

**St. Mary's
&
Holy Name of Jesus
Catholic Churches**



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Mass Schedule			
		Umbarger	Happy
Mon, Jan 21	St. Agnes	No Mass	No Mass
Tue, Jan 22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	7 PM - Karen Berry	No Mass
Wed, Jan 23	St. Vincent	8 AM - Drew Freimel	No Mass
Thu, Jan 24	St. Francis De Sales	8 AM - Elfrieda Reinart	7 PM - Max & Devin
Fri, Jan 25	The Conversion of St. Paul	8 AM - Marilyn Dudenhoeffer	No Mass
Sat, Jan 26	Sts. Timothy and Titus		5:30 PM - Parish Family
Sun, Jan 27	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 AM - Parish Family	No Mass

ST. MARY'S

Date	Lector	Servers	Eucharistic Ministers	Usher
January 27, 2019	Melvin Wieck	Brynleigh Crockett Breccan Crockett Jillian Johnson	Jason Garrett Suzy Hicks Mike Wegman	Heath Henderson

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 1st Sunday at 10:30 AM
Anointing of the Sick: By Request
CYO 4th Sunday 6:00 pm. at the Hall
CCD: Sundays at 10:15-11:30

Parish Council: We will be seeking nominations on Sunday, January 20th during Mass. All 18 year old and over registered members of the parish community, who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are in good standing with the Church, shall be eligible for election to membership in the parish council.

Bible Study with the Bill and Frances Dorsey will resume March 10th.

Save the Date: Saturday, Jan. 26. It's the annual Respect Life Mass and Walk, beginning at 10:00am at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1200 South Washington, Amarillo. Make plans to be there and bring your family and friends. Additional information coming soon on the diocesan website, www.amarillodiocese.org ; St. Valentine Catholic Radio; The West Texas Catholic; and diocesan social media.

Annual Catholic Student Center Dinner/Auction Tickets are on sale now for the dinner and raffle! For tickets see Fr. Grant, call Betty at the Catholic Student Center at (806)655-4345, or purchase them online at www.wtsc.org under the Give tab.

The Catholic Student Center will be here on Sunday, January 27 to sell dinner and raffle tickets for their annual auction. Thank you for your support.

St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina invites you to their Annual Sausage Dinner, Sunday January 27th, serving from 11:30am to 2:00pm at St. Ann's Parish Hall 401 3rd Street, Bovina Texas. They will be serving a delicious buffet of sausage and Sauerkraut and all the trimmings. Donations will be \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children under 6. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge.

Second Collection Sunday, January 27th:
The Church in Latin America

Christmas Flowers: We still have some Poinsettias from Christmas. Anyone is welcome to take the Poinsettias home.

Parish Cookbook: Keep gathering your great recipes, give recipes to LeaAnn or email laurieartho@gmail.com. Deadline for recipes to be placed in the new cookbook is March 1st.

St Mary's Prayer Blanket Ministry If you or a loved one suffers from a serious illness and would like a blanket, please contact Laurie Wegman or Fr Grant.

The 3 things God loves best, according to St. Ita

By Philip Kosloski

St. Ita taught many pupils who would become saints in Ireland.

One of the greatest Irish saints is St. Ita, a holy woman who lived during the 6th century. She grew up in a royal household, only to give it all away to embrace a religious life of penance and asceticism.

Ita eventually founded her own monastery that became a school for men, women, boys and girls. She was a great teacher and her most famous student was St. Brendan.

It is said that St. Brendan would frequently visit her, even after he left the school and began to explore the world around Ireland. On one such occasion St. Brendan asked Ita what three things God loved the most.

She replied, "True faith in God and a pure heart, a simple life with a religious spirit and open-handedness inspired by charity."

He then asked her what things God hated the most.

Ita explained, "A mouth that hates people, a heart harboring resentments and confidence in wealth."

Her holiness was highly regarded by others during her lifetime, and St. Ita is recognized as the second most popular female saint in Ireland after St. Brigid.

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Parish Finances January 12, 2018
 Regular Collection: \$43.30

4 Practical Ways to Humbly Evangelize Your Neighbors

By Matt Charbonneau

Back in the fall, I described in my personal blog, God’s Giveaways, how my wife and I were settling into our new family home with our three little kids. I wrote about how I saw this as an opportunity for evangelization, figuring I’d be able to help spread Jesus’ good news to new neighbors.

About four months later, while we’ve certainly not met everyone on the street, my wife and I have been fortunate to slowly get to know several people in neighboring houses. In the process, we’ve noticed a few practical, simple—sometimes even unintentional—opportunities to spread the gospel that anyone could take advantage of in any neighborhood.

1. Everyday Conversation Starters

Some conversations have been with acquaintances we never expected to run into. For instance, we found out a former vice-principal from Catherine’s high school days actually lives just a few doors down with his wife and family. We have regular conversations when they pass by while walking their dogs.

While many of the kids on the street are teenagers—noticeably older than our kids, who are aged five years and younger—we have had the chance to get to know some of the other children and their parents.

Having even just a few moments each day, we’ve been able to strike up enjoyable conversations with them when waiting for the school bus to come each morning and pick up our son Isaac for junior kindergarten.

There have been some other everyday conversation starters. For example, we’ve noticed how one woman and her daughter have a statue of the Virgin Mary on their front lawn, a perfect cue for us to share our common Catholic faith.

Also, our children have introduced themselves to some of the other kids by approaching their new puppy. Recently, their mother was gracious enough to donate some of their child-themed games, puzzles, and DVDs now that her kids have outgrown the life stage we find ourselves in currently. Aiming to express our gratitude, Catherine baked some delicious banana bread for the family, which was a huge hit.

2. Community Dinners

Aside from such encounters, while we may not always see many people out on the street (a largely double-income workforce in the neighborhood and today’s electronics playing some role in this), we have sought to jump on a

While approaching strangers with a joyful greeting is a classic way to express the gospel, we’ve also discovered that inviting other families over for occasional gatherings is a great way to evangelize. Scheduled as playdates, as our kids may be in the same junior kindergarten or preschool class, get-togethers like Friday pizza nights have allowed us to meet other adults and humbly share a model of God’s teachings in action.

It’s through saying grace before such meals or having visitors notice a Crucifix on various walls in our home that we can share in subtle fashion our faith and introduce the Lord’s presence among our guests.

At Halloween, for instance, we continued a tradition we started in our old neighborhood by having a bunch of families over for a meal before all heading out for some trick-or-treating on our street. Some of the families have joined us for a few years now, while others were new to the fold, presenting us with a perfect chance to show the love and spirit of Christian community.

3. Date Nights

Around the same time of year, my wife and I attended a sort of date night at our church. As people invited others from outside of the faith community to take part in a fun evening of fellowship, Catherine and I were thankful some of our neighborhood friends took us up on the offer.

The couples seemed to have a great time, while we were simply happy to plant a seed and allow for cultivation of deeper friendship and faith exploration. With a similar date night at the church in the works for the new year, we’d certainly love to invite our friends again, along with spreading the word to others we know.

A few weeks before Christmas, Catherine and I were grateful to co-host a large gathering of friends from our church. Knowing some couples more than others, such an evening allowed for more intimate development of relationships, sharing and celebrating God’s love through warm hospitality.

It is through all of these events—along with others, like having our parish priest bless our home while he was over for a meal—that we gain encouragement to introduce Jesus and his welcoming love and grace to those in our neighborhood.

4. Praying in Public

One of the most common ways we express our faith is by blessing our kids with the sign of the cross before they board their school bus, or enter their preschool classroom. We also invite our babysitters to say a prayer with our children after their bedtime stories. Catherine and I wish to always model our faith in a manner that is encouraging to our kids while also welcoming to those with whom we come into contact.

By expressing Jesus’ love and sharing our faith’s gospel values—no matter how subtle or overt this may be—we hope to continue offering genuine friendship in our neighborhood and beyond.

golden opportunity to share God's presence by inviting others into our home.

Just the same, as our family chooses to walk with the Lord (Joshua 24:15), we will also choose to continue inviting others to join us along the journey.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

FOR BULLETIN NOTICES – Bulletin Deadline: Thursday @ noon. Please Contact Fr. Grant email: frgrantspinhirne@gmail.com or phone: (806)499-3531.

Baptism or Wedding Please contact Fr. Grant at least 1 month in advance for baptisms and 6 months advance for weddings.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Umbarger: Sundays at 8:30 am or by appointment. **Happy:** Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. or by appointment.

To use or rent the church or parish hall, please contact Fr. Grant or Debbie Batenhorst at least 3 months before the event.

FOR MASS INTENTIONS please talk to Fr. Grant or leave the intention in the collection basket. There are envelopes available in the back of Church.

Please pray for all the sick in our parishes

ST. MARY'S: Anita Adams, Sawyer Lane, Mary Beth Sayers, Jeanie Bartley, Dianna Donathon, Jeremy Koch, Bill Stocker, John Grabber, April Artho, Mary Kolac, Gene Schenk, John Wilson, Kyle Henderson, Jose Sanchez, Ashlee Trevino, Audree Rose Gomez, Mike Smith, Oscar Olvera, Collier Friemel, Marcella Brandt, Tuffy Schenk, Lusi Ortiz, John Kreighauser, Sean Schenk, Misty Blevins, Chris Adams

Holy Name of Jesus: Silvia Silva, Rosa Villa, Astrid Perez, Santos Perez, Gloria Rodin, Larry Simons, Mario Soto, Pedra Soto, Louis Castellon, Lionel Sosa, Maryann Sosa, Martina Martin

**The Office of the Victim's assistance
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ACTS Retreat Weekend?**

Next Retreat: **June 6-9, 2019**
Women's Retreat

There is more information about the ACTS Retreat online. If you or someone you know would like to attend you can register online at: **ACTSamarillo.org**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend,
February 22-24**

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	contact Rick & Bev Feller at 405-323-9119 or applywwmeAmarillo@gmail.com .
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