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**Montessori Preschool through 5th Grade**

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**[www.facebook.com/StMarysCathedralSchool](https://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.

**February 4, 2024**



**5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving  
out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. - Mk 1:39**

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## **Mission Statement**

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

# WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

## **Pastoral Staff**

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## **St. Mary's Cathedral School**

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## **Parish Program Staff**

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**Sacramental Records/Safe Environment**

**Bernice Noggler ~ Ext. 3010/**

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## **Parish Service Staff**

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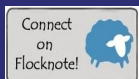
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## **St. Mary's Cathedral Parish Masses**

*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

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[youtube.com/@StMarysCathedralAmarillo](https://youtube.com/@StMarysCathedralAmarillo)

For Smart Devices and Computers

[venue.streamspot.com/e...](https://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 February 4, 2024

### Sunday:

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

### Monday:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/  
Mk 6:53-56

### Tuesday:

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10,  
11/Mk 7:1-13

### Wednesday:

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/  
Mk 7:14-23

### Thursday:

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and  
40/Mk 7:24-30

### Friday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13,  
14-15/Mk 7:31-37

### Saturday:

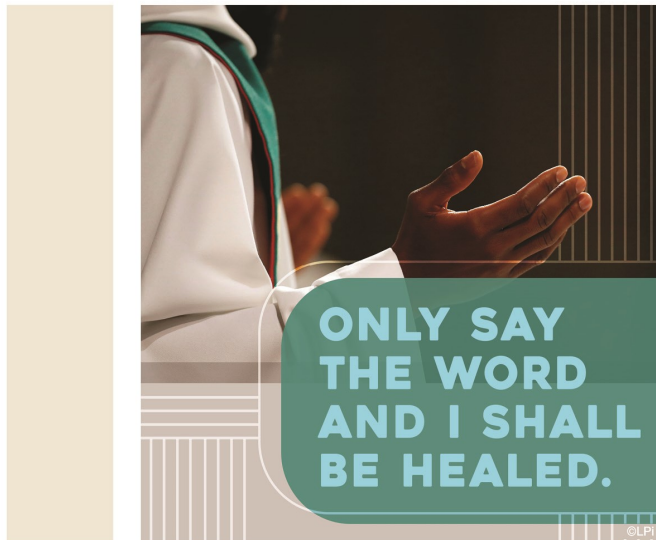
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab,  
19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

### Next Sunday:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor  
10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Maybe I'm weird, but I like spending time in doctor's offices, confession lines in churches, auto repair shops, prison cells, and support groups of various kinds. It's refreshing to be with people who humbly admit something is wrong and forthrightly set out on a path toward a solution. When we ignore what is off kilter, we become alone and fragile. In places where people are honest and hopeful about brokenness, sturdy if subtle fellowship usually ensues.

Consider the image we see of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. **"...they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by a demon. The whole town was gathered at the door."** The entire human community is afflicted in various ways, and so it gradually forms a strange new community around Jesus. The healer from Nazareth is like a sun of health around which orbits a throng of humanity absorbing his healing rays. These blessed souls can't fix themselves and become healthy, and they know it. But they have found in him the living source of all imaginable healing.

It's the Church, isn't it? A sin-sick community gathered and healed is what happens at the beginning of every Mass. We shuffle in through the door from everywhere and announce that we are not okay, and we can't fix it. In doing so, we are drawn into the orbit of the healing power of Christ — and into a renewed community with the whole human family. It's nothing to fear or rush. Maybe we can even learn to enjoy more how good it is to be in such a happy place.

— *Father John Muir*

## Our Rector's Ramblings

We were told that one of the complaints that was leveled against recent graduates and newly ordained priests is that no one knew where they were. That we should, out of courtesy, tell the secretary or someone in the office where we were going. It seems reasonable enough. I still call my mother when I get home after visiting her, I want her to know that I arrived safely, and I don't want her to worry. When I leave the office, I tell the secretary where I am going and when I expect to get back and if I will be able to take phone calls in case I am needed urgently. "Everyone is looking for you." I simple declarative statement. "Everyone is looking for you." There are a couple of implied questions, "Where were you?" "When are you going to return?" "Where are you going?" and maybe most important of all, "Why did you leave?" His response is to say, "Let's keep moving, my purpose is not found in remaining."

At one time or another, we have all been lost and found, we have been invited or even told to move and wanted to stay put. And through discernment, impulse, or even sheer willpower have made the move, have chosen to stay put, have allowed ourselves to be found, or stayed as lost and hidden as we possibly could. It is a wonderful feeling to know that we are needed, that everyone is looking for us, and it is also the most terrifying experience possible. Our Lord searches for us, He is the "everyone" seeking out each and every one of us. He will always welcome us home, calm our fears, and invite us to move into a deeper friendship with him.

~Blessings, Fr. Tony~

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer to water our plants in the Church weekly.

If you are interested please call the office – 806 376-7204 – and talk to Jeannie!

### St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Meeting

We'd like to invite all women of the parish to join us on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the Msgr. Smyer Room for our monthly gathering. Our Speaker this month will be Deacon Robert Smith who will be sharing with us the History of Lent.

Call Jeannie in the office – 806 376-7204 if you have any questions.

## Peek at the week

### Monday, February 5

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

6:30 pm: faith and Action—St. Joseph Room

### Tuesday, February 6

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

8:00 am: Garden Ministry—Garden Beds

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

7:00 pm: Knights of Columbus Council Meeting—KC Room

### Wednesday, February 7

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

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

5:30 pm: Confession—Chapel

6:30 pm: EDGE—Gym

### Thursday, February 8

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

### Friday, February 9

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

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

12:00 pm: Seven Sorrows Rosary—Chapel

### Saturday, February 10

9:00 am: Altar Server Meeting—Reception Room

3:00 pm: Confessions—Chapel

5:30 pm: Mass—Church

### Sunday, February 11

Mass times are 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 12:00 pm

10:45 am: Adult Faith Formation—CR 6 and 7

10:45 am: RCIA—CR 3 and 5

NO LIFE TEEN

## 2024, The Year of Prayer



*As a family of St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral and School, we would like to start the Sacred Heart of Jesus devotion.*

*The Sacred Heart devotion is popular and has a long tradition in the Church.*

*Join Fr. Avitus on the first Friday of next month, February 2, 2024 after 7:00 am Mass to start this devotion to the Sacred Heart.*

## 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, February 5**

7:00 am: +Maria M. Alaniz by  
Mark & Zylvia Bartels  
Dora Zimmerman by  
James Anderson

### **Tuesday, February 6**

7:00 am: +Joseph Bush by  
The Glenn Family  
5:30 pm: +Bob & +Shirley Mager by  
The Lee Family

### **Wednesday, February 7**

7:00 am: April & Kevin Kinder by  
William & Deloris Jones

### **Thursday, February 8**

5:30 pm : Dora Britten by  
Joanne Walsh

### **Friday, February 9**

7:00 am: Matlide Kissima Siriwa by  
Richard & Lucy Jalbert  
8:15 am: Calderon Family by  
Dorali Calderon

### **Saturday, February 10**

5:30 pm: +Jackie Gray by  
The Gray Family

### **Sunday, February 11**

8:00 am: For the Parish Family  
9:30 am: +Edna Van Gundy by  
Stephen Ministry  
12:00 pm: +Pancho Rojas by  
Mike Rivera & Andrea Rojas

**Mass Stipends are \$5**  
**Contact the Parish Office 806.376.7204**

### **Honoring Your Grief:**

#### **4 week Catholic Grief Support Group**

Tuesdays: February 27 – March 19, 2024  
6:00 – 7:30 pm: Classroom #3— please enter on the  
West side of the building,

Pre-Registration is required to join. Space is limited.  
Deadline for registering is Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
To sign up, call or text Angela Keller, 806-420-4123

There is no cost to join, all materials will be provided. Can bring your own drink, if desired.  
Each evening we will have prayer, topics about grief, discussion and sharing. Whether you lost your loved one three weeks ago or three years ago, if you are wanting companions on your grief journey, then please join us!

Facilitated by: Davlyn Duesterhaus and  
Angela D. Keller, LPC

Davlyn Duesterhaus has been a hospice and hospital chaplain for over 20 years. Angela Keller is a Licensed Professional Counselor and is currently working as a Grief Counselor for a local hospice.



## — Job Posting — *Family Life Director* for the Diocese of Amarillo

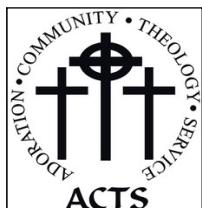
#### **Responsibilities would include but not limited to:**

- Promote and implement all Pro Life Ministry
- Promote and implement marriage and family enrichment

#### **Requirements would include:**

- Ability to communicate in English and Spanish
- Organizational and computer skills
- Pastoral sensitivity
- Ability to minister with and to others
- Deadline to apply is Wednesday, Jan. 31.

For additional information or to apply for this position, please contact the Diocese of Amarillo at [pzurek@dioama.org](mailto:pzurek@dioama.org)



### **CALLING ALL MEN!!!**

Would you like to grow closer to God  
as Lent draws near?

Prayerfully consider attending the Men's ACTS Retreat @ the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center. It begins on Thursday evening, Feb. 22 and will conclude with Mass on Sunday, Feb. 25. Sign-up deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Please sign up at [actsamarillo.org/retreat-registration](http://actsamarillo.org/retreat-registration)



## Holy Cross

## Youth



### THE HOLY CROSS CORNER

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#### Calendar Party Sponsors

Depending on your contribution level, your business/name will be displayed in a variety of ways that will provide a source of advertisement and community engagement for your business. Your support will help us continue to form future disciples of Christ by allowing us to keep tuition affordable. If you are interested, please call the HCCA office. Thank you!

Holy Cross Catholic Academy  
4110 S. Bonham St.  
Amarillo, TX 79110  
(806) 355-9637



Life Teen: February 4th @5:30 pm

Edge: February 7th @6:30 pm

Meet in the Gym.....

NO LIFE TEEN ON February 11th!!

NO EDGE on February 14th

*We need teen helpers for the  
Young at Heart Valentine's dinner  
on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. If your teen can help,  
please call me at (806)350-2926.*

## Youth Faith Formation

*February*  
**G.I.F.T**

LESSON A

FEBRUARY 4 & 11

LESSON B

FEBRUARY 18 & 25



Attention High School Teens: If you are a High School Senior, please email me at [ythdir@stmarysamarillo.com](mailto:ythdir@stmarysamarillo.com) with your name and high school (or if you are home-schooled, please indicate) by Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to be included in the West Texas Catholic Graduation edition. You do not have to attend Life Teen to be included-we want to recognize all High School Seniors for their achievement!

## MISC.

**ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**  
**SATURDAY, FEB. 10, 2024**  
DOORS OPEN AT 6 P.M.

**LIVE AUCTION** **SILENT AUCTION**

TICKETS: \$75 PER PERSON  
FOR MORE INFORMATION & TICKETING  
[wtcsc.org/annual-auction](http://wtcsc.org/annual-auction)  
OR CALL BETTY ARAGON: 806-655-4345

### St Monica's Little Saints

St. Monica's Little Saints playgroup meets weekly and is open to families with children of all ages! Please call or text **Sarah McWhorter** (806)677-8440 or **Jessica Robertson** (806)340-4045 for more information.

## First Year Confirmation Retreat!!

## Stephen Ministry



Sometimes Valentine's Day  
Isn't Happy.

For some people, Valentine's Day is a painful reminder of a broken relationship, the death of a loved one, a recent relocation, a chronic illness, or another life challenge. If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring Jesus' love (God's ultimate Valentine) back into your life. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your struggle.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, call 806-350-2930. Someone will contact you within 24 hours. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



## Eucharistic Adoration

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

*"Come, let ME love you."*

- ◆ **Adoration resumes on the Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays in January, 2024 and going forward**
- ◆ If there is to be no Adoration, it is indicated where one checks in each time
- ◆ Suggestions for Adoration in the binder
- ◆ All are welcomed whether on the list or not
- ◆ Hours of Adoration are 7:00 AM through 9:00 PM
- ◆ Drop-ins are welcome
- ◆ 7:00 am - 9:00 am – Enter through Chapel door
- ◆ 9:00 am – 5:00 pm – Enter through Parish Office
- ◆ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Enter through Chapel door

**\*Confidentiality form must be signed before receiving the code to the chapel door. Please do not share code with anyone!**

**Binder is available in the chapel to check being present Subs - please check in with your name or as a Substitute**

**Suggestions for Adoration in the binder**

**If no one comes for the next hour please contact Fr. Tony at 806 570-5706. The Blessed Sacrament is not to be left unattended or put elsewhere. Thank You.**