

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday August 29, 2017

1. Invocation: Msgr Gully
2. Mission Statement: Council
3. Bobby Porras motioned to accept minutes as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Merlinda Morón. Passed unanimous.
4. **Present:** Msgr Gully, Richard Light, Dcn Johnny Arguello, Tim Green, Bobby Porras, Merlinda Morón, Mary Jo Guerra, Lupe Ortiz, Pedro Sorola Jr.  
**Absent:** Edward Aguero, Juan Zavala, Jose Enrique Gonzalez
5. New Carpet Collection- The amount still needed \$7,627.00 to reach goal of \$72,000.00.
6. Msgr Gully reported that there is no new development on the Baptismal Font. Bob Zentner is looking at designs. More information will be reported as it becomes available.
7. formed.org is available to the church community. Videos on the website are good educational resources for all. Access code for website in church bulletin. This is a new way to catechize and reach out to our church community.
8. Richard reported that the first 5-week session offered by *Dayton University for Online Continuing Formation* has been completed. 5 from our Parish completed the course. The next 5-week session currently has 15 from our Parish enrolled. Hoping to add more for the 3<sup>rd</sup> session which will be in October.
9. St. Joseph renovation progressing slowly. Fence is up and circle drive being completed. Target date for completion end of September.
10. CCE Registration for grades K - 12<sup>th</sup> grades will be Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 6pm. 1<sup>st</sup> day of class for K - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Sept. 17 from 9:50 to 10:50am. Jr. High and High School begin Wednesday Sept. 20, 2017 6:30 snacks served; classes begin at 7pm - 8pm. Adult Catechesis for parents will be offered on days of CCE.
11. Richard reported there are 43 Catechists signed up and ready to serve our new CCE year. This includes Catechists for ACI and CCI Program.
12. Catechetical Sunday will be Sunday September 17, 2017 at the 11:00am Mass. Msgr Gully will be blessing the Catechists.
13. Next Meeting: Sept 19, 2017
14. Benediction: Deacon Johnny Arguello

**CATECHIST CORNER**

Summer is almost over! Time to start thinking about starting the new school year! Along with school it's also time to start thinking about CCE classes.

**Important dates to add to everyone's calendar:**

**Catechist In service** – Sunday, September 10, 2017 –6:00 PM

**CCE Registration**–Wednesday, September 13, 2017–6:00 PM

**Catechetical Sunday**–Sunday, September 17, 2017 – 11:00 AM Mass - Blessing for All Catechists.

**1<sup>st</sup> day of CCE for Pre-k thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**–Sunday, September 17, 2017-9:45 AM to 10:45 AM

**1<sup>st</sup> day of CCE for Jr Hi/High school** - Wednesday, September 20, 2017-, Snack at 6:30 PM; Class from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**Other dates to mark on calendars:**

**Confirmation** – Tuesday, October 24, 2017 –6:30 PM

**Reconciliation for the First Time Retreat** – Saturday, April 7, 2018 –9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Reconciliation for the First Time** – Thursday, April 12 or 19, 2018 –7:00 PM

**Communion for the First Time Retreat** – Saturday, April 21, 2018 –9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Communion for the First Time** - Weekend of April 28-29, 2018

**Communion for the First Time**–Weekend of May 5-6, 2018

**Please keep these dates in mind, especially when making plans for traveling or other events.**

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**


**WANTED:** Volunteer to video Sunday Masses, so that we can evaluate to improve our various liturgical ministries. Call office for more information.

Also, we need a volunteer to adjust and update our bell system, to ring Angelus bells and Mass times. Call the office for more information.

Call 432-714-4930, if you are interested in either one of these ministries.

**Pro-life Hotline... 1-800-395-HELP**



**September 10** "When people are tempted to see their own lives as diminished in value or meaning, they most need the love and assistance of others to assure them of their inherent worth."

For the times we suffer in anguish: May God comfort us with the knowledge that our life always has purpose and is always worth living; We pray to the Lord:

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Fridays starting after the 7:00 AM Mass till Noon in the side Chapel.

**Pro-Life Rosary** from 12 to 12:15 PM

**Benediction** - after the rosary.

**PRAYER MEETING – ENGLISH**

All are welcome on Wednesdays at 7 PM in East Room to join us for praise, teaching, and prayer for healing.

**MARRIAGE**

Please call the office, 714-4930, at least six months prior to planning wedding.

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

Ladies Bible Study meets on **Monday at 12:00 PM** in the East Room. Please join for great studies and fellowship.

**Catholic Inquiry Class**

Do you know someone who is always asking you Why Do Catholics Genuflect, Worship Idols, And Mary?? Have a friend or loved one who is thinking about joining the Catholic Church, or are you a baptized Catholic adult in need of Reconciliation (Confession), First Communion, and Confirmation? New comers welcome.

**Class will be Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the East Room.**

**SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH  
UPTON SEWELL**



Upton is 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Philosophy at Conception Seminary. His birthday is June 26, 1996 and is from Midland, TX. Upton likes all kinds of food. Upton likes working out, but he is not a morning person.

**Please Pray for Our Seminarians!**

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd,  
May young people in our parish  
Hear your call and follow your voice  
As they discern their vocations.  
Lead your people to heaven  
Through the ministry of holy priests  
And consecrated men and women.  
Jesus, we trust in you! Amen.

**Formed.org**

Have you logged on to the see all the available videos, books and studies that can be done on this site? Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org), register under the parish, enter the Parish Code **NJK8TT** and enjoy! This is a free subscription. If you experience any problems please call the office and we can assist.

**SICK VISITATION**

If Catholics cannot come to church, then the church comes to them (priest/communion). Please call the office, 714-4930, to give us the names of the people who would like to receive Holy Communion or have a visit from the priest.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTIZING:**

To baptize infants we require Parents to provide the child's court-issued Birth Certificate. Parents must be registered in the Church. Godparents must provide a copy of their Baptismal, First Communion, and Confirmation Certificates. Married Godparents will also need to provide their certificate of marriage in the Catholic Church. For more information, please call the Parish Office, 714-4930.

Bautismo de niños/as. Los papás necesitan presentar el certificado de nacimiento de la corte del niño(a). Los padres necesitan estar registrados en la iglesia. Los padrinos necesitan presentar sus certificados de Bautismo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación. Los padrinos casados necesitan de presentar su certificado de matrimonio en la iglesia católica. Para más información por favor llame a la oficina parroquial, 714-4930.

**HALL RENTAL**

The new policy on the hall rental was approved on January 26, 2015 by the parish council and Msgr. Gully.

**Classroom Rental:**

Deposit \$50- Rental \$50- Insurance \$120

**School Hall Rental:**

Deposit \$50- Rental \$150- Insurance \$120

**OLG Family Center Rental:**

Deposit \$50- Rental \$300- Insurance \$120

The **deposit of \$50 is required** at the time of reservation.

The **insurance fee** must be sent to San Angelo Diocese **30 days before the event.**

**SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE  
09/03/17**

Mass	Attendance	Communion
5:00 PM	214	126
8:30 AM	160	97
11:00 AM	345	155
<b>Total</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>378</b>

**St. Vincent de Paul  
270-5029**

**MSGR GULLY'S SCHEDULE**

**Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017** – Deanery Meeting, Family Center

**Thursday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** – Priests Fraternity, Abilene

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 and Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017** – College University Campus Ministry for all colleges in our diocese.

**Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017 and Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017** – St. Vincent de Paul

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

The San Angelo Diocese will be hosting a Catholic Women's Conference on Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30, 2017 at the McNease Convention Center, 500 Rio Concho Drive, San Angelo.

The theme is "OUTRAGEOUS LOVE, MARTHA & MARY – THE TWO WITHIN EACH OF US"

The intent is to arm women with the spiritual tools to live in this world as Christ taught us. Event speakers will be talking about balancing our daily lives between God, family, and work and the challenges that women face in our marriages and relationships today.

Speakers include Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, Sarah Swafford and Teresa Tomeo.

Admission is \$50 when you register early (through September 1) and \$60 after September 1. Included is a boxed lunch on Saturday.

Special lodging rates available at: Clarion Hotel (325) 658-2828, and Pearl on the Concho Historical Hotel (325) 653-4500. When making reservations mention the "Catholic Women's Conference"

Faithfully United as the Trinity  
*Unidos Fielmente como la Trinidad*



**Sunday Collection  
09/03/2017**

Envelope	<b>\$4,784.00</b>
Loose	<b>\$3,002.75</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,786.75</b>
Hurricane Harvey	<b>\$951.87</b>
Mission	<b>\$721.88</b>
College of America	<b>\$878.00</b>

**NEW CARPET PROJECT**

*As of July 31, 2017*  
**\$64,373.00**

**Goal: \$72,000**  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

*"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."* Luke 12:15

Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

**BIG SPRING REALTY**



**SCHEDULE OF ENGLISH ULTREYAS**

All are invited to come and enjoy the fellowship.

**Tuesday, September 19, 2017** at 7:00 PM in St. Francis Room.

**Tuesday, October 3, 2017** at 7:00 PM in St. Francis Room.

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017** at 7:00 PM in St. Francis Room

**SPANISH ULTREYA**

Todos los lunes, 7:00 PM en el salón de St. Frances.

Todos están invitados a venir y disfrutar de la beca.

**PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED AND THE FAMILIES OF THE DECEASED:**

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of the late **Esequio 'Chickie' Paredez**, who died this past week. We commend their souls and the intentions of the family to our continuing prayers.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

Paul Jenkins, Chila Cerrato, Angela Torres, Donna Hernandez, Chuck Schultz, Fidencio Rodriguez, Ida Sanchez, Javier Hinojos, Raul Rubio, Michael Hernandez, Linda Hall, Amy Castillo. Call the office at 714-4930 to add the names in the bulletin. **Only the person needing or immediate family member may request to be added to the prayer list.**



“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.”

— Matthew 18:15

**Readings for the Week of  
September 10, 2017**

**Sunday Twenty-Third  
Sunday in Ordinary Time** Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

**Monday** Col 1:24—2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday The Most Holy  
Name of Mary** Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday Saint John  
Chrysostom, Bishop/Doctor of  
the Church** Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday The Exaltation of  
the Holy Cross** Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

**Friday Our Lady of  
Sorrows** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Saturday Saints Cornelius,  
Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop,  
Martyrs** 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday Twenty-Fourth  
Sunday in Ordinary Time** Sir 27:30—28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

[HT] September 10 – Sylvia S. Rocha



**SATURDAY, September 9, 2017**  
5:00 PM Mass – [HT] FOR THE PEOPLE; +Gary Flores by Luz Martinez; +Howard Stevens by Karen Stevens; +Christopher Arenivaz by Mom; Cruz Ramirez Miramontes by Kids; St. Jude-Thanksgiving by Cecilia Trevino; +Eloy Arguello by Jones Family; +Viola Rubio Lopez by Chris & Velia Lopez; +Frances & +Rudy Rodriguez, Flores Dec'd Family Members by Jose & Mary Martinez; Isabel Escovedo-Health by Rita Franco

**SUNDAY, September 10, 2017**

- 8:30 AM Mass – [HT] +Esther & +Lydia Hernandez by Mary Vera
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] +Aida D. Sanchez & +Gilbert Duron by Diane Ewing; +Larry Duron by Diane Ewing; +Juanita Ortiz & +Petra & +Ricardo Chavez by Essie & Lupe Ortiz; +Phillip Mendoza by Yolanda Mendoza; Virgen de Guadalupe by Librada Lopez; +Johnny, +Lydia & +Paul Flores by Johnny & Mike Flores; +A. & +Reynaldo Hernandez Sr. by Elida Hinojos; Connie Navarro by Gus Ochotorena Jr.; +Sabas & +Frances Torres by Jr. & Dora Escañuela

**MONDAY, September 11, 2017**

- 7:00 AM Mass [HT] NO MASS
- 10:30 AM Mass [BSSCC] +Gertrudis, +Torivia, +Marcelino Ruiz by Victor & Alicia Torres

**TUESDAY, September 12, 2017**

- 12:15 PM Mass [HT] COMMUNION SERVICE

**WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2017**

- 7:00 PM Mass [HT] +Conception Anderson by Wanda Anderson

**THURSDAY, September 14, 2017**

- 7:00 AM Mass [HT] +Paulo Abundez B'day by Jimmy & Nellie Robles
- 10:00 AM [STATE] +Juan & +Rosa Munoz by Erlinda Rios

**FRIDAY, September 15, 2017**

- 7:00 AM Mass – [HT] COMMUNION SERVICE

**SATURDAY, September 16, 2017**  
5:00 PM Mass – [HT] +Juan Rodriguez by Rodriguez Family; Sister Priscilla Torres by Jr. & Dora Escañuela; +Joe & +Olivia Rocha by Cruz & Arthur Olague; +Cosme Ramirez Sr. by Ramirez & Flores Families; +Angie Arenivaz by Husband & Arenivaz Children; +David Ybarra by Jones Family; St. Jude-Thanksgiving by Cruz Salazar; +Robert 'Rob' Ramirez by M/M Ramon Franco; +Josie DeLeon by Rudy DeLeon & Family

**SUNDAY, September 17, 2017**

- 8:30 AM Mass – [HT] FOR THE PEOPLE; San Judas Tadeo Apostol by Jose Enrique Gonzalez
- 11:00 AM Mass – [HT] +Aida D. Sanchez & +Gilbert Duron by Diane Ewing; +Bobby Cordova by Diane Ewing; John Paul Foster B'day by Angie Foster; +Deacon Yanez & +Everett Blackburn Sr. by Essie & Lupe Ortiz; +Lori & +Eddie DeLeon Sr. by Concha DeLeon; +Robert Ramirez by Frances & Kevin Ramirez & Family; Nellie & +Raul Robles B'day by Jimmy Robles & Family; Connie Navarro by Gus Ochotorena Jr.; +Mary P. Villanueva by Florian Villanueva



**Sunday's Reflections**  
*Romans 13:8-10*

**LAYING DOWN THE LAW**

As institutions age, their laws multiply. As countries grow older, the laws of nation, state, and city grow ever more complex. It is hard to know them all. We hire lawyers to study laws for us.

The laws of the church are also complex. They are collected in the code of canon law, which is also hard to absorb. We need church lawyers to help us out. New laws are written all the time. Old ones are adjusted. The code grows slowly outdated as new legislation forms. Everyone wants to be a good citizen and a good Catholic, but it is hard sometimes to know what the law is.

In Jesus' day, the law was also complex. At times it appeared that laws conflicted, as when he healed on a Sabbath. Laws of charity conflicted with laws governing sacred time.

When they asked Jesus for the greatest law, he simplified the complex structure of laws and reduced them to two: Love God. Love your neighbor.

St. Paul told the Romans, “The one who loves another has fulfilled the law.” He made it very simple.

God is the ultimate judge over how we observe the laws of church and state. God made the rules as simple as possible. When the laws of our institutions seem complex, we can always please God by following the most basic law of all: love.

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