

# Saint Ann's

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## This Week at St. Ann's October 1 - October 7

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

### Monday, October 1

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

### Tuesday, October 2

6:30 p.m. Red Mass (at St. Mary's Cathedral)

### Wednesday, October 3

5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice

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

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry

### Thursday, October 4

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For +Antonia Acosta)

6:00 p.m. Blessing of Pets and Animals

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### Friday, October 5

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For Souls in Purgatory)

### Saturday, October 6

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30 p.m. Rosary in Chapel

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For All Living & Deceased  
 Catholic Life Members)

### Sunday, October 7

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
 (For +Jane Horne)

No Faith Formation Classes - Columbus Day Weekend

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

### Upcoming Events

October 8 Columbus Day  
 (Parish Office Closed)  
 October 30 Parish Council Meeting  
 October 31 Halloween Carnival

## The Pastor's Corner

For those of you who did not receive the Flocknote message earlier this week or read my post on Facebook, I received some disappointing news at MD Anderson this past week. It appears that the clinical trial treatments I have been receiving there are not having the desired effect on the nodules in my lungs, so I will be meeting with my oncologists here in Amarillo this week to plan the next course of treatment, in consultation with my doctors in Houston. In all likelihood, they will recommend switching to an immunotherapy drug that has a more proven track record, rather than the experimental one I was receiving at MD Anderson. One of my doctors in Houston assured me that while this news was disappointing, it was definitely not cause for despair! So I am intent on maintaining a positive and hopeful attitude... and I hope you will do the same! I will keep you updated. In the meantime, I will be taking some long-planned time off in mid-October for some rest, reflection, and time with friends.

I know that throughout the past couple of years I have been surrounded by your prayers (and the prayers of so many of my former parishioners, students, and friends!)... and I greatly appreciate that. But I suppose that in the wake of disappointing news, some people might begin to wonder whether or not these prayers are effective. I believe intercessory prayer does at least three things. It gives God - who respects our human freedom and the freedom built into creation itself - space to act. It deepens the bond of communion between ourselves and those for whom we pray. And it attunes us to God's ongoing creative activity in the world, such that we, who have been made partners with God, can cooperate more fully in that work. So intercessory prayer definitely has great value and is never a waste of time or energy, even if we don't immediately see the desired results of that for which we have been praying! Prayer - both our own prayers and the prayers of others on our behalf - changes and transforms us. So please keep praying, because we all need to be changed... conformed more closely each day to the heart and mind of our loving and merciful God!

## Stewardship of Treasure

September 22-23: \$8,429.21 (Weekly Goal: \$9,000)  
 Month of September: \$35,016.33 (Budget: \$45,000)

Thank you for your generosity!

## Liturgical Ministers' Schedule for October 6-7

### Lectors

5:00 p.m. Ramona Giromini  
8:30 a.m. Cindy Cross  
11:15 a.m. David Moore

### Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. Harper Miller, Ben & Meredith Zotter  
8:30 a.m. Bayler Schilling, Russell & Olivia Trask  
11:15 a.m. Justin Backus, Tyler & Dylan Troyer

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

5:00 p.m. Jinjer Mitchell, Mary Bowling  
8:30 a.m. Kendall & Trish Karr, Angie & Cliff Lawson,  
Pam & Joe Shehan  
11:15 a.m. Cortni Hudspeth, Jeanne & Andy Moeder,  
Darlene Fetsch, Debbie Vega,  
Cindy Rohrbach

### Ushers

5:00 p.m. \*Phillip Brandt, Chris Canon  
8:30 a.m. \*Ron Railsback, Mike Trask,  
Kevin Rickwartz, Roger Cross  
11:15 a.m. \*Martin Lopez, Gary Vogel, Robert Posadas,  
Bill Bowen

*\* Usher to select gift bearers*

### Accompanists/Cantors

5:00 p.m. Marcella Crabtree & Diana Moore,  
Serena Hernandez  
8:30 a.m. Mykel Byersmith, Adam Zielinski  
11:15 a.m. Mykel Byersmith, Choir

### Nursery Care

8:30 a.m. Allison Fetsch  
11:15 a.m. Cassi Hernandez, Adelina Ohmes

*Communion Ministers to the Sick and Homebound:  
Mike & Carol Coulter, Debbie Vega*

## Around the Diocese...

**Red Mass** - This Tuesday (October 2) at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Red Mass is the annual Mass invoking the Holy Spirit's guidance for all members of the legal and judicial professions. A reception will follow the Mass.

## Around the Parish...

**Special Collection** - We will have a special collection this weekend to provide assistance for the people of North and South Carolina in the wake of Hurricane Florence, as well as for assistance needed for any storms that might hit later this season. This is a national collection with all funds going to Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your generosity!

**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 baked potato bar meal provided by St. Gianna's Circle. After we eat, intermediate and junior high students will discuss St. Therese of Lisieux's Little Way, while high school students will have a discussion on being created in God's image. See you there!

**Fallback Dinner and Dance** - Tickets to our annual Fallback dinner and dance will go on sale next weekend. The cost is \$75 per couple. We are still looking for some committee co-chairs. If you are interested in helping with this event, please call the parish office ASAP.

**Come and See Evening** - Anyone interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about our Catholic faith is invited to join us this Thursday evening (October 4) at 7:00 p.m. in meeting room C for an informal "Come and See" evening. Light refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to ask questions about the process of becoming Catholic.

**Blessing of Pets** - A special blessing of pets and other animals will take place in the parking lot (in front of the parish hall) on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, this Thursday (October 4) at 6:00 p.m. Please make plans to join us for this annual blessing!

**Czech Sausage Dinner** - We need a new chair and a new raffle chair for our annual Czech Sausage Dinner in March! Please consider serving in one of these two positions. The sausage dinner cannot happen without the help of lots of volunteers to organize the event! Please call the parish office ASAP if you are willing to help!



## Young Catholics' Corner

When the followers of Jesus heard  
that some other people who weren't part of their group  
were doing some of the same good things  
that they were doing,  
they wanted to try to stop them.  
But Jesus told them that in the Kingdom of God,  
there is no such thing as "us" and "them;"  
we are all part of God's one big family.  
Ask God to help you to love and accept everybody,  
even those who are not exactly like you!