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Montessori Preschool through 5th Grade

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February 18, 2024



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.

Mission Statement

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

WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL PARISH

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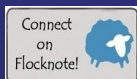
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www.stmarysamarillo.com



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.

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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 18, 2024

Sunday:

Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday:

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday:

1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

Friday:

Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday:

Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15,
16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/
Mk 9:2-10



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous “Double Rainbow” video on YouTube to feel better. It’s hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. “Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!” he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, “What does it *mean*?” Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What does it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante’s medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God’s promise of peace. For Dante, it’s even more: nature’s encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, “Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory.” This Lent let’s embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

— Father John Muir

Our Rector's Ramblings

"This is the time of fulfillment." G.K. Chesterton perhaps said it best, "Christianity has not be tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried." It is a curious thing isn't it? I am pretty well convinced that I have much more in common with the reader of these words, than I have differences. I want to be called Christian and yet sometimes, maybe even often times I want to be in charge, even when I know that it is to the detriment of my life here on earth. I think that the reader of these words even the most holy of the members of this parish, and we all know that there is true holiness here, has had this exact same experience. We desire to be disciples of Jesus Christ and at the same time we have those desires that are in opposition to discipleship.

"The Kingdom of God is at hand." St. Augustine writes in *On Christian Teaching* "If we are wayfarers who want to return home, then we must see the world as a means of transportation and always remember to distinguish the means and ends." We live in a world with eyes focused and gazing completely on Jesus Christ the mediator of God and man.

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." It is important for us who read the scriptures in translation to remember that the Greek word translated to gospel in English, is all about war and conquering. The Good News is that the battle has been won in Christ. Let me tell you of a great and mighty battle, in which the enemy has been completely crushed, destroyed, wiped from the face of the Earth. St. Leo the Great said, "Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife."

This Lenten season let us find Christianity difficult and be strengthened by the Grace of Christ. Let us see this world as the vehicle in which we are transported to the great glory of Heaven. And may we ask for forgiveness for our transgressions and be strengthened to return to the battle for the salvation of souls.

~Blessings, Father Tony~

Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion



The Sacred Heart of Jesus devotion has a long tradition in the Church.

Join Fr. Avitus on the first Friday of next month, March 1st, 2024 after 7:00 am Mass to continue this devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Peek at the week

Monday, February 19

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

Tuesday, February 20

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

8:00 am: Garden Ministry—Garden Beds

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

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

Wednesday, February 21

7:00 am: Mass—Church

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

5:30 pm: Confession—Chapel

6:30 pm: EDGE—Gym

Thursday, February 22

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

6:00 pm: Sycamore—Reception Room

6:30 pm: Gospel of Mark—CR 2

Friday, February 23

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

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

12:00 pm: Seven Sorrows Rosary—Chapel

5:30—7:00 pm: Fish Fry—Gym

6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross—Church

Saturday, February 24

3:00 pm: Confessions—Chapel

5:30 pm: Mass—Church

Sunday, February 25

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

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

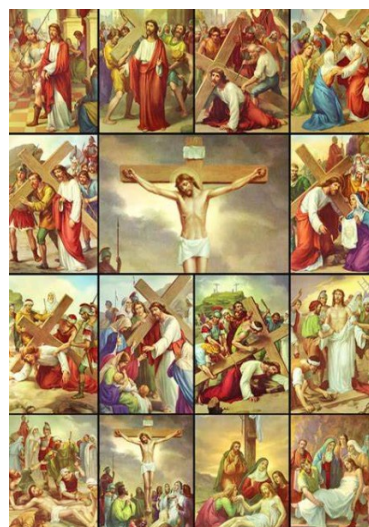
10:45 am: RCIA—CR 3 and 5

5:30 pm: Life Teen—Gym



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, February 18th
after 8:00 and 9:30 Masses**



Stations of The Cross

*Each Friday
During Lent*

*6:00 pm
In
The Church*

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 19

7:00 am: +Misty Dawn Sandoval by
Christena, Terri & Virginia Mendez
Sharon & Vido Trevino by
William & Deloris Jones

Tuesday, February 20

7:00 am: +Pedro Aguirre by
The Aguirre Family
5:30 pm: Priscilla Miller by
Davlyn Duesterhaus

Wednesday, February 21

7:00 am: +Wes Davis by
His Loving Daughters

Thursday, February 22

5:30 pm : +Bob & +Shirley Mager by
The Lee Family

Friday, February 23

7:00 am: Megan Grender by
Veronica Joy Mullen
8:15 am: Herm Family by
Dorali Calderon

Saturday, February 24

5:30 pm: +Jackie Gray by
Barbara Gray

Sunday, February 25

8:00 am: For the Parish Family
9:30 am: +Martin Magallanes by
John & Phyllis Doucette
12:00 pm: Dee Salazar McFall by
Salazar/Friddell Family

Mass Stipends are \$5
Contact the Parish Office 806.376.7204



CY-2024 Rice Bowl Campaign

The "**CY-2024 Rice Bowl Campaign**" to help sisters and brothers around the world (*especially people experiencing poverty and hunger) has begun. In response to our call for **Prayer, Fasting and Alms Giving**, the Rice Bowl Campaign provides us with the perfect opportunity to focus on these three callings. Beginning on **Ash Wednesday, February 23rd**, you can pick up a Rice Bowl from the table located in the Narthex. Please return the filled Rice Bowl by **Good Friday, March 29th, 2024**.

Thank You for helping **Catholic Relief Services' (CRS)** in fulfilling their work around the world.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre is hosting a **FREE Mini-Lenten Retreat** from 8:30 to Noon on **Saturday, February 24th, 2024** in the Msgr. Smyer Reception Room at St. Mary's Cathedral. Deacon Robert Smith will be speaking about Easter. All are invited to attend.

Kids Can't Learn When They're Hungry...

Parish Lenten Outreach

Aquinas Project Needs Your Support To Provide Weekend Snack Paks for 30 Wolfli Elementary School students:

\$20.00 Feeds a Wolfli student for one month

\$240.00 Sponsors a student for a year

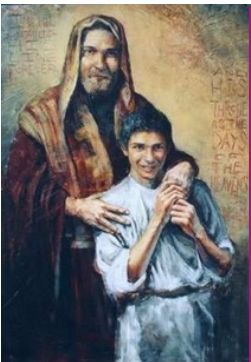
Envelopes available at the Faith and Action Apostolate table from Ash Wednesday through Holy Thursday. Donations go directly to Snack Pak 4 Kids for Wolfli Elementary. 100% of donations buys food.

Kids Can Change The World When They're Full



"Let us not grow tired of doing good...let us do good to all" Galatians 6:9,10

Aquinas Project is a Faith and Action Apostolate Ministry



March 19: The Solemnity of St. Joseph

This primary and highest feast of St. Joseph is celebrated annually on March 19. Because this feast is a solemnity, even though it falls during Lent, the faithful are dispensed of their Lenten obligations on this day.

Since the 10th century, several Western countries celebrated March 19 as the Feast of St. Joseph, with the feast day becoming the official practice of the Church in the 1500s.

In the coming weeks, we will explore how this feast day is celebrated around the world.

Holy Cross



THE HOLY CROSS CORNER

BELIEVE. DESIRE. DO.

2024 Golf Season

HCCA offers Golf as an extracurricular activity.

Golf Coaches-Tim Gallegos & Becky Lane

See our athletic calendar for the full schedule

<https://holycrossama.org/athletics>

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

Youth



NO LIFE TEEN ON February 18th
Due to the Parish Lenten Mission.
All teens are encouraged to attend!!

Edge: February 21st @ 6:30 pm
Life Teen: February 25th @ 5:30

Meet in the Gym.....!

Misc.

United States Fasting and Abstinence Norms

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

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

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

More information can be found at USCCB.org search "Fast and Abstinence"

Youth Faith Formation

G.I.F.T.
LESSON B
FEBRUARY 18TH & 25TH

NOTE TO SELF

Lent is not about becoming perfect, but rather it is about growing in your faith.




TUESDAYS
FEB. 27
THROUGH
MARCH 19

HONORING YOUR GRIEF Group

A 4 week Catholic Grief Support Group

6:00PM-7:30PM IN CLASSROOM #3
PLEASE ENTER ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE BUILDING

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Friday, Feb. 23

No cost to join,
all materials
will be provided

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

Each evening we will have prayer, topic about grief, discussion and sharing. Whether you have lost your loved one 3 months ago or 3 years ago and are wanting companions on your grief journey, then please join us!

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.

TO SIGN UP, CALL OR TEXT ANGELA KELLER, 806-420-4123

2ND-YEAR
CONFIRMATION RETREAT
PARENT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
6:30 PM
RECEPTION ROOM



NOW THE LORD IS
THE SPIRIT, AND
WHERE THE SPIRIT
OF THE LORD IS,
THERE IS freedom

2 COR 3:17

RETREAT MARCH 8TH-10TH



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

EUCHARISTIC 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.