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## Leading Off

The Diocesan Pastoral Center will close at noon Thursday, April 2 for the Triduum. The Diocesan Pastoral Center will reopen on Tuesday, April 7 at 9:00am.

His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Apostolic Administrator, *sede vacante*, and the staff at the Diocesan Pastoral Center wish everyone a Blessed Easter.

**Borger**—St. John the Evangelist Church will host its 69th Italian Meatballs and Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, March 22 from 11:00am to 5:00pm in the school gym at 201 St. John's Road.

Tickets for the dinner are \$16.00 per person, with children seven and under eating free, if dining in, according to parishioner Marilyn Archer. The meal will be dine-in from 11:00am to 4:00pm and takeouts will be available from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

For additional information, please contact the parish office at 806-274-7064.

**Amarillo**—All young men in the Diocese of Amarillo, sixth grade age and older, are invited to attend the next diocesan Discernment Group Meeting Sunday, March 22, beginning at 5:00pm at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring.

The meetings are hosted by Father Shane D. Wieck, pastor at San Jose Church, Hereford, along with other priests in the diocese. A meal will be provided.

"All young men are invited and encouraged to bring a friend with them to these meetings," said Father Ryan Winger, newly-appointed Vocations Director for the Diocese of Amarillo.

For more details, please contact Veronica Joy Mullen via email, vmullen@holycrossama.org.

## Daniel Cardinal DiNardo Appointed Apostolic Administrator Of Amarillo Diocese



**Bishop-Emeritus Patrick J. Zurek, left, and Daniel Cardinal DiNardo pose for a photo Feb. 16 prior to the funeral Mass for Monsignor Rex Nicholl at St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo. (WTC Photo)**

**Washington, DC (USCCB)**—Pope Leo XIV has accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Patrick J. Zurek, 77, from the Office of Bishop of Amarillo. At the same time, he has appointed His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, archbishop emeritus of Galveston-Houston, as Apostolic Administrator, *sede vacante*, of the Diocese of Amarillo to serve until the appointment and installation of the new bishop.

The resignation and appointment were publicized in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 14, by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo served as the metropolitan archbishop of Galveston-Houston from 2006 to 2025. During that time, he was pastor to its two million-plus Catholics

(and the 7.8 million people within the archdiocese) and 435 priests in 146 parishes and 54 schools spread over 8,880 square miles. On Jan. 20, 2025, Pope Francis accepted Cardinal DiNardo's resignation and appointed Bishop Joe S. Vásquez of Austin as his successor.

Born in Steubenville, Ohio, and raised with three siblings in Castle Shannon near Pittsburgh, Cardinal DiNardo attended St. Anne grade school and the Jesuit-run Bishop's Latin school before enrolling in St. Paul Seminary and Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. He received his master's degree in philosophy from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and degrees of Sacred Theology from both the Pontifical Gregorian Uni-

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## A Lenten Message from Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Apostolic Administrator, *sede vacante*, Diocese of Amarillo:

Since my arrival in the Diocese of Amarillo on Feb. 14, I have been greeted warmly and wonderfully by the Faithful of this diocese. As we continue our Lenten journey, I wanted to write to everyone and wish



you a blessed Lenten season filled with hope, contrition, renewed purpose and joy. This Lent marks our Centennial as a local Church. Let us celebrate it well.

First off, I want to give my support and gratitude to the priests of the diocese. You have important work to do at all times, but most especially at this time of the church year you are called and sent to engage in your ministry more intensely.

To all the Permanent Deacons, Grace and Peace to you in your diaconal assignments. As you continue to collaborate with our priests may the Lord bless you in your work.

To all of our Women Religious, you are a beautiful group. I have met several of you. Stay Faithful and enthused.

To all the Faithful, please have a wonderful Lent this year. I celebrated the Rite of Election on Feb. 22 and a significant number of young people (because everyone looks young to me now) are coming into the Church, either as Catechumens or as Candidates.

I love being here. I don't know how long my ministry with you will last. Only the Pope knows that, and he will take his time in selecting a new Bishop. Let us have a holy and good life in the months to come as we seek to witness to Jesus Christ.

**Daniel Cardinal DiNardo**  
Apostolic Administrator, *sede vacante*  
Diocese of Amarillo

## Cardinal DiNardo... from page 1

versity and the Patristic Institute Augustinianum in Rome.

He was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Pittsburgh on July 16, 1977, and served as parish pastor, seminary professor, spiritual director and in the chancery. From 1984 to 1991, he worked in Rome as a staff member for the Congregation for Bishops, as director of Villa Stritch (the house for American clergy), and as adjunct professor at the Pontifical North American College. In 1991, he returned to Pittsburgh, serving as pastor to several parishes and again in the chancery.

He was appointed coadjutor bishop of Sioux City, Iowa and ordained there as a bishop in October 1997. As his Episcopal motto, he adopted: *Ave Crux Spes*

*Unica*, meaning *Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope*. He succeeded retiring Bishop Lawrence Donald Soens of Sioux City in November of 1998.

He was named coadjutor bishop (later coadjutor archbishop) of Galveston-Houston in January 2004 and succeeded Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza on Feb. 28, 2006. On June 29, 2006, he received the pallium from Pope Benedict XVI. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals in November of 2007 at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He was designated the titular Church of Sant'Eusebio in Rome.

As a member of the Sacred College, he served as a Cardinal-Elector in the Papal Conclaves of 2013 and 2025, which saw the elections of Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV

to the See of Peter.

In November 2013, he was elected by his brother bishops as the Vice-President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for a three-year term. Cardinal DiNardo served as President of the USCCB from Nov. 2016-Nov. 2019.

Patrick James Zurek was born on Aug. 17, 1948 in Sealy, the son of Arnold and Victoria Zurek. He attended the University of St. Thomas in Houston, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics, *magna cum laude*. Zurek then attended St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, where he obtained a Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree.

On June 29, 1975, Zurek was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Austin in St. Peter's Square by Pope (now St.) Paul VI. He obtained his Licentiate in Moral Theology in 1976 at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

Upon his return to Texas, Father Zurek served as Associate Pastor at St. Mary's Church in Temple; Associate Pastor at St. Joseph's Church in Bryan; Pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas in College Station; and, Pastor at St. John Neumann in Austin. He also led the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors.

On Jan. 5, 1998, Father Zurek

### Deacons Birthdays

Deacons of the Diocese of Amarillo observing their birthdays in the month of March include:

Deacon Jesus Guerrero

March 10

Deacon David Rausch, Ph.D.

March 15

Deacon José Castañeda

March 16

Deacon Mark Seidlitz

March 19

Deacon Paul Herrera

March 23

Deacon Guillermo Estrada

March 24

Deacon Gabriel Rivas

March 24

Deacon Rene Pérez

March 27

Deacon Miguel Tovar

March 27

was appointed as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of San Antonio and was consecrated by Archbishop Patrick F. Flores on Feb. 16, 1998 during a Mass at Municipal Auditorium in San Antonio.

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The Diocese of Amarillo is comprised of 25,800 square miles in the State of Texas.

### Catholic Community Scripture Study

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

As in the past, the weekly gathering focuses on the scripture in-

sights from *At Home with the Word* for a preview of the coming Sunday Scriptures.

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

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# Monsignor Rex Nicholl: 1936-2026

**Amarillo**—Monsignor Rex Eugene Nicholl, the senior priest of the Diocese of Amarillo, passed away Feb. 11. He was 89 years old.

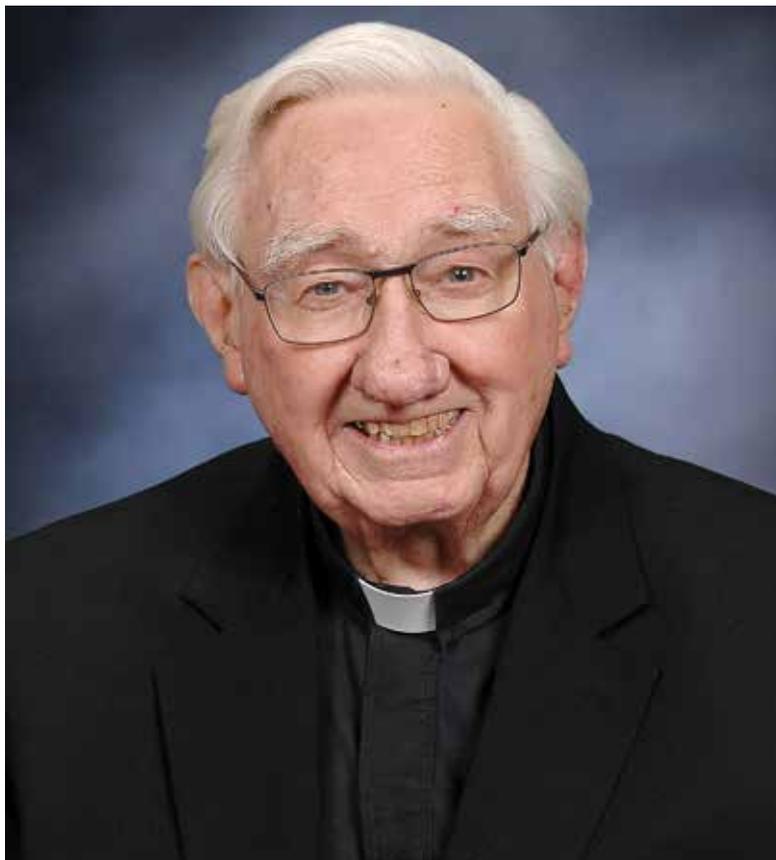
Mass was celebrated Feb. 16, St. Mary's Cathedral, Bishop Patrick J. Zurek, with the presence of Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, presiding. Main concelebrants were Father Hector J. Madrigal, pastor, Church of the Holy Spirit, Tulia; Monsignor Joe Bixenman; and, Father John Valdez, pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Priests of the Diocese of Amarillo were concelebrants and Deacons of the Diocese of Amarillo assisted. Burial was in Llano Cemetery.

Rex Eugene Nicholl was born Dec. 3, 1936 in Paris, Tx., the son of Worth Howard and Phyllis Nicholl. The family moved to Amarillo when the future priest was two years old.

After his graduation from Price College in 1955, Nicholl attended St. Edward's University for two years, majoring in journalism. He transferred to Marquette University, graduating in 1959 with a degree in journalism.

Nicholl volunteered for the draft after graduating from Marquette and served a two-year hitch in the U.S. Army. After he was honorably discharged, Nicholl entered Conception Seminary in Conception, Mo., where he studied for the priesthood.

On May 19, 1967, Nicholl, along with his brother Larry and fellow seminarian Kenneth Yaroch, were ordained to the priesthood by



**Monsignor Rex Nicholl**

then-Bishop Lawrence M. DeFalco at St. Laurence Church, Amarillo.

After his ordination, Father Nicholl spent the summer of 1967 as a substitute for vacationing priests at parishes in Pep, Morton, Muleshoe and Levelland (all now in the Diocese of Lubbock). In 1968, he received his first permanent assignment, as parochial vicar at St. Laurence Church, Amarillo. Father Nicholl also taught at St. Laurence School and was associate editor of *The West Texas Register*

(now *The West Texas Catholic*) for a short time.

Father Nicholl was transferred to Sacred Heart Church, Plainview, and its mission, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, serving as parochial vicar. He was appointed pastor after the passing of Father Fred Hyland on April 26, 1977, and remained there until 1982, when he was named pastor of Church of the Holy Spirit, Tulia, and its missions, St. Paul the Apostle Church, Kress and Our Lady of Loreto Church, Silverton.

While in Tulia, Father Nicholl also established a Catholic community center in Quitaque that eventually became San Juan Diego Church and was a founding member of the Red River Valley Mission Team.

On July 1, 1991, Father Nicholl was appointed pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Perryton, and St. Peter's Church, Booker. In 1992, he noted the 25th anniversary of his ordination with Masses at Our Lady of Loreto, Silverton; St. Mary's Church, Amarillo; Church of the Holy Spirit, Tulia; Sacred Heart Church, Plainview; and, at Immaculate Conception Church, Perryton.

During his assignment in Perryton, Father Nicholl was named a Prelate of Honor on Aug. 24, 1999, with the title of Monsignor.

In 2000, Monsignor Nicholl was named pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Amarillo, where he remained until Sept. 1, 2009, when he was appointed to his final assignment as pastor at St. Martin de Porres Church.

In addition to serving St. Martin de Porres Church, Monsignor Nicholl celebrated Mass weekly at the Ussery-Roan Texas State Veterans Home in Amarillo; visited his fellow veterans weekly at the Thomas Creek VA Hospital; served as Spiritual Advisor for the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, a post he assumed in 2007 following the passing of Monsignor Francis A. Smyer; and, was active with the Father Francis Crowe Council #13134

of the Knights of Columbus and as Faithful Friar for the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

In an interview on St. Valentine Catholic Radio (now the Guadalupe Radio Network) in 2017, Monsignor Nicholl was asked what advice he would give a young man who was seeking a calling to the priesthood:

"I would tell him to do his very best and trust in God," he said. "Seek Him first. Form habits of prayer and prayerful reading of Scripture, especially *Lectio Divina*. I would seek the guidance of priests as mentors and enjoy the company of lay people in your parish and draw strength from them."

According to his family, Monsignor Nicholl was a devoted son, brother, and uncle to his family and was beloved by many. A true Renaissance man, he delighted in playing piano, singing, dancing and watching musicals and other classic movies. Monsignor Nicholl was a skilled athlete in his younger years and a zealous sports fan his whole life—he followed all sports, all teams, seldom missed a bowl game and often had multiple games on at the same time. He also loved history and read widely, and in recent years, he particularly enjoyed cheering on the San Antonio Spurs with his brother Clark, and friendly debates with his brother Larry.

Survivors include two brothers, Larry and Clark; a sister, Sandy; and eight nieces and nephews Debye, Rebecca, Colette, Michael, Rachel, Renee, Roxanne and Andrew.

## Retirement Reception For Bishop Patrick J. Zurek

**Amarillo**—A come-and-go Retirement Reception for Bishop Emeritus Bishop Patrick J. Zurek is set for Sunday, March 22 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Reception Room of the Monsignor Francis A. Smyer Activity Center at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1200 South Washington.

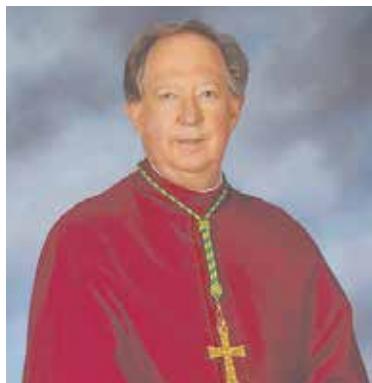
"Please join us as gather in gratitude and celebration to wish Bishop Zurek a joyful and blessed retirement, honoring his Faithful leadership and devoted service to the Diocese of Amarillo," said Joyce Knight, director of Development and Stewardship for the Diocese of Amarillo.

Bishop Emeritus Zurek, 77, was

granted retirement by Pope Leo XIV on Feb. 14 (see related story, page 1, English and page 14, Spanish). He was ordained to the priesthood by Pope (now St.) Paul VI on June 29, 1975 in St. Peter's Square.

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**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.**

**Amarillo**—Parishes in the Diocese of Amarillo have announced their schedules for the Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, Thursday, April 2 to Sunday, April 5. Listed below are the parishes that supplied the Office of Communications with their schedules.

Parishes not listed here either failed to report their schedules or are not planning services.

**Schedules are subject to change without notice.** Please consult your parish bulletin or website for further details and any last-minute changes.

#### AMARILLO

**St. Mary's Cathedral:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm; Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at noon and 3:00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 8:00am, 9:30am and Noon

**Blessed Sacrament:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (Bilingual) Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at 3:00pm (Bilingual), Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm (Bilingual) Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (Bilingual); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00am (English), 11:00am and 1:00pm (both Spanish)

**Our Lady of Guadalupe:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (Bilingual), with Silent Prayer afterwards until 11:00pm; Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at 3:00pm (Bilingual), Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm (Bilingual); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil Mass at 9:00pm (Bilingual); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00am (Spanish), 11:00am (English) and 1:00pm (Spanish)

**Our Lady of Vietnam:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:30pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:10pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 10:00am

**St. Francis of Assisi:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30pm; Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at 3:00pm, followed by the Celebration of the Lord's Passion; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 9:00am

**St. Hyacinth:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00pm; Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at 2:30pm, followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Celebration of the Lord's Passion; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00am (English) and 11:30am (Spanish)

**St. Joseph's:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (Bilingual); Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at 3:00pm; Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm (both Bilingual); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 9:00pm (Bilingual); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00am (English) 11:00am and 1:00pm (Spanish)

**St. Laurence:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (Bilingual), Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight, Holy Hour at 11:00pm; Friday, April 3, Bilingual Way of the Cross (*Via Crucis*) at 3:00pm, starting at St. Francis Covent, 4301 NE 18th Street, followed by the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 4:30pm (Bilingual); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 9:00pm (Bilingual); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30am (English), 10:00am and Noon and (Spanish)

**St. Martin de Porres:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 10:00am

**St. Thomas the Apostle:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm; Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at 12:15pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:15am

#### BOOKER

**St. Peter's:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (Bilingual, at Immaculate Conception Church, Perryton); Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at 11:00am, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 5:00pm (Spanish); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (Bilingual, at Immaculate Conception Church, Perryton); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 8:45am (Spanish)

#### BORGER

**St. John the Evangelist:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (Bilingual), with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight; Friday, April 3, *Via Crucis* at Noon, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm (Bilingual); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (Bilingual); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 9:30am (English) and noon (Spanish)

#### BOVINA

**St. Ann's:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm (at St. Teresa of Jesus Church, Friona); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (at St. Teresa of Jesus Church, Friona); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30am (English) and 10:45am (Spanish; all others listed are Bilingual)

#### CACTUS

**Our Lady of Guadalupe:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (Bilingual; at St. Joseph's Church, Stratford); Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm (Bilingual); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (Bilingual); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 1:00pm and 7:00pm (both Spanish)

#### CANADIAN

**Sacred Heart:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:00pm; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 6:00pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at Noon (All Bilingual)

#### CANYON

**St. Ann's:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30pm; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 6:30pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00am and 11:30am

#### CHILDRRESS

**Holy Angels:** Way of the Cross at 5:30pm on Fridays during Lent; Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5:15pm; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 5:15pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 9:00am (all Bilingual)

#### CLARENDON

**St. Mary's:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5:30pm, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight; Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at 5:00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 5:30; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Groom); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 11:00am

#### DALHART

**St. Anthony of Padua:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (Bilingual), with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm (Bilingual); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 9:30am (English) and Noon (Spanish)

#### DIMMITT

**Immaculate Conception:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (Bilingual), with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm (Bilingual); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30pm (Bilingual); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 8:00am (English) and 12:30pm (Spanish)

#### DUMAS

**Sts. Peter and Paul:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:00pm (Bilingual), with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10:00pm in the chapel; Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at 2:00pm (Bilingual), Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm (Bilingual), Rosary at 8:00pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (Bilingual); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00am (English) and Noon (Spanish)

#### FRIONA

**St. Teresa of Jesus:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (at St. Ann's Church, Bovina); Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 12:45pm (Spanish; all others listed are Bilingual)

#### GROOM

**Immaculate Heart of Mary:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:30pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 8:30am

#### GRUVER

**Cristo Redentor:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Spearman); Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (English, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Spearman) Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 11:30am (Spanish)

#### HAPPY

**Holy Name of Jesus:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (at St. Mary's Church, Umbarger); Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at 3:00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm (both at St. Mary's Church, Umbarger); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (at St. Mary's Church, Umbarger); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 11:30am

## The Diocesan Calendar

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**HART**

**St. John Nepomucene:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight (at Immaculate Conception Church, Dimmitt); Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm (at Immaculate Conception Church, Dimmitt); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30pm (at Immaculate Conception Church, Dimmitt); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 10:45am (All Bilingual)

**HEREFORD**

**St. Anthony's:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:15pm; Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at 3:00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:15pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 9:30am  
**San Jose:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (Bilingual), followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:40pm to 11:40pm in the parish hall; Friday, April 3, *Via Crucis* at 1:00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm (Bilingual); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 9:00pm (Bilingual); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00am (Spanish) and 11:30am (English).  
**NO EASTER SUNDAY MASS AT SAN JOSE MISSION IN THE CAMPO.**

**KRESS**

**St. Paul the Apostle:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Masses at 10:30am (English) and Noon (Spanish; all at Church of the Holy Spirit, Tulia. Bilingual unless otherwise listed)

**MEMPHIS**

**Sacred Heart:** Way of the Cross at 3:00pm on Fridays during Lent; Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:30pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (at Holy Angels Church, Childress); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 11:00am (all Bilingual)

**NAZARETH**

**Holy Family:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30pm; Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at 2:00pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 6:30pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 9:15am

**PAMPA**

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm (Bilingual); Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:30pm (Bilingual); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 9:00pm (Bilingual); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00am (English) and Noon (Spanish)

**PANHANDLE**

**St. Theresa's:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:00pm; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 9:00am

**PERRYTON**

**Immaculate Conception:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (Bilingual); Friday, April 3, *Via Crucis* at 1:00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm (Bilingual); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (Bilingual); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 11:00am (English) and 1:00pm (Spanish)

**SHAMROCK**

**St. Patrick's:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30pm, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00pm; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:30pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:15pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 9:00am

**SPEARMAN**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight in the parish hall (Bilingual); Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 6:00pm (Bilingual); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30pm (English); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 10:00am (Bilingual)

**STINNETT**

**St. Ann's:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (Bilingual, at St. John the Evangelist Church, Borger) with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight (at St. John the Evangelist Church, Borger); Friday, April 3, *Via Crucis* at Noon (at St. John the Evangelist Church, Borger), Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (Bilingual, at St. John the Evangelist Church, Borger); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 8:00am

**STRATFORD**

**St. Joseph's:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm (Bilingual); Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm (at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Cactus); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (Bilingual, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Cactus); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Masses at 9:00am (English) and 11:00am (Spanish)

**SUNRAY**

**Christ the King:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:00pm (at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Dumas); Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at 2:00pm (Bilingual), Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm, Rosary at 8:00pm (all at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Dumas); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Dumas); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30am

**TEXLINE**

**St. Mary's:** Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at 12:10pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 7:30am

**TULIA**

**Church of the Holy Spirit:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Masses at 10:30am (English) and Noon (Spanish; Bilingual unless otherwise listed)

**UMBARGER**

**St. Mary's:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm; Friday, April 3, Way of the Cross at 3:00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 9:00am

**VEGA**

**Immaculate Conception:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm; Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 9:30am

**WELLINGTON**

**Our Mother of Mercy:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:00pm; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 6:00pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil Mass at 8:15pm (at St. Patrick's Church, Shamrock); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 11:00am

**WHEELER**

**St. Mary's:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00pm (Bilingual); Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 8:00pm (Bilingual); Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 8:30pm (Bilingual, at Sacred Heart Church, Canadian); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 9:30am (English)

**WHITE DEER**

**Sacred Heart:** Thursday, April 2, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:00pm; Friday, April 3, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 6:00pm; Saturday, April 4, Easter Vigil at 9:00pm (at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Pampa); Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30am

**“Let us switch off the televisions, the radio and the smartphones a little. Let us meditate on the Word of God, draw near to the Sacraments; listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, who speaks to our hearts and listen to one another.”**

**—Pope Leo XIV**

**Centenary Prayer**

Heavenly Father,  
 we thank You for one hundred years  
 of grace in our diocese.  
 We praise You for the deep Faith  
 and the outstanding example of our founders,  
 for the dedicated service of our bishops,  
 priests, deacons, and religious,  
 and for the witness of countless Faithful.

Pour out Your Spirit upon us,  
 that we may live as one family in Christ,  
 proclaiming the Gospel with joy  
 and serving the poor with love.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 and Saint Laurence, our patrons,  
 guide us into the next century  
 of faith, hope, communion, and mission.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.



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## Meet A Catholic School Teacher

**Name:** Roni Vallejo

**School:** St. Anthony's, Hereford

**Grade/Subject You Are Teaching:** Fifth Grade English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR)

**Degree Obtained:** Bachelor of Science, West Texas A&M University, Canyon

**Spouse's Name:** Francisco Vallejo Jr.

**Children:** Hilary Vallejo, Gabby Vallejo and Frankie Vallejo



**Why do you teach at a Catholic School, compared to a Public School?** "I love that we begin each day with Morning Prayer and a Christian atmosphere."

**Why are Catholic Schools important?** "The students receive a strong foundation in Jesus and a strong work ethic."

**What is your philosophy when it comes to the classroom?** "I view my role not only as a teacher of content but also as a guide, mentor and lifelong learner. I strive to build strong relationships with my students based on trust and mutual respect. I encourage critical thinking, creativity and real-world connections to help students become independent thinkers and compassionate citizens."

**Hobbies:** "Watching movies and spending time with family."

**Favorite Television Show:** *Young Sheldon*

**Favorite Books:** *The Bible* and the *Throne of Glass* series

**If you had chosen another career path, what would it have been?** "I would have been a fashion designer."

**If you were Superintendent for a day, what would you do?** "I would host a brief listening sessions with students, teachers, parents and administrators to hear what's going well and what could be improved. I would focus especially on the voices that might not always be heard."

## Bilingual Living Way Of The Cross

**Amarillo**—The 21st Bilingual Living Way of the Cross (*Via Crucis*), presented by parishioners at St. Laurence Church, will take place on Good Friday, April 3, beginning at 3:00pm, according to Father Haider Quintero, pastor.

Activities will begin at St. Francis Convent, 4301 NE 18th Street, followed by a procession to NE 18th Street, turning north on Hill Street, then east on NE 22nd Street before concluding at St. Laurence Church for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 4:30pm. Parishioners from St. Laurence will interpret the different roles.

"The Stations of the Cross are the journey of Christ to the Cross. We follow in His footsteps with each station and reflect on our own journey through life and the specific trials we have encountered.

The participation in this event will feed us spiritually," said Father Quintero. "The Living Stations of the Cross is a great production that takes lots of effort and rehearsal by so many of our parishioners to represent the last moments in the life of our Savior. It is not only a representation but also an inspiration that invites and moves us to pray by contemplating the passion and the sacrifice of Christ for our salvation. The parishioners of St. Laurence have been representing the passion of the Lord through the Living Way of the Cross for 21 consecutive years. We encourage everyone in the Diocese of Amarillo to make plans to join us and participate."

For additional details, please call the parish office at St. Laurence Church, 806-383-2261.

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## 2026-27 Enrollment At Diocesan Catholic Schools

**Amarillo**—The 2025-26 school year for Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo ends Friday, May 22, and it's not too early to consider a Catholic education for your children next school year.

All five Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo are currently enrolling students for the 2026-2027 school year.

Principals encourage parents to contact schools in advance for further registration details or to make an appointment to register.

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo are:

- Holy Cross Catholic Academy, 4110 South Bonham, Amarillo, 806-355-9637, [holycrossama.org](http://holycrossama.org). The principal is Craig Logan.

- Saint Joseph School, 4118 South Bonham, Amarillo, 806-359-1604, [stjosephamarillo.com](http://stjosephamarillo.com). Angi Seidenberger is principal.

- St. Mary's Cathedral School, 1200 South Washington, Amarillo, 806-376-9112, [stmarysamarillo.org](http://stmarysamarillo.org). The principal is Kim Lackey.

- St. Anthony of Padua School, 410 East 13th, Dalhart, 806-244-4811, [stanthonydalhart.com](http://stanthonydalhart.com). The principal is Shay Batenhorst; and,

- St. Anthony School, Hereford, 120 West Park Ave., 806-364-1952, [herefordstanthonys.com](http://herefordstanthonys.com). Linda Gonzalez is principal.

## Ordination Anniversaries

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

**Father Anthony R. Yanamala**  
April 3, 2008

**Father Lawrence John, JCL**  
April 5, 2002

**Father Arokia "Raj" Samala**  
April 24, 2002

**Please pray for rain!**

## Priests Birthdays

**Priests of the Diocese of Amarillo observing their birthdays in the month of March include:**

**Father Haider Quintero**  
March 25

**Father Nicholas Gerber**  
March 31

## Over \$890,000 Raised In Catholic Schools Charitable Raffles



**San Antonio (CLI)**—Catholic Life Insurance helped 59 Texas Catholic Schools sell 178,021 tickets to raise \$890,105 during the 19th annual Catholic Schools Charitable Raffles.

Participating schools keep 100% of the proceeds from ticket sales.

In addition to the money raised for Catholic Schools, \$79,000 in prizes was shared by 60 ticketholders.

The drawings took place at the Catholic Life Insurance home office on Feb. 13, with former Auxiliary Bishop Michael J. Boulette of San Antonio drawing the Grand Prize winner.

The grand prize winner of a \$20,000 VISA Gift Card was Bryan Cepak, who purchased his winning ticket from a student at Immaculate Conception School in Grand Prairie.

Each of the 59 schools who participated in the Catholic Schools Charitable Raffles had a winner of a \$1,000 Prepaid VISA Credit Card. Three of the five Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo took part in the Raffles. The win-

ners from the three participating schools were:

- Missy Musick, who purchased a ticket from a Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Amarillo student;

- Christine Garcia, who purchased a ticket from a student at Saint Joseph's School, Amarillo; and,

- Pamela Baeza, who purchased a ticket from a student at St. Anthony's School, Hereford.

Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Saint Joseph's School and St. Anthony's School raised \$42,355 in this year's Raffles. Since 2011, schools in the Diocese of Amarillo participating in the Catholic Schools Charitable Raffles have raised approximately \$858,495.

The Catholic Schools Charitable Raffles began in 2007 and has helped Catholic Schools in Texas raise over \$16 million, with 100% of the proceeds going directly to the schools. San Antonio-based Catholic Life Insurance provides all the prizes, marketing materials and printing. The schools can use the funds raised how they wish, including the purchase of computer equipment, textbooks, necessary school repairs and tuition assistance.

For additional information about the Catholic Schools Charitable Raffles, presented by Catholic Life Insurance, please contact the Fraternal and Community Affairs office at Catholic Life, 210-828-9921.

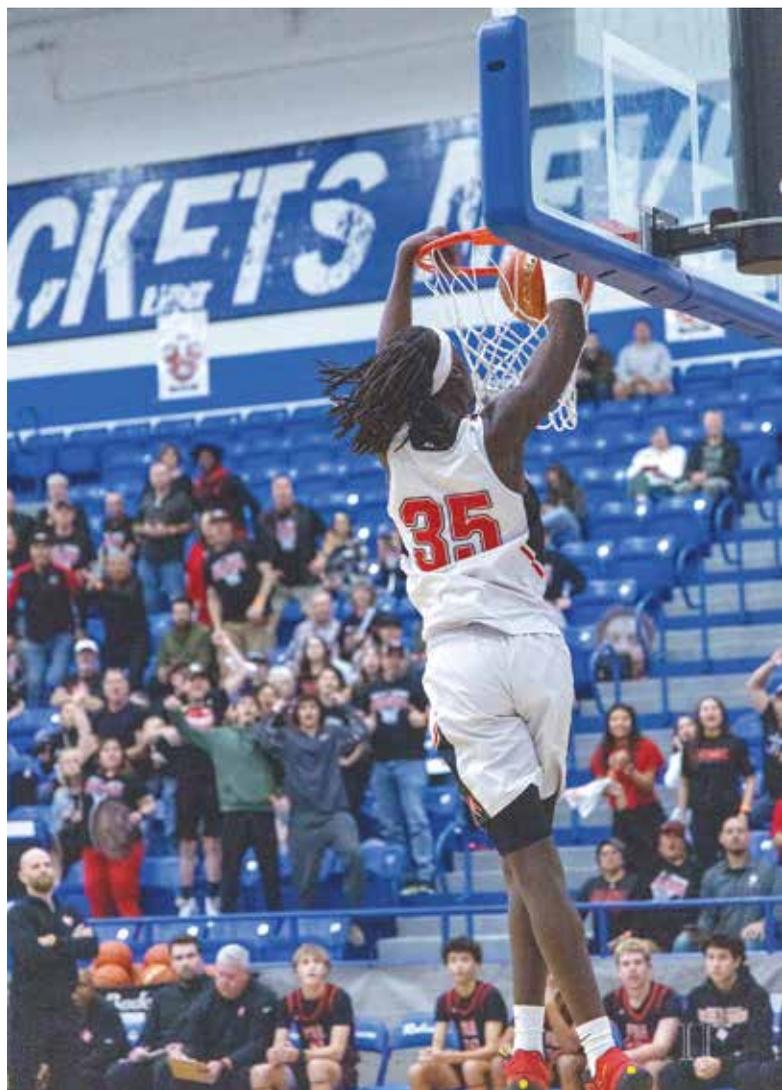
## Prayer Intentions of Pope Leo XIV 2026

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.

### March:

- **For disarmament and peace.** Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

## Holy Cross Catholic Academy Mustangs Claim TAPPS Class 2A State Title



Willy Atak of Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Amarillo, throws down a two hand dunk Feb. 25 during the Mustangs 63-55 double overtime victory over First Baptist Academy, Dallas, in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) Class 2A state semifinals at Robinson High School, Waco.



Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Amarillo's MJ Tong sets up the offense Feb. 25 during the Mustangs 63-55 double overtime victory over First Baptist Academy, Dallas, in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) Class 2A state semifinals at Robinson High School, Waco.

**Amarillo**—After two playoff runs in as many seasons that came up short of its overall goal, the Holy Cross Catholic Academy Mustangs made sure the third playoff run was the charm this season.

The Mustangs claimed the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) Class 2A state basketball championship Feb. 26 with a 59-45 win over Beaumont Legacy at Robinson High School Gymnasium in Waco.

For the Mustangs, who ended the season 26-7 while winning their last 19 games in a row, the championship was the first state basketball title for Holy Cross Catholic Academy, now in its 26th year of existence, and the fourth for a Catholic secondary school in the Diocese of Amarillo. According to the diocesan archives, the Alamo Catholic High School Lady Mustangs won back-to-back state championships in the 1991-92 and 1992-93 school years, and the Lady Mustangs also won a state championship in the 1970-71 season during the Bill Greenhouse years at the school (*WTC 2.15.26*).

According to Lance Lahnert, host of *The Drive at Five* radio program on KGNC, the Mustangs state title is the first boys basketball state championship for an Amarillo-school since the 1994-95 San

Jacinto Christian Academy team. The last Amarillo-public school to win a state title was the 1985-86 Amarillo High School Sandies.

In its five-game playoff run, the Mustangs tallied 332 points, averaging 66.4 points per game, while giving up 217 points, or 43.4 points per game. The Mustangs high point game in the playoffs was an 86-49 win over Mercy Culture Prep-Fort Worth on Feb. 13, with the defensive best being a 68-29 win over Southcrest Christian-Lubbock on Feb. 17. Kon Deng was the leading scorer during the postseason for Holy Cross with 110 points.

Here's a game-by-game review of the Mustangs post season run to a championship:

- Feb. 13, 86-49 Bi-District win over Mercy Culture Prep, Fort Worth. Kon Deng led all Mustangs with 25 points, which included 10 points from the free throw line on 11 attempts. Willy Atak contributed to the win with 19 points. MJ Tong had 11 points and Akoon Atak added 10 points.

- Feb. 17, 68-26 Area win over Southcrest Christian, Lubbock. Kon Deng was high point once again for Holy Cross with 21 points, while Willy Atak added 17.

- Feb. 21, 56-42 Regional cham-

pionship win over Victory Christian Academy-Decatur. Holy Cross used balanced scoring to punch their ticket to the state tournament in Waco, with MJ Tong the leading scorer with 14 points. Mou Tong and Kon Deng both had 12 points and Willy Atak pitched in 10 points.

- Feb. 25, 63-55 State Semifinal win over First Baptist Academy, Dallas, in double overtime. Kon Deng led the Mustangs in scoring with 30 points, while Willy Atak added 10 points.

- Feb. 26, 59-45 State Championship win over Legacy Christian Academy, Beaumont. Kon Deng tallied 22 points, with MJ Tong adding 13 points and Willy Atak putting up a dozen points. The Mustangs claimed the win despite shooting only six free throws, converting four points from the charity stripe.

The team celebrated their state title March 3 with a pep-rally style celebration in the Holy Cross Catholic Academy Event Center.

*All photos for The West Texas Catholic by Isabelo Irlas. Special thanks to Libby Pacheco, Tim Gallegos, Lance Lahnert and Janey Morgan for their assistance with this story.*



*That championship feeling...* the Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Amarillo, Mustangs begin the celebration Feb. 26 after their 59-45 victory over Beaumont Legacy in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) Class 2A state championship game at Robinson High School, Waco.



Jason Jesko, a 1995 alum of St. Anthony's School, Hereford, looks over a Rib Roll Voucher March 1 during the annual Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Auction in the school gym. (WTC Photo)

## Denim And Diamonds

**Amarillo**—*Demin and Diamonds*, a fundraiser to benefit the youth at St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Mary's Cathedral School, is scheduled Friday, April 17 from 6:30pm to 11:30pm in the Monsignor Francis A. Smyer Activity Center at 1200 South Washington.

Tickets for the evening are \$75 each, which includes an opportunity

to win a \$5,000 VISA Gift Card. The Big Texan Steak Ranch will cater an evening meal. There will also be a drawing, a silent auction and dancing.

For more details about *Denim and Diamonds*, please call St. Mary's Cathedral at 806-376-7204 or St. Mary's Cathedral School at 806-376-9112.

**Let us pray for our government officials that God will guide them to defend Life, Marriage, Human Dignity and Religious Liberty.**

## Lenten Norms, Diocese of Amarillo

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

## A Reflection on Lenten Fasting

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

Source: [usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/catholic-information-on-lenten-fast-and-abstinence.cfm](http://usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/catholic-information-on-lenten-fast-and-abstinence.cfm)



Emily Monroe, a senior at Holy Cross Catholic Academy, Amarillo, was awarded the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award Feb. 9 by the Esther McCrory Chapter of Amarillo during a ceremony at Saint Paul Methodist Church, Amarillo. Monroe was one of 15 students from high schools throughout the Texas Panhandle honored at the ceremony. (WTC Photo)

## Dumas Spring Craft Show

**Dumas**—A Spring Craft Show at Sts. Peter and Paul Church takes place Saturday, March 21 from 11:00am to 4:00pm in the Pastoral Center at 915 South Maddox.

"We will have a large selection of vendors to shop with, a concession stand and door prizes throughout the day," said parishioner and event organizer Mary Swartz. "There is no admission fee and we encourage everyone to join us and look over a great selection of items."

For vendor information, please contact Swartz via email, [kirston@kikileestudio.com](mailto:kirston@kikileestudio.com).

## DEADLINES

| Issue Date | Deadline |
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| April 19   | April 9  |
| May 17     | May 7    |
| June 21    | June 11  |
| July 19    | July 9   |
| Aug. 16    | Aug. 6   |
| Sept. 20   | Sept. 10 |
| Oct. 18    | Oct. 8   |

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

## Golfers Needed For Saint Joseph's Golf Scramble



**Amarillo**—The fifth Golf Scramble to benefit Saint Joseph's School will tee off Saturday, April 25 at Comanche Trail Golf Course, 4200 South Grand.

Cost of the tournament is \$600 for a team of four golfers, which includes cart and green fees. The four-man scramble is scheduled to begin at 9:00am, is limited to the first 36 paid teams and is first-come, first-served, according to Saint Joseph's School spokesperson Amanda Almanza.

There will be a drawing and door prizes will be awarded. Raffle tickets are on sale now, at \$10.00

each. Top prize is a \$1,000 VISA Gift Card. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased at the Saint Joseph's School office during regular business hours and online at [stjosephschoolamarillo.com](http://stjosephschoolamarillo.com).

Sponsors are also being sought for this tournament, which will raise money for scholarships at Saint Joseph's School. Tee box signs are \$125, cart sponsors are \$350 each, with a maximum of six sponsors, scorecard sponsors are \$500 each, with a maximum of two sponsors and event sponsors are \$1,000 each. Interested sponsors can call the school office at 806-359-1604.

"A sponsorship or donation of any capacity can make a huge difference in making our fundraiser a successful event to benefit our students and teachers," said Almanza. "Thank you in advance for supporting Saint Joseph's School."

For additional information about the tournament or to sign up, please contact David Kinney at Comanche Trail Golf Course, 806-378-4281.

## Pray The Rosary...daily!

**ST MARY'S DAY**  
Parish Hall, St. Mary's Church  
510 East Montgomery, Clearendon

**BARBECUE**

**Sunday, April 12**  
11:30am to 1:00pm

ADULTS - \$20 CHILDREN - \$10  
CHILDREN UNDER 12 - FREE

Brisket, Ribs, Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw,  
Homemade Bread and Desserts

FAMILY FUN COUNTRY STORE  
GAMES AND PRIZES SILENT AUCTION

Brisket and ribs available to purchase by the pound

For more details, please call Jacob Fangman at 806-206-5232.

## World Youth Day 2027 Meeting Dates Announced

**Amarillo**—World Youth Day 2027 is less than 17 months away and the Diocesan Youth Office has announced dates for meetings for those who wish to be a part of the delegation representing the Diocese of Amarillo.

All meetings will take place at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 4512 NE 24th Ave.

The first meeting is Sunday, May 3 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. This will be the first of two Informational and Payment meetings this spring. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite snacks and drinks. Those who are already signed up as pilgrims for the diocesan delegation are asked to bring \$200.

The second meeting, also an Informational and Payment meeting, is slated for Sunday, June 14, also from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Once again, those already signed up are asked to bring \$200. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite snacks and drinks.

“The May and June meetings are mandatory meetings for **NEW** pilgrims that have never traveled with our diocesan delegation, but everyone is welcome to attend either or both of these meetings as a

refresher,” said Guzman.

Mandatory meetings will begin this summer, with all meetings again at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. The meetings will run from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Dates and payment information are:

- Saturday, July 11, attendees are asked to bring \$1,000;
- Saturday, Jan. 2, attendees are asked to bring \$1,000;
- Saturday, March 13, attendees are asked to bring \$1,000; and,
- Saturday, June 12, attendees are asked to bring \$1,000. Any adjustments to the price for attending World Youth Day will be due at this final, mandatory meeting.

For additional details or to reserve your place for the WYD delegation, please contact Guzman at 383-2243, ext. 118, or via email, oguzman@dioama.org. Additional information can be found at amarillodiocese.org/delegation-information or wydseoul.org. World Youth Day is set for Tuesday, Aug. 3 through Sunday, Aug. 8, 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. The delegation representing the Diocese of Amarillo will be in South Korea Thursday, July 29 through Monday, Aug. 2 for Days in the Diocese.

## An Evening For The Separated And Divorced

**Amarillo**—Abounding Joy Ministries is teaming up with the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Amarillo to offer two free Zoom meetings in May for those separated and divorced.

- The Zoom meetings are scheduled:
- Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00pm; and,
  - Thursday, May 21 at 9:00pm.

“Abounding Joy Ministries will offer these free Zoom meetings in an effort to extend Christ’s compassion through the Church—offering hope, healing, guidance and connection for those navigating separation or divorce,” said Karlynn Hochstein, Family Life Director for the Diocese of Amarillo. “We invite any separated or divorced Catholics, those who feel on the margins of the Church and anyone seeking support or who have been referred by their parish to join us for one of these two Zoom gatherings, at their convenience.”

For additional information or to register for one of these two Zoom meetings, please contact Hochstein in the Family Life Office at 806-410-3839 or via email, khochstein@dioama.org.



**Bishop Patrick J. Zurek emphasizes a point Feb. 11 during the East Deanery Centennial Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Pampa. The Mass was the third of four Deanery Centennial Masses celebrated in February. (WTC Photo)**

## Bubbles For Babies

**Amarillo**—The second *Bubbles for Babies*, a Community Baby Shower to benefit Joseph’s Project—A Pregnancy Resource Center, is set for Saturday, May 2 from 10:00am to noon at the Amarillo Area Foundation at 919 South Polk.

“*Bubbles for Babies* is a community Baby Shower to support our program that impacts the lives of

pregnant women and families of all ages and types that have children under 36-months-old,” said Jeff Gulde, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle.

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Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ Sisters Marie Fidelis Sledgeski and Elizabeth Ann Dockery provided Praise and Worship Music Feb. 14 inside Holy Family Chapel at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo, during a Lenten Women's Prayer Brunch. The brunch, sponsored by Amarillo Rejoicers, was the second of the school year. The annual Mother's Day Prayer Brunch is set for Saturday, May 9, also at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center. (WTC Photo)

## Catholic Speed Dating

**Amarillo**—It's believed to be a first for the Diocese of Amarillo: a speed dating event for Catholic singles between the ages of 21 and 39.

The event is taking place Saturday, March 28, beginning at 5:30pm at the Grand Event Center, 8660 South Grand. The event is being organized by Ashley and Alex Cazares and is an evening of friendship, new connections and community, being supported by the Diocese of Amarillo and the diocesan Family Life Office.

"As young adults, time gets the better of us, and we might resort to forming connections online... but why not take the time to meet people around you and form that 'Saintly Connection' you have been seeking?," said Ashley Cazares.

The deadline to register for the evening is **Sunday, March 22**. Sponsors are being sought for this Catholic Speed Dating event. Those interested are asked to contact Alex Cazares at 806-676-5434 or via email, [saintly-connections@gmail.com](mailto:saintly-connections@gmail.com).

## Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

**Amarillo**—St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 4100 South Coulter will host a Divine Mercy Sunday celebration Sunday, April 12, beginning at 2:00pm.

Deacons Darryl Dixon and Mark White will lead the celebration, which includes Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, reflecting on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and singing the *Divine Mercy Chant*.

"Jesus promised St. Faustina that on Divine Mercy Sunday, 'The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened,'" (*Diary 699*) said St. Thomas parishioner Gwen Johns. "Come join us and bring your family and friends. Let us celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday together!"

## Free Online Retreat For Single Mothers

**Amarillo**—Momentum: Catholic Single Mothers invites single mothers to participate in an Online Retreat Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11.

"Momentum is a ministry that supports and accompanies Catholic single mothers through Faith and community," said Karlynn Hochstein, Family Life Director for the Diocese of Amarillo. "The retreat, which is free of charge for all single mothers, will include a witness talk from a single mother, a reflection by Father Kevin Darwent, opportunities for spiritual conversation with certified spiritual directors and online Eucharistic Adoration with prayer teams."

The schedule for the retreat (*subject to change; Central Daylight Time*):

- April 10, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Witness Talk from a Single Mother;
- April 11, 9:00am-11:00am, Talk by Father Kevin Darwent, Companions of the Cross;
- April 11, 12:30pm-3:00pm, Spiritual Conversations; and,
- April 11, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Online Adoration and Prayer Teams.

For additional information, please contact Hochstein in the diocesan Family Life Office at 806-410-3839 or via email, [khochstein@gmail.com](mailto:khochstein@gmail.com).

## Sacred Heart Society Schedules Two Events

**Amarillo**—The Sacred Heart Society of the Diocese of Amarillo has two events scheduled in the coming months.

On Saturday, May 30, the group will conduct its annual Retreat/Reflection day from 9:00am to 2:00pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1200 South Washington. The Retreat/Reflection day is in preparation for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, being celebrated Friday, June 12.

All members—active and inactive—First Friday devotees, as well as those interested in joining the group are invited to attend. The retreat will include a time of reflection, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confession and group prayers. Father Shane D. Wieck,

pastor at San Jose Church, Herford, will be the guest speaker.

The retreat will be followed by a potluck lunch. Those planning to attend are kindly asked to RSVP by **Monday, May 20** by contacting Theresa Grove at 303-242-7308 or via email, [Theresa\\_grove@comcast.net](mailto:Theresa_grove@comcast.net), or Vickey Martinez at 805-910-8893 or via email, [vickeysjoys87@gmail.com](mailto:vickeysjoys87@gmail.com) (Spanish) so plans can be made accordingly for lunch.

On Friday, June 12, the Sacred Heart Society will also celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. Mary's Cathedral with a 5:30pm Mass, followed by a potluck dinner. Further details on the June 12 Mass will be publicized in the Sunday, April 19 issue of *The West Texas Catholic*.

## Open House To Note Fifth Anniversary

**Panhandle**—The Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light will celebrate the fifth anniversary of The Coffee Break with an Open House on Tuesday, March 17 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at 211 Main Street.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, there will be Irish Coffee, door prizes and food. For more information about The Coffee Break, operated by the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light, please call Sancta Maria Convent at 806-537-3182.

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## Welcome To The Diocese Of Amarillo, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo



His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, was named Apostolic Administrator, *sede vacante*, of the Diocese of Amarillo Feb. 14. The following day, he celebrated his first Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo, and is seen delivering his first homily in the diocese in the photo to the left. On Feb. 22, Cardinal DiNardo presided at the *Rite of Election of Catechumens and of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion*, also at St. Mary's Cathedral. In the photo to the right, he is seen signing the Book of Elect for St. Ann's Church, Canyon. In the center is Deacon Ron Herr of St. Mary's Cathedral and to the right is Cindy Lewis, co-director of the OCIA program at St. Ann's. (WTC Photo)

### *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 Preg-*

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## El Cardenal Daniel DiNardo es Nombrado Administrador Apostólico de la Diócesis de Amarillo

Washington, DC (USCCB)— El Papa León XIV aceptó la renuncia del Reverendísimo Patrick J. Zurek, de 77 años, del Cargo de Obispo de Amarillo. Al mismo tiempo, nombró a Su Eminencia el Cardenal Daniel DiNardo, Arzobispo Emérito de Galveston-Houston, Administrador Apostólico, *sede vacante*, de la Diócesis de Amarillo, pendiente el nombramiento e instalación de su nuevo obispo.

El 14 de febrero, el Cardenal Christophe Pierre, Nuncio Apostólico en los Estados Unidos, anunció públicamente la renuncia y el nombramiento en Washington, D.C.

El Cardenal Daniel DiNardo sirvió como Arzobispo Metropolitano de Galveston-Houston de 2006 a 2025. Durante esos años, el Arzobispo DiNardo fue pastor de más de dos millones de católicos (y de los 7.9 millones de habitantes en la arquidiócesis) y de 435 sacerdotes en 146 parroquias y 54 escuelas en un área de 8,880 millas cuadradas. El Papa Francisco aceptó la renuncia del Cardenal DiNardo el 20 de junio de 2025 y nombró al Obispo Joe S. Vásquez de Austin como su sucesor.

Originario de Steubenville, Ohio, el Cardenal DiNardo, creció con tres hermanos in Castle Shannon, cerca de Pittsburgh, estudió en la escuela primaria de Saint Anne y con los Jesuitas en la Escuela Episcopal Latina antes de ingresar al Seminario de Saint Paul y la Universidad Duquesne en Pittsburgh. Recibió Maestría en Filosofía de la Universidad Católica de América en Washington, D.C. y obtuvo títulos en Teología Sacra de la Universidad Pontificia Gregoriana y del Instituto Patristico Augustinianum en Roma.

Ordenado al sacerdocio para la Diócesis de Pittsburgh el 16 de julio de 1977, sirvió como párroco, maestro de seminario, director espiritual y trabajó en la cancillería. En los años de 1984 a 1991, él trabajó en Roma como miembro del personal de la Congregación Episcopal, como director de Villa Stritch (la casa para clérigos americanos) y como profesor adjunto en el Colegio Pontificio



**El Obispo Emérito Patrick J. Zurek, al lado izquierdo en la foto y el Cardenal Daniel DiNardo posan para una fotografía el día 16 de febrero antes de principiar la Misa fúnebre de Monseñor Rex Nicholl en la Catedral de Santa María en Amarillo. (Foto del WTC)**

Norteamericano. Regresó a Pittsburgh en 1991 en donde fue pastor de varias parroquias y trabajó de nuevo en la cancillería.

Fue nombrado Obispo Coadjutor de Sioux City, Iowa y allí fue ordenado Obispo en octubre de 1997. Adoptó como lema episcopal *Ave Crux Spes Unica*, que significa *Salve la Cruz, Nuestra Única Esperanza*. Él fue el sucesor del Obispo Lawrence Donald Soens de Sioux City cuando éste se jubiló en noviembre de 1998.

Fue nombrado Obispo Coadjutor (después Arzobispo Coadjutor) de Galveston/Houston en enero de 2004 y fue declarado sucesor del Arzobispo Joseph Fiorenza el 28 de febrero de 2006. Recibió el palio del Papa Benedicto XVI el 29 de junio de 2006. Fue elevado al Colegio Cardenalicio en noviembre de 2007 en la Basílica de San Pedro en Roma y después fue designado a la Iglesia Titular de Sant'Eusebio en Roma.

Como miembro del Colegio Sacro, sirvió como Cardenal-Elector en los Cónclaves Pontificios de 2013 y 2025 que eligieron al Papa Francisco y al Papa León XIV a la Sede de Pedro.

En noviembre de 2013, sus hermanos obispos lo eligieron Vicepresidente de la Conferencia

Episcopal Estadounidense (USCCB) para servir un plazo de tres años. El Cardenal DiNardo sirvió como Presidente de la USCCB desde noviembre de 2016 hasta noviembre de 2019.

Patrick James Zurek nació el 17 de agosto de 1948 en Sealy, hijo de Arnold y Victoria Zurek. Estudió en la Universidad de Saint Thomas en Houston y se graduó *magna cum laude* con Bachillerato de Ciencia en Matemáticas. Después, Zurek estudió en el Seminario de Saint Mary en Houston y obtuvo Bachillerato en Teología Sacra.

El 29 de junio de 1975 Zurek fue ordenado sacerdote para la Diócesis de Austin en la Plaza de San Pedro en Roma por el Papa (ahora San) Pablo VI. Obtuvo Licenciatura en Teología Moral en 1976 en la Universidad Pontificia de Santo Tomás Aquino en Roma.

Al regresar a Texas, el Padre Zurek sirvió como Pastor Asociado de la Iglesia Saint Mary en Temple; Pastor Asociado de la Iglesia Saint Joseph en Bryan; Pastor en Santo Tomás Aquino en College Station; y, Pastor en Saint John Neumann en Austin. Dirigió también la Conferencia Nacional de Directores de Vocaciones.

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## Mensaje Cuaresmal del Cardenal Daniel DiNardo, Administrador Apostólico, *sede vacante*, Diócesis de Amarillo

Desde mi llegada a la Diócesis de Amarillo el 14 de febrero, los Fieles de esta diócesis me han dado calurosa y cordial bienvenida. Ahora al principio de la Cuaresma, quiero escribirles a todos y desearles una bendita temporada de Cuaresma llena de esperanza, contrición, motivación renovada y gozo. Esta Cuaresma marca nuestro Centenario como Iglesia local. Celebrémosla bien.



Para empezar, extendiendo mi apoyo y gratitud a los sacerdotes de la diócesis. Ustedes tienen una labor importante que hacer en todo tiempo, pero en particular en esta fase del año eclesial son llamados y enviados a ejercer su ministerio con mayor intensidad.

A todos los Diáconos Permanentes, Paz y Gracia en sus tareas diaconales. Que el Señor bendiga sus labores a medida que siguen colaborando con nuestros sacerdotes.

A todas nuestras Religiosas, ustedes son un grupo hermoso. Ya conocí a varias de ustedes. Mantengan su Fe y su entusiasmo.

A todos los Fieles, tengan por favor una Cuaresma maravillosa este año. El 22 de febrero celebré el Rito de Elección y un número significativo de jóvenes (porque ya todos me parecen jóvenes) se están integrando a la Iglesia como Catecúmenos o Candidatos.

Me encanta estar aquí. No sé cuánto tiempo durará mi ministerio con ustedes. Solo el Papa lo sabe y se tomará su tiempo en escoger a un nuevo Obispo. Tengamos una vida buena y santa en los meses venideros conforme intentamos dar testimonio de Jesucristo.

**Cardenal Daniel DiNardo  
Administrador Apostólico, *sede vacante*  
Diócesis de Amarillo**



# Monseñor Rex Nicholl: 1936-2026

**Amarillo**—Monseñor Rex Eugene Nicholl, el sacerdote mayor de la Diócesis de Amarillo falleció el 11 de febrero a la edad de 89 años.

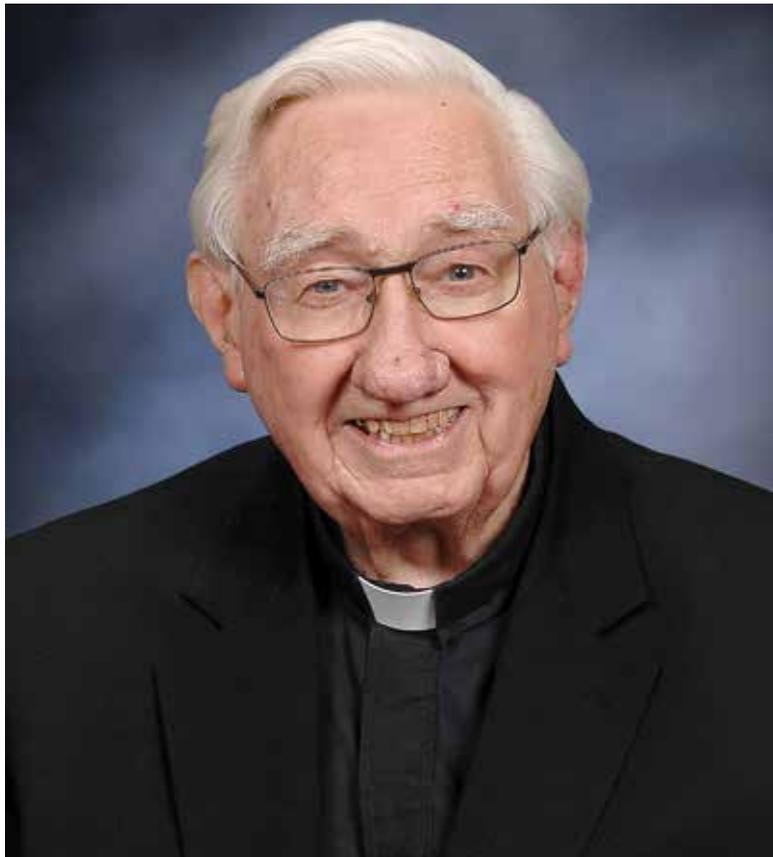
Se celebró misa el 16 de febrero en la Catedral de Santa María; ofició el Obispo Patrick J. Zurek con la presencia del Cardenal Daniel DiNardo. Los concelebrantes principales fueron el Padre Héctor J. Madrigal, pastor de la Iglesia del Espíritu Santo en Tulia; Monseñor Joe Bixenman y el Padre John Valdez, pastor de la Iglesia Saint Thomas the Apostle. Concelebraron también sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Amarillo y asistieron Diáconos de la Diócesis de Amarillo. El entierro fue en el Cementerio Llano.

Rex Eugene Nicholl nació el 3 de diciembre de 1936 en Paris, Texas, Hijo de Worth Howard y Phyllis Nicholl. La familia se mudó a Amarillo cuando el futuro sacerdote tenía dos años de edad.

Después de graduarse de Price College en 1955, Nicholl estudió periodismo en la Universidad de Saint Edward por dos años y se transfirió a la Universidad de Marquette, de donde se graduó como periodista en 1959.

Ya graduado de Marquette, Nicholl se dio de voluntario al Ejército y sirvió por dos años. Después del servicio militar, Nicholl estudió para el sacerdocio en Conception Seminary en Conception, Missouri.

El 19 de mayo de 1967, Nicholl, su hermano Larry y su compañero seminarista Kenneth Yaroch,



**Monseñor Rex Nicholl**

fueron ordenados al sacerdocio por el Obispo Lawrence M. DeFalco en la Iglesia de San Lorenzo en Amarillo.

En el verano de 1967 el nuevo Padre Nicholl sustituyó a sacerdotes en vacaciones en las parroquias de Pep, Morton, Muleshoe y Levelland (de la actual Diócesis de Lubbock). En su primer cargo permanente fue vicario parroquial en la Iglesia de San Lorenzo en Amarillo. El Padre Nicholl fue maestro en la Escuela Saint Laurence y fue subeditor del

*West Texas Register* (el actual *West Texas Catholic*).

El Padre Nicholl fue transferido a Plainview a la Iglesia Sacred Heart y a su misión de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe como vicario parroquial. Fue nombrado pastor al fallecer el Padre Fred Hyland el 26 de abril de 1977 y sirvió allí hasta 1982, cuando fue nombrado pastor de la Iglesia Holy Spirit en Tulia y sus misiones de San Pablo Apóstol en Kress y Nuestra Señora de Loreto en Silverton.

Cuando estaba en Tulia, el

Padre Nicholl estableció un Centro Católico de la Comunidad en Quitaque, el que ahora es la Iglesia de San Juan Diego; también fue miembro fundador del Equipo Misionero del Red River Valley.

El 1 de julio de 1991 el Padre Nicholl fue nombrado pastor de la Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción en Perryton y la Iglesia de San Pedro en Booker. En 1992, para su 25° aniversario de ordenación, celebró misas en las iglesias de Nuestra Señora de Loreto en Silverton; Saint Mary en Amarillo; Espíritu Santo en Tulia; Sagrado Corazón en Plainview e Inmaculada Concepción en Perryton.

Durante sus años en Perryton, el Padre Nicholl fue elevado a Prelado de Honor el 24 de agosto de 1999 con título de Monseñor.

En el año 2000, Monseñor Nicholl fue nombrado pastor de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Amarillo y sirvió allí hasta el 1 de septiembre de 2009 cuando recibió su último nombramiento como pastor de la Iglesia de San Martín de Porres.

Además de servir en la Iglesia de San Martín de Porres, Monseñor Nicholl celebraba misa cada semana en el asilo Ussery-Roan Texas State Veterans Home en Amarillo; visitaba a sus compañeros veteranos semanalmente en el Hospital de Veteranos Thomas Creek; sirvió como Consejero Espiritual para el Consejo Diocesano de Mujeres Católicas, puesto que aceptó en 2007 después de que falleció

Monseñor Francis A. Smyer. También estuvo activo con los Caballeros de Colón en el Consejo Father Francis Crowe #13134 y como Fraile Fiel del Cuarto Grado.

En 2017 Radio San Valentín (ahora la Red de Radio Guadalupe) le preguntó a Monseñor Nicholl qué consejo le daría a un joven que se sintiera llamado al sacerdocio y él respondió:

“Le diría: haz lo mejor que puedas y confía en Dios. Búscalo primero, forma hábitos de oración, ora al leer Escrituras, en especial *Lectio Divina*. Busca a sacerdotes como tus mentores; disfruta la compañía de laicos en tu parroquia y saca fuerza de ellos”.

La familia de Monseñor Nicholl cuenta que él fue un hijo, hermano y tío muy entregado a su familia y querido por muchos. Un verdadero hombre de renacimiento, le gustaba tocar el piano, cantar, bailar y ver obras musicales y otras películas clásicas. Monseñor Nicholl fue un atleta hábil en su juventud y un fanático entusiasta del deporte toda su vida: seguía todos los deportes, todos los equipos, raramente se perdía un tazón y a menudo veía varios partidos a la vez. También amaba la historia y leía mucho.

En los últimos años disfrutaba especialmente apoyar a los San Antonio Spurs con su hermano Clark y debatiendo amistosamente con su hermano Larry.

Le sobreviven dos hermanos, Larry y Clark; su hermana Sandy, y ocho sobrinas y sobrinos Debye, Rebecca, Colette, Michael, Rachel, Renee, Roxanne y Andrew.

## Viacrucis Bilingüe en Vivo

**Amarillo**—La Parroquia de San Lorenzo invita al público en general a participar en su 21° Viacrucis Bilingüe en Vivo el Viernes Santo, 3 de abril. Las actividades empezarán a las 3:00pm, informa el Padre Haider Quintero, párroco de San Lorenzo.

La oración del Viacrucis y la presentación darán principio en el Convento Franciscano, calle 18 NE 4301. De allí irá en procesión hacia el oeste por la Calle 18 NE, dará vuelta hacia el norte en la calle Hill y otra vuelta hacia el este por la calle 22 NE para llegar a la Iglesia de San Lorenzo y celebrar allí la

Pasión del Señor a las 4:30pm. Parroquianos de San Lorenzo protagonizarán a la variedad de personajes en la presentación.

“El Viacrucis es el camino de Jesús a la Cruz. Con cada estación seguimos Sus pasos, consideramos nuestro propio camino por la vida y los retos específicos que hemos encontrado. La participación en este evento nos va a nutrir espiritualmente”, dijo el Padre Quintero. “El Viacrucis en Vivo es una gran producción que requiere gran esfuerzo, preparación y ensayo de parte de muchos parroquianos para representar los

últimos momentos en la vida de nuestro Salvador. Más que una representación, es una inspiración que nos invita y nos motiva a orar contemplando la pasión y el sacrificio de Cristo por nuestra salvación. Los parroquianos de San Lorenzo han presentado la Pasión del Señor a lo largo de 21 años consecutivos por medio del Viacrucis en Vivo. Animamos a todos los feligreses en la Diócesis de Amarillo a que nos acompañen y participen en esta devoción”.

Para más información, favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial de San Lorenzo, 806-383-2261.

## Espagueti en Borger

**Borger**—La Iglesia San Juan Evangelista tendrá su 69ª Comida de Espagueti con Albóndigas el domingo, 22 de marzo de 11:00am a 5:00pm en el gimnasio escolar, calle Saint John's Road 201.

El boleto para la comida cuesta \$16.00 por persona y los niños de siete años y menores podrán comer gratis si comen en el gimnasio, informa la parroquiana Marilyn Archer. Se servirán platillos en el gimnasio de las 11:00am hasta las 4:00pm y para llevar se servirán de las 11:00am hasta las 5:00pm.

Para detalles, pueden llamar a la oficina parroquial, 806-274-7064.

## Barbacoa en Clarendon

**Clarendon**—La 29ª Barbacoa Anual del Día de Santa María de la Iglesia Saint Mary tendrá lugar el domingo, 12 de abril de 11:30am a 1:00pm en el Salón Parroquial, calle Montgomery 510 Este. Pague a la entrada y coma cuanto guste; adultos \$20.00; niños \$10.00. La ganancia de la comida se aplicará al Fondo de Construcción de la Iglesia Saint Mary.

La barbacoa de res y las costillas también se venderán para llevar. Habrá diversión, subasta en silencio y tienda típica.

Para más detalles, puede llamar a la parroquia, 806-874-3910.



El Cardenal Daniel DiNardo, Administrador Apostólico, sede vacante de la Diócesis de Amarillo, a la izquierda en la foto, firma el *Libro de los Elegidos* de la Iglesia Blessed Sacrament en Amarillo para el Diácono Baltazar Montoya, a la derecha en la foto. Al centro en la foto está el Diácono Ron Herr de la Catedral de Santa María en Amarillo. (Foto del WTC)

### Noche de Nueva Orleans en Dumas

**Dumas**—El evento Noche de Nueva Orleans de los Caballeros de Colón del Consejo #5061 de la Iglesia de San Pedro y San Pablo tendrá lugar el sábado, 18 de abril en el Centro de Eventos Hacienda García, Dumas Ave. 839 Norte.

Habrá hora social a las 6:00pm, informa Miguel Nevárez, Gran Caballero del Consejo #5061. A las 7:30 servirán cena de bistec.

En un Calcuta alguien ganará un premio en efectivo y después habrá baile a las 9:00.

Reserve su mesa para ocho personas por \$600 y disfruten la cena, el Calcuta y el baile. Habrá

sorteo con premios en efectivo: Primero, \$2,000; Segundo, \$1,000; Tercero, \$500.

La ganancia del evento ayuda a cubrir el costo de las numerosas obras de caridad de los Caballeros de Colón del Consejo #5061, dijo Nevárez. Se requiere boleto de admisión para entrar al evento. Aceptarán VISA y MasterCard a la entrada. No se admitirán menores de 21 años.

Para adquirir más detalles o boletos, hagan el favor de llamar a Nevárez, 806-236-0555; a Coby Schacher, 806-570-3218; o a Bob Brinkmann, 806-683-5738.

### Cardenal DiNardo... viene de la página 14

El 5 de enero de 1998, el Padre Zurek fue nombrado Obispo Auxiliar para la Arquidiócesis de San Antonio, consagrado por el Arzobispo Patrick F. Flores el 16 de febrero de 1998 durante una Misa en el Auditorio Municipal en San Antonio.

El 3 de enero de 2008 el Obispo Zurek fue nombrado el octavo Obispo de la Diócesis de Amarillo como sucesor del Obispo John W. Yanta. Él fue instalado el 22 de febrero en Misa en la Iglesia Saint Thomas the Apostle en Amarillo. Durante su episcopado, el Obispo Zurek dirigió la Asamblea Diocesana en 2009 y 2010, lo que dio pie a varios cambios que fortalecieron a la diócesis. También supervisó la elevación de la Iglesia Saint Mary en Amarillo al grado de Catedral el 25 de marzo de 2011. Dirigió además múltiples proyectos de construcción en las parroquias y a nivel diocesano, inclusive la construcción del nuevo Centro Pastoral Diocesano que se inauguró en enero de 2017.

El Obispo Zurek es el obispo que ha servido el mayor número de años en la historia de casi 100 años de existencia de la Diócesis de Amarillo. El Obispo Zurek sirvió un total de 18 años, un mes y 11 días.

La Diócesis de Amarillo abarca 25,800 millas cuadradas en el Estado de Texas.

### Retiro Matrimonial en Español en Pampa

**Pampa**—El Retiro Matrimonial que presenta el Grupo Matrimonio, Vida y Familia de la Iglesia de San Vicente de Paúl será el viernes, 10 y sábado, 11 de abril, en el Centro Parroquial Educativo (PEC), en la Avenida 23 Oeste #810.

El viernes 10, el retiro será de 7:00pm a 9:00pm y el sábado 11 será de 8:00am a 8:30pm.

“El retiro se ofrece a las parejas católicas de la Diócesis de Amarillo”, dijo Amy Foster, integrante del Grupo Matrimonio, Vida y Familia. “Juntos vamos a conocer mejor nuestra vocación: el matrimonio”.

No habrá cuidado de niños. Se aceptará su donativo de buena voluntad como costo del retiro. Para información o inscripción, llamen a Foster, 806-664-1979.

### Mini-Asambleas Juveniles en Tres Decanatos

**Amarillo**—La Oficina Juvenil Diocesana realizará tres Mini-Asambleas de Decanato, centradas en la Fe, Esperanza, Comunión y Misión, el tema del Año del Centenario de la Diócesis de Amarillo, informa Óscar Guzmán, Director Diocesano de la Juventud.

La primera Mini-Asamblea se ha citado para el Decanato Este en Panhandle el sábado, 9 de mayo, en la Iglesia de Santa Teresa, calle Little Flower Way #110 (cruce de FM293 y la Carretera 60) y dará principio a la 1:30pm. El registro es gratuito, pero deben registrarse antes del viernes, 1 de mayo.

La Iglesia Blessed Sacrament, calle Bolton 2500 Sur tendrá la segunda Mini-Asamblea para el Decanato Central el sábado, 23 de mayo a la 1:30pm. El registro es gratuito, pero se requiere registro antes del viernes, 15 de mayo.

La tercera y última Mini-Asamblea será el sábado, 13 de junio para el Decanato Sur en la

Iglesia Holy Family, calle Saint Joseph 210 en Nazareth. Empezará a la 1:30pm y el registro es gratuito, pero deben registrarse antes del viernes, 5 de junio.

“La iglesia joven no es la Iglesia del futuro sino del AHORA que honra el sacrificio de muchos fieles en los pasados 100 años de la Diócesis de Amarillo”, dijo Guzmán. “Las Mini-Asambleas del Centenario tendrán enfoque en la misión bautismal motivada al avance por los dones, los talentos y la energía de la iglesia joven para dejar una dote más firme para la iglesia aún por nacer”.

Las tres Mini-Asambleas incluyen Misa y se proyecta que terminarán cerca de las 8:30pm. Para más información acerca de estas tres Mini-Asambleas de Decanato, hagan el favor de llamar a Guzmán al Centro Pastoral diocesano, 806-383-2243, ext. 118 o pueden contactarlo por email a oguzman@dioama.org.



### 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

## Intenciones del Papa León XIV para 2026

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.

### Marzo:

• **Por el desarme y la paz.** Oremos porque las Naciones procedan a un desarme efectivo, particularmente el desarme nuclear, para que los líderes mundiales elijan el camino del diálogo y de la diplomacia en vez de la violencia.

**Reporte de la Bolsa de Seminario  
Diócesis de Amarillo**

Contribuciones hasta el 23 de febrero de 2026

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

|   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Amarillo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women No. 2 | \$ 200.00          |
| Ellen Neusch                                      | \$ 1,000.00        |
| Katherine Paschel                                 | \$ 50.00           |
| Monseñor Rex Nicholl                              | \$ 450.00          |
| Sin Designar y Misceláneos                        | \$ 265.20          |
|   | <u>\$ 1,965.20</u> |

Bolsas Abiertas

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Amarillo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women No. 2   | \$ 3,115.33 |
| 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 Richard Riley                               | \$ 225.00   |
| Diocesan Committee of 2000                          | \$ 2,558.50 |
| Ellen Neusch  | \$ 5,225.00 |
| 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   |
| Katherine Paschel                                   | \$ 50.00    |
| 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                                | \$ 650.00   |
| 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 Mauricio Valadez                              | \$ 575.00   |
| 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 Victor 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 Broman                             | \$ 50.00    |
| Tonya Taylor  | \$ 25.00    |
| Sin Designar y Misceláneos                          | \$ 4,887.14 |

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|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Total de Bolsas Abiertas   | \$ 97,823.91           |
| Bolsas Cerradas            | \$ 989,066.55          |
| Total de Bolsas Originales | <u>\$ 1,086,890.46</u> |

Valor de Inversiones en Bank of America el día 31 de Enero de 2026 \$ 1,123,858.34

**Calendario de Jamaicas**

*Iglesias, Escuelas y Entidades Católicas pueden enviar email a westtexascatholic@gmail.com para anunciar como servicio público sus jamaicas, comidas y eventos de esa índole. Si no se indica otro local, eso significa que los eventos tendrán lugar en las parroquias correspondientes.*

**DOMINGO, MARZO 22**

**Borger**—Albóndigas Italianas con Espaguetti en el Gimnasio de la Iglesia de San Juan Evangelista

**DOMINGO, ABRIL 12**

**Clarendon**—Barbacoa de la Iglesia Saint Mary en su Salón Parroquial

**SÁBADO, ABRIL 18**

**Dumas**—Recaudación Noche de Nueva Orleans por el Consejo #5061 de Caballeros de Colón en Hacienda García Event Center

**DOMINGO, ABRIL 19**

**Amarillo**—Comida de Brisket en el salón parroquial de la Iglesia de San Martín de Porres

**DOMINGO, MAYO 3**

**Dumas**—Celebración/Festival del Cinco de Mayo a beneficio de la Iglesia de San Pedro y San Pablo en el parque McDade

**SÁBADO, MAYO 9**

**Amarillo**—Fiesta Parroquial de la Iglesia San José

**Umbarger**—Frühlingsfest, en el salón parroquial de la Iglesia Saint. Mary

**DOMINGO, MAYO 31**

**Hereford**—Jamaica, beneficio a la Iglesia San José en el Parque Dameron

**DOMINGO, JUNIO 7**

**Dimmitt**—Jamaica, beneficio a la Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción en City Park

**SÁBADO, JUNIO 27**

**Hart**—Jamaica de la Iglesia de San Juan Nepomuceno

**DOMINGO, JULIO 12**

**Tulia**—Jamaica de la Iglesia del Espíritu Santo

**SÁBADO, JULIO 18 y**

**DOMINGO, JULIO 19**

**Amarillo**—Las Fiestas de Amarillo de la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

**DOMINGO, JULIO 26**

**Silverton**—Jamaica, Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Loreto

**DOMINGO, AGOSTO 2**

**Amarillo**—Jamaica de la Iglesia Blessed Sacrament

**Friona**—Jamaica de la Iglesia de Santa Teresa de Jesús

**Citas Rápidas Católicas**

**Amarillo**—Se cree que es la primera vez que la Diócesis de Amarillo organiza un evento de citas rápidas para solteros católicos de 21 a 39 años.

El evento tendrá lugar el sábado 28 de Marzo a partir de las 5:30pm en el Grand Event Center, ubicado en la calle Grand 8660 Sur. El evento, organizado por Ashley y Alex Cázares, es una noche de amistad, nuevas conexiones y comunidad, con el apoyo de la Diócesis de Amarillo y la Oficina Diocesana de Vida Familiar.

“Como jóvenes adultos, el

tiempo se nos acaba y quizás recurramos a hacer conexiones en línea... pero ¿por qué no aprovechar el tiempo para conocer gente a tu alrededor y formar esa ‘conexión santa’ que has estado buscando?”, dijo Ashley Cázares.

La fecha límite para inscribirse es el domingo 22 de Marzo. Buscamos patrocinadores para este evento de Citas Rápidas Católicas. Pedimos a los interesados que se comuniquen con Alex Cázares al 806-676-5434 o pueden enviar correo electrónico a saintlyconnections@gmail.com.

**Artesanías de Primavera en Dumas**

**Dumas**—Habrà Exposición y Venta de Artesanías de Primavera en la Iglesia de San Pedro y San Pablo el sábado, 21 de marzo de 11:00am a 4:00pm en el Centro Pastoral, calle Maddox 915 Sur.

“Tendremos gran selección de vendedores y premios de entrada

durante el día”, dijo Mary Swartz, parroquiana y organizadora del evento. “La admisión es gratuita y animamos a todos a venir y ver la gran selección de artículos”.

Vendedores y artesanos pueden pedir información a Swartz por email, kirston@kikileestudio.com.

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

**Oración del Centenario**

Padre Celestial,  
Te damos gracias por cien años de bendiciones en nuestra diócesis de Amarillo.  
Te alabamos por la fe profunda de nuestros fundadores, por el servicio generoso de nuestros obispos, sacerdotes, diáconos, y religiosos, y el testimonio de tantos fieles.

Derrama Tu Santo Espíritu sobre nosotros,  
Para que vivamos como una sola familia en Cristo,  
Proclamando el Evangelio con gozo  
Y sirviendo a los pobres con amor.

Por las oraciones de la Santísima Virgen María y San Lorenzo, nuestros intercesores, llénanos de fe, esperanza y caridad y guíanos en la comunión y misión durante el próximo siglo.  
**Amén.**



## Se Inicia la Siguiete Clase de Formación de Diáconos

Por el Diácono Brian Lewis



La Diócesis de Amarillo se complace en anunciar el inicio de la siguiente Clase de Formación Diaconal. El registro de Interesados estará abierto hasta el viernes, 15 de mayo. Favor de contactar a su párroco para más detalles.

El diácono es un miembro del clero en uno de los tres grados del Sacramento del Orden Sacerdotal: obispo, sacerdote y diácono (permanente o transitorio). En una ordenación al diaconado, el obispo impone sus manos sobre el candidato, significativo del apego especial del diácono con su obispo. Según lo dicten las necesidades de la diócesis, el obispo asigna a los diáconos en donde se necesiten.

El diácono sigue el modelo de Cristo Servidor al servir al pueblo de Dios en su ministerio triple: Palabra, Altar y Caridad. La mayoría de los diáconos son casados, tienen ocupación seglar, y hacen ministerio fuera de horas de trabajo. Las esposas asisten a la formación con sus esposos y muchas de ellas participan en el ministerio, ya sea junto con su esposo o según su capacidad. Ellas son un don dinámico para sus parroquias. Los diáconos recién ordenados suelen empezar su ministerio en la parroquia en donde viven, pero por su promesa de obediencia al obispo, se pueden transferir como todo clérigo según las necesidades de la diócesis. Normalmente los diáconos no reciben pago por su ministerio.

Estos son algunos requisitos de admisión al programa de formación de diáconos: El aspirante debe ser varón, de edad entre 30 y 59 años y debe tener diploma de preparatoria o diploma equivalente (GED). Si es casado, debe tener un matrimonio sacramental estable por más de cinco años. Debe poder demostrar su récord de ministerio significativo y ser católico en comunión con la Iglesia por un mínimo de cinco años, tener madurez en su vida espiritual y de oración. Debe usar el inglés adecuadamente y si es angloparlante, debe estar dispuesto a aprender el español. El aspirante debe estar libre de impedimentos a su ordenación, debe tener trabajo firme y residencia legal. Debe estar en buena salud física y psicológica y pasar una investigación de antecedentes criminales. Debe tener el apoyo total de su párroco.

El programa de formación requiere dedicación significativa de 60 horas o más cada mes. Además, la esposa debe apoyar

por completo a su esposo y debe asistir a las clases de formación. El proceso de formación dura cinco años y medio con miras a la ordenación en diciembre de 2031. Cada año requiere un mínimo de 11 fines de semana; un fin de semana al mes, que incluye énfasis en el desarrollo humano, intelectual, pastoral y espiritual además de sesiones de grupos de oración y estudio; interinato parroquial y ministerio de caridad. Habrá cursos en-línea cada semestre. Se necesitará acceso a computadora y acceso a la internet.

¡Es un compromiso importante!

Hay más información en inglés en el sitio web diocesano, amarillodiocese.org/diaconate; oprima el enlace Deacon Formation.

Si te interesa, habla con tu esposa, con tu familia y con tu párroco. Si tu párroco está de acuerdo, él te dará un formulario inicial de registro. Ya que hayas completado el formulario, él lo firmará y dejará que lo firmen tú y tu esposa (si eres casado). El formulario ya completo se debe recibir en la Oficina del Diaconado, Box 5644, Amarillo, Texas 79117-5644, antes del 15 de mayo.

Ya registrado, te invitaremos a una sesión de discernimiento. La sesión sirve para obtener más información sobre el Diaconado Permanente, la solicitud y el proceso de formación y para aprender a discernir apropiadamente la posibilidad de una vocación. La primera sesión de discernimiento será el sábado, 6 de junio.

Para detalles, pueden llamar al Diácono Brian Lewis, Director del Diaconado, 806-383-2243, ext. 144; o blewis@dioama.org.

*El Diácono Brian Lewis es el director del Diaconado Permanente de la Diócesis de Amarillo.*

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

## Se Anuncian Reuniones Para La Jornada Mundial de la Juventud 2027



**Amarillo**—La Jornada Mundial de la Juventud 2027 será en menos de 17 meses y la Oficina Juvenil Diocesana ha fijado reuniones para quienes desean ser parte de la delegación que representará a la Diócesis de Amarillo, informa el Director Diocesano de la Juventud, Óscar Guzmán.

Todas las reuniones serán en el Centro Pastoral Diocesano, Ave. 24 NE #4512.

Esta primera de dos juntas de Información y Pago en la primavera será el domingo, 3 de mayo de 1:00pm a 5:00pm. Se pide a los participantes que traigan sus botanas y refrescos favoritos. A quienes ya se registraron para la delegación, se les pide traer \$200.

La segunda junta también será para Información y Pago el domingo, 14 de junio de 1:00pm a 5:00pm. De nuevo se les pide a quienes ya se registraron que traigan \$200. Todos pueden traer también sus botanas y refrescos favoritos a esta junta.

“Las juntas en mayo y en junio son requisitos para los peregrinos NUEVOS que nunca han viajado

con nuestra delegación diocesana, pero todos pueden asistir a una o ambas reuniones para refrescar sus memorias”, dijo Guzmán.

Las juntas de requisito para todos empezarán este verano y todas serán en el Centro Pastoral Diocesano de 10:00am a 5:00pm. Las fechas y detalles de pago son los siguientes:

- Sábado, 11 de julio, favor de traer \$1,000;
- Sábado, 2 de enero de 2027, favor de traer \$1,000;
- Sábado, 13 de marzo, favor de traer \$1,000; y,
- Sábado, 12 de junio, favor de traer \$1,000. En esta última junta obligatoria se harán los ajustes necesarios para satisfacer el costo de participación en la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud.

Para detalles o para reservar su lugar en la delegación, pueden llamar a Guzmán, 806-383-2243, ext. 118 o pueden enviar email a oguzman@dioama.org. El sitio web wydseoul.org/es contiene detalles en español a nivel universal. La Diócesis de Amarillo tiene datos en inglés sobre la formación de nuestra delegación en amarillodiocese.org/delegation-formation.

La Jornada Mundial de la Juventud será del martes, 3 de agosto al domingo, 8 de agosto de 2027 en Seúl, Corea del Sur. La delegación que representará a la Diócesis de Amarillo estará en Corea del Sur del jueves, 29 de julio al lunes, 2 de agosto para pasar Días en la Diócesis.

***Sigamos ofreciendo oración y pidiendo lluvia serena y provechosa.***

### La Oficina de la Coordinadora de Asistencia a Víctimas en la Diócesis de Amarillo

Para expresar sospechas, indagar, o reportar abuso sexual respecto a Personal de la Iglesia, inclusive el Clero, Religiosos(as), Empleados y Voluntarios de cualquier Institución Católica, dirjense a:

**Sharyn Delgado**

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

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

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### Abril:

- **Por los sacerdotes en crisis.** Oremos por los sacerdotes que pasan por momentos de crisis en su vocación, para que encuentren el acompañamiento necesario y que las comunidades los apoyen con comprensión y oración.

## Comidas de Cuaresma y Pescado Frito

**Información dada a la Oficina Diocesana de Comunicaciones. Los eventos que se anuncian aquí pueden cambiar sin previo aviso.**

### VIERNES, 20 de MARZO

**Amarillo**—Los Caballeros de Colón del Consejo #1450 de la Catedral de Santa María servirán Pescado Frito de 5:30pm a 7:30pm en el salón de actividades Monseñor Francis A. Smyer. Adultos \$18.00; adultos de la tercera edad y jóvenes de seis a diecisiete años, \$15.00; niños de cinco años y menores comerán gratis. Pida detalles a la oficina de la catedral, 806-376-7204.

**Clarendon**—Pescado Frito de 5:30pm a 7:30pm a beneficio del Fondo de Construcción de la Iglesia Saint Mary, en el Salón Parroquial, calle Montgomery 510 Este. Adultos \$18.00 y niños de doce años y menores \$10.00. Durante la comida habrá un sorteo con boletos de \$1.00 y el ganador recibirá la mitad del ingreso de los boletos. Pida informes a la oficina parroquial, 806-874-3910.

**Dalhart**—Pescado Frito de los Caballeros de Colón del Consejo #2776 en el Centro Familiar de la Iglesia de San Antonio de Padua, Texas Boulevard 411. Servirán de 5:00pm a 6:30. Aceptarán sus donativos por el costo de la comida. Pidan detalles a la oficina parroquial, 806-244-4128.

**Hereford**—Pescado Frito por el Consejo #2778 de Caballeros de Colón de la Iglesia Saint Anthony en el Gimnasio de la Escuela de Saint Anthony, Park Avenue 120 Oeste. Empezarán a servir a las 6:00pm. Adultos, \$15.00; niños de doce años y menores, \$10.00.

Podrán comer allí o recoger platillos para llevar entre los edificios de la escuela. Para más detalles, favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial de Saint Anthony, 806-364-6150.

**Nazareth**—El Grupo Juvenil de la Iglesia Holy Family servirá Pescado Frito en el Salón de la Comunidad, calle 1st Norte 209, de 6:00pm a 8:00pm. Adultos \$15.00; niños de 12 años y menores \$7.00. La ganancia de la cena ayudará a las numerosas actividades del grupo juvenil. Para más información llamen a la oficina parroquial de la Iglesia Holy Family, 806-945-2616.

### VIERNES, 27 de MARZO

**Amarillo**—Pescado Frito de los Caballeros de Colón del Consejo #12563 de la Iglesia Saint Francis of Assisi en el Salón Parroquial, Klinke Road 5005; diez millas al Este de Amarillo, al lado Norte de la Carretera 60. Empezarán a servir a las 5:30pm. Adultos, \$15.00; niños de 7 a 12 años, \$7.00. Para más detalles, favor de llamar a Phil Houlihan, 806-220-9281; o enviar email a bphoulihan5@gmail.com.

**Amarillo**—La Iglesia de San Lorenzo tendrá su Comida Anual de Pescado Frito del mediodía hasta las 7:00pm en el gimnasio de la escuela, calle Spring 2300 Norte. El menú incluye pescado, pescado frito entero, pasta Alfredo con camarones, enchiladas, postre y bebida. Adultos \$17.00 y niños \$10.00. El plato de pescado frito entero costará \$20.00. Habrá platillos para llevar. Pidan más detalles a la oficina parroquial, 806-383-2261.

**Amarillo**—Los Caballeros de Colón del Consejo #4621 servirán la segunda de dos Comidas de

Pescado Frito de 5:00pm a 7:00pm en el gimnasio de la Iglesia Saint Thomas the Apostle, calle Coulter 4100 Sur. Adultos, \$15.00; niños de seis a once años, \$9.00 y niños de 5 años y menos comerán gratis. Aceptarán pago en efectivo, cheques y tarjetas de crédito o de débito. Para más información, llamen a la oficina parroquial de la Iglesia Saint Thomas, 806-358-2461.

**Canyon**—La comida de Pescado Frito de los Caballeros de Colón del Consejo #7840 se servirá a las 6:30pm en el Salón Parroquial de la Iglesia Saint Ann, Avenida 38 #605, después del Viacrucis. Adultos, \$15.00; niños de seis a doce años, \$6.00; de cinco años y menos comerán gratis. Para mayor información, llamen a la Iglesia de Saint Ann, 806-655-3302.

**Dimmitt**—Pescado Frito por el Grupo de Hombres de la Santa Cruz de la Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción en el Salón Parroquial, calle Halsell 1001 Oeste. Servirán de 5:00pm a 8:00pm para comer en el salón o para llevar. \$12.00 por platillo; niños de cinco años y menores, \$6.00. También pueden ordenar por adelantado. Para más detalles, llamen a la oficina parroquial, 806-647-4219.

### VIERNES, 20 y 27 de MARZO

**Hereford**—Pescado Frito del Consejo #8938 de Caballeros de Colón en el salón parroquial de la Iglesia San José, calle Brevard 725. Servirán de 5:00pm a 7:30pm. El platillo cuesta \$12.00. Quienes prefieran algo diferente al pescado podrán comer sándwiches de queso flameado por \$5.00 por persona. Para más detalles, favor de llamar a Edward Fuentes, 806-340-8657.

## Se Necesitan Golfistas Para el Scramble de Saint Joseph

**Amarillo**—El quinto juego *Golf Scramble* a beneficio de la escuela Saint Joseph será el sábado, 25 de abril en el campo de golf Comanche Trail, calle Grand 4200 Sur.

La cuota de \$600 por equipo de cuatro jugadores, incluye carro y tarifa (*green fee*). El juego estilo *scramble* de cuatro golfistas se iniciará a las 9:00am. Jugarán los primeros 36 equipos pagados en el orden en que se registren, dijo Amanda Almanza, portavoz.

Habrán sorteo y se darán premios de entrada. Ya venden boletos de \$10.00 para una rifa. El premio mayor es una tarjeta VISA con valor de \$1,000. Pueden comprar boletos para la rifa en la escuela Saint Joseph durante horas hábiles o comprarlos en línea en el sitio web, stjosephschoolamarillo.com.

El evento recauda fondos para becas de la Escuela Saint Joseph e invita a patrocinadores de varios tipos de anuncios: punto de salida,

\$125; carro, patrocinadores para seis carros en \$350 por carro; dos patrocinadores de las tarjetas de puntuación por \$500 cada uno y patrocinadores del evento por \$1,000. Personas o negocios que deseen patrocinar, favor de llamar a la oficina de la Escuela de Saint Joseph, 806-359-1604.

Para más información o para registrarse en el torneo, hagan el favor de llamar a la escuela Saint Joseph, 806-359-1604.

## Misa Crismal el Martes, 31 de Marzo

**Amarillo**—Su Eminencia, el Cardenal Daniel DiNardo, Administrator Apostólico, *sede vacante*, para la Diócesis de Amarillo, invita a todos los Fieles a mostrar con él su apoyo a los sacerdotes de la diócesis en la Misa Crismal Anual el martes, 31 de marzo a las 7:00pm en la Catedral de Santa María, Calle Washington 1200 Sur.

Durante la Misa Crismal se bendecirán el Óleo de los Catecúmenos, el Óleo de los Enfermos y el Santo Crisma. Los sacerdotes de la diócesis que van a concelebrar con el Cardenal DiNardo renovarán el compromiso de su ordenación al ministerio y al obispo. La Misa del Crisma se considera una celebración del orden sacerdotal.

El Crisma se usa al administrar los Sacramentos de Bautismo, Confirmación y Santos Órdenes; en la consagración de iglesias, cálices, patenas, altares y piedras de altar; en la bendición solemne de campanas y el agua bautismal. La cabeza de un recién bautizado se unge con crisma, así como la frente de un confirmado, la cabeza y las manos de un obispo en su consagración y las manos de un sacerdote en su ordenación. También se ungen con Crisma las paredes de las iglesias al ser consagradas solemnemente, así

como los vasos sagrados que hacen contacto con la Especie Sagrada, como son la patena y el cáliz.

Si se pregunta por qué el crisma se ha introducido así en las funciones litúrgicas de la iglesia, cabe ver que de manera especial es apropiado para tal uso por su simbolismo tan significativo. El aceite de oliva, por naturaleza rico, difusivo y duradero, representa el derrame copioso de la gracia sacramental; en tanto que el bálsamo emana aromas de fragancia agradable, típico de la dulzura innata de la virtud Cristiana. El óleo también da fuerza y agilidad a las extremidades a medida que el bálsamo preserva de la corrupción. Así pues, la unción con el crisma justamente representa esa plenitud de la gracia y fuerza espiritual para poder evitar el contagio del pecado y producir dulces flores de virtud. “*Porque somos la fragancia del sacrificio de Cristo que sube hacia Dios*” (2 Corintios 2:15).

Quienes no puedan asistir a la Misa Crismal el 15 de abril, podrán verla en vivo en el sitio web de la Catedral de Santa María, stmarysamarillo.com, o la podrán escuchar en la Red de Radio Guadalupe 94.5FM en el área de Amarillo/Canyon; en 1010AM por toda la Diócesis de Amarillo; y, en 105.5FM en el área de Nazareth.

## ¡Deja que la Cuaresma purifique tu alma!

### Normas Cuaresmales, Diócesis de Amarillo

El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días obligatorios de ayuno y abstinencia para los católicos. Además, los viernes durante la Cuaresma son días obligatorios de abstinencia.

Para los miembros de la Iglesia del Rito Latino, las normas son obligatorias desde la edad de 18 años hasta los 59. Cuando se ayuna, se le permite a la persona comer una comida completa, así como dos comidas más pequeñas que juntas no equivalgan a una comida completa. Las normas sobre la abstinencia de carne son obligatorias para los miembros de la Iglesia Católica de Rito Latino desde los 14 años en adelante.

### Reflexión sobre el Ayuno Cuaresmal

Si es posible, el ayuno del Viernes Santo se continúa hasta la Vigilia Pascual (la noche del Sábado Santo) como el “ayuno pascual” para honrar el sufrimiento y la muerte del Señor Jesús y prepararnos para compartir más plenamente y celebrar más apropiadamente su Resurrección.

### Tomado de:

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## ¿Cómo marcha la Celebración del Centenario?

**Amarillo**—Los preparativos para la celebración del Centenario de la Diócesis de Amarillo van en progreso, informa el Padre Lawrence John, JCL, Vicario General.

“Al cursar este año lleno de gracia y al continuar esta santa estación de Cuaresma, nuestros corazones se gozan celebrando el Centenario de la Diócesis de Amarillo junto con el Año Especial de San Francisco de Asís que proclamó el Papa León XIV para marcar el 800° aniversario de la muerte de este gran santo. ¡Qué tiempo tan bendecido y lleno de gracia en la vida de la Iglesia— una estación de arrepentimiento, renovación y esperanza!”.

“El Centenario diocesano nos invita a conmemorar y dar gracias por 100 años de Fe en el Panhandle de Texas y a avanzar con valor renovado. El tema de marzo es la Esperanza, una esperanza que encuentra su significado más profundo en la Cuaresma, cuando volvemos de todo corazón a Dios”.

“Por esta razón, marzo se dedica de manera especial a un Día



de Reconciliación y Misericordia. Cada parroquia celebrará Servicios de Penitencia Cuaresmal que nos recuerden que solo Dios perdona el pecado y nos reconcilia consigo mismo. En esta santa estación, el Sacramento de la Confesión es un encuentro privilegiado con la

misericordia de Cristo”.

Durante este Año Centenario y el Año Especial de San Francisco, los Fieles pueden recibir una Indulgencia Plenaria al cumplir con los requisitos normales:

- Hacer Confesión sacramental;
- Recibir la Santa Eucaristía;
- Orar por las intenciones del Santo Padre; y,

• Hacer una peregrinación a sitios designados en la Diócesis de Amarillo o a una Iglesia Franciscana, especialmente la Iglesia Saint Francis of Assisi en Amarillo.

También animamos a los Fieles de la diócesis a visitar en peregrinación a estas parroquias para ayudarnos a profundizar nuestro aprecio por la historia de nuestra Iglesia y misión local. Las parroquias son:

- Santa María en Clarendon;
- Santa María en Umbarger;
- Espíritu Santo en Tulia;
- San Juan Evangelista en Borger;
- San Lorenzo en Amarillo; y,
- La Misión San José en el Campo en Hereford.

El Padre John también anima a los Fieles a visitar el Museo y Archivo Diocesano en el Centro Pastoral Diocesano, Avenida 24 NE #4512 durante horas regulares para profundizar más su aprecio por la historia de la Diócesis de Amarillo.

“Como dijo San Francisco de Asís, ‘empecemos de nuevo, ya que hasta el momento no hemos hecho nada’”, dijo el Padre John. “Que esta estación de Cuaresma y nuestras celebraciones del Centenario y el Jubileo renueven nuestra esperanza y nos acerquen más a Cristo, rico en clemencia”.

El tema de abril y mayo es Comunión, y múltiples actividades se están planeando ya. Junio y julio se enfocan en la Misión y también se están planeando varios eventos.

La Diócesis de Amarillo celebrará una Misa de Clausura del Centenario el sábado, 22 de agosto a las 10:00am en la Catedral de Santa María, calle Washington 1200 Sur.

Se dará más información en:

- *The West Texas Catholic*;
- amarillodiocese.org;
- westtexascatholic.org;
- Flocknote;
- Facebook;
- radio católica; y,
- boletines parroquiales.

## Progresan el Año Jubilar Franciscano

**Amarillo**—Las Hermanas Franciscanas de María Inmaculada continúan su Extraordinario Año Jubilar en honor del 800° Aniversario de la muerte de San Francisco de Asís.

Durante el año, las Hermanas Franciscanas de María Inmaculada ofrecen a los Fieles de la Diócesis de Amarillo la Capilla de San Francisco, Avenida 18 Noreste 4301, como lugar de peregrinación y oración, informa la Hermana Valentine Curry. Ayudan así a todos a obtener la Indulgencia Plenaria asociada con este Año Jubilar Extraordinario que empezó el 2 de febrero y terminará el domingo, 10 de enero.

Las condiciones para obtener esta indulgencia son las siguientes:

- Recibir la Confesión Sacramental;
- Participar en la Eucaristía;
- Visitar una iglesia o capilla franciscana;
- Rezar el Credo y el Padrenuestro;

y

• Orar por las Intenciones del Papa. Así como toda Indulgencia Plenaria, esta se puede obtener si se cumplen las condiciones de la Confesión Sacramental y la participación en la Eucaristía dentro de las dos semanas posteriores a la peregrinación.

La capilla del Convento de San Francisco estará abierta de lunes a viernes de 9:30am a 5:30pm. Las Hermanas Franciscanas también les invitan a acompañarlas durante

su Hora Santa diaria de 4:00pm a 5:30pm, que incluye el rezo del Santo Rosario y las Vísperas.

Se han programado diversas actividades que se anunciarán durante el año. Las próximas semanas incluyen estas:

- El sábado, 21 de marzo concluye la Serie Cuaresmal sobre las Lecturas del Año A de los Evangelios. Esta presentación a la 1:00pm tendrá el tema *Lázaro, Sal: Renacimiento Espiritual*.

- Del miércoles, 1 al sábado 4 de abril se ofrecerá la experiencia *Ven, Ve y Vive* para mujeres de 18 a 35 años de edad.

- Los sábados de mayo (2, 9, 16, 23 y 30) se recitará el Santo Rosario Corona Franciscana de 3:00pm a 3:30pm; y,

- El Viernes, 22 de mayo a las 7:00pm habrá una Reflexión pre-Pentecostés, *Se Llenaron del Espíritu Santo: Docilidad al Movimiento del Espíritu Santo*.

“Esperamos y oramos con toda sinceridad para que aprovechen estas oportunidades para crecer en su caminar con Dios”, dijo la Hermana Valentine. “Sugerimos un donativo de \$20 por cada charla para contribuir al mantenimiento de nuestro convento”.

Para más detalles acerca del Año Jubilar Franciscano con las Hermanas Franciscanas de María Inmaculada, hagan el favor de llamar al Convento Franciscano, 806-383-5769.

### Cierre de Oficinas

El Centro Pastoral Diocesano cerrará para el Triduo Pascual del mediodía el jueves, 2 de abril hasta el martes, 7 de abril a las 9:00am.

Su Eminencia el Cardenal Daniel DiNardo, Administrador Apostólico, sede vacante, y todo el personal del Centro Pastoral Diocesano desean a todos una Pascua llena de Bendiciones.

## Buscamos Bodas de Oro

Si ustedes contrajeron matrimonio entre el 1° de abril de 1976 y 30 de junio de 1976, *El West Texas Catholic* desea felicitarlos.

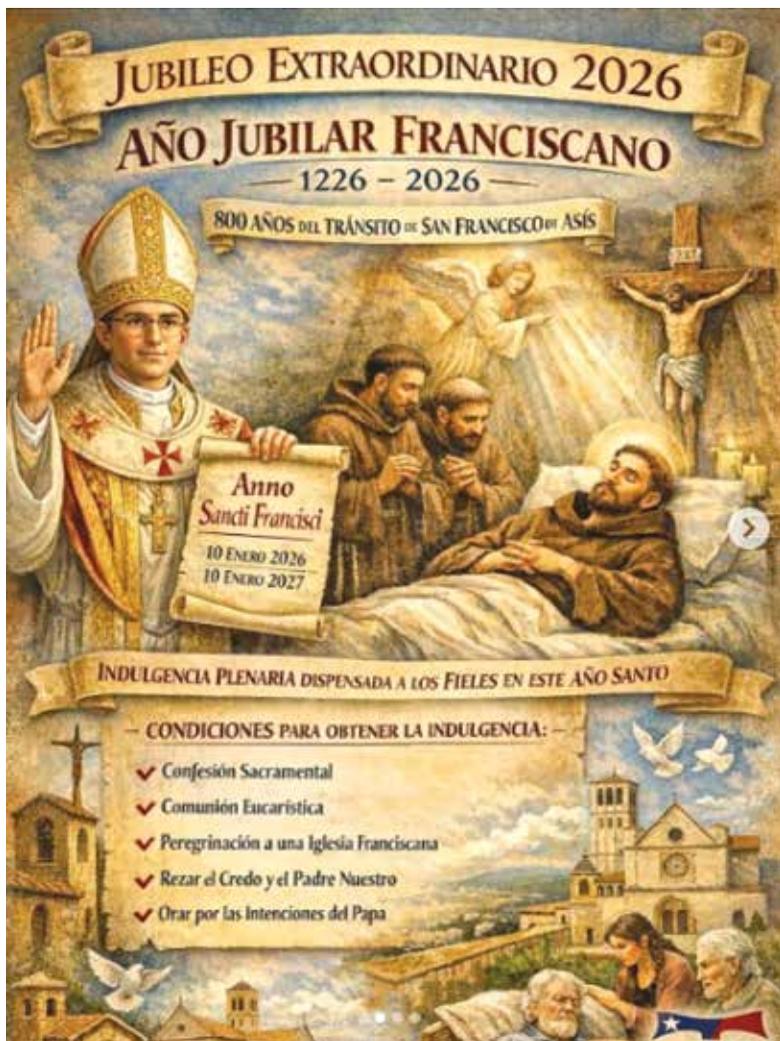
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Envíen las fotos por email a [westtexascatholic@gmail.com](mailto:westtexascatholic@gmail.com) o por correo postal a P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, 79107.

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Por favor escriban sus nombres, dirección postal, número de teléfono y su dirección de email al reverso de sus fotos.

Se aceptarán fotos hasta el jueves, 11 de junio al mediodía.



# Primera Misa de Confirmación por Decanato el 11 de Abril

**Amarillo**—La primera de seis Misas de Confirmación por Decanato en la Diócesis de Amarillo se ha citado para el 11 de abril en la Catedral Santa María, calle Washington 1200 Sur.

Las Misas de Confirmación se celebrarán por Decanato y los Feligreses de cada Decanato vendrán a la Catedral de Santa María.

“En este año del Aniversario de nuestra diócesis, las celebraciones de Confirmación nos mueven bellamente de la Comunión a la Misión”, dijo el Padre Héctor J. Madrigal, Vicario del Clero en la Diócesis de Amarillo y Párroco de las Iglesias del Espíritu Santo en Tulia y San Pablo en Kress. “Al reunirnos en los Sacramentos, el Espíritu Santo nos une—y nos envía—a continuar la labor de evangelización para esta generación y para la siguiente”.

Los Candidatos para la Confirmación se reunirán con la juventud de sus respectivos Decanatos para su confirmación.

Las Misas de Confirmación se celebrarán a las 10:30am:

- **Sábado, 11 de abril**, para el Decanato Central. Esta será la primera de dos Misas de Confirmación para el Decanato

Central y feligreses de estas parroquias en Amarillo:

- Catedral Santa María;
- Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe;
- Nuestra Señora de Vietnam;
- San José; y,
- San Lorenzo.

- **Sábado, 18 de abril**, para el Decanato Este. Esta Misa será para feligreses de estas parroquias:

- Sagrado Corazón en Canadian;
- Holy Angels en Childress;
- Santa María en Clarendon;
- Inmaculado Corazón de María en Groom;

- Sagrado Corazón en Memphis;
- San Vicente de Paúl en Pampa;
- Santa Theresa en Panhandle;
- Saint Patrick en Shamrock;
- Our Mother of Mercy en Wellington;

- Santa María en Wheeler; y,
- Sagrado Corazón en White Deer.

- **Sábado, 2 de mayo**, para el Decanato Sur. Esta Misa será para feligreses de estas parroquias:

- Saint Ann en Bovina;
- Inmaculada Concepción en Dimmitt;

- Santa Teresa de Jesús en Friona;

- Holy Name of Jesus en Happy;
- San Juan Nepomuceno en Hart;
- Saint Anthony en Hereford;

- San José en Hereford;
- San Pablo Apóstol en Kress;
- Holy Family en Nazareth;
- San Juan Diego en Quitaque;
- Nuestra Señora de Loreto en Silverton;

- Iglesia del Espíritu Santo en Tulia;

- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton en Turkey;

- Inmaculada Concepción en Vega; y,

- Saint Mary en Umbarger.

- **Sábado, 9 de mayo**, para el Decanato Norte. Esta Misa será para feligreses de estas parroquias:

- San Pedro en Booker;
- Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Cactus;

- San Antonio de Padua en Dalhart;
- Cristo Redentor en Gruver;

- Inmaculada Concepción en Perryton;

- Sagrado Corazón de Jesús en Spearman;

- San José en Stratford; y,
- Saint Mary en Texline.

La segunda Misa de Confirmación para el Decanato Central se celebrará el sábado, **16 de mayo** para estas parroquias en Amarillo y Canyon:

- Blessed Sacrament;
- San Jacinto;

- San Martín de Porres;
- Saint Thomas the Apostle; y,
- Saint Ann en Canyon.

La segunda Misa de Confirmación para el Decanato Norte se celebrará el **sábado, 30 de mayo**. Esta Misa será para feligreses de estas parroquias:

- San Juan Evangelista en Borger;

- San Pedro y San Pablo en Dumas;
- Saint Ann en Stinnett; y,
- Cristo Rey en Sunray.

Para obtener información adicional sobre las Misas de Confirmación por Decanato, hagan el favor de contactar a sus párrocos o a los directores de Formación en la Fe en sus parroquias.

## Burbujas Para Bebés

**Amarillo**—El Segundo baby shower comunitario *Bubbles for Babies (Burbujas Para Bebés)* a beneficio del proyecto Joseph’s Project para apoyo en el embarazo, será el sábado, 2 de mayo de las 10:00am hasta el mediodía en Amarillo Area Foundation, calle Polk 919 Sur.

“*Bubbles for Babies* es un baby shower de la comunidad en apoyo a nuestro programa que impacta

las vidas de mujeres y familias de todo tipo y edad con niños menores de 36 meses”, dijo Jeff Gulde, director ejecutivo de Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle. “Vengan todos a acompañarnos en el Amarillo Area Foundation”.

Para obtener boletos o detalles de patrocinio para *Bubbles for Babies*, favor de llamar a Catholic Charities, 806-376-4571 o visitar en línea el sitio, cctxp.org.

## Poderosa Oración de San Patricio de Irlanda

Cristo conmigo, Cristo delante de mí, Cristo detrás de mí,  
 Cristo en mí, Cristo bajo mí, Cristo sobre mí,  
 Cristo a mi derecha, Cristo a mi izquierda, Cristo alrededor de mí.  
 Cristo en la anchura, Cristo en la longitud, Cristo en la altura,  
 Cristo en la profundidad de mi corazón.  
 Cristo en el corazón y la mente de todos los hombres que piensan en mí,  
 Cristo en la boca de todos los que hablan de mí,  
 Cristo en todo ojo que me ve, Cristo en todo oído que me escucha.

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**Deborah Bowman, chairperson of the Country Store at the annual Czech Sausage Dinner at St. Ann's Church, Canyon, looks over her inventory March 1 during the dinner. Bowman's booth was one of six Country Store booths in operation at the annual event. (WTC Photo)**

## Vatican: No Papal Trip To United States In 2026

**Vatican City (USCCB)**—Pope Leo XIV will not travel to the United States this year, the head of the Holy See Press Office said Feb. 8.

Vatican observers had speculated about whether the first American pope would return to the United States during his first full year as pontiff, particularly as some news outlets reported that he might visit in September to coincide with the U.N. General Assembly in New York, a meeting attended by each of his three most recent predecessors during their pontificates.

But, Matteo Bruni, director of the Holy See Press Office, told reporters that no U.S. trip is planned for 2026 when asked about the pope's travel schedule.

Recent popes have all traveled to the United States at least once, making such visits an expected trip for modern papacies.

St. John Paul II visited the United States frequently, traveling to the country seven times during his pontificate and making stops across the nation. During those visits, he met with President Jimmy Carter at the White House and President Ronald Reagan in Alaska.

Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States once, spending six days in April 2008, during which he met with President George W. Bush in Washington and addressed the U.N. General Assembly in New York. Pope Francis also made

a single six-day visit in 2015, becoming the first pontiff to address a joint session of Congress. He also traveled to Washington D.C., New York and Philadelphia.

St. Paul VI was the first pope to visit the United States in 1965. He made a historic address to the United Nations General Assembly in New York, met with President Lyndon B. Johnson and celebrated Mass at Yankee Stadium.

Since his election in May 2025, Pope Leo has taken one international trip to Turkey and Lebanon, a six-day trip previously planned before his predecessor's passing last year. The November trip included meetings with civil and religious leaders, visits to holy sites and prayer at the Port of Beirut.

While the Vatican has not made any official announcements, a number of local sources have suggested how Pope Leo's 2026 calendar may already be taking shape with potential trips to Africa, Spain and South America.

In January, Cardinal Jean-Paul Vesco of Algiers told reporters outside the Vatican's Paul VI Audience Hall Jan. 8 that a papal visit to Algeria was "on track" and would occur in "the first part of 2026." Archbishop Kryspin Witold Dubiel, the apostolic nuncio to Angola, has also said the pope accepted invitations from both Church and government officials to visit the country.

## Missionaries Needed For 2026 Totus Tuus Team

**Amarillo**—Any college-aged men and women (18 years of age and older who are one year post high school graduation), who manifest a desire for holiness, demonstrate a love for Christ and His Church and are committed to sharing the Faith by dedicating their summer to knowing, loving and serving Jesus through Mary, are encouraged to apply for the 2026 *Totus Tuus* team for the Diocese of Amarillo.

"I pray that you will allow becoming a *Totus Tuus* Missionary to aid in your personal encounter with the living Christ," said Mallory Heinen, who oversees *Totus Tuus* for the Diocese of Amarillo. "Join

our mission of bringing young adults together to spread the Gospel truth by living in community and being active witnesses to the children and youth of our diocese. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to dedicate eight-and-a-half weeks of your summer to proclaiming the saving truths of Jesus Christ to the children and youth of the Texas Panhandle while deepening your own knowledge and Faith through the sacraments, prayer, teaching, community and friendship.

"I served as a *Totus Tuus* missionary for the Diocese of Amarillo for two summers. I gained more than I could have ever imag-

ined—a community of people who continue to help me pursue a life rooted in Jesus Christ, a deep understanding for the necessity of prayer in my daily life, the fruits of having time to discern my vocation and a devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Please prayerful consider saying 'yes' to a summer of *Totus Tuus*. Follow Mary's word to the servants in Cana "do whatever he tells you." (*John 2:5*)

Those interested in applying to be a *Totus Tuus* missionary can find applications online at [amarillovocations.org/totustuus](http://amarillovocations.org/totustuus). Questions can be addressed to Heinen at 806-290-1698 or [totustuusdioama@gmail.com](mailto:totustuusdioama@gmail.com).

## Prison Ministry

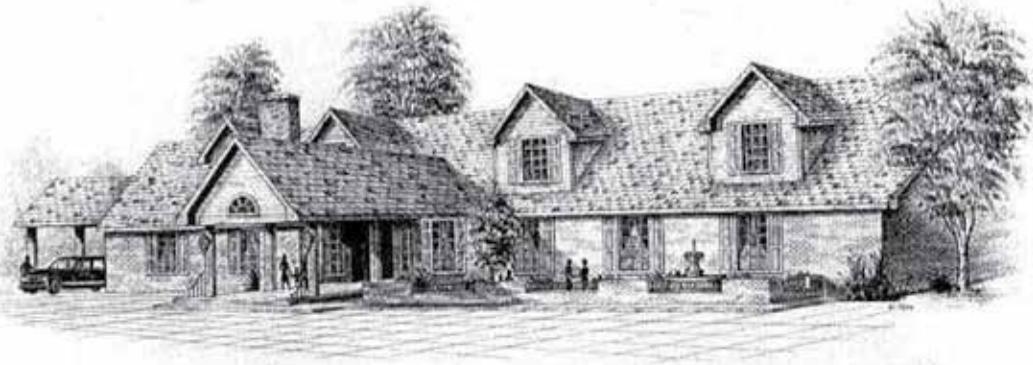
**Amarillo**—The prison ministry team in the Diocese of Amarillo is recruiting ordained deacons or lay

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.



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## Lenten Meals, Fish Fries

*The following information was received by the diocesan Office of Communications. Events listed here are subject to change without notice.*

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

**Amarillo**—Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #1450 at St. Mary's Cathedral, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Monsignor Francis A. Smyer Activity Center. Plates are \$18.00 for adults, \$15.00 for seniors and children ages six to seventeen. Kids under five eat free. For additional information, please call St. Mary's Cathedral at 806-376-7204.

**Clarendon**—Fish Fry, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, to benefit the Building Fund at St. Mary's Church, in the Parish Hall at 510 East Montgomery. Adult plates are \$18.00 each and \$10.00 each for children 12 and under. Tickets will also be sold during the meal for a 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$1.00 each and the drawing will take place during the Fish Fry. Learn more by contacting Rodney Ehlert at 281-635-1189.

**Dalhart**—Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #2776 at St. Anthony of Padua Church, in the Parish Family Center at 411 Texas Blvd. Serving time is 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Cost of the meal is by donation. Additional details can be obtained by calling the St. Anthony of Padua parish office at 806-244-4128.

**Hereford**—Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #2778 at St. Anthony's Church, in the St. Anthony's School Gym at 120 West Park Ave. The meal will be served beginning at 6:00pm and plates are \$15.00 each for adults and \$10.00 each for children 12 and

under. The meal will be dine-in or drive-through between the school buildings. Please call the parish office at St. Anthony's Church at 806-364-6150 for more details.

**Nazareth**—The Youth Group at Holy Family Church will serve a Fish Fry in the Nazareth Community Hall, 209 North 1st Street, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Adult plates are \$15.00 each and children 12 and under eat for \$7.00 each. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the numerous youth group activities. Find out more by calling the parish office at Holy Family Church at 806-945-2616.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 27

**Amarillo**—Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #12563 at St. Francis of Assisi Church, in the Parish Hall at 5005 Klinke Road, located 10 miles east of Amarillo, just north of Highway 60. The meal will be served at 5:30pm. Adult plates are \$15.00 each and plates are \$7.00 for youth seven to twelve years old. For further information, please contact Phil Houlihan at 806-220-9281 or via email, bphoulihan5@gmail.com.

**Amarillo**—St. Laurence Church will offer its annual Fish Fry from noon to 7:00pm in the parish hall at 2300 North Spring. The menu includes fish, whole fried fish, shrimp alfredo pasta, enchiladas, desserts and beverages. Adult meal tickets are \$17.00 apiece and tickets for children are \$10.00 each. Tickets are \$20.00 each for those wishing to purchase tickets for a whole fried fish. Takeouts will be available. For more details, please call the parish office at St. Laurence Church at 806-383-2261.

**Amarillo**—Knights of Columbus Council #4621 at St. Thomas

the Apostle Church will host the second of two Lenten Fish Fries from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the parish gym at 4100 South Coulter. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children ages six to eleven. All children five and under eat free. Cash, check, debit and credit cards will be accepted for payment. Learn more by calling the parish office at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at 806-358-2461.

**Canyon**—Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #7840, in the Parish Hall at St. Ann's Church, 605 38th St. The meal will be served at 6:30pm, following the Way of the Cross. Adult plates are \$15.00 each and children six to twelve eat for \$6.00 each. Children under five eat free. Find out more about the meal by calling the parish office at St. Ann's Church, 806-655-3302.

**Dimmitt**—Fish Fry, sponsored by the Holy Cross Men's Group at Immaculate Conception Church, in the parish hall at 1001 West Halsell. The dinner will be served from 5:00pm to 8:00pm and will be drive-in and takeout. Adult plates are \$12.00 each and children five and under are served for \$6.00 each. Orders will be accepted in advance. Find out more by calling the parish office at 806-647-4219.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20 and FRIDAY, MARCH 27

**Hereford**—Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #8938 in the parish hall at San Jose Church, 725 Brevard. Serving time is 5:00pm to 7:30pm. All plates are \$12.00 each. For those not preferring fish, a grilled cheese sandwich dinner is an option, at \$5.00 per person. For additional information, please call Edward Fuentes at 806-340-8657.

## Information Needed For Diocesan Calendar

**Amarillo**—The latest 12-month Diocesan Calendar, covering fiscal year 2026-27, will be published in the Sunday, June 21 issue of *The West Texas Catholic*.

All diocesan, parish and school organizations are asked to turn in dates for events taking place during fiscal year 2026-27, which will be used for the annual Dioc-

esan Calendar, which will also be published on the diocesan website, amarillodiocese.org.

"We are requesting the assistance of all our diocesan and parish organizations with this project," said Chris Albracht, diocesan Director of Communications and Editor of *The West Texas Catholic*.

Calendar information can be sent

via email to westtexasatholic@gmail.com; via fax at 806-383-8452; or via U.S. mail to P.O. Box 5644, Amarillo, 79117-5644. The deadline to send information for the fiscal year 2026-27 calendar is **Thursday, June 4**. For additional information, please contact Albracht at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, at 806-414-1075.



Deacon Todd Murray of San Jose Church, Hereford, proclaims the *Prayers of the Faithful* Feb. 27 during a South Deanery Centennial Mass at the parish. The Mass was the fourth and final Centennial Deanery Mass celebrated in February. (WTC Photo)

## Clarendon Barbecue Dinner

**Clarendon**—St. Mary's Church invites the public to attend its 29th St. Mary's Day Barbecue Dinner on Sunday, April 12 from 11:30am to 1:00pm in the Parish Hall at 510 East Montgomery.

Tickets for the all-you-can-eat meal at the door are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children.

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the St. Mary's Church building fund. Takeouts will be available and there will be entertainment, a silent auction and a country store. Barbecue beef and ribs will also be sold.

For further details, please call Jacob Fangman at 806-206-5737.

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## Bonus Photos And Stories

It's been a busy several weeks throughout the Diocese of Amarillo. As a bridge to Section Two, here's a few additional photos and stories.



Among those attending Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle's *Cheers to Change* fundraiser Feb. 20 at the Amarillo Club, left to right, were Jocelyn and Patrick Paullus. (WTC Photo by Ashley Pallares)



All is quiet Feb. 14 prior to the annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance in Bishop Zurek Parish Hall at Blessed Sacrament Church, Amarillo. (WTC Photo)

### New Orleans Night In Dumas

**Dumas**—Knights of Columbus Council #5061 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church will sponsor its annual New Orleans Night Saturday, April 18 at a new location this year—Hacienda Garcia Event Center, 839 North Dumas Ave.

The evening begins at 6:00 with social hour, according to Council #5061 Grand Knight Miguel Nevarez, followed at 7:30 with a steak dinner with all the trimmings.

There will be a Calcutta, with an opportunity to win a cash prize. The Calcutta will be followed at 9:00 with a dance.

Tickets are \$600 for a table of eight, which includes dinner, Calcutta and the dance. There will also be cash drawings, with first prize \$2,000, second prize \$1,000 and third prize \$500.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit the numerous charities supported by Knights of Columbus Council #5061, according to Nevarez. VISA and MasterCard will be accepted at the door and a ticket will be required for entrance into the event.

No one under the age of 21 will be admitted.

For additional information, please contact Nevarez at 806-236-0555; Coby Schacher at 806-570-3218; or Bob Brinkmann at 806-683-5738.



Father Anthony C. "Tony" Neusch, left, pastor at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Dalhart, took a group of parishioners March 2 to the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine in Oklahoma City. While he was there, he ran into a familiar face, that of Amarillo-native Miguel "Mike" Miereles, who is the executive director at the Rother Shrine. The two went to school at West Texas A&M University in Canyon and both were active at the Catholic Student Center during their time in Canyon. Father Neusch and Miereles are pictured in the Blessed Stanley Rother Shrine Chapel. (WTC Photo by Araceli Mingura)

### Contemplative Power Hour

**Amarillo**—The Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center at 2100 North Spring is offering a Contemplative Power Hour on Tuesdays, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Adoration will take place from 11:00 to 11:30, followed by the recitation of the Rosary at 11:30

and Contemplative Prayer at noon.

There is no charge and those attending are encouraged to stay for the entire time or for a portion.

For more details about the Contemplative Power Hour, please call the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center at 806-383-1811.



Tim Gallegos of Knights of Columbus Council #4621 at St. Joseph's Church, Amarillo, prepares brisket Feb. 15 for the third annual Brisket Dinner at the parish. (WTC Photo)

### Eucharistic Holy Hour

**Amarillo**—The public is invited to attend and take part in a Eucharistic Holy Hour on Thursdays at St. Hyacinth Church, beginning at 5:30pm, at 4500 West Hills Trail.

The hour begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,

followed by a homily, silent meditation, common prayer and concluding with Benediction. Mass follows at 6:30.

For further information please call the parish office at St. Hyacinth Church, 806-358-1351.

## Catholic Schools Raise The Standards