

# Saint Ann's

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Bishop of Rome: His Holiness Pope Francis

Bishop of Amarillo: The Most Rev. Patrick J. Zurek, STL, DD

## Celebration of the Sunday Eucharist

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Sunday - 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

### Parish Office

#### Office Hours (Monday-Friday):

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m./1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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### Parish Leadership & Staff

#### Pastor:

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#### Deacons:

Beck Knox

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#### Parish Administrative Assistant:

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#### Parish Plant Maintenance:

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#### Pastoral Council:

Glenn Backus, Mike Coulter, Ron Kershen, Rhonda Melugin, James Miller, Bobby Ramirez, Kevin Rickwartz, Cindy Rohrbach, and Debbie Zermeno

#### Finance Council:

Roger Cross, Jeff Haggard, Therese Jones, Mike Leheska, Kathy Porter, and Nancy Shehan

#### Ladies of St. Ann's President:

Darlene Fetsch

#### Knights of Columbus Grand Knight

#### (St. Ann's Council #7840):

Wayne Davis

#### Little Lambs Pre-K Program Directors:

Karen Wyatt and Angela Gladman

#### Parents' Day Out Director:

Mary Bowling

#### Website and Digital Communications:

Mary Rausch

#### Liturgical Environment:

Melissa Clarke

### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents and godparents are required to attend the baptismal preparation class which is held on the second Tuesday of all odd-numbered months. After attending the class, parents should email the parish office with three preferred dates and Mass times.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Celebrated with students in the 8th grade (or older) every year during the Easter season. Students must regularly attend Sunday morning faith formation classes in the 7th and 8th grades and participate in the Confirmation preparation program.

### Sacrament of Penance

Every Saturday from 4:00-4:30 pm. or by appointment. Communal reconciliation with individual confessions during Lent.

### Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the parish office when you are in need of this sacrament. A priest-chaplain is available at all of the hospitals and hospices in Amarillo.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the parish office at least six months in advance for an initial meeting with the pastor. All couples are required by the Diocese of Amarillo to attend Engaged Encounter and Natural Family Planning. After they have fulfilled these requirements, a follow-up meeting with the pastor will be scheduled to finalize plans for the wedding.

### Quinceañeras

Those wishing to celebrate a quinceañera must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office at least six months in advance. Regular participation in Sunday Mass, faith formation classes, and youth ministry are required before the celebration.

### Parish Membership

Please register as a parishioner if you attend St. Ann's Church on a regular basis. Please contact the parish office to inform us of any changes in information (address, phone number, etc.).

**Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

**This Week at St. Ann's  
December 3-9**

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

**Monday, December 3**

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

**Tuesday, December 4**

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For +Lorine Schwertner)

**Wednesday, December 5**

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For Fathers)

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry

**Thursday, December 6**

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For +Alfred Buecker)

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

**Friday, December 7 - Holyday of Obligation**

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For +Jose Martinez)

**Saturday, December 8**

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For Special Intention)

**Sunday, December 9**

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For +Brady Jones)

9:55 a.m. Faith Formation Classes

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
(For the People of God)

12:30 p.m. RCIA



**Christmas at St. Ann's**

**4th Sunday of Advent (Sunday, December 23)**

3:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens Party

**Christmas Eve (Monday, December 24)**

5:00 p.m. Family Eucharist with Children's Homily  
Children's Choir  
Carols Begin at 4:30 p.m.

8:00 p.m. Solemn Eucharist  
Parish Choir  
Carols Begin at 7:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day (Tuesday, December 25)**

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Organ and Schola Cantorum  
Carols Begin at 9:45 a.m.

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule for December 8-9**

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Mark Reinart

8:30 a.m. David Moore

11:15 a.m. Gary Vogel

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. Bret Ramirez, Drew Huddleston, David Eck

8:30 a.m. Luke Rickwartz, River Johnson, Sophia Hall

11:15 a.m. Mark Porter, Justin Backus,  
Hayden McClanahan

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

5:00 p.m. Mike & Carol Coulter

8:30 a.m. Ron & Nancy Railsback, Joe Roder,  
Jonathan & Amanda Lawson  
Cheryl Rickwartz

11:15 a.m. Agnes Posadas, Glenn Backus, Debbie Vega,  
Geri Russell, LeAnne Vogel, Cortni Hudspeth

Ushers

5:00 p.m. \*Phillip Brandt, Chris Canon

8:30 a.m. \*Kevin Rickwartz, Roger Cross, Carl Coffelt,  
Boyd Fortin

11:15 a.m. \*Bill Stocker, Manuel Vega, Tony Kline,  
Robert Posadas

\* Usher to select gift bearers

Accompanists/Cantors

5:00 p.m. Mykel Byersmith, Jenna Rickwartz

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

*Communion Ministers to the Sick and Homebound:*

*Mike & Carol Coulter, Debbie Vega*

Please call the parish office as soon as possible  
if you are unable to serve as scheduled! Thank you!

**Angel Tree Project**

The St. Therese Circle will once again be sponsoring our parish's annual Angel Tree project to provide children in need with Christmas gifts. Angels will be available after Masses this weekend. Wrapped gifts should be brought to the church no later than Sunday, December 16. Please make sure all of your gifts are placed in two wrapped boxes with the angel attached. This ensures that all children will be able to open two boxes when they receive their gifts. Thank you for your generosity in helping to provide a merry Christmas to children from our community!



**Stewardship of Treasure**

**November 24-25:** \$7,288.86 (Weekly Budget: \$9,000)

**Month of November:** \$36,367.77 (Budget: \$36,000)

Thank you for your generosity!



All students in grades 5-12 are invited to join us each Wednesday evening for our youth ministry activities.

Wednesday, December 5

6:00 p.m. Mass  
 6:30 p.m. Baked Spaghetti (by Holy Family Circle)  
 7:00 p.m. Service Project: Gifts for the Homebound

Wednesday, December 12

6:00 p.m. Mass  
 6:30 p.m. Tamales and Rice  
 7:00 p.m. (5-8) Mother of the Americas  
 (9-12) Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, December 19

6:00 p.m. Mass  
 6:30 p.m. Santa Fe Soup  
 7:00 p.m. Movie - "The Muppet Christmas Carol"

Wednesday, December 26

No Youth Gathering Tonight - Christmas Break

Wednesday, January 2

6:00 p.m. Mass  
 6:30 p.m. Pot Roast  
 7:00 p.m. Christmas Party



**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
 of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Saturday, December 8  
 Holyday of Obligation**

Our Mass for this feast day and holyday of obligation will be celebrated on Friday evening (December 7) at 6:00 p.m. The obligation for this particular feast day still exists, even though the holyday is on a Saturday, because Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the patron saint of our country. Please make plans to attend the vigil Mass.

**Join the Choir for Christmas!**

If you would like to be part of the parish choir for the Christmas season, there is still time to join us for our rehearsals. The choir meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. There will also be additional rehearsals after the 11:15 Mass on Sundays. Come and add your voice to our efforts to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"




**Faith Formation**

There will be no faith formation classes (pre-K through adult) on the following Sundays: December 23, December 30, and January 6. Classes resume on Sunday, January 13.

**Advent Resources**

Please stop by the table in the narthex for a variety of Advent resources to use with your family as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas. An Advent calendar for children, a family activity and devotional booklet, and an Advent prayer book for children are available. The Advent issue of "The Word Among Us" is also available.

**WTAMU Horn Choir Concert**  
 Thursday, December 13  
 6:00 p.m.  
 Join us here at St. Ann's Church as the WT Horn Choir performs a concert of sacred music for the Advent/Christmas season!



**Young Catholics' Corner**



The season of Advent is a time of waiting for the arrival of Jesus... or, actually, waiting for his three arrivals. We spend the weeks of Advent getting ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. We also prepare for the return of Jesus at the end of history, when Jesus will come to rule forever as king of the universe. So what's the third arrival we are on the lookout for? It's the many ways in which Jesus shows up in our lives each day... in the people we meet, in the acts of love and kindness we experience, in the time we spend in prayer or reading the Bible, in the sacraments and at Mass, and in the beauty of God's creation. During Advent, we pray "Come, Lord Jesus!" And our Advent project is to watch and get ready for all of the ways Jesus will arrive in our lives!

Please save this December newsletter for future reference, since some of this information will not be repeated in the weekly editions of the bulletin.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS MONTH

Monday, December 3: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday, December 4: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday, December 5: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday, December 6: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday, December 7: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday, December 8: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
Sunday, December 9: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6  
Monday, December 10: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday, December 11: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14  
Wednesday, December 12: Zec 2:14-17/Jdt 13/Lk 1:26-38  
Thursday, December 13: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145/Mt 11:11-15  
Friday, December 14: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday, December 15: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Sunday, December 16: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18  
Monday, December 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17  
Tuesday, December 18: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72/Mt 1:18-25  
Wednesday, December 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25  
Thursday, December 20: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38

Friday, December 21: Sg 2:8-14/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45  
Saturday, December 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56  
Sunday, December 23: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
Monday, December 24: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79  
Tuesday, December 25: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Wednesday, December 26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31/Mt 10:17-22  
Thursday, December 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Friday, December 28: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18  
Saturday, December 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35  
Sunday, December 30: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/  
Lk 2:41-52  
Monday, December 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18  
Tuesday, January 1: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
Wednesday, January 2: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98/Jn 1:19-28  
Thursday, January 3: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98/Jn 1:29-34  
Friday, January 4: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98/Jn 1:35-42  
Saturday, January 5: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100/Jn 1:43-51  
Sunday, January 6: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### PRAYER CORNER

#### **December Prayer Intention of Pope Francis:**

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

#### **In Special Need of Prayer:**

Fr. Robert Busch, Karen Berry, Jack Brandt, Kathy Gilmore, Joe Godfrey, Juan Hernandez, Becca Hill, Lupe Mejia, Lindsey Persyn, Nancy Railsback, Lucille Sobinia, Darrel Sperang, Peggy Sperang, Bill Stocker, and Dennis Weeg.

Please call the parish office to add someone to our prayer list. The person's name will then appear on our prayer list for two consecutive months.

### **Saints Whose Lives We Celebrate This Month**

**December 3 - St. Francis Xavier, Priest**  
**December 4 - St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
**December 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop**  
**December 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
**December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
**December 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**  
**December 14 - St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**  
**December 26 - St. Stephen, The First Martyr**  
**December 27 - Apostle and Evangelist**  
**December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**