

Saint Ann's

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This Week at St. Ann's November 12-November 18

(Any unanticipated changes to this schedule will be announced through Flocknote.)

Monday, November 12

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, November 13

1:00 p.m. St. Martha's Circle
 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For Souls in Purgatory)
 7:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation Class

Wednesday, November 14

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice
 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Rev. Andrew Le Xuan)
 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry

Thursday, November 15

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For the Charles & Susan Wilhelm
 Family)
 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, November 16

No Mass Today - Priests' Workshop in Amarillo

Saturday, November 17

2:00 p.m. Brooke Buchanan/Jacob Rivas
 Wedding
 No Confessions Today - Fr. Busch at a School Event
 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For + the Faithful Departed)

Sunday, November 18

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 (In Thanksgiving)
 9:45 a.m. New Parishioner Reception
 9:55 a.m. Faith Formation Classes
 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For the People of God)
 12:30 p.m. RCIA

Upcoming Events

November 22 Thanksgiving

The Pastor's Corner

No doubt you have noticed the supplies from All Star Roofing in a fenced off section of our parking lot. We recently received an insurance settlement from a claim we filed more than three years ago for damage to the parish hall roof. Hopefully, work will soon begin on replacing that roof, bringing an end to the numerous leaks we experience in the parish hall whenever it rains. Thanks for your patience with the rerouting of traffic in our front parking lot while this work is being done.

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The bishops of our country will be meeting in Baltimore this week for their semi-annual gathering. They will primarily be focusing on matters pertaining to the clergy sexual abuse crisis, including the adoption of new standards of conduct for bishops, the establishment of a third-party reporting mechanism for those who have been abused by bishops, and new protocols for bishops who have been removed from ministry because of abuse allegations. All of these measures appear to be a good start, but it seems to me that they do not go far enough in addressing what I believe are the two important underlying issues among our bishops - the prevalence of an "old boys' network" with respect to the selection and appointment of bishops and a culture of clericalism that enables bishops to somehow think of themselves as privileged and superior to those whom they have been called to serve. Until our bishops tackle these two concerns head on and begin to make the structural and cultural changes necessary to address them, I am worried that any and all other steps taken will be merely cosmetic in nature. So what can we do? We can, of course, pray for our bishops as they assemble this week. But we can also urge them to "dig deep" into the root causes of their collective failure to lead as servants and - in the words of Pope Francis - "shepherds who smell like their sheep." Critical and honest introspection on the part of bishops, followed by concrete steps towards reform are desperately needed right now. While it is certainly true that priests, deacons, consecrated women and men, and lay ministers have also sometimes been guilty of the actions and attitudes that Jesus condemns in today's Gospel text (see Mark 12:38-40), it is the bishops who are called to set an example for the rest of us of how to serve well as pastors and ministers of the Gospel. May the Holy Spirit guide them this week and beyond to remedy well the urgent and serious issues that face our Church at this time.

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule for November 17-18

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Chris Hall
8:30 a.m. Jennifer Leheska
11:15 a.m. David Moore

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. Drew Huddleston, David Eck, Ben Zotter
8:30 a.m. Kilian Leheska, Russell & Olivia Trask
11:15 a.m. Hayden McClanahan, Tyler & Dylan Troyer

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

5:00 p.m. Mike & Carol Coulter
8:30 a.m. Kendall & Trish Karr, Angie Lawson,
Jonathan & Amanda Lawson,
Nancy Railsback
11:15 a.m. Glenn Backus, Ramon Pacheco, Joe Roder,
Anna Gutierrez, Jeanne Moeder,
Darlene Fetsch

Ushers

5:00 p.m. *Chris Canon, Kirkland Sperry
8:30 a.m. *Marcelo Ruiz, Boyd Fortin, Ron Railsback,
David Rohrbach
11:15 a.m. *Tony Kline, Andy Moeder, Martin Lopez,
Gary Vogel

* Usher to select gift bearers

Accompanists/Cantors

5:00 p.m. Mykel Byersmith, Burkleigh Hund
8:30 a.m. Mykel Byersmith, Mitchell Hernandez
11:15 a.m. Mykel Byersmith, Marcella Crabtree, Choir

Nursery Care

8:30 a.m. Kris McConnell
11:15 a.m. Cassi Hernandez, Adelina Ohmes

Communion Ministers to the Sick and Homebound:
Patricia & Lee Baca, Karon Kantor

Umbarger German Sausage Festival - Today (Sunday)
from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$12 for adults and \$6 for children (ages 6-10). Take out is available!

Around the Parish...

Thank You! - Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Fallback Festival a big success! Special thanks to Becky Lopez for once again chairing this year's event... and to all who served as committee chairs and co-chairs! Your hard work and dedication is much appreciated! Preliminary calculations indicate that our parish made a profit of a little more than \$15,000 for this year's event.

Youth Ministry - All students in grades 5-12 are invited to join us for our weekly youth gathering on Wednesday night. We will begin with Mass in the church at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Chicken Express dinner. After our meal, intermediate and junior high students will participate in a game night, while high school students break into their men's and women's discussion groups. See you there!

Welcome New Parishioners! - All new parishioners (anyone who has joined our parish community in 2018) will be honored at a New Parishioner Reception next Sunday (November 18). The reception will take place at 9:45 a.m. in the parish hall. If you are a new parishioner and will be present at the reception, please contact the parish office. All other parishioners are asked to join us in greeting and welcoming our new parishioners to St. Ann's!

Book of the Names of the Dead - Throughout the month of November, our parish's Book of the Names of the Dead will be placed near the baptismal font. Please feel free to inscribe the names of your friends and family members who have died this past year or whose names were not previously recorded in the book. All of the faithful departed will be remembered at one of our Masses each weekend during the month of November.

Stewardship of Treasure

November 3-4: \$9,932.06 (Weekly Goal: \$9,000)

Building Maintenance Fund: \$3,458.25

All Saints' Day: \$910.10

Month of November: \$10,842.16 (Budget: \$36,000)

Thank you for your generosity!



Young Catholics' Corner

While Jesus was visiting the Temple in Jerusalem, he watched as lots of rich people put large amounts of money into the treasury.

A poor woman whose husband had died put just two small coins into the treasury, worth just a few cents.

Jesus pointed her out to his followers and told them that she had given more than all of the others because the others gave from their extra money while the poor woman gave everything she had. Lord, help me to be generous and to give myself totally to you, just as your Son Jesus did!