

Saint Ann's

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This Week at St. Ann's September 10 - September 16

Note: Any unanticipated changes to the daily Mass schedule will be communicated through Flocknote.

Monday, September 10

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 7:00 p.m. Holy Spirit Circle

Tuesday, September 11

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For First Responders)
 7:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation Class

Wednesday, September 12

2:00 p.m. St. Martha's Circle
 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice
 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Bernard Hartman)
 6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry

Thursday, September 13

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (In Thanksgiving)
 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
 St. Gianna's Circle

Friday, September 14 - Parish Day of Penance, Fasting, and Prayer

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For Rain)
 5:30 p.m. Holy Hour/Benediction

Saturday, September 15

10:00 a.m. St. Jude's Circle
 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Mildred Palmentera)

Sunday, September 16

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Carl Hartman)
 9:55 a.m. Faith Formation Classes
 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For the People of God)

The Pastor's Corner

Last month, the Church celebrated the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the diaconate as a permanent form of ordained ministry. For many centuries, the only deacons in the Church were "transitional deacons" - men who would eventually be ordained to the priesthood. But the Second Vatican Council reintroduced the diaconate as an order in its own right, not merely a "last step" before priestly ordination. Over the past 50 years, the Church has been blessed by the ministry of deacons. Yet this is an office that is still widely misunderstood by many Catholics. Deacons are ordained ministers, but they are not "mini-priests." While deacons have a proper liturgical role (proclaiming the Gospel, leading the Universal Prayer, assisting at the altar, distributing Communion, officiating at baptisms and weddings), this is not their primary ministry. First and foremost, deacons are called to be icons of the Church's mission of service to the poor and the marginalized. Traditionally, the Church has understood the origins of the diaconate to lie in the appointment of seven men who were called to serve the needs of Greek widows, who were being neglected in some early Christian communities (see the account in Acts 6). The heart of the deacon's ministry, then, is not only to be the presence of the Church at the margins of society, but, by their example, to lead the rest of the baptized faithful to serve those who are poor, hungry, homeless, sick, imprisoned, alienated, or ignored. That's why the deacon is the one who dismisses us at the end of the Mass... because the deacon leads us from the altar into the world to bring the presence of Christ to all those in need. Deacons remind us through their life and ministry that service to "the least" is an essential part of the Church's mission and of our lives as followers of Christ!



Congratulations to Tayvea Garcia, the daughter of Carolyn Cuellas, who is celebrating her Quinceañera this weekend. May God bless you as you commit yourself to continuing to lead a Christian life!

Stewardship of Treasure

September 1-2: \$10,384.87 (Weekly Goal: \$9,000)
Month of September: \$10,384.87 (Budget: \$45,000)
Building Maintenance Fund: \$3,208.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule for September 15-16

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Fred Wieck
8:30 a.m. Chelsea Hartman
11:15 a.m. Becky Lopez

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. Harper Miller, Connor & Kason Sperry
8:30 a.m. Derrick Martin, James & Mia Saldivar
11:15 a.m. Hayden McClanahan, Tyler & Dylan Troyer

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

5:00 p.m. Jennifer Sperry, Cortni Hudspeth
8:30 a.m. John Block, Robin Crawford, Joe Roder,
Phillip Birkenfeld, Cliff & Angie Lawson
11:15 a.m. LeAnne Vogel, Ramon Pacheco, Tori Klose,
Anna Gutierrez, Juanita Ruiz,
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, Serena Hernandez
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, Allison Fetsch

Communion Ministers to the Sick and Homebound:
Ron & Nancy Railsback, Kevin Rickwartz



Congratulations to Zander Teagan High, the son of Travis and Andrea High, who is being baptized this weekend. May he grow in wisdom and grace!

Around the Parish...

Youth Ministry - All students in grades 5-12 are invited to join us this Wednesday evening for Mass at 6:00 p.m. in the church, followed by a breakfast casserole meal in the parish hall. After we eat, intermediate and junior high students will explore our baptismal call to be the Church, while high school students discuss recent news reports about the Church. See you there!

Days of Penance, Fasting, and Prayer - As requested by Bishop Zurek in his letter to all Catholics of the Diocese of Amarillo, please consider observing all Fridays between this Friday (September 14) and the last Friday of November (November 30) as days of abstinence, fasting, penance, and prayer. You may choose whatever form of these disciplines is best for you. Abstinence might take the form of not eating meat or some other food that you usually enjoy, while fasting might mean not eating any snacks or eating less food than usual. Examples of penitential acts include acts of charity or practicing the corporal and/or spiritual works of mercy. Some prayer forms that can be used are the rosary, spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, or reading and reflecting on passages from the Bible.

As a parish family, we will begin this period of penance, fasting, and prayer with a Holy Hour this Friday (September 14) from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the church. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during this time and the Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us as we seek forgiveness for the sins of the Church and pray for healing for all victims of abuse.

Baptism Preparation Class - If you are planning to have a child baptized in the next few months, or if you have been invited to serve as a godparent, please consider attending the Baptism preparation class this Tuesday evening (September 11) at 7:00 p.m. in meeting room C.

Come and See Evening - Anyone interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about our Catholic faith is invited to join us on Thursday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m. in meeting room C for an informal "Come and See" evening.



Young Catholics' Corner

One day, Jesus met a man who couldn't hear or speak well. Jesus touched the man's ears and tongue and said, "Be opened," and right away the man was able to hear and speak again.

When someone is baptized, the priest or deacon touches the ears and the mouth of the person and prays, "May the Lord soon open your ears to receive God's Word and your mouth to proclaim God's praise."

That says something very important about how we are to use the senses God gave us! Our eyes, ears, mouth, and hands should be used to help God make this world a more loving, kind, and beautiful place! We can pray, "Lord, open my ears, my eyes, and my mouth and bless my hands so that they become tools of your goodness!"