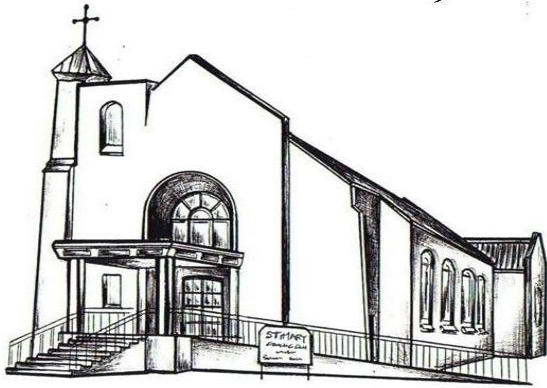


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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Monday, Apr 11	St Stanislaus	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday, Apr 12		7 PM - Knights of Columbus	No Mass
Wednesday, Apr 13	St Martin I	8 AM - Edna Wieck	No Mass
Thursday, Apr 14		8 AM - Linda Machicek	7 PM - Anna Anderson
Friday, Apr 15		8 AM - Marcella & Dennis Brandt	No Mass
Saturday, Apr 16		5:00 PM - Special Intention	No Mass
Sunday, Apr 17	Fourth Sunday of Easter	8:30 AM - Parish Family	11:15 AM - Parish Family

ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts
April 16, 2016 Saturday	Melvin Wieck	Volunteers	Kathy Wieck Galen Reinart Volunteer	Volunteers
April 17, 2016 Sunday	Tim Steffens	Kelley Wegman Briann Schenk Simon Snead	Caleb Hubbard Megan Hubbard Suzy Hicks	Volunteers

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 1st Sunday at 10 AM
Anointing of the Sick: 2nd Saturday after mass
Question and Answers w/ Fr Christopher:
 2nd Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the hall
CYO 4th Sunday 6:00 pm. at the Hall, unless
 otherwise noted



Frühlingsfest 2016- Saturday, April 30th:
 Please turn your ticket stubs into Harold Artho
 ASAP. We need to get a head count. Questions,
 call Harold @ 806.683.9265

Parish Finances - March 27

Regular Collection: \$3015
 Children's Collection: \$46



April 23-24 will be commitment weekend for this
 year's United Catholic Appeal. This supports many
 causes within the diocese such as seminarian
 education, hospital ministry, and youth programs
 throughout the diocese. Please prayerfully
 consider what you will pledge this year.

**Weekly Bible Study, Apologetics and Social Group
 is back.** We meet at the Dorsey's home on Thursdays
 at 7pm. 23360 Brown Rd, Canyon, 806.656.0766.

Just a reminder – Scheduled breakfasts after Sunday
 Mass. 1st Sunday is KC's; 2nd Sunday is Christian
 Mothers; 3rd Sunday is CYO; 4th and 5th Sunday is
 Parish cookie Sundays.

Christian Mother's Our next Christian Mother's
 meeting will be Tuesday, April 19th. It will begin with
 mass at 7 PM, then a guest speaker, followed by our
 meeting. The guest speaker will be Leesa Wood Calvi,
 a breast cancer survivor. She will give us information
 on breast and cervical cancer screening. She will also
 share resources for uninsured and underinsured
 women. Please join us.

Basic Courses for Catechesis contact Cheryl
 Robinson if you are interested @ 806.290.2848
 Course "Ministry of Catechesis" offered at
 St Anthony's Hereford April 16 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.
 There is no charge for this course

Spring Sausage Sales CYO is selling sausage.
 Forms are at the back of church. Please fill out and
 return to Laurie Wegman. Delivery/Pickup will be May
 7th. Questions, call Laurie Wegman @ 806.679.4839.

Sacristans needed: With Dc Bill's retirement, Fr.
 Christopher needs help preparing for masses. If you
 are interested in learning how to serve as a sacristan
 please let Fr. Christopher know. We need at least 4
 volunteers.

Eucharistic Ministers: If you are interested in serving
 as a Eucharistic minister, please let Fr. Christopher
 know.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Date	Lector	Ushers	Eucharistic Ministers	Gifts
April 3	Alice & Connie	Robert & Lionel	Angie & Chela	R Juarez Family

Parish Finances - March 27

Regular Collection: \$365.65



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Sábado 23 y domingo 24 de abril será fin de semana de compromiso para la Campaña Católica Unida. Esto apoya muchas causas dentro de la diócesis como la educación de los seminaristas, el ministerio del hospital, y los programas para jóvenes de toda la diócesis. Por la oración considere lo que va a prometer este año.



We need help with music on Sundays!!! If you can sing or play an instrument please share that gift with you community! Even if you are not musically talented you can learn to operated the Clavinova piano which plays pre-recorded music. Please let Fr. Christopher know.

Necesitamos ayuda con la música los domingos!

Si se puede cantar o tocar un instrumento por favor de compartir ese regalo con su comunidad! Incluso si no se puede tocar o cantar se puede aprender a usar el piano Clavinova que toca música pregrabada. Por favor, hable con P. Christopher.



April is our month to help deliver for Meals on Wheels. Please consider helping with this Corporal Work of Mercy. Contact Kaye Venhaus at 558-2171 to volunteer.

Abril es nuestro mes para ayudar a entregar comidas. Por favor, considere ayudar con esta obra de misericordia corporal. Póngase en contacto con Kaye Venhaus al 558-2171 para ser voluntario.



STEUBENVILLE
C O N F E R E N C E S

The youth of our parish will be having a fundraiser in Nazareth on April 16 to raise money for their trip to the Steubenville Conference this summer. There will be a steak dinner (\$15/plate) from 6-8 pm, a silent auction, and a "slave" auction beginning at 7:15. Please support our youth.

Los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia va a levantar fondos en Nazaret el 16 de abril para su viaje a la Conferencia Steubenville este verano. Habrá una cena de carne (\$15/plato) de 6-8 pm, una subasta silenciosa, y una subasta "esclavo" que comienza a las 7:15. Por favor, apoyen nuestros jóvenes.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

FOR BULLETIN NOTICES – Bulletin Deadline: Thursday @ noon. For St Mary's please contact Lana Bracken cell: 806.640.4672; email: LanaSueBracken@gmail.com. For Holy Name of Jesus please contact Fr. Christopher s.c.schwind@gmail.com

Baptism or Wedding in your or a loved one's future? Please contact Fr. Christopher at least 1 month in advance for baptisms and 6 months advance for weddings. Also, please complete the information forms on the parish website under the **LITURGY/SACRAMENTS** tab

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Umbarger: Saturdays at 4:30 pm and Sundays at 8:00 am or by appointment. **Happy:** Sundays at 10:45 a.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. or by appointment.



If you know someone who cannot attend Mass due to age or illness, please let Fr. Christopher know so that he can bring communion to them.

Si conoces a alguien que no puede asistir a la misa debido a la edad o enfermedad, por favor informe al P. Christopher para que pueda llevar la comunión a ellos.

Please pray for all the sick in our parishes

ST. MARY'S: Kyle Reinart, Mary Kolac, Gene Schenk, John Wilson, Bill Stocker, Kyle Henderson, Donna Kuhnert, Severo Gomez, Jose Sanchez, Ashlee Trevino (Jose's & Ali's granddaughter), Audree Rose Gomez (Jeff & Faunette Stocker's granddaughter), Patsy Huseman, Mike Smith, Oscar Olvera, Collier Friemel, Mike Wegman, Marcella Brandt.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS: Josie Varela, Victor Aldaco

If you wish to have your name removed, please contact Lana Bracken or Fr Christopher

St Mary's, Clarendon 20th Annual BBQ Dinner April 10th 11-2 pm @ Clarendon Activity Center. Barbecue beef & ribs, beans, potato salad, cole slaw, homemade bread and deserts. Adults \$15/ Child \$7 (\$12/\$6 if purchased in advance). Country Store, Silent Auction, Quilt Raffle, BBQ beef & ribs for sale, Carry-outs available

St John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Borger 61st Annual Italian Meatballs and Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, April 10th Tickets \$10 Adults \$5 Kids Takeout, and bake sale.

FOR MASS INTENTIONS please call Fr Christopher or leave the intention in the collection basket.

If you plan to use or rent the church or parish hall, please contact Fr. Christopher or Debbie Batenhorst at least 3 months before the event. Thank you for your consideration.



Celebrating the Lord's Day



On Sunday, we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Lord's Day, the day of Christ's Resurrection:

As "the first day of the week" (Mk 16:2) it recalls the first creation; and as the "eighth day," which follows the sabbath, it symbolizes the new creation ushered in by the Resurrection of Christ. Thus, it has become for Christians the first of all days and of all feasts. It is the *day of the Lord* in which he with his Passover fulfilled the spiritual truth of the Jewish Sabbath and proclaimed man's eternal rest in God. (*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 452)

The Scriptures tell us that Jesus rose on the first day of the week—the day following the Jewish Sabbath. Shortly after daybreak, the women found the tomb empty and Jesus risen from the dead. Jesus' death and Resurrection opened for us the doors of salvation. Sharing in Jesus' death in Baptism, we hope to share in his Resurrection. We become a new creation in Christ. It is that new creation which we celebrate on Sunday:

This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad. (Ps 118:24)

Each Sunday is a "little Easter"—a celebration of the central mysteries of our faith.

THE SUNDAY EUCHARIST

The primary way in which we celebrate the Lord's Day is with our participation in the Sunday Eucharist. What better way to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord than by celebration of the memorial of his Passion, death, and Resurrection?

This celebration is not a solitary, private event. Instead, we come together as the People of God, the Church, to worship with one heart and one voice. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) teaches that "participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church" (CCC, no. 2182).

When members of our church community are absent from this gathering, they are missed. No member of the faithful should be absent from the Sunday Eucharist without a serious reason. The Liturgy should be the first thing on Sunday's schedule, not the last. We should arrive on time, prepared in mind and heart to fully participate in the Mass. Those who cannot attend because of illness or the need to care for infants or the sick deserve our prayers and special attention.

Often, people will suggest that going to Sunday Mass is not necessary. After all, they can pray at home just as well. This has clearly been an issue in the Church for more than a millennium. In the fourth century, St. John Chrysostom addressed this problem directly:

You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests. (CCC, no. 2179, quoting St. John Chrysostom, *De incomprehensibili* 3, 6: PG 48, 725)

Private prayer, though essential to the spiritual life, can never replace the celebration of the eucharistic Liturgy and the reception of Holy Communion.

In some communities, the lack of priests makes it impossible to celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday. In such instances, the bishop may make provision for these parish communities to gather and celebrate the Liturgy of the Word or the Liturgy of the Hours. These Sunday celebrations in the absence of a priest may or may not include the reception of Holy Communion. Still, these celebrations allow the People of God to gather and keep holy the Lord's Day.

KEEPING SUNDAY—ALL DAY

Celebrating the Sunday Eucharist—though central and essential—does not complete our observance of Sunday. In addition to attending Mass each Sunday, we should also refrain "from those activities which impede the worship of God and disturb the joy proper to the day of the Lord or the necessary relaxation of mind and body" (*Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 453).

Sunday has traditionally been a day of rest. However, the concept of a day of rest may seem odd in a world that runs 24/7, where we are tethered to our jobs by a variety of electronic gadgets, where businesses run as normal no matter what the day of the week, and where silence seems to be an endangered species. By taking a day each week to rest in the Lord, we provide a living example to the culture that all time belongs to God and that people are more important than things.

As Pope John Paul II said in *Dies Domini* (*The Day of the Lord*), his apostolic letter on Sunday:

Through Sunday rest, daily concerns and tasks can find their proper perspective: the material things about which we worry give way to spiritual values; in a moment of encounter and less pressured exchange, we see the true face of the people with whom we live. Even the beauties of nature—too often marred by the desire to exploit, which turns against man himself—can be rediscovered and enjoyed to the full. (*Dies Domini*, no. 67)

Not everyone has the freedom to take Sundays away from work. Some people, including medical professionals and public safety workers, must work on Sundays to keep the rest of us safe and healthy. Others must work for economic reasons beyond their control.

Resting on Sunday does not mean that we are inactive. Instead,

Sunday is traditionally consecrated by Christian piety to good works and humble service of the sick, the infirm, and the elderly. Christians will also sanctify Sunday by devoting time and care to their families and relatives, often difficult to do on other days of the week. Sunday is a time for reflection, silence, cultivation of the mind, and meditation which furthers the growth of the Christian interior life. (CCC, no. 2186)

To celebrate the Lord's Day more fully, consider trying the following:

- ✘ Don't use Sunday as your catch-all day for errands and household chores.
- ✘ Share a family dinner after Mass. Have the whole family join in the preparation and cleanup.
- ✘ Go for a walk or bike ride and give thanks to God for the beauty of nature.
- ✘ Spend time reading the Bible or a spiritual book.
- ✘ Pray the Rosary or the Liturgy of the Hours, alone or with others.
- ✘ Volunteer in a local food pantry.
- ✘ Visit parishioners and others who are homebound.
- ✘ Read Bible stories to your children.
- ✘ Turn off your gadgets and enjoy the silence.

As we take time each week to celebrate the Paschal Mystery in the Eucharist and to rest from the burdens of our daily lives, we remind ourselves that we are made in the image and likeness of God who “rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken” (Gn 2:2).

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