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Montessori Preschool through 5th Grade

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www.facebook.com/StMarysCathedralSchool

Celebration of the Mass

Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am (livestreamed),
12:00 pm (interpreted for the Deaf)

Daily Mass (In the Chapel)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday: 7:00 am
Tuesday and Thursday: 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday: 3:00—5:00 pm

Wednesday: 5:30-7:00 pm

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact parish office. Couple must speak with
Father Tony Neusch at least six (6) months before the wedding.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents must be a member of St. Mary's for at least six (6)
months. Baptismal preparation program is required.

Sacrament of Anointing of The Sick

Please contact the parish office.

Homebound and Hospital Visits

Please contact the Parish Office.

Vocation Crucifix



Crucifix & sign-up sheet are on the podium in the Narthex.
Each week an individual or family takes home the Crucifix
and puts it in a place of honor. Our Diocesan Vocations
prayer is attached. It may be prayed, along with other
prayers, each day the Crucifix is in your home.

Please return it the following weekend to the podium.

August 27, 2023



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

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Mission Statement

St. Mary's Cathedral Parish and School
...forming families for eternity

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

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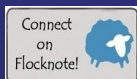
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Sign up for Flocknote at:
www.stmarysamarillo.com



St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Masses

Facial Masks are optional. A section of pews on the far left facing the altar is reserved for those who wish to wear masks.

Confessions/Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are in the Chapel.

Reminder: Livestream of the 9:30 am Sunday Mass

- The Stream starts 2:00 mins before Mass starts.
- The links do change from week to week.
- Don't forget to sign up for Online Giving.

Please Subscribe to the YouTube Channel

For your Smart TV's and Devices

youtube.com/@StMarysCathedralAmarillo

For Smart Devices and Computers

venue.streamspot.com/e...

Sacrament Information

Sacrament of Baptism at St. Mary's

1. Complete a registration form available online/Hospitality Desk (Narthex) or the Parish Office.
2. Parents who have completed the form must be active members of St. Mary's Cathedral Parish for at least six months. Godparents must be active in a Catholic Parish. Parents/Godparents are required to attend Baptism Saturday Orientation. Orientations will be held in November, February, May, and September.

Deacon Ron and Levina Herr, Ext. 3036
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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
Interested in Becoming Catholic?
Or do you know someone who is?

The process is known as the
Catechumenate, or
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Contact the church office for more information.
806-376-7204

WEDDINGS

Contact the office at least six months in advance of the date you have chosen. Please call the office to set up an appointment with Father Tony.

QUINCEAÑERAS (not a sacrament)

Must have attended Faith Formation for 2 consecutive years prior to celebration and contact office at least 6 months in advance. Please call the office to set up an appointment with Father Tony.



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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of August 27, 2023

Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a
and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday:

1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday:

1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt
23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/
Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

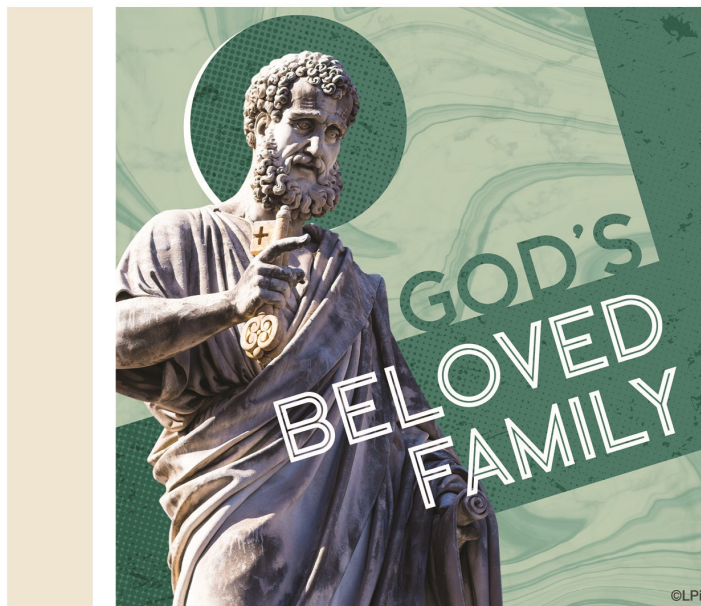
1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual father to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.

— Father John Muir

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation 2023-2024

The following are options available for adult faith formation this year.
Registration will be after all Masses the weekends of August 27 through September 10th.

Lord Teach Me to Pray: The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola **Sunday Mornings 10:45 – 11:45**

The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God. Through these exercises, the participant learns to search for God in their daily lives and to develop a personal relationship with God through an encounter with Him in the scriptures and in the events of the day. The Lord Teach Me to Pray program takes the participant through the spiritual exercises through 30 weekly meetings. In this program, the participant learns the basics of Ignatian prayer including meditative and contemplative prayer with the scriptures, and the daily examen.

Prayerfully consider joining Dcn. Kevin Morris on this exploration of the spiritual life each Sunday at 10:45 in the religious education wing of St. Mary's. The classes will start September 10th through December. After Christmas, the classes will resume and will finish in April. Each week, there will be handouts with further explanations of the weekly lesson along with scriptural passages to pray with each day. Note that one's participation in the program will determine what spiritual benefits might be gained, however, occasional absences from the classes are not detrimental if the participant strives to makeup the material. It is through the prayer exercises that one is taught by God to see Him in all things and to learn to rely on Him in all instances of our lives.

Praying with the Gospel of Mark **Thursday Evenings 6-8pm**

This fall and spring we will be offering an opportunity to pray with the Gospel of Mark. The shortest of the four Gospels, we will read and pray with a chapter of Mark's Gospel each Thursday evening. This is a moment to immerse ourselves and savor the words of this coming Year's Gospel, by practicing Lectio Divina as a small faith community. We will meet for eight weeks this fall and eight weeks in the spring. Each Thursday we will meet for a simple meal read a Chapter of the Gospel, and pray together. This is not a class, but a time of communal Gospel prayer. Those participating will pay a fee of \$30 to help cover the cost of the meal. The different members of the Parish Clergy will be leading this time of prayer.

CATHOLICISM Series **Thursday Evenings 6-8pm**

Journey around the world and deep into the Faith. In breathtaking, high-definition cinematography, the beauty, goodness and truth of the Catholic Faith are illustrated in a rich, multimedia experience. Journey with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people. From the sacred lands of Israel to the beating heart of Uganda... from the glorious shrines of Italy, France, and Spain, to the streets of Mexico, Kolkata, and New York City, the fullness of CATHOLICISM is revealed. Journey deep into the Faith as you watch each episode. Those participating will pay a fee of \$30 to help cover the cost of the meal. Facilitators are Edwin and Janet Wilhelm.

Sycamore **Thursday Evenings 6-8pm**

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. This is an opportunity for parishioners to grow in our faith together. It is also an opportunity to invite others who may not belong to a church family. Please prayerfully consider any friends or family members who could most benefit from this program. There will be information in the gathering area that you can give them when you extend the invitation, and someone who can answer any questions you may have.

A simple meal will be offered free of charge. We will do nine sessions this fall, and eleven sessions in the spring. Sign up for Sycamore after Mass, call the church office at (806) 376-7204 or email your contact information to sycamore@stmarysamarillo.com.

For more information visit sycamore.fm

Around our Parish/Diocese

Daily Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral is celebrated by our priests. Please request Mass Intentions for loved ones, both living and deceased.

Monday, August 28

7:00 am — +Rachel Bass by
Lorene Grant

7:00 am — +Mary Joanne Rocha by
Barbara Gray

Tuesday, August 29

7:00 am — +Tim Dudley by
Will & Deloris Jones

5:30 pm — Rudy Coleman by
Family of John Connelly, Jr.

Wednesday, August 30

7:00 am — + Kay Huch by
Betty Tellman

Thursday, August 31

5:30 pm — +Betty Ray by
Richard & Lucy Jalbert

Friday, —September 1

7:00 am — +Joe Bush by
George & Marge Kenney

8:15 am — +Bill Rose by
The Flocknote Team

Saturday, — September 2

5:30 pm — +Mary McMillan by
Iris Upchurch

Sunday, — September 3

8:00 am — Richard Jalbert by
Lucy Jalbert

10:00 am — For the People (Parish Family)

12:00 pm — +Joe Bush by
Stephen Ministry

Mass Stipends are \$5
Contact the Parish Office 806.376.7204

Volunteers Needed For Pro-Life Booth

Volunteers are needed to work three-hour shifts each day in the **Amarillo Right to Life Booth** during the annual Tri-State Fair, set for Friday, Sept. 15 through Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Tri-State Fairgrounds, 10th and South Grand.

Passes will be provided for those working shifts at 2:00 each afternoon, through the end of the fair. Please volunteer and make a stand for life at this year's Tri-State Fair.

Our Rector's Ramblings

We spend much too much time worrying about experts, especially when it comes to matters of faith and Church. The truth of the matter is that every single one of us who believes in the salvific grace is an expert when it comes to why we believe. We have the story of our own journey of faith, and we are the experts. That doesn't mean that we have to know every nook and cranny, the in and outs, and all the finer points of Catholic Christian Theology. But we each and all are utter experts in why we have received the gift of faith in our own life, even if we don't always have the words to explain it perfectly.

We are called and chosen by Jesus Christ to share our lives of faith with our families, our friends, our neighbors, and our coworkers. We do it in a multitude of ways, often through our own moral and ethical choices, but our stories are ever the more important than our examples. We must know the reason for our joy and be able to share it in willing and appropriate ways. Our stories of faith are the most important gift of our salvation that we have to share with those who are separated from Jesus Christ for whatever reason. ~Blessings, Fr. Tony~

Peek at the week

Monday, August 28

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

Tuesday, August 29

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

8:00 am: Garden Ministry—Garden Beds

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

6:00 pm Sycamore Intercessory Prayer—Chapel

Wednesday, August 30

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

9:30 am: St. Anne's Sewing Circle—KC Room

5:30 pm: Confession—Chapel

Thursday, August 31

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

Friday, September 1

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

8:15 am: School Mass—Church (Parishioners welcome)

12:00 pm: Seven Sorrows Rosary—Chapel

Saturday, September 2

8:30 am: Abide With Him Women's Group -
San Juan Padilla Room

3:00 pm: Confessions—Chapel

5:30 pm: Mass—Church

Sunday, September 3

Mass Schedule: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 12:00 pm

The latest edition of The West Texas Catholic is now available online at westtexascatholic.org.

Holy Cross



Holy Cross Catholic Academy
sports are scheduled
for the fall semester!

Cross Country: Coached by Kevin Metzler
Varsity Volleyball: Coached by Laura Valdez
Middle School Volleyball: Coached by Britney Miguel
Varsity Football: Coached by Zach Zuniga
Middle School Football: Coached by Doug Manning
Football assistant coaches: Jordan Sapien,
Adam Marquez, Phil Seidenberger

Please check the school website for schedules and come out to support the Mustang athletes!

Go Mustangs!

Youth



Edge: Starts weekly September 13th

Life Teen: Starts weekly September 10th

Registration is now open online for Edge and Life Teen.
For questions please call Andrea Lopez at
806 350-2926.

Youth Formation Orientations

A parent must attend one of the following orientations.
All orientations will take place in the gym.

Tuesday, August 29th OR Thursday, September 7th

6:00 pm- Pre-Con (1st yr prep)

6:30 pm- Edge

7:00 pm- Con (2nd yr)

BDRC



Friday, Sept. 15 | 6:30pm-9:00pm

2100 North Spring St., Amarillo, TX 79107

\$75 per person

Sponsorships available

BDRC.ORG (806) 383-1811

Faith Formation



Job Listing

Event Staff Monitor Position Available

At St. Mary's Cathedral

Hours will vary during the week.

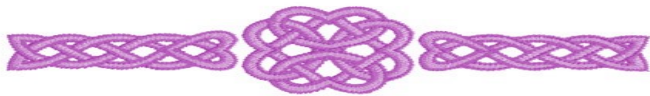
If interested, please send your resume to

Fr. Tony Neusch at frneusch@gmail.com

Stephen Ministry



We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. This is an especially stressful season. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life! Fill out a card and put it in the box in the narthex or call 806-350-2930 and leave a message.



RESPECT LIFE BANQUET

SUNDAY SEPT. 10

CIVIC CENTER HERITAGE ROOM



Keynote Speaker:

Patricia Sandoval

• Pro-Life author and EWTN host

4:30 Social Hour

5:30 Prime Rib Dinner

(provided by The Big Texan)

Live and Silent Auctions

Please bring baby items for Catholic Charities-Joseph's Project

For more information and to purchase tickets please go to
amarillodiocese.org/rbm-banquet
or call the Family Life Office at 806-414-1059.

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