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Leading Off

Bovina—The traditional first meal of the year in the Diocese of Amarillo will be served later this month.

St. Ann's Church will offer its annual German Sausage Dinner Sunday, Jan. 25 from 11:00am to 1:30pm at the parish hall on Third Street.

Homemade German Sausage with all the trimmings, including sauerkraut, will be served to adults for a suggested \$18.00 donation and to children six and under for a suggested \$6.00 donation. Take-outs will be available at no additional charge.

There will be four kinds of sausage served—regular, jalapeño, green chile and extra, extra hot, according to parish spokesperson Joann McDonald.

Sausage and sauerkraut will also be available for purchase the day of the dinner or by contacting any St. Ann's parishioner prior to the dinner.

For more information, please contact the parish office at 806-251-1511.

Amarillo—The Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 18 and the diocesan Office of Communications is in need of information for Fish Fries and Meals being served during Lent.

Those planning these events are asked to email all pertinent information as soon as possible to westtexasatholic@gmail.com.

A list of meals to be served during Lent will be printed in the Sunday, February 15 and Sunday, March 15 issues of *The West Texas Catholic*.

For additional information about getting Lenten Fish Fries and Meals in *The West Texas Catholic*, please call 806-414-1075.

Annual Respect Life Mass Saturday, Jan. 24



Deacon Robert Aranda of St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo, is seen reverencing the Book of Gospels with incense Jan. 25, 2025 during the annual Respect Life Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. Also pictured to the left is then-Deacon Candidate Martin Ruiz of San Jose Church, Hereford. Behind Deacon Aranda is Joshua Correa of St. Mary's Cathedral and to his left is Patrick Detten of St. Francis of Assisi Church, Amarillo. (WTC file photo)

Amarillo—The annual Respect Life Mass is scheduled Saturday, Jan. 24 at 10:00am at St. Mary's Cathedral, according to diocesan Family Life Director Karlynn Hochstein.

"The Holy Mass stands in stark contrast to the violence of abortion as it celebrates Christ laying down His life for all humanity," said Hochstein. "In the Mass, we glorify God and unite ourselves to His victory over sin and death. God is Sovereign and has already won the battle. Trusting in His promises, we turn to Him in a special way this month and ask Him to transform hearts and minds and to strengthen a culture of life from conception to natural death in all people. As *Matthew 18* reminds us, there is power in God's Faithful coming together and praying together. We hope that all of you will join us on Jan. 24 to petition God as a community and pray for an end to abortion and healing for all of those already affected by it."

Bishop Patrick J. Zurek will preside at the Mass, with priests of the Diocese of Amarillo, concelebrating. All deacons are also invited to participate in the Mass.

"We are asking everyone attending our Respect Life Mass to help us help mothers in need," said Hochstein. "We can do this by supporting Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle's *Joseph's Project: A Pregnancy Resource Center*. Please bring newborn items, i.e., diapers, wipes, et al., to the Mass.

"As we embark on our diocese's Centennial Year with a focus on Faith, Hope, Community and Mission, we are especially mindful of Faith this month. We must have

Tickets Remain For Annual Catholic Student Center Fundraiser

Amarillo—Tickets are still available for the annual fundraiser to benefit the Catholic Student Center at West Texas A&M University, taking place Saturday, Feb. 7 from 6:00pm to 11:00pm in the parish hall at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4100 South Coulter.

Tickets for the fundraiser are \$75 per person and can be purchased on the CSC website, wtscsc.org. Tickets can also be purchased from any member of the Catholic Student Center. VIP tables seating eight will also be available, at \$1,000 each. The evening will include live and silent auctions and a meal.

The Student Center continues to seek people who are willing to donate a gift basket for the silent auction.

"During our past three fundraisers, we've done gift baskets and have had great participation," said Father Alvin Tshuma, chaplain and executive director at the Catholic Student Center. "The gift baskets have helped make our annual fundraiser even more special and we encourage individuals, groups, businesses, alumni and organizations to donate a gift basket."

For those who would rather make a financial gift to the Catholic

Student Center in lieu of donating a gift basket, cash donations will be greatly accepted and appreciated.

The evening serves as the principal fundraiser for the CSC, according to Father Tshuma.

"This is the main source of funding for our campus ministries, but it's also a great opportunity for people to meet the students that they're supporting and for the students to show their appreciation for all the generosity we have received throughout the year," he said.

Another highlight of the annual

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Denim And Diamonds



ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Amarillo—St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Mary's Cathedral School are teaming up to host Denim and Diamonds Friday, April 17 from 6:30pm to 11:30pm in the Mon-

signor Francis A. Smyer Activity Center at 1200 South Washington.

Tickets for the evening are \$75 each, which includes an opportunity to win a \$10,000 VISA Gift Card.

The Big Texan Steak Ranch will cater an evening meal. There will also be a drawing, a silent auction and dancing.

To purchase tickets or for more details about the Denim and Diamonds fundraiser, please St. Mary's Cathedral at 806-376-7204 or St. Mary's Cathedral School at 806-376-9112.

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

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Women's Cursillo

Amarillo—A Women's Cursillo is set for Thursday, March 5 through Sunday, March 8 at St. Francis Convent at 4301 NE 18th St.

Cost of the Cursillo, which will be conducted entirely in Spanish, is \$150 per person. Please contact your parish Ultreya representative for additional information or to sign up.

NOTICE

Silvia Bunyan, the mother of Father Gregory Bunyan, who served in the Diocese of Amarillo earlier this century, passed away in December in Nicaragua. A Mass was celebrated Dec. 16 at Monte de los Olivos Funeral Home in Managua. Burial was in Sierras de Paz Cemetery.

Sunday Mass On Guadalupe Radio

Amarillo—There is another option for Sunday Mass for shut-ins and the sick. The Guadalupe Radio Network is now rebroadcasting the 9:30am Sunday Mass from St. Mary's Cathedral. The rebroadcast of the Mass airs at 5:00 on Sunday afternoons. For additional information about the Mass broadcast or to sponsor a broadcast, please call St. Mary's Cathedral at 806-376-7204.

An Evening For Married Couples

Amarillo—Reservations are still being accepted for *An Evening for Married Couples*, Friday, Feb. 13 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring.

The evening begins at 6:00 with Mass and Vow Renewal for married Catholic couples, led by Bishop Patrick J. Zurek in Holy Family Chapel. Mass will be followed by a gourmet dinner and social, includ-

ing dessert and beverages.

Tickets are \$150 per couple. For more details about *An Evening for Married Couples* or to make reservations to attend, please contact Sister Elizabeth Ann Dockery, DLJC, at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 806-383-1811, or via email, seabdc@dioama.org. This event is a fundraiser for the retreat center.

Women's Prayer Brunch Scheduled

Amarillo—Amarillo Rejoicers will present a Lenten Women's Prayer Brunch, Saturday, Feb. 14 from 10:00am to noon at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring.

As in years past, the Prayer Brunch is a ticketed event. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and can be purchased online through the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center website, bdcrc.org, or at Top of Texas Catholic Superstore in the Signature at 2500 South Coulter.

Seating is limited. Doors for the breakfast will open at 9:00.

This is the second of three Women's Prayer Brunches this school year at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center. The final Prayer Brunch, the traditional Mother's Day Prayer Brunch, is set for Saturday, May 9.

For additional details about the Feb. 14 Lenten Women's Prayer Brunch, please call the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center at 806-383-1811.

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

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Faith that God can use all things for His glory, even things as horrible as abortion. We also must have Faith that our prayers are powerful and we are all called to help defend the most vulnerable and be their voice."

According to Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, no other Masses or activities are to be scheduled until

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fundraiser is a raffle. Tickets are on sale at \$5.00 each or five tickets for \$20.00 and can be purchased from any member of the Catholic Student Center.

Top prize in the raffle is a \$1,500 VISA Gift Card. Second prize is a \$750 VISA Gift Card and third prize is a professionally-framed piece of diamond art created by CSC assistant director Betty Aragon of *The Last Supper*. Those purchasing tickets for the raffle need not be present to win.

Tickets for the raffle can be

after 1:00pm on the diocesan level so that all Catholics can attend the annual Respect Life Mass.

To learn more, please contact Hochstein in the Family Life office at the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 806-410-1059, or via email, khochstein@dioama.org.

purchased during regular business hours at the WTCSC, located at 2610 4th Ave., or from any member of the Catholic Student Center. The donations as well as the profit from the event help fund Catholic campus ministry at West Texas A&M University.

For more details, to purchase a ticket for the fundraiser or the raffle, to donate a gift basket or to donate an item for the live and silent auctions, please call Betty Aragon at the Catholic Student Center, 806-655-4345.

Catholic Schools:

An Investment in Country and Church

Eugene "Gene" Rahll: 1928-2026

Dalhart—Eugene "Gene" Rahll, one of the oldest parishioners at St. Anthony of Padua Church, passed away Jan. 7. He was 97 years old.

Mass was celebrated Jan. 13, St. Anthony of Padua Church, Father Scott L. Raef, pastor, St. Ann's Church, Canyon, presiding. Interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Eugene "Gene" Francis Rahll was born Dec. 3, 1928 in Oxford, Pa., the son of Roberta and Robert Rahll. He grew up with three sisters and two brothers on their family farm in Pennsylvania.

In 1963, Mr. Rahll began a career with New Holland Machine Company. His work with New Holland brought him to Dalhart on several occasions where he met Louise Childers while attending Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church, where they were married Oct. 15, 1966.

On the day of their wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Rahll flew to Australia for his work. This trip began their love of travel over the years, covering all seven continents and 128 countries. Soon after marriage, the couple settled in Baltimore and



Eugene "Gene" Rahll

began his rental business career. After many years of growing and expanding the business, Mr. Rahll mentored and partnered with eight young men to start their own rental businesses, including Rabern Rental in Amarillo, which resulted in Mr. Rahll being inducted into the Rental Hall of Fame in 2016 by the American Rental Association.

In 1982, Mr. and Mrs. Rahll moved to Dalhart and began farming in the Texas Panhandle. According

to his family, it didn't take long for Mr. Rahll to get involved in the community eventually serving as mayor for a 16-year tenure. Additionally, Mr. Rahll was named Citizen of the Year by the Dalhart Chamber of Commerce in 1998 for the many ways he served the community.

His family added that Mr. Rahll's generosity can be seen throughout the community of Dalhart. Mr. and Mrs. Rahll started giving scholarships to Dalhart High School seniors in 2004, eventually giving over \$1 million. Their love of providing an education to young people continued and led them to build a Junior College campus in Dalhart, culminating with the establishment of Frank Phillips College—Rahll Campus. Mr. Rahll also had the vision to meet a recreational need within the community that would benefit people of all ages in Dalhart, with the Rahll Activity Center opening its doors in 2023.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Rahll; two sisters, Ann Gill and Thelma Lightner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

Valentine Gala
Saturday, Feb 14
Steak Dinner and Dance

Dinner 6:00pm-8:00pm

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Baile 8:00pm-1:00am

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Carol Gutiérrez: 1950-2026



Carol Gutiérrez

Canadian—Carol Jean Gutiérrez, the wife of Deacon Joe Gutiérrez, a member of the first class of Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Amarillo, passed away Jan. 6. She was 75 years old.

Mass was celebrated Jan. 10, Sacred Heart Church, Father Marco Gonzalez, parochial administrator, presiding. Inurnment was in Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery.

Carol Chaffin was born Oct. 24, 1950 in Canadian, the daughter of Wanda and Harold Chaffin. She married Joe L. Gutiérrez on Dec. 26, 1970. The couple celebrated nearly 54 years of marriage before Deacon Gutiérrez passed away on Nov. 27, 2024. Mrs. Gutiérrez worked at Edward Abraham Memorial Home for

over 30 years as a nursing assistant. According to her family, she loved her job and the relationships she made over the years.

Mrs. Gutiérrez was a member of Sacred Heart Church for over 50 years.

Mrs. Gutiérrez was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and two brothers, Leslie Don Chaffin and Larry Wayne Chaffin.

Survivors include her three sons, Jose Gutiérrez and John Paul Gutiérrez, both of Canadian and Andrew Gutiérrez of San Antonio; four daughters, Carmen Gutiérrez Coyne and her husband Martin of Mansfield, Teresa Gutiérrez of Euless, Anna Stewart and her husband Chad of Amarillo and Olivia Gutiérrez Miles and her husband Ryan, their children George and Arthur Miles of Lewisville; two sisters, Donna Ann Carter and Charlene Sue Segovia; a brother, Jimmy Chaffin; eight grandchildren, Anais Coyne and Jack Coyne, both of Mansfield, Amalia Gutiérrez and Tristan Gutiérrez, both of Euless, Eva Stewart and Ivy Stewart, both of Amarillo and George Miles and Arthur Miles, both of Lewisville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pope Embarks On Synodal Journey With Cardinals

Vatican City (CNS)—Pope Leo XIV and members of his College of Cardinals have begun what is a kind of synodal journey together to grow in communion and discern together “what the Lord is asking of us for the good of His people.”

After convening the international group of cardinals in Rome for an extraordinary consistory Jan. 7-8, the pope decided to make the gathering an annual event, however, with an additional meeting later this year.

It marked an approach that vastly expanded on what Pope Francis established after his election in 2013. Wishing for a more decentralized and listening Church, the late pope created a nine-member

Council of Cardinals to help and advise him on several critical matters facing the Church, particularly the reform of the Roman Curia, by meeting at least quarterly in Rome.

College members will meet with the pope again for at least three days sometime in June, possibly around the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on Monday, June 29, and then the gathering will take place over three to four days once a year in the following years.

The College of Cardinals is made up of 245 cardinals from all over the world. About 170 of them—about 69%—made it to Rome after the pope’s invitation Dec. 12 that they come together again for the first time since the

conclave that elected him May 8.

Pope Leo emphasized the essential element of love in his opening remarks to the cardinals in the Vatican’s Synod Hall Jan. 7.

“To the extent that we love one another as Christ has loved us, we belong to Him, we are His community, and He can continue to draw others to Himself through us. In fact, only love is credible; only love is trustworthy,” he said.

“Therefore, in order to be a truly missionary Church, one that is capable of witnessing to the attractive power of Christ’s love, we must first of all put into practice His commandment ... ‘Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another,’” the pope said.

St. Francis of Assisi Church

68th German Sausage Dinner

Dine-In and Takeout

Sunday, March 8

11:00am to 2:00pm

Bulk dinners will be on sale. There will also be a Country Store, with an assortment of homemade goods on sale. There will also be a raffle for a variety of prizes at 1:30pm.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 and will be sold during the dinner.

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall

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(1 mile east of Tyson)



THE BISHOP DEFALCO
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FRIDAY, FEB. 13

*An Evening for
Married Couples*

6:00pm Mass with a renewal of wedding vows
with the Bishop of Amarillo

7:00 GOURMET DINNER AND SOCIAL

2100 N. SPRING ST.
AMARILLO, TX 79107

TICKETS
\$150
per couple

bdrc.org 806.383.1811 bishopdefalco@gmail.com

Pampa Parish Fundraiser

Pampa—St. Vincent de Paul Church invites everyone to attend its annual Parish Fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 14 from 6:30pm to 11:30pm in the Pastoral Education Center (PEC) at 810 West 23rd Street.

Tickets are still available at \$125 each, which includes a dinner for two, served from 7:15 to 8:15, dancing and a chance to win the top prize of a \$4,000 VISA Gift Card. Second prize is a \$2,000 VISA Gift Card and third prize is a \$1,000 VISA Gift Card. The winners will be determined in a reverse

raffle, according to St. Vincent de Paul parishioner Dr. Jack Albracht, chairman of the event.

The evening will also include music, Calcutta boards, a Silent Auction and a Live Auction at 8:30. No one under the age of 21 will be admitted into the fundraiser, including babies. No takeout plates for the meal will be sold.

For additional information, to purchase tickets or donate items for the auctions, contact Dr. Albracht at 806-663-1950; or, the St. Vincent de Paul parish office at 806-665-8933.

Catholic Daughters Enchilada Dinner

Amarillo—Catholic Daughters of America Court #2472 at St. Martin de Porres Church will serve an Enchilada Dinner Sunday, Feb. 22 from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the parish hall on the corner of North-west 16th and Adams.

Adult meal tickets are \$12.00 and children ages twelve and under will be served for \$6.00. Proceeds

from the dinner will benefit the many charitable efforts of Court #2472, according to spokesperson Patti Lineman.

There will also be a silent auction during the dinner. For more details about the dinner or Catholic Daughters of America Court #2472, please contact Lineman at 806-676-7973.

Pray The Rosary...Daily...



Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, left, with Mother Stella Maris Hamann, who was elected Superior General of the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ Jan. 10. (WTC Photo)



St. Joseph's Altar Society

BRISKET DINNER

Sunday

15

February

11:00am-3:00pm

4114 South Bonham, Amarillo

St. Joseph's School Gym

MEAL TICKETS

Free	\$9	\$18
4yrs and under	5yrs.-12 yrs.	13 yrs +

Tickets may be purchased in the church office or on the day of the dinner.



For more information, please contact Denice Haley at (806) 355-5621

Steward Saints

Conversion of Paul, Apostle
Feast Day: Jan. 25

The conversion of St. Paul is the story of a life—and world-changing “U-turn.”

A man of education and influence, Saul used his knowledge of the law and his standing among the religious leaders of his time to persecute the earliest Christians.

Then, after a personal encounter with the Risen Christ, Saul is reborn as Paul, and becomes the apostle to the Gentiles, using his persuasive pen and enthusiastic zeal to spread the Good News of the Gospel.

“I am the least of the apostles,” he says. “In fact, because I persecuted the Church of God, I do not even

deserve the name. But by God’s favor I am what I am. This favor is His to me has not proved fruitless. Indeed, I have worked harder than all of the others, not on my own, but through the favor of God.”

By God’s favor we are what we are; in His goodness, He has given us all that we have. We are good stewards if, like St. Paul, we can

say that God’s favor bears fruit in our lives—“if (we) are grateful for what (we) have received and eager to cultivate (our) gifts out of love for God and one another.”

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Father Alvin Tshuma,
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Assistant Director

Mass and Activity Schedule:
Sundays:
5:30pm, Mass

Mondays:
8:00pm-11:00pm, Adoration

Wednesdays:
4:30pm, Confession
5:30pm, Catholic U
6:30pm, Mass
7:00pm, Free Home-cooked Meal

Nightly Prayer at 10:00

Ordination
Anniversaries

Priests of the Diocese of
Amarillo observing their
ordination anniversaries in the
month of January include:

Father John Valdez
Jan. 19, 1991

Father Anthony Kowtiki
Jan. 26, 2002

Priests
Birthdays

Priests of the Diocese of
Amarillo celebrating birthdays
during the month of January
include:

Father Lawrence John, JCL
Jan. 5

Father Anthony Kowtiki
Jan. 15

Father Phu T. Phan, JCL
Jan. 27

Father Alvin Tshuma
Jan. 30

United Catholics Appeal 2025-26

City	Parish	Quota	Pledged Amount By Parishioners	Amount Paid By Parishioners
Amarillo	St. Laurence	45,038	40,999.00	26,467
Amarillo	Our Lady of Vietnam	15,709	1,571.00	1,571
Amarillo	Blessed Sacrament	29,293	26,147.00	17,426
Amarillo	Our Lady of Guadalupe	34,673	28,207.00	18,287
Amarillo	St. Francis of Assisi	18,262	21,622.00	18,401
Amarillo	St. Hyacinth	38,659	42,695.00	34,864
Amarillo	St. Martin de Porres	15,360	6,401.00	5,501
Amarillo	St. Joseph's	53,696	63,620.00	38,522
Amarillo	St. Mary's Cathedral	144,926	129,415.00	97,223
Amarillo	St. Thomas the Apostle	192,772	237,437.00	181,071
Booker	St. Peter's	9,040	6,570.00	4,985
Borger	St. John the Evangelist	39,689	34,846.00	28,067
Bovina	St. Ann's	10,444	6,785.00	5,840
Cactus	Our Lady of Guadalupe	14,808	16,230.00	12,925
Canadian	Sacred Heart	13,012	8,197.00	7,452
Canyon	St. Ann's	109,588	107,654.00	81,027
Childress	Holy Angels	8,619	6,989.00	5,794
Clarendon	St. Mary's	2,275	2,453.00	2,163
Dalhart	St. Anthony of Padua	56,634	62,321.00	55,406
Dimmitt	Immaculate Conception	15,252	11,082.00	7,292
Dumas	Sts. Peter and Paul	59,645	41,595.00	32,137
Friona	St. Teresa of Jesus	12,152	8,216.00	6,461
Groom	Immaculate Heart of Mary	21,191	21,601.00	19,137
Gruver	Cristo Redentor	5,542	2,398.00	2,398
Happy	Holy Name of Jesus	1,533	2,140.00	1,270
Hart	St. John Nepomucene	7,563	6,057.00	4,601
Hereford	St. Anthony's	62,860	42,602.00	37,817
Hereford	San Jose	47,376	33,269.00	26,540
Kress	St. Paul the Apostle	2,466	2,475.00	1,526
Memphis	Sacred Heart	3,228	2,234.00	2,033
Nazareth	Holy Family	51,667	47,774.00	42,531
Pampa	St. Vincent de Paul	43,274	40,425.00	28,180
Panhandle	St. Theresa's	12,373	16,055.00	15,405
Perryton	Immaculate Conception	36,744	31,596.00	23,581
Quitaque	San Juan Diego	1,414	2,064.00	2,064
Shamrock	St. Patrick's	5,900	5,711.00	5,401
Silverton	Our Lady of Loreto	3,640	3,765.00	1,370
Spearman	Sacred Heart of Jesus	27,109	11,843.00	11,358
Stinnett	St. Ann's	4,395	3,651.00	2,061
Stratford	St. Joseph's	10,237	11,005.00	8,898
Sunray	Christ the King	3,778	5,310.00	3,700
Texline	St. Mary's	2,596	4,200.00	3,500
Tulia	Church of the Holy Spirit	15,476	16,615.00	12,145
Turkey	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	1,207	1,715.00	1,715
Umbarger	St. Mary's	15,794	14,049.00	12,659
Vega	Immaculate Conception	21,488	22,900.00	22,343
Wellington	Our Mother of Mercy	4,521	4,186.00	2,926
Wheeler	St. Mary's	5,736	3,239.00	2,584
White Deer	Sacred Heart	10,242	5,382.00	5,382
		1,368,896	1,275,313	992,007

Authentic Femininity Mini-Retreat

Panhandle—All young ladies in the Diocese of Amarillo between the ages of 18 and 40 are invited to take part in an *Authentic Femininity Mini-Retreat* Friday, March 13 to Sunday, March 15, presented by the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light. The retreat will be offered in the St. Francis House of Prayer at Sancta Maria Convent at 125 John Paul Circle.

“Each mini-retreat has a different topic under the umbrella of Authentic Femininity,” said Franciscan Sister of Christ the Light Sister Mary Michael Huseman. “This time, we will focus on *Proverbs 31: Amazing Women of God*. We invite you to join other young ladies exploring the truths of how to live as a Christian woman of God and much more.”

Arrival time is 6:00pm on March 13, with the retreat ending after lunch on March 15.

“Besides getting to spend time with other young ladies that want

to grow in their Faith and learning some beautiful tools and having some prayer experiences, the participants will be able to spend some time with the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light,” said Sister Mary Michael.

When asked the question what stands out most from an Authentic Femininity Mini-Retreat, these comments were offered by some who attended previous retreats:

- “The sisters are always welcoming and loving. Their generosity is truly helping women become beautiful and free women of God.”
- “I never cease to be amazed by the love and care that goes into all of these retreats and visits. The sisters don’t just talk the ‘ministry’ of presence, they live it.”

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

Third Annual Brisket Dinner At St. Joseph’s Church

Amarillo—The third annual Brisket Dinner, hosted by the Altar Society at St. Joseph’s Church, is set for Sunday, Feb. 15 from 11:00am to 3:00pm in the Saint Joseph’s School gym at 4114 South Bonham.

Tickets are \$18.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children ages five to twelve. Children four and under eat free, according to parish spokesperson Denise Haley. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the St. Joseph’s parish office or on the day of the dinner. Takeouts will be available.

“We will offer both takeout and dine-in,” said Haley. “We encourage everyone to visit our Altar Society boutique during our dinner.”

Find out more about the Brisket Dinner by calling St. Joseph’s Church at 806-355-5621. Additional details can also be found on the St. Joseph’s parish website, st-josephamarillo.com.

Pampa Polish Sausage Dinner

Pampa—Knights of Columbus Council #2767 at St. Vincent de Paul Church will host its 74th annual Polish Sausage Dinner Sunday, March 8 from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the Pastoral Education Center (PEC) at the parish, 810 West 23rd Ave.

Advance tickets are available at \$15.00 each, or \$18.00 at the door the day of the meal. Tickets can be purchased from any member of Knights of Columbus Council #2767.

The meal will include Polish Sausage, beans, potato salad, coleslaw and dessert.

“We encourage everyone to join us for a great meal and fellowship on Sunday, March 8 at St. Vincent de Paul Church,” said Adolfo Reséndiz, Grand Knight of Council #2767.

For more information about the dinner, please contact Reséndiz at 806-802-9084 or Dr. Jack Albracht at 806-663-1950.

Lenten Mission At St. Mary’s Cathedral

Amarillo—St. Mary’s Cathedral at 1200 South Washington will offer a Lenten Mission Sunday, Feb. 22 and Monday, Feb. 23, both evenings from 6:30 to 7:30.

Presenting the retreat will be Sisters of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) Sister Mary Mediatrix of Christ the King Church in Corpus Christi. A reception will follow each evening’s talks.

For those who wish to view the mission at home, the talks will be livestreamed on the St. Mary’s Cathedral website.

Additional information on the Lenten Mission will be featured in the Sunday, Feb. 15 issue of *The West Texas Catholic*.

For more details, please call the St. Mary’s Cathedral parish office during regular business hours at 806-376-7204.

Please pray for much needed rain!



Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

OUR MISSION

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. DCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

Women of Faith — You’re Invited!

Join the DCCW and grow in Faith while building lasting friendships and serving with purpose.
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For more information please contact:

Emily Sanchez
(806) 676-0251

Jeannie Friddell
(806) 679-9144

SAVE THE DATE

Catholic Student Center Annual Fundraiser

Saturday, Feb. 7

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
4100 South Coulter, Amarillo
6:00pm - 11:00pm



To purchase tickets, donate or for more information

Scan the code

OR call 806-655-4345

OR go online, wtcsc.org/annual-auction



FINANCIAL REPORT
FROM THE OFFICE
OF THE BISHOP

We are pleased to provide the results of the annual audit of the Diocese of Amarillo Pastoral Center. This report is provided for you for transparency and accountability. This past fiscal year has seen many challenges and successes. There is much to celebrate in the Diocese of Amarillo and am honored and humbled with the tremendous generosity so many of you provide to the Diocese, through United Catholics Appeal, and to your parish. Your generosity allows our parishes and diocese to grow the Church in the Texas Panhandle.

Our parishes are energized providing many important ministries for our faith community and the community at large. Growing our faith and educating both children and adults is an important ministry. Our parish and diocesan youth programs continue to enrich the faith and grow our youth in the faith. Programs for adult faith formation are also important and many parishes, both large and small, have vibrant ministries. Other ministries, such as the prison and hospital ministries, help those spiritually to grow and be comforted in their faith. Some parishes have food banks to help those in need.

Our priests need our love and support. They lead us in the growth of our faith and face many challenges themselves. UCA helps provide needed support for priests in need. We continue to educate new seminarians, which UCA helps to fund. Educational costs continue to grow, which means your support is needed and welcomed. Our deacons have stepped forward to help with the needs of our parishes. UCA helps to fund deaconate training and support.

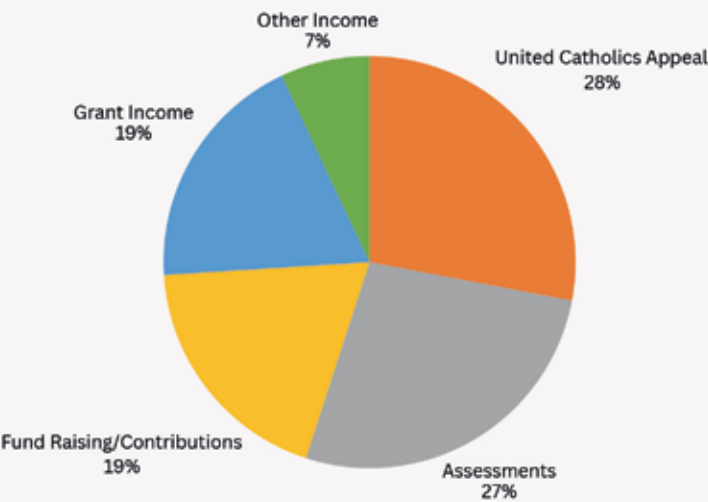
We look forward to celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Diocese of Amarillo. We have had our kickoff mass and there will be many more events leading up to the celebrating mass in August 2026. Let us continue to pray for our diocese, our parishes, our priests and each other as we examine the history of our diocese and look forward to our future in our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the financial report, please contact our Chief Financial Officer, Jim Mitchell, at (806) 383-2243 x124 or jmitchell@dioama.org.

Again, I want to thank each of you for your generosity, both financially, but also your time and most importantly, your prayers. May God reward and bless you and your families.

Yours in Christ,
+ Patrick J. Zurek
✠ Most Rev. Patrick J. Zurek, STL, DD
Bishop of Amarillo

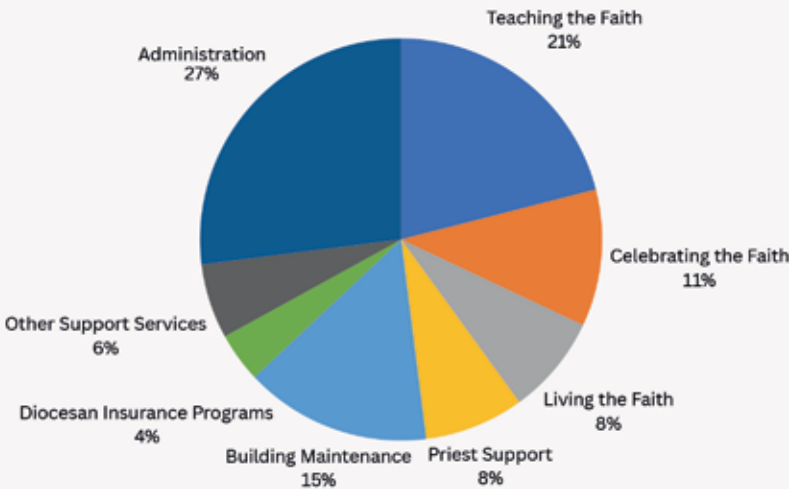
Administrative Offices of the Diocese of Amarillo
Statement of Activities
Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025



REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT

United Catholics Appeal	\$ 1,319,701
Assessments	1,275,344
Fund Raising/Contributions	928,285
Grant Income	906,880
Other Income	315,485

Total Revenue 4,745,695



EXPENSES

Teaching the Faith	\$ 1,054,288
Celebrating the Faith	521,792
Living the Faith	375,002
Priest Support	391,432
Building Maintenance	756,199
Diocesan Insurance Programs	212,715
Other Support Services	297,283
Administration	1,317,504

Total 4,926,215



INFORME FINANCIERO
DE LA OFICINA
DEL OBISPO

Nos complace presentar los resultados de la auditoría anual del Centro Pastoral de la Diócesis de Amarillo. Damos este informe como medida de transparencia y para rendir cuentas. Hemos tenido muchas pruebas y éxitos durante este año fiscal. Hay mucho que celebrar en la Diócesis de Amarillo y me causa honor y humildad la gran generosidad que tantos de ustedes brindan a la Diócesis en la Campaña Católicos Unidos (UCA) y a su parroquia. Su generosidad ayuda a las parroquias y a la diócesis a prosperar a la Iglesia en el Panhandle de Texas.

Las parroquias se energizan ofreciendo ministerios muy importantes para la comunidad de fe y la comunidad en general. Es ministerio importante crecer la fe y educar a niños y adultos. Programas juveniles parroquiales y diocesanos enriquecen la fe y hacen crecer en ella a la juventud. Programas de formación en la fe para adultos también son importantes y muchas parroquias, grandes o pequeñas, cuentan con ministerios dinámicos. Otros ministerios, como los ministerios de prisión y hospital, ayudan a quienes crecen espiritualmente y se sienten reconfortados en su fe. Algunas parroquias tienen despensas de alimentos que ayudan a quienes lo necesitan.

Los sacerdotes necesitan nuestro amor y apoyo. Nos guían a crecer en nuestra fe y ellos mismos afrontan muchos desafíos. La UCA ayuda a proveer el apoyo necesario a sacerdotes necesitados. Seguimos formando a nuevos seminaristas que la UCA ayuda a financiar. Los costos educativos siguen aumentando y eso significa que su apoyo es necesario y bienvenido. Los diáconos se han ofrecido a ayudar en las necesidades de nuestras parroquias. La UCA ayuda a financiar la formación y el apoyo al diaconado.

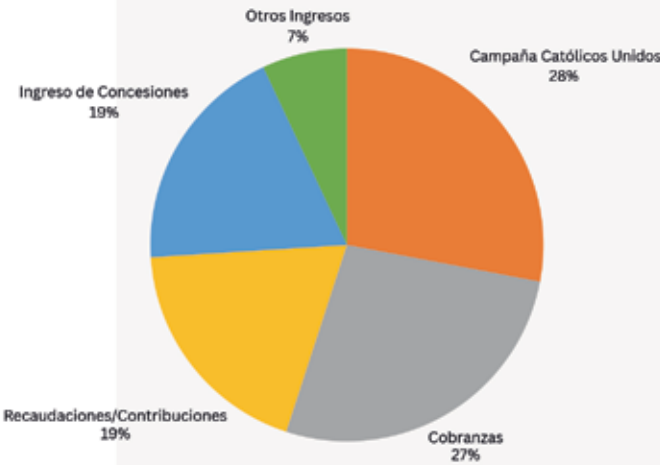
Anticipamos celebrar el centenario de la Diócesis de Amarillo. Ya celebramos la misa de inauguración y habrá múltiples eventos previos a la misa de aniversario en agosto de 2026. Sigamos en oración por nuestra diócesis, las parroquias, los sacerdotes y unos por otros al examinar la historia de nuestra diócesis y al mirar hacia nuestro futuro en nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud respecto al reporte financiero, favor de contactar al Jefe de Finanzas, Jim Mitchell, (806) 383-2243 x124 o jmitchell@dioama.org.

Agradezco de nuevo a cada uno de ustedes su generosidad, tanto con finanzas como con su tiempo y más importante, sus oraciones. Que Dios recompense a usted y a su familia.

Su servidor en Cristo,
+ Patrick J. Zurek
✠ Reverendísimo Patrick J. Zurek, STL, DD
Obispo de Amarillo

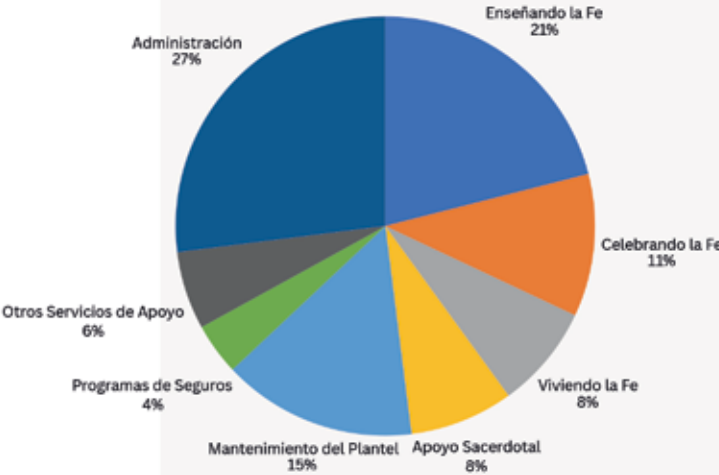
Oficinas de Administración de la Diócesis de Amarillo
Declaración de Actividades
Año Fiscal 2024 – 2025



INGRESOS Y OTRO APOYO

Campaña Católicos Unidos	\$ 1,319,701
Cobranzas	1,275,344
Recaudaciones/Contribuciones	928,285
Ingreso de Concesiones	906,880
Otros Ingresos	315,485

Total de Percepciones 4,745,695



GASTOS

Enseñando la Fe	\$ 1,054,288
Celebrando la Fe	521,792
Viviendo la Fe	375,002
Apoyo Sacerdotal	391,432
Mantenimiento del Plantel	756,199
Programas de Seguros Diocesanos	212,715
Otros Servicios de Apoyo	297,283
Administración	1,317,504

Total 4,926,215

Reporte de la Bolsa de Seminario
Diócesis de Amarillo

Contribuciones hasta el 23 de Diciembre de 2025

Donativos en-honor-a/en-memoria-de

John Casasanta	\$	100.00
Sam Albracht	\$	150.00
Serra Club of Amarillo Burse No. 5	\$	2,000.00
	\$	2,250.00

Bolsas Abiertas

Amarillo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women No. 2	\$	2,915.33
Anthony and Katherine Paschel	\$	1,700.00
Arnold Husmann	\$	2,900.00
Benjamin Seago	\$	800.00
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	\$	575.00
Diácono Richard Riley	\$	225.00
Diocesan Committee of 2000	\$	2,558.50
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
John Casasanta	\$	1,250.00
José and Epifana Vega	\$	400.00
Josephine Lange Burse No. 2	\$	233.56
Knights of Columbus	\$	32.00
Martha Huseman	\$	809.00
Marvin Batenhorst	\$	500.00
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 Peter Morsch	\$	4,373.18
Monseñor Raymond Crosier	\$	450.00
Monseñor Rex Nicholl	\$	200.00
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 Spinhime	\$	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 Wieck	\$	1,750.00
Padre Taylor Elzner	\$	480.00
Padre Víctor Hugo Andrade	\$	100.00
Richard Escalante	\$	400.00
Ruth Bednorz	\$	50.00
Sam Albracht	\$	175.00
Sammy Gonzales Sr.	\$	1,405.00
Serra Club of Amarillo Burse No. 5	\$	5,010.00
Sidney Birkenfeld	\$	100.00
Sisters of the Sacred Heart Amarillo	\$	100.00
St. Anthony's Church - Hereford	\$	4,500.00
St. John the Evangelist - Borger	\$	3,128.70
St. Thomas the Apostle Church - Amarillo Men's Club	\$	2,229.40
Steve and Rosalie Chontos	\$	100.00
Susie Dolle	\$	425.00
Ted and Marie Keller	\$	300.00
Tony and Dorothy Brorman	\$	50.00
Tonya Taylor	\$	25.00
Sin Designar y Miscelaneos	\$	4,621.94

Total de Bolsas Abiertas	\$	95,858.71
Bolsas Cerradas	\$	989,066.55
Total de Bolsas Originales	\$	1,084,925.26

Valor de Inversiones en Bank of America el día 30 de Noviembre de 2025	\$	1,120,722.02
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Recaudación Parroquial
en Pampa

Pampa—La Iglesia de San Vicente de Paúl invita a todos a su Recaudación Parroquial anual el sábado, 14 de febrero de 6:30pm a 11:30 en el Centro Pastoral de Educación (PEC), calle 23 Oeste #810. Aún hay boletos en venta. Su boleto de \$125 incluye cena para dos personas que se servirá de las 7:15 hasta las 8:15, habrá baile y una rifa en reversa en la que se puede ganar una Tarjeta VISA: el Premio Mayor vale \$4,000; el Segundo, \$2,000 y el Tercero, \$1,000, informa el Dr. Jack Albracht, parroquiano de San Vicente de Paúl y director de este evento.

También tendrán divertida música, Tableros de Calcuta, Subasta en Silencio y Subasta en Vivo a las 8:30. No se admitirán al evento menores de 21 años ni bebés y no se venderán platillos para llevar.

Para obtener más detalles o boletos, o si desean donar artículos para las subastas, hagan el favor de llamar al Dr. Albracht, 806-663-1950, o a la oficina parroquial de San Vicente de Paúl, 806-665-8933.

Enchiladas de las
Hijas Católicas

Amarillo—La Corte #2472 de las Hijas Católicas de América de la Iglesia de San Martín de Porres tendrá Comida de Enchiladas el domingo, 22 de febrero de 10:00am a 2:00pm en el salón parroquial a esquina de las calles 16 Noroeste y Adams.

Adultos \$12.00 y niños de doce años y menores \$6.00. La ganancia de la comida beneficia las múltiples caridades de la Corte #2472, informa Patti Lineman, portavoz.

También habrá subasta en silencio durante la comida. Para más información sobre la comida o las Hijas Católicas de América, Corte #2472, favor de llamar a Lineman, 806-676-7973.

Escuche Programación
Católica de Radio en
Español en la Red de
Radio Guadalupe,
1360AM y 93.5FM

Una Noche Para Matrimonios

Amarillo—Todavía aceptan reservaciones para el evento Una Noche Para Matrimonios que será el viernes, 13 de febrero en el Centro de Retiros Obispo DeFalco, calle Spring 2100 Norte.

La noche empieza a las 6:00 con Misa y Renovación de Votos de matrimonios católicos; oficiará el Obispo Patrick J. Zurek en la Capilla de la Sagrada Familia. Después

de Misa habrá cena gourmet y convivencia con postre y bebidas.

El costo es \$150 por pareja. Para detalles sobre la Noche Para Matrimonios o para hacer sus reservaciones, favor de llamar a la Hermana Elizabeth Ann Dockery, DLJC, 806-383-1811, o email a seabdrc@dioama.org. Este evento es una recaudación para el centro de retiros.

Salchicha Alemana en Stratford

Stratford—La Comida Anual de Salchicha Alemana a beneficio de la Iglesia de San José será el domingo, 22 de febrero de 11:00am a 1:00pm en el Sherman County Barn, calle Maple 501, al Este de la Carretera 287.

El platillo cuesta \$17.00.

Además de servir la Salchicha

Alemana tradicional y chucrut con todos los complementos, se servirá Salchicha de Chile Verde, según informa Heather Braden, portavoz parroquial. Para llevar, venderán salchicha cocida por \$8.00 la libra y cruda por \$7.00.

Para más detalles, llame a la oficina parroquial, 806-310-0438.

Calendario de Planificación Natural Familiar

Amarillo—Habrá sesión del Método Marquette en inglés el sábado 14 de marzo a la 1:00pm en el Centro Pastoral Diocesano, en la avenida 24 NE 4512 en Amarillo. Para más información o para registrarse para la sesión, favor de llamar a la Doctora Faye Usala, 806-683-5561 o por email, fayeobrienusala@gmail.com.

El Método Sintotérmico de PNF para tomar a su tiempo está disponible en español o en inglés en ccli.org. El curso cuesta \$170 más el costo de envío. El curso dura cerca de dos meses, informa Jennifer Wagner.

Para más detalles acerca del curso, pueden comunicarse con Wagner, 806-433-9561.

Datos Para la Edición de Graduación

Amarillo—Las parroquias ya empiezan a hacer listas de seniors católicos en high school para la Edición Anual de Graduación del *West Texas Catholic* con fecha el domingo, 17 de mayo.

Pedimos a padres de seniors católicos en high school que lo más pronto posible, contacten a sus parroquias con los nombres de sus graduandos. La lista de

católicos en las parroquias de la diócesis que se graduarán de high school debe llegar a la Oficina de Comunicaciones **antes del mediodía el jueves, 26 de febrero.**

Dirijan preguntas acerca de la Edición de Graduación 2026 a la Oficina diocesana de Comunicaciones, 806-414-1075, o envíen correo electrónico a westtexascatholic@gmail.com.

El Mercado En Tierra Blanca

Canyon—Aún se necesitan voluntarios para ayudar en *The Market on Tierra Blanca*, un proyecto del ministerio Saint Helen's Outreach en la Iglesia Saint Ann.

The Market On Tierra Blanca, es la única despensa de servicio completo en el Condado de Randall y abre los martes de 3:00pm a

7:00pm y los viernes de las 9:00am hasta mediodía, al lado Este de la Iglesia Saint Ann.

Para más información sobre Saint Helen's Outreach o para ofrecer ser voluntario en el proyecto El Mercado en Tierra Blanca, favor de llamar a Glenn Backus, 806-655-3302; o email a sthelens@stannsofcanyon.org.

Roguemos que Dios guíe a los gobernantes
para defender la Vida, el Matrimonio,
la Dignidad Humana y la Libertad Religiosa.

Quilt Fundraiser

Clarendon—St. Mary's Church is conducting a raffle to raise funds for its new church building, which is under construction. Top prize is a quilt, donated by Carolyn Ponce. Tickets are \$1.00 each, with the drawing taking place sometime in the next several months. Learn more about the quilt raffle by calling Chriss Clifford at 806-206-6767.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Amarillo—The youth at St. Thomas the Apostle Church are gearing up for its annual *Souper Bowl of Caring* after all the Masses the weekend of Saturday, Feb. 7 and Sunday, Feb. 8.

All monies collected will be donated to Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle. Learn more about the Souper Bowl of Caring by contacting St. Thomas Youth Director Andrew Neighbors at 806-358-2461 or via email, neighborspatriot@gmail.com

Worship Prayer Movie Night

Panhandle—Catholics and non-Catholics are invited to the next *Worship Prayer Movie Night* for teens and young adults. The

evening, hosted by the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light, is scheduled Friday, Feb. 20. The evening begins at 6:00 in the St. Francis House of Prayer at 125 John Paul Circle with a Holy Hour of Praise and Worship music, prayer and a brief time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There is also a simple meal served during a movie chosen for its relativity for Faith and the modern world, according to Sister Mary Michael Huseman. The evening is scheduled to conclude at 9:30. For more details, please call Sancta Maria Convent at 806-537-3182.

ACTS Retreats

Amarillo—A Men's ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology and Service) Retreat is scheduled Thursday, Feb. 26 through Sunday, March 1, at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring. Registration forms are available at parish offices throughout the diocese or through the ACTS Community website, actsamarillo.org.

For additional information about ACTS in the Diocese of Amarillo, please contact Jimmy Hund at 806-344-4842.

Friona Mexican Dinner

Friona—The Ladies Society at St. Teresa of Jesus Church will serve its annual Mexican Dinner Sunday, March 1 from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the parish hall, adjacent to the church at 401 West 17th Street. For more details, please call Lina Padilla at 806-265-7163 or Maria Loya at 806-346-2758.

Youth Bake Sale

Amarillo—The Youth Group at St. Thomas the Apostle Church will host a Bake Sale Sunday, March 8 after the 9:00am and 11:15am Masses. Cookies, cakes and pies will be on sale, with all proceeds collected going toward the group's summer trip to LoneStar Steubenville. Find out more by contacting St. Thomas Youth Director Andrew Neighbors at 806-358-2461 or via email, neighborspatriot@gmail.com

Engaged Encounter

Amarillo—Couples in the Diocese of Amarillo planning to get married within the next three to six months are encouraged to attend the first Engaged Encounter weekend of 2026 Saturday, March 21 and Sunday, March 22 at the Bishop

DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring. For more details about the Engaged Encounter weekend or to sign up, please contact Karlynn Hochstein in the diocesan Family Life Office at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 806-414-1059.

Communion Ministers Needed

Amarillo—Volunteers are needed at BSA Hospital as communion ministers. The commitment does not require much time, according to Elma Fletcher, and training is provided. Those interested in volunteering are asked to contact Fletcher at 806-206-4496 or via email, elma_fletcher@yahoo.com.

Joseph's Project:**A Pregnancy Resource Center**

Amarillo—Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle offers a program designed for moms who are pregnant or families with kids who are up to three-years of age or who have legal custody of a child under the age of three. *Joseph's Project: A Pregnancy Resource Center* is tailored for expectant mothers and for those with new families. For additional details about *Joseph's Project: A Pregnancy Resource*

Center or to assist with a donation of material assistance, such as diapers, wipes, unopened formula or clothing, please contact Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle at 806-376-4571.

Catholic Community Scripture Study

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

As in the past, the weekly gathering focuses on the scripture insights from *At Home with the Word* for a preview of the coming Sunday Scriptures. Everyone is welcome on any Wednesday morning that he or she can attend. For additional information please call Teresa Hunt at 806-676-9445.

Prison Ministry

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

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Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, right, visits with Evelyn Rossi Sept. 14, 2025, during the 65th anniversary celebration of Church of the Holy Spirit, Tulia. (WTC file photo)

Evelyn Rossi: 1930-2026

Tulia—Evelyn Rossi, one of the original parishioners of St. William's Church and one of the oldest parishioners at Church of the Holy Spirit, passed away Jan. 5. She was 95 years old.

Mass was celebrated Jan. 10, Church of the Holy Spirit, Father Hector J. Madrigal, pastor, presiding.

Evelyn Braddock was born on Nov. 14, 1930 in Nazareth, the daughter of Hubert and Josephine Braddock. She married Henry Rossi on Sept. 7, 1949 and according to her family, the couple built a life centered on love and Faith.

Her family added that Mrs. Rossi was the proud mother of nine children, and her greatest joy came from her family. Her home was one of warmth, guidance and unwavering support, where everyone was welcomed and cared for. Mrs. Rossi instilled strong values of kindness and responsibility for all those she raised and loved.

A lifelong and devoted Catholic, Mrs. Rossi lived her Faith daily through prayer, service and a steadfast commitment to her Church. She believed in giving to others and was known throughout

the community for her generosity and willingness to help anyone in need. Her family added that whether through quiet acts of kindness or organized community efforts, Mrs. Rossi gave freely of her time and talents. Her life was a testament to love, Faith and family and her influence will continue to be felt through her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a grateful community who will cherish her memory forever.

Mrs. Rossi was preceded in death by her husband Henry; a daughter, Libby Howard; a son-in-law, Ricky Howard; two sisters, Norma Schacher and Nellie Wilhelm; two brothers, Vernon Braddock and Pat Braddock; and a grandson, Troy Don Howard.

Survivors include five daughters, Denice Gerber and her husband Carroll, Roxanne Ledwig and her husband Anthony, Peggy Pohlmeier and her husband Brian, Susan Britten and her husband Clifton and Cathy Smith and her husband Mike; three sons, Larry Rossi and Steven Rossi M.D.; a sister, Jeanette Schulte; 17 grandchildren; and 41 great-grandchildren.

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, or via email, akieth@cctxp.org.

Pray The Rosary...Daily...

Jamaica Calendar

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

SUNDAY, JAN. 25

Bovina—German Sausage Dinner Parish Hall, St. Ann's Church

SATURDAY, FEB. 7

Amarillo—Fundraiser to benefit the Catholic Student Center at West Texas A&M University, St. Thomas the Apostle Church

SUNDAY, FEB. 14

Amarillo—Valentine's Day Steak Dinner and Dance, Bishop Zurek Parish Hall, Blessed Sacrament Church

Pampa—Parish Fundraiser, Pastoral Education Center, St. Vincent de Paul Church

SUNDAY, FEB. 15

Amarillo—Brisket Dinner, Saint Joseph's School Gym

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

Canyon—Knights of Columbus Council #7840 Shrove Tuesday Dinner, Parish Hall, St. Ann's Church

SUNDAY, FEB. 22

Amarillo—Catholic Daughters of America Court #2472 Enchilada Dinner, Parish Hall, St. Martin de Porres Church

Stratford—German Sausage Dinner to benefit St. Joseph's Church, Sherman County Barn

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Canyon—Czech Sausage Dinner, Parish Hall, St. Ann's Church

Friona—Mexican Dinner, Parish Hall, St. Teresa of Jesus Church

Hereford—Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Auction to benefit St. Anthony's School, St. Anthony's School Gym

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Amarillo—German Sausage Dinner, Parish Hall, St. Francis of Assisi Church

Pampa—Polish Sausage Dinner, Pastoral Education Center St. Vincent de Paul Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Borger—Italian Meatballs and Spaghetti Dinner, Parish Hall, St. John the Evangelist Church

Twenty Something By Christina Capecchi

Stovetop Spirituality: The Kitchen As Chapel

The older I get, the more I crave a practical spirituality—one tied to dirty dishes not pristine libraries, one that recognizes hungry bellies along with hungry hearts.

Some days, talking theology feels beside the point. We are living it as we match mittens and pack snacks. We pray as we start the car, and zoom! Off we go, bringing the light of Christ to our meetings and tournaments.

Last year I interviewed Mark Berchem, founder of NET Ministries, the Catholic evangelization center he launched 44 years ago. Upon his retirement, I asked about his winning approach to the apostolate.

"None of us had any theological training," he told me. "All we had was our real-life experience: 'This is what God has done in my life. I know God is real. He wants to be real in your life too!'"

Over time Mark came to embrace that. "Somebody once told me: 'If it's not practical, it's probably not spiritual,'" he said. "The integration of Faith and life is what happens at NET."

That statement stuck with me. God wants to meet us in the here and now, the knotted shoelaces and jammed zippers, the dash to the gas station, the smile from the cashier. He loves us through the minutiae of daily life.

That's why, for me, I hesitate to draw the line between cookbook and prayerbook. When I'm holding a collection of tried-and-true recipes, it can feel like much more.

This year my mother-in-law gave us a treasure: a beloved parish cookbook. Titled *Our Favorite Recipes*, it was created by members of St. Patrick's Church in Ryan, Iowa—a tiny town named after a priest, Father Patrick Ryan. Its palette is cream and cinnamon: yellowed pages, brown spiral binding, a sepia-toned photograph of the church.

It begins with *The Kitchen Prayer*: "Lord of all pots and pans and things, since I've not time to be a saint by doing lovely things or watching late with Thee or dreaming in the dawn

light or storming Heaven's gates, make me a saint by getting meals and washing up the plates."

The prayer concludes: "Warm all the kitchen with Thy love and light it with Thy peace. Forgive me all my worrying and make my grumbling cease. Thou who didst love to give men food, in room and by the sea, accept this service that I do, I do it unto Thee."

The pickles and jams and rolls follow, with cookies outnumbering casseroles by a ratio of ten to one and dozens of pies rounding out the desserts. It was a fundraiser for their beloved house of worship, completed through late nights and phone calls, wrapped in prayer and dusted with flour. The practical in the spiritual. Follow these steps, feed these people, offer it up.

Emily Stimpson Chapman's new cookbook does the same. *Around the Catholic Table* from Emmaus Road Publishing combines heart-felt essays with delicious recipes, wrapping stories around each one: a beloved rigatoni, a hearty vegetable beef soup, a carrot and ginger soup that can brighten "the greyest February days."

The cookbook is peppered with Emily's beliefs both as a Catholic and a cook. "I am a firm believer that if you top a fruit crisp with yogurt instead of ice cream, it is a breakfast food, not a dessert," writes the 50-year-old mom of three from Steubenville, Ohio.

In her final essay, Emily explores the deeper meaning of cooking for her family. "I believe that when they eat what I've made, my mind, my heart, my strength, my energy, my creativity and my tenacity in some mysterious way become theirs too," she writes. "In the kitchen, I have found intimacy with Christ, who gives his life to us in the form of food."

Practical and spiritual. Sustenance for a long Tuesday—and a foretaste of Heaven.

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

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

Amarillo—Virgil James “Jim” Jordan Jr., 93, passed away Dec. 3. A Graveside Service was conducted Dec. 11, Llano Cemetery, Deacon Mark White of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, presiding. Survivors include a nephew, Mark Belew and his family.

Dalhart—Manuela “Nelly” Lozano, 76, passed away Dec. 4. Mass was celebrated Dec. 11, St. Anthony of Padua Church, Father Anthony C. Neusch, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Adolfo Lozano; four children, Alma Gonzalez and her husband Miguel, Noel Lozano and his wife Jessica, David Lozano and Oscar Lozano; three brothers, Aurelio Vega, Enrique Vega and Manuel Vega; five sisters, Christina Vega, Ramona Vega Gutierrez, Maria de Jesus, Eva Vega and Maria Elena Vega; 17 grandchildren, Priscilla, Ariana, Miguel, Adrain, Aurelio, Adrian, Jennifer, Ashely, Amanda, Oscar, Jessica, Lauwrence, Alex, Noelia, Noah, Zaira and Jonathan; and 26 great-grandchildren.

Amarillo—Mickie Bitela Reyes, 87, passed away Dec. 4. Mass was celebrated Dec. 18, St. Laurence Church, Father Haider Quintero, pastor, presiding. Interment was in Llano Cemetery. Survivors include a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Dees and her husband David of Canyon; a son, Daniel Lee Reyes of Amarillo; a brother, Mac Bitela; three grandchildren, Alana Dees, James

Dees and Robynn Dees; two great-grandchildren, Aiden and Aiyna; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Amarillo—Miguel Ángel Romero Díaz, 42, passed away Dec. 5. Mass was celebrated Dec. 10, Blessed Sacrament Church, Father César A. Gómez, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Llano Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Sofia Díaz; two children, Miguel Ángel Romero and Noé Romero; his parents, Miguel Romero Díaz and Luz María Díaz Antuna; a brother, Carlos Romero; a sister, Vanessa Romero and her husband Luis Hernández; and four nephews and nieces, Jadiel Hernández, Yarely Romero, Carla Romero and Carlos Romero Jr.

Amarillo—Juan “Willie” Manuel Quintero, 73, passed away Dec. 6. Mass was celebrated Dec. 11, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Father Taylor Elzner, pastor, presiding. Survivors include his wife, Judy Quintero; four daughters, Yvette Diaz and her husband Ryan, Christina Quintero, Veronica Jalomo and her husband JJ and Leticia Groen and her husband Mark; four sisters, Susie Zepeda, Margie Quintero and her husband Pat Mestas, Joann Curiel and Rosa Zuniga and her husband Bert; 18 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bovina—Pabla R. Garcia, 80, passed away Dec. 6. Mass was celebrated Dec. 10, St. Ann’s Church, Father Nicholas

Gerber, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Francisco Garcia; seven children, Patricia Salas, Angela Carrillo, Elizabeth Salas, Elva Rodriguez and Zulema Garcia, all of Bovina, Atilano Garcia of Farwell and Maricela Gomez of Fort Worth; five sisters, Elena Rueda, Fe Rueda, Juventina Rueda, Guadalupe Rueda and Eva Rueda, all of Mexico; three brothers, Rodrigo Rueda, Apolonio Rueda and Manuel Rueda, all of Mexico; 24 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Amarillo—James T. “Jim” Clarke, 94, passed away Dec. 7. Interment was in St. Anthony’s Cemetery, Hereford. Survivors include his wife, Elaine Clarke; three sons, Tom Clarke and his wife Toma, Brent Clarke and Bruce Clarke and his wife Melissa; a daughter, Michelle Hall; seven grandchildren, Joe Clarke, James Clarke and his wife Lauren, Maddie Clarke, Zach Clarke and his wife Katelyn, McKenzie, Morgan and her husband Greg and Troy Clarke and his wife Cassie; five great-grandchildren, Carver, Melody, Bailey, Ella Joy and Jolee; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Plainview—Carlos Vega, 68, passed away Dec. 10. Mass was celebrated Dec. 20, Sacred Heart Church, Father George Poonely, presiding. Interment was in Parkland Memorial Gardens. Survivors include his wife, Melva Vega; five children, Lori Limas and her husband Alfonzo and Adrianna Vega, all of Charleston, SC, Charles Vega and his wife Crystal of Roanoke, Va., Daniel Vega and his wife Lexa of San Antonio and James Vega of Plainview; six sisters, Felicita Vega and Amelia Sanchez and her husband Raul, all of Plainview, Teresa Machala and her husband Edward of Dallas and Isabel Vega, Maria F. Smith and Beatris Vega, all of Amarillo; two brothers, Manuel Vega and his wife Debbie of Canyon and Alberto Vega and his wife Shelly of Wylie; and six grandchildren, Mila Limas, Evelyn Vega, Ezra Vega, Lukas Vega, Adalie Vega and Barrett Vega.

Dalhart—Jerry Keith Mitchell, 77, passed away Dec. 11. A Memorial Service was conducted Dec. 15, St. Anthony of Padua Church, Deacon Mike Anzaldua, presiding. Interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Becky Sue Mitchell; a son, Jody Mitchell and his wife Kim of North Carolina; two daughters, Ja-

mie Mitchell Gillispie and Jocelyn Mitchell DeVilliers; a brother, Johnny Mitchell; a sister, Betty Fletcher; seven grandchildren, Victoria Mitchell, of Virginia Beach, Va., Alexandria Mitchell of Jacksonville, Mary Spencer Rumley of Lubbock, Savannah Cage and her husband Adam of Fort Collins and Houston DeVilliers, Asher DeVilliers and Hatlee DeVilliers, all of Dalhart.; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Amarillo—Celia Darlene Ontiveros, 61, passed away Dec. 13. Mass was celebrated Dec. 20, St. Anthony’s Church, Father Grant Spinhirne, pastor, presiding. Burial was in St. Anthony’s Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Andres Ontiveros Jr.; her mother, Mary Saiz of Hereford; three children, Andres Ontiveros III and his wife Shannon Shaw, David Ontiveros and Sandra Flores and her husband Jose, all of Amarillo; five siblings, Orlando Saiz of Tucumcari, NM, Gerald Saiz of Las Vegas, NM, Edward Saiz of Minnesota, Bernie Saiz of Amarillo and Perla Ayala of Hereford; five brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Ramona Segovia and her husband Manuel, Ramiro Ontiveros and Miguel Ontive-

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

Father John J. Dolje, Jan. 1, 1944

Father Michael Sugrue, S.A., Jan. 1, 1976

Father Dominic Kenny, S.A., Jan. 1, 1996

Father George Buckley, S.A.C., Jan. 2, 1979

Father James J. Regan, O.P., Jan. 3, 1976

Monsignor Thomas D. O’Brien, Jan. 4, 1963

Father Gregory A. Boeckman, Jan. 5, 1952

Father Gilberto Aldaco, M.C.S., Jan. 6, 1985

Father Richard Neyer, Jan. 11, 1995

Father James Salvi, S.A., Jan. 12, 1991

Father Joseph A. Walter, Jan. 13, 1989

Father J. Arnold Carlson, Jan. 18, 1998

Father Francis L. Schneider, O.P., Jan. 21, 1976

Father Austin Kittridge, S.A., Jan. 21, 1995

Father Joe Kolodziejczyk, Jan. 22, 1996

Father James H. Dunn, Jan. 26, 1990

Monsignor Bartholomew O’Brien, Jan. 28, 1962

Deacon Emilio Fuentes, Jan. 29, 2016

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ros and his wife Krystal, all of Amarillo, Amelia Van and her husband Jerry and Fernando Ontiveros and his wife Roxann, all of Hereford; six grandchildren, Relles Garcia III, Jeremiah Saiz, Geneva Saiz, Israel Flores-Powell, Elijah Flores and Heaven Flores; and two great-grandchildren, Ezekyel Garcia and Gabriel Garcia.

Amarillo—Tammy Castellano, 50, passed away Dec. 15. Mass was celebrated Dec. 19, Blessed Sacrament Church, Father César A. Gómez, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Llano Cemetery. Survivors include her parents, Noe and Ester Castellano; three sisters, Joni Stone and her husband Adam, Rose Hambrick and her husband Geremey Canada and Andrea Washington and her husband Jayton; and five nieces and nephews, Andru Stone, Jackson Hambrick, Benjamin Hambrick, Jayton Washington Jr. and Alaina Washington.

Cactus—Feliciano Escarcega Davila Sr., 91, passed away Dec. 16. Mass was celebrated Dec. 20, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Father Juan Carlos Barrágan, pastor, presiding. Interment was in Dumas Cemetery. Survivors include two sons, Feliciano Davila Jr. and his wife Guadalupe of McKinney and Xavier Davila and his wife Andrea of Keller; four daughters, Susie Davila Pearson and her husband Marvin and Maria Davila Garcia, all of Amarillo, Leticia Davila of Las Vegas and Estela Davila of San Angelo; 17 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Nazareth—Bernita Hoelting, 72, passed away Dec. 16. Mass was celebrated Dec. 22, Holy Family Church, Father Arokia “Raj” Samala, pastor,

presiding. Interment was in Holy Family Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Bill Hoelting; three daughters, Marcia Hoelting Kern and her husband Bob and Courtney Armstrong and her husband Jack, all of Lubbock and Ashley Kleman and her husband Brad of Nazareth; six grandsons, Mick Kern, Mason Kleman and his wife Mardi, Garrison Kleman, Landry Kleman, Will Armstrong and Ryan Armstrong; and a granddaughter, Maggie Kern.

Amarillo—Sulema Vega Martinez, 54, passed away Dec. 16. Mass was celebrated Dec. 23, St. Laurence Church, Father Haider Quintero, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Llano Cemetery East. Survivors include her husband, Raul Vega; three daughters, Denisse, Vanessa and Julissa; her mother, Margarita; her brothers and sisters; and three grandchildren, Misael, Layne and Kaylani.

Umbarger—Christina “Tini” Magdalene Wilhelm, 92, passed away Dec. 16. Mass was celebrated Jan. 10, St. Mary’s Church, Father Alvin Tshuma, pastor, presiding. Burial was in St. Mary’s Cemetery. Survivors include ten children, Lloyd Wilhelm and his wife Denise of Delta Junction, Alaska, Daniel Wilhelm and his wife Sharon, Edwin Wilhelm and his wife Janet and Tim Wilhelm and his wife Vickie, all of Amarillo, Wade Wilhelm and his wife Virginia of San Diego, Janet Johnson and her husband Steve of Boise City, Okla., Gerald Wilhelm and his wife Gay of Paris, TX., Judy Head and her husband Jeff of Tyler and Joyce Lumpkin and her husband Joe and Jennifer Moreland and her husband Erick, all of Grapevine; a daughter-in-law, Jackie Wilhelm of Brighton, Colo.; 38 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Bovina—Rogelio Velasquez III, 24, passed away Dec. 16. Mass was celebrated Dec. 23, St. Ann’s Church, Father Nicholas Gerber, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Bovina Cemetery. Survivors include a son, Eddie Lucero of Bovina; his parents, Rogelio Velasquez Jr. of Pasadena, Tx. and his mother, Rita Stephanie Castillo of Bovina; three brothers, Elijah Gallegos of Bovina, Gabriel Gonzales of LaPorte and Michael Noah Velasquez of Pasadena, Tx.; and two sisters, Emma Olivia Velasquez and Mia Abigail Velasquez, both of Pasadena, Tx.

Pampa—Urbana Rodriguez de Anaya, 82, passed away Dec. 18. Mass was celebrated Dec. 23, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Father Guadalupe “Lupe” Mayorga, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Survivors include five children, Blanca Anaya of Brownwood, Luz Maria Hernandez and her husband Isidro and Jose Luis Anaya, all of Pampa, Oscar Anaya and his wife Elsa and Raul Anaya and his wife Laura, all of Amarillo; several siblings; 12 grandchildren, Henry Hernandez, Steven Hernandez, Jose Rafael Hernandez, Itzayana Miranda, Jocelyn Miranda, Albert Hernandez, Johnny Anaya, Emmily Anaya, Clarissa Anaya, JJ Anaya, Adrianna Anaya and Raul Adrian Anaya; 16 great-grandchildren, Lexi Mendoza, Karina Mendoza, Myra Mendonza, Alex Mendoza, Ian Mojica, Rafael Hernandez, Julius Hernandez, Benito Hernandez, Itzel Hernandez, Giselle Hernandez, Ethan Anaya, Oscar Anaya, Zaidyn Rodriguez, Melanie Cabrales, Enzo Cabrales and Ezra Cabrales; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Amarillo—Carmelia Sue Diller, 89, passed away Dec. 19. Mass was celebrated Dec. 23, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Father John Valdez, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Llano Cemetery. Survivors include four children, Mark Diller and his wife Kelli and Michelle Erickson and her husband Lyle of Amarillo, Stephanie Hazuka and her husband Paul of Lubbock and Steven Diller and his wife Suzan of Dallas; a sister, Yvonne Keating of Costa Mesa, Calif.; a brother, Tommy Weller and his wife Dianna of Claude; nine grandchildren, Jordan Barben and her husband Tony, McCall Williams and her husband Jon, Greyson Diller and his wife Laiken, Lychelle Brown and her husband Harry, Olivia Erickson, Heather Royal and her husband Rob, Stephen Hazuka and his fiancée Kristin, Abbey Hernandez and her husband Miguel and Ryan Diller; and seven great-grandchildren, Molli Williams, Charlotte Williams, RJ Brown,

Walker Brown, Karsen Brown, Elliott Erickson and Eloise Royal.

Amarillo—Vernon David Middleton, 89, passed away Dec. 21. Mass was celebrated Dec. 30, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Father John Valdez, pastor, presiding. Interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Middleton; three children, Lisa Loan of Amarillo, Mike Middleton of Dallas and Tony Middleton and his fiancée Felicity Brooks of Cedar Park; a sister, Jan Burleson; five grandchildren, Adi Koelzer and her husband Brandon, Brock Loan, Kyle Middleton, Arlo Middleton and Max Middleton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Borger—Margarita Ruiz, 55, passed away Dec. 21. Mass was celebrated Jan. 2, St. John the Evangelist Church, Father Anthony Raju Yanamala, parochial administrator, presiding. Survivors include her husband, Enrique Ruiz Jr.; two sons, Enrique Ruiz III and Joe Mendoza and his wife Rosanna; a daughter, Hatti Ruiz; and seven grandchildren, Lucid, Jasmine, Maddox, Anabell Jr., Emilio, Sebastian and Lyla.

Amarillo—Alyssa Joy Peters passed away Dec. 22, on her 33rd birthday. Mass was celebrated Dec. 27, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Father Avitus K. Siriwa, parochial vicar, presiding. Burial was in Llano Cemetery. Survivors include her parents, Cindy Peters and her husband John; three siblings, Trey, Shannon and Libbie; three nieces, Madison Paige, Brylee Ann and Reagan Noelle; and four nephews, Preston Jacob, Nicholas Dean, Mason Christopher and Cameron Micheal.

Amarillo—Antonio “Tony” Alvilar Flores II, 65, passed away Dec. 23. Mass was celebrated Dec. 29, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Father Taylor Elzner, pastor, presiding. Interment was in Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Gloria Flores, a daughter, Christina Lopez and her husband Gerome of Burleson; two sons, Antonio Flores III and his wife Samantha of Dallas and Isaac Flores and his wife Susanne of Waco; nine siblings, Elvia Welch and her husband Ray, Esperanza Flores, Olga Jurado, Carmen Albarado, Josefina Escajeda, Rey Flores and his wife Amanda, Jose Flores, Saul Flores and Ruben Flores and his wife Sarah; and seven grandchildren.

Amarillo—Manuel Octavio Juarez-Contreras, 44, passed away Dec. 23. Mass was celebrated Dec. 30, St. Laurence Church, Father Taylor Elzner, pastor, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Church, presiding. Survivors include his mother, Juana Contreras; a daughter, Gloria Juarez; four siblings, Juan Juarez, Jose Juarez, Marcos Juarez and Maria Juarez; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Dumas—Inez Munoz, 78, passed away Dec. 24. Survivors include eight children, Marco Munoz and his wife Linda, Gabriel Munoz and his wife Berta, Simon Munoz and his wife Sofia, Ursula Amaya, Juan Munoz, Sara Munoz and Julio Munoz, all of Dumas and Shelby Carbajal of Plainview; two siblings, Guadalupe Perez and Jose Perez; 10 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Caldwell—Malachi Maldonado, 22, passed away Dec. 26. Mass was celebrated Jan. 5, St. Ann’s Church, Bovina, Father Nicholas Gerber, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Sunset Terrace Memorial Cemetery, Farwell. Survivors include his mother, Maria DeLeon of Clovis, NM; his father, Juan Gabriel Maldonado of Amarillo; his grandparents, Tommy DeLeon of Bovina and Efrain and Elena Maldonado of Dalhart; his great-grandfather, Gil DeLeon of West Camp; a sister, Angel Abeyta of Maxwell; and his brother, Gabriel James Maldonado of Maxwell.

Spearman—Maria Helen Sandoval, 87, passed away Dec. 28. Mass was celebrated Jan. 2, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Father Hrudaya Raju Kondamudi, parochial administrator, presiding. Burial was in Hansford Cemetery. Survivors include a daughter, Rachel Shafer and her husband Rusty of Florence, Tx.; two sons, Ernie Sandoval and his wife Rosetta of Spearman and Felix Sandoval Jr. of Fritch; three sisters, Eva Verdell and her husband Steve, Patricia Warlick and Stevanna Romero and her husband Frank, all of Clovis, NM; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Dumas—Maria Angelica Ybarra Quintanilla, 78, passed away Dec. 28. Mass was celebrated Dec. 31, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Father Luis René López, pastor, presiding. Interment was in Dumas Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Victor C. Quintanilla; two sons, Victor Quintanilla Jr. and his wife Pam and Steven Quintanilla, all of Dumas; a daughter, Priscilla Ortega and her husband Rene of Pueblo, Colo.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Amarillo—Courtney Ann Hudson, 93, passed away Dec. 28. Mass was celebrated Jan. 6, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Father John Valdez, pastor, pre-

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Father Leo Lavoie, Feb. 3, 1978

Monsignor Stanley Crocchiola, Feb. 6, 1996

Monsignor Matthew G. Malnar, Feb. 6, 2021

Father Elmer J. Toups, CSsR, Feb. 7, 1995

Father Norman Boyd, S.A., Feb. 10, 2015

Deacon Hector Gallegos, Feb. 11, 2013

Deacon Floyd Ashley, Feb. 11, 2015

Father William M. Hammond, Feb. 13, 1971

Father William Blakeslee, Feb. 14, 1975

Deacon Richard Morris, Feb. 14, 1995

Father Francis R. Crowe, O.P., Feb. 16, 2010

Father Raymond Gillis, S.A., Feb. 20, 1988

Deacon Raymond Solano, Feb. 23, 2000

Deacon Richard Riley, Feb. 23, 2009

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siding. Burial was in Llano Cemetery. Survivors include a daughter, Terry Ann Hudson White and her husband Deacon Mark White of Amarillo; three sons, Robert Lee Hudson and his wife Tina of Murphy, NC, Thomas Gerard Hudson and hus wife Magda of Fort Worth and Christopher James Hudson and his wife Julie of Portland, Ore.; four grandchildren, Courtney Marie White of Amarillo, Austin Leo Hudson and his wife Monika of Colorado Springs, Hillary Ann White Pennock of Birmingham and Catherine Grace Hudson of Winston-Salem, NC; and a great-grandchild, Hudson Lee Pennock.

Happy—Fanny Castellon, 62, passed away Dec. 28. Mass was celebrated Jan. 10, Holy Name Church, Father Alvin Tshuma, parochial administrator, presiding. Survivors include her mother, Maria Castellon; a son, Joshua Castellon and his wife Isabella; a brother, David Castellon and his wife Emma; two sisters, Patricia Crabtree and her husband Cory and Christina Diller and her husband Philip; a brother-in-law, Charles Mings; and six nieces and nephews, David Jr. and his wife Paige, Anna Watson and her husband Nick, Timothy Mings and his wife Amber, Joshua Mings, Bella Mings and Catalya Diller.

Borger—Esther Marlene Scherer, 69, passed away Dec. 29. Mass was celebrated Jan. 3, St. John the Evangelist Church, Father Anthony Raju Yanamala, parochial administrator, presiding. Burial was in Stinnett Cemetery, Stinnett. Survivors including her husband, Michael Scherer; a daughter, Jennifer Matusiak and her husband Scott of Borger; a son, David Scherer and his wife Kellie of Stinnett; two brothers, Darrol Back and his wife Charlotte of Springfield, Mo. and Earnest Back and his wife Sheryl of Floydada; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Dumas—Marcelina Mendoza, 88, passed away Dec. 29. Mass was celebrated Jan. 2, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Father Luis René López, pastor, presiding. Interment was in Dumas Cemetery. Survivors include four sons, Eduvijos Mendoza of Etter, Manuel Mendoza and his wife Maria Leticia of Dumas, Faustino Mendoza and his wife Lorenza of Gruver and Rito Mendoza of Chihuahua; two daughters, Matilde Mendoza and her husband Efrain of Dumas and Maribel Mendoza and her husband Cesar of Gruver; 18 grandchildren; and 45 great-grandchildren.

Dalhart—Israel Valles, 60, passed away Dec. 30. Mass was celebrated Jan. 3, St. Anthony of Padua Church, Father Anthony C. Neusch, pastor, pre-

siding. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors include a son, Israel L. Valles; and a sister, Bella Valles and her husband Elder Domingues.

Clayton, NM—Christopher John Martinez, 50, passed away Jan. 3. Mass was celebrated Jan. 17, St. Francis Xavier Church, Father Joji Konkala, presiding. Survivors include three children, Sirena Martinez, Isabel Martinez and Christopher Martinez, all of Clayton; his father, Ruben Martinez of Clayton; a sister, Corina Vandenberg and her husband Kenneth of Clayton; three brothers, Clifford Martinez and his wife Janelle of Clayton and Casey Martinez and Chris Chavez and his wife Katera, all of Amarillo; eight nieces and nephews, Mark Anthony, Dylan, Brandon, Tim Sandoval, Kendra Lopez and her husband Travis, Heather Sinclair and her husband Trey, Brittany Rivera and her husband Jake and Cynthia Lujan and her husband B.J.; and his Godmother, Marlie Senkevich of Clayton.

Hart—Juan Corrales Garza, 59, passed away Jan. 4. Mass was celebrated Jan. 7, St. John Nepomucene Church, Father David Contreras, pastor, presiding. Interment was in Hart Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Delia Corrales; two daughters, Patricia Corrales and Savannah Corrales, both of Hart; three sons, Juan Corrales and Aicen Corrales, both of Hart and Marco Corrales and his wife Laura of Midland; two brothers, Eugenio Corrales and his wife Alicia of Springlake and Martin Corrales and his wife Norma of Borger; six sisters, Paulita Montemayor, Virginia Esquivel, Fernanda Maldonado, Maria Marquez and Mary Chavez, all of Hart and Criselda Zamudio of Dallas; and five grandchildren, Jaylynn, Aria, Joselyn, Jeronimo and Rosalia.

Amarillo—Eric Vincent Darnell, 46, passed away Jan. 4. Mass was celebrated Jan. 8, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Father Lawrence John, JCL, rector, presiding. Burial was in Llano Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Angelica Darnell; two sons, Derek Darnell and Ryan Torres and his wife Cassandra; three daughters, Marissa Torres and her husband Hilario, Ava Darnell and Pauline Darnell; his mother, Dorothy Darnell; a brother, Phillip Darnell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Clayton, NM—Julian Gutierrez, 73, passed away Jan. 4. Mass was celebrated Jan. 8, St. Francis Xavier Church, Father Joji Konkala, presiding. Burial was in Clayton Memorial Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Colleen Gutierrez; five children, Dusty Gutierrez and his wife Mikka of Seminole, Nicole Shores and her husband Bryan of Midland, Bo Gutierrez and

his wife Kayla of Amarillo, John David Gutierrez and his wife Krystal of Clovis, NM and Samantha Stotts and her husband Bill of Andrews; four sisters, Connie Vital and her husband Antonio and Terri Sanchez and her husband Tom, all of Clayton, Helen Cimini and her husband Tony of Fredericksburg, Va. and Victoria Trujillo and her husband Gregory of Boise City, Okla.; a brother, Gilbert Gutierrez and his wife Prescilla of Clayton; two brothers-in-law, Ron Boyd and Terry Boyd, both of Turpin, Okla; 17 grandchildren, Mikalee McNabb and her husband Colin, Nicolas Shores and his wife Mattie, Dillon Gutierrez, Samantha Gutierrez, Javen Gutierrez, Chase Shores and his fiancé Sydney Leavitt, Anastasia Gutierrez, Mario Gutierrez, Lance Gutierrez, Sean Gutierrez, Asher Goolsbey, Cory Goolsbey, CJ Gutierrez, Ethan Gutierrez, Luke Gutierrez, Aeson Stotts and Aizlee Stotts; a great-grandchild, Emilio Gutierrez; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pampa—Maria Sandoval, 83, passed away Jan. 4. A Mass in her honor will be celebrated in the near future. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery. Survivors include a daughter, Loretta Sandoval; three siblings, Mauricio Dominguez, Luis Dominguez and Bertha Dominguez; six grandchildren, Louie Sandoval, Jessica Sandoval, Valerie Sandoval, Bernie Davila, Ivan Davila, and Maria Fernanda Dominguez; 10 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Attention:

According to Bishop Patrick J. Zurek no activities

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

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

This is to accommodate the annual

Respect Life Mass

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

USCCB SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS/WEST TEXAS CATHOLIC		
Parish		FY 6/30/25
	As Of Date	8/31/25
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, AMARILLO		\$ -
CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, SUNRAY		
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, TULIA		\$ 170.00
CRISTO REDENTOR, GRUVER		\$ 87.00
HOLY ANGELS CHURCH, CHILDRESS		
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, NAZARETH		\$ 547.00
HOLY NAME CHURCH, HAPPY		
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, DIMMITT		\$ 225.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, PERRYTON		\$ 424.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, VEGA		\$ 60.00
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH, GROOM		\$ 472.00
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH, AMARILLO		\$ 784.00
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, CACTUS		\$ 790.00
OUR LADY OF LORETO CHURCH, SILVERTON		
OUR LADY OF VIETNAM, AMARILLO		\$ 501.00
OUR MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH, WELLINGTON		\$ 464.00
SACRED HEART CHURCH, CANADIAN		\$ 155.00
SACRED HEART CHURCH, MEMPHIS		
SACRED HEART CHURCH, WHITE DEER		\$ 88.00
SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH, SPEARMAN		\$ 509.00
SAN JOSE CHURCH, HEREFORD		\$ 277.00
SAN JUAN DIEGO, QUITAQUE		
ST ANN'S CHURCH, BOVINA		\$ 284.00
ST ANN'S CHURCH, CANYON		\$ 5.00
ST ANN'S CHURCH, STINNETT		
ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, DALHART		
ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, HEREFORD		\$ 677.00
ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON MISSION, TURKEY		
ST FRANCIS CHURCH, AMARILLO		\$ 77.00
ST HYACINTH'S CHURCH, AMARILLO		\$ 1,622.17
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, BORGER		\$ 687.00
ST JOHN NEPOMUCENE CHURCH, HART		\$ 76.00
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, AMARILLO		\$ 586.87
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, STRATFORD		\$ 263.00
ST LAURENCE'S CHURCH, AMARILLO		\$ 355.90
ST MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH, AMARILLO		\$ 100.00
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, AMARILLO		\$ 267.69
ST MARY'S CHURCH, CLARENDON		
ST MARY'S CHURCH, TEXLINE		
ST MARY'S CHURCH, UMBARGER		\$ 225.00
ST MARY'S CHURCH, WHEELER		
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, SHAMROCK		\$ 225.00
ST PAUL'S CHURCH, KRESS		
ST PETER'S CHURCH, BOOKER		\$ 30.00
ST TERESA'S CHURCH, FRIONA		\$ 287.35
ST THERESA'S CHURCH, PANHANDLE		\$ 228.00
ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH, AMARILLO		\$ 4,817.00
ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH, PAMPA		\$ 940.00
STS PETER & PAUL CHURCH, DUMAS		\$ 494.00
LESS 5% ADMINISTRATIVE		\$ (890.04)
	NET TOTAL	\$ 16,910.94
50% RETAINED BY DIOCESE		\$ 8,455.46

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WE ARE CALLING ALL CATHOLICS IN OUR DIOCESE TO UNITE AROUND:

- Supporting our seminarians in their formation and education.
- Supporting our priests in continuing education and the advancement of their studies.
- Supporting Catholic Communications.
- Supporting the training and education of our Deacon Candidates in order to assist our priests and the ministries of our parishes.
- Faith Formation support for our parishes with the new changes in the conversion of RCIA to OCIA and the administration of the sacraments.
- Youth programs that enliven this generation in their Catholic Faith including the discernment of vocations to our young people.
- Supporting the diocesan effort in our prison systems to bring men back to faith and to introduce the Catholic Faith to those who have no faith at all.
- Catholic support in our hospitals to serve those who are ill as well as their families.
- Supporting family enrichment through marriage encounters and family program.
- Supporting our college students on campus through our Catholic Student Center

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

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“¡RECONSTRUYE MI IGLESIA!”

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

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

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

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