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Montessori Preschool through 5th Grade

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February 25, 2024



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

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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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)

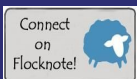
**Contact the church office for more information.
806-376-7204**

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.



**Sign up for Flocknote at:
www.stmarysamarillo.com**



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Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 25, 2024

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

Monday:

Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday:

Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21
and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday:

Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday:

Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday:

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday:

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday:

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9,
10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-
26, 39a, 40-42



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: **"Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."** Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.

— Father John Muir

Our Rector's Ramblings

St. Mary's Parish and School is excited to welcome Carolina Cantrell as the new Director of Development.

Amarillo native Carolina Cantrell holds a BS in Bible and English Literature from Dallas Christian College. She completed an internship in Tanzania, East Africa, focused on Bible translation from Swahili to the tribal language Kikami. Upon graduation, Cantrell served as an inner-city missionary for four years with World Impact in Dallas, Texas, working specifically to address the needs of women and children in poverty.

She then served as Assistant Director of Individual Giving at St. Mark's School of Texas in Dallas, securing alumni gifts during the silent phase of the \$112 million Centennial Challenge campaign. In 2009, Cantrell began working for her family business, Accent West Magazine, in Amarillo, Texas. Director of Development for Turn Center in Amarillo, the only non-profit in the Texas panhandle providing children physical, occupational, and speech therapy, from 2017-2022, raising more than \$5M in funding for capital and operating projects. Cantrell co-chaired the 2023 Downtown Women's Center Luncheon and Vintage Amarillo 2023, benefitting the Amarillo Symphony Guild.

Carolina has served as a volunteer director/advisor on several non-profit boards for organizations in the Texas Panhandle, including St. Mary's Cathedral School, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Amarillo Symphony Guild, Amarillo Museum of Art Alliance, and Women's Philanthropy Fund, administered by the Amarillo Area Foundation. She is a fourth-generation member of DAR and a third-generation member of PEO, Chapter Z.

Cantrell and her family are active parishioners at St. Mary's Cathedral. Her two youngest boys, John Asher (10) and Isaac (7) Walden, have been students at SMCS since they were three. "We all love St. Mary's so much. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve the parish and school in this capacity," said Cantrell of her new role as Director of Development. ~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 26

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

8:00 am: Garden Ministry—Garden Beds

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

6:00 pm: Grief Share—CR 3

6:30 pm: Stephen Ministry—Reception Room

Wednesday, February 28

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 29

5:30 pm: Mass—Chapel

6:00 pm: Sycamore—Reception Room

6:30 pm: Gospel of Mark—CR 2

Friday, March 1

7:00 am: Mass—Chapel

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

12:00 pm: Seven Sorrows Rosary—Chapel

6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross—Church

Saturday, March 2

3:00 pm: Confessions—Chapel

5:30 pm: Mass—Church

Sunday, March 3

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



Stations of The Cross

Each Friday During Lent

6:00 pm in the Church

Bulletin Reminder

Submissions Due NO LATER than Friday at Noon, (9) nine days prior to the Sunday you wish to have your announcement included.

Bulletin editor reserves the right to adjust all submissions due to print space available. Email requests to:

sjones@stmarysamarillo.com

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 26

7:00 am: +Andrew Ramos by
Edwin & Janet Wilhelm
Michael & Linda Lindley by
William & Deloris Jones

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 am: Billie Glenn by
George & Marge Kenney
5:30 pm: All Family & Relatives by
Dieu Thi Hoang

Wednesday, February 28

7:00 am: Mark & Shannon Morrison by
William & Deloris Jones

Thursday, February 29

5:30 pm : +Wilma Temple by
George & Marge Kenney

Friday, March 1

7:00 am: +Lea Reynolds by
Deacon Robert Smith
8:15 am: Patty Salazar by
The Salazar/Friddell Family

Saturday, March 2

5:30 pm: +Jackie Gray by
Barbara Gray

Sunday, March 3

8:00 am: For the Parish Family
9:30 am: William Jones by
Deloris Jones
12:00 pm: +Gene Schaefer by
Ramona Geromini

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**.

Saints of St. Mary's

We are recruiting volunteers for Bivins Elementary School:

- Be the "store clerk" for a rewards program on Friday mornings 8:00-9:30.
- 1st Grade Read Aloud (1 class) Any morning before 10:15
- Kinder Read Aloud (1 class) Any day Tues-Fri from 10:00-10:30
- Mentor for girls during lunch time
- 4th Grade Read Aloud volunteer (1 class) Fridays 12:00-12:20
- Pre-K Centers volunteer (2 classes)

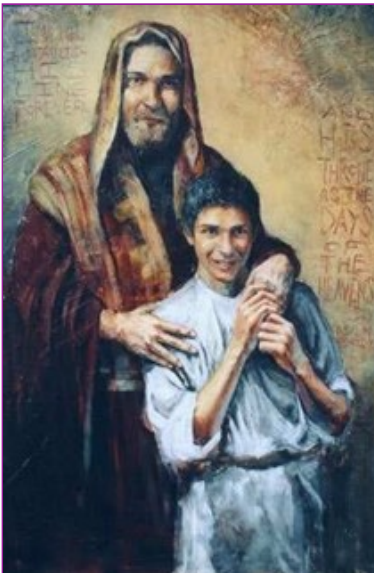
Would you like to experience the joys of making a difference in a child's life?

Contact Zilvia Bartels at (806) 382-6511 for more information or to sign up

Saints of St. Mary's is a Faith and Action Apostolate ministry



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



In **Valencia, Spain**, *ninots* and *fallas* are important symbols of Saint Joseph's Day. *Ninots* are figures made of papier-mâché and cardboard. They are carefully constructed and usually life-sized or larger. A group of *ninots* is assembled into a *falla* depicting a story or situation. It is usually filled with firecrackers and fireworks. Valencia has about 750 of these neighborhood *falla* groups. One is chosen by popular vote each year to be preserved in the regional museum. The rest are burnt during fireworks displays in the evening of March 19.

The tradition of constructing and burning *fallas* arose at some stage in the Middle Ages. Carpenters burnt broken pieces of work and remnants of wood collected during the winter to celebrate the spring equinox. At some point, the fires were moved to St Joseph's Day as he is the patron saint of carpenters. Many people wear traditional Valencian clothing on Saint Joseph's Day and display their clothing during parades. Some attend special church services to honor the life of St Joseph.

St Joseph's Day also celebrates fathers. Many people make a special effort to visit their father or father figures. Some people also take fathers or father figures to a restaurant or give Father's Day gifts.

Holy Cross

Youth



THE HOLY CROSS CORNER

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2024-2025

HCCA registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information or to schedule a tour, visit our website:

<https://holycrossama.org>

For more information feel free to call the office.

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



Life Teen: February 25th @ 5:30

Edge: February 28st @ 6:30 pm

Meet in the Gym.....!

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.



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

St. Francis Catholic Church 66th German Sausage Dinner Country Store & Raffles Sunday, March 3 2024

CC AND Debit accepted
11 am to 2 pm
Adults: \$14
Children: \$6 (7-12)
Kids 6 & under eat free
Takeouts: \$14

Uncooked sausage will be sold by the pound during the dinner. Contact Gerald Detten for advance orders at 382-8813

St. Francis Parish Hall
5005 Klinka Rd
Amarillo Tx
(10 miles east of Amarillo off Hwy. 60)
(1 mile east of Tyson)



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



Family Life
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Stephen Ministry



An important theme of the Lenten season is the humanity of Christ. In Jesus, God became human and fully experienced the wide range of emotions we all encounter in life. Jesus experienced times of loneliness, sadness, hurt, anger, disappointment, grief, and abandonment. That is part of being human. Another part of being human is needing help from each other. God never intended us to be completely self-sufficient. Part of God's plan is for each of us to turn to others for help when we need it.

So, when you are experiencing difficult times, don't struggle alone. Our Stephen Ministers will walk with you, listen to you, encourage you, pray with you, and provide confidential one-to-one care to help you through tough times. Stephen Ministers can bring the love of Jesus back into your life. To learn more about Stephen Ministry, call 806-350-2930. Someone will contact you. 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.