

Saint Ann's

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This Week at St. Ann's May 20 - May 26

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

Monday, May 20

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

Tuesday, May 21

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Ladies' Quilting Ministry

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

7:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation Class

Wednesday, May 22

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

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry

Thursday, May 23

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, May 24

12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For +John Rickwartz)

Saturday, May 25

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(For +Armella Wieck)

Sunday, May 26

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(For +Delpha Gard)

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

Upcoming Events

May 28 Ladies' Board Meeting
June 1 Ordination to the Priesthood
(at St. Mary's Cathedral)
June 9 Mass of Thanksgiving
(with Fr. Taylor Elzner)
June 23-28 Totus Tuus

The Pastor's Corner

I've read a number of articles and essays recently that have considered how well (or not so well) we Catholics are doing at forming the spiritual lives of our children and adolescents. Some of the authors have been pretty critical of the faith formation programs in our parishes. They cite a lack of substance in what and how we teach, as well as the inadequate training and theological backgrounds of volunteer catechists. Unfortunately, I haven't run across any easy remedies to either of these problems. But the fact of the matter is that just one 50-minute class, once a week for only 26-28 weeks, is not going to provide all of the formation necessary for our children to internalize well our Catholic Christian faith. If we want them to become intentional disciples of Christ (and I certainly hope that is our goal!), then they will need to imbibe the Gospel message and our Catholic tradition much more frequently, regularly, and consistently than conventional "Sunday School" classes allow them to do. Which means that the primary locus for catechetical, spiritual, and liturgical formation of our children must be the home. Unless what they learn on Sunday mornings is reinforced by the conversations, practices, and way of life experienced day-in and day-out in the home, none of it will "stick," at least not the way we hope it will. So family times for prayer, Bible reading, discussion, and instilling the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity are essential as we seek to help our children grow into and embrace their baptismal identity and calling. As the summer draws near, perhaps we can make it a point to incorporate these experiences into our daily family routine so that "church" won't be just a weekly activity, but something we live each day!

Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

May God bless you
as you begin the next chapter
of your lives!



Kyra Birkenfeld
Mason Crabtree
Andrea Lucero
Valeria Pacheco
Triston Peña
Omar Ruiz

Quinn Chado
Daniel Eck
Nicholas Miller
Ryan Patterson
Mary Potestas
Caden Zotter

Stewardship of Treasure

May 11-12: \$7,656.35 (Weekly Goal: \$9,000)

Month of May: \$19,265.17 (Budget: \$36,000)

Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule for May 25-26

Lectors

6:00 p.m. Darlene Fetsch
9:00 a.m. Cindy Cross
11:30 a.m. Glenn Backus

Altar Servers

6:00 p.m. Ben & Meredith Zotter, River Johnson
9:00 a.m. Olivia Trask, James & Mia Saldivar
11:30 a.m. Mark Porter, Zach Knox, Drew Huddleston

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

6:00 p.m. *Mary Bowling, *Bruce Clarke
9:00 a.m. *Tammy Ramaekers, *Angie & Cliff Lawson,
Pam & Joe Shehan, Jennifer Leheska
11:30 a.m. *Anna Gutierrez, *Geri Russell, Joe Roder,
Ramon Pacheco, Tori Klose,
Michael Harrett

**Communion Ministers to Clean Vessels After Mass*

Ushers

6:00 p.m. *Keith Dietz, Tommy Martin
9:00 a.m. *Boyd Fortin, Ron Railsback, Mike Trask,
Larry Ramaekers
11:30 a.m. *Robert Posadas, Martin Lopez

**Usher to Select Gift Bearers*

Accompanists/Cantors

6:00 p.m. Garet Rocha, Serena Hernandez
9:00 a.m. Garet Rocha, Adam Zielinski
11:30 a.m. Garet Rocha, Choir

Nursery Care

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

*Communion Ministers to the Sick and Homebound:
Terry & Rhonda Melugin, Donna Almond*

Around the Parish...

Faith Formation - Today (Sunday, May 19) is the last day of faith formation classes for the 2018-19 school year. Thank you to all of our catechists for your commitment to the religious education of the young people of our parish family! We appreciate the time and energy you invest in this critical ministry!

Youth Ministry - Students in grades 5-12 will gather for Mass this Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m., followed by our meal featuring Chicken BLT Salad, provided by the members of St. Therese Circle. After supper, students will discuss the meaning of the Ascension of Jesus in grade-level groups.

Baptism Preparation Class - This 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.

United Catholic Appeal Update - Thanks to everyone who pledged last weekend in this year's diocesan United Catholic Appeal. So far we have received 113 pledges for a total of a little more than \$48,000. We are just \$9,000 short of our parish's goal, so if you have not yet completed a pledge card, please take one from the table in the narthex or the parish office, complete it, and return it to the parish office ASAP. (Please do NOT mail it to the diocese!) Thank you for your continued generosity!

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!

Totus Tuus - Registration forms for this week-long summer catechetical program for students entering grades 1-12 are on the table in the narthex or in the parish office. 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. This year's program will focus on the sacraments and the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary. The registration deadline is Wednesday, June 12.

Music Ministry - Mykel Byersmith, our parish's music director for the past three years, has accepted a full-time teaching position at Ascension Academy in Amarillo. We want to thank Mykel for sharing his many gifts and talents with our parish community over the past several years. While his last Sunday with us as a full-time musician will be June 9, he will continue to assist us as a part-time organist and pianist throughout the summer months and possibly into next year. Please take an opportunity to thank Mykel for all of the good work he has done with our music program!

Young Catholics' Corner



How can you tell if someone
is trying to live
as a follower of Jesus?
Well, Jesus says it's pretty simple.
"This is how all will know
that you are my followers,
if you have love for one another."

That's it. Just love one another.

That's the key to living a Jesus-centered life.
But it's not always easy to love one another is it?
Which is why God sends us the Holy Spirit...
to help us love and serve others
even when we would rather not.

Thank you, Lord, for showing us how to love
and for the gift of your Spirit,
who helps us to love everyone, just as you do!