

Saint Ann's

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This Week at St. Ann's May 13 - May 19

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

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Nancy Shehan)

Wednesday, May 15

12:15 p.m. Sacrament of Penance

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Dolores Thomas)

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry

Thursday, May 16

Friday, May 17

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Linda Normandin)

Saturday, May 18

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For All Living & Deceased
 Members of Catholic Life)

Sunday, May 19

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 (For +Joe Rickwartz)

10:20 a.m. Last Day of Faith Formation

11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Baccalaureate
 (For the People of God)

12:45 p.m. Last Day of RCIA

Upcoming Events

May 21 Ladies' Quilting Ministry
 Baptism Preparation Class
 May 26 Confirmation
 May 28 Ladies' Board Meeting

The Pastor's Corner

The 4th Sunday of Easter (which we celebrate this weekend) is often referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday." That's because no matter which lectionary cycle we are in, the Gospel passage is always taken from the 10th chapter of John's



Gospel, which contains the Good Shepherd discourse. Jesus identifies himself as "the Good Shepherd" and in doing so he provides us with a model for servant leadership within the Church, the community of his disciples. Jesus certainly sets a high standard for such leadership when he says that "a good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." Of course, immediately we associate that quality of a good shepherd with Jesus' own willingness to die for the sake of our salvation. But there are also other ways that one can meet this rather lofty standard. To lay down one's life also includes one's total commitment to serving and caring for the flock, no matter the personal cost. This commitment is expressed in the Rite of Ordination and, in many religious communities, in the ritual of the profession of solemn vows, when those being ordained or making their final commitment to a religious community lie prostrate on the floor while the gathered assembly prays for them. By literally "laying down" on the floor, the candidates participate in a dramatic and beautiful gesture that symbolizes their willingness to give themselves completely to the service of God and God's people. I suspect that few, if any, ever perfectly live up to this call, but I can attest that the memory of that moment lingers long and powerfully in one's mind and heart, so that it continually calls us back to a life of self-giving love when we become far too self-absorbed. In the Sacrament of Baptism, as St. Paul reminds us several times in his letters, all of us die to self and rise to a new life in Christ. And Jesus shows us what this new life looks like. It's not a life of self-indulgence, but a life of continually caring for, guarding, guiding, protecting, serving, and loving the sheep - all of the sheep - who form God's flock. So it's not just ordained ministers and members of religious communities who are called to become "good shepherds," but all of us who have been baptized! Laying down our lives for others is the challenge all of us are invited to strive to live into as we seek to follow the example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd!

Stewardship of Treasure

May 4-5: \$11,628.82 (Weekly Goal: \$9,000)

Month of May: \$11,628.82 (Budget: \$36,000)

Building Maintenance Fund: \$2,897.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule for May 18-19

Lectors

6:00 p.m. Mark Reinart
9:00 a.m. Jennifer Leheska
11:30 a.m. Michael Harrett

Altar Servers

6:00 p.m. Connor, Camden, Kason Sperry
9:00 a.m. Derrick & Anna Martin, Kirsten Simons
11:30 a.m. Karstyn Salazar, Justin Backus, David Eck

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6:00 p.m. *Mark & *Chris Hall
9:00 a.m. *Roger & *Cindy Cross, Phillip Birkenfeld,
Trish Karr, Jonathan & Amanda Lawson
11:30 a.m. *Agnes Posadas, *Glenn Backus,
Juanita Ruiz, Jeanne & Andy Moeder,
Debbie Vega

**Communion Ministers to Clean Vessels After Mass*

Ushers

6:00 p.m. *Bruce Hartman, Ken Fischbacher
9:00 a.m. *Mike Smith, Wayne Davis, Kendall Karr,
Brett Rose
11:30 a.m. *Manuel Vega, Bill Stocker
**Usher to Select Gift Bearers*

Accompanists/Cantors

6:00 p.m. Mykel Byersmith, Burkleigh Hund
9:00 a.m. Mykel Byersmith, Adam Zielinski
11:30 a.m. Mykel Byersmith, Marcella Crabtree, Choir

Nursery Care

9:00 a.m. Kris McConnell
11:30 a.m. Cassi Hernandez, Adelina Ohmes

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



Around the Parish...

Youth Ministry - Students in grades 5-12 will gather for Mass this Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m., followed by a taco bar supper. After our meal, junior high students will discuss praying with Mary, while high school students will meet in their men's and women's discussion groups.

Baccalaureate Mass - Next Sunday (May 19) at 11:30 a.m. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Book scholarship winners will be announced at that time and the parish's gift to seniors also will be presented. Seniors who plan to participate should call the parish office (655-3302) by no later than this Wednesday (May 15).

Confirmation Retreat - This Saturday (May 18) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Baptism Preparation Class - Next Tuesday (May 21) at 7:00 p.m. in meeting room C. This session is for those who are planning to have a son or daughter baptized in the next few months and those who have been invited to serve as a godparent.

Ordination and Mass of Thanksgiving - Taylor Elzner, our parish's former youth director, will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 1, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Amarillo. The ordination Mass will begin at 10:30 a.m. The following weekend, Fr. Taylor Elzner will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Ann's on Sunday, June 9, at 11:30 a.m. A reception will follow the Mass. Please join us for either or both of these celebrations as we give thanks for Taylor's new ministry in the Diocese of Amarillo!

Totus Tuus - We will once again be offering Totus Tuus, a week-long summer catechetical program for students entering grades 1-12. This year's program will be June 23-28. Students in grades 1-5 will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday, while students in grades 6-12 will meet Sunday through Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:15 p.m. Registration information is available on the glass table in the narthex. This year's program will focus on the sacraments and the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary.

Young Catholics' Corner

The passage from John's Gospel that is proclaimed this weekend is very short, but also very powerful.

Jesus says that he is a shepherd who cares for his sheep... and not just some of his sheep, but all of his sheep.

He says that "no one can take them out of my hand."

What great news it is to hear that Jesus will never let go of us, no matter what challenges we may face in our lives or what choices we might make.

Jesus promises to care for us and lead us to eternal life no matter what!

Thank you, Jesus, for being such a good and faithful shepherd. And thank you for allowing me to be a part of your flock.

