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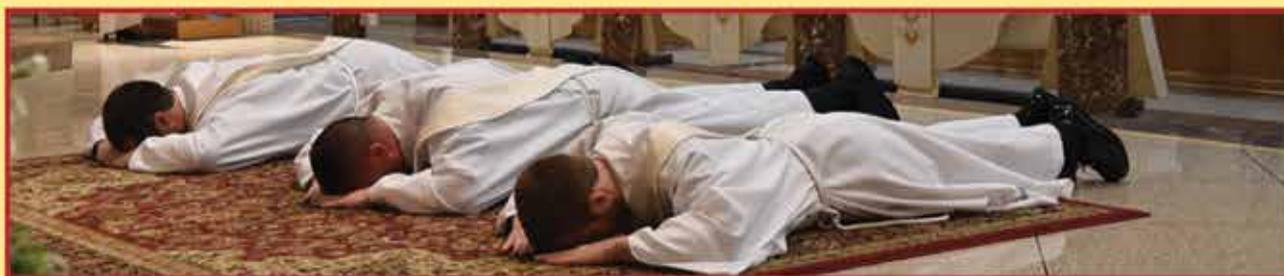
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# First Deanery Confirmation Mass: Saturday, April 11

**Amarillo**—The first of six Deanery Confirmation Masses in the Diocese of Amarillo is scheduled Saturday, April 11 at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1200 South Washington.

The Confirmation Masses will be celebrated by Deanery, with the Faithful of each Deanery coming to St. Mary's Cathedral.

"In this Anniversary year of our diocese, our Confirmation celebrations beautifully move us from Communion to Mission," said Father Hector J. Madrigal, Vicar of Clergy for the Diocese of Amarillo and Pastor of Church of the Holy Spirit, Tulia and St. Paul the Apostle Church, Kress. "As we gather as one diocese around the Sacraments, the Holy Spirit unites us —

and then sends us — to continue the work of evangelization for this generation and the next."

Adult Confirmation Candidates will join the youth of their respective Deanery for their confirmation.

All six Confirmation Masses will be celebrated at 10:30am:

- **Saturday, April 11**, for the Central Deanery. This will be the first of two Confirmation Masses for the Central Deanery and for parishioners at these parishes, all in Amarillo:

- St. Mary's Cathedral;
- Our Lady of Guadalupe;
- Our Lady of Vietnam;
- St. Joseph's; and,
- St. Laurence.

- **Saturday, April 18**, for the East Deanery. This Mass will be for parishioners at these parishes:

- Sacred Heart, Canadian;
- Holy Angels, Childress;
- St. Mary's, Clarendon;
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, Groom;
- Sacred Heart, Memphis;
- St. Vincent de Paul, Pampa;
- St. Theresa's, Panhandle;
- St. Patrick's, Shamrock;
- Our Mother of Mercy, Wellington;
- St. Mary's, Wheeler; and,
- Sacred Heart, White Deer.

- **Saturday, May 2**, for the South Deanery. This Mass will be for parishioners at these parishes:

- St. Ann's, Bovina;
- Immaculate Conception, Dimmitt;
- St. Teresa of Jesus, Friona;
- Holy Name of Jesus, Happy;
- St. John Nepomucene, Hart;
- St. Anthony's, Hereford;
- San Jose, Hereford;
- St. Paul the Apostle, Kress;
- Holy Family, Nazareth;
- St. Juan Diego, Quitaque;
- Our Lady of Loreto, Silverton;
- Church of the Holy Spirit, Tulia;

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Turkey;
- Immaculate Conception, Vega;

and,

- St. Mary's, Umbarger.

- **Saturday, May 9**, for the North Deanery. This Mass will be for parishioners at these parishes:

- St. Peter's, Booker;
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Cactus;
- St. Anthony of Padua, Dalhart;
- Cristo Redentor, Gruver;
- Immaculate Conception, Perryton;
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Spearman;
- St. Joseph's, Stratford; and,
- St. Mary's, Texline.

The second Central Deanery Confirmation Mass will be celebrated **Saturday, May 16** for these

Amarillo and Canyon parishes:

- Blessed Sacrament;
- St. Hyacinth;
- St. Martin de Porres;
- St. Thomas the Apostle; and,
- St. Ann's, Canyon.

The second North Deanery Confirmation Mass will be celebrated **Saturday, May 30**. This Mass will be for parishioners at these parishes:

- St. John the Evangelist, Borger;
- Sts. Peter and Paul, Dumas;
- St. Ann's, Stinnett; and,
- Christ the King, Sunray.

For additional information about the Deanery Confirmation Masses, please contact your parish priest or director of religious education.

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## The Market On Tierra Blanca

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

*The Market on Tierra Blanca*, the only full-service food pantry in Randall County, is open Tuesdays from 3:00pm to 7:00pm and Friday

mornings from 9:00 to noon, on the east side of St. Ann's Church.

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

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**Editor's Note: Genesis Priolo is one of the scheduled presenters for DCYC 2026, taking place Friday, April 24 to Sunday, April 26 at the Amarillo Civic Center. The West Texas Catholic posed these questions to her as she prepares to join us in the Diocese of Amarillo next month.**

**The West Texas Catholic: When people ask you who Genesis Priolo is, how do you answer that question or define yourself?**

**Genesis Priolo:** "Foremost I define myself as a child of God, then a wife, a daughter, a soon-to-be mother and a friend. I seek value only from God, which is what gives me the confidence to pursue my purpose and be fulfilled in life with who I was created to be and what gifts I can utilize on earth to make an impact. My goal every day is to be a reflection of God by living by the fruits of the Spirit and serving others with a loving heart."

**WTC: When did you get started in youth ministry and what keeps**

**you continuing in this ministry?**

**Priolo:** "I got started in youth ministry when I was 18 years old. God had put it on my heart from a young age to share my testimony with the youth on topics I can relate to from my younger years, such as mental health, peer pressure, grief, bullying and more. It became clear to me that God wanted me to pursue my purpose of ministering to the youth more seriously in 2020 when I was in a serious car accident where I had a spiritual experience. I was given another opportunity to live more intentionally by honoring His glory above everything else."

**WTC: What message do you hope to share with the youth of the Diocese of Amarillo next month?**

**Priolo:** "My message I hope to share with the youth of the Diocese of Amarillo next month is to put your Faith in God fully and to trust Him with the narrative of your life. I want students to feel empowered to use their fears as a motivation to tackle whatever is ahead of them



**Genesis Priolo**

with Godly confidence. I want students to walk away knowing they don't need to give the enemy control over them by allowing their fear to prevent them from doing God's work and being who they were created to be on this earth. They should use fear to drive them to be more courageous through a lens of faith that truly anything is possible when God is on your side! As *Matthew 17:20* says, "...if you have Faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, move from here to

there, and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

**WTC: What advice would you give to those young adults and adults who are involved in youth ministry?**

**Priolo:** "My advice I would give to those young adults and adults involved in ministry would be to let God always lead your heart in the right direction and do everything for His glory and the Kingdom of Heaven. Use time on this earth intentionally by pursuing

your handcrafted purpose that is set for you and use every day as an opportunity to grow in your Faith. Put God first and seek His words, whether that be through prayer or reading the Bible. Be steadfast in God because only He can give you what you need to have an overflowing spiritual cup!"

**WTC: The final word in this conversation belongs to you...**

**Priolo:** "Put God first and everything will work out through His grace!"

**Time To Register For DCYC 2026**

**Amarillo**—There is still time to get signed up for the annual Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC), set for Friday, April 24 through Sunday, April 26 at the Amarillo Civic Center, 401 South Buchanan.

The theme of DCYC 2026 is **Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious: I am your God (Isaiah 41:10)**.

The regular registration deadline is **Good Friday, April 3**. Regular registration is \$65 per person and must be postmarked by April 3. The fee includes two meals, but no t-shirt and gifts.

For those registering at the door, cost is \$75 per person, according to Diocesan Youth Director Oscar Guzman. The registration fee includes two meals.

Registration can be done at the parish-level and any additional costs depends on the cost of transporta-

tion, lodging and additional meals.

For those planning to go to Wonderland Park on Sunday, April 26, tickets are \$24 per person. Guzman said those planning to go to Wonderland Park are welcome to order for family as well, but that Wonderland Park is optional.

Scheduled to participate at DCYC 2026 are:

- Donovan Moses;
- Genesis Priolo;
- Franciscan Sister of Christ the Light Sister Maria Irina Teiner; and,
- Brad Farmer.

Youth interested in attending DCYC 2026 are asked to contact their parish youth minister or priest for additional parish delegation details. For more information about DCYC 2026, please go online to [amarillodiocese.org/dcyc-aka-youth-rally](http://amarillodiocese.org/dcyc-aka-youth-rally) or contact Guzman at 806-383-2243, ext. 118.

**Passover Seder Meal At Retreat Center**

**Amarillo**—The Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center will host a Passover Seder Meal Thursday, March 26, beginning at 6:00pm at 2100 North Spring.

Individual tickets are \$50 per person. The deadline to make reservations for the evening is **Friday, March 20**.

"Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to be at The Last Supper?" said Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ Sister Elizabeth Ann Dockery. "Perhaps you've watched *The Passion of Christ* or meditated on

the scripture passages which describe those impactful events. Come journey with us as we walk through that night, beginning with a Seder Meal and spiritually setting our hearts and minds towards Calvary for a transformational Holy Week."

This year's Seder Meal will include the option of wearing costumes from that period, according to Sister Elizabeth Ann.

For more details, please call the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center at 806-383-1811 or go online to [bdcrc.org/Passover-seder-dinner](http://bdcrc.org/Passover-seder-dinner).



**St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church**  
201 St. John's Road, Borger

**69th Italian Meatballs and Spaghetti Dinner**  
**Sunday, March 22**

**Tickets: \$16.00 per person**

**Children 7 and under are free (dine in only)**

**Takeouts available**

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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**—The Office of Communications for the Diocese of Amarillo has released the latest update to the 2026 diocesan calendar, listing events in the diocese, taking place between today and Saturday, March 21.

The calendar was compiled from listings primarily provided by diocesan organizations, parishes and schools. **Events listed here are subject to change without notice.**

Dates added since the Jan. 18 update are in **BOLD**. Additional dates for updated versions of this calendar can be sent via email to [westtexascatholic@gmail.com](mailto:westtexascatholic@gmail.com). This calendar can also be found on the diocesan website, [amarillodiocese.org](http://amarillodiocese.org).

### March

16-20—Spring Break for Catholic Schools, Diocese of Amarillo

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

19—Feast of St. Joseph

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

20—Lenten Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #1450, Monsignor Francis A. Smyer Activity Center, St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo (806-376-7204)

20—Lenten Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus #2776, Parish Family Center, St. Anthony of Padua Church, Dalhart (806-244-4128)

20—Lenten Fish Fry, St. Mary's Church, Clarendon (806-874-3910)

20—Lenten Fish Fry, to benefit the Youth at Holy Family Church, Nazareth, Community Hall (806-945-2616)

20—Lenten Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #8938, Parish Hall, San Jose Church, Hereford (806-340-8657)

20—Lenten Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #2778, St. Anthony's School Cafeteria, Hereford (806-364-6150)

21—Craft Show, Pastoral Center, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Dumas (via email, [theswartz24@gmail.com](mailto:theswartz24@gmail.com))

22—Italian Meatballs and Spaghetti Dinner, Parish Hall, St. John the Evangelist Church, Borger (806-274-7064)

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

25—The Annunciation of the Lord

27—Lenten Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #12563, Parish Hall, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Amarillo (806-335-1872)

27—Lenten Fish Fry, St. Lawrence Church, Amarillo (806-383-2261)

27—Lenten Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #4621, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Amarillo, Parish Gym (806-358-2461)

27—Lenten Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #7840, Parish Hall, St. Ann's Church, Canyon (806-655-3302)

27—Lenten Fish Fry, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #8938, Parish Hall, San Jose Church, Hereford (806-340-8657)

28-29—Engaged Encounter Weekend, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-410-3839)

**28—Catholic Speed Dating Event, Grand Event Center, Amarillo (806-410-3839)**

29—Palm Sunday

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

31—Chrism Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo (806-383-2243, ext. 113)

### April

2—Holy Thursday. Diocesan Pastoral Center closes at noon.

3—Good Friday. Diocesan Pastoral Center closed. Day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo closed. Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center closed.

3—*Via Crucis*, presented by St. Laurence Church, Amarillo (806-383-2261)

4—Holy Saturday. **Sunset at 8:11pm.**

5—Easter Sunday

6—Diocesan Pastoral Center and Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center closed for Easter Break.

6—Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo closed for Easter Break.

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

12—Divine Mercy Sunday

12—St. Mary's Barbecue Day, Parish Hall, St. Mary's Church, Clarendon (806-874-3910)

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

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

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

18—New Orleans Night, sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #5061 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Dumas, Hacienda Garcia Event Center (806-236-0555)

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

24-26—Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC), Amarillo Civic Center (806-383-2243, ext. 118)

25—Feast of St. Mark

25—Annual Golf Scramble, to benefit Saint Joseph's School, Amarillo, Comanche Trails Golf Course, Amarillo (806-378-4281)

26-30—Uplift Your Priests Week

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

### May

1-3—Uplift Your Priests Week

1—Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

1—Catholic School Teacher Appreciation Event, St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo

3-9—Uplift Your Priests Week

3—Informational Meeting, World Youth Day 2027, Diocesan Pastoral Center, Amarillo (806-383-2243, ext. 118)

3—Cinco de Mayo Celebration/Parish Festival to benefit Sts. Peter and Paul Church, McDade Park, Dumas (806-935-5002)

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

5—Luncheon to benefit the Downtown Women's Center, North Exhibit Hall, Amarillo Civic Center (806-372-3625)

9—Mother's Day Prayer Brunch, sponsored by Amarillo Rejoicers, Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo (806-383-1811)

9—Centennial Mini Rally for youth in the East Deanery, St. Theresa's Church, Panhandle (806-383-2243, ext. 118)

9—Parish Fiesta, St. Joseph's Church, Amarillo (806-355-5621)

9—*Frühlingsfest*, St. Mary's Church, Umbarger (806-499-3531)

10—World Day of Prayer for Vocations/Good Shepherd Sunday

10—Mother's Day

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

13—Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

14—Ascension of the Lord—**observed in the Diocese of Amarillo on Sunday, May 17**

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

16—Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Men's Club at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Amarillo, Ross Rogers Golf Complex, Amarillo (806-316-6727)

17—Brisket Dinner, St. Martin de Porres Church, Amarillo (806-376-8771)

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

20—Baccalaureate Mass, Holy Cross Catholic Academy Class of 2026, St. Joseph's Church, Amarillo (806-355-9637)

22—Final Day of Classes, 2025-2026 School Year, Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo

22—Commencement Exercises, Holy Cross Catholic Academy Class of 2026, Holy Cross Catholic Academy Event Center, Amarillo (806-355-9637)

23—Centennial Mini Rally for youth in the Central Deanery, Blessed Sacrament Church, Amarillo (806-383-2243, ext. 118)

24—Pentecost Sunday

25—Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

25—Memorial Day. **Diocesan Pastoral Center and the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center are closed.**

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

29—Feast of St. Paul VI

30-31—*Totus Tuus*, location TBA (806-290-1698)

31—The Most Holy Trinity

31—Jamaica to benefit San Jose Church, Dameron Park, Hereford (806-364-5053)

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

On a Post-It Note, please put your name, address, phone number and email address on the back of your photo.

The deadline to submit photos and information is noon on Thursday, June 11.

## DEADLINES

Issue Date	Deadline
March 15	March 5
April 19	April 9
May 17	May 7
June 21	June 11
July 19	July 9
Aug. 16	Aug. 6
Sept. 20	Sept. 10

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

## The Diocesan Calendar

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

To have your event placed on the Diocesan Calendar, please email pertinent information to [westtexascatholic@gmail.com](mailto:westtexascatholic@gmail.com)

**Chrism Mass Tuesday, March 31**

**Amarillo**—His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Apostolic Administrator, *sede vacante*, of the Diocese of Amarillo, invites the Faithful to join him and show their support for the priests of the diocese at the annual Chrism Mass Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00pm at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1200 South Washington.

During the Chrism Mass, the Oil of the Catechumen, the Oil of the Sick and the Holy Chrism will be blessed. Priests of the diocese, who will concelebrate with Cardinal DiNardo, will renew their commitment to their ordained ministry and to the bishop. The Mass of Chrism Mass is considered a celebration of ordained priesthood.

Chrism is used in the administration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders, in the consecration of churches, chalices, patens, altars and altar-stones, and in the solemn blessing of bells and baptismal water. The head of the newly-baptized is anointed with chrism, the forehead of the person confirmed, the head and hands of a bishop at his consecration and the

hands of a priest at his ordination. So are the walls of churches, which are solemnly consecrated, anointed with the same holy oil and the parts of the sacred vessels used in the Mass which come in contact with the Sacred Species, as the paten and chalice.

If it be asked why chrism has been thus introduced into the functions of the church liturgy, a reason is found in its special fitness for this purpose by reason of its symbolical significance. For olive-oil, being of its own nature rich, diffusive, and abiding, is fitted to represent the copious outpouring of sacramental grace, while balsam, which gives forth most agreeable and fragrant odors, typifies the innate sweetness of Christian virtue. Oil also gives strength and suppleness to the limbs, while balsam preserves from corruption. Thus anointing with chrism aptly signifies that fullness of grace and spiritual strength by which we are enabled to resist the contagion of sin and produce the sweet flowers of virtue. “For we are the good odor of Christ unto God” (2 Corinthians 2:15).



**Daniel Cardinal DiNardo’s Schedule**

**Schedule is subject to change without notice**

**MONDAY, MARCH 23**

10:30am, Bernice Noggler Renewal of Vows, St. Lucien’s Chapel, Amarillo

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

6:00pm, Catholic Speed Dating Event, Grand Event Center, Amarillo

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31**

7:00pm, Chrism Mass, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo

**THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

*Diocesan Pastoral Center closes at noon for Triduum*

7:00pm, Mass of the Lord’s Supper, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

*Diocesan Pastoral Center closed for Good Friday*

7:00pm, Celebration of the Lord’s Passion, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

8:30pm, Easter Vigil, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo

**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

9:00am, Easter Sunday Mass, St. Joseph’s Church, Amarillo

**MONDAY, APRIL 6**

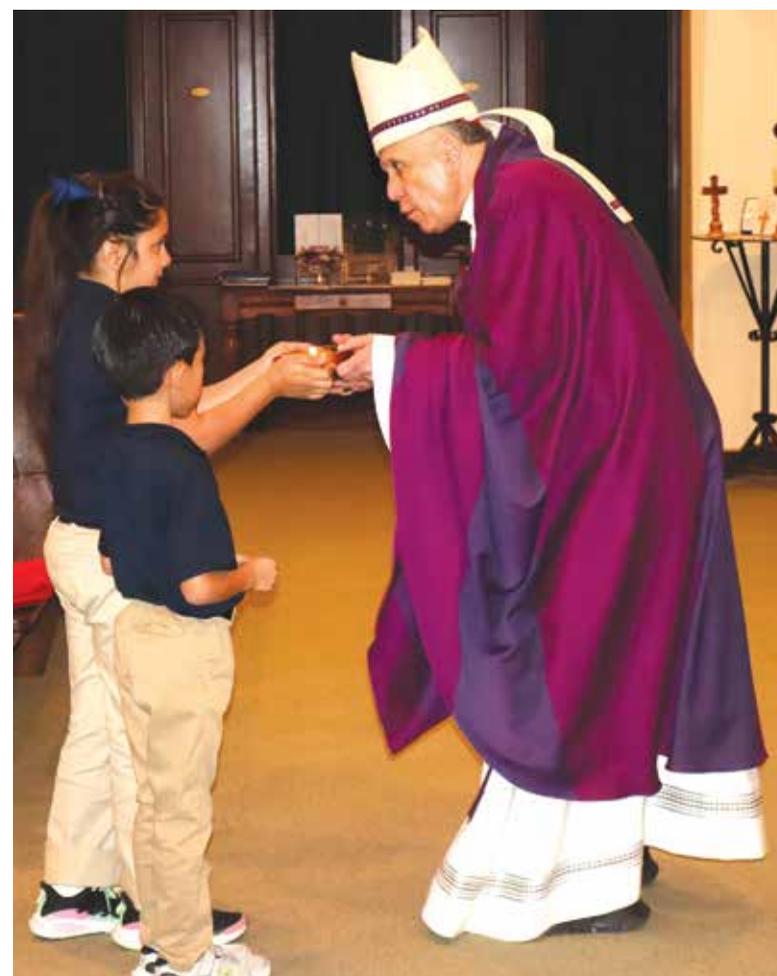
*Diocesan Pastoral Center closed for Easter break*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

10:30am, Central Deanery Confirmation Mass for Group #1, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

10:30am, East Deanery Confirmation Mass for Group #1, St. Mary’s Cathedral, Amarillo



His Eminence, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, right, Apostolic Administrator, *sede vacante* of the Diocese of Amarillo, accepts the offertory gifts from St. Anthony’s School, Hereford fourth grade student Emahli Cervantes, far left, and second grade student Jude Villarreal March 6 during a Catholic Schools Week Mass at St. Anthony’s Church. The school’s Jan. 26 Catholic Schools Week Mass was postponed due to a winter storm that blanketed the area. (WTC Photo by Elaine McNutt)

*Pray The Rosary...daily!*

**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.

**April:**

• **For priests in crisis.** Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**“Jesus is with me. I have nothing to fear.”**

**—St. Pier Giorgio Frassati**



**Come Join Us!**

**St. Martin de Porres Church invites everyone to attend the annual Brisket Dinner**

The meal is dine-in or carryout

**Sunday, April 19 11:00am to 2:00pm**

Corner of Northeast 16th and Adams (in the church hall)

**Adults \$15.00**

**Children (12 and under) \$5.00**

There will be a silent auction and a drawing for three cash prizes. First prize is \$300, second prize is \$200 and third prize is \$100. Tickets for the drawing are \$5.00 each and can be purchased at the dinner. For additional details or to purchase tickets for the dinner, please call Robin Woolsey at 806-672-7211.





Sisters of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) Sister Mary Mediatrix Patterson, left, visits with Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ Sister Elizabeth Ann Dockery Feb. 23 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, Amarillo. Sister Mary Mediatrix was in Amarillo to present a Lenten Mission at St. Mary's Cathedral Feb. 22-23, which focused on *Repent and Believe in the Gospel*, based on *Mark 1:15*. (WTC Photo)

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

**Amarillo Rejoicer's Presents**

*Mother's Day Prayer Brunch*

**Saturday, May 9**  
10:00am to Noon

**Tickets \$20**

Tickets available until Wednesday, May 6

**Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center**  
2100 N. Spring St., Amarillo

**Top of Texas Catholic Superstore**  
2500 S. Coulter St. Suite 100, Amarillo

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**Advent Prayer Brunch Saturday, Dec. 12**



**Catholic Student Center at  
West Texas A&M University**  
2610 4th Avenue  
Canyon, 79015  
806-655-4345  
wtcsc.com  
**Father Alvin Tshuma,**  
Chaplain/Executive Director  
**Betty Aragon,**  
Assistant Director

**Mass and Activity Schedule:**

**Sundays:**

5:30pm, Mass

**Mondays:**

8:00pm-11:00pm, Adoration

**Wednesdays:**

4:30pm, Confession

5:30pm, Catholic U

6:30pm, Mass

7:00pm, Free Home-cooked Meal

**Nightly Prayer at 10:00**

**Annual Brisket Dinner**

**Amarillo**—The annual Brisket Dinner at St. Martin de Porres Church will be served Sunday, April 19 from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the parish hall at the corner of 16th and North Adams, according to parishioner Robin Woolsey.

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Advance tickets can be purchased from any St. Martin de Porres parish council member. VISA, MasterCard and debit cards will be accepted for payment, as will cash and checks. The meal is dine-in or carryout.

There will be a drawing for three cash prizes. First prize is \$300, second prize is \$200 and third prize is \$100. Tickets are \$5.00 each for the drawing and can be purchased at the dinner.

For more information or to purchase tickets for the dinner, please contact Woolsey at 806-672-7211.

**Please pray for rain!**

**Initiation Of Next Deacon Formation Class**

**By Deacon Brian Lewis**

The Diocese of Amarillo is pleased to announce the initiation of the next Deacon Formation Class. Inquirer registration will be open through **Friday, May 15**. Please contact your parish priest for more details.

Deacons are ordained clergy belonging to one of the three degrees of the Sacrament of Holy Orders, which are bishop, priest and deacon (permanent and transitional). At an ordination to the diaconate, the bishop lays hands on the candidate, signifying the deacon's special attachment to the bishop. As the needs of the dioceses dictate, the bishop assigns deacons where they are needed.

The deacon takes as his model Christ the Servant by serving God's people in the threefold ministry of Liturgy, Word and Charity. Most deacons are married, have secular occupations and minister outside work hours. The wives also attend formation classes with their husbands, and many become involved in lay ministry, either in conjunction with their husbands or in their own capacity. They are a dynamic gift to their parish. Newly-ordained deacons usually begin their ministry in the parish where they live. However, because of their promise of obedience to the bishop, they may be assigned elsewhere, like any clergyman, to meet the needs of the diocese. Deacons normally do not receive any financial remuneration for their ministry.

The following are some of the requirements for admission to the deacon formation program: The aspirant must be a male, between 30 and 59 years of age, and have at least a high school diploma or a GED. If married, he must be in a stable, sacramental marriage of at least five years. He must be able to demonstrate a history of significant ministerial service and be a Catholic in good standing of at least five years, with a mature spiritual and prayer life. He must have a working knowledge of English and, if English speaking, be willing to learn Spanish. The aspirant must be free of impediments to ordination, be gainfully employed and be a documented resident. He must

be psychologically sound, in good physical health and pass a criminal history check. He must have the full support of his pastor.

The formation program requires a significant time commitment of 60 hours or more per month. In addition, the wife must be in full support of her husband, and she must attend the formation classes. The formation process lasts 5½ years with an expected ordination date in December 2031. Each year is comprised of no less than 11 weekends, one weekend per month, which includes emphasis on human, intellectual, pastoral and spiritual development, plus prayer/study group meetings, parish internship and charity ministry. There will be on-line courses each semester. Access to a computer and internet will be necessary.

It is a major commitment!

Additional information can be found at the diocesan website [amarillodiocese.org/diaconate](http://amarillodiocese.org/diaconate), then click Deacon Formation.

If interested, discuss your interest with your wife, family and your pastor. If your pastor agrees, he will give you an initial registration form. Once the form is completed, he will sign it and have you and your wife (if married) sign it. The completed signed registration form must be received by the Diaconate Office, Box 5644, Amarillo, Texas 79117-5644, no later than **Friday, May 15**.

Once registered, you will be invited to a discernment session. These sessions serve as an opportunity to gain more information about the Permanent Diaconate, the application and formation processes, as well as learn the steps to the fruitful discernment of a possible call. The first discernment session is scheduled for **Saturday, June 6**.

For more information, contact Deacon Brian Lewis, Director of the Diaconate, 806-383-2243, ext. 144 or via email, [blewis@dioama.org](mailto:blewis@dioama.org).

*Deacon Brian Lewis is director of the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Amarillo.*

## Dioesan Centennial Celebration Update

**Amarillo**—Preparations continue for the celebration of the Centennial of the Diocese of Amarillo, according to Father Lawrence John, JCL, Vicar General.

“As we journey toward this grace-filled year, and as we continue in this holy season of Lent, our hearts rejoice in celebrating the Centennial of the Diocese of Amarillo, alongside the Special Year of St. Francis of Assisi, proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV to mark the 800th anniversary of the death of this great saint. What a blessed and grace-filled time in the life of the Church—a season of repentance, renewal and hope.

“Our diocesan Centennial invites us to look back with thanksgiving for 100 years of Faith across the Texas Panhandle and to move forward with renewed zeal. The theme for this month is *Hope*, a hope that finds its deepest meaning during Lent, when we turn back to the Lord with all our hearts.

“For this reason, March is dedicated in a special way to a Day of Reconciliation and Mercy. Lenten

Penance Services will be celebrated in all parishes, reminding us that God alone forgives sins and reconciles us to Himself. In this sacred season, the Sacrament of Confession becomes a privileged encounter with Christ’s mercy.”

During this Centennial Year and the Special Year of St. Francis, the Faithful may receive a Plenary Indulgence by fulfilling the usual conditions:

- Receive sacramental Confession;
- Receive Holy Communion;
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father; and,

- Make a pilgrimage to designated pilgrimage sites with the Diocese of Amarillo or to a Franciscan Church, especially St. Francis of Assisi Church, Amarillo.

The Faithful in the diocese are also encouraged to make pilgrimages to these parishes to help deepen our appreciation for our local Church’s history and mission. Those parishes are:

- St. Mary’s Church, Clarendon;
- St. Mary’s Church, Umbarger;
- Church of the Holy Spirit, Tulia;

- St. John the Evangelist Church, Borger;
- St. Laurence Church, Amarillo; and,
- San Jose Mission in the Campo, Hereford.

Father John also encourages the Faithful to visit the Diocesan Museum and Archives in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 4512 NE 24th Ave. during regular business hours to further deepen our appreciation for the history of the Diocese of Amarillo.

“As St. Francis of Assisi said, ‘Let us begin again, for up to now we have done nothing,’” said Father John. “May this Lenten season, united with our Centennial and Jubilee celebrations, renew our hope and draw us ever closer to Christ, rich in mercy.”

The theme for April and May is *Communion*, with numerous activities in the planning stages. June and July are focused on *Mission*, with several events also in the planning stages.

The Diocese of Amarillo will celebrate a Centennial Closing Mass on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 10:00am at St. Mary’s Cathedral,



**Bishop Emeritus Patrick J. Zurek, right, accepts a check from Adrian Solis, vice president of the Student Leadership Team at the Catholic Student Center at West Texas A&M University, Canyon Feb. 18 following the Ash Wednesday Mass at the CSC. The check was a donation from funds raised at the Feb. 7 Catholic Student Center fundraiser at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Amarillo. (WTC Photo)**

1200 South Washington.

Additional information on the Centennial Celebration for the Diocese of Amarillo will be publicized in *The West Texas Catholic*; on the diocesan

website, [amarillodiocese.org](http://amarillodiocese.org); *The West Texas Catholic* website, [westtexasatholic.org](http://westtexasatholic.org); via Flocknote; on the diocesan Facebook page; on Catholic radio; and, in parish bulletins.

## FREE Document Shredding

Saturday, April 25  
9:00am - 1:00pm  
*Or until truck is full.*

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Four boxes of personal documents



## Steward Saints

### St. Joseph Husband of Mary Feast Day: March 19

For some of us, the first barrier to stewardship is understanding that all of what we think we own, really belongs instead to the Lord.

That was not a problem for St. Joseph.

From the very beginning, the words of an angel made clear that those special people who shared his life—his beloved wife, Mary, and his adopted son, Jesus—were “on loan” to him by the Lord and entrusted to his care. A man of great Faith, he accepted the responsibility without hesitation.

“Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife,” the angel said. “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt,” the angel directed... And every time, St. Joseph obeyed without question.

The carpenter of Nazareth patiently taught his foster son to practice his Jewish Faith, passed

on its laws and customs and helped him to learn his trade. And he did it well, for Scripture tells us that “Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man” (Lk 2:52).

It must have been difficult not to know how it would all turn out, for St. Joseph died before Jesus began

his public ministry. But this just man of Faith proved to be a conscientious steward of all that had been given him—his traditions, his vocation, his relationships.

“Whatever you do.” Scripture says, “do it from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others, knowing that you will receive from the Lord the due payment’ (Col 3:23-24). St. Joseph’s unfailingly did exactly that. May his example inspire us to do the same.

*Steward Saints, from the book Steward Saints for Every Day, written by Sharon Hueckel ©1999 the National Catholic Stewardship Council.*

### Deacons Birthdays

Permanent Deacons of the Diocese of Amarillo celebrating birthdays in April include:

**Deacon Rudy Munoz**  
April 9

**Deacon Robert Aranda**  
April 11

**Deacon Patrick Griffin**  
April 13

**Deacon Sergio Estrada**  
April 14

**Deacon Joseph Roder**  
April 16

**Deacon Teodoro Chávez**  
April 20

### Priests Birthdays

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

**Monsignor David Greka**  
April 6

**Father Anthony Aakula**  
April 8

**Father Marco Antonio González**  
April 11

**Monsignor Arturo Meza**  
April 11

**Father Scott L. Raef**  
April 22

**Father Arokia “Raj” Samala**  
April 28

“Joseph was deeply pious, he prayed much for the coming of the Messiah.”

—Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerich

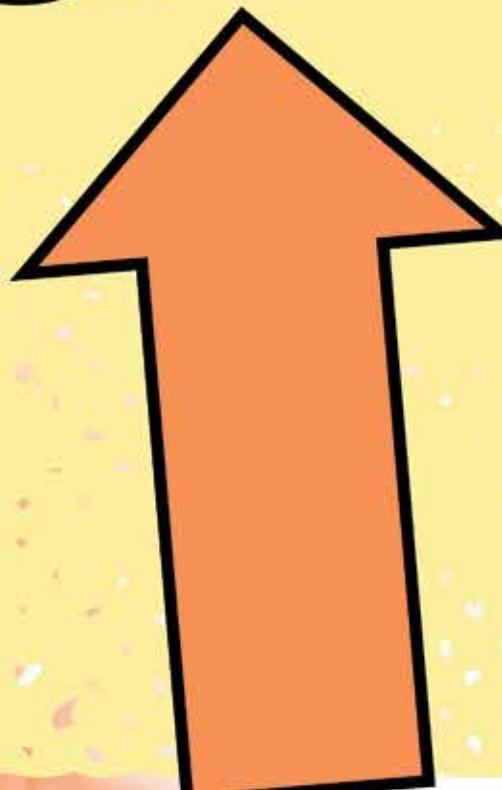
# United Catholics Appeal 2024-25

City	Parish	Quota	Pledged Amount By Parishioners	Amount Paid By Parishioners
Amarillo	St. Laurence	45,038	41,497.00	29,875
Amarillo	Our Lady of Vietnam	15,709	8,640.00	8,640
Amarillo	Blessed Sacrament	29,293	26,876.00	20,358
Amarillo	Our Lady of Guadalupe	34,673	28,983.00	22,345
Amarillo	St. Francis of Assisi	18,262	21,622.00	19,061
Amarillo	St. Hyacinth	38,659	42,695.00	37,694
Amarillo	St. Martin de Porres	15,360	7,627.00	7,027
Amarillo	St. Joseph's	53,696	63,620.00	44,372
Amarillo	St. Mary's Cathedral	144,926	134,468.00	112,146
Amarillo	St. Thomas the Apostle	192,772	240,437.00	198,950
Booker	St. Peter's	9,040	6,862.00	5,612
Borger	St. John the Evangelist	39,689	35,652.00	31,065
Bovina	St. Ann's	10,444	7,222.00	6,547
Cactus	Our Lady of Guadalupe	14,808	16,290.00	14,163
Canadian	Sacred Heart	13,012	8,250.00	7,625
Canyon	St. Ann's	109,588	107,624.00	89,039
Childress	Holy Angels	8,619	7,097.00	6,282
Clarendon	St. Mary's	2,275	2,575.00	2,375
Dalhart	St. Anthony of Padua	56,634	62,321.00	57,676
Dimmitt	Immaculate Conception	15,252	11,414.00	8,894
Dumas	Sts. Peter and Paul	59,645	44,424.00	36,776
Friona	St. Teresa of Jesus	12,152	8,667.00	7,302
Groom	Immaculate Heart of Mary	21,191	21,601.00	19,897
Gruver	Cristo Redentor	5,542	2,747.00	2,747
Happy	Holy Name of Jesus	1,533	2,140.00	1,360
Hart	St. John Nepomucene	7,563	6,225.00	5,089
Hereford	St. Anthony's	62,860	44,961.00	41,576
Hereford	San Jose	47,376	34,032.00	28,612
Kress	St. Paul the Apostle	2,466	2,475.00	1,814
Memphis	Sacred Heart	3,228	2,286.00	2,160
Nazareth	Holy Family	51,667	47,774.00	44,142
Pampa	St. Vincent de Paul	43,274	40,614.00	31,702
Panhandle	St. Theresa's	12,373	16,055.00	15,605
Perryton	Immaculate Conception	36,744	32,188.00	27,096
Quitaque	San Juan Diego	1,414	2,914.00	2,914
Shamrock	St. Patrick's	5,900	5,724.00	5,424
Silverton	Our Lady of Loreto	3,640	3,765.00	1,800
Spearman	Sacred Heart of Jesus	27,109	14,145.00	13,870
Stinnett	St. Ann's	4,395	3,743.00	2,523
Stratford	St. Joseph's	10,237	11,005.00	9,388
Sunray	Christ the King	3,778	5,310.00	4,130
Texline	St. Mary's	2,596	4,200.00	3,700
Tulia	Church of the Holy Spirit	15,476	16,615.00	13,516
Turkey	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	1,207	1,715.00	1,715
Umbarger	St. Mary's	15,794	14,219.00	14,119
Vega	Immaculate Conception	21,488	22,900.00	22,443
Wellington	Our Mother of Mercy	4,521	4,228.00	3,238
Wheeler	St. Mary's	5,736	3,360.00	2,835
White Deer	Sacred Heart	10,242	8,080.00	8,080
		1,368,896	1,309,884	1,105,319



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Genesis Pirollo is a motivated, high-energy speaker that speaks from the heart.



Most Reverend Patrick J. Zurek is the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Amarillo



Sister Maria Irina Teiner A native Austrian who now resides with the 14 American sisters in Panhandle, Texas



Brad Farmer is a nationally known evangelist with over 25 years experience at conferences, retreats and parish events

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## PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS



Deacon Mauricio Valadez ordained to Priesthood

100  
Years



1926 - 2026

## DEACON ORDINATIONS



Diaconate Ordination Mass, December 6, 2025

This year we celebrate 100 years as a diocese and 100 years of faith, hope, communion and mission! The mission of our Diocese and the mission of EVERY Catholic is "The Great Commission" of our Lord, Jesus Christ found in [Matthew 28:19-20](#) *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. Sometimes, we forget the very last part of that verse... And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.* He didn't just walk with the Apostles and the early church fathers, nor did He only accompany the founders of our diocese 100 years ago. The Holy Spirit is present with us now and into the NEXT 100 YEARS. We may not all be called to the priesthood or "religious life" but every Catholic is called to accompany others and to discern how they will journey with others in that accompaniment. For the sake of His Kingdom and the next 100 years and beyond in our area, we must band together in prayer, encouragement and financial support in order to help those in our diocese to step out in faith to discern their call and vocation, some to religious life and others to married life, but this can only happen through the support of strong Catholic families, our local clergy and a more robust and vibrant vocations department. Where are YOU being called to accompany others on the journey?

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## ORDENACIONES SACERDOTALES



Diácono Mauricio Valadez ordenado al Sacerdocio

## 100 Años



1926 - 2026

## ORDENACIONES DIACONALES



Misa de Ordenación Diaconal, 6 de diciembre de 2025

¡Este año celebramos 100 años de ser una diócesis y 100 años de fe, esperanza, comunión y misión! La misión de nuestra Diócesis y la misión de TODO católico es "La Gran Comisión" de nuestro Señor Jesucristo escrita en Mateo 28:19-20 *Vayan, pues, y hagan que todos los pueblos sean mis discípulos. Bautícenlos en el Nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enséñenles a cumplir todo lo que yo les he encomendado a ustedes. A veces olvidamos la parte final de ese verso... Y recuerden, Yo estoy con ustedes todos los días hasta el fin de la historia.* No caminó solamente con los Apóstoles y los primeros padres de la Iglesia, ni tampoco acompañó solamente a los fundadores de nuestra diócesis hace 100 años. El Espíritu Santo está presente con nosotros ahora y en los SIGUIENTES 100 AÑOS. Quizás no todos seamos llamados al sacerdocio o la "vida religiosa", pero todo católico es llamado a acompañar a otros y a discernir cómo caminarán con ellos en ese acompañamiento. Por Su Reino y los siguientes 100 años y más allá en nuestra área, debemos unirnos en oración, ánimo y apoyo económico para ayudar a aquellos en nuestra diócesis a dar un paso de fe para discernir su llamado y vocación, algunos a la vida religiosa y otros a la vida matrimonial, pero esto sólo puede ocurrir con el apoyo de familias católicas firmes y nuestro clero local y un departamento de vocaciones más robusto y vibrante. ¿A dónde eres TÚ llamado a acompañar a otros en su camino?

  
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**Julie McConnell, left, and Kennedy Powell, both of the St. Ann's Church, Canyon, Young Adults Group visit Feb. 13 at Tanglewood Road Event Barn south of Amarillo during a pre-Lenten gathering for young adults. The event included visitors from parishes in Amarillo and one from St. Anthony of Padua Church, Dalhart. The group is hoping to plan additional gatherings later this year. (WTC Photo)**

## New Director Of Vocations Named



**Father Ryan Winger**

**Amarillo**—Father Ryan Winger, parochial administrator at St. Theresa's Church, Panhandle, has been named Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Amarillo, effective Feb. 4.

Father Winger replaces Father Gabriel E. Garcia, pastor at St. Joseph's Church, Amarillo, who has served as Director of Vocations since Aug. 15, 2016.

With this new assignment, Father Winger, 37, relinquishes his assignment as parochial administrator at Sacred Heart Church, White Deer. Father Guadalupe Mayorga, pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Pampa, is the new pastor at Sacred Heart Church.

A native of Gruver, Father Winger was born to Davin and Teague Winger on Aug. 15, 1986. He is the oldest of three children, with a younger brother, Reid, and a sister, Leigh Anne. Father Winger graduated from Texas Tech University in 2009 with a Bachelor's in Psychology. After graduation, he went to work for North Plains Chemical in Gruver for three years. He later became a teacher and worked at Spearman Junior High, teaching seventh-grade Texas History and Math for five years.

Father Winger was ordained to the priesthood on June 1, 2024 by then-Bishop Patrick J. Zurek at St. Mary's Cathedral, Amarillo. Prior to his assignment in Panhandle and White Deer, Father Winger served as parochial vicar at St. Laurence Church, Amarillo.

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## Three Deanery Mini-Rallies Scheduled

**Amarillo**—The Diocesan Youth Office will conduct three Deanery Mini-Rallies, focusing on Faith, Hope, Communion and Mission, the theme of the Centennial year of the Diocese of Amarillo, according to Diocesan Youth Director Oscar Guzman.

The first Mini-Rally is scheduled **Saturday, May 9** for the East Deanery at St. Theresa's Church, 110 Little Flower Way (on FM293 at Highway 60) in Panhandle. The rally begins at 1:30pm. There is no cost for the rally, but registration is required by Friday, May 1.

Blessed Sacrament Church at 2500 South Bolton will host the second Mini-Rally for the Central Deanery on **Saturday, May 23**. The rally begins at 1:30pm. There is no cost for the rally, but registration is required by Friday, May 15.

The third and final Mini-Rally takes place **Saturday, June 13** for the South Deanery at Holy Family

Church, 210 St. Joseph St. in Nazareth. The rally begins at 1:30pm. There is no cost for the rally, but registration is required by Friday, June 5.

"The young church is not the Church of the future but of the **NOW** that honors the sacrifices of many Faithful within the past 100 years of the Diocese of Amarillo," said Guzman. "The Centennial Mini Rallies will focus on the Baptismal mission motivated forward by the gifts, talents and energy of the young church to leave a stronger legacy for the future church not born yet."

All three Mini-Rallies include Mass and are scheduled to conclude at approximately 8:30pm. For additional information about these three Deanery Mini-Rallies, please contact Guzman at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 806-383-2243, ext. 118 or via email, oguzman@dioama.org.

## An Update On The Franciscan Jubilee Year

**Amarillo**—The Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate are continuing their Extraordinary Jubilee Year in honor of the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis.

Throughout the year, the Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate will be offering St. Francis Chapel at 4301 NE 18th Ave. to the Faithful of the Diocese of Amarillo as a place of pilgrimage and prayer, according to Franciscan Sister Valentine Curry. This is to help everyone gain the Plenary Indulgence associated with this Extraordinary Jubilee Year, which began Feb. 2 and will conclude on Sunday, Jan. 10.

The conditions to gain this indulgence are:

- Receive Sacramental Confession;
- Participate in the Eucharist;
- Visit a Franciscan Church or chapel;
- Pray the Creed and the Lord's Prayer; and,
- Pray for the Intentions of the Pope.

As with all Plenary indulgences, if the conditions of Sacramental Confession and participation in the Eucharist are fulfilled within two weeks of making the pilgrimage, the Indulgence may be gained.

The chapel at St. Francis Convent will be open Monday through Friday from 9:30am until 5:30pm. The Franciscan Sisters also invite everyone to join them during its Holy Hour from 4:00pm until

5:30pm, which includes the recitation of the Rosary and Vespers.

Various activities are scheduled throughout the year, which will be publicized accordingly. Scheduled activities in the next several weeks include:

- Saturday, March 21, the conclusion of a Lenten Series about the Readings from Year A of the Gospels. The 1:00pm presentation will focus on *Lazarus, Come Out: Spiritual Rebirth*.

- Wednesday, April 1 through Saturday, April 4, a *Come and See Live-In* experience for young women between the ages of 18 and 35 will be offered.

- On Saturdays in May (May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23 and May 30), from 3:00pm to 3:30pm, there will be the recitation of the Franciscan Crown Rosary; and,

- Friday, May 22 at 7:00pm, there will be a pre-Pentecost Reflection, *They Were Filled with the Holy Spirit: Docility to the Motions of the Holy Spirit*.

"We sincerely hope and pray that you will take advantage of these opportunities to grow in your walk with God," said Sister Valentine. "All talks will have a suggested donation of \$20 to collaborate with the upkeep of our convent."

For more details about the Franciscan Jubilee Year with the Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate, please call St. Francis Convent at 806-383-5769.

## Prayer for Priestly Vocations in the Diocese of Amarillo

Oh Jesus, eternal Shepherd of souls!

Deign to look with eyes of mercy on this portion of your beloved flock.

Lord, we need a greater number of priests.

Multiply vocations and sanctify our priests more and more.

We ask this through the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, your sweet and holy Mother.

Oh Jesus, give us priests, according to your Heart! Amen.



**Seminary Burse Report  
Diocese of Amarillo**

Contributions: thru February 23, 2026

Donations in Honor/Memory of

Amarillo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women No. 2	\$	200.00
Ellen Neusch	\$	1,000.00
Katherine Paschel	\$	50.00
Monsignor Rex Nicholl	\$	450.00
Undesignated and Miscellaneous	\$	265.20
	\$	<u>1,965.20</u>

Open Burses

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
Bishop John W. Yanta	\$	2,050.00
Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen	\$	1,050.00
Bishop Patrick J. Zurek	\$	50.00
Buster Davis	\$	500.00
Catholic Daughters of the Americas Burse No. 2	\$	2,300.00
Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas	\$	1,724.10
Catholic Life Insurance	\$	500.00
Cecilia Neusch	\$	165.00
Charlie Hennessey	\$	110.00
Clementine Renner	\$	2,500.00
Deacon Richard Riley	\$	225.00
Debby Pope	\$	250.00
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
Father Francisco Perez, JCL	\$	1,500.00
Father Gary Sides No. 2	\$	985.00
Father Grant Spinhire	\$	1,100.00
Father J. Arnold Carlson	\$	100.00
Father Ken Keller	\$	1,200.00
Father Mauricio Valadez	\$	575.00
Father Raphael Chen	\$	3,000.00
Father Richard Neyer	\$	3,010.00
Father Ryan Winger	\$	1,350.00
Father Scott L. Raef	\$	250.00
Father Shane Wieck	\$	1,750.00
Father Taylor Elzner	\$	480.00
Father Victor Hugo Andrade	\$	100.00
Francis and Hilda Neusch	\$	500.00
Gerald Brandt	\$	1,250.00
Gregorio Lopez	\$	900.00
Grove Family	\$	500.00
Guy D. Raef	\$	700.00
John Casasanta	\$	1,250.00
Jose 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
Monsignor Fred Hyland	\$	1,500.00
Monsignor Harold Waldow	\$	10.00
Monsignor Joseph Tash	\$	4,733.00
Monsignor Kevin Hand	\$	2,250.00
Monsignor Mario Stortz	\$	100.00
Monsignor Monroe J. Matthiesen	\$	300.00
Monsignor Norbert Kuehler	\$	50.00
Monsignor Peter Morsch	\$	4,373.18
Monsignor Raymond Crosier	\$	450.00
Monsignor Rex Nicholl	\$	650.00
Monsignor Richard Vaughn	\$	180.00
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Betzen	\$	1,000.00
Owen Seamans	\$	4,020.00
Richard Escalante	\$	400.00
Ruth Bednorz	\$	50.00
Sammy Gonzales Sr.	\$	1,405.00
Sam Albracht	\$	175.00
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 Brozman	\$	50.00
Tonya Taylor	\$	25.00
Undesignated and Miscellaneous	\$	<u>4,887.14</u>

Total Open Burses	\$	97,823.91
Closed Burses	\$	989,066.55
Total Original Burses	\$	<u>1,086,890.46</u>

Market Value of Investments as of January 31, 2026  
Bank of America \$ 1,123,858.34



Ronnie Sanderson with Ronnie Sanderson Construction, Amarillo, installs a door shim March 2 in between the existing parish hall and the foyer leading to the new church for the Faith Community at St. Mary's Church, Clarendon. Parish officials say construction on the new church is expected to be completed sometime this spring and a date for the blessing and dedication of the new church will be announced soon. (WTC Photo)

**Spanish Marriage  
Retreat In Pampa**

Pampa—A Spanish Marriage Retreat, presented by the Marriage, Life and Family Group at St. Vincent de Paul Church, is scheduled Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11 in the Parish Education Center (PEC) at 810 West 23rd Street.

The retreat will be offered April 10 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and April 11 from 8:00am to 8:30pm.

“This retreat is open for Catholic Couples in the Diocese of Amarillo,” said Amy Foster, a member of the Marriage, Life and Family Group. “Please join us to learn about our vocation: marriage.”

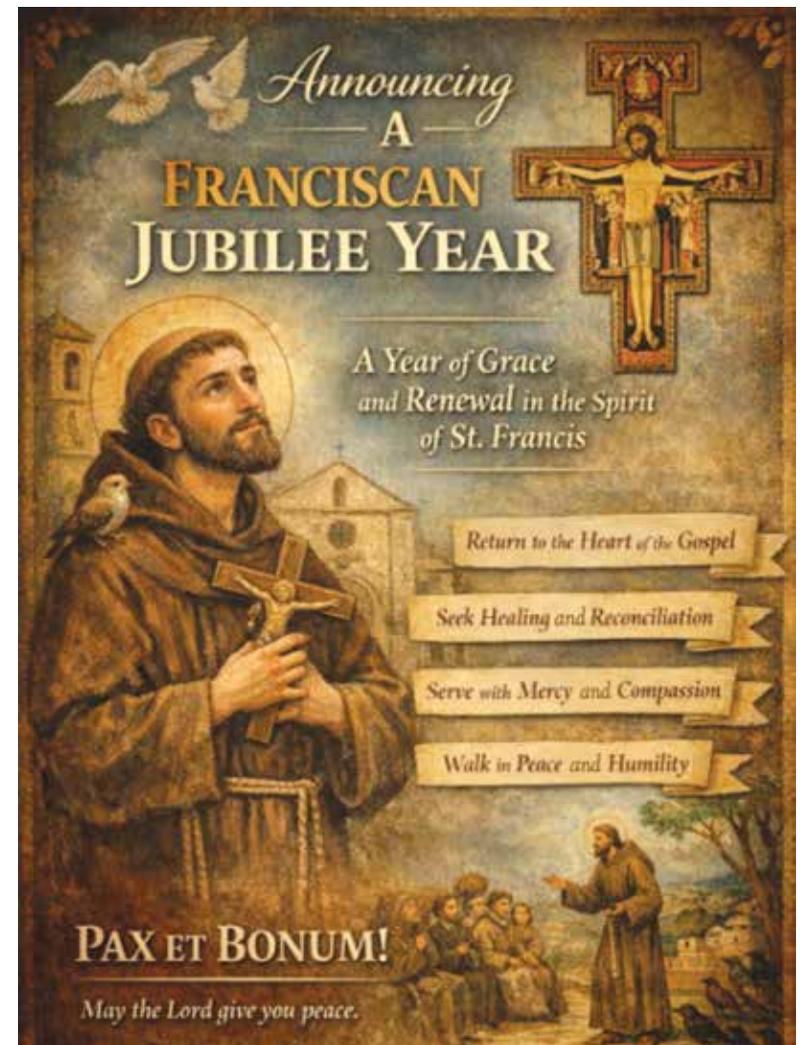
No childcare will be offered. Cost of the retreat is a good will offering. For additional details or to register, please call Foster at 806-664-1979.

**Women's Mother's Day  
Prayer Brunch May 9**

Amarillo—A Mother's Day Prayer Brunch will be offered Saturday, May 9 from 10:00 to noon at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring.

For additional information, please call the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center at 806-383-1811.

*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I Training at St. Anthony's Church, Hereford scheduled in June. Details in the Sunday, April 19 issue of The West Texas Catholic*





St. Teresa of Jesus Church, Friona, served its annual Mexican Dinner March 1 in the St. Teresa's Parish Hall. Among those preparing enchiladas, left to right, are Teresa Rodriguez, Mandy Degollado (obscured) and Mercedes Williams. The dinner was one of three fundraisers scheduled in the diocese that day. (WTC Photo)

**C**atholic Schools in the Diocese of Amarillo will be closed for Spring Break Monday, March 16 through Friday, March 20. Catholic Schools will reopen on Monday, March 23.

### *A Prayer For Religious Liberty*

*Almighty God, Father of all nations,  
for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus  
(Gal 5:1).*

*We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty,  
the foundation of human rights, justice, and the  
common good.*

*Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote  
our liberties;*

*By your grace may we have the courage to defend  
them, for ourselves and for all those who live in  
this blessed land.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Mary  
Immaculate, our patroness and in the name of  
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live  
and reign, One God forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

## Volunteers Needed For Amarillo Kolbe Retreat

**Amarillo**—Volunteers are still needed for the second Kolbe Prison Retreat of the year, scheduled at the William P. Clements Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Thursday, June 4 through Saturday, June 6, according to Deacon Darryl Dixon, a member of the diocesan Prison Ministry team.

Team formation meetings for this retreat will begin on Tuesday, May 5, continuing on Tuesday evenings through June 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 in the parlor at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 4100 South Coulter, Amarillo.

Deacon Dixon is seeking the support of 15 to 20 men from the Knights of Columbus, the ACTS Community and the Cursillo Movement to make the June 4-6 retreat at the Clements Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice possible.

“We are asking for volunteers for this retreat and any assistance to this ministry will be greatly appreciated,” he said.

One additional Kolbe Prison Retreat is tentatively scheduled this year, set for Thursday, Oct. 1 through Saturday, Oct. 3 at the Dalhart Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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

## Ordination Anniversaries

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

**Father Anthony Aakula**  
March 19, 1984

**Father César A. Gómez**  
March 19, 1988

**Father Luis René López**  
March 19, 2011

**Father Mieczyslaw “Mitch” Przepiora**  
March 25, 1990

**Father Hrudaya Kondamudi**  
March 26, 2008



**Carlos Guzman, a member of Knights of Columbus Council #13134 at St. Martin de Porres Church, Amarillo, makes a bid on one of the items in the Silent Auction Feb. 22 during the annual Enchilada Dinner to benefit Catholic Daughters of America Court #2472 in the St. Martin de Porres Parish Hall. (WTC Photo)**

## Volunteers Needed

**Amarillo**—Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle needs volunteers in its InterFaith Hunger Project grocery store. Volunteers are needed on Wednesdays and Thursdays to check out clients,

sack groceries and deliver them to their vehicles. Volunteers are also needed to help stock shelves. Find out more by calling Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle at 806-376-4571.

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



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**Jane Lozoya: 1922-2026**



**Jane Lozoya**

member of St. Anthony’s Church, where she dedicated over two decades as the director of the parish’s Cursillo Movement, in collaboration with both the Diocese of Amarillo and the Diocese of Lubbock. According to her family, Mrs. Lozoya was deeply committed to her Faith and regularly attended Mass. She took pride in always looking her best, valued her family greatly, maintained close relationships with her grandchildren and appreciated time spent with loved ones, particularly anticipating her son John’s return home each day.

Mrs. Lozoya was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; seven siblings, Phillip Chavez, Jose Chavez, Manuel Chavez, Julian Chavez, Jesus Chavez, Victoria Macias and Catalina Torres; five grandchildren, Joe Martin Lozoya, Joshua Lozoya, Kristi Rodriguez, Ruth Knapp and Jessica Thompson; and a great-grandchild, Alejandro Lozoya.

Survivors include two sons, John Lozoya and Joe Luis Lozoya and his wife Eva, all of Hereford; eight grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

**Hereford**—Jane Lozoya, one of the oldest parishioners at St. Anthony’s Church, passed away Feb. 21. She was 103 years old.

Mass was celebrated March 12, St. Anthony’s Church, Father Grant Spinhirne, pastor, presiding.

Jane Chavez was born on Aug. 13, 1922 in Rosebud, the daughter of Victor and Catarina Chavez. She married Manuel Lozoya on Oct. 18, 1948 in Lubbock and later moved to Hereford where she resided for over 60 years. Mrs. Lozoya worked as a truck driver for 26 years, transporting produce and later served as a security guard for Holly Sugar.

Mrs. Lozoya was an active

**Umbarger  
Frühlingsfest**

**Umbarger**—St. Mary’s Church will host its 13th *Frühlingsfest*, or Spring Festival, Saturday, May 9, starting at 6:00pm in the parish hall at 22830 Pondaseta Road.

Tickets are \$150 per couple, which includes a Tenderloin steak dinner with all the fixings, a Reverse Drawing, a Calcutta, beverages, desserts and a Live Auction. There will also be a dance, with music by *Insufficient Funds*.

All winners will be determined in a reverse drawing, according to Father Alvin Tshuma, parochial administrator at St. Mary’s Church. First prize is a \$3,000 Cashier’s Check, second prize is a \$2,000 Cashier’s Check and third prize is a \$1,000 Cashier’s Check.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit St. Mary’s Church. No one under 21 will be admitted.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Brandon Finke at 806-681-6232 or, any parishioner at St. Mary’s Church.

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



**The Year of the Horse was celebrated Feb. 15 during the Vietnamese 2026 Lunar New Year Celebration in the Activity Center at Our Lady of Vietnam Church, Amarillo. Participating in the celebration, left to right, are three-year-old Lincoln Nguyen, Mrs. Bong Nguyen and Mrs. Linh Sutas. (WTC Photo)**

**English As A Second Language**

**Amarillo**—The English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Catholic Charities of the Texas Panhandle is in need of volunteers.

The program needs volunteers willing to tutor students in a class

setting or individually.

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

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## 50th Anniversary Golden Tributes



Paulita and Reynaldo Montemayor were united in marriage Jan. 25, 1976, Parroquia San Gregorio Magno, Cerralvo, Nueva Leon, Mexico. The couple resides in Hart and are parishioners at St. John Nepomucene Church.

### Needed: Participants For Perpetual Adoration

**Amarillo**—Interested in Perpetual Adoration?

If so, St. Thomas the Apostle Church would like to hear from you. The parish remains in need of people to participate in the parish's Perpetual Adoration Ministry.

"We have had a Perpetual Adoration Ministry for more than 20 years here at St. Thomas," said Simon Wright, who serves as Adoration Coordinator. "We invite everyone to become a part of this ministry.

"Adoration is a sign of devotion and worship of Jesus Christ who is, present in body, blood, soul and divinity, under the appearance of the sacramental bread.

"Adoration offers many spiritual benefits. It gives us a chance

to be still and listen to God. In the quiet, we can hear His voice better.

"Our Eucharistic Lord Jesus, is available all the time, day and night, for anyone to come to Him to praise Him, to pour out one's heart to Him, to ask for inspiration, to be consoled and comforted in afflictions, to express sorrow for sin, to ask favors, to ask guidance, to get encouragement, to receive strength, to give thanks and to be healed of spiritual and physical infirmities.

"Everyone is welcome. We really need hourly adorers and substitutes who would be available for late night and early morning hours."

Those interested in this ministry are asked to please contact Wright at 806-570-9776.

### Singers Needed

**Amarillo**—Singers of all backgrounds from all parishes in the Diocese of Amarillo are invited to help lead the assembly in song at two diocesan celebrations at St. Mary's Cathedral in the next several months, according to Dr. Greg Onofrio, Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Mary's Cathedral.

This includes:

- The annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 31; and,
- The diocesan Centennial Mass on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Learn more about participating in the diocesan choir by contacting Dr. Onofrio at 806-376-7204, ext. 3003.

## Jamaica Calendar

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH 22

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

### SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Clarendon—St. Mary's Barbecue Day, Parish Hall, St. Mary's Church

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Dumas—New Orleans Night fundraiser to benefit Knights of Columbus Council #5061, Hacienda Garcia Event Center

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19

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

Dumas—Cinco de Mayo Celebration/Parish Festival to benefit Sts. Peter and Paul Church, McDade Park

### SATURDAY, MAY 9

Amarillo—Parish Fiesta, St. Joseph's Church

Umbarger—Frühlingsfest, Parish Hall, St. Mary's Church

### SUNDAY, MAY 31

Hereford—Jamaica to benefit San Jose Church, Dameron Park

### SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Dimmitt—Jamaica to benefit Immaculate Conception Church, City Park

### SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Hart—Jamaica, St. John Nepomucene Church

### SUNDAY, JULY 12

Tulia—Jamaica, Church of the Holy Spirit

### SATURDAY, JULY 18-

### SUNDAY, JULY 19

Amarillo—Las Fiestas de Amarillo, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

### SUNDAY, JULY 26

Silverton—Jamaica, Our Lady of Loreto Church

### SUNDAY, AUG. 2

Amarillo—Jamaica, Blessed Sacrament Church

Friona—Jamaica, St. Teresa of Jesus Church

## Twenty Something

By Christina Capecchi

### Second By Second, Turning Toward The Sun

The older I get, the more I appreciate the math of meteorology. Something has shifted in me, and now I'm all ears when my retired neighbor rattles off numbers from his rain gauge.

What appeals to me, I think, is the precision. We can measure forces of nature—rainfall, snowfall, temperature—and in our uncertain world, we can know them for certain. We can pinpoint them to our backyard—exactly where and exactly when we experienced them.

It offers a rare kind of certainty—the confirmation of a shared experience. "Yes, I was there, I witnessed that too." Weather gives us something to rally around, something we can agree on. The rain really did fall. The temperature really did drop. In a world where so much feels subject to debate, these measurements let us say together: "This happened."

Of all the weather stats, the most hopeful one is happening now: our steady march toward summer. This movement is measured in seconds.

It begins on Dec. 21, the winter solstice, when the sun sets here in St. Paul, Minn., at 4:33pm. One day later, we northerners gain four seconds of daylight. The second day after the solstice, we gain nine seconds. The third day, 14. The fourth day, 19. The fifth day, 24.

Shall I continue with these riveting numbers?

They are drenched in optimism.

All that incremental progress adds up. Tiny gains that stack up to big ones. By the time March arrives, we've gained nearly two and a half hours of daylight. And the biggest change of all here happens this month.

March does the most work to carry us to summer, the heaviest lifting, when our hemisphere

turns toward the sun at its quickest pace. We see our biggest gains in St. Paul mid-March, when a single day adds three minutes and nine seconds of daylight. From that first daily increase of just four seconds, it's a marked jump.

It makes for a busy month. Over the duration of March in St. Paul—just 31 days—we gain one hour, 34 minutes and 17 seconds of daylight. We hold at that peak for about two weeks before the pace eases in April and May, even as the days keep lengthening. Once we reach the summer solstice, in total we've added 6 hours, 55 minutes and 2 seconds of daylight since winter solstice.

This fact of nature instills such confidence. Our swing to the sun is guaranteed. No matter how badly we mess up, it's a sure thing, a promise of progress made each day.

So too is God's grace, working in us daily, transforming us in barely perceptible increments—four-second gains that add up to seven hours. St. Paul pledges this with the same kind of certainty. "I am confident of this," he writes in *Philippians 1:6*, "that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."

Good work is underway in you and in me. God is moving in us right now—second by second, step by step. Even when we can't feel it, even if it is still dark, even though we fail, we are turning toward the Son. We are becoming more fully ourselves, made in God's image. And this work will be brought to completion. God will see us through.

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

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

—St. John Paul II

### The Office of the Victim's Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Amarillo

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Email: [skdelgado@aol.com](mailto:skdelgado@aol.com)

**Pastoral Council Elections At St. Thomas The Apostle**

**Amarillo**—Three new members have been named to the Pastoral Council at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Deborah Walterscheid, Leona Wilhelm and Ken Broxterman will begin three-year terms on the council. Completing their service on the Pastoral Council are Truetta Brandt, Chris Haden and Courtney White.

**Quilt Fundraiser**

**Clarendon**—St. Mary's Church is conducting a raffle to raise funds for its new church building, which is under construction. Top prize is a quilt, donated by Carolyn Ponce. Tickets are \$1.00 each, with the drawing taking place sometime in the next several months.

Learn more about the quilt raffle by calling Chriss Clifford at 806-206-6767.

**Worship Prayer Movie Night**

**Panhandle**—Catholics and non-Catholics are invited to the next Worship Prayer Movie Night for teens and young adults. The evening, hosted by the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light, is sched-

uled Friday, March 20. The evening begins at 6:00 in the St. Francis House of Prayer at 125 John Paul Circle with a Holy Hour of Praise and Worship music, prayer and a brief time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There is also a simple meal served during a movie chosen for its relativity for Faith and the modern world, according to Sister Mary Michael Huseman. The evening is scheduled to conclude at 9:30.

For more details, please call Sancta Maria Convent at 806-537-3182.

**Engaged Encounter**

**Amarillo**—Couples in the Diocese of Amarillo planning to get married within the next three to six months are encouraged to attend the first Engaged Encounter weekend of 2026 Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29 at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring. For more details about the Engaged Encounter weekend or to sign up, please contact Karlynn Hochstein in the diocesan Family Life Office at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 806-410-3839.

**Knights Of Columbus Breakfasts**

**Amarillo**—Knights of Columbus Council #1450 at St. Mary's Cathedral will host breakfasts after Masses on Sunday, April 19 and Sunday, May 17. Learn more about the breakfasts by calling the parish office at St. Mary's Cathedral during regular business hours at 806-376-7204.

**ACTS Retreats**

**Amarillo**—A Men's ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology and Service) Retreat is scheduled Thursday, June 18 through Sunday, June 21, at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center, 2100 North Spring. Registration forms are available at parish offices or through the ACTS Community website, actsamarillo.org. For additional information about ACTS in the Diocese of Amarillo, please contact Jimmy Hund at 806-344-4842.

**Letting The Light In**

**Hereford**—Families, friends and alumni of St. Anthony's School are invited to partner in an improvement project at the school.

Contributions are needed to purchase new windows on the



**Aurora Duran of St. Joseph's Church, Stratford, stirs a pot of sauerkraut Feb. 22 during the annual German Sausage Dinner to benefit the parish in the Sherman County Barn in Stratford. (WTC Photo)**

west side of the north building of the school, which are in need of replacement. New windows would replace many windows that are drafty, difficult to open, or are no longer energy efficient. To assist with a monetary contribution of any size, please call Father Grant Spinhirne at St. Anthony's Church at 806-364-6150.

**Communion Ministers Needed**

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



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**Cactus**—Maria Estela DeSantiago Rodriguez, 72, passed away Jan. 30. Mass was celebrated Feb. 6, St. Lawrence Church, Amarillo, Father Haider Quintero, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Llano Cemetery, Amarillo. Survivors include her husband, Jose Rodriguez; three children, Edgar Rodriguez and his wife Matty of Johnson, Kan., Nina Herrera and her husband Javier of Dumas and Jose Rodriguez and his wife Elizabeth Vasquez of Amarillo; three sisters, Estefana, Juana and Maria; a brother, Ruben; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Amarillo**—Julianita Frausto, 81, passed away Feb. 1. Mass was celebrated Feb. 6, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Father Taylor Elzner, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Llano Cemetery. Survivors include a son, Joseph "Ray" Frausto and his wife Irma of Amarillo; three brothers, Raymond Frausto, Benny Frausto and Ricky Frausto and his wife Norma; eight grandchildren, Matthew, Jeneva, Anita, Christopher, Tyler, Austin, Caleb and Danielle; and numerous great-grandchildren.

**Amarillo**—Phillip Edward Kielpinski, 90, passed away Feb. 1. Mass was celebrated Feb. 16, St. Mary's Cathedral Chapel, Father Avitus K. Siriwa, parochial administrator, presiding. Inurnment was in Llano Cemetery. Survivors include his son, Bill Graham and his wife Ursula of Dallas; two daughters-in-law, Cherry Graham of Amarillo and Holly Graham of Seven Oaks; eight grandchildren, Michelene Galbraith and her husband Chase, Will Graham, Tanny Shelburne and her hus-

band John, Cody Graham and his wife Jamie, Allison Teuscher and her husband Luke, Alan Lloyd Graham, Afton Davis and her husband Mark and Edward Graham and his fiancée Kelly Whitaker; and 10 great-grandchildren, Garner Galbraith, Nina Galbraith, Lucy Galbraith, Sam Shelburne, George Shelburne, Corbin Graham, Blake Graham, Chandler Graham, Abigail Teuscher and Andrew Teuscher.

**Hart**—Maria A. Minjarez, 91, passed away Feb. 2. A Graveside Service was conducted Feb. 5, Hart Cemetery, Deacon Paul Herrera, presiding. Survivors include five children, Manuel Minjarez Jr. and his wife Carmen, Ramon Minjarez and his wife Nidia and Marisela Olivas and her husband Luis, all of Hart and Dagoberto Minjarez and Juan Angel Minjarez, both of Amarillo; 21 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren, with one on the way; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Borger**—Jose Luis Perez, 67, passed away Feb. 4. Mass was celebrated Feb. 7, St. John the Evangelist Church, Father Anthony Raju Yanamala, parochial administrator, presiding. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park. Survivors include his wife, Irma; two sons, Jose Luis Perez Jr. and his wife Kate and Juan Marcelo Valdez, all of Lubbock; two daughters, Norma Lorena Perez of Lubbock and Maria Guadalupe Newton and her husband Josh of Wiley; two brothers, Francisco Perez and his wife Raquel and Rene Perez and wife Pilar, all of El Paso; a sister, Rosenda Lopez of El Paso;

and five grandchildren, Luas Salvador Newton, Brooklyn Olivia Newton, Adamarie Braxtynn Crawford, Jose Luis Perez III and Mateo Daniel Perez.

**Amarillo**—Barry Eugene Blackwell, 80, passed away Feb. 5. Mass was celebrated Feb. 13, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Father John Valdez, pastor, presiding. Inurnment was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Dalhart. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Blackwell; a son, Troy Blackwell of Amarillo; a daughter, Alexa Harden and her husband Chris of Colorado Springs; eight grandchildren, Kelsey Peebles of Amarillo, Tatum Isbell and her husband Dallas of Dalhart, Collin Blackwell of San Antonio, Avery Blackwell and Vaughn Blackwell, both of Austin and Sophia Harden, Asher Harden and Ava Harden, all of Colorado Springs; and two great-granddaughters, Daisy and Florence.

**Hereford**—Cruz "Memom" Ybarra, 78, passed away Feb. 6. Mass was celebrated Feb. 10, San Jose Church, Father Nicholas Gerber, pastor, St. Ann's Church, Bovina, presiding. Burial was in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Survivors include two sons, Samuel Ybarra and John Paul Ybarra and his

wife Shae, all of Hereford; four siblings, Ben Villegas, Adela Cantu and Mary Mejia, all of Hereford and Esau Villegas of El Paso; six grandchildren, Ronnie Ybarra and his wife Sonja, Samuel Ybarra, Jr., John Paul Ybarra II, Brooklyn Ybarra, Josiah Ybarra, and Kaidence Hanks; and 11 great-grandchildren, Sean Ybarra, Jason Ybarra, Destiny Ybarra, Mia Ybarra, Ezri Ybarra, Aziel Ybarra, Azari Ybarra, Celeste Mendoza, Adrian Mendoza, Alex Mendoza and Adam Mendoza.

**Perryton**—Ignacio Violeta Dominguez, 69, passed away Feb. 7. Mass was celebrated Feb. 11, Immaculate Conception Church, Father Victor Hugo Andrade, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Ochiltree Cemetery. Survivors include six children, Patricia Violeta and her husband, Jairo Castillo, Roberto Violeta and his wife Yadira Mendoza, Gerardo Violeta, Sergio Violeta, Carlos Violeta and his wife Aracely Marin and Perla Violeta and her husband Jorge Andujo; and numerous grandchildren.

**Hereford**—Carmen Hernandez, 60, passed away Feb. 7. Mass was celebrated Feb. 13, San Jose Church, Father Nicholas Gerber, pastor, St. Ann's Church, Bovina, presiding. Burial was

in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Kathy Lucio; nine children, Carmen Hernandez Jr., Mari-cella Hernandez and Andrew Hernandez and his wife Sami Jo, all of Amarillo, Moses Hernandez and his wife Mercedes, Alyssa Hernandez, Raul Lucio, Jessie Lucio, Noel Hernandez and Ramiro Hernandez, all of Hereford; ten siblings, Amador Hernandez and his wife Esther, Emma Sanchez and her husband Jose, Delfina Barrientez, Hortencia Lopez, Sylvia Monzon and her husband Sergio, Policarpio Hernandez Jr. and his wife Margarita, Jose Angel Hernandez, Robert Hernandez, Olivia Perez and her husband Jerry and Julian Hernandez, all of Hereford; 19 grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

**Amarillo**—Eleanor "Elly" Sanchez, 79, passed away Feb. 7. A Memorial Service was conducted Feb. 13, Lighthouse Funeral Home Chapel, Deacon Ron Herr, St. Mary's Cathedral, presiding. Survivors include her husband, Louis Sanchez; a daughter, Dora and her husband Mark; two sons, Ruben and his wife Tracy and Louis III and his wife Tamba; two sisters; three brothers; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

**Father Ken Keller, March 1, 2018**

**Bishop Rudolph A. Gerken, March 2, 1943**

**Father Manuel Lorente-Medina, March 8, 2022**

**Father F. J. Herkert, March 9, 1947**

**Deacon Jim Clements, March 13, 2015**

**Deacon Wayne Norrell, March 13, 2021**

**Father James J. Lewis, C.M., March 18, 1945**

**Father William M. Stack, C.M., March 20, 1979**

**Deacon Joe Ortega, March 21, 2014**

**Bishop Leroy T. Matthiesen, March 22, 2010**

**Father James Erickson, March 24, 1984**

**Bishop John J. Morkovsky, March 24, 1990**

**Monsignor Norbert G. Kuehler, March 25, 2022**

**Father Theodore W. Nuss, C.M., March 26, 1944**

**Deacon Robert C. Keller, March 26, 2016**

**Deacon Tony Garza, March 29, 1992**

**Father Brendan Sherry, March 30, 2011**

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**White Deer**—Jerry Wayne Stevens, 82, passed away Feb. 9. Mass was celebrated Feb. 13, Sacred Heart Church, Father Hrudaya Raju Kondamudi, parochial administrator, Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Spearman, presiding. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Janie Stevens; a daughter, Selena Ann Lenz and her husband Michael; a son, Rhett Dwayne Stevens; three grandchildren, Mary Catherine Lenz and her husband James House, John Paul Lenz and Joseph Anthony Lenz; and a great-grandson, Connell Joe House.

**Dumas**—Irma Renteria Alvarez, 70, passed away Feb. 9. Mass was celebrated Feb. 14, Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Father Luis René López, pastor, presiding. Interment was in Dumas Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Marcos Escobedo Jr.; five children, Herica Alvarez, Sergio Adrian Herrera and Saiden Jimenez, all of Dumas, Hesgar Herrera of San Lucas, Mexico and Junior Jimenez of Lubbock; four siblings, Genoveva Rodriguez, Elida Smith, Gavino Alvarez and Herminia Lucero; 15 grandchildren, Adrian Mesa Alvarez, Izela Saide Alvarez, Cristian Blas Alvarez, Gabriella Ules Alvarez, Joel Herrera, Evarista Quintanilla, Lorenzo Herrera, Salvador Herrera, Isaiah Oscar Baeza, Alizandra Isabel Herrera, Azelia Mia Herrera, Zoraya Anahi Lopez, Manuel Xiomar Lopez, Abigail Yesel Lopez and Dane Stavenhagen Jimenez; and five great-grandchildren. Survivors also include her husband's five children; ten grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Perryton**—Hilario Rodriguez, 84, passed away Feb. 10. Mass was celebrated Feb. 13, Immaculate Conception Church, Father Victor Hugo Andrade, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Ochiltree Cemetery. Survivors include five

children, Zulema Miranda and her husband Alberto, Jose Rodriguez and his wife Cynthia, Norberto Rodriguez, Victor Rodriguez and his wife Patricia and Amy Arballo and her husband Fransico; four brothers; a sister; 13 grandchildren, Arnaldo Miranda, Maritza Miranda, Judean Beltran, Aaron Fraire, Danielle Uribe, Austin Rodriguez, Blas Rodriguez, Claudia Rodriguez, Julia Rodriguez, Kristina Rodriguez, Elisha Rodriguez, Adrian Rodriguez and Aydan Navarro; and five great-grandchildren, Santiago Perez, River Miranda, Aven Rodriguez, Leonel Beltran and Amer-syn Rodriguez.

**Amarillo**—Ramón Castañeda Ramirez, 78, passed away Feb. 10. Mass was celebrated Feb. 14, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Father Taylor Elzner, pastor, presiding. Survivors include his wife, Lydia Serrano Castañeda; three sons, Ramón Castañeda Jr. and his wife Shannon of Madras, Ore., Juan Manuel Castañeda and his wife Adriana and Richard Murillo, all of Amarillo; three daughters, Angélica María Castañeda and her husband Orlando of Madras, Ignasia Castañeda and María Castañeda, both of Amarillo; two brothers, Lorenzo Castañeda and Benito Castañeda and his wife Eva, all of Amarillo; a sister, Juanita Rodríguez of Amarillo; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Hereford**—Josef “Joe” Christoph Grottegut, 92, passed away Feb. 12. Mass was celebrated Feb. 28, St. Mary's Church, Umbarger, Father Alvin Tshuma, parochial administrator, presiding. Interment was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Umbarger. Survivors include his wife, Gertrud Grottegut; four children, Jeanette Dreifuerst and her husband Uli of San Ramon, Calif., Christopher Grottegut and his wife Ju-

dith of Hereford, Monica Kilgren and her husband Scott of Dublin, Ohio and Donna Heidkamp and her husband Matt of Chicago; 11 grandchildren, Christian, Andreas and his wife Katie, Julia and her husband Matheus, Anna Dreifuerst, Johan Grottegut, Josef Grottegut, Brady Kilgren, Hanna Kilgren, Joe Heidkamp, Max Heidkamp and Gunnar Heidkamp; and one great-grandchild, Hazel Dreifuerst.

**Hereford**—Jose Guadalupe Gonzales, 80, passed away Feb. 13. Mass was celebrated Feb. 24, San Jose Church, Father Shane D. Wieck, pastor, presiding. Burial was in West Park Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Juanita Gonzales; a son, JoJo Gonzales and his wife Brandi of Houston; six grandchildren, Francisco Mercado, Jazmine Mercado, Daphne Mercado Arron Gonzales, Marissa Gonzales and An-nalis Gonzales; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

**Pampa**—Luz Hernandez, 59, passed away Feb. 14. Mass was celebrated Feb. 18, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Father Guadalupe “Lupe” Mayorga, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Isidro Hernandez; three children, Jose Hernandez, Stevan Hernandez and Henry Hernandez; four siblings, Blanca Anaya, Jose Luis Anaya, Oscar Anaya and his wife Elsa and Raul Anaya and his wife Laura; five grandchildren, Rafael Hernandez, Benito Hernandez, Itzel Hernandez, Gizelle Hernandez and Juluis Hernandez; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Amarillo**—Erica Ruiz, 35, passed away Feb. 14. Mass was celebrated Feb. 19, St. Laurence Church, Father Haider Quintero, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Llano Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Roberto Ruiz; two children, Roberto Gabriel Ruiz and Andrea Ruiz; her parents, Jesús and Leticia Morales; three siblings, Cristian Morales and his wife Perla, Maira Campos and her husband Gerardo and Jesús Avelar and his wife Nayeli; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Dimmitt**—Regina Martinez “Gina” Oltivero, 46, passed away Feb. 15. Mass was celebrated Feb. 21, Immaculate Conception Church, Father David Contreras, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Castro Memorial Garden Cemetery. Survivors include her husband, Santos Oltivero Jr.; a son, Eric Oltivero and his wife Justine of Dimmitt; three daughters, Britanny Oltivero and her husband Michael Hinojosa Jr. of Dimmitt and Angelica Oltivero and Erika Oltivero, both of Amarillo; her father, Abel Martinez Sr. and his wife Diana of Grand Prairie; two sisters, Rachel Sanchez and her hus-

band Andres of Grand Prairie and Rita Martinez of Dallas; two brothers, Julian Martinez of Dallas and Abel Martinez Jr. of Grand Prairie; seven grandchildren, Audri Rodriguez, Kinsley Oltivero, Leah Hinojosa, Ryan Hinojosa, Noah Arriaga, Eric Jace Oltivero and Haizley Oltivero; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

**Memphis**—Joe Francisco Robledo, 36, passed away Feb. 16. A Memorial Service was conducted Feb. 27, Robertson Funeral Directors Heritage Chapel, Father John Sudhakar Sangabathini, parochial administrator, Sacred Heart Church, presiding. Survivors include his parents, Rolando and Yolanda Robledo of Memphis; two daughters, Mari Robledo and Mayla Robledo, both of Memphis; three brothers, Isi Valle and Jason Robledo, both of Memphis and Rolando Robledo of Colorado City; five sisters, Linda Sanchez and Priscilla Robledo, both of Memphis, Roxanna Valle of Pampa, Idolina Robledo of Amarillo and Elizabeth Robledo of Tucumcari, NM; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Santa Fe**—David Rodríguez Prieto, 93, passed away Feb. 17. Mass was celebrated Feb. 28, St. John Nepomucene Church, Hart, Father David Contreras, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Hart Cemetery, Hart. Survivors include his wife, Maria Marquez; six sons, Martin Socorro, Juan Salvador, Gregorio, Rito Antonio, Cruz Francisco and Jose David; six daughters, Luz Patricia, Juana, Martha Lucia, Maria Magdalena, Rosana and Maria Lourdes; and 40 grandchildren.

**Amarillo**—Estela Miranda, 62, passed away Feb. 19. Mass was celebrated Feb. 26, St. Joseph's Church, Father Gabriel E. Garcia, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Llano Cemetery. Survivors include three children, Sandra Garcia and her husband Juan, Daniel Miranda and his wife Julie and Gabriel Miranda; five grandchildren, Giovanni Garcia, Darrian Garcia, Leandro Garcia, Jarred Garcia and Serenity Lepe; and a great-granddaughter, Kamila Lepe-Gómez, with another great-granddaughter, Syveah Lepe-Gómez, on the way.

**Hereford**—Thomas “Tommy” Garcia, 55, passed away Feb. 20. Mass was celebrated Feb. 26, St. Anthony's Church, Father Grant Spinhirne, pastor, presiding. Survivors include his wife, Lisa Garcia; three children, Karyssa Garcia of Amarillo and Michaela Garcia and T.J. Garcia, both of Hereford; his father, Primitivo Garcia of Hereford; a sister, Angie Garcia of Hereford; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

**Amarillo**—Elizabeth “Betty” Ann Tellman, 85, passed away Feb. 20. Mass was celebrated Feb. 24, St. Mary's Cathedral, Father Anthony C. Neusch, pastor, St. Anthony of Padua Church, Dalhart, presiding. Burial was in Llano Cemetery. Survivors include two daughters, Lynne Tellman and Andi Cochran and her husband Bobby; three sons, Kenn Tellman and his wife Angie, Robert Tellman and his wife Arlene and Chris Tellman and his wife Tracy; three siblings, Charles Koetting, Carol Saldaña and Mary Fuller; 12 grandchildren, Maddie, Taylor, Stewart, Kayla, Carly, Tristen, Colby, Tyler, Matthew, Patrick, Toebi and Chelsea; and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Panhandle**—Franklin Douglas “Doug” Bednorz, 83, passed away Feb. 21. Mass was celebrated Feb. 28, St. Theresa's Church, Father Ryan Winger, parochial administrator, presiding. Burial was in Panhandle Cemetery. Survivors include four children, Kim Weinheimer and her husband Pat of Groom, Brent Bednorz of Baltimore, Janie Cheek and her husband Corey of Prosper and Pam Knoeber and her husband Phil of Spearville, Kan.; two sisters, Mary Lee Hebert of Lake Charles, La. and Rose McNamara of Texas; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Perryton**—Rafael Vidana Perez, 70, passed away Feb. 23. Mass was celebrated Feb. 28, Immaculate Conception Church, Father Victor Hugo Andrade, pastor, presiding. Burial was in Ochiltree County. Survivors include his wife, Debra Perez; three daughters, Misty Powell and her husband Travis of Manfield, Christy Shipp of Richardson and Jennifer Perez of Perryton; two brothers, Ignacio Perez of Perryton and Manuel Perez of Mexico; a sister, Guillemirna Perez of Mexico; two grandsons, Keegan Powell and Malik Hayward; a granddaughter, Ainsley Powell; and 11 nieces and nephews.

**Hereford**—Juan De La Cruz Jr., 87, passed away Feb. 24. Mass was celebrated March 3, San Jose Church, Father Shane D. Wieck, pastor, presiding. Interment with Military Honors was in Llano Cemetery, Amarillo. Survivors include his former-wife, Ester; six children, Margarita Thomas and her husband Anthony, Dalia Orta-Taylor and her husband Corian, Juan De La Cruz and his wife Dora, Rosie Sharar and her husband Thom, Angel De La Cruz and his wife Donna and Trinie McCarley and her husband William; two brothers, Raul De la Cruz and his wife Susan and Carlos De La Cruz; two sisters, Lupita Benavides and her husband Angel and Rosa Garza and her husband Ramon; 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-granddaughter.

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

**Father Daniel O'Sullivan, April 1, 1973**

**Father Matthias Gilberg, S.A., April 1, 1973**

**Father Barnabas Radke, April 4, 2014**

**Deacon Paul Garcia, April 13, 2012**

**Deacon Joe Frausto, April 13, 2021**

**Monsignor Antonio Rodriguez, April 18, 1991**

**Father James E. “Jim” McGhee, April 18, 2016**

**Father Rupert M. Schindler, April 19, 1966**

**Deacon Vicente Garcia, April 20, 2014**

**Father Norbert P. Choong, April 21, 2017**

**Monsignor Matthew F. Schafle, April 23, 1976**

**Monsignor Bill Brashears, April 23, 2002**

**Monsignor Frederic Hyland, April 26, 1977**

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

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

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PARROQUIA, A SUS SACERDOTES FUTUROS Y A QUIENES  
DISCIERNEN SU VOCACIÓN A LA VIDA RELIGIOSA.**

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