo, TX 79106

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Padre Hrudaya R. Kondamudi

Amarillo el 29 de mayo de 2004 en la Catedral San Lorenzo (la actual Iglesia de San Lorenzo) en Amarillo por el Obispo John W. Yanta. El Padre Neusch ha sido Rector de la Catedral de Santa María desde el 21 de septiembre de 2020.

El Padre Kondamundi tiene 45 años y fue Administrador Parroquial de las Iglesias Saint Theresa en Panhandle y Sacred Heart en White Deer, fue ordenado sacerdote el 26 de marzo de 2008. Antes de venir a los Estados Unidos, el



Padre Ryan Winger

Padre Kondamundi sirvió en cinco parroquias en la Diócesis de Guntur. Este será su segundo nombramiento en la Diócesis de Amarillo.

El Padre Winger tiene 39 años, nació en Gruver y el Obispo Zurek lo ordenó sacerdote el 1 de junio de 2024 en la Catedral de Santa María en Amarillo. En su primer puesto, el Padre Winger fue Vicario Parroquial en la Iglesia San Lorenzo en Amarillo. Ahora también asistirá al Padre Gabriel E. García, Director Diocesano de Vocaciones.

Retiro Matrimonial en Pampa

Pampa—El Grupo Matrimonio, Vida y Familia de la Iglesia de San Vicente de Paúl tendrá un Retiro Matrimonial para el Decanato Este el sábado 25 de octubre desde la 1:00pm hasta las 8:30pm en el salón parroquial ubicado en la calle 23 Oeste #810.

El retiro se ofrece en español y en inglés a todas las parejas casadas por la Iglesia Católica.

“Nos enfocamos en las parejas del Decanato Este, pero se admite a todas las parejas en la Diócesis de Amarillo”, dijo Amy Foster, integrante del Grupo Matrimonio, Vida y Familia. “por favor acompáñenos a conocer la bendición de nuestra vocación al matrimonio”.

Para más información o inscripción, favor de llamar a Foster, 806-664-1979.

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.

Septiembre:

- **Por nuestra relación con toda la creación:** Oremos para que, inspirados por San Francisco, experimentemos nuestra interdependencia con todas las criaturas, amadas por Dios y dignas de amor y respeto.

Calendario de Jamaicas

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

DOMINGO, 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
DOMINGO, 5 de OCTUBRE

Amarillo—Festival Franciscano y Oración por la Paz en el Convento Franciscano
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

Hereford—Noche de casino Viva Las Vegas a beneficio de la Escuela Saint Anthony en el Gimnasio de la Escuela
DOMINGO, 19 de OCTUBRE

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

Pile-On a beneficio de la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón en la escuela Canadian Elementary

Dalhart—Evento *Oktoberfest*, beneficio a la escuela Saint Anthony of Padua en el Coliseo Rita Blanca
DOMINGO, 26 de OCTUBRE

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

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

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

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

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

Vega—Salchicha Alemana en el Salón Parroquial de la Inmaculada Concepción

Carnaval de Otoño de la Escuela Saint Joseph

Amarillo—El carnaval anual que patrocina la Asociación de Padres, Maestros y Parroquianos (PPTA) de la escuela Saint Joseph a auspicias de Champion Feeders, LLC, tendrá lugar el sábado, 11 de octubre desde el mediodía hasta las 7:00pm en el patio de la escuela, calle Bonham 4118 Sur.

Destacarán en el carnaval gran variedad de comidas y bebidas; diversión para toda edad como brinca-brinca, calabazas decoradas y concurso de disfraces. También habrá subastas en vivo y en silencio.

Otra tradición del carnaval es la Rifa de Res anual. El Premio Mayor de la 19ª Rifa de Res anual es media res y un congelador; el Segundo Premio es una parrilla Blackstone Culinary Omnivore de 36 pulgadas; el Tercer Premio es una tarjeta de Amarillo National Bank (ANB) con valor de \$500.

Los boletos para la rifa cuestan \$25 cada uno y se pueden comprar en la oficina de la escuela durante

horas regulares de oficina; de las familias de la escuela Saint Joseph; en línea en el sitio de la escuela, stjosephamarillo.com, o en la página de Facebook, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School. La página web de la escuela tiene manera de patrocinar en línea. También apoyadores y exalumnos pueden donar en línea.

El ingreso del carnaval de este año servirá para adquirir equipo nuevo para el patio de recreo, informa Angela Seidenberger, directora de la escuela.

Organizadores del carnaval solicitan la ayuda de negocios y patrocinadores para la Rifa de Res de este año. Para más información o patrocinio de la Rifa de Res o para donar artículos para la subasta en silencio, por favor llamen a la escuela, 806-359-1604. Si desean recibir correo electrónico con información de la Rifa de Res, hagan el favor de enviar email a office@stjosephlearning.com.



Consejo Diocesano de Mujeres Católicas

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

Mujeres de Fe — ¡Están cordialmente invitadas!
Únanse al DCCW y crezcan en la Fe mientras forjan amistades duraderas y sirven con propósito.
¡Todas son bienvenidas!
Vengan a servir, a conectarse y a ser una bendición para los demás.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con:
Emily Sánchez (806) 676-0251
Jeannie Friddell (806) 679-9144

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.)



Artículo Invitado: La Razón para la Esperanza

Por Kerry Acker



Cada mes de septiembre en el tercer domingo, las parroquias de los Estados Unidos llaman a quienes han aceptado desempeñar el papel sagrado de *catequista*. Este fin de semana lleva el título de *Domingo Catequético*. Pero ¿qué es esta celebración especial?

Depende de tu parroquia, ser catequista puede significar que sentiste un impulso en tu corazón cuando el párroco pidió más voluntarios para enseñar a los niños nuestra fe católica. Puede significar que esta experiencia sea algo nuevo para ti o ya seas un veterano experto en la formación en la fe. Pero el significado más profundo del Domingo Catequético se puede encontrar en la definición de la palabra *catequista*, una palabra que tiene orígenes griegos y significa “hacer eco” o “resonar”, lo que esencialmente indica que un catequista hace eco o resuena las creencias de nuestra Iglesia a la próxima generación.

Padres y padrinos aceptan ser los principales catequistas de la fe católica para sus hijos y ahijados al pedir el bautismo para sus hijos. Los voluntarios de la parroquia que sirven como catequistas participan como “personal de apoyo” y mentores para los hijos de las familias: no es su lugar ser

los únicos maestros o incluso los primeros maestros, pero a menudo lo son cuando los padres o tutores se sienten inadecuados en su propia vida de fe.

De hecho, en algunos países, los catequistas devotos arriesgan sus vidas para transmitir la fe a quienes están bajo su cuidado. Uno de esos catequistas incluye al Beato Pedro To Rot, que será el primer santo canonizado de Papúa Nueva Guinea. El Beato Pedro enseñó la Fe a su pueblo y se mantuvo firme en los valores del matrimonio y la vida familiar no obstante la ocupación del gobierno en la Segunda Guerra Mundial que exigía lo contrario. Él oró en servicios secretos para mantener viva la llama de la fe, hasta ser capturado y asesinado en prisión. Su dedicación animó a

otros a aferrarse a su fe a pesar de la presión para disolverse.

Catequistas en otros lugares, rompen las diferencias culturales. Por ejemplo, el Siervo de Dios Nicolás Black Elk, un curandero Lakota y visionario que se convirtió al catolicismo y pasó muchos años de su vida enseñando a su pueblo la fe católica. Incluso tradujo la Biblia al idioma lakota y cantó himnos latinos a sus hijos y feligreses. Parte del don del papel de Nicolás fue su habilidad para tomar las prácticas espirituales lakota e integrarlas en la fe católica, así honró a su cultura de origen al mismo tiempo que defendía la enseñanza católica.

Así pues, a medida que nos preparamos para reunirnos y bendecir a nuestros catequistas este fin de semana, recordemos lo que es este papel sagrado, y no tengamos miedo de vivir el tema de este año: “Estén siempre listos para dar una explicación... por razón de su esperanza” (1 Pedro 3:15). Agradezca a los catequistas de sus hijos por su “eco de fe” a esta generación.

Kerry Acker es la Directora de Educación Religiosa y del OICA en la Iglesia de Thomas the Apostle en Amarillo.

44ª Fiesta Anual Oktoberfest en Dalhart

Dalhart—La Escuela de Saint Anthony of Padua presentará su 44ª Fiesta Anual *Oktoberfest* el domingo, 19 de octubre de 11:00am a 2:00pm en el Coliseo Rita Blanca, Carretera FM 281 #1219 Oeste.

Podrán comer a la mesa o recoger la comida en su auto, informa la directora Shay Batenhorst. Los boletos para la comida cuestan \$15.00 y ya los pueden comprar de los alumnos de la escuela Saint Anthony of Padua o en la oficina escolar. La comida *Oktoberfest* incluye salchicha alemana auténtica, chucrut casero, papas, ejotes, pan

y postre. También venderán la salchicha y el chucrut en cantidad.

El primer evento *Oktoberfest* a beneficio de la escuela Saint Anthony of Padua se celebró en 1982. En 2009, la Asociación de Escuela y Hogar añadió un elemento nuevo a *Oktoberfest*: subastas en vivo y en silencio. En años anteriores las subastas han incluido equipo para rancho y agricultura, viajes, cenas, carne, joyería, artículos decorativos para casa y certificados de regalo. Las subastas han ayudado a adquirir material didáctico, tecnología,

piso de gimnasio en el centro de Vida Parroquial, césped sintético y equipo para patio de recreo.

Este año, la subasta en silencio estará abierta durante la comida y se cerrará a las 2:00pm al empezar la subasta en vivo.

Junto con el *Oktoberfest* habrá rifa con boletos de \$1.00 que pueden comprar por adelantado de cualquier estudiante de la escuela Saint Anthony of Padua o durante la comida.

Para más detalles del evento *Oktoberfest*, hagan el favor de llamar a la escuela Saint Anthony of Padua, 806-244-4811.

Navidad en Noviembre

Amarillo—Las damas de la Corte Guadalupana de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe ofrecerán el evento anual Navidad en Noviembre el domingo, 2 de

noviembre en el Centro Parroquial Familiar, calle 11 Sureste #1210.

De las 9:00am en adelante venderán artesanías y artículos religiosos; podrán disfrutar comida

mexicana de menudo, gorditas y repostería y la tienda de regalos estará abierta durante el evento.

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

Torneo de Golf de la Academia Católica Holy Cross



Amarillo—El tercer Torneo Anual de Golf de Holy Cross Catholic Academy será el jueves, 23 de octubre en el campo Tascosa Old Course de Tascosa Country Club, Fairway Drive 4502.

El torneo cuesta \$375 por cada jugador, o \$1,500 por equipo. Se registran a las 10:00am el 23 de octubre y el juego empezará al mediodía. Los fondos recaudados benefician al programa deportivo de Holy Cross Catholic Academy y al centro de sobrevivencia del cáncer auspiciado por 24 Hours in the Canyon.

Durante el torneo, dos hoyos de *par* tres se designarán como hoyo-de-un-golpe. En un hoyo, un golfista afortunado podría ganar

\$10,000 y en el otro hoyo, un golfista afortunado podría ganar un automóvil. También se premiarán el *putt* más largo, el más cercano al banderín, el tiro más recto, el tiro más largo de hombres en la pista, el tiro más largo de mujeres en la pista y habrá competencia de *putt* de hoyo-de-un-golpe.

Los miembros del equipo en Primer lugar ganarán tarjetas con valor de \$150; los del Segundo, tarjetas de \$100; los del Tercero, tarjetas de \$75.

“Igual que el año pasado antes del torneo, cada jugador intentará un *putt* a distancia de 50 pies o más por \$1,000”, dijo Floyd Lane, organizador del torneo. “Tuvimos tres jugadores que lograron el *putt* de 50 pies o más el año pasado, cada uno por \$1,000”.

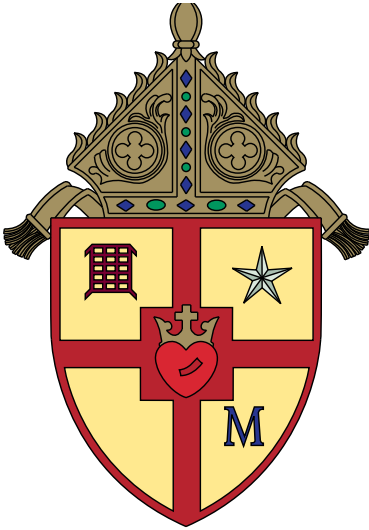
Al Terminar el juego, el 23 de octubre, habrá convivencia social y comida italiana en el Tascosa Country Club con la presentación de premios.

Quienes deseen patrocinar o jugar en el torneo ya pueden registrarse, hagan el favor de llamar o enviar mensaje a Floyd Lane, 806-674-3861.

Invitación a las Jóvenes a las Rosas de María

Amarillo—Las Hermanas Franciscanas de María Inmaculada invitan a todas las jóvenes de 15 a 25 años a encuentros en el Convento Franciscano, Avenida 18 NE 4301 los sábados por la tarde entre 3:00 y 5:00. Las jóvenes menores de 18 años deben llevar un permiso escrito por su papá o mamá. Los encuentros

son bilingües e incluyen varias actividades de oración, compartir experiencias, Adoración, culto, repostería, artesanías, discusión de temas relativos a mujeres jóvenes y otras actividades. Para más información, favor de llamar a las Hermanas Franciscanas de María Inmaculada, 806-383-5769.



ANUNCIO OFICIAL

El Obispo Patrick J. Zurek anunció los siguientes nombramientos:

Efectivo octubre 1 de 2025:
El **Rev. SHANE D. WIECK** es nombrado Pastor de la Iglesia de San José en Hereford.

El **Rev. ANTHONY RAJU YANAMALA** es nombrado Administrador Parroquial de la Iglesia de San Juan Evangelista en Borger y la Iglesia Saint Ann en Stinnett.

Efectivo octubre 20 de 2025:
El **Rvmo. LAWRENCE JOHN, JCL**, es nombrado Rector de la Catedral de Santa María en Amarillo.

El **Rev. ANTHONY NEUSCH** es nombrado Pastor de las Iglesias San Antonio de Padua en Dalhart y Santa María en Texline. También será capellán de la Unidad Dalhart del Departamento de Justicia Criminal de Texas.

Efectivo octubre 23 de 2025:
El **Rev. HRUDAYA RAJU KONDAMUDI** es nombrado Administrador Parroquial de las Iglesias del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús en Spearman y Cristo Redentor en Gruver.

El **Rev. RYAN WINGER** es nombrado Administrador Parroquial de la Iglesia Saint Theresa en Panhandle y la Iglesia Sacred Heart en White Deer. También será Capellán Católico de la Unidad Clements del Departamento de Justicia Criminal de Texas.

Por Orden del Obispo
Rvmo. Lawrence John, JCL
Vicario General
Diócesis de Amarillo

Reporte de la Bolsa de Seminario
Diócesis de Amarillo

Contribuciones hasta el 27 de Agosto de 2025

Donativos en Honor-a/Memoria-de

Buster Davis	\$ 500.00
Ellen Neusch	\$ 1,700.00
John Casasanta	\$ 50.00
	\$ 2,250.00
Bolsas Abiertas	
Amarillo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women No. 2	\$ 2,915.33
Andrés Pulgarin	\$ 100.00
Anthony and Katherine Paschel	\$ 1,700.00
Arnold Husmann	\$ 2,900.00
Benjamin Seago	\$ 700.00
Billie Jean Matthiesen	\$ 50.00
Buster Davis	\$ 500.00
Catholic Daughters of the Americas Burse No. 2	\$ 2,300.00
Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas	\$ 1,724.10
Catholic Life Insurance	\$ 500.00
Cecilia Neusch	\$ 165.00
Charlie Hennessey	\$ 110.00
Clementine Renner	\$ 2,500.00
Debby Pope	\$ 250.00
Diácono Mauricio Valadez	\$ 475.00
Diácono Richard Riley	\$ 225.00
Diocesan Committee of 2000	\$ 2,558.50
Edward Venhaus	\$ 50.00
Ellen Neusch	\$ 4,225.00
Emily Diller/Jim and Emily Pavlicek	\$ 4,000.00
Eric Walterscheid	\$ 1,075.00
Francis and Hilda Neusch	\$ 500.00
Gerald Brandt	\$ 1,250.00
Gregorio López	\$ 900.00
Grove Family	\$ 500.00
Guy D Raef	\$ 700.00
Harry Garrison	\$ 100.00
John Casasanta	\$ 1,150.00
Johnnatan Ibarra	\$ 260.00
José and Epifana Vega	\$ 400.00
Joseph P. Sullivan	\$ 5,000.00
Josephine Lange Burse No. 2	\$ 233.56
Knights of Columbus	\$ 5,032.00
Martha Huseman	\$ 809.00
Marvin Batenhorst	\$ 500.00
Michelle M. Quinto	\$ 50.00
Monseñor Fred Hyland	\$ 1,500.00
Monseñor Harold Waldow	\$ 10.00
Monseñor Joseph Tash	\$ 4,733.00
Monseñor Kevin Hand	\$ 2,250.00
Monseñor Mario Stortz	\$ 100.00
Monseñor Monroe J. Matthiesen	\$ 300.00
Monseñor Norbert Kuehler	\$ 50.00
Monseñor Pete DiBenedetto	\$ 1,667.65
Monseñor Peter Morsch	\$ 4,373.18
Monseñor Raymond Crosier	\$ 450.00
Monseñor Richard Vaughn	\$ 180.00
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Betzen	\$ 1,000.00
Obispo John W. Yanta	\$ 2,050.00
Obispo Leroy T. Matthiesen	\$ 1,050.00
Obispo Patrick J. Zurek	\$ 50.00
Owen Seamans	\$ 4,020.00
Padre Francisco Pérez, JCL	\$ 1,500.00
Padre Gary Sides No. 2	\$ 985.00
Padre Grant Spinhirne	\$ 1,100.00
Padre J. Arnold Carlson	\$ 100.00
Padre Ken Keller	\$ 1,200.00
Padre Raphael Chen	\$ 3,000.00
Padre Richard Neyer	\$ 3,010.00
Padre Ryan Winger	\$ 1,350.00
Padre Scott L. Raef	\$ 250.00
Padre Shane D. Wieck	\$ 1,750.00
Padre Taylor Elzner	\$ 480.00
Padre Victor Hugo Andrade	\$ 100.00
Richard Escalante	\$ 300.00
Ruth Bednorz	\$ 50.00
Sammy Gonzales Sr.	\$ 1,405.00
Serra Club of Amarillo Burse No. 5	\$ 3,010.00
Sidney Birkenfeld	\$ 100.00
Sisters of the Sacred Heart Amarillo	\$ 100.00
St. Anthony's Church - Hereford	\$ 4,500.00
St. John the Evangelist Church - Borger	\$ 3,128.70
St. Thomas the Apostle Church - Amarillo Men's Club	\$ 2,229.40
Steve and Rosalie Chontos	\$ 100.00
Susie Dolle	\$ 425.00
Ted and Marie Keller	\$ 300.00
Tony and Dorothy Borman	\$ 50.00
Tonya Taylor	\$ 25.00
Sin Designar y Misceláneos	\$ 3,571.94

Total de Bolsas Abiertas	\$ 104,311.36
Bolsas Cerradas	\$ 976,778.90
Total de Bolsas Originales	\$ 1,081,090.26

Valor de Inversiones en Bank of America el día 31 de Julio de 2025	\$ 1,077,272.07
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Intenciones del
Papa León XIV para 2025

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

Octubre:

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



Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, left, shares a Sign of Peace with Father Juan Carlos Barragán Aug. 24 during a Mass of Order of Installation of a New Pastor at St. Joseph's Church, Stratford. Additional photos from this Installation Mass can be found on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org, under the Photo Albums header. (WTC Photo)

Pampa Enchilada Dinner

Pampa—St. Vincent de Paul Church will serve an Enchilada Dinner Friday, Nov. 14 from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the Pastoral Education Center (PEC) at 810 West 23rd Street.

Adult plates are \$15.00 each and child plates are \$10.00 each. Adult enchilada plates contain four beef enchiladas and sides of beans,

salad, rice, salsa and salad dressing. Child enchilada plates contain two beef enchiladas and the sides.

The parish will also be selling a tray of 12 enchiladas for \$30 each, or \$36 with the sides.

Learn more about the dinner by calling the parish office at St. Vincent de Paul Church during regular business hours at 806-665-8933.

amarillodiocese.org

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.

St. Mary's Fall Carnival

Amarillo—*The tradition continues* is the theme of the annual Fall Carnival to benefit St. Mary's Cathedral School, taking place Saturday, Oct. 4 on the Cathedral and School grounds at 1200 South Washington.

Carnival hours are 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. Second prize is a \$3,000 VISA Gift Card and third prize is a \$1,000 VISA Gift Card. Thirty-seven additional 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 Oct. 4, according to Beedy.

Tickets for the drawing can be purchased from any St. Mary's Cathedral School family or at the school at 1200 South Washington during regular business hours.

Sponsors continue to be sought for the carnival:

- Platinum Sponsors are \$2,000 each;
- Gold Sponsors are \$1,000 each;
- Silver Sponsors are \$500 each;
- Bronze Sponsors are \$350 each;
- and,
- Game Sponsors are \$150 each.

For more information about the annual St. Mary's Cathedral School Carnival, go online to stmarysamarillo.org, or call the school office at 806-376-9112.

"The Virgin Mary is the only woman in my life."

—St. Carlo Acutis

Annual Red Mass Oct. 21 At St. Mary's Cathedral

Amarillo—Bishop Patrick J. Zurek will be the principal celebrant and homilist at the 14th Red Mass Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 6:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1200 South Washington.

Following Mass, Carlos Cárdenas of El Paso, will be the keynote speaker.

A reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will follow in the Monsignor Francis A. Smyer Reception Room. Judges, lawyers, public officials, law faculty members and the community are invited to the Mass and reception.

Since being licensed in Texas as an attorney on May 26, 1980, Carlos Cárdenas has focused his practice of law on representing clients in personal injury, employment and commercial litigation and in contested case hearings before the State Office of Administrative Hearings in Austin. He obtained his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University in 1977 and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Texas School of Law in 1980. Mr. Cárdenas is admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Western District, the United States District Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Mr. Cárdenas served on the Board of Directors of the El Paso Bar Association from 2002 to 2011; and as its President in 2009-2010. He is a member of several profes-

sional organizations including Past Chair of the Council for the State Bar of Texas Litigation Section; 2024-2025 Chair of the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees; the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), having served as President of the El Paso Chapter in 2014; as a Supreme Court of Texas appointee to the Texas Access to Justice Commission from 2011 to 2017; and, designated as a Master in the George A. McAlmon American Inns of Court since 2015. Mr. Cárdenas also served as a member of the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors from 2020 to 2023. He is peer rated "AV Preeminent" by Martindale-Hubbell and since 2014 has been acclaimed as a Texas Super Lawyer.

The original Red Mass was celebrated in Paris in 1245 at the Sainte Chapelle, but the tradition of an annual Red Mass began in England in 1310, according to Audie Sciumbato, a Hereford attorney and chairman of the Amarillo Area Red Mass Committee.

The Mass is open to anyone and everyone with a concern for justice, whether they are legal professionals or not. Recommended dress is judicial robes or business attire with red accents. Any member of the judiciary wishing to participate in the opening procession should be present at 6:20pm. For additional information about the Red Mass, please contact Audie Sciumbato at 806-364-2626.

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 more details about the ESL program, please contact Ashlee Pallares, program coordinator, at 806-376-4571.

Red Mass Speakers 2011-2025

2011—Judge George P. Kazen

2012—Attorney David Beck

2013—Judge Emilio M. Garza

2014—Justice Phil Johnson

2015—Justice Catherine M. Stone

2016—Michael A. Scaperlanda

2017—Judge Renee H. Tolliver

2018—Professor William "Bill" Piatt

2019—Justice Douglas S. Lang

2020—No Mass due to COVID-19

2021—Justice Eva Guzman

2022—Dean Patricia Roberts

2023—Mark Lanier

2024—George R. Diaz-Arrastia

2025—Carlos Cárdenas

Wanted: Runners For 14th Annual Dalhart Brawt Trot

Dalhart—Runners are being sought for the 14th annual Brawt Trot 5K and One Mile Fun Run, sponsored by the Youth Group at St. Anthony of Padua Church. This year's event takes place Saturday, Oct. 18, beginning at 9:00am in the south parking lot of People's Church at 1929 Apache Drive.

Early registration continues until Wednesday, Oct. 1 at \$25 per person, or two for \$40, which guarantees participants 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 categories 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.

Proceeds raised from Brawt Trot will assist St. Anthony of Padua youth in attending events such as youth conferences, camps, retreats, mission trips designed 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.

“The gifts of grace increase as the struggles increase.”

—St. Rose of Lima Please pray for rain!

Society

Nazareth—Jodie Marie Keaton and Benancio Steven Loya Jr. were united in marriage Aug. 9, Holy Family Church, Father Arokia “Raj” Samala, pastor, presiding. The bride is the daughter of Renee and Randy Keaton, both of Baltimore. The groom is the son of Olga Porras and Benancio Loya Sr. of Plainview.

Amarillo—Cassandra R. Shelton and Ryan Torres were united in marriage Aug. 16, St. Mary's Cathedral, Father Anthony C. Neusch, rector, presiding. Parents of the bride are James and Eloise Shelton of Amarillo. The groom is the son of Angelica and Eric Darnell of Amarillo, Christian Torres of San Antonio and Dorothy Darnell of Amarillo.

Nazareth—Maggie Ann Nelson and Conner Ryan Brorman were united in marriage Aug. 16, Holy Family Church, Father Arokia “Raj” Samala, pastor, St. John the Evangelist Church, Borger, concelebrating and Deacon Bob Birkenfeld, assisting. The bride is the daughter of Ann and Brady Nelson of Nazareth. The groom is the son of Mandy and Roger Brorman of Vega.



Bishop Patrick J. Zurek anoints Andrew Prescott Aug. 28 during a Confirmation Mass at the Roach Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Childress. Behind Prescott is his sponsor Henry Serrano and partially obscured behind Bishop Zurek is Deacon Robert Aranda. (WTC Photo)

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.

SUNDAY, NOV. 9

German Sausage and Sauerkraut for Sale



74th ANNUAL GERMAN SAUSAGE DINNER

St. Mary's Parish Hall
22830 Pondaseta Road, Umbarger
11:00am to 3:00pm



The St. Mary's Parish Hall will be open to the public to purchase two-pound bags of uncooked sausage and a tub of sauerkraut. There will also be a country store and tickets will be sold for a drawing, at a dollar each.

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

Cash/Check preferred Debit/Credit available



Cindy Cox of St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo, discusses plans for the Catholic Booth at the Tri-State Fair Aug. 16 during a meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral. (WTC Photo)

Knights Of Columbus 5K Freedom Run/Walk

Amarillo—The 14th annual Knights of Columbus 5K Freedom Run/Walk is scheduled at 10:00am Saturday, Nov. 8 at Thompson Park, Pavilion 17, northwest of Wonderland Park.

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

This year's race will include a Gold Level Sponsorship, with a requested donation of \$250. The sponsorship includes:

- A large company logo on all Freedom Run event t-shirts;
- Recognition on all media, printed materials and newspaper display ads; and,
- One "bonus" team, where a group of four of your employees, friends or family can join in the run/walk for free—a \$120 value)

The deadline to purchase a Gold Level Sponsorship is **Wednesday, Oct. 15.**

Early registration for the event continues through Friday, Nov. 7, according to event spokesperson Tim Gallegos. Registration is \$30

per person before 6:00pm on Nov. 7, \$35 per person on race day. Late registration on race day will be available from 9:00am to 9:30am. All mailed fees must be received by Thursday, Nov. 6. Entry forms can be mailed to:

**Knights of Columbus #4621
P.O. Box 7122
Amarillo, TX 79114-7122**

Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus #4621. T-shirts are guaranteed to all registrants paid by Oct. 15, according to Gallegos.

Awards will be presented to the top overall male and female runners and to runners in several categories—under 14, 15-18, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60-plus. Timing will be supervised by Lone Star Runners Club.

Packet pickup and registration will take place Nov. 7 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm at Get Fit, 1911 South Georgia. Packets can also be picked up day of the event from 9:00am to 9:30am.

Registration forms can be found online at lonestarrunnersclub.net. A portion of the proceeds from this year's Freedom Run will benefit local veteran charities, according to Gallegos.

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

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

Society

Amarillo—Shallan Anderson and Zackary Salazar were united in marriage Aug. 22, St. Mary's Cathedral, Father Anthony C. Neusch, rector, presiding. The bride is the daughter of Melissa and Jeremy Anderson of Perryton. Parents of the groom are Amelia and Alfonso Salazar of Amarillo.

Amarillo—Paola G. Torres and Levin J. Condren were united in marriage Aug. 30, St. Mary's Cathedral, Father Shane D. Wieck, pastor, St. John the Evangelist Church, Borger, presiding. The bride is the daughter of Juanita E. and Efrain Torres of Perryton. The groom is the son of Daphne and Brian Condren of Fritch.

**Thanks for reading
*The West Texas
Catholic***

Volunteers Needed For Mailing Project

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

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

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

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

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

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

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo will be closed Monday, Oct. 13 in observance of Columbus Day. Catholic Schools will reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

The Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light
cordially invite you to the 16th

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2025
of
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Gala

Friday, Nov. 21 from 6:00 to 11:00pm (serving meal 7:00-8:00pm)

**Chateau Event and Wedding Venue
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P.O. Box 906, Panhandle, TX 79068

For more information, please contact:
Sister Mary Michael Huseman at 806-683-8035
schsrs@gmail.com

For more information or to buy tickets, go to panhandlefranciscans.org/gala

**Reverse Drawing
Grand Prize:
\$7,500**
VISA Gift Card

- Must be 21 to attend -

Time To Order Extension Calendars

Amarillo—There is still time to purchase religious calendars from Catholic Extension for 2026.

All diocesan entities and Catholic businesses are encouraged to purchase these calendars. 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 education 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.”

Volunteers Needed

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

Registration Continues For National Youth Conference

Indianapolis—Registration continues for the annual National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), taking place Thursday, Nov. 20 through Saturday, Nov. 22.

The theme of this year’s conference is *I Am/Yo Soy*.

The NCYC registration cost is now \$360 plus flight, lodging and meals until Wednesday, Oct. 15. The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) has announced that Pope Leo XIV will meet with the youth of the United States through a real-time digital encounter during the General Session of NCYC on Friday, Nov. 21 at 10:15am, local time.

Those interested in being a part of the Amarillo diocesan delegation are asked to contact Oscar Guzman at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 806-383-2243, ext. 118, or via email, oguzman@dioama.org.



Evelia Garcia of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Turkey, slices a lime for fruit cups and corn on the cob Aug. 31 during the annual Jamaica for the parish at City Park, Turkey. (WTC Photo)

Pray The Rosary...daily!

Diocese of Amarillo

Job Opening: Youth Ministry Assistant

The Diocese of Amarillo is accepting applications for the part-time position of Youth Ministry Assistant. The purpose of this position is to assist the the Youth Director in the operation of the Youth Office. A priority is to maintain and update mailing lists. This position is also responsible for preparing documents for meetings, establishing records of activity, note taking at meetings and bulk mailings. As Youth Ministry Assistant you will correspond with priests and parish youth ministers, organize the department’s calendar, keep on top of scheduled events and deadlines. Other duties might include helping lower department costs, maintain websites and social media, making travel arrangements, filing and arranging activities for retreats and conferences.

Qualifications Required:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Computer skills including Microsoft Office
- Knowledge and ability to use office equipment
- Eagerness to learn and to assist other when needed
- Ability to work alone and be a team player
- Understanding of confidentiality is a must
- A working knowledge of the Catholic Faith is an advantage
- Verbal and written skills in both English and Spanish is an advantage
- Other skills like web and video editing skills is an advantage



Resumes will be accepted until position is filled or Wednesday, Oct. 15 and should be mailed to:

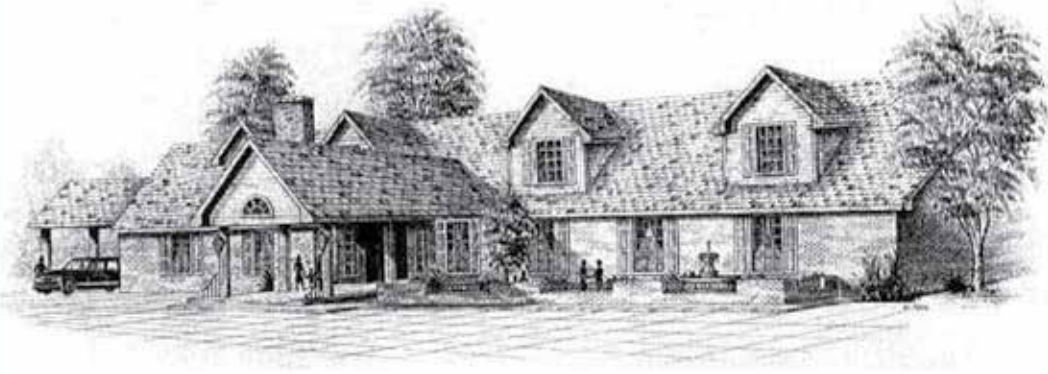
Oscar Guzman **Diocese of Amarillo**

P.O. Box 5644

Amarillo, TX 79117-5644

Or emailed to: oguzman@dioama.org.





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St. Anthony at Mass Dedicates His Life to God - by Master of the Osservanza

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 Father John Valdez
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 Father Ryan Winger
 Father Anthony Raju Yanamala
 Father Richard Zanetti, JCL

We are grateful to all of our priests—active, inactive and retired. We extend an invitation to join the Amarillo Serra Club in praying not only for new priests but also for our current priests who serve our diocese and have dedicated their lives to Jesus Christ. Please acknowledge your priest on this special day with a thank you in person, in a note, card or in some way so our priests feel the love we have for each of them.



FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT:
Joyce Knight - President Serra Club at jknight@dioama.org